



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Council Chambers - 100 Civic Center Drive

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Members:

**Keira Kirby, Chair
Anne Yelsey, Vice Chair
Hassan Archer, Commissioner
Diane Daruty, Commissioner
Kate Malouf, Commissioner
Travis Piridy, Commissioner
Amy Waunch, Commissioner**

Staff Members:

**Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Justin Schmillen, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director
Michael Sledd, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
John Nelson, City Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist**

The Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Commission and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission. The Chair may limit public Comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

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As a member of the public, if you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

1. You can submit your comments and questions in writing for Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission consideration by sending them to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission at PBRcommission@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Monday, June 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

2. In person in the Council Chambers; 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Please know that it is important to allow public participation at this meeting. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the information will be posted to the City's website.

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Recreation Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City provides a yellow sign-in card to assist in the preparation of the minutes. The completion of the card is not required in order to address the PB&R Commission. If the optional sign-in card has been completed, it should be placed in the box provided at the podium. The PB&R Commission of Newport Beach welcomes and encourages community participation.

Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes per person to allow everyone to speak. Written comments are encouraged as well. The Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the time limit on agenda or non-agenda items. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

This is the time in which PB&R Commissioners may pull items from the CONSENT CALENDAR for discussion (Items V-A thru V-C). Public comments are also invited on Consent Calendar items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, please state your name for the record. If any item is removed from the Consent Calendar by a PB&R Commissioner, members of the public are invited to speak on each item for up to three (3) minutes per item.

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Commissioners have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending an action. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the PB&R Commission votes on the motion unless a Commissioner requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Meeting of May 6, 2025

Waive reading of subject minutes, approved and order filed.

[05-06-2025 DRAFT PBR Minutes](#)

B. PW Activity Report

Receive/File Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

[PW Activity Report](#)

C. RSS Activity Report

Receive/File Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

[RSS Activity Report](#)

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Big Canyon Eagle Scout Project

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and approve Kevin Lew's Eagle Scout project planned for Big Canyon Park/Preserve. The project includes interpretive panels, interactive trail markers and a wood bench. Exact details and locations of amenities will be determined with direction and guidance from City staff and the Newport Bay Conservancy. The proposed donation (project) complies with City Council Policy B-17 - *Parks, Facilities and Recreation Program Donations*.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Presentation](#)

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.**

I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Keira Kirby, Chair
Anne Yelsey, Vice Chair
Hassan Archer, Commissioner
Diane Daruty, Commissioner
Amy Waunch, Commissioner

Present: Kate Malouf, Commissioner
Travis Pirdy, Commissioner

Staff: Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Justin Schmillen, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director
Michael Sledd, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
Greg Haynes, Public Works Supervisor
John Nelson, City Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation to Community Service Award Recipients Fostering interest in Nature (FiiN) Partners: Newport Bay Conservancy and Newport Dunes

Recognizing Newport Bay Conservancy and Newport Dunes, in their instrumental partnership and roles in assisting the City of Newport Beach administer FiiN, an overnight environmental science camp, that serves over 500 Title I fifth grade students annually. Since 2019, Newport Bay Conservancy serves as the camp's operator, teaching specialized curriculum, leading outdoor activities and providing care and supervision for students. The Newport Dunes offers FiiN a basecamp, restrooms, showers and educational space on their grounds at no charge and provides low-cost meals to the program to keep campers well-fed.

Chair Kirby reported Fostering interest in Nature (FiiN) is receiving a Community Service Award along with its two major partners, the Newport Bay Conservancy (NBC) and the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Sean Levin reported FiiN is one of the most impactful projects out of hundreds his department services. He lauded the work of the Newport Dunes and NBC, adding they deserve this recognition.

Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director Justin Schmillen reported FiiN is a free three-day two-night outdoor educational program running for eight weeks in the fall and offered to Title I fifth grade students. He added over 1,600 students have enjoyed the program over the last seven years.

Mr. Schmillen reported in 2015 the California Coastal Commission (CCC) approved the use of In-Lieu Development Fees from the Lido House Hotel Project for low-cost environmental education opportunities. The City's vision was for an overnight camping experience including educational programs with NBC and the Newport Dunes helping bring the vision to reality in 2019, providing new life experiences to the Title 1 fifth graders along with the educational opportunities. He lauded how NBC and the Newport Dunes regularly go above and beyond to make the program successful. He added there are five years remaining on the City's current funding for the program with a goal of reaching 5,000 children by 2030.

NBC Operations Manager Heather Cieslak thanked the Commission for the recognition and the City's support for the program.

NBC Board Member Mario Cuevas, also a fifth-grade teacher with the Santa Ana Unified School District, thanked the City for its commitment and investment in children. He added the program is a unique opportunity to make lifetime memories along with an impactful learning experience. He thanked the Newport Dunes for its professionalism and welcoming attitude. He thanked the professionals who instruct the children and help improve their lives through education.

Newport Dunes Owner Michael Gelfand reported the resort is involved with the program for community involvement and civic pride. He lauded the impact the program has on the children who may live close by but have never seen things like the ocean, a tide pool, or a wetland. He added the Newport Dunes is thrilled to be a part of the program and added it is a spectacular way to utilize the Lido House's In-Lieu Fees.

Newport Dunes General Manager Phil Ravenna thanked the City and NBC for a wonderful partnership through FiiN. He added the Newport Dunes looks forward to providing this wonderful adventure to children annually.

Chair Kirby reported seeing the program in action and commended the quality of the Field Book provided to students. She lauded the program and expressed gratitude that Newport Beach can offer a program such as this.

Vice Chair Yelsey added she has also visited the program and was highly impressed by the experience provided for the children.

Commissioner Daruty lauded the successful partnership behind the program. She added FiiN's growth has been incredible and her admiration for the work of NBC led her to join NBC's Board.

IV. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Meeting of April 1, 2025

Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

B. PW Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

C. RSS Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

Motion by Chair Kirby, seconded by Commissioner Daruty, to approve Item VI. A-C CONSENT CALENDAR.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Parks and Trees Operations Presentation

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Kevin Pekar presented a map of the City's 67 parks and an organizational chart of Newport Beach's 10-member Parks and Trees staff along with their areas of responsibility. He summarized the areas his department is responsible for, including 283 total sites covering 751 acres and requiring over \$6 million in annual maintenance costs. He reported on the regular staffing levels for everything from trash collection to roadside crews to pest control.

Mr. Pekar reported his department collects over 1,000 tons of trash weekly. He added in Fiscal year 2023/24 the department planted over 30,000 plants and trimmed over 22,000 trees. He added the departmental goal is to plant as many trees as it removes, and they are at pace to accomplish this in FY 24/25 after removing 444 trees but only planting 358 in FY 23/24. He added all green waste generated is recycled, amounting to over 4,500 cubic yards of material in FY 23/24.

Public Works Supervisor Greg Haynes reported the City has contracted groups for park maintenance along with roadside maintenance which combine to mow 70 acres of grass weekly. He added the department is also responsible for 517 acres of landscape detailing such as planters that need to be pruned, requiring 55 workers.

Mr. Haynes reported on sports field renovation efforts seeing particularly rapid results from sodding. He reported on continual efforts to maintain the Newport Beach Civic Center and Park as civic jewels, including recent hydroseeding work, the replacement of palm trees in the dog park, and quarterly hedge trimming around the parking structure.

Mr. Haynes reported on work maintaining medians and roadsides, noting the emphasis on safety through lane closures, traffic cones, and signage. He lauded the new landscaping work around the topiary dolphins in Corona Del Mar, adding new lights on the dolphins are programmable to change colors for a variety of events. He reported on how the City used drought-tolerant material to beautify the MacArthur Slope.

Mr. Haynes reported on how City staff urgently responds to traffic accidents by mitigating issues on medians and roadsides such as damage to signage and plants. He reported on fire management efforts and clearing as much space as possible along with creating defensible spaces. He noted the landscaping around Fire Station No. 8 was renovated to help set a community example to follow for safety and defensible space.

Mr. Haynes reported on a recently completed project at the Goldenrod Footbridge including new landscaping work and irrigation, how City staff responds to slope failures to clear debris and assist with stabilization, and how staff must clean up homeless encampments after clearing efforts from the Newport Beach Police Department. He reported on a recent drainage project at Sunset Ridge Park along with the installation of donated benches, water fountains, trees, and other civic amenities. He reported on regular restoration efforts for City plaques, highlighting recent work at McFadden Wharf. He noted the City regularly changes color schemes in certain focal areas several times annually to highlight seasons and events such as Independence Day and Christmas.

Mr. Haynes reported the City uses a Rain Master Evolution DX2 irrigation system which is radio based and depends upon older technology. He added the City is in Phase 2 of replacing all 289 controllers to upgrade them to the Cloud-based Rain Master DXi system for better communication. He added the system operates automatically based upon daily weather conditions and noted the 289 controllers being upgraded control about 6,000 valves and 120,000 heads.

Mr. Haynes reported on the progress on park sign renovations following the City's pilot program to move away from wood. He added he has received mostly positive

feedback to the new sign design. He reported on the City's power washing activities, renovations to public park barbecue grills, and wall replacements.

City Arborist John Nelson reported the City has over 35,000 trees in public spaces covering over 300 species with the overall inventory valued at \$70 million. He noted Newport Beach also has over 100,000 privately-owned trees. He reported on the City's two-year pruning cycle over its 22 grids but noted 22,500 of the 35,000 trees are pruned annually. He added the City's pruning follows standards methodology approved by the International Society of Arboriculture and detailed different types of pruning provided by the City.

Mr. Nelson reported on how the City responds to tree-related emergency calls around storms, traffic accidents, and when a tree is found to have reached the point of imminent failure upon inspection. He added staff also regularly performs functions such as tree removal, stump grinding, and root pruning, along with regularly updating the City's tree database. He added the City regularly conducts tree risk assessments and health inspections along with pest and disease management.

Mr. Nelson reported on Integrated Pest Management efforts in assessing when a pest becomes problematic. He added the core principle is to perform minimal actions to solve an issue by creating conditions unfavorable to the pest. He added some non-chemical control methods include the use of beneficial insects, pruning pests off the tree, and strengthening the tree to reduce stress. He added chemicals are only used as a last resort to save the tree.

Mr. Nelson stated his primary goal is to plant the right tree in the right place. He noted how residents can choose from the City's Parkway Tree Designation List, adding some neighborhoods have their own lists based upon the involvement of Homeowners Associations. He added the City aims to renew its urban forest, often involving civic engagement efforts, planting an average of 400 trees a year, usually in a 36-inch box.

Mr. Nelson reported Arbor Day is always a big day for Newport Beach, lauding its 35-year designation by the Arbor Day Foundation as a nationally recognized Tree City USA and 22 years of receiving that organization's Growth Award.

In response to Chair Kirby's inquiry, Mr. Nelson confirmed the City monitors for eucalyptus tortoise beetles. He added they were a high concern about 10-15 years ago, but the local population has dwindled significantly. He stated they continue to monitor the City's trees for eucalyptus tortoise beetles and do occasionally find issues with them. Mr. Pekar added the City had a lot of problems last year with a new variety of paropsis tortoise beetle, particularly in an area along Santa Ana Ave. where soil injections were performed. He added Second Ave. in Corona Del Mar also had similar soil injections and reported staff hopes there will not be a recurrence this year. Mr. Nelson noted the new paropsis tortoise beetles were first detected in Los Angeles County in October 2023 and caught Newport Beach off guard in the summer of 2024. He added treatments are now proactive as opposed to reactionary.

Vice Chair Yelsey reported attending an environmental waste event and commended how efficiently it ran.

In response to Vice Chair Yelsey's inquiries, Mr. Haynes reported the fence along Seadrift Drive at Irvine Terrace Park could be replaced with either the existing fencing style or a Trex composite fencing material. He added the new wall's material along this stretch is yet to be determined. He added they can do something more rigid than what exists now. He clarified the Irvine Terrace Park bathroom project is a renovation. He added the bathroom work is through Public Works' Facility Department and not his area of focus. He stated the project is almost completed, reporting he was just contacted about moving trash cans for a concrete pad pouring.

Vice Chair Yelsey thanked staff for a detailed presentation and reminder of all the great things the City accomplishes.

Mr. Pekar credited coordination between City departments for their overall success as the Parks and Trees Section is just a small part of Municipal Operations. He reported the annual Touch a Truck event will be held on May 17th.

Commissioner Daruty stated the presentation was impressive. She commended the attention to detail and professionalism of City staff, giving her pride in being a Newport Beach citizen.

Commissioner Archer commended how well the staff tends to the City's urban forest through its detailed work.

Chair Kirby received and filed the report.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Levin invited those in attendance to attend a public meeting to discuss plans for the Bonita Creek Park playground on May 15th. He added there will be a community resource fair on May 17th at the Older Adult Social and Information Services (OASIS) Senior Center, adding the 80-vendor exposition is not aimed exclusively to senior citizens with information beneficial to residents of all ages.

Deputy Public Works Director Michael Sledd echoed Mr. Pekar's comments and encouraged attendance at the Touch a Truck even on May 17th.

Mr. Pekar reported the City's April 25th Arbor Day event at Mariners Elementary School was successful. He added Mayor Joe Stapleton and Council Member Erik Weigand were among the attendees. He noted Vice Chair Yelsey had a role in the event. He displayed artwork by the third graders and reported five trees were planted between the library and baseball field. He added students were presented with oak tree seedlings.

Chair Kirby lamented missing the Arbor Day event but commended the large crowd at the grand opening of the accessible playground at San Miguel Park.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 6:11 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

Approved by: _____
Keira Kirby, Chair



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NEWPORT BEACH

Public Works Department Monthly Activities Report

To: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
From: Public Works Department
Michael Sledd, Deputy Public Works Director



Celebrating Arbor Day & 35 Years as a Tree City USA Community

On Friday, April 25, staff hosted an event at Mariners Park celebrating Arbor Day and 35 consecutive years of recognition as a "Tree City USA" community. In attendance were Mayor Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Erik Weigand, Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Vice Chair Anne Yelsey, Mariners Elementary School Principal Antoinette Coe, and the 3rd grade students, parents and teachers. After a proclamation by Mayor Stapleton, and a discussion of the benefits of trees, the students presented their Arbor Day-related artwork and poetry. Finally, the attendees helped plant five new trees at the park.

To earn Tree City USA recognition, cities must have a qualifying tree board or department, a public tree care ordinance, a community forestry program budget, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The City also earned its 22nd Growth Award by demonstrating higher levels of tree care and community engagement during the year.





Pictured from left to right: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Vice Chair Anne Yelsey, Mayor Joe Stapleton, Mariners Elementary School student and "Principal for the Day" Hallee Miller, Mariners Elementary School Principal Antoinette Coe, and City Councilmember Erik Weigand

Marine Avenue Tree Well Pilot Project

Urban trees provide many valuable benefits, but can clash with the built environment, including damaging curbs, gutters and sidewalks. While designing proper planting sites for new trees from a clean slate is relatively easy, established trees often present more limited options, and solutions can sometimes be limited. Historically, repairing these types of issues has often involved pruning the offending roots and replacing the sidewalk, when possible, to avoid needing to remove and replace trees. While some trees may tolerate the root pruning when it is far enough away from the tree or it is a particularly vigorous species (e.g. ficus trees), the issue is more delicate when pruning closer to the tree trunk or dealing with vulnerable tree species. When specific trees have high historic value or unique character for various reasons, this issue becomes even more complex.



Enlarging tree wells allows for more growth by established trees but can also create potential tripping hazards. Filling tree wells with things such as decomposed granite or mulch can eliminate that hazard but requires constant upkeep to maintain material in the wells. Tree grates can also be used but often require additional root pruning to retrofit the grates around trees, which further impacts tree health and potentially stability, and the grates themselves often need future modification or replacement to accommodate growing trees.



Given these issues, Public Works staff recently conducted a trial installation of a permeable pebble tree well around one of the Special City Landmark eucalyptus trees located along Marine Avenue. It is expected that this solution will solve several issues in that 1) no root pruning is necessary, 2) the pebble fill material with its binder is firm enough to support foot traffic and provides a trip-hazard-free surface, 3) the material is permeable so that rain and surface water can infiltrate into the tree's critical feeder root zone, and 4) the material does not break like concrete, whereby the whole slab needs replacing. Instead, the material fractures and can be picked out and replaced in small batches, which should provide a savings on long-term labor and material costs along with reducing impacts to the tree.

After the normal backfilling, grading and forming, the installation process required first washing of over 1,500 pounds of 3/8" Yosemite River pebble so that the binder would adhere well to the rock. Dozens of pre-filled 5-gallon buckets of washed pebble were then dumped into wheelbarrows and mixed with 16-oz of *EKO FLO™ Pebble Binder*. Once the materials were evenly mixed, staff emplaced the pebble/binder blend into the forms, much the same way concrete is emplaced, and leveled and finished to the existing grade. Unlike concrete, this material requires up to 72-hours of drying time, so barricades and warning devices were critical to preventing pedestrians from entering the work site.

If this trial is successful, we expect to see greater usage of this material surrounding our valuable Landmark City trees.



Special Tree Removals

A Special Landmark Canary Island date palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) at the Balboa Branch Library succumbed to what was most likely fusarium wilt, which commonly infects these species of palms. There is no known effective treatment for this disease that is essentially 100% fatal. The tree was removed as an emergency to prevent the massive head from potentially rotting and breaking off.



A Special Dedicated deodar cedar (*Cedrus deodara*) at Mariners Park was removed after a field inspection determined the tree's root ball had been compromised and made the tree unstable. The tree was dedicated to Dr. Anthony and Madeleine DeCarbo, and it will be replaced by another deodar cedar.



Trees Maintenance

During April 2025, Great Scott Tree Service (GSTS) trimmed broadleaf, palm, ficus and eucalyptus trees in Grids 14 (Balboa Island), 18 (Newport Heights) and 3 (Buffalo Hills). During the same period, GSTS responded to four tree-related emergencies and completed 13 service requests including creating defensive space for several fire-mitigation related projects.

Month of:	# of Trees Trimmed:	# of Trees Removed:	# of Trees Removed Because a Problem Tree:	# of Trees Planted:
April	2,243	64	1	31

Prepared By:

Kevin Pekar, Superintendent
Parks and Trees Section

John Salazar, Superintendent
Streets and Beaches Section



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Recreation & Senior Services Department Monthly Activities Report

To: PB&R Commission
From: Sean Levin, RSS Director
Justin Schmillen, RSS Deputy Director



OASIS Resource Expo Recap

The OASIS Senior Center was filled with enthusiasm and a strong sense of community at the annual Resource Expo, held on Saturday, May 17. The event was a success, drawing over 400 attendees and featuring more than 75 local vendors who provided a diverse range of valuable resources, services, and information tailored to older adults and their families.

Attendees enjoyed a complimentary breakfast with Bristol Farms breakfast burritos, pastries, fresh fruit, and assorted beverages. Guests received an Italian Herb Grown Garden to take home and enjoy.

A key feature of the event was the free Balance Screening offered by Hoag Orthopedic Institute, with over 130 individuals participating in this important wellness screening aimed at promoting fall prevention. Additionally, 50 attendees participated in the MELT Hand & Foot Class Demonstration, led by OASIS instructor Niki Parker, which focused on techniques to support balance and stability.

OASIS is proud to be a hub for wellness, education, and community connection! We hope to see you next year! Learn more about OASIS programming by visiting newportbeachca.gov/oasis.



Adaptive Sailing at Marina Park

Recreation and Senior Services has launched our new adaptive sailing program designed to provide boating access for people with physical or cognitive disabilities.

The Marina Park Sailing and Boating Center has boats that can be adapted with special equipment, allowing anyone to sail. Forward-facing bucket seats provide secure support. "Joystick" steering and all controls are placed directly in front of the sailor for easy access, especially for people with limited hand control. A human lift on the dock allows easy access for a sailor wanting additional assistance with transfers to and from the sailboat.

No experience is necessary, and anyone can register for an "experiential" sail, simply going out on the water for pure enjoyment, or they can choose a lesson to learn how to sail. All participants are accompanied by an instructor, and family members are invited to ride along. A California Division of Boating and Waterways grant provided scholarship funding for the program.

The Sailing and Boating Center provides access to anyone wanting to enjoy time on our beautiful Newport Harbor. Call us at 949-270-8160 for more information.



Movie in the Park- Marina Park

Bring family, friends and neighbors out to Marina Park to enjoy the view, free popcorn, free candy, free activities, and a live screening of "Moana 2". The event begins at 7:00 p.m. around dusk. Remember to bring a chair, blanket, or towel for comfortable sitting during the movie.



San Miguel Shade Sails

The San Miguel Park Playground has completed its construction with the recent addition of vibrant shade sails. These colorful sails are designed to offer ample protection from the sun, creating comfortable shaded areas for children as they explore the play structures and for families enjoying a picnic nearby.

With its inclusive design, this universally accessible playground now offers a more enjoyable and comfortable outdoor experience for everyone—inviting both fun and relaxation in a cooler setting.



After Class Enrichment (ACE)

The City of Newport Beach Recreation Senior Services Department rounded out another successful year. After Class Enrichment (ACE) programs operated at 7 school sites throughout the City with 210 classes offered that served 2052 students. ACE programming is strategically designed to offer enriching activities immediately after school dismissal, with convenience for families being a key consideration as programs are held directly on campus or at nearby community centers.

2024-2025 ACE Enrollment	
Site	Enrolled
Eastbluff Elementary	121
Harbor View Elementary	304
Lincoln Elementary	189
Mariners Elementary	369
Newport Elementary	457
Newport Coast Elementary	506
Newport Heights	106
Total	2052

Mayor's Youth Council Applications

Applications for the 2025-2026 Mayor's Youth Council unpaid internship program will open on June 9, 2025. The Mayor's Youth Council aims to educate high school students in Newport Beach about the significance of civic duty. Participants will be paired with City staff and spend a minimum of four hours over the year learning about their mentor's job responsibilities. Additionally, participants will assist with City special events and create their own service project. Last year, the program received 51 applications and accepted 21 participants. All selected candidates must reside in Newport Beach and be high school students. Applications are due Friday, September 5, 2025.



Sharpen Your Mind: Memory Tips and Tricks

Looking to give your memory a boost? Join us on Tuesday, June 24 at 10 a.m. in Room 5 at OASIS for a fun and interactive session where you'll discover practical strategies to improve your memory and enhance your brain health. This engaging class is packed with activities to challenge your brain, spark your curiosity, and help you unlock your mental potential.

SHARPEN YOUR MIND:

MEMORY TIPS AND TRICKS

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

FREE EDUCATION CLASSES AT THE OASIS

OASIS Senior Center 801 Narcissus Ave Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

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Park Patrol

Due to the timing of the meeting, these monthly summaries will be two months behind (i.e. in June you will receive April summary). During the month of **April**, Park Patrol completed the following:

PATROL CHECKS	
Youth Sports Groups	135
Field related issues/checks	958
Park/Picnic/reservation issues/checks	17
Community Center issues/checks	250
Playground checks	523
Other	438
PUBLIC CONTACTS	
Education	89
Alcohol	32
Dog related	498
Written Warnings Issued	2 (parking violations)
Citations Issued	9 (parking violations)

Special Event Permits

As of May 15, 2025, there were 81 Special Event Permit processed and issued for the year. Those events of note for this period are:

Event Name	Location	Dates	Attendance
Oasis Sailing Opening Day	Newport Harbor	April 24, 2025	150
NB International Boat Show	Peninsula Park	May 1-4, 2025	2,500
OC Marathon	Fashion Island	May 4, 2025	15,000

Facility Use

During the period of April 16, 2025-May 15, 2025, were:

FACILITY USE (Indoor)	
Civic Center Community Room	23
Community Youth Center (CYC)	19
Junior Guard Building	4
Marina Park Event Room	19
Marina Park Classrooms	55
Newport Coast Community Center	25
Newport Coast Community Center Gym	20
OASIS Event Room	7
OASIS Classrooms	14
FACILITY USE (Outdoor)	
Marina Park Picnic/Park Area	26
Picnic/Park Area	31
Fields	19



OASIS Senior Center - April 2025

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	9,030
RECREATIONAL CLASSES (unpaid)	1,570
FITNESS CENTER	6,956
PERSONAL TRAINING SERVICES	504
TRANSPORTATION RIDES PROVIDED	949
New clients	16
MEALS PROVIDED	901
Congregate Meals	101
Meals on wheels	800
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANS	30
TOTAL RENTALS	16
Private	2
Commercial	1
Non-Profit	10
NMUSD	1
Internal	2
VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS PROVIDED @ OASIS	1,098
Congregate Meals	140
Home Delivered Meals	220
Greeters	198
Travel Office	327
Friends of OASIS Front Desk	20
General membership meeting	20
Library	153
Gift Shop	20
SOCIAL SERVICES & RESOURCES PROVIDED	1225
Counseling	170
SHARP	2
Employment	0
HICAP	12
Housing	10
Information and Referral	850
Telephone reassurance	140
Senior assessment	3
Legal assessment	8
Caregiver Referrals	30
FRIENDS OF OASIS TRIPS & PARTICIPANTS	48
Carlsbad Flower Fields	48
SPECIAL EVENTS/SCREENINGS/LECTURES PARTICIPANTS	194
Veterans Social Group	40
The Conversation Project	8
Navigating Care for Loved One 4/10	16
Music for your Mind 4/17	37
Kidney Lecture 4/17	25
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NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item: **VI-A**
June 3, 2025

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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TITLE: Big Canyon Eagle Scout Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and approve Kevin Lew's Eagle Scout project planned for Big Canyon Park/Preserve. The project includes interpretive panels, interactive trail markers and a wood bench. Exact details and locations of amenities will be determined with direction and guidance from City staff and the Newport Bay Conservancy. The proposed donation (project) complies with City Council Policy B-17 - *Parks, Facilities and Recreation Program Donations*.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends the PB&R Commission review and approve Kevin Lew's Eagle Scout project planned for Big Canyon Park/Preserve (Attachment A). The project will consist of interpretive panels, interactive trail markers and a wood bench. Exact details and locations of the amenities will be determined with direction and guidance from City staff and Newport Bay Conservancy representatives. Mr. Lew plans on starting his project during the summer of 2025 while on break from school.

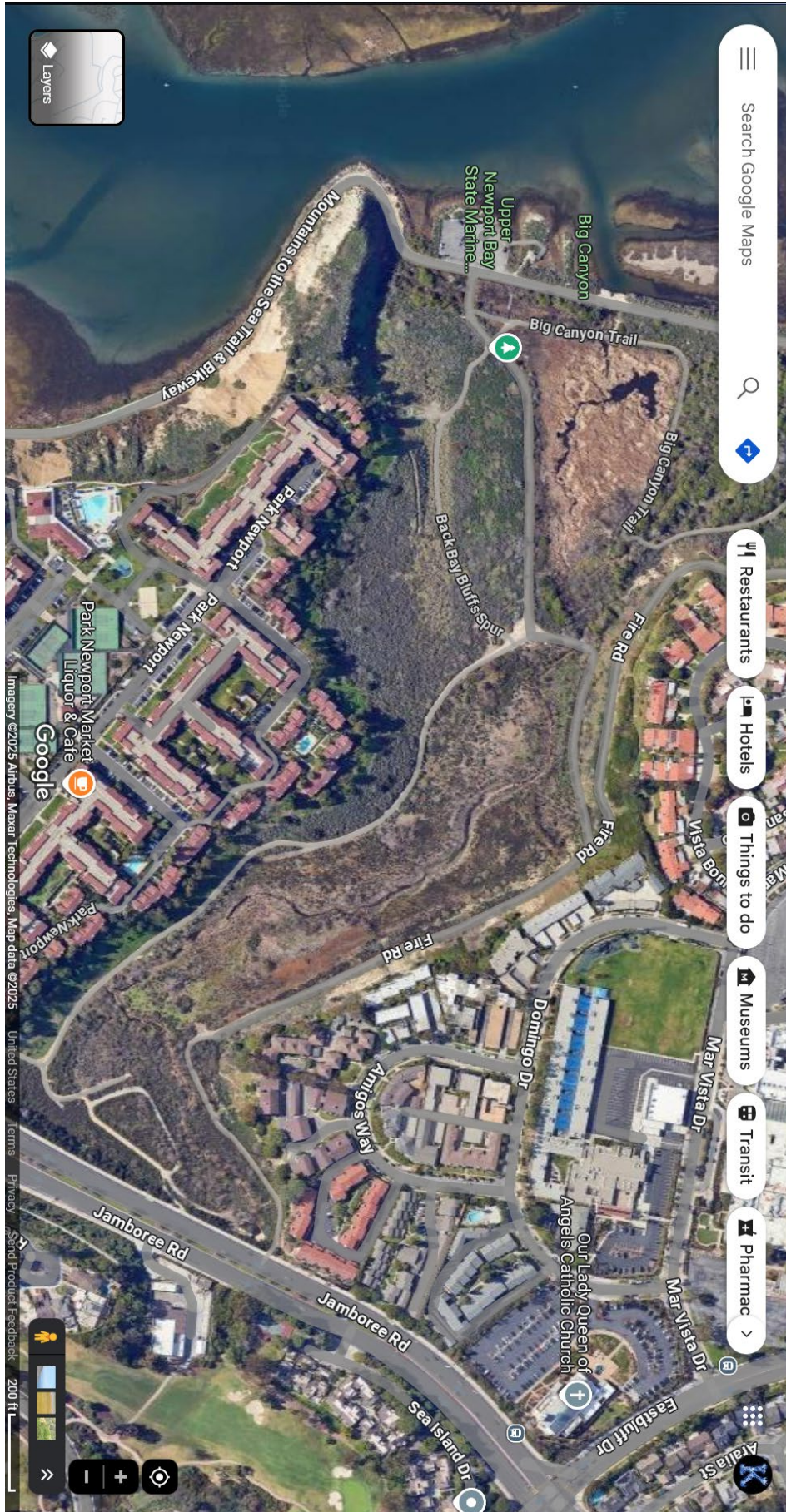
The proposed project complies with City Council Policy B-17, which establishes criteria for parks, facilities, and recreation program donations within the City of Newport Beach. The policy is structured to establish a fair, uniform procedure for making gifts to the City and to streamline the donation process for staff and donors.

NOTICING:

Kevin Lew and Councilmember Robyn Grant have received a copy of this report. There are no residents within 300 feet of the proposed bench location, so no notifications are warranted. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the PB&R Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Location map of the proposed project



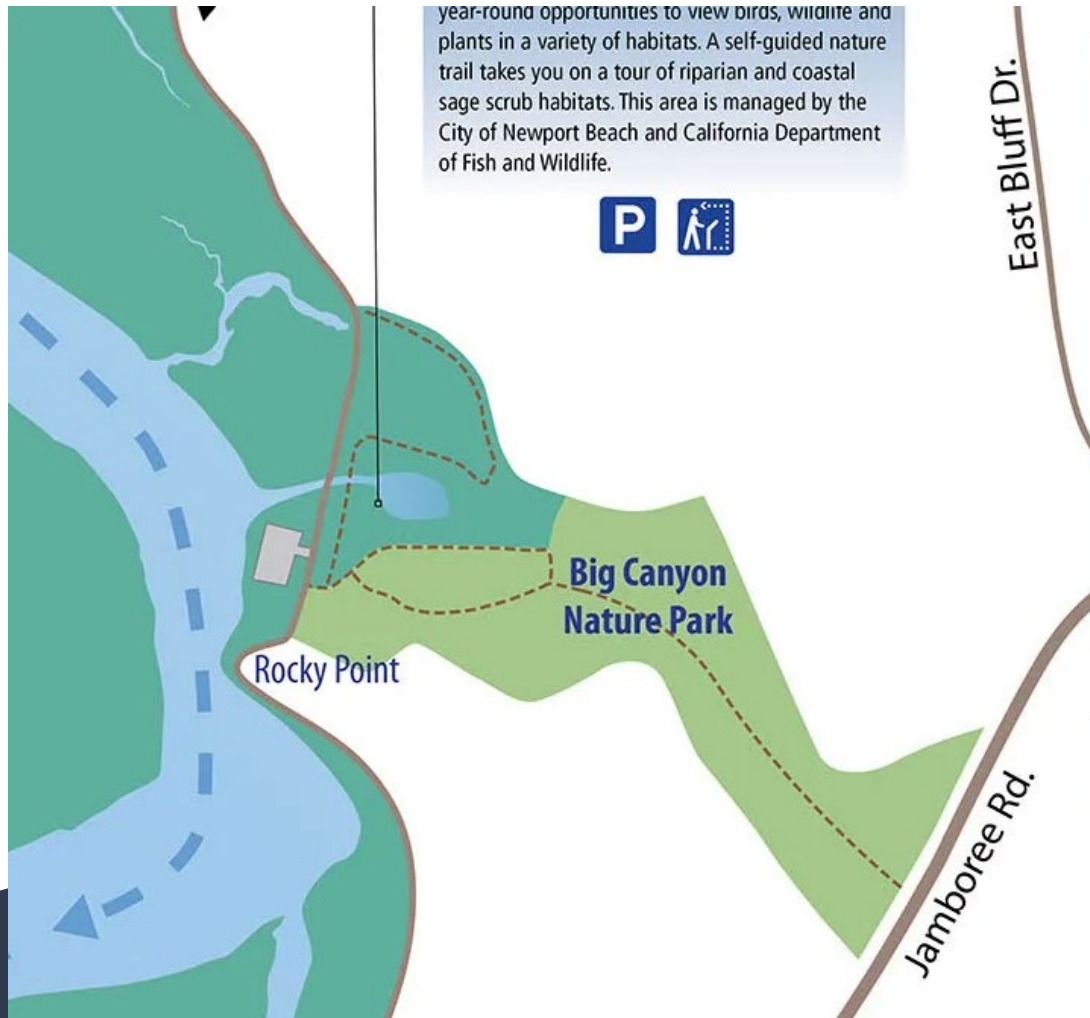
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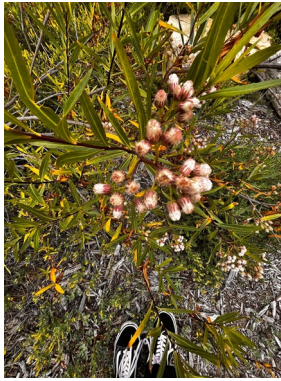
Big Canyon Eagle Scout Project

Kevin Lew

year-round opportunities to view birds, wildlife and plants in a variety of habitats. A self-guided nature trail takes you on a tour of riparian and coastal sage scrub habitats. This area is managed by the City of Newport Beach and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Where is Big Canyon?



What does this place look like?



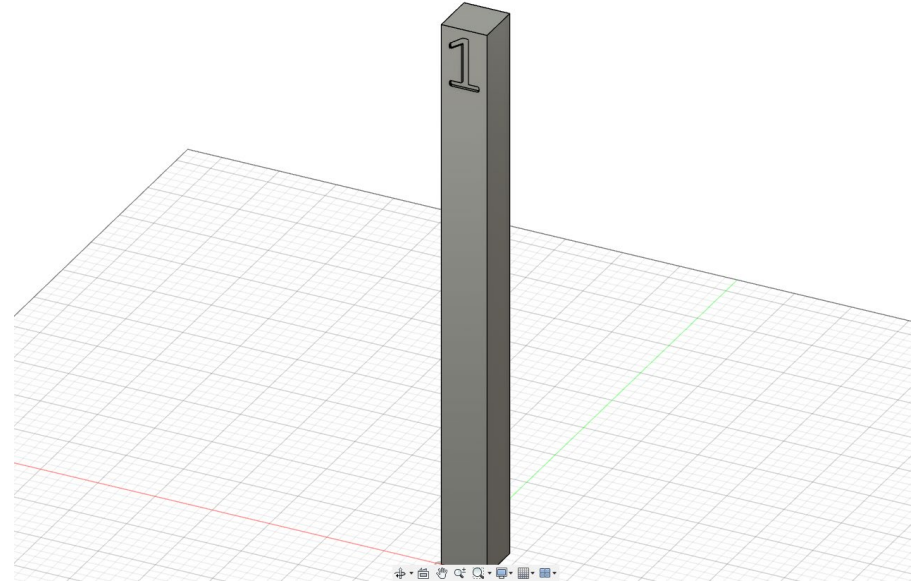
Refurbishing 2 trail signs:

- Sanding
- Staining

Creating and Installing a Map
Panel ~83.5 cm x 83.5 cm



Reference image of product of 4x4 trail markers



- number chiseled
- numbers correspond to interactive online map

8-12 in. will be underground

Total of 10 throughout trail

Technical drawings of a wooden bench and chair. The bench drawing on the left shows a side view with dimensions: 4' 4" for the backrest width, 4' for the backrest height, 4' for the seat width, and 4' 3" for the overall width. The chair drawing on the right shows a side view with dimensions: 2' 11 11/16" for the overall height, 6" for the seat height, 1' 6" for the seat depth, and 2' 1 5/16" for the overall width. Both drawings include the Construct101 logo and website address.





Where will everything go?

- ▲ Doggy Bags
- Trail marker
- Bench
- Trailhead Panel

Why does this matter?

- Educate community
- Promote the outdoors and the environment
- Encourage people to use this trail
- Park hard to find on map, will fix and advertise
- Bench provides place to reflect and relax

Project Plan

1	Fill out Project Plan	Before June 1st, 2025
2	Fundraise (may or may not need)	N/A
3	Design map and panel	Contact when PB&R approves
4	Buy Materials (possibly precut same day)	Before June 20th, 2025
5	Research Day	Summer
6	Workshop Build Days (2-3)	Summer
7	On-Site Build Days (2-3) (insert products to park)	Between Sept - Jan
8	Report	Before March 2026

Safety

- All participants will be required to wear PPE (eyewear, gloves, masks)
- Youth will assemble the project, and will not use heavy tools
- Trailhead signs will be taken to workshop
- Will have my dad on site (YPT & safety)
- City workers will also be on site to supervise

Materials & Supplies

- 5 4"x4"x10' pressure treated wooden beams
- 6 2x4 x8' pressure treated wooden beams
- 2 2x4 x10' pressure treated wooden beams
- 2³/₄" deck screws
- 2-5 Laminate panels
- 6 50 lb concrete mix bags
- 1 qt wood stain
- Sand paper
- Router
- Drills
- Drill bits
- PPE
- Eyewear
- Chisels
- Computers
- Shovels
- Ladder

Will gain materials from city supplier

Will see if we can build at city workshop

Estimated Costs

Materials (woods, screws, concrete, stain)	\$204
Supplies (sand paper, chisel, food, water)	~\$300
Tools (PPE, drills, bits, etc)	~\$120
Other (laminated panels covered by city)	\$0
Total	\$624

Permits and Permissions

**Attained BSA Council Approval
April 23, 2025**

**Requesting Parks, Beaches, and
Recreation (PB&R) approval**

Questions and Comments?

