

# OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### City to honor Black History Month, present proclamation to Dr. Irene Pinkard Feb. 7



Join us at the Feb. 7 City Council meeting as we celebrate Black History Month. The City Council will present a proclamation to Dr. Irene Pinkard in honor of her achievements and contributions to our community. The special ceremony will be held at the Oxnard Council Chambers, 305 W. Third St., starting at 6 p.m.

Dr. Pinkard has resided in Ventura County for more than 20 years. An educator and leader, she holds the distinction of being the first African-American woman to be elected to the Oxnard City Council. She was also the first African-American woman to serve as vice president of administrative services/business in the state of California and at both Ventura and Oxnard colleges. She was named Woman of the Year by former Assemblyman Tony Strickland, one of many honors in her

laundry list of accomplishments.

Dr. Pinkard's many contributions to the community include:

- Co-founding the Ventura County Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California, an organization that develops resources to achieve the educational, economic, and cultural goals of African-Americans in California
- Co-founding the Black Women's Leadership Conference to help women enhance their leadership skills
- Coordinating a leadership institute to help African-American students to take college courses for a week, live on campus and earn course credit
- Conducting spring break college tours for more than 20 years to introduce local black youth to opportunities at historically black colleges and universities
- Coordinating a 6-week summer internship program for African-American youth

### City of Oxnard Black History Month events

4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, Main Library, 251 S. A St.: Join Teresa Smith for highly interactive African dance, song and storytelling that reflect African heritage.

3-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Main Library, 251 S. A St.: "The Negro Baseball Leagues: an American Legacy" author Byron Motley will present a multimedia lecture, bringing the life of the era alive. Motley's father is the last surviving umpire from the leagues. Motley will discuss the history of the leagues and how our lives have been impacted by them.

5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way: "Movies at the PACC" presents "The Princess and the Frog," an enchanting story about Tiana, a waitress who is desperate to fulfill her dreams as a restaurant owner. Her adventure begins as she embarks on a journey to turn a frog prince back into a human being. Free admission with RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/DNHE9LQ8FBHdy4AL2>



3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 22, South Oxnard Branch Library, 4300 Saviers Rd.: Honor Black History Month by helping to create a friendship quilt celebrating the diversity of our community.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Animal Licensing Fair at Thompson Park Feb. 4, 2017



The Animal Safety Division of the Oxnard Police Department will hold an animal licensing fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at Thompson Park, 201 Imperial St. Plus, there will be giveaways!

This will be a great opportunity for you to license your pet to help ensure their safety. If your pet is found, a license tag on your pet's collar is the fastest way to reunite you and your pet. The license tells us where you live since your pet can't. Licensing is also required by law.

If your pet's license has expired or your pet is not licensed, great news! No back fees or penalty fees will be charged at the event (cash and check accepted). Not applicable to civil citations already issued.

### Upcoming panel meetings on proposed wastewater rates Feb. 8, Feb. 15, 2017

Join us for Utility Ratepayers Advisory Panel meetings at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15 at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way.

Learn more about the proposed wastewater rate increases. Spanish interpretation will be provided on site. The meeting will also be live streamed at [www.ustream.tv/channel/oxnardnews](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/oxnardnews).

- Meeting agenda: [www.oxnard.org/city-meetings](http://www.oxnard.org/city-meetings)
- Live stream and previously recorded videos: [www.ustream.tv/channel/oxnardnews](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/oxnardnews)
- URAP information page: [www.oxnard.org/PW/URAP](http://www.oxnard.org/PW/URAP)



### Free tax preparation assistance at Wilson Senior Center and South Oxnard Senior Center

Volunteers with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be at both the Wilson Senior Center and the South Oxnard Senior Center to offer free, individualized tax preparation for low-to moderate-income taxpayers, including seniors 50 and older.

The service will be available at the Wilson Senior Center, 350 N. C St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday starting Feb. 8 through April 12. The service is anticipated to begin at the South Oxnard Senior Center, 200 E. Bard Rd., on Feb. 15 and continue every Wednesday from 1-5:30 p.m. through April 12 and on Thursdays starting Feb. 16 from 1-5:30 p.m. through April 13.

Appointments are required. Call (805) 385-8019 to reserve your spot. Click [here](#) to view a list of documents required for your appointment.

### Community meeting Feb. 9 on La Colonia street improvements



Residents are invited to review and provide input on proposed street, sidewalk and utility improvements to La Colonia neighborhood during a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, at Cesar Chavez Elementary School cafeteria, 224 N. Juanita Ave. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

The proposed plans and drawings for the project will be on display at the meeting. Residents will have the chance to discuss their priorities for the project with City staff.

Click [here](#) to download the flyer or call (805) 385-8280 for more information.

### Stay tuned for details about groundbreaking for Southwinds Improvement Project

The City of Oxnard will hold a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate upcoming improvements at Southwinds Park. Community members are invited to the event. City staff will provide more event details once they are available.

On Jan. 24, the City Council approved staff's plans to move forward with the project, which entails:

- replacing the existing play areas
- resurfacing the jogging path
- renovating the restrooms, exercise stations and barbecue areas
- replacing the existing baseball field with a new lawn area
- adding new fencing and bollards





## Meet Up, Clean Up at Lemonwood Park Feb. 25, 2017

Community members and local organizations are encouraged to participate in the next Meet Up, Clean Up beautification event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at Lemonwood Park, 2055 San Mateo Place. Volunteers should meet at the park for registration at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Call (805) 572-5907 to RSVP.

The Meet Up, Clean Up program is designed to bring together community members and local organizations who work alongside City staff to improve Oxnard's quality of life through monthly beautification projects. The program allows participants to forge a relationship with each other and with City of Oxnard staff while gaining a sense of pride in their public spaces.

Meet Up, Clean Up 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.



## Disaster preparedness training March 18, 2017



Take control of your safety by earning a certificate at the City's free Disaster Preparedness Training Academy from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, 800 Hobson Way. Click [here](#) to register today!

Take a series of workshops to receive training in first aid, fire suppression and extinguisher use, search and rescue as well as disaster preparedness. Certificates will be given to those who complete four workshops. The workshops will be offered in

English and Spanish.

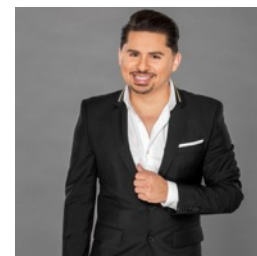
Participants will have the chance to learn about the tsunami threat along Oxnard's coast and review of the evacuation plans that are currently being updated. Participants can also attend an optional workshop to provide input on evacuation plans.

## EVENTS

### Larry Hernandez Feb. 11, 2017

Routinely racking up hits and awards, regional Mexican singer Larry Hernandez will hit the stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, for a concert of Spanish-language chart-toppers.

Tickets: [www.etix.com/ticket/p/3425211/larry-hernandez-oxnard-oxnard-performing-arts-center](http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/3425211/larry-hernandez-oxnard-oxnard-performing-arts-center)



## Community Concerts Association presents: The Kat Trio Feb. 22, 2017



Starting at 7:30 p.m., The Kat Trio will showcase unique Russian arrangements and transpositions of timeless melodies and feature classical works, well-known inspirational songs and even American pop standards, including Scott Joplin's rags.

The Kat Trio has a knack for combining a high level of classical musicianship with pure fun.

Tickets: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2604383>

## New West Symphony presents: The Four Seasons Feb. 24, 2017

This concert will featuring award-winning conductor Joshua Gersen and world-renowned violinist Anne Akiko Meyers who will perform the following masterpieces starting at 8 p.m.:

- Ravel: Le tombeau de Couperin
- Vivaldi: The Four Seasons for Violin & Orchestra, Opus 8, Nos. 1 - 4
- Mozart: Symphony No. 40 in G Minor, K. 550

Tickets: [https://newwestsymphony.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections\\_a0Fo000000QQGF1EAP](https://newwestsymphony.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a0Fo000000QQGF1EAP)



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Oxnard Police Department holds community check-in on Juanita Avenue



On Thursday, Jan. 19, the Oxnard Police Department along with partnering agencies including the Ventura County Behavioral Health, Interface Children and Family Services, and the Coalition For Family Harmony visited the 100 block of Juanita Avenue to meet with residents after the tragic domestic violence homicide of Teresa Ortiz.

Chief Whitney and officers answered questions about safety concerns and accepted donations for the children and their caregiver. Together, the community filled over four truckloads of donations that included diapers, baby wipes, car seats, food, water, blankets and pillows.

The Oxnard Police Department would like to thank community members, near and far, who stepped up to help the Ortiz family.

**Oxnard Library keeps Martin Luther King Jr.'s message alive through kids activities**

The Oxnard Public Library observed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with an "I Have a Dream" story time. Staff read books that conveyed Dr. King's dream of brotherhood, equal justice, being kind to all and to dream big dreams. The kids area included a bulletin board and book display in honor of King's legacy.

