# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE March 20, 2014

## **Planning Division**

Planning Commission meeting on 3/24/14 has been cancelled.

## **Development Services**

### **Mission Avenue Improvement Project Phase 1**

**Construction:** Work on the project continues and will remain on schedule with some additional effort as described below. Last week, on the north side of Mission Avenue between Ditmar and Coast Highway, curb and gutter placement were completed. Street light and traffic signal pole foundations were completed. This week (March 17-22) work associated with concrete sidewalk, crosswalks, and a portion of the street lights were completed. On Wednesday, March 19, there was a water line break discovered at Artist's Alley. Water was shut down to businesses at 8:00 a.m. and was restored at 12:30 p.m. the same day. Next week (March 24-28), construction fencing adjacent to the businesses will be relocated and the new sidewalk will be used for pedestrian access to the businesses. The remaining four-foot pathway will be removed and replaced. Pedestrian access to businesses will remain open at all times. In order to keep the project within schedule, Saturday work will continue to take place over the next few weeks. This is a result of our rain event on February 27 through March 2.

On March 31, 2014, the project will move the construction stage to the south side of Mission Avenue from Clementine to Ditmar (Construction Stage 3). Traffic control and barriers will be placed along the 2 block construction stage. This will close Clementine, Nevada, and Ditmar to through traffic from Seagaze Drive. West bound vehicular traffic on Mission Avenue to Coast Highway will use the newly constructed travel lane on the north side of Mission.

**Business Relations:** Main Street Oceanside, Arcadis, and City Staff conducted business meetings on Tuesday, March 11 at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. These meetings were to inform businesses of the scheduled construction stage move and collect input.

## **Neighborhood Services**

**MLK Skatepark Repairs**- On Monday, March 24, CA Skateparks will replace the concrete coping and repair steel coping and concrete surfaces at MLK Skatepark. Chain-link construction fencing will be installed temporarily to secure the site. The work is scheduled to take 5 days. Parks and Recreation will do a press release and will post it on Facebook.

**The Celebration of Life – Libby Lake Park BBQ** was a great success. It was amazing to see the families come together and demonstrate positive attitudes and forward movement in building a foundation for the Libby Lake Neighborhood. There were several partners in bringing this together: Save Our Streets, Victory Outreach, Vista Community Clinic, KIIS FM, MiraCosta College and Oceanside Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Team. Youth and families



enjoyed the food, music, games and K-9 demonstration. Residents seemed excited that the teens were being so active and involved in the safety of their neighborhood. Many people indicated their support of the City and Police Department's efforts to improve the conditions and safety of the park. But it has been the youth, VCC staff, residents and the faith-based groups that are in the neighborhood every day and weekend that have done a tremendous job of making Libby Lake neighborhood and park safe and

moving forward. Thank you to all that were part of the Celebration of Life BBQ event.

Libby Lake Community Resource Fair - Save the Date: May 17, 2014

## **Library**

**The World Music Concert Series** continues with a performance by the Irish band, FullSet on Thursday, March 27 at 12:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Library Community Rooms. All accomplished young musicians, FullSet create a stunning and unique sound that is full of energy and innovation, while remaining true to their traditional Irish roots. In recent years, this young group has received much critical acclaim and is quickly becoming one of the most well-known bands in the Irish music scene today.

## **Water Utilities**

**Drought Conditions:** In January, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in California due to current drought conditions. While different parts of the state are being affected in different ways, San Diego County (including Oceanside) currently remains at a level 1 drought watch. We are asking residents and businesses to remain diligent in their water use and to continue using water wisely and efficiently. For more information about how residents and businesses can save water, please visit <a href="www.savewateroceanside.com">www.savewateroceanside.com</a>. In addition, over the next few months, Water Utilities will be offering a series of free events and workshops that are designed to give Oceanside residents specific tools to reduce water waste and increase water use efficiency.

**California Friendly Landscape Workshop:** Join us for a free Landscape Workshop on Saturday, March 29. Attendees will learn 6 ways to become more water-wise gardeners. Topics will cover "Right Plant, Right Place," "Using Rainwater as a Resource," and "Managing Irrigation." The workshop will be held in the Civic Center Community Room from 9:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m. March 29. Seating is limited. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 760-435-5857 or visit the website at www.greenoceanside.org.

**California Friendly Landscape Contest**: Oceanside residents who have front-yard landscaping that is "California friendly" are encouraged to enter our contest. The contest requires participants to submit 4 - 5 photos of their front-yard landscaping and provide waterwise tips to be shared with fellow residents to the Water Utilities counter at City Hall. Top prize is \$250 and the deadline is Monday, April 7th, 2014.

Residential Surveys and Smart Landscape Evaluations: Both the Smart Landscape Evaluation and the Residential Survey are free to Oceanside customers, and are designed to assist residential, multi-family, and business customers with identifying inefficiencies in water use, and to provide water saving opportunities. Single-family participants can expect to have technicians review indoor fixtures and evaluate the performance of their landscape irrigation system. Upon conclusion of the visit, participants will receive a list of recommendations and a proposed watering schedule. Multi-family and business customers are eligible for an outdoor audit and will receive a report outlining site specific irrigation, maintenance recommendations, and suggestions for plant alternatives designed to reduce water waste and increase water efficiency. For more information or to enroll for this free service, call 866-883-1332.

### **Community Events:**

<u>Mar 20</u> **333's Music at the Museum.** OMA. Sue Palmer Quartet. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (760) 435-3720.

<u>Mar 22-23</u> **NSSA Explorer #9 and College #4 Surfing Contest**. 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. South Jetty. (714) 378-0899.

Mar 29 **Ironman 70.3** Oceanside Harbor and Pier. (858) 866-0959.

<u>Apr 4-5</u> **Ragnar Evening Relay So Cal 2014.** Junior Seau Pier Amphitheater. 10:30 p.m. – 10:00 a.m. (801) 499-5024.

<u>Apr 5-7</u> **Scholastic Surf Series.** 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. High School State Championship. (760) 439-0863.

<u>Apr 6</u> **Oceanside Yacht Club Opening Day**. 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Oceanside Harbor. (760) 722-5751.