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# NEWPORT BEACH

Public Works Department Monthly Activities Report

To: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

From: Public Works Department

John Salazar, Acting Deputy Public Works Director



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## Beach Operations Winter Schedule Begins



Beginning September 22, 2025 the city's beach maintenance operations transitioned to its "winter schedule." Staff will start work at 6:30 am, focusing on preparations for various inclement weather systems and planning for next summer. This includes fortifying the berm at the Balboa Pier for high tide/high surf events, placing wind fencing at the street ends of the Balboa boardwalk to guard against high wind, painting volleyball court poles, refurbishing fire rings, and placing the "log boom" at the Aquatic Center to help mitigate storm debris in the bay. Beach cleaner operations will run on Mondays and Fridays, excluding storm events, when heavier debris washes up on shore. Public Works staff will focus on these areas and be ready to adjust to the conditions extreme weather could bring in the coming months.

## Sunset Ridge Park Volunteer Planting

On Saturday, September 6, Wildlife Jewels—a Newport Beach-based nonprofit—hosted its National Hummingbird Day event at Sunset Ridge Park. Approximately 20 volunteers installed 132 native pollinator plants, improving habitat for hummingbirds, monarch butterflies and other pollinators. The program showcased educational works of art and posters spotlighting stories of locally rescued pollinators and sharing information about hummingbirds, monarchs, native plants, and simple, science-informed actions

residents can take. With plant support from the City of Newport Beach and contributions from Roger's Gardens and Sprinkles, the community came together to beautify the park and support hummingbirds, monarchs and other pollinators.







## Castaways Park - Maintenance of Fence Rails and Posts

One of the ongoing projects the Public Works Department tackles each month is the repair and replacement of the wood fence rails and deteriorated posts along the blufftop trail at Castaways Park. Constant sun, the marine environment, and occasionally, termites cause damage that requires the maintenance team to remove the broken and rotted rails. If necessary, new fence posts are replaced and installed with concrete footings. The new wood is then painted. This regular maintenance keeps the public safe while enjoying the picturesque views from the park's well-traveled trail.



## Trees Maintenance

During August 2025, Great Scott Tree Service (GSTS) trimmed Coral trees City-wide. Also, palm trees were trimmed citywide, except for the Peninsula, which is set to be pruned after Labor Day. During the same period, GSTS trimmed all the trees in Grid 9 (Cameo Highlands), Grid 10 (Cameo Shores) and Grid 11 (Shore Cliffs) and responded to 12 tree-related emergencies and completed seven service requests.

<b>Month of:</b>	<b># of Trees Trimmed:</b>	<b># of Trees Removed:</b>	<b># of Trees Removed Because a Problem Tree:</b>	<b># of Trees Planted:</b>
August	1,694	44	2	32

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