

# OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



## RECOGNITION

**California Department of Parks and Recreation honors Oxnard City Corps and PAL youth for Meet Up, Clean Up**



During the Feb. 28 council meeting, City Corps and Police Activities League (PAL) youth were honored by the California Department of Parks and Recreation for their participation in the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Outdoor Youth Connection Program (OYCP), which provides civically engaged teens ages 13-17 with training in outdoor activities as well as opportunities to develop leadership and life skills. Graduates of the program have gone on to lead outdoor projects for their peers and local communities.

One example of programs led by OYCP graduates is the monthly Meet Up, Clean Up beautification program launched by the City of Oxnard in January 2017, with which City Corps and PAL youth are actively involved.

"Today you are witnessing a model that the rest of the state should be following that we hope will be duplicated in communities up and down California," said Sedrick Mitchell, deputy director of external affairs for the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mitchell added that having an empowered and dedicated community like Oxnard is something that the rest of America should look toward.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Traffic advisories for March 2017

#### Lane closures on Ventura Road, Vineyard Avenue through March 17

Median construction is taking place at the locations listed below. Construction is anticipated to continue, as weather permits, through March 17:

VENTURA ROAD: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

- One northbound lane and one southbound lane will be closed on Ventura Road between Vineyard Avenue and Stone Creek Drive

VENTURA ROAD: 3:30 p.m. Friday through 8:30 a.m. Monday

- One northbound lane will be closed on Ventura Road between Vineyard Avenue and Stone Creek Drive
- Westbound traffic will be reduced to one lane on Vineyard Avenue between Ventura Road and Pinehurst Drive

VINEYARD AVENUE: 24 hours, 7 days a week

- Eastbound and westbound traffic will be reduced to one lane on Vineyard Avenue between Ventura Road and Pinehurst Drive



For more information, please contact Project Inspector Vince Cruz at (805) 797-3069.

#### Lane closures on Wooley Road through March 23

City of Oxnard crews are performing emergency repairs on a sewer manhole that collapsed at Wooley Road near Mercantile Street. Construction is anticipated to continue 24 hours, 7 days a week through March 23. The following closures will remain in effect throughout the duration of the repair work:

- One lane closed on eastbound Wooley Road from Commercial Avenue to Rose Avenue
- One lane closed on westbound Wooley Road from Commercial Avenue to Pacific Avenue
- The intersection of Wooley Road and Telstar Drive will be closed. Motorists will not be able to access Wooley Road via Telstar Drive

#### REMINDER: Remember to drive cautiously through intersection of C and Ninth streets

The traffic signal at C and Ninth streets is currently not functioning. Stop signs are in place at the intersection. Please remember to follow the traffic law and stop as you would for a four-way stop sign before proceeding through the intersection.

### 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 through April 12. The service is also available at the South Oxnard Senior Center, 200 E. Bard Rd., from 1-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday through April 12 and from 1-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays 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.

**St. Patrick's Day safety: Plan before you party; buzzed driving is drunk driving**

St. Patrick's Day has become one of the nation's biggest times to celebrate and party. But unfortunately, too many people are taking to the roads after drinking alcohol. With the excitement of St. Patrick's Day festivities, partygoers can find themselves "buzzed" after having a drink or two—and without a planned, sober ride home.

That's why this St. Patrick's Day season, the Oxnard Police Department is working with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to reach all drivers with an important life-saving message and warning: *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*.

Tragically, March 17 has become a deadly holiday due to the number of drunk drivers on the roads. According to the NHTSA, 25 percent of those who died in motor vehicle traffic crashes during the 2015 St. Patrick's Day holiday period (6 p.m. March 16th – 5:59 a.m. March 18th) died in crashes involving a drunk driver.



In fact, 252 people nationwide lost their lives in drunken-driving-related crashes just during the St. Patrick's Day holiday period from 2011 to 2015, with more than one-third dying in a crash where the driver had a blood alcohol concentration well above the legal limit of .08.

The NHTSA and Oxnard Police Department are hoping to change the way people think about drinking and driving, and help everyone realize that if they're buzzed they should not be driving.

Buzzed driving puts you and others on the road at risk of a crash—or worse, death. Even a little alcohol consumption can lead to poor decision-making and impairment that prevents you from safely operating a vehicle.

Many factors determine the effect alcohol has on your body, and it can vary from person to person. For many people, it doesn't take much alcohol to become too impaired to drive.

Too many people wait until after they've started drinking to figure out how they will get home, but by then it's too late to make a clear-headed decision.

If you plan on drinking this St. Patrick's Day, designate a sober driver before you start the party. Planning your ride ahead of time is one of the simplest ways to ensure you make it home safely. Call a taxi, a sober friend or family member.

Drinking after driving is deadly, dangerous and never worth the risk.

Not only could you seriously injure or kill yourself or someone else, but if you are convicted of drunk driving, you face significant legal and financial consequences that include jail time, the loss of your driver's license, higher insurance rates, attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off from work. Also, there's the embarrassment, humiliation and consequences of telling your family, friends and employers of your arrest.

Drivers convicted of DUI often make up excuses for why they got behind the wheel, but the reality is they failed to plan ahead. If you wait until you've been drinking to plan your sober ride, often it's already too late.



The bottom line this St. Patrick's Day: Plan Before You Party. Remember: *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.*

## Cheer on Oxnard artist Antonio Acosta as he attempts to break Guinness World Record March 17-20



Antonio Acosta will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the longest painting marathon (a series of paintings on canvas) at the Corner Pocket Billiards, 658 S. A St., starting Friday, March 17.

He aims to paint for 72 hours and plans to use Oxnard geography as his backgrounds.

According to Acosta, 8:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 19 is the time that the current record will be broken if he is able to achieve the feat.

Acosta is one of the local artists who received funding from the City of Oxnard Cultural Arts Commission through the City's Cultural Arts Grant Program. He is enrolled at Oxnard College.

## Save the date: 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 the evacuation plans that are currently being updated. Attendees can also participate in an optional workshop to provide input on evacuation plans.

## Animal Licensing Fair at Village Green Park March 25, 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, March 25 at Village Green Park, 3002 Moss Landing Blvd. 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.

## EVENTS

**Join us at Oxnard Meet Up, Clean Up beautification event March 18, 2017**

**MEET UP CLEAN UP**

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

Date / Fecha*	Park / Parque
3/18	Via Marina
4/15	Wilson
5/13	Pleasant Valley
6/10	Beck Park
7/22	Campus
8/26	College Park
9/23	Marina West
10/28	Lathrop
11/18	Sea Air
12/9	Colonia

CLEAN UP SCHEDULE / PROGRAMAR:

8:00 am	Volunteer Check-in / Registro de Voluntarios
8:30 am	Group Assignments / Asignaciones de Grupo
9:00 am	Work Groups Begin / Comienzan los Grupos de Trabajo
12:00 pm	Lunch Provided / Almuerzo proporcionado

\*Dates and locations are subject to change without notice. Program is not held during bad weather.  
 \*Las fechas y ubicaciones están sujetas a cambios. El programa no se lleva a cabo durante el mal tiempo.

**To help, call / Para ayudar, llame al**  
**(805) 572-5907**

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf  
 1191 S. Victoria Ave  
 Oxnard, Ca 93035

CITY OF OXNARD  
 RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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, March 18 at Via Marina Park, 3301 Keel Way. 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.

## PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION CENTER



### Movies at the PACC presents "The Secret of Kells": 5:30 p.m. March 16

"The Secret of Kells" tells the story about a young boy in a remote medieval outpost under siege from barbarian raids. He is beckoned to adventure when a celebrated master illuminator arrives with an ancient book, brimming with secret wisdom and powers. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Click [here](#) to RSVP or call (805) 385-8147.

### Singer/composer Luis Angel Marquez: 8 p.m. March 25

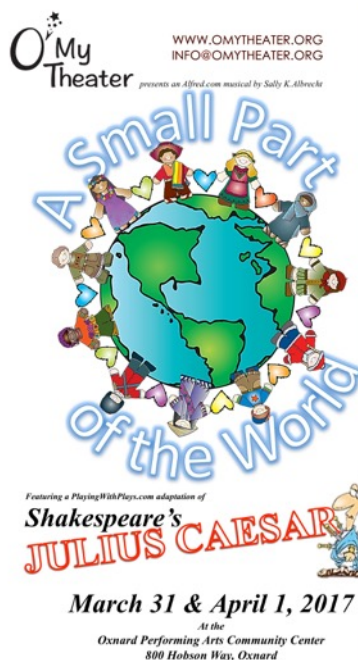
This incredible talent created or collaborated on compositions such as "Lluvia," "Mi Vida Eres Tu," "Que Haré Sin Ti," "Animate," which were used as musical themes by popular telenovelas and mini Latin American series, "La Guajirita," "Cristal," "La Traidora" and "Class of 90."

Click [here](#) to purchase tickets or call (805) 486-2424.



### O'My Theater: March 31 - April 1

Take a world-wide musical journey using the universal language of music! This multicultural presentation features catchy folk songs from 12 countries (in native languages) plus uplifting opening and closing numbers, all tied together with fun and informative dialogue. Kindergarten through high school students traverse across cultural realms through musical selections that vary in complexity, style, significance, and beauty.



**ADMISSION  
IS FREE**

Please make  
reservations via  
Email to ensure  
available seating.

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**DOORS  
OPEN AT  
6PM**

~Food~  
~Prizes~  
~Games~

**SHOW  
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AT 7PM**

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WEBSITE**  
WWW.OMYTHEATER.ORG

Admission is **FREE!** Please make reservations via email at [info@omytheater.org](mailto:info@omytheater.org) to ensure available seating.

### Senior activities, bingo: Wednesdays

Join the PACC for weekly bingo with *Ventura County Council on Aging*. Senior craft and activities begin at 10 a.m. Bingo doors open at 5 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m.

### Oxnard Ballroom Dance Club: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays

Each week a different live band performs big band sounds from the 1930s and 1940s, along with other types of music, to keep the dance floor in a constant state of counterclockwise motion. Fox trot, waltz, cha-cha, tango, samba and even line dancing test the men's ability to remember their steps and turns while the women follow their lead.



## CARNEGIE ART MUSEUM (CAM)

### Joanne Julian's "Defying Darkness" on display through May 21, 2017



The development of recent works delving into a darkness not to be feared is highlighted with over 30 drawings in Julian's signature combination of detailed graphite and splashed *sumi* ink.

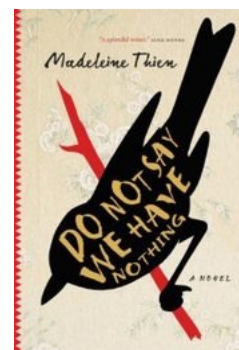
Join Julian at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30 for the Artist's Gallery Talk. Admission is \$5 for the general public. Admission is free for museum members who can attend the

members appreciation exclusive artist greedy and pre-seating at 5:30 p.m. Reservations are appreciated. Call (805) 385-8254 or email [info@carnegieam.org](mailto:info@carnegieam.org).

### CAM Book Club: "Do Not Say We Have Nothing"

Join local reading enthusiasts for the Carnegie Art Museum's monthly book club event at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Attendees will discuss Madeleine Thien's novel "Do Not Say We Have Nothing," which tells the story of three musicians in China before, during and after the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989.

Admission is \$4 for the public and free for members. Click [here](#) for more details.



### Arcade Poetry Series: 6 p.m. March 18



Join us for a night of poetry with artists Christopher Buckley and Sara Borjas who will read selections of their poems.

Admission is \$5 for the general public and free for members.

Click [here](#) to view clips of both artists reciting their poetry.

### CARNEGIE ART MUSEUM HOURS

424 S. C St.

Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

Admission is free for members, \$4 for adults, \$3 for college students, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for children 6 and older, and free for children under 6. Click [here](#) to learn how to become a member.

### CAM STUDIO GALLERY HOURS

329 N. Fifth St. (adjacent to the museum)

Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

Admission is free.

CAM Studio guest artist is Terry Arena who will be at the studio through May 29.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### NEW BUSINESSES

#### Xielo Artisan Desserts in downtown Oxnard

Now open in downtown Oxnard in the historic Woolworth Building at 212 W. Fourth St., this dessert shop features traditional Mexican pastries, raspados and crepes. View the menu at [www.xielodesserts.com](http://www.xielodesserts.com).



#### Blaze Pizza at The Esplanade



The first Blaze Pizza in Ventura County is now open in Oxnard at 301 W. Esplanade Dr.

Click [here](#) to view the restaurant's build-it-yourself pizza menu, including the \$3.14 pizzas in celebration of PI Day (March 14).

#### Luna Grill at The Collection

Luna Grill is a Mediterranean restaurant that offers cuisine that includes kabobs, original salads, gourmet wraps, special desserts, beer and wine.

Click [here](#) to view more about Luna Grill and other restaurants at The Collection.



### TELEVISION / FILM PRODUCTION

#### "Rosewood" cast comes to Oxnard



The cast of police drama series "Rosewood," starring actor Morris Chestnut, were on set in Oxnard March 6-8. The crew filmed at locations that included the Carnegie Art Museum, Plaza Park, the Downtown Center for the Arts, Elks Lodge and the Masonic Lodge.

#### Oxnard to be featured on "Family Travel with Colleen Kelly"

The popular PBS series "Family Travel with Colleen Kelly" will showcase Oxnard's golden beaches, attractions, majestic offshore islands, diverse restaurants and more! An episode of the series will be filmed in Oxnard during the month of March and will air this summer. The episode will be broadcast an unlimited number of times on hundreds of PBS stations for at least two years.





"Family Travel with Colleen Kelly" is aired nationally on public television with 30-minute episodes offering a personalized and 'exclusive' behind-the-scenes tour with an upbeat, high energy format that engages the audience. The series airs to over 17 million viewers in 95 percent of the U.S. on 459 channels, as well as internationally in Europe and Asia.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Public invited to meet and greet with Police Chief Whitney March 22, 2017



The Filipino American Council of Ventura County and DCH Lexus of Oxnard is holding a meet and greet with Oxnard Police Chief Scott Whitney from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 at DCH Lexus of Oxnard, 1640 Auto Center Dr. The public is invited to attend the event.

Discussion topics are Oxnard's 2016 crime statistics, 2017 goals and policing challenges and opportunities.

### View City of Oxnard meetings and agendas online

Click [here](#) to view upcoming City of Oxnard meetings and agendas. Reminder: The City Council is not scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

### Social media and website

Stay connected with the City of Oxnard! Follow us on social media to learn about events, programs and services.

- **Twitter:** @CityofOxnard, [twitter.com/CityofOxnard](https://twitter.com/CityofOxnard)
- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/CityofOxnard](https://facebook.com/CityofOxnard)
- **LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/cityofoxnard>
- **Nextdoor:** City of Oxnard
- **Vimeo:** [www.vimeo.com/cityofoxnard](https://www.vimeo.com/cityofoxnard)

Be sure to also visit us on our website, [Oxnard.org](http://Oxnard.org).



### 2016 Year in Review available online; printed copies coming soon



Visit [www.oxnard.org/YearinReview](http://www.oxnard.org/YearinReview) to read the City of Oxnard's 2016 Year in Review, a look at key accomplishments from 2016.

The report highlights citywide achievements in areas including public safety, economic development, parks and infrastructure, technology and arts, culture and education.

Printed copies of the report will be available soon. Stay tuned for details.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **Congratulations to members appointed to Oxnard's Citizen Advisory Groups (CAGs)**

Members will serve on the CAGs for two years, with the exception of Planning Commission members who will serve for four years.

#### Commission on Homelessness

Andrea Renee Houchin, Christine Rutter, Francine Castanon, Grant Leichtfuss, Lizet Melgoza, Lucy Cartagena Martinez, Yukio Okano

#### Community Relations Commission

Adam Santos Lopez, George Sorkin, Maricela Becerra, Helaine Rochelle Stallion, Jaime Moreno, Mario Quintana, Tiffany Lopez

#### Cultural Arts Commission

Autumn Kelly, Deborah De Vries, Elizabeth M. Botello, Heather Behrens, Javier Gomez, Laura Gallardo, Margaret Cortese, Oneita Hirata, René Corado

#### Downtown Design Review Committee

Elizabeth White, Gary Blum, Miguel Fernandez, Mike Faulconer, Roy Prince

#### Housing Authority

Francisco Vega, Jose Lopez

#### Library Board

Felicity Harper, Irene Milstead, Irene Rauschenberger, Pedro A. Chavez, Ruby Durias

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Angela Whitecomb, Aurelio Ocampo, Gabriel Teran, Jona Moorghen, Lilly Guerra, Roger Poirier, Steve Nash

#### Planning Commission

Jim Fuhring, Orlando Dozier\*, Robert V. Sanchez, Wilfredo Chua

#### Senior Services Commission

Albert Clemens, Alice Madrid, Alice Sweetland, Clark Owens, Jeffrey D. Nevitt, Kathie Lanker, Kay Brainard, Lourdes Villareal Yu, Denis Jackson