

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

April 6, 2020

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Meal Distribution - As part of the COVID-19 Care and Shelter response, Parks and Recreation staff, in conjunction with the North County Food Bank, identified Oceanside residents in need of supplemental nutrition in the form of prepared meals. Through Council action on March 25, over 1,500 meals will be prepared by Oceanside restaurants each week and distributed through partnerships with local non-profits.

Helping older residents - With the Senior Centers closed, Parks and Recreation staff are regularly checking on residents who frequently visit the centers. Many of these individuals have been added to the Home Delivered Meal program where they receive daily distance-appropriate contact. Additionally, staff is encouraging Oceanside residents to check in on their elderly friends and neighbors to assist them during the COVID-19 incident with essential needs such as prescriptions and groceries.

2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19 - The 2020 Census is underway, and households across America are responding every day. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations by two weeks in order to protect the health and safety of Census employees and the American public. The U.S. Census Bureau has announced a revised schedule extending the deadline of the self-response phase to August 14, however, the new schedule does not change the date that states should receive counts which is by April 1, 2021. In addition, the Census Bureau has announced that it is suspending in-person interviews for its ongoing surveys and suspended field operations for two additional weeks to now begin April 15. The bullets below summarize the adjustments to operations.

- **Self-Response Phase:** The public is strongly encouraged to respond online at <https://my2020census.gov/> or over the phone in English by dialing (844) 330-2020 or in Spanish at (844) 468-2020. Individual households will begin to receive paper forms in the mail on April 8, 2020. Census takers will drop off invitations at the front doors of 5 million households. These households can respond online even without their invitation, simply by providing their home address from March 29, 2020 through May 1, 2020.
- **Mobile Questionnaire Assistance:** Census Bureau staff will assist people with responding online at places such as grocery stores and community centers from April 13, 2020 through August 14, 2020.
- **Nonresponse Follow-up (NRFU) and NRFU Re-interview:** Census takers will interview households in person that have not responded online, by phone, or by mail from May 28, 2020 through August 14, 2020.
- **Service Based Enumeration:** Census staff are working with service providers at soup kitchens, shelters, and regularly scheduled food distributions to count the people they serve from April 29, 2020 through May 1, 2020.
- **Enumeration of Transitory Locations:** Census staff will attempt to conduct enumeration at transitory locations, which include but are not limited to campgrounds, RV parks, marinas, and hotels if they do not usually live elsewhere, people experiencing homelessness, outdoors, etc. on May 1, 2020.

WATER UTILITIES

Request for Regulatory Relief - The Watershed Protection Program sent a letter to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SD-RWQCB) last week, requesting an extension of compliance deadlines under the Regional Municipal Stormwater (MS4) NPDES Permit. The City performs inspections of businesses and industries, as well as surface water quality sampling work to comply with the Permit. Due to social distancing restrictions, the City is seeking compliance flexibility from the Regional Board in meeting these deadlines.

Earth Month Goes Digital - Starting April 1, the Green Oceanside team began hosting a virtual Earth Month to celebrate 50 years of Earth Day with online engagement, activities, and contests for the North County community to enjoy. Guests can check Earth Month links to local vendors, and can even find a full list of Oceanside businesses that are remaining open during this time. Residents who participate in the contests and activities at home can be entered to win prizes such as sustainability kits and \$50-\$150 Visa gift cards, sponsored by Waste Management, to be distributed after April 30. [Visit the virtual Earth Month webpage](#)

Food Scraps Recycling Program Rollout – Delayed - Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the rollout of the Food Scraps Recycling Program will be delayed until tentatively May 2020, or until the COVID-19 related orders are lifted. To clarify, the City and our business community remain in full compliance with all CalRecycle laws. There are no penalties or compliance issues related to the decision to delay the roll-out. The Zero Waste Assistance team is here to support our business community, and available to work with businesses to right size services for recycling and organics, and to help reduce disposal costs, either through the Utility Relief program, or through solid waste service reductions. Information can be found [here](#).

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal – Free, Easy, and Safe - The Waste Management Household Hazardous Waste Facility (2880 Industry St.) is remaining open to assist Oceanside residents with the proper disposal of household hazardous waste items. Drop off appointments are available every other Saturday and are convenient, safe, and contact free. Residents can schedule a drive-through drop-off appointment to dispose of their household hazardous waste materials by calling Waste Management's Customer Service line at (760) 439-2824. Information on how to schedule a household hazardous waste appointment and acceptable items can be found [here](#).

Used Oil Filter Exchange Event – Canceled - The Used Oil Filter Exchange Event, scheduled for April 4 at O'Reilly Auto Parts (502 Oceanside Blvd), has been canceled. Oceanside residents who are interested in future Used Oil Exchange Events may visit the events page at www.GreenOceanside.org to stay updated on future event opportunities.

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.