

OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



ANNOUNCEMENTS

City of Oxnard fills key leadership positions



The City of Oxnard hired four leaders in the Finance, Public Works and Human Resources departments. These employees will help the City meet the Council’s strategic priorities as well as implement the recommendations that were outlined in the March 2015 organizational assessment.

Assistant CFOs William T. Jefferson and Mark Uribe

Jefferson will lead the Finance Department’s efforts in financial management reporting, while Uribe will be responsible for implementing the framework for internal financial controls and working closely with the audit team. Click [here](#) to read the news release.

Wastewater Division Manager Thien Ng

Ng will oversee the operation of the facilities within the wastewater division of the Public Works Department, leading the City’s efforts in addressing the critical infrastructure needs and challenges. Click [here](#) to read the news release.

Human Resources Director Steve Janice

Janice will spearhead the City’s recruitment of top talent to help the City carry out the Council’s priorities, and he will also implement best practices that will allow for efficient operations. Click [here](#) to read the news release.

Police chief swearing-in ceremony Oct. 4

Scott Whitney will officially be sworn in as Oxnard’s new police chief during the upcoming City Council meeting Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016. Join us at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 305 W. Third St., to welcome Chief Whitney in his new role.



EVENTS

PAST EVENTS

Oxnard Multicultural Festival attracts 3,000 spectators



An estimated 3,000 people attended the 21st annual Multicultural Festival at Plaza Park Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. Attendees stopped by the City's information booth to pick up passports before visiting 17 international booths for lessons on the cultures of India, Scotland, Egypt, Mexico, China and more! Exhibitors offered activities including free arm art in Old Filipino script and Chinese fan decorating.

The five-hour festival included live performances ranging from hip hop dance to bellydancing to capoeira to Japanese drumming. Kids participated in fun activities, including decorative hat making with Rad Hatter and face painting with Happy Rainbow Artistic Face Painting.

The event was also a great opportunity for the City of Oxnard to provide information about programs and services available to the community. The recreation division of the City's Cultural and Community Services Department offered free arts and crafts; the Fire Department provided free lessons in sidewalk CPR; and the Police Department provided information on its Drag Racing

Against Gangs and Graffiti (DRAGG) and had its popular DRAGG car on display for the public to view.

Photos and video from the festival will be available this week. Check back for updates later this week by clicking [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community invited to Fire Station 6 open house Oct. 9, 2016

Meet Oxnard firefighters and learn about fire prevention during the Oxnard Fire Department's open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016, at Fire Station 6, 2601 Peninsula Rd.

The open house is the kick-off event for Fire Prevention Week, observed nationally Oct. 9-15 to educate the public about the importance of fire prevention. In addition to learning about fire safety, the public will also have the opportunity to hear about disaster preparedness, receive blood pressure screenings and learn about the department's Fire Explorer Program.

For more info, contact Battalion Chief Sergio Martinez at (805) 385-7720 or sergio.martinez@oxnard.org. Click [here](#) to read more about Fire Prevention Week and to access educational materials with family and friends.

Oxnard candidate debates Oct. 13 and 17, 2016 at the PACC

A blue rectangular poster with white and red text. At the top left, it says "2016 Oxnard" followed by a red horizontal bar. Below that, in large white letters, is "CANDIDATE DEBATES". To the right is the City of Oxnard logo, which includes the text "CITY OF OXNARD CALIFORNIA" and a stylized wave graphic. At the bottom, in large white letters, it says "Oct. 13 & 17 • 7-9 p.m." and "PERFORMING ARTS & CONVENTION CENTER".

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Mark your calendar for the 2016 candidate debates set for Thursday, Oct. 13 and Monday, Oct. 17 at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way.

With the November elections right around the corner, the debates are the perfect venue for community members to hear directly from the candidates aspiring to hold top City offices.

The debates are scheduled for 7-9 p.m. both days. Click [here](#) to read the complete details.



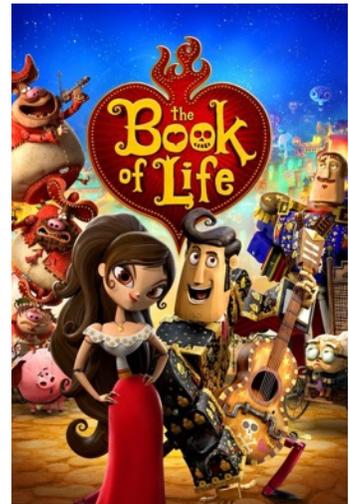
The Wine Down featuring Oscar Hernandez

Oct. 14, 2016 at the PACC

Head to the Performing Arts and Convention Center at 8 p.m. Oct. 14 for a Friday night Wine Down featuring pianist Oscar Hernandez. This relaxing mixer is the perfect way to end the week and experience Latin jazz, artisan hors d'oeuvres and fine wines presented by the River Ridge Tasting Room. Click [here](#) to purchase \$20 tickets or call (805) 486-2424! Don't forget to bring your friends so they can join the fun.

Movies at the PACC: "The Book of Life" Oct. 20, 2016

Mark your calendar for the next installment of Movies at the PACC: "The Book of Life" on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016. Tickets cost \$5 per person. Click [here](#) to buy tickets or call (805) 486-2424. Free children's activities begin at 5 p.m., followed by the movie at 5:30 p.m.



"The Book of Life" follows the journey of Manolo, a young man who is torn between fulfilling the expectations of his family and following his heart. Before choosing which path to follow, he embarks on an incredible adventure that spans three fantastical worlds, where he must face his greatest fears.

ZAPP and MC Magic at the PACC Oct. 23, 2016

Join us at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016, at the PACC for an evening of funk and soul classics with ZAPP and MC Magic! Click [here](#) to buy your tickets now or call (805) 486-2424. It's going to be an amazing concert you won't want to miss!

Dance to MC Magic hits "Lost In Love," "Down for Yours," "Perfect Man," "Runaway," "So Fly" and "Pretty Girl!" Make it a night to remember with some classics from ZAPP like "Doo Wa Ditty," "I Can Make You Dance," "Heartbreaker" and "Computer Love (R&B #8)."



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City sells 13 acres of Ormond Beach land to Nature Conservancy for restoration project



The City of Oxnard is pleased to announce that earlier this month it closed escrow on 13.06 acres of conservation property at Ormond Beach. The land was sold for approximately \$80,000 to the Nature Conservancy for a wetlands restoration project.

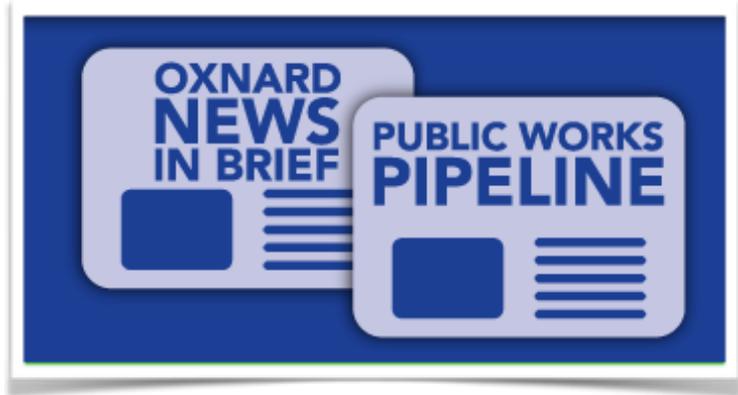
The land sale marks the first time since 2005 that the Nature Conservancy, in conjunction with the California Coastal Commission, has been able to purchase land for its wetlands restoration efforts.

The land sale fulfills California state requirements involving the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, which include the disposition of all assets previously held by the former Oxnard Community Development Commission.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Latest edition of Public Works Pipeline available

The Sept. 28, 2016, edition of the Public Works Pipeline is available at www.oxnard.org/newsletters. The biweekly publication features information about the City's utility system. Be sure to submit your answer to the latest trivia question!



And don't forget about upcoming tours of the City's Public Works facilities. The tours are a great opportunity to learn about the people and the work behind the critical daily services you receive. Click [here](#) to view the calendar, which features tour dates through December 2016. No RSVP necessary.

Programs available for Oxnard's special needs community

The City's Cultural and Community Services Department (CCS) provides social development opportunities for our local special needs community through the Oxnard Special Populations (OSP) Program.

CCS offers a variety of recreational sports (e.g., soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, swimming, goalball), which provide unique experiences to help participants build self-confidence and to give them the opportunity to learn fundamental skills. During the fall, CCS offers flag football. Children ages 5 and up are welcome to participate. To register for flag football or any of the recreational programs, visit oxnardrec.org.

CCS also provides social programs that enrich fine motor skills and allow participants to express themselves in an interactive and inclusive environment. These programs include art classes on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and jewelry classes on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Wilson Senior Center. The cost is \$1 per class, and each session lasts for six weeks. All ages are welcome.



For more info, contact Maria Sandoval, Cultural and Community Services, at (805) 816-5170. Follow the OSP Program at facebook.com/oxnardsp, instagram.com/oxnard_sp and twitter.com/oxnard_sp.

Update on Short-Term Rentals

In August 2016, the City of Oxnard held a community meeting to solicit input regarding an ordinance the City is drafting on short-term rentals (STRs) in Oxnard. At that meeting, staff from the City's Planning Division:

- provided an overview of STRs and best practices to regulate STRs;
- discussed proposed standards for STR operations; and
- presented results of a recent public survey on the topic.



Following staff's presentation, the public was asked to participate in a community exercise to provide feedback about specific STR regulations.

A summary of the community input from this meeting is now available online at www.oxnard.org/STR. This web page will be updated regularly with meeting and public hearing announcements regarding STRs.

Staff anticipates that on Nov. 3, 2016, the Planning Commission will conduct a study session to discuss potential regulation of STRs. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting. In mid-October, details regarding this meeting will be posted online at www.oxnard.org/STR.

For more information, or to provide comments, contact the Development Services Department, Planning Division at (805) 385-7858, or email to info.str@oxnard.org.