

## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

March 27, 2014

### Planning Division

No update.

### Development Services

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

**Construction:** The current construction phase is delayed due to the rain. This week (March 24-28), on the north side of Mission Avenue between Ditmar and Coast Highway, sidewalk and sections of the crosswalk were completed for the 2 blocks. The installation of street light poles and traffic signal poles at Ditmar/Mission and Coast/Mission were completed. Next week (March 31-April 4), 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. Asphalt paving will take place on April 1.

- On April 2, the project will move to the south side of Mission Avenue from Clementine to Ditmar (Construction Stage 3). A combination of traffic control and barriers will be placed from Clementine to Coast Highway. This will close Clementine, Nevada, Ditmar, and Freeman to through traffic from Seagaze Drive. The Freeman closure is due to elevation differences between the new roadway and the old road way. The old road surface is approximately 12" higher than the new road surface. This difference prevents a safe transition for vehicles.
- On April 2, west bound vehicular traffic on Mission Avenue to Coast Highway will use the newly constructed travel lane on the north side of Mission. Access will be restored to through traffic on Clementine, Nevada, Ditmar and Freeman from Pier View.

The contractor is committed to recovering the delay and anticipates being able to remain on schedule with some additional effort. In order to keep the project within schedule, Saturday work will continue to take place over the next few weeks.

**Business Relations:** A brief project update is scheduled for Main Street Oceanside meeting on April 1, at 8:30 a.m. City Staff and Arcadis will provide an update and be available for project related questions. In addition, flyers will be distributed to businesses announcing the changing dates.

### Neighborhood Services

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

## 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 [www.savewateroceanside.com](http://www.savewateroceanside.com). 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](http://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 water-wise 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:

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

Apr 1 **First Tuesday Art + Community Series.** OMA 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 760-435-3721.

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

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