

# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

March 26, 2020

## **PLANNING**

The Planning Commission meeting on April 6, 2020 has been canceled due to the recent COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings and social distancing.

**Brother Benno's Standing Committee** –The Brother Benno's Standing Committee meeting on April 21, 2020 has also been postponed.

## **ENGINEERING**

**El Corazon Aquatics Center** – – Last week's weather rendered the site too muddy to work. Site Best Management Practices for storm water containment have been kept updated on a daily basis and site work will resume shortly. Construction submittals continue to be processed and reviewed.

**Quiet Zone Update** – The Quiet Zone establishment target remains at the end of April. The test train scheduled for the night of March 27 was rescheduled to Saturday. Corrective work to address CPUC, FRA and NCTD punch list items continues with minimal rain delays.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

**Census 2020 Update** - Census 2020 invitations are arriving in the mail to all residents. Residents have the options of completing the CENSUS survey on-line at <https://2020census.gov/> by using the unique identification code in their invitation or they can type their home address and start the process that way. For households who do not have internet access they can call in to (844) 330-2020. There is a separate call line for Spanish speakers at (844) 468-2020. The Chavez and Crown Heights Resource Centers are open between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm to assist residents, by appointment, to access the Census survey via computer or phone. Chavez Resource center staff can be reached at (760) 435-3371 and Crown Heights staff can be reached at (760) 435-3339 or (760) 435-3341.

Census response rates are available [online](#). Since Thursday morning, March 26, Oceanside has attained a response rate of 28.5% of total Oceanside residences. It is important to continue to push the online and phone survey response with the community to ensure a complete count for Oceanside. Any questions about the 2020 Census can be directed to Cecilia Barandiaran at (760) 435-3385 or email [CBarandiaran@oceansideca.org](mailto:CBarandiaran@oceansideca.org).

**Consolidated Plan** - Due to the on-going impacts of COVID-19 and the limited ability for public participation, staff requested an extension from the Los Angeles HUD Field Office to submit the 2020-25 Consolidated Plan and 2020-21 Annual Action Plan to a later date. HUD Los Angeles has granted the extension from May 15, 2020 to August 15, 2020. Staff will re-start the Consolidated Plan process with a June Public Hearing, a 30-day comment period to follow after, and an August 5 City Council approval. City staff will submit the final 2020-25 Consolidation Plan and 2020-21 Annual Action Plan to HUD before the August 15, 2020 Federal deadline. The revised timeline is available for public review on the city webpage under the Neighborhood Services tab at <https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/ns/housing/cdbg/default.asp> .

## **LIBRARY**

The Oceanside Public Library is currently closed for walk-in service, but has an abundance of eResources available. Through online apps such as Libby, Hoopla, and Flipster, Library cardholders can access eBooks, eAudio books, eMagazines, movies, music and more. Additionally, the Library offers live tutoring and homework help through the HelpNow database accessible on the Library's eResources web page. The Library is conducting online story times with our popular and creative librarians Monday through Friday on Instagram and Facebook stories. Additionally, the Library is in the process of delivering material to our community that was placed on Hold before March 20 with the help of dedicated staff and the Library's courier van, and is investigating ways to be able to expand this offering. Even though our physical locations are currently unavailable, the Library staff remain committed to continuing to deliver the same level of quality service that our community relies on through our virtual platforms.



## **WATER UTILITIES**

**Community Choice Energy (CCE)** - San Diego County staff is still planning to return to their Board of Supervisors with a negotiated Community Choice Energy (CCE)-JPA document before October 1, 2020 (before the end of June, if possible) and they are currently in discussions with the City of Santee but they remain open to partnering with other cities as well. Assuming approval of their CCE-JPA before October 1, the County's goal is to submit their CCE implementation plan to the State CPUC by December 31, 2020 and begin providing energy to their customers in early 2022.

Three North San Diego jurisdictions along the HWY 78 corridor (Escondido, San Marcos, and Vista) have hired EES consultant to conduct their CCE feasibility study and the results are expected to be available in June-July of this year. They are planning to present the results of their feasibility to their city council later this year.

**COVID Utility Service Relief Program** - The City has created a utility service relief program for bars, restaurants and establishments that were identified for immediate closure in the [Amended Order of Health Office of Emergency Regulations of the County of San Diego](#), dated March 16, 2020. Eligible businesses will be able to temporary stop all services and charges for water, sewer and solid waste utility services. For more information regarding the program please visit <https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/finance/revenue/utility/services.asp>.

**Waste Management Customer Service** - As of March 17, the Waste Management Call Center has been partially closed due to social distancing measures to mitigate COVID-19 infection spread. Commercial customers may still call (760) 439-2824 to request services from Waste Management. Residential customers can reach a Waste Management representative by calling City phone number (760) 435-5457 or emailing [cssandiego@wm.com](mailto:cssandiego@wm.com).

**Zero Waste Technical Assistance Team – Here to Help Our Businesses** - The City's Zero Waste Technical Assistance team is here to help Oceanside businesses right size their backend trash and recycling services to mitigate potential cost impacts from COVID-19. Businesses interested may contact [GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org](mailto:GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org).

**Earth Festival 2020 is Going Virtual** - The Green Oceanside team will be hosting a "Virtual Earth Festival" as a month-long digital celebration of 50 years of Earth Day, starting April 1. Through the Earth Month [webpage](#), the team will be promoting local organizations, businesses, and other vendors for visitors to explore. Additionally, each week there will be an Earth Day specific theme, with online education and activities for families, children, and adults to engage with. These activities include theme specific readings, crafts, virtual tours of national parks, art contests, video contests, online story time with the library, and more.

**Donation Weeks – Postponed** - In response to the current climate regarding COVID-19, along with the health and safety of our community, Solid Waste and Recycling staff and Waste Management has made the decision to postpone Donation Weeks to early summer. Once a date has been finalized, staff will be updating the community through the City website and other means of publication. Questions regarding Donation Weeks should be addressed to [GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org](mailto:GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org).

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS \* SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- May 1-3 **Beach Soccer Championships.** 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Harbor Beach. (760) 802-1452.
- May 14 **Bike to Work Day.** Various Pitstops in Oceanside. [Info](#)
- May 16 **El Camino HS Wildcat Car Show.** 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (760) 805-2277.
- May 16 **Operation Appreciation.** Civic Center Plaza.
- May 27 **Law Enforcement/Special Olympics Torch Run.** 9:00-9:45 a.m. (619) 283-6197.
- Jun 6 **US Elite Taekwondo Championship.** Beach Community Center. (760) 712-6154.
- Jun 6 **VANC Car Show.** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 1617 Mission. (760) 722-1277.
- Jun 11 **San Diego EDC Annual Dinner.** 4:30-8:30 p.m. Petco Park. [Info](#)
- Jun 13 **Pride by the Beach.** 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Pier View Way/Civic Center Plaza. (760) 994-1960.
- Jun 19 **Concert in the Park.** 5:00-8:00 p.m. Rancho Del Oro Park. (760) 435-5041.
- Jun 13-20 **Race Across America.** Pier/Strand area. (720) 381-6053.
- Jun 26 **North County Economic Summit.** 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. CSUSM. [Info](#)
- Jul 8 **Heroes of Oceanside and Camp Pendleton Dinner.** 6:00-8:30 p.m. VANC. 1617 Mission Avenue. (760) 722-1534 ext. 104.
- Jul 17 **Concert in the Park.** 5:00-8:00 p.m. Rancho Del Oro Park. (760) 435-5041.