

OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

City of Oxnard receives award from CalRecycle for best public service announcement



The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) recognized the City of Oxnard with the Best Public Service Announcement (PSA)/Commercial Award for 2016 during a special ceremony in Sacramento on Nov. 3, 2016.

The award gives two thumbs up to the creative work done by City staff on oil recycling PSAs produced by the Environmental Resources Division of the Public Works Department in partnership with the Public Information Division of the City Manager's Office. Staff created four different PSAs. Click [here](#) to view one.

The PSAs are aimed at do-it-yourselfers who change their own motor oil. The videos convey that used oil poured on the ground or down storm drains can have lasting detrimental effects on the coastal environment, including on the animals that call it home. The City has more than 20 used oil collection centers for residents to safely dispose of motor oil.

City staff would like to thank the Oxnard residents who were part of the video.

Oxnard public housing program rated as high performer by HUD

In September, the Oxnard Housing Authority was informed that its Section 8 Program obtained a high performer rating by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The improved rating was based on increased lease-up of dwelling units to assist more low-income families in the City of Oxnard. There are approximately 1,700 Section 8 Program housing units under contract with the Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority also owns and administers 666 public housing units. On Oct. 26, 2016, the Housing Authority was informed that its public housing program has also been rated a high performer by HUD. Strong financial management and administration of the program, including use of the capital fund and high occupancy (98.92%), resulted in a high performance rating. The high performance rating in either program designates the Oxnard Housing Authority as a high performer by HUD.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Wilson Senior Center closed through Nov. 25, 2016 for kitchen renovation

The Wilson Senior Center will be closed through Friday, Nov. 25, 2016, for the kitchen renovation.

During the renovation, senior nutrition lunch will be served next door in the Wilson Center Arts Room 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (805) 385-8019.



Fair housing rights workshop Nov. 14, 2016

Have questions about fair housing, evictions or security deposits? Attend a free fair housing rights workshop from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, at the Oxnard Main Library, Meeting Room B, 251 S. A St.

It's a great opportunity for landlords and tenants learn about their legal rights and responsibilities.

Attendees are asked to RSVP by calling (800) 477-5977 ext. 1103. However, attendees are welcome to show up to the event if they do not have a chance to RSVP.



Cultural Arts Commission accepting grant applications through Dec. 9, 2016

The Oxnard Cultural Arts Commission is accepting grant applications from Oxnard-based artists and nonprofit organizations through Friday, Dec. 9, 2016. Up to \$175,000 in grant funding is available.

Applications can be picked up at the City's Service Center, 214 S. C St., or downloaded from the City's website at www.oxnard.org/culturalartsggrant. Completed applications must be submitted to the Service Center by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2016.



Applicants are required to attend a mandatory meeting to receive an overview of the grants process and can choose from one of three meeting dates listed below. Each of the meetings will be held at the Oxnard Human Resources Department, Activity Room, 300 W. Third St. Attendees should use the B Street entrance to the building.

- 12-1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14
- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17
- 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19

EVENTS

Veterans day parade and ceremony Nov. 11, 2016, City of Oxnard holiday closures

Join us for a free Veterans Day parade and ceremony as we honor the sacrifices made by those who have served our country. The event will begin at 10 a.m. in front of Oxnard City Hall, 305 W. Third St., with a brief welcome by Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez, followed by the parade from City Hall to Plaza Park, 500 S. C St. The ceremony at Plaza Park will begin promptly at 11:11 a.m. and features special guest speaker Raymond Orozco, who is a former U.S. Navy Lt. j.g.



Visit www.oxnard.org/veteransday2016 to read more, including details about free transit for veterans, a free Veterans Day jazz concert at the Performing Arts and Convention Center, and City of Oxnard closures.

Animal licensing fair Nov. 19, 2016

Join the Oxnard Police Department for a community animal license fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at Cabrillo Park, 1600 Ebony Dr., to learn about laws that impact you and your pet.

The fair is also a great opportunity to license your pet, which is required by law. Cash and checks will be accepted for licensing.

Plus, don't miss all the great giveaways!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election updates available on Ventura County Clerk's website



Click [here](#) to view the latest election results on the Ventura County Clerk's website.

The county clerk will post the next update during the afternoon of Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016.

City of Oxnard awarded \$4.1 million judgment that will go toward street improvements



The Superior Court of California for the County of Ventura awarded a \$4.1 million judgment on Sept. 26, 2016, to the City of Oxnard following a dispute between the City and Southern California Gas Company over the costs of relocating gas lines for the Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue Interchange Improvement project that was completed in 2012.

The Superior Court judgment comes after the California Court of Appeals for the 2nd District in January 2016 reversed the Superior Court's original 2014 ruling to dismiss the City's lawsuit to recover the costs it paid to Southern California Gas Company to relocate the gas lines so that the capital improvement project could proceed.

"This is a big win for the Oxnard community," said Oxnard Public Works Director Dan Rydberg. "We're pleased to be able to use these funds for critical street repairs that will greatly enhance the quality of life for our residents," he said.

Oxnard City Attorney Stephen Fischer thanked the City's project manager Cynthia Daniels for her diligence in documenting project costs, which facilitated the full recovery of the relocation expenses and the City Council's decision to pursue the appeal.

"I would also like to thank the City's litigation counsel, Holly Whatley of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley for her excellent work in obtaining a judgment completely in the City's favor," Fischer added. The relocation expenses the City paid to Southern California Gas Company originated from state transportation and federal grants, the street/state gas tax and air pollution, Transportation Development Act (TDA) and capital improvement funds. The \$4.1 million will be reallocated to those funds, which are reserved for street improvement projects only. No money from the general fund was used for the project.

The \$4.1 million judgment includes \$2,587,278 in gas line relocation costs, \$1.3 million in pre-judgment interest and \$182,803 in attorney's fees and costs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Police Department receives \$330,000 grant from California Office of Traffic Safety



The Oxnard Police Department received a \$330,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic-related deaths and injuries.

The department will use the funding as part of the City's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life in our community through both enforcement and education.

The grant will fund activities that include educational presentations, DUI checkpoints, bicycle and pedestrian safety, distracted driving enforcement and much more. OTS grant funding will assist

the department in reducing the total number of collisions, which would result in a reduction in injuries and fatalities.

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.