

# OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



## EVENTS



### **Oxnard residents complete EPA-funded training**

Fifteen Oxnard residents took a giant step toward a brighter future Monday, Aug. 15, 2016, during a graduation ceremony at Oxnard's Advanced Water Purification Facility. The day marked the culmination of an intensive, six-week training program that prepares students for employment as grade 1 wastewater operators.

The program, known as the EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program, targets unemployed and underemployed individuals for careers in the environmental sector. It's made possible by a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Through the program, eligible Oxnard residents are able to complete two courses – wastewater focus and hazardous waste operations and emergency response. The Aug. 15 graduates completed the wastewater focus class.

Businesses such as Clean Harbors and Patriot Environmental Services, the City of Oxnard as well as other cities are just a few organizations looking to hire graduates from the program, according to City Corps project manager Eric Humel.

To date, 56 trainees have completed the training program with 29 of them having received employment in environmental fields.

City Corps will offer additional classes beginning in 2017. Those interested should contact Eric Humel at (805) 271-2231.

**Oxnard firefighters to receive random act of helpfulness from SoCal Honda Dealers Aug. 20, 2016**

The Helpful Honda Guys will be in Oxnard at 12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016, to deliver lunch to Oxnard firefighters at Fire Station 1. The Helpful Honda Guys are providing complimentary sandwiches, cookies and drinks to firefighters in various cities every weekend through September to show their appreciation to those who make a difference in the lives of others. Photos of the Helpful Honda Guys with Oxnard firefighters will be posted next week on the City’s website at [www.oxnard.org](http://www.oxnard.org).



**Oxnard’s first Cultural Arts Festival draws more than 1,000 people**

The Cultural Arts Commission/Cultural Arts Committee and the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center hosted the City’s inaugural Cultural Arts Festival on Saturday, August 13, 2016, to celebrate Oxnard’s diverse arts community.

More than 1,000 spectators attended the family friendly event to enjoy visual art, live music, dance performances, arts and crafts and so much more. Attendees also

had the opportunity to play instruments, view and interact with exhibits and meet representatives from local arts organizations.

The event boasted over 30 visual artists, 10 arts performances and 15 arts organizations.

Click [here](#) to view the video and photo slide show.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Oxnard debuts Public Works Pipeline newsletter

On Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016, the Public Works Department introduced a new publication, the Public Works Pipeline, to keep the community informed about all things utilities. This resource is a biweekly publication that covers the issues, facts, stats and stories that impact the community's utility services every day. Check out the online version at [www.oxnard.org/newsletters](http://www.oxnard.org/newsletters). You can also pick up a copy at City Hall, 300 W. Third St., 4th floor, and the Public Works Administration Office, 305 W. Third St., 3rd Floor, during business hours.



## Update on Ormond Beach ordinance outreach efforts



Following the June 7, 2016, approval of the Ormond Beach ordinance, the City of Oxnard partnered with the Ventura Audubon Society (VAS) on a public outreach and education campaign to inform the public of the new restrictions before they went into effect. The City and VAS created outreach materials including a news release, flyers, ordinance signage, social media outreach, a volunteer campaign that directly engaged Ormond Beach visitors and a brochure listing dog-friendly beaches. Additionally, the Nature Conservancy has a private security company that patrols the area eight

hours a week, in addition to the City's Code Compliance Division of the Development Services Department providing weekend enforcement services in the area.

A representative from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mentioned that Oxnard's ordinance is being looked at by other cities as a model for endangered habitat protection, according to Ashley Golden, Development Services Director for the City of Oxnard.

Below is a summary of the results of the outreach efforts:

The number of people entering the beach from Arnold Road with dogs has decreased, according to the VAS.

- From June 13-19, 53 dogs entered the beach from Arnold Road. That number declined from July 4-10, during the joint outreach efforts to 12 dogs. From Aug. 8-14, only 1 dog (service dog) entered from Arnold Road.
- During the hours when outreach volunteers have been present, there has been 100 percent compliance. Two horseback riders were intercepted approaching the beach after the ordinance went into effect, and they complied with the restrictions.

An increase in the number of birds of all kinds resting and feeding on the beach have been observed by the VAS since the ordinance went into effect.

- The restrictions went into effect at a critical time for a nesting colony of federally endangered California least terns on the north end of Ormond Beach, according to the VAS.

### **Community provides input on short-term rentals**

On August 16, 2016, the Planning Division of the City's Development Services Department held a community meeting on short-term rentals (STRs) at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center. The meeting was attended by 160 community members who participated in the discussion on STRs in Oxnard. Participants gave input on the following seven topics:

- Do you support a limit to the number of guests who visit a STR?
- Should there be a minimum distance between STRs?
- Should there be seasonal changes to minimum rental duration?
- Should an STR be limited to a maximum number of rentals per year?
- What minimum rental duration should be established?
- Should a property owner be required to be on-site while the unit is rented?
- Should STRs be banned in Oxnard?



Attendees also had the opportunity to leave general comments in comment boxes located at each topic station.

Staff is evaluating the responses. In the near future, staff will provide the City Council with the results of the exercise topics and a summary of all comments received. This information will also be posted at [www.oxnard.org/str](http://www.oxnard.org/str). The presentation from the community workshop is also available at [www.oxnard.org/str](http://www.oxnard.org/str).

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Public advised of traffic signal outage at Bard Road and Rose Avenue



Oxnard motorists and pedestrians are advised of the traffic signal outage at the intersection of Bard Road and Rose Avenue. The outage occurred as a result of a July 31, 2016, traffic accident at the intersection, which caused damage to the area, including the signal and sidewalk.

Barricades and stop signs have been placed at the location for traffic control. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to travel through the intersection with caution.

The repair will be completed as soon as possible. Updates will be provided as more information is available.

### Senior Services Commission accepting grant applications through Sept. 30, 2016

Organizations that serve seniors in the Oxnard area can apply for grant funding beginning Friday, Aug. 19. A total of \$44,600 in grants is available for next calendar year.

The application is available at Wilson Senior Center, 350 N. C St. It can also be downloaded [here](#). Applications must be submitted to the Wilson Senior Center no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, 2016.

The Senior Services Commission will review the applications and forward their recommendations to the Oxnard City Council for final review and



approval. Grants are expected to be awarded in late December.

For questions, contact Caroline Gambala, City of Oxnard Senior Services Division, (805) 385-8019.

**Community invited to focus group on public transit Aug. 29, 2016**

The Senior Services Division of the City’s Cultural and Community Services Department is hosting a focus group on public transportation for older adults, persons with disabilities, persons of low income, veterans and persons with limited English proficiency. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, at the Wilson Senior Center, 350 N. C St.

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is working on the “Ventura County Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation 2016 Revision.” The plan will identify gaps in the existing transit services, identify unmet transit needs and develop projects and strategies to help improve mobility for older adults, persons with disabilities, persons of low income, veterans and persons with limited English proficiency.

Participants who need special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact AMMA Transit Planning, (951) 784-1333, or Ellen Talbo, VCTC, at (805) 642-1591 x105. Requests must be made at least 72 hours in advance.

**Emergency sewer pipeline replacement project complete**

Two weeks ago on Aug. 8, 2016, the Public Works Department began replacing approximately 500 feet of fractured pipeline in the alley surrounded by Magnolia Avenue (north), First Street (south), D Street (east) and F Street (west). City crews completed the project ahead of schedule on Aug. 17, 2016.

The pipe work was done to prevent a potential sewer spill and sinkhole that could have resulted if the fractured pipeline were left unrepaired.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **Fresh & Fabulous Cafe opens at new location**

**Aug. 20, 2016**

On Saturday, Aug. 20, Fresh & Fabulous Cafe will officially welcome the Oxnard community to its new home in Centennial Plaza. Fresh & Fabulous relocated from its old location at the Woolworth building to the Centennial Plaza space that previously housed Luna's. Fresh & Fabulous is a long-standing business in Oxnard. The cafe started out in a small location, gradually expanding its space in downtown Oxnard throughout the years to keep pace with its steady growth.



### **Red Robin and Copper Blues Rock and Kitchen set to open at The Collection in early September**

Red Robin, known for its gourmet burgers and brews, is set to open Monday, Sept. 5, 2016. Beginning Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, Copper Blues Rock Pub and Kitchen will open its doors to the community to offer beer, comedy and food.

### **WSS opens in Riverpark**

WSS officially began operations in Riverpark on Aug. 13, 2016, offering shoes, clothes and athletic gear. The new store is located at 210 Riverpark Blvd.



### **Deadline for survey on downtown improvement projects extended to Sept. 20, 2016**

There's still time to submit input on capital improvement projects for downtown Oxnard. The survey deadline has been extended from Aug. 25 to Sept. 20, 2016. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

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7 <a href="#">Cowboys blue-white scrimmage</a>	8 <a href="#">Emergency sewer pipeline replacement begins. Ends Aug. 31</a>	9 <a href="#">Cowboys practice</a>	10  Marina West Neighborhood council meeting  <a href="#">Cowboys practice</a>	11  Southwinds Neighborhood council meeting  <a href="#">Cowboys practice</a>	12 <a href="#">Heritage Square concert - Old school</a>	13 <a href="#">Cultural Arts Fest</a>  <a href="#">Fauntleroy at the PACC</a>  Cypress Neighborhood Council Election																																										
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<b>August 2016 is Observed as</b>	National Inventors Month National Picnic Month National Parks Month Family Fun Month National Women's Month
<b>NOTABLE DATES</b>	Aug 21 - Senior Citizens Day Sep 5 - Labor Day Sep 11 - Patriot Day Sep 11 - Grandparents Day Sep 22 - Fall Begins