

# OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Scott Whitney appointed as Oxnard's new police chief, begins duties Sept. 16, 2016**

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016, City Manager Greg Nyhoff announced the appointment of Scott Whitney as the City's new police chief. Effective Friday, Sept. 16, 2016, Whitney will replace outgoing Police Chief Jeri Williams who will begin her stint as police chief in Phoenix, Ariz.

Currently serving as one of Oxnard's two assistant city managers, Mr. Whitney is a 25-year veteran of the Oxnard Police Department. "I've learned so much over the past 20 months, and I have a new appreciation for all of the challenges facing the City," said Scott Whitney. "However, public safety is in my blood. It's where my heart is," he said.

"Scott will be our first chief in many decades that was actually born and raised in Oxnard. He went to Ramona and Sierra Linda Elementary Schools, Fremont Junior High School and Oxnard High School. He knows our City, our residents, our challenges and most importantly, our strengths and our opportunities," said City Manager Greg Nyhoff.

Click [here](#) to read the full details about Mr. Whitney's appointment.



### **State Controller finds that City of Oxnard's independent auditors satisfied federal reporting requirements**

California State Controller Betty T. Yee found that the City's independent auditor Eadie and Payne LLP satisfied federal reporting requirements for the 2015 single audit report it completed for the City of Oxnard.

"This is another step toward putting our fiscal house in order," said Oxnard City Manager Greg Nyhoff. "It confirms the steps we've taken to rebuild our foundation, and we will continue our focus on financial recovery and reinvesting in the community," he said.

"Having audited the City of Oxnard's June 2015 records and having issued our reports, we are pleased with the 'no findings noted' letter from the State Controller's Office," said Eden Casareno, Eadie and Payne's partner in charge of government services. "We look forward to beginning the 2016 audit for the City," she said.



## EVENTS

### PAST EVENTS

#### Oxnard PAL teams up with Assemblymember Irwin for Back-to-School Resource Fair

Oxnard Police Activities League (PAL) partnered with Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016, to hold the second annual K-12 Resource Fair at the Oxnard PAL Gym.

The free annual event is an opportunity for Oxnard students in need to receive critical services to help them succeed academically and to engage in dialogue about legislative issues that affect the community. The event featured services that included free health screenings and information about higher education and after-school recreation programs.



Additionally, the Oxnard PAL nonprofit was able to provide more than 500 backpacks to children. The backpacks included essential school supplies, a PAL informational brochure, and a certificate provided by Oxnard Lazy Dog Restaurant for a free child's meal. The K-12 Resource has reached 1,500 people combined in the last two years. The backpack giveaway was made possible with the support of Lazer Broadcasting and PAL's annual sponsor and marketing partners: Oxnard Monday Club, The Port of Hueneme, Oxnard Hose, Guild Mortgage, Oxnard Peace Officers Association and Gold Coast Broadcasting.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Oxnard Town Hall meeting at the PACC

**Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016**

Join us for the Inter-Neighborhood Council Organization's (INCO) second annual town hall meeting Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016, at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center and Convention Center, Oxnard Room, 800 Hobson Way.

At 6:30 p.m., residents can enjoy complimentary coffee and appetizers, meet their neighbors and learn about their neighborhood councils before Mayor Flynn delivers his State of the City address at 7 p.m. They can also stop by informational booths to speak with City staff about a variety of City services including neighborhood cleanups, neighborhood watch, tours of utilities facilities and even a preview of new Neighborhood Services website features.



The town hall meeting is a free event. Free parking is available on-site at Hobson Way and Seventh Street and also at the lot at Hobson Way and Ninth St. Americans With Disabilities Act-accessible parking is available at both locations.

Click [here](#) to read the full details.

## Attend Oxnard Ready and Resilient Fair to learn how to prepare for disaster

Mark your calendar for the Ready and Resilient Disaster Preparedness Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, at the Oxnard Fire Administration Office parking lot, 360 W. Second St.

The public will have the opportunity to tour the City's Emergency Operations Center and learn Oxnard's natural hazards, receive a sidewalk CPR lesson, learn search and rescue techniques and more. Plus, you won't want to miss the Big Shaker earthquake simulator!

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



## OTHER EVENTS

### Oxnard firefighters receive valuable training while helping other agencies fight wildland fires

As the California drought has continued into its fifth year, the Oxnard Fire Department has provided significant contributions to the battle against the wildfires that have gripped the state. The department has a number of personnel that are qualified to work specialty positions, as well as engines that participate in strike team assignments through the state's mutual aid system. The department has sent multiple personnel to the following fire incidents: Sherpa, Pine, Sobranes, Sand, Cold, Clayton, Blue Cut and Chimney fires. Oxnard Fire has had as many as 10 personnel assigned to wild land firefighting deployments at a time, while still maintaining operational readiness here in the city.

Oxnard Fire recognizes that mutual aid wildland deployments are the new normal for California and recently received an Assistance to Firefighter grant from FEMA to upgrade all personnel's personal protective equipment for wildland firefighting as well as provide training on initial attack for all personnel and strike team leader training for all company officers.

The wildland deployments have been a major commitment, involving our personnel being away from the city and their families for up to 3 weeks at a time. However, the deployments have provided numerous positive benefits including invaluable wildland firefighting experience and a greater understanding of incident management. The Fire Department is reimbursed for these services.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Aug. 31 edition of *Public Works Pipeline* available online

Check out the Sept. 1, 2016, edition of the *Public Works Pipeline* on the City's website at [www.oxnard.org/newsletters](http://www.oxnard.org/newsletters). Be sure to answer this week's trivia question to test your knowledge of the City's utilities system.

The screenshot shows the header of the newsletter, featuring the City of Oxnard logo and the title "PUBLIC WORKS PIPELINE" with the subtitle "Your resource for utilities news". Below the header, there are two main sections: "ABOUT YOUR UTILITIES SYSTEM" and "WATER BY THE NUMBERS".

**ABOUT YOUR UTILITIES SYSTEM**

AUGUST 31, 2016

The water that comes from your tap, the pipes that carry it away and the trucks that collect curbside trash and recycling are part of Oxnard's utilities system.

The system consists of three divisions: Water, Wastewater and Environmental Resources (also known as Solid Waste). This trio of services is vital to the well-being of our City and its residents. Here's why:

- Water utility:** The Water utility delivers drinking water that has been tested and treated to meet rigorous health and safety standards. The division ensures supplies for fire protection, oversees the recycled water program, promotes conservation and secures new sources of supply.
- Wastewater utility:** The Wastewater utility collects, treats and disposes of wastewater. This involves maintenance, repair and upgrades on treatment plants and more than 400 miles of sewer lines, as well as flood control and stormwater capture.
- Environmental Resources utility:** The Environmental Resources utility oversees trash and recycling collection and disposal for 44,000 customers, businesses and apartment complexes. The division is also responsible for meeting government regulations to divert green waste and other reusable materials from landfills.

**WATER BY THE NUMBERS**

ONE ACRE-FOOT is 325,851 GALLONS of water  
And is the equivalent of a FOOTBALL FIELD, 1-foot deep

And would supply TWO FAMILIES in California for ONE YEAR

OXNARD RESIDENTS used 61 GALLONS OF WATER per person, per day in June 2016  
Compared with the statewide average of 105 GALLONS

### Oxnard's Summer Reading Program experienced 30 percent increase over last year

The Oxnard Public Library had another fun-filled Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Oxnard Friends of the Library Foundation. Children of all ages read and participated in activities at our three branches from June 15-Aug. 15, 2016.

This year's theme was "Read for the Win," which highlighted sports and games to encourage children to be active as well as read all summer long. Kids received raffle tickets for reading and activities, and a grand prize winner in each age category was selected among those who completed their entire reading logs. This year's grand prize was a scooter with a helmet. Congratulations to all our library winners!

The Summer Reading Program takes place from June to August and encompasses all ages (0-100+). Compared to last year, there was an increase of 30 percent with more than 826 participants.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Residents and businesses encouraged to provide input on proposed smoking ordinance**  
The Oxnard City Council will review a proposed smoking ordinance during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016. Businesses and residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to provide their input. This will be the City Council's first reading of the proposed ordinance.

Under the proposed ordinance, smoking (including vaping) would be prohibited in/at:

- Dining areas, including outdoor restaurant patios
- Public events, including farmers markets, festivals, parades, etc.
- Recreational areas, including parks, beaches, trails, etc.
- Service areas, including ATM lines, bus stops, kiosks, etc.
- A reasonable distance (25 feet) from any area where smoking is prohibited
- Inside all facilities owned, leased or controlled by the City

The Council agenda is available on the City's website at [www.oxnard.org/city-council-meetings](http://www.oxnard.org/city-council-meetings).



### Reminder about Labor Day closures

City Hall and many City departments will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, 2016, for Labor Day.

Police and Fire department personnel will be on duty to provide patrol, fire, paramedic and other emergency services for the holiday. For life-threatening emergencies, always call 9-1-1. "If You See Something, Say Something" by calling the Oxnard Police Department at (805) 385-7740 for non-emergencies. Spanish translators are available, and callers can report a crime or suspicious activity anonymously.

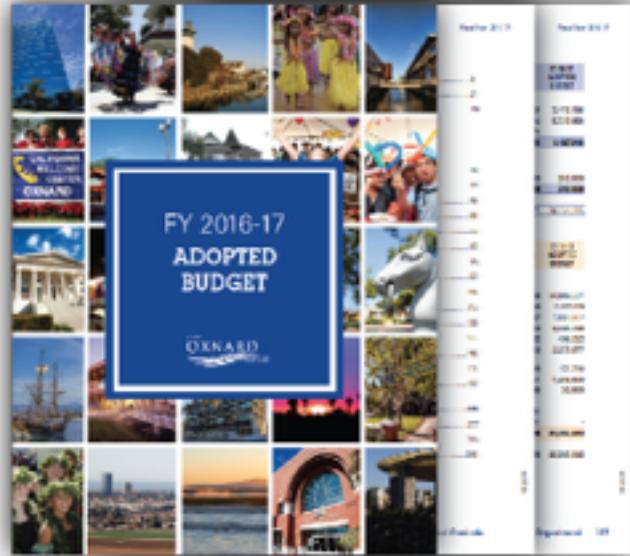
The Public Works Department will suspend residential trash pickup Monday, Sept. 5. Trash pickup will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6, with all pickups being delayed by one day due to the holiday. For more info, call (805) 385-8060.

Click [here](#) to read the complete details about City of Oxnard Labor Day closures.



**Fiscal year 2016-17 adopted budget now available**

Click [here](#) to download the City's fiscal year 2016-17 adopted budget.



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