



Corona del Mar Residents Association NEWSLETTER

Spring 2011

CdM Residents Association & CdM Business Improvement District

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, April 20: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Sherman Library & Gardens, 2647 East Coast Hwy, Corona del Mar
(Please use Rear Entrance)

5:00pm-6:00pm: Hosted Refreshments & Volunteer Appreciation Expo

6:00pm-6:40pm: Business Improvement Speakers Program

6:45pm-7:30pm: CdMRA Speakers Panel – Coast Hwy Safety

Once again the CdM Residents Association (CdMRA) and the Business Improvement District (BID) are partnering to bring you an evening filled with information about our community and our city. We will start the evening with hosted refreshments served in the patio area of the lovely Sherman Library & Gardens. And back by popular demand is our "Discovery Expo" which showcases the spirit of volunteerism in our City.

Join us in saying "Thank You" to the City's resident volunteers who devote time, energy and focus for many important activities and services that provide a great benefit to all of us. Volunteers who work on projects for our Library and its Foundation, Friends of the Oasis, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Neighborhood Watch and many others will be showcased during our Social Hour. Be sure to stop by and let them know they are appreciated. There will be much to learn, handouts, displays and more.

Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Gardner, NBPD Chief Jay Johnson and members from the Bicycle Safety Committee will be talking about highway safety in Corona del Mar, including the proposed "sharrows" project for Coast Hwy (motorists and cyclists sharing a traffic lane when no bike lane exists), cell phone/texting concerns, the dangers of jaywalking, and more. The BID will provide an update on the CdM Vision Plan, Public Works projects and the VIP incentive program (Shop Corona del Mar).

Got questions? We hope so. Be sure to send in your questions ahead of time: by email (Info@Cdmra.org), by phone (949.719.9390) or by USPS mail to CdMRA | PO Box 1500 | 92625.

And we saved the best for last . . . several of our local businesses have donated some wonderful door prizes. We will hold the drawing at the conclusion of the Speaker Program. So don't leave early . . . you could be one of the lucky winners!

April 20, 2011

Sherman Library & Gardens

Volunteer Appreciation Expo & Social Hour with Refreshments

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Volunteer Appreciation Expo Participants

NBFD CdM Neighborhood Readiness	Friends of Oasis
NBFD Disaster Preparedness (CERT)	NB Film Festival
NBPD Volunteers in Policing (VIP)	Sherman Library & Gardens
NBPD Neighborhood Watch	CdM Residents Association
NBPD Radio Operators (RACES)	CdM Chamber of Commerce
NB Library Friends & Foundation	CdM Business Improvement District

Also attending: NB Code Enforcement Staff



SAVE THE DATE

April 26, 2011 | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Oasis Senior Center

Plan to attend this **FREE** workshop open to all Newport Beach residents. See samples of preparedness kits you can make or buy. Learn first-hand from the City's Emergency Management & Preparedness personnel Katie Eing and Matt Brisbois what you can do today to prepare your family against a disaster such as the March 11 earthquake and tsunami which devastated parts of Japan.

Don't wait until it's too late. Make the commitment to yourself and your family to do something today!

For more information about this event, visit <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1230&page=99>



Resident Survey – Let Us Know What You Think

Over the course of the year, our members contact us by phone and email with questions on a variety of topics. The following represent some of the more frequently asked questions, and we'd like to get your feedback on them. You can send us your answers and opinions by email to Info@CdMRA.org or by USPS to CdMRA | PO Box 1500 | 92625.

1. 1-Way Streets and/or 4-Way Stops in CdM Village

This question comes up every year; the only difference is how many times it's asked. Do you feel we need more traffic control on the Flower Streets? If so, what measures would you recommend? And should the same measures be applied to streets both north and south of Coast Hwy?

2. Emergency Preparedness

Following the Japan earthquake/tsunami disaster, we received questions like "Who should I call to find out how to get prepared?"; "Where can I buy an emergency kit?"; "I want to build a kit; where do I start?". Newport Beach is nationally recognized for the emergency and disaster programs it offers to its residents, so we were a little surprised by all these questions. In your opinion, what are the best ways to get this information to residents, and how best can we get them engaged to prepare for emergencies?

3. Facebook

It's always a race to keep up with technology. We are currently able to communicate with 84% of our active members electronically (website and email). Is it time to go to the next step? If we set up a Facebook page, would you ♡ "Like" us? Or are you satisfied with the frequency and content of our website and email updates?

4. Garage Sale Signs

You've seen the signs: tacked to utility poles, taped to light standards; stuck in the ground. Half the time you can't even read them. Several of our members suggested we find a couple of strategically located spots in CdM for posting standardized garage-sale signs. Up on Friday; down on Sunday; easy to manage; easy to find; lots less clutter . . . right? Would you support such a proposal; why or why not?

Be sure to include your name, email address and street address when you respond. We value your opinions and thank you for sharing them with us.

April Is Earthquake Preparedness Month – Are You Ready?

Our thoughts are with all who have been impacted by the record earthquake and tsunami which jolted Japan on March 11. If ever we should ask ourselves "Is my family prepared?" now is the time.

- Do you have an emergency plan for your family?
- Have you set aside supplies and prepared an evacuation kit?
- Have you looked into the free training offered by the City of Newport Beach?
- Have you signed up to receive emergency alerts from the City and County?

Corona del Mar is fortunate to have residents who have been trained in disaster preparedness (Newport Beach CERT Program – FREE to residents) and are ready and willing to help you get the information you need to keep your families and pets safe in the event of a disaster or emergency. The Corona del Mar Residents Association also has a long-term goal to work with the Boards of every HOA in CdM to develop community resources, supplies and identify meeting locations throughout Corona del Mar.

It is up to each of us to take care of our families first. The City of Newport Beach has over 85,000 residents (on weekends and holidays our population can expand to over 250,000 with additional visitors). The City simply does not have sufficient emergency personnel to attend to each one of our needs in the short term. That's why preparing your family for events such as wild fires in Buck Gully, earthquakes and tsunamis, hazardous spills on Coast Hwy, an airplane crash, etc. can make all the difference in how well you and your family manage during the first few days of a major disaster or emergency event.

Don't delay. If you answered NO to ANY of the questions above, take steps to fix it today. For more information, resources, or to schedule a visit by one of our CdM Readiness Team volunteers, simply email Info@Cdmra.org.

Additional information can be found on CdMRA's website at <http://cdmra.org/cdmcerts.html> or on the City's website at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=760>.



Two New Committees Formed. The City Council formed two new committees to help move forward on two City Council goals – Management of the City's Tidelands and Revitalizing Neighborhoods. If you'd like to be involved in either of these efforts, don't hesitate to contact your City Council member or City Manager Dave Kiff and ask to be put on the "interested parties" list for either or both committees. Email Addresses: Dave Kiff: dkiff@newportbeachca.gov and/or City Council: citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov Phone: 949.644.3309

For additional information about Boards, Commissions and Committees, visit <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=74>



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Bicycle Safety: Sharrows on Coast Hwy

By Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Gardner

A proposal that came out of the Bicycle Safety Task Force was for the city to explore sharrows. A test has been done on Bayside Drive, and there is a proposal to do sharrows along Coast Highway in Corona del Mar between Avocado and Hazel, a difficult area for bicyclists to move through because of the lack of space for a formal bike lane.



What are sharrows? Sharrows are painted pavement markings that indicate a lane or road is shared by cars and bicycles. In this case, it would be the right-hand lane.

Why sharrows? Bicyclists have the same rights as cars on roads. Sharrows are a way of reinforcing what is already legal by using unique pavement markings. As explained in the February, 2004 San Francisco Shared Lane Marking Study: "Traffic curb lanes are often too narrow to be safely shared side-by-side by cyclists and passing motorists. On these routes, cyclists wishing to stay out of the way of drivers often ride too close to parked cars and risk being struck by a suddenly opened car door (being 'doored'). To avoid this, experienced cyclists ride further to the left and position themselves closer to the center of narrow lanes. This is permitted by the California Vehicle Code (C.V.C. 21202), but it often irritates motorists who are not aware that this is permitted." Sharrows do not indicate a separated bicycle lane, but instead remind drivers to share the curb lane with bicyclists when present and bicyclists to travel outside the car door zone for greater safety.

What will sharrows do to Coast Highway traffic? It is not anticipated that a mile of sharrows will bring legions of people out of their cars and onto bikes, nor is it expected that the casual rider or family will venture onto PCH because of a pavement marking.

Next steps: The Bicycle Safety Committee is doing outreach to educate the community about sharrows and to get reactions to the proposal. A letter has gone out to CdM businesses, a presentation has been made to the CdM Residents Association Board, and there will be information presented to residents at the CdMRA Annual Meeting as initial steps.

Transportation Choices for CdM

By Frank Peters, Member of the 2010 NB Bike Safety Task Force



"Get hit by a car going 40 mph and you have an 80% chance of dying; get hit by a car traveling at 20 mph and you have a 70% chance of surviving," so said Janette Sadik-Khan, NYC Commissioner, Dept of

Transportation. "NYC streets are the safest they've been in 100 years!" Wow! She's taken the firm commitment of her boss, Mayor Bloomberg, and transformed once grid-locked streets into more human-scaled spaces that accent pedestrians and bicycles.

Why the rush to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists? It turns out to be good business. Besides improving safety, many cities, especially neighboring Long Beach, are finding that bike lanes offer transportation choices that result in revitalized neighborhoods and commercial districts, with higher rents and occupancy rates and increased tourism. Some cities track a new booming class of tourism, the active or "gas-free" vacation.

We live in CdM for its high quality of life factors. As other cities have found when they transform their streets, the public responds. You travel; you've seen it elsewhere. Once car-choked city squares now bustle with sidewalk cafes accessible to both locals and tourists. Our cities become more livable as we slow automobile traffic and make road improvements that accommodate pedestrians and cyclists.

Why will we want to work together on this? For the best of both worlds: we'll all enjoy a higher quality of life, one with more exercise and transportation choices, and we'll all share in the resulting boost in economic development that comes with it.

CdMRA edited Frank's article for space. The full article can be found on Frank's cycling safety blog at www.cdmcyclist.com

Civic Center Update

By Dave Kiff, City Manager



The Civic Center project at 1100 Avocado (it's hard to miss right now – the construction fence north of the Central Library) is moving towards its major construction phase. The excavation is all done (no woolly mammoths nor Native American burial sites found) and the parking structure near MacArthur is about to get underway.

You can get a good view of the project from the second floor of the Library. To your left is the City Hall building area, to the right is the parking structure, and in front of you towards San Miguel is the park site. The Central Library will also be expanded, adding about 17,000 square feet of Children's area, restrooms, a classroom, and study desks.

The total project cost is estimated at about \$125 million, which includes all of the design costs for all five elements (parks, parking structure, library expansion, excavation, and the city hall building) since February 2008.

The project is being managed by a private sector contractor, CW Driver. CW Driver manages the project "at risk" so it is responsible for any cost overruns. It also gets an incentive to finish under budget. For more information on this project, visit <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=102>.

If you have any construction concerns over the next 18 months, please contact William Hahn at CW Driver (whahn@cwdriver.com). You can also e-mail the City's Public Works Department and be put on our e-mail list for construction updates (sbadum@newportbeachca.gov).

25th Silver Jubilee – CdM Residents Association



2012 marks the 25th year that CdMRA has been working with Corona del Mar residents on issues that impact our community's quality of life. Started by Phil Sansone in 1987, this organization continues to grow its membership and strengthen its voice on issues important to you.

Watch for announcements about events and activities planned for our 2012 Silver Jubilee. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate our accomplishments!

John Wayne Airport 2015

By Tom Edwards, City Aviation Consultant



While our attention is often focused on the noise generated from airplanes departing from John Wayne Airport (JWA), the 2015 expiration date of the historic JWA Settlement Agreement which regulates operations at the airport grows near.

The Settlement Agreement, the most stringent of its kind in the United States currently regulates the number of air passengers served by the airport, currently capped at 10.8 Million Air Passengers (MAP); the number of Class A noise regulated flights at 85; and the curfew or hours of operation for Commercial Carriers. These restrictions are historic and but for the curfew which will remain in effect until at least 2020, the Settlement Agreement and the balance of the current restrictions will expire. It is for this reason that the City Council has chosen as one of its top goals for the coming year- the extension of the Settlement Agreement.

The Council has undertaken the foregoing goal, knowing full well that their difficult task includes not only dealing with the County of Orange, the owner-operator of the airport but also the Federal Aviation Administration, which regulates commercial air service in the United States.

The Council has established a good working relationship with the County and also continues to reach out to the different cities in the County in support of its goal. And interestingly enough a common goal for all is maintaining the quality of life in Newport Beach and the County that an extension would insure. It will not be an easy task or one that will be achieved over night but be assured that it is definitely a goal that the City is intent on achieving.

As the City is working to achieve an extension of the Settlement Agreement it is also working with the County to address the noise concerns raised by the residents of the City. Recently the City was successful in working with the FAA through the County in order to modify a departure procedure at the airport in an attempt to address the noise concerns and will continue to provide input to the County when the need arises.

For those of you who are frustrated by the noise please understand that the County not the City operates the airport and it is the FAA which controls where planes fly. If you would like further information contact the City of Newport Beach or attend one of the City's Aviation Committee Meetings, which are held at the Central Library the last Monday of each month. Meeting agendas, monthly updates and special reports can be found at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1632>

Want to Get Involved?

CdMRA has a few open positions for Alternate Board members in several of our neighborhoods. If you are interested in becoming an active Board member, we encourage you to attend a few meetings before submitting your request. We do require our Board members to attend at least eight of the eleven board meetings each year. The vacancies are posted on our website at <http://cdmra.org/board.html>. Board meetings are held at 7:30am on the 3rd Thursday each month, except December.

In addition to the new City committees mentioned on page 2, city commissions, committees, and volunteer groups frequently seek new members to replace members whose terms have expired. For more information, visit the City's website at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=140>

Solar Rights Act

By Michael Toerge, Planning Commissioner & CdMRA Board



Assembly Bill 2473, which went into effect on January 1, 2005, is part of the Solar Rights Act. The legislative intent is to encourage the installation of solar energy systems by removing obstacles to, and minimizing costs of, permitting for such systems. The legislation requires the city to administratively approve applications for solar energy systems through the issuance of a building permit.

Design review for aesthetic purposes is prohibited by the Solar Rights Act and is specified as an unreasonable barrier to the installation of solar energy systems. Review of solar energy systems applications by the City is limited to the building official's determination of whether it meets all health and safety requirements of local, state and federal law. One exception to the approval process requirement allows the City to require an applicant to apply for a conditional use permit if the City has a good faith belief that the solar energy system could have a specific adverse impact to public health or safety. Aesthetic concerns or impacts to views would not be considered health or safety impacts based upon the Solar Rights Act. Homeowner Associations governed by CC&R's are also restricted from disallowing solar energy system installations on the grounds of aesthetics or views.

The City's proposed Solar Energy System Ordinance attempts to address location, height and screening of solar energy systems to protect the public health and safety. Specifically the City ordinance: 1) requires setbacks for solar collectors and related equipment to ensure that adequate access exists for emergency personnel and that adequate sight distances along streets, alleys and driveways are integrated; 2) Screen equipment other than solar collectors themselves to prevent negative noise impacts and dangers from exposed electrical equipment.

The City's proposed ordinance places a threshold on the height of solar collector panels on roofs; however, these thresholds only exist to determine whether or not solar collector panels can be installed with or without a conditional use permit. For example, if the application calls for solar panels on a flat roof over the proposed 3-ft height limit, the City could require a conditional use permit hearing before the Planning Commission. The City could still be forced to approve a solar energy system installation that exceeds the height limits and blocks views if there is no reasonable alternative – an unintended consequence of the legislation.

Since the Planning Commission felt that lowering the height limit for flat-roof applications from 5 to 3 feet could still pose a serious problem for many view-oriented neighborhoods, it added a footnote recommending the City consider an effort to, individually or jointly with other cities, challenge the state legislation to give a municipality the right to reasonably regulate the impact that such solar energy system installations will have on public and private views.

If you'd like to weigh in on this topic, we'd be happy to hear from you. Give us a call, drop us a line or send us an email. See "Contacting CdMRA" in this newsletter.

Leaf Blower Ordinance



On March 22 Council rejected including electric leaf blowers in the proposed ban in spite of resident survey results. If you have comments you want to share with Council about this latest version of the proposed ordinance: Phone 949.644.3309 or email CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov.

WRAP It Up
and
Put a Lid on It!

By Matt Cosyion
NB Code Enforcement

In response to residents' concerns regarding trash, debris, and refuse violations throughout the residential and commercial areas of the City, the Waste & Refuse Abatement Program known as **WRAP** has been created to help alleviate some of the nuisances associated with these violations.

Summer months are fast approaching, and so is the increase in trash and refuse. To help keep the City clean and free from the buildup of trash, debris, odors and insects, please keep in mind these three steps:

1. Make sure bags are securely tied and trash cans have lids on them at all times
2. Store refuse containers in a garage, trash enclosure, or a side yard
3. Put trash cans away as soon as possible, no later than 7pm on collection day

By following these few steps, we can assure that Corona Del Mar continues to be a safe and beautiful place to live and visit.

To contact your local Code Enforcement Officer, call 949.644.3215 weekdays or 949.644.3717 after hours. Better yet, set up an online account so you can use the City's **QUEST** System to file a complaint or service request electronically. For details, visit <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=227>



Where Can I Find . . .

City Council, Commission & Committee Agendas

<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=703>

Sign Up For City News Bulletins

<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=614>

City Projects, including Buck Gully, Parks, Civic Center, JWA, Dredging, Group Homes and more:

<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=77>

Disaster Preparedness Information

<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=760>

Do Not Solicit Register

<https://www5.newportbeachca.gov/do-not-solicit/register.aspx>

Alert OC (Emergency Reverse 9-1-1)

<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1268>

Code Enforcement Service Requests

<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=227>

John Wayne Airport News/ Information

<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1287>

AirFair: <http://www.jwairfair.com/>

Airport Working Grp: <http://www.awgoc.com/>

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For information on any of the topics above, just call the City at 949.644.3309.

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Not a member? Join now to receive important news, updates and survey opportunities for 92625 neighborhoods. Use PayPal, or set up CdMRA as an annual payee through your online banking system. Of course, we accept regular checks too. And voluntary contributions are most welcome! Applications and Renewal Forms can also be found at www.Cdmra.org/Member.html

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Timely News & Updates



Want access to more timely news about Corona del Mar? Then be sure to visit our website regularly at www.Cdmra.org and sign up for our members-only monthly email newsletters at Info@Cdmra.org.

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Let Us Hear From You

We encourage you to send in your comments, concerns and suggestions. From time to time we poll our members for their opinions on a number of issues that are important to 92625 communities and our residents' quality of life. That's one of the reasons why membership is so important.

Help us meet our goals by paying your dues on time, by encouraging your friends and neighbors to join and by providing your email address which helps keep our printing and postage costs down. We also welcome voluntary contributions to help us do even more for our members and community. If you are a member and are not getting our email newsletters, simply send us an email at Info@Cdmra.org and ask that we include you on our email newsletter list.

Am I A Member?

Take a look at the label on this newsletter. If it is addressed to "Friend", we hope you'll become a member this year. If the label has your name on it, then you are a member and eligible for membership benefits. The label also shows your dues status.

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