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NEWPORT BEACH

Municipal Operations Department Monthly Activities Report

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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City of Newport Beach Celebrates Arbor Day

On April 24, Harbor View Elementary School third graders with Mayor Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Chair Anne Yelsey of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission, City staff and parents celebrated the 154th Anniversary of Arbor Day. Started in 1872 and celebrated worldwide, Arbor Day is a special day set aside to plant trees.

This year’s planting site took place adjacent to Harbor View Elementary School at Grant Howald Park where the Proclamation was read by the Mayor, followed by speeches by the Deputy Director of Public Works and City staff. The students helped plant five trees: a Gold-Medallion, a Sweetshade, a Bay Laurel ‘Saratoga’, a Pink Trumpet, and finally a native California Sycamore.



This year is the 36th consecutive year that the City of Newport Beach has attained the ‘Tree City USA’ recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation and earned its 23rd Growth Award also.

West Jetty Park

West Jetty Park is a favorite location with residents and visitors alike due to its million-dollar views and proximity to the historic Wedge surf spot. Over the years, the height of the grass has increased due to blowing sand, creating a lip along the sidewalks and making it difficult to mow. The Parks Division recently completed renovation in the park that included removing the grass, adjusting the irrigation to a proper height, grading and installing 9,300 square feet of Kikuya sod. Additionally, the Park's nine benches were replaced with the new city standard concrete benches, emblazoned with "Newport Beach" on their backs. With the upgrades complete, the Park is ready for what is sure to be a busy summer season.



Special Tree Removal on Seaward

On May 14, 2026, a Municipal Operations staff discovered a Special Neighborhood City Coral tree at 301 Seaward Road with an active lean, starting to heave out of the ground. Staff scheduled an emergency removal of Special Coral (*Erythrina caffra*) tree. The tree will be replaced with another Coral tree.



Trees Maintenance

During the month of April, Great Scott Tree Service (GSTS) trimmed trees in Grid 8 (Harbor View Hills South), Grid 19 (Newport Ridge), Grid 5 (Fashion Island) and Grid 4 (Spyglass Hills), and responded to four tree-related emergencies, plus completed six service requests.

Month of:	# of Trees Trimmed:	# of Trees Removed:	# of Trees Removed Because a Problem Tree:	# of Trees Planted:
April	2,515	17	0	37

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