

OXNARD NEWS IN BRIEF



ARTS, CULTURE & EDUCATION

Book signings, food, entertainment at Oxnard Library's 110th anniversary celebration



Join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Oxnard Main Library, 251 S. A St., to celebrate the Oxnard Public Library's 110 years of offering enriching services to the community. Visit www.oxnard.org/libraryanniversary to view the event schedule.

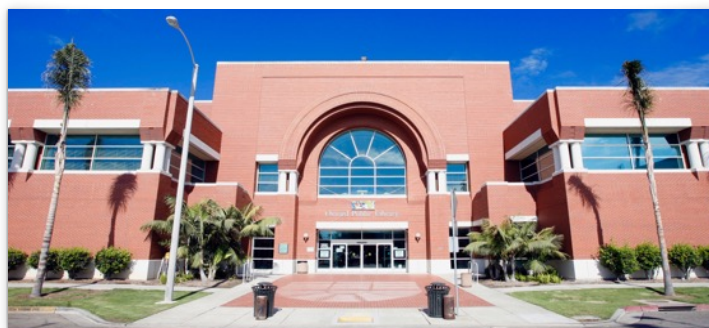


The event will feature complimentary refreshments, live music, bilingual story time, arts and crafts, face painting, train rides and many other exciting activities for people of all ages. View 3D printing and robotic demonstrations, stop by the authors' booth to have your books signed by local authors and pay a visit to the Friends of the Oxnard Library to purchase books.

All activities and refreshments are free to the public, with the exception of for-sale books as well as ice cream and frozen treats by Mister Softee.



View a short video about how the Oxnard Library has transformed the community at www.vimeo.com/212801854. An extended version of the video will be available at www.vimeo.com/cityofoxnard on April 29 and will also be played during the April 29 event.



PUBLIC NOTICES

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day April 29

Do you have expired or unused prescription drugs that you need to get rid of? If the answer is yes, then we encourage you to safely dispose of them at the following two locations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2017.

- Oxnard Police Department, 251 S. C St.
- CVS Pharmacy, 551 S. Ventura Rd.



Prescription medications accepted

Over-the-counter medications, medication samples, pet medications, vitamins, medicated ointments and lotions, inhalers and liquid medication in leak-proof containers

Materials that will not be accepted

Illegal drugs, needles, medical waste and intravenous devices will not be accepted.

Take-Back Day efforts are part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take-Back Initiative aimed at providing a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse and medications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Earth Day event draws families for fun, educational activities that raise awareness

An estimated 3,000 people attended the 2017 Earth Day event on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Many of the environmental exhibit booths offered hands-on activities. Various community organizations provided information on everything from water efficient fixtures for conservation to earth-friendly gardening practices.

The Sell-Outs provided live musical entertainment. The event also featured the entertaining and educational musical performed by the "The Earthworms" duo, who highlighted easy, everyday sustainable practices. The fun duo used juggling, singing and comedy to keep the crowd on the edge of their seats. Event attendees also enjoyed treats from a variety of food vendors.

Additionally, the Oxnard Community Planning Group and Oxnard Heritage Foundation created the "Positively Fifth Street" bike lane to allow community members to experience what potential future protected bike lanes would be like in the area. The bike lane extended along West Fifth Street from C to H streets.

Click [here](#) to view event photos.

City of Oxnard hosts La Colonia green alley demonstration project and mini fiesta



The City of Oxnard, through its Public Works Department's Sustainability Team, hosted a neighborhood "mini fiesta" on Saturday, April 22, 2017, on the Camino del Sol frontage road between North Garfield and North Roosevelt avenues.

In 2015, the City held a series of community design workshops to introduce and refine the concept of "green alleys" in Oxnard, with the idea of doing something positive with the extensive system of service alleys throughout Oxnard's residential neighborhoods. The goal of green alleys are to transform existing public land into productive and multifunctional green spaces that offer walkable and bike-able routes for residents through safer and beautified corridors.

During the April 22 event, the Public Works Department and Oxnard City Corps prepared a demonstration alley in La Colonia neighborhood using the concepts developed in the community green alley workshops. Residents had the opportunity to see their alleys in an entirely new way as they strolled, bicycled and engaged in a transformed demonstration walkway right in their neighborhood.

Attendees took guided tours of the nearby community garden at the west end of Camino del Sol; the children's mariachi band from Inlakech Cultural Arts Center performed; and children enjoyed green alley and environmentally themed arts and crafts activities.

EVENTS

PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION CENTER, 800 HOBSON WAY SCORE Business Expo May 2



Small business owners are invited to attend SCORE Ventura's 6th annual small business expo from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center. The expo has something for every small business owner:

- Exhibitors to help with solutions to your needs
- Seminars to educate you on building your success
- Mentors to answer your questions and discuss your concerns

Come for one seminar or stay all day. Food and beverages will be available. Admission to the event is free. Click [here](#) for more details.

Jeff Dunham brings laughter to Oxnard May 4-5, 2017

Internationally renowned comic and ventriloquist Jeff Dunham will perform at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5, 2017. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) to buy tickets and to read more about the tour.

Jeff continues to play to sold-out audiences worldwide. Dunham, along with his cohorts, is currently on the second leg of his wildly successful "Perfectly Unbalanced" International Tour. Jeff's faithful legion of fans fill concert venues and arenas in droves to experience comedy at its best.



Incendio at Oxnard PACC 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7



Incendio, simply put, is instrumental world music. The primary voice of the band is the guitar, but to say that the music of Incendio is solely guitar music would be an oversimplification. The guitar is certainly present, but other instruments such as the mandolin, bouzouki, violin, Celtic harp, piano, bass, synthesizer and various ethnic percussion instruments play a huge role in the ensemble's sound. Echoes of music ranging from classical to jazz to rock to flamenco to Celtic to even bluegrass can be heard in Incendio's music. It is no surprise that this eclectic blend of influences has led to a sound that is a truly unique one.

Click [here](#) for details and to buy tickets.

New West Symphony 8 p.m. Friday, May 12



GRAMMY award-winning pianist Garrick Ohlsson makes his New West Symphony debut performing Beethoven's majestic "Emperor" piano concerto on May 12. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Ohlsson has established himself worldwide as a musician of magisterial interpretive and technical prowess, making him the perfect fit for this virtuosic piece that is one of the most difficult concertos ever written. Guest Conductor Fawzi Haimor will also lead the orchestra in Rossini's sparkling Overture to "La Scala di Seta" and Haydn's emotional "Symphony No. 104."

Movies at the PACC: "Annie" at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 25

The PACC brings Annie to its screen for its monthly "Movies at the PACC." The story of an orphan in a facility run by the mean Miss Hannigan, Annie believes that her parents left her there by mistake. When a rich man named Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks decides to let an orphan live at his home to promote his image, Annie is selected. While Annie gets accustomed to living in Warbucks' mansion, she still longs to meet her parents. So Warbucks announces a search for them and a reward, which brings out many frauds. Admission is free. Click [here](#) to register.



805 dance showcase 6 p.m. Saturday, May 27

A dance showcase with some of the best talent in the 805 area, along with a handful of special professional guests from all over, will be right in your backyard. You don't want to miss out this one! Click [here](#) to buy tickets.

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), 424 SOUTH C STREET



"Defying Darkness" on display until May 21, 2017

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

CAM STUDIO GALLERY

CAM Studio guest artist Terry Arena will be at the studio through May 29. www.carnegieam.org/cam-studio-gallery

SAFETY TRAINING

Oxnard Fire Department demonstrates ocean rescue skills to media

On April 18, the Oxnard Fire Department participated in a "media day" arranged by the U.S. Coast Guard in anticipation of the 5th annual Channel Islands Safe Boating Expo.



Oxnard firefighters demonstrated ocean rescue capabilities alongside their counterparts from the Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura County Harbor Patrol, Ventura County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Coast Guard.

A mock rescue took place approximately 1 mile offshore where the Oxnard Fire Department Ocean Rescue Team simulated rescuing a boater in distress, assisting victims to the Coast Guard Ship and retrieving a coast guard rescue swimmer deployed from a helicopter.

Click [here](#) to the video.

REMINDERS

April 28 deadline to apply for funds to combat drug abuse, divert gang activity

Visit www.oxnardpd.org/community-affairs/asset-forfeiture-community-funds for more information.

Alleyway improvements continue in Terrace Estates, Windsor North through May 2017

City contractors continue to reconstruct alleyways in the Terrace Estates and Windsor North River Ridge neighborhoods. The project consists of removing the existing asphalt alleyways and reconstructing them with concrete, which is more durable and lasts longer.



Click [here](#) to view the last issue of Oxnard News in Brief, which includes the construction schedule and more details about the project.

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