

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Plagues Wastewater Treatment Plant & System

Oxnard's aging wastewater treatment plant has experienced numerous equipment failures and expensive, unplanned maintenance this year. About 40 percent of the plant, which dates back to the 1950s, is in poor or very poor condition, according to an independent assessment. Facility and system upgrades are long overdue.

Some of the problems that have occurred since January 2016 include:



The plant control system lost communication 92 times.



Treated primary effluent was released into the ocean once.



An odor monitoring system failed twice.



Four sewer manholes failed.



The sewer overflowed three times, but was 100 percent contained.

Unplanned maintenance is always more expensive because it involves an emergency repair. That's what happened recently when a 1980s-era pipe carrying treated but non-potable water broke.

The break was located deep under a thick concrete ramp and would have been expensive to repair. Instead, City crews are rerouting the pipe to avoid costly excavation. However, the water supply used for cooling and wash down in that area of the plant is cut off until the work is complete.

Etting Road
Sanitary Sewer Overflow



Lift Station #29
Impeller Replacement



Wastewater Treatment Plant
Repacking Grit Pump



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City Scores Award for Public Service Announcement

The City of Oxnard was recognized by the state for its public service announcement video about proper disposal of motor oil.

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) handed out the Best PSA/Commercial Award for 2016 at a ceremony in Sacramento last month. Four versions of the PSA were aimed at residents who change their own oil. The videos emphasized that oil poured on the ground or down storm drains has detrimental effects on the environment. The City has more than 20 used oil collection centers for residents to safely dispose of motor oil at no charge.



PUBLIC WORKS PIPELINE

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DECEMBER 2016 — JANUARY 2017

IN THE WORKS

Campus Park ASR Well Test System

The City is constructing a system to expand the use of recycled water – part of an ongoing effort to provide a sustainable, reliable, local water supply. The Aquifer, Storage and Recovery (ASR) Well test system will take recycled water from the City's Advanced Water Purification Facility and store it underground, then pump it out to use when demand is high.

The project will help reduce reliance on costly imported water, protect groundwater resources, and conserve a resource that would otherwise be discharged to the ocean. Construction on the ASR is scheduled for Jan. 3 to May 3, 2017. Work will take place on Campus Park between K and H streets and Second and Fifth streets.



Streets Division paves the way for easy driving



In 2016, street paving projects totaled 1 million square feet – the equivalent of 17 football fields.

The Streets Division recently completed another necessary street improvement project along Eastman Avenue between Rose Avenue and Lombard Street. Crews removed and replaced about 77,000 square feet of pavement. The resurfacing project was funded by the Streets Operational Budget.



IT'S A SNAP WITH THE 311 APP!

If you see illegally dumped debris or potholes that need to be fixed, you can report it to Oxnard 311. Download the app on your smartphone and use it to submit non-emergency service requests for reporting graffiti, fixing potholes and more. Your request is routed to the proper department at City Hall and you'll be notified when the service is complete.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING



Christmas Trees

Christmas Tree recycling is a breeze with these three easy options.

- 1. PLACE THE TREE CURBSIDE** by 6 a.m. on your regular trash collection day starting Dec. 27 through Jan. 26.
- 2. CUT TREE** to fit into your Yard Waste Cart for regular pickup.
- 3. DROP OFF** between Dec. 27 and Jan. 28 at the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station, 111 S. Del Norte Blvd., at Sturgis Road, Monday – Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Residents of condos and apartments should check with their property manager or homeowners association.

Recycling Reminder: remove all ornaments, tinsel and the tree stand.



Electronics

If you were lucky enough to be gifted new electronics or battery-operated gadgets for the holidays, please consider recycling old e-waste and batteries for free. Go to the Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station, 111 S. Del Norte Blvd., at Sturgis Road, Monday – Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; no appointment necessary. **For more information, call (805) 385-8060.**

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