COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

‘Meet Up, Clean Up’ held in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., draws over 100 volunteers

Quality of life for Oxnard residents has been identified as one of the four strategic priorities for the City of Oxnard. As a way to directly and swiftly implement this priority, the Recreation Division of the Cultural and Community Services Department has kicked off a citywide effort to reinvest in Oxnard neighborhoods and parks through a beautification program called “Meet Up, Clean Up.”

“Meet Up, Clean Up” is designed to foster a sense of pride and promote civic engagement by increasing Oxnard’s quality of living one neighborhood at a time. The program is spearheaded by the Recreation Division of the Cultural and Community Services, with support from neighborhood councils, local organizations and employees from several City departments.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the City kicked off a day of service at Community Park East on Saturday, Jan. 14.

The event drew 127 youth and adult volunteers from 11 organizations. Participants planted three vegetable gardens and trees, trimmed hedges and spread wood chips in planters along the park perimeters.

Participating organizations included:

• Hobson Park East neighborhood council
• St. Paul's Baptist Church
• California State University Channel Islands
• Cruisers Car Club
• Young Life
• Interface Family Services

The next event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25. Groups and individuals interested in participating can call (805) 572-5907 for more information.
View photos from Martin Luther King Jr. Day march

On Monday, Jan. 16, City and local officials gathered at Plaza Park with an estimated 600 community members for a prayer and march in honor of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy. The march was organized by the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Ventura County.

Click here to view photos. Thank you to Bob Jeffreys for allowing us to share his photos with the community.

PUBLIC NOTICES
Weekend storm preparation: free sand and sandbags available
A series of storms that will continue through the weekend are expected to bring several inches of rain, gusty winds and damaging surf. High surf warnings are expected for Saturday, and the public is encouraged to avoid beach areas.

Areas of the city that are prone to flooding include:

- Mandalay Beach Road, Oxnard Shores Neighborhood
- Ventura Road near Wagon Wheel
- Ventura Road near Channel Islands Boulevard
- Yucca Street near Cloyne Street
- Samuel Avenue
- Hill Street
- Oxnard Boulevard from Fifth Street to Colonia Road
- G Street near Durley Park
- San Marino Street
- Victoria Avenue, north of Gonzales Road
• Arnold Road
• Dodge Road
• Perkins Road, south end

“Residents should avoid flood prone areas if possible and the beach during the storms, especially on Saturday when dangerous swells could be as high as 15 feet,” said Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Susan Duenas. “In addition, people who plan to travel to other areas of the county need to be aware of the increased risk of flash flooding and mud flows in recent burn areas,” she said.

Oxnard residents and business owners whose property has a history of flooding can obtain free sand and sandbags at the City of Oxnard Corporate Yard. Remember: taking sand from the beach is illegal and can result in a fine.

Call (805) 385-8343 to schedule an appointment to pick up sandbags at the City of Oxnard Corporate Yard, 1060 Pacific Ave., Building No. 3.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (805) 385-8343 during regular business hours. Contact the Oxnard Police Department Dispatch at (805) 385-7600 for access after-hours or weekends.

For more information about winter weather preparedness, call Disaster Preparedness Coordinator Susan Duenas at (805) 385-7717.

Volunteers needed for point-in-time homeless count on Jan. 24, 2017

The Oxnard Housing Department is seeking assistance from community members with this year’s annual point-in-time homeless count on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Join us at the Multi-Service Center, 1500 Camino del Sol, Room 20, for a short orientation starting at 7:30 a.m. and team assignments. Newcomers will be paired with experienced counters. Coffee, water and snacks will be provided for volunteers. The count is expected to be completed at 12 p.m.

We ask that volunteers be prepared for potential rain or cold weather and wear shoes that are suitable for walking outdoors. Please RSVP by contacting Karl Lawson at (805) 385-8095 or karl.lawson@oxnard.org

The point-in-time homeless count is very important for the City of Oxnard’s efforts to address homelessness. The number of people counted in Oxnard affects the funding that will available to the City of Oxnard in future years.

Donations needed for winter shelter

The City of Oxnard is asking for donations to keep the West Ventura County Regional Winter Warming Shelter open through March 2017.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Downtown Ventura Organization, P.O. Box 1414, Ventura, Calif. 93002. Online contributions can be made at [www.downtownventura.org/shelter](http://www.downtownventura.org/shelter). For more information, call (805) 641-1090.

Read the complete details in the City’s news release at [www.oxnard.org/housing-wintershelter](http://www.oxnard.org/housing-wintershelter).
Learn about proposed wastewater rates at Jan. 25 meeting

The City of Oxnard will hold the Utility Ratepayers Advisory panel meetings on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15, 2017. The Utility Ratepayers Advisory Panel is composed of residents, businesses and agricultural utility customers who will meet with City of Oxnard representatives to give input on the City’s proposed wastewater rate increases.

You are invited to attend the meetings to hear the discussion and learn more about the proposed wastewater rate increases. Visit www.oxnard.org/PW/URAP for more details.

City accepting grant applications for $10,000 donation from Cowboys, Jones family through Feb. 3, 2017

The Dallas Cowboys and team owner Jerry Jones’ spirit of charity continues to touch down in Oxnard. The City of Oxnard will award $2,500 grants to four Oxnard-based nonprofit organizations that provide services to Oxnard residents thanks to a generous $10,000 donation from the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Foundation.

Applications are available at the City Manager’s Office, 300 W. Third St., 4th Floor, and on the City’s website at www.oxnard.org/CowboysCharity. Completed applications must be submitted to the City Manager’s Office by mail, in person or by email at charities@oxnard.org by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2017.

ASR Well construction continues through May 3, 2017

The City of Oxnard is constructing a recycled water Aquifer, Recovery and Storage (ASR) Well test system as part of ongoing efforts to provide a sustainable and reliable local water supply.

Construction began Jan. 3 and will continue through May 3, 2017, at Oxnard’s Campus Park between K and H streets and Second and Fifth streets 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Please be advised that construction dates, hours and locations are subject to change.
The ASR Well test system stores recycled water underground when demand is low, then pumps it out when demand is high. The project will help reduce reliance on costly imported water, protect our groundwater resources and provide a beneficial reuse of a scarce resource that would otherwise be discharged to the ocean. It is a vital component of the Groundwater Recovery, Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT) Program, furthering the City’s ability to provide a high quality, reliable, sustainable water supply.

Visit [www.oxnard.org/PW/ASR](http://www.oxnard.org/PW/ASR) for the complete details.

**Traffic delays on state Route 118 through February**
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced that emergency repairs after recent storm damage are likely to cause significant traffic delays on state Route 118 west of the city of Moorpark through February.

Caltrans strongly advises drivers to use other routes or plan for delays when traveling on the two-lane Route 118 between Moorpark, on the east, and the Oxnard-Ventura area on the west.

Click [here](http://www.oxnard.org/PW/ASR) to read the complete details in the Caltrans news release.

**2017 trash schedule available online**
The 2017 schedule for trash, recycling and yard waste collection is available on the City’s website.

Click [here](http://www.oxnard.org/PW/ASR) to view the schedule.

**View upcoming city meetings online**
View upcoming Council, Boards, Commissions and Committees meetings on the City’s website at [www.oxnard.org/city-meetings](http://www.oxnard.org/city-meetings).