

# OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



### Oxnard featured in FamilyFun Magazine as number 1 spring break destination

Oxnard is one of two Ventura County cities listed as the number 1 spring break destination by FamilyFun Magazine, [www.parents.com/familyfun-magazine](http://www.parents.com/familyfun-magazine).

Below is text from the [article](#):

*Sandwiched between glamorous Malibu and chic Santa Barbara, the seaside cities of Oxnard and Ventura offer the quintessential laid-back California beach vacation—without breaking the bank, says TravelingMom contributor Mimi Slawoff of Los Angeles. You'll find secluded beaches with free parking and smaller crowds than their big-name neighbors, a clean boardwalk for riding bikes or skating along, and an array of kid-friendly water sports.*

*There's a pirate ship at Marina Beach Park in Ventura where little ones can play while older kids kayak through the sea caves at the nearby Channel*

*Islands. (The water is so clear you can see colorful fish without snorkeling.) Ventura is also the gateway to Channel Islands National Park. There, you can catch a wave in the surf or a ride on the Ventura Downtown-Harbor Trolley.*

*Where to Eat and Sleep: Both cities have downtowns filled with mom-and-pop shops and restaurants. Oxnard's agricultural history translates to diverse culinary options and farmers' markets. In Oxnard, the oceanfront Embassy Suites by Hilton Mandalay Beach Hotel & Resort ([embassysuites.com](http://embassysuites.com), starting at \$189 a night) offers spacious rooms and free breakfast. The Ventura Beach Marriott ([marriott.com](http://marriott.com), starting at \$188 a night) is a three-minute walk from the beach. Or, to live like a local, rent a beach house from a realty agency.*

## George Lopez's store fifty150 Brand coming to Oxnard

Stop by George Lopez's new store fifty150 Brand, 408 S. A St., from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Nov. 25, 2016, for the Black Friday soft opening.

Don't miss the official grand opening of the store at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Actor-comedian George Lopez will make a special appearance from 3:30-5 p.m.

View the store's website at [www.fifty150brand.com](http://www.fifty150brand.com).



## Workshop on California Competes Tax Credit Nov. 29



The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) is hosting a workshop on the California Competes Tax Credit from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Oxnard Council Chambers, 305 W. Third St.

Small, medium and large businesses are encouraged to attend the workshop to receive instructions on how to apply for the tax credit program.

The California Competes Tax Credit (CCTC) is an income tax credit available to businesses that want to relocate in California or stay and grow in California.

Any business can apply for the CCTC, and there are no geographic or sector-specific restrictions that impact eligibility. In addition, 25 percent of the total credits available each fiscal year are specifically reserved for small businesses.

The next application period begins Jan. 2, 2017, and closes Jan. 23, 2017. Visit [calcompetes.ca.gov](http://calcompetes.ca.gov) to apply. Click [here](#) for more details about the CCTC.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### City of Oxnard closures for Thanksgiving holiday



City Hall and many City departments will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016, and Friday, Nov. 25, 2016, for Thanksgiving.

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. Residents are reminded that

Spanish translators are available, and callers can report a crime or suspicious activity anonymously.

Click [here](#) to read the comprehensive list of holiday closures.

## Latest election results available on Ventura County Clerk's website



The Ventura County Clerk posted updates to its website on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016. Click [here](#) to view the latest results.

The county clerk will post the next update during the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 25.

## NOV. 29 COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

### Swearing-in ceremony for Fire Chief Darwin Base

Darwin Base will be sworn in as Oxnard's new fire chief during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016, at the City Council Chambers, 305 W. Third St.

Community members are invited to help us congratulate Chief Base on his new role. The swearing-in ceremony will begin at 6 p.m.

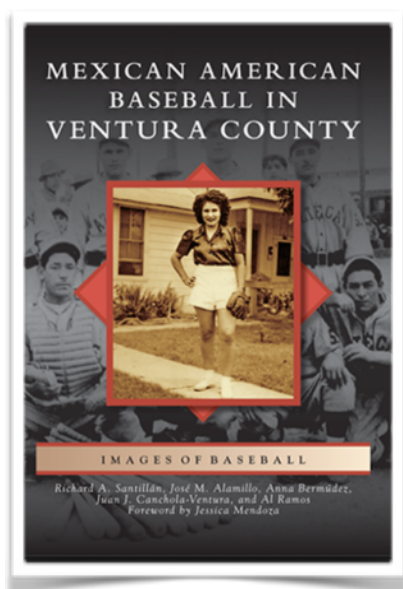


### Presentation on financial impacts of wastewater rate increase repeal

City Manager Greg Nyhoff and Chief Financial Officer Jim Throop will present a report that outlines the financial impacts of the wastewater rate increase repeal. The City's financial advisers will also be at the meeting to explain Standard and Poor's (S&P) decision to place the City's wastewater and general funds on negative CreditWatch. Visit [www.oxnard.org/financialoutlook](http://www.oxnard.org/financialoutlook) to view S&P's reports on both funds.

Residents are encouraged to attend the Nov. 29 meeting. Spectrum subscribers can watch the meeting on Channel 10, and Frontier Communications customers can tune in to Channel 35. The agenda and live stream of the meeting can be accessed at [www.oxnard.org/city-council-meetings](http://www.oxnard.org/city-council-meetings).

## EVENTS



### Book signing, discussion of "Mexican American Baseball in Ventura County" Nov. 30

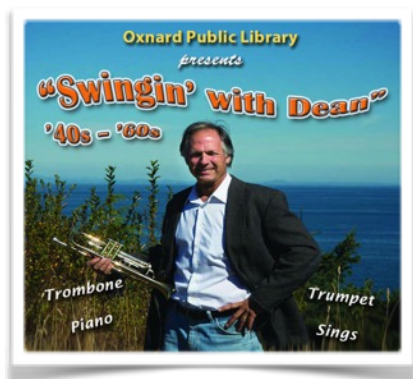
Join us from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2106, at the Oxnard Main Library, 251 S. A St., Meeting Room B, for a book signing and discussion of "Mexican American Baseball in Ventura County" with coauthor Dr. Jose M. Alamillo.

The book explores the history of Mexican American baseball in Ventura County from the early 20th century through the 1950s. Baseball was more than entertainment; it unified the community.

Alamillo will focus on Oxnard during his presentation. He will also sign copies of the book, which can be purchased in the Friends of the Library Gift Shop.



## “Swingin’ with Dean” show at Oxnard Main Library Dec. 3



Enjoy a live performance by Dean Ratzman from 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Oxnard Main Library, 251 S. A St., Meeting Room B.

A multi-instrumentalist, Ratzman will play 1940s swing, big band and jazz standards; 1950s, 1960s and 1970s jazz, blues, rock and soul hits on the piano, trumpet and trombone.

Ratzman will emulate the styles of Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Ray Charles, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Elvis, The Beach Boys, The Young Rascals, Neil Diamond, The Temptations, Santana, Tommy James, and he will also play a few of his originals.

## Christmas tree lighting Dec. 2 at Plaza Park



Ring in the season with free entertainment, complimentary refreshments and Santa’s arrival during the annual Christmas Tree Lighting 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at Plaza Park, 500 S. C St.

Join community leaders, downtown merchants and friends for a festive tradition going back 66 years to light up the county's tallest Christmas tree – 110 feet high! For more details, call (805) 247-0197.

## Winter fantasy music, light show Dec. 2 through Jan. 1

Gather with family and friends at the historic Plaza Park Pagoda every night from 5-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, through Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, for the winter fantasy music and light show! Watch as Oxnard’s Pagoda becomes a high-tech experience

in a spectacular computer-orchestrated show featuring more than 30,000 flashing colored lights, holiday music, animated characters and lit trees.

## Tamale Festival Dec. 3 at Plaza Park

Families, friends and neighbors are invited to ring in the holiday season at the City of Oxnard’s ninth annual Tamale Festival featuring fun-filled activities including live entertainment, arts and crafts, the popular cumbia dance competition and, of course, mouthwatering tamales!

The festival will take place in downtown Oxnard from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, at Plaza Park, 500 S. C St.

Admission is free. Click [here](#) to read the complete details.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Police Department meets with Cal-Gisler residents in aftermath of car accident

Oxnard Police Department personnel met with nearly 100 residents of the Cal-Gisler neighborhood during a community check-in Monday, Nov. 14.

Police Department personnel listened to residents' concerns and received suggestions about traffic safety following the collision involving a truck and neighborhood apartment building Nov. 7.

Neighborhood children took time to write letters to the two children who remain hospitalized.



The Police Department would like to thank City staff, the Oxnard Unified School District, Elm Street Elementary Principal Ramos, Ventura County Medical Center nurses, Ventura County Critical Incident Stress Management and all of our partners who rallied around the neighbors to show support for the accident victims.

### Latest edition of Public Works Pipeline available



The Nov. 17, 2016, edition of the Public Works Pipeline is available at [www.oxnard.org/newsletters](http://www.oxnard.org/newsletters). The biweekly publication features information about the City's utility system.

If you haven't already taken tours of our Environmental Resources, Wastewater and Water facilities, be sure to attend the December tours. No RSVP necessary. Click [here](#) to read more details.

#### Wastewater facility

4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7

#### Water facility

4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8

#### Environmental Resources facility

4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13