

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

April 30, 2020

PLANNING

Cannabis Update – The first Cannabis Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a medical cannabis non-storefront dispensary at 2935 San Luis Rey Road was heard in front of the Planning Commission on February 10, 2020 and is tentatively scheduled for the May 6 City Council Hearing. The CUP for Left Coast, a cannabis manufacturing facility, is tentatively scheduled for Planning Commission on May 18. The City is also accepting renewal applications for local licenses issued in Spring of 2019. Local licenses must be renewed on an annual basis.

The Planning Commission meeting on May 4, 2020 has been canceled.

ENGINEERING

El Corazon Aquatics Center – Instruction pool plumbing has been approved by the County Health Department and City Building Department. Backfill on this pool continues in preparation of the reinforcement steel installation. The competition pool excavation continues. Work on the east and west building foundations continues.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Census 2020 Update - At 60.2 percent of the population responding, Oceanside ranks third in the North County cities Census response rate. The Census is a simple questionnaire about everyone who was living in the home on April 1, 2020. It has never been easier to respond to the census. Residents can respond online at 2020census.gov — without ever having to leave home or meet a census taker.

Response rates:

Carlsbad	64.5%	Encinitas	60%
San Marcos	62%	Escondido	58.4%
Oceanside	60.2%	Vista	57.4%

Food and Resource Distribution Update for the week of April 19 - 25 - Oceanside Resource Centers provide bulk food boxes with the help of North County Lifeline and donations from local grocery stores and Feeding San Diego. Crown Heights served a total of 83 families and Libby Lake served a total of 29 families.

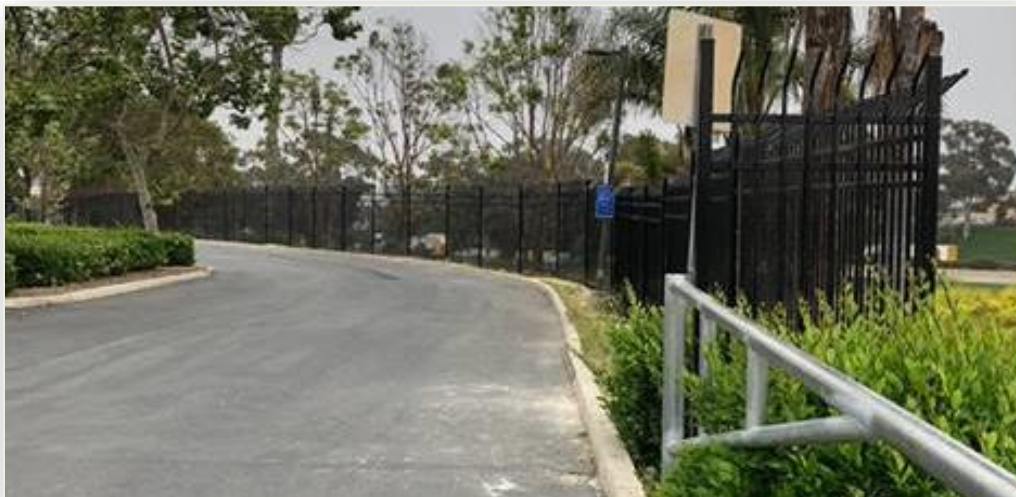
Vista Community Clinic Project REACH is distributing breakfast and lunch meals daily Monday - Friday at Chavez Resource Center; and 502 meals were provided there and 324 were provided at Libby Lake Community Center.

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Several community groups are serving Oceanside. Helping Hands Worldwide, a military organization served 172 military families; Oceanside Homeless Resource provided 700 meals to homeless; Serving Seniors served 180 seniors daily with breakfast and lunch and an additional 400 meals over the weekend; Brother Bennos provided 250 bag lunches, 40 food bags and served 275 vehicle pick-ups; the Salvation Army provided 40-50 daily meals; and Oceanside Unified School District provided 74,397 meals distributed throughout the week. The Boys & Girls Club Culinary Arts staff will begin to offer fresh-made lunches and snacks to youth under the age of 18 on Monday, May 4.

City Staff are working with the Oceanside Unified School District Nutrition Services to continue providing the Farm to Family 20 lb. USDA food boxes to families through December 2020. Starting in mid-May Parks & Recreation will be coordinating with OUSD to help manage the program. Additionally, staff are recommending partnering with a small farm cooperative to deliver more fresh produce boxes to the community. Other resources accessed through the resource centers include: 12 families applied for CalFresh/Medi-Cal; 21 families received assistance through the diaper distribution; and 42 people needed computer access for EDD, Census, and other reasons.

Country Club Senior Center Fencing - The fencing project at the Country Club Senior Center is nearing completion. The project, funded through Community Development Block Grants, encloses 75% of the parking lot. The completed fencing will enable the parking lot to be closed at the end of business operations and will not allow individuals to use the parking lot as a pass-through to the adjacent canyon, creating a safer area for seniors who primarily use the lot.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Academy Update – Fire Academy #15 began their second week on Monday. Academy 15 has been compressed to four weeks and all candidates are performing well in this shortened time frame. Upon successful completion of the classroom and drill ground activities, the probationary firefighter/paramedics will be assigned for field evaluations and probationary assignments.

WATER UTILITIES

Water Education Videos for Students - In order to continue to educate students, teachers and parents on water quality, water resources, and the water cycle, the San Diego County Water Authority developed online educational videos for children while in-person education is suspended. Oceanside staff recently distributed these videos to OUSD to assist with lesson planning and to share with families. Each week an additional “chapter” will be added to the video series. The videos can be viewed online on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...); a link to the playlist is also include features on www.sdcwa.org/education.

OUSD “What Goes Where” Video Challenge - Win up to \$600! - To celebrate the last week of Earth Month, the Green Oceanside team kicked off the “What Goes Where” Video Challenge for all Oceanside Unified District students. The team is looking for an educational video to share with students in Oceanside that teaches the community what items go in the recycling bin and what items go in the landfill bin. Check out the video requirements in our [Earth Month Week 5 update](https://www.oceansideca.org/earth-month-week-5-update). The contest ends on June 12, 2020, and submissions should be emailed to GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org.

LIBRARY

Oceanside Cultural District Freeway Signs - The Oceanside CA Cultural District (OCCD) is proud to announce the installation of four new freeway signs by CalTrans at both the north and south Mission Avenue exits along the Interstate 5 Freeway. This signage directs travelers to the state-designated Cultural District, a 3.6 square mile walkable area that celebrates the rich history, creativity and artistic endeavors that make Oceanside a unique cultural epicenter. The OCCD is spearheaded by an executive committee from the Oceanside Public Library, Oceanside Museum of Art, MainStreet Oceanside and Visit Oceanside, and is supported by a steering committee comprised of arts organizations, business owners, city staff, residents and stakeholders who work together to unite and amplify the district. The goal of the OCCD is to grow and sustain authentic arts and culture opportunities, increase the visibility of local artists, and promote socio-economic prosperity as well as reflecting our ethnic diversity throughout cultural programming and creative activities. The area, with its theaters, museums, galleries and practicing artists has been greatly impacted during COVID-19. The committee hopes that the timing of the signage will bring special attention and support to these organizations through and beyond this time.



Oceanside is one of only fourteen districts in the state to receive the prestigious designation of an inaugural ‘California Cultural District’ by the California Arts Council, following the application process led by the Oceanside Arts Commission. The District is centered in Downtown with its boundaries spanning approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile in each direction to include The Star Theatre to the North (Sportfisher Drive), Oceanside Museum of Art to the east (Nevada Street), Hill Street Country Club Gallery at LinkSoul to the south (Minnesota Avenue) and Oceanside Pier to the West. More: www.oceansideculturaldistrict.org



PUBLIC WORKS

Balderrama Park Sports Field Work - On April 27, Public Works staff started the sports field improvements as a contribution to the Balderrama Park Improvement Project. Field leveling, drainage improvements, new irrigation and sod are all part of this work. Staff anticipates the work will be completed and open for public use by June 29.

