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NEWPORT BEACH

Municipal Operations Department Monthly Activities Report

To: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

From: Municipal Operations Department

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Compost and Mulch Program Update

The program is doing well. The 40-pallet inventory is delivered every two weeks and is depleted within the first four days. From mid-November 2025 to February 16, 2026, there have been three bagged compost deliveries (120 pallets) equating to about 49 tons, and four bagged mulch deliveries weighing approximately 28.5 tons (month of January).

In 2025, we distributed close to 150 tons of compost and 465 tons of mulch across the public spaces program, special event distributions, and through operational use.

On July 1, our bulk mulch and bagged compost/mulch supply may be altered due to a new waste disposal agreement with the County of Orange.



Planter Renovation

Parks Division staff are regularly reviewing the condition of City landscapes. Recently staff coordinated with its contractor to renovate the island planter located at Clubhouse and Finley Avenues. This planter bed previously held some out-dated and woody Bougainvillea. This area is now a beautiful gem that

includes California-friendly plant material and a dragon tree that was transplanted from the soon-to-be-reconstructed Balboa Library and Fire Station site. If you're in the area please stop by and check out our latest improvement.

Before



After



On-Going Park Renovations - Bonita Canyon Sports Park Tree Grates



During the passage of time trees can outgrow the infrastructure that they were originally planted in. Thankfully, many tree grate manufacturers design their tree grates to be easily modified to accommodate the growing diameter of trees in the landscape.

African Sumac trees are a very vigorous tree species, and a number of these trees at Bonita Canyon Sports Park, near the playground, were discovered to have outgrown the original tree grate openings.

With our talented City staff, we were able to pull the impacted grates, deliver them to the Corporation Yard, where Fleet Maintenance staff cut out the innermost ring of the tree grates to enlarge the openings and refurbish the grates. After a quick touch up, the tree grates were reinstalled, improving the safety of

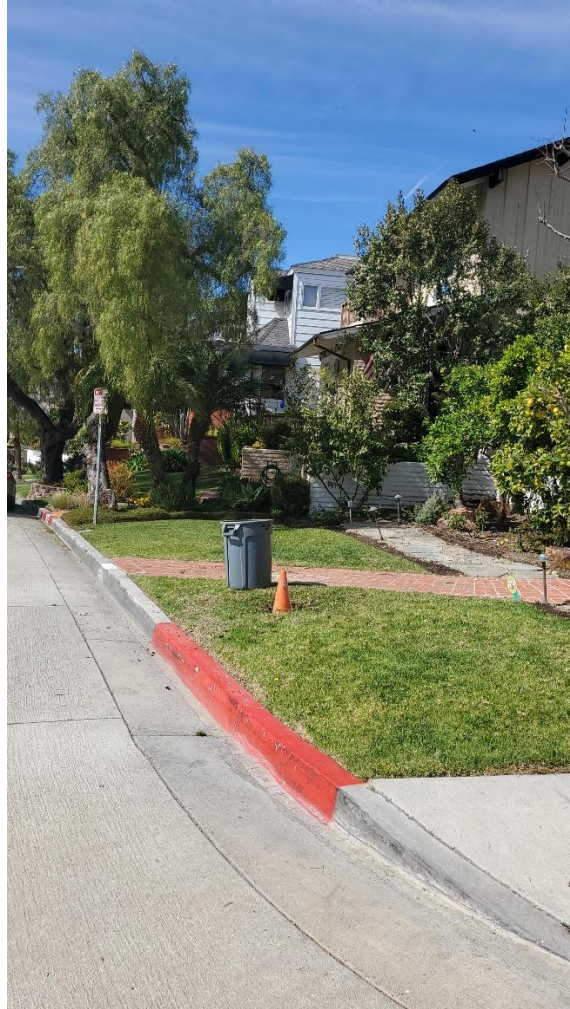
patrons of the park and protecting the trees themselves. Additional tree grates are being refurbished and are expected to be completed in the coming months.

Special Tree Removals on Waterfront

On February 17, 2026, a Municipal Operations contractor conducted emergency removal of Special City California Pepper (*Schinus molle*) tree located at 2208 Waterfront Drive. The tree split at the base during an inclement weather event. A letter was sent to the property owner to allow them to select the tree replacement species.



On March 3, 2026, Municipal Operations Department received a report of an illicit removal of a Special City California Pepper (*Schinus molle*) located at 2220 Waterfront Drive. A field inspection confirmed the illicit removal upon the admission of the property owner. At the property owner's expense, the City agreed to replace the Special California Pepper with a 36-inch box tree of the same species in the same location



Trees Maintenance

During the month of February, Great Scott Tree Service (GSTS) trimmed trees in Grid 17 (Balboa Peninsula), Grid 12 (CDM), and Grid 13 (Irvine Terrace) responded to 8 tree-related emergencies, of which several occurred during one inclement weather event, plus completed 7 service requests.

Month of:	# of Trees Trimmed:	# of Trees Removed:	# of Trees Removed Because a Problem Tree:	# of Trees Planted:
February	1,583	53	0	34

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