
OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Oxnard Public Library voted third best library in county by VC Reporter readers



The results of the popular readers' poll are in, and the Oxnard Public Library (OPL) took the number three spot for 2016 in the VC Reporter's 31st annual Best of Ventura County edition.

Being voted a top service provider by the public is a testament to the library's dedicated staff members who continue to provide critical services to the public. It also demonstrates the operational efficiency of staff members who have continued to provide top-notch services during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

OPL hosts patrons from all over the county, with customers driving long distances to use the extensive collection and receive exceptional service.

According to California State Library statistics, OPL staff check out twice as many items per visit to patrons than the Ventura County Library System, which services the entire county with its 12 branches.

It is an honor to be voted a top library in the county by the public we serve!

City to receive Beacon Spotlight Awards in October

With the City's adoption of a resolution participating in the League of California Cities and the Institute for Local Government's Beacon Program, the City will be receiving a Beacon Spotlight Award at the League of California Cities Annual Conference on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The City will receive the following Beacon Spotlight Awards this year:

- Gold Level Award for 10 percent Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions
- Platinum Level Award for 27 percent Energy Savings
- Gold Level Award in Sustainability Best Practices

Oxnard Housing Authority designated high performer by HUD

The Oxnard Housing Authority earned a total of 130 out of 145 possible points on 14 performance indicators assessed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the tenant-based Section 8 rental assistance program. Based on the score, HUD has designated the Oxnard Housing Authority as a "high performer."

The indicators review performance in areas such as wait-list management, rent reasonableness, annual Housing Quality Standards inspections, timely annual reexaminations of family income and eligibility, correct tenant rent calculations, lease-up and family self-sufficiency programs.

The review, titled Section 8 Management Assessment Program, covers the 12-month period ending June 30, 2016. The current rating is an improvement over the previous rating of "standard performer" for the Section 8 Program.

EVENTS

Tickets on sale for Wine-Down event at PACC Sept. 16, 2016

Enjoy an evening of fine wine, mingling and Latin jazz starting 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2016, at the Performing Arts & Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way.

Internationally renowned Cuban pianist Daniel Amat will perform smooth Latin jazz, and The Tasting Room at River Ridge will offer wine from some of the best vineyards and wineries in Oxnard and beyond.



Tickets cost \$20 per person. Click [here](#) to buy your tickets today.

California Coastal Cleanup set for Sept. 17, 2016

Join residents, businesses and local nonprofit organizations for the 2016 California Coastal Cleanup Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, to help clean trash from local beaches.

Cleanups will be held at the following locations:

- **Oxnard Beach Park**, 1601 S. Harbor Blvd. (enter park)
- **Ormond Beach**, Meet at NRG Energy Plant by Hueneme Road and Edison Drive
- **Silver Strand Beach**, Meet at the north end

Be sure to bring your own gloves, bag/bucket and reusable water bottle to minimize the amount of trash generated during the cleanups.

Last year approximately 3,000 volunteers collected nearly 10,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from Ventura County beaches and inland areas to keep trash out of the ocean and waterways. Statewide, more than 60,000 volunteers collected over 600,000 pounds of trash and recyclables.

For more information, contact Trish Honigsberg at (805) 385-7928.

Reminder: Ready and Resilient Fair Sept. 17, 2016

If disaster strikes, will you be prepared? If the answer is no, then you won't want to miss the Ready and Resilient Disaster Preparedness Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Oxnard Fire Administration Office parking lot, 360 W. Second St.

Learn about Oxnard's natural hazards and items that should be in your disaster kit, find out about hazards you might have in your home, learn how to prepare your pets and more!

For more info, contact Susan Duenas, disaster preparedness coordinator, at (805) 385-7717.



Mark your calendar for 21st annual Multicultural Festival Oct. 1, 2016

The 21st annual Multicultural Festival returns to downtown Oxnard from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, at Plaza Park, 500 S. C St.

The free event is a celebration of Oxnard's diverse community. Last year an estimated 5,000 people enjoyed the eclectic lineup of entertainers who engaged the community through music, dance, food and interactive activities.

The Multicultural Festival was introduced to the community in 1995 by the Oxnard CRC, a citizen advisory group whose mission is to promote understanding and respect among all racial, religious and nationality groups in

the City and to discourage and prevent discriminatory practices. The festival is organized by the CRC, City staff and volunteers.

Read more about the festival at www.oxnard.org/multicultural-festival-2016.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Traffic delays on Victoria Avenue through November 2016 due to construction

The Public Works Department is constructing a new median and installing street lights on Victoria Avenue between Fifth Street and Gonzales Road to improve visibility for motorists. The work will continue through November 2016.

Traffic traveling in each direction on Victoria Avenue will be reduced to one lane. Severe delays are expected during heavy traffic times.

Motorists are encouraged to take alternate routes. People traveling through the construction zone should allow plenty of time to travel to their destinations and also drive at reduced speeds.

The \$961,000 project is funded by a grant from the Highway Safety Improvement Program to improve roadway safety.

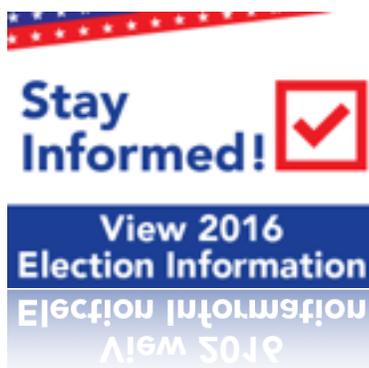


Road closures for Fiestas Patrias Sept. 17 and 18

Please be advised of the following street closures due to the upcoming Fiestas Patrias (Mexican Independence) celebration at Plaza Park:

6 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 through 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016

- B Street, between Fourth and Fifth streets
- North Fifth Street (full closure adjacent to Plaza Park)



Stay informed about Oxnard elections

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016. Click here to view information about the candidates running for office, the ballot measures and more.

If you're not a registered voter, we encourage you to click here to register. The deadline to register or re-register to vote is 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Monday, Oct. 24, 2016.



Save the date for police chief's swearing-in ceremony

Scott Whitney will be officially sworn in as Oxnard's new police chief during the Council meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016. Community members are invited to help us congratulate Chief Whitney on his new role.

California Coastal Commission votes to accept report finding that Puente Power Plant should be built elsewhere

On Sept. 9, 2016, the California Coastal Commission held a hearing on a report to the California Energy Commission that evaluated the proposed NRG Puente Power Plant project against the coastal act and other Coastal Commission concerns. City of Oxnard staff and Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez presented at the hearing.

The California Coastal Commission voted unanimously to accept its staff-prepared report, with no changes, requested by NRG that finds the Puente Project has:

- direct impacts to wetlands
- indirect impacts on surrounding sensitive habitats and species,
- exposure to flooding, coastal storms, and tsunamis, and
- impacts to public beach access and safety by continuing to use the existing beach outfall.



The California Coastal Commission report will be sent to the California Energy Commission as required by state law when power plants are proposed in the coastal zone. In a letter presented at the hearing, NRG agreed to remove the existing beach outfall structure entirely. However, NRG wanted the wetlands impact finding removed from the report. NRG also wants the language about coastal hazards and flooding risks to be revised.

By the end of this month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is expected to release new coastal hazard/flooding maps for Ventura County. The maps are expected to confirm the existing flood risk at the NRG site.

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

At 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, the California Energy Commission will hold a "Committee Status Conference" at the Oxnard Performing Arts & Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way, to provide an update on the status of the Puente Power Plant project. The community is invited to attend and provide public comments starting at 5:15 pm.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Oxnard community gathers at PACC for state of the city address



The Inter-Neighborhood Council organization hosted its second annual town hall meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016, at the Performing Arts & Convention Center. Two hundred people gathered over food and coffee to chat with neighbors, learn about their neighborhood councils and browse City information booths to learn about community services.

Mayor Tim Flynn delivered his state of the city speech, giving the community updates on topics including City street improvements, landscape maintenance districts, downtown revitalization and the environmental resources, wastewater and water utilities.

More than 60 questions were submitted for the question-and-answer session with Mayor Flynn and City Manager Nyhoff.

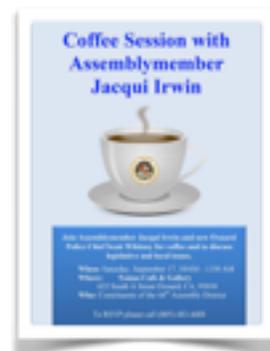
Oxnard senior citizens enjoy outing at Oxnard Beach Park

On Aug. 25, 2016, the Senior Services division of the Cultural and Community Affairs Department treated Oxnard seniors to a day of sun and fun at Oxnard Beach Park. The senior nutrition chef fired up the barbecue and served delicious Hawaiian cuisine. The seniors danced, and they played bingo and musical chairs. The day was filled with smiles and laughter, and many participants went home with raffle prizes. The event was a great way to bring the City's summer festivities to a close.

Talk local issues over coffee with Police Chief Scott Whitney, Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin Sept. 17

Enjoy coffee and discuss local and legislative issues with newly appointed Police Chief Scott Whitney and Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, at Tomas Cafe & Gallery, 622 S. A St.

To RSVP, call (805) 483-4488.



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