



Corona del Mar Residents Association NEWSLETTER

Fall 2012



**STATE OF CORONA DEL MAR &
2012 CITY ELECTION INFORMATION MEETING**
Wednesday, October 17: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Oasis Senior Center – Evelyn Hart Event Room
801 Narcissus Ave, Corona del Mar



6:00pm-6:30pm: Hosted Refreshments & Community Information Expo
6:30pm-7:30pm: State of Corona del Mar Speakers Panel Q&A

It's another election year for the City of Newport Beach . . . and this one is unlike any others. We have three candidates for three council positions and no opposition for any seat. Ed Selich is running for reelection in District 5 (which includes a portion of CdM); Keith Curry is running for reelection in District 7 (which includes a portion of CdM), and Tony Petros is running for the seat in District 2 which will be vacated by Steve Rosansky who terms out this year.

That won't stop us from having a Forum though. We just need to be more creative ☺ Therefore, we will have a brief hosted social where you can chat with our Mayor Nancy Gardner, meet with the city council candidates, learn about Measure EE (the City Charter Amendment) and gather information from Neighborhood Watch and CERT representatives.

We will then start our formal program, "State of CdM", which will cover a variety of topics that impact those of us who call Corona del Mar our home. We will discuss fire safety as a result of the recent house fire and fatality on Marguerite, crime statistics here in CdM, street safety issues such as "same road/same rules", traffic and parking concerns, noise issues, and more. So mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss this informative evening program.

October 17, 2012
Oasis Senior Center, Evelyn Hart Event Room

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Hosted Social & Information Expo

Registration
CdMRA /Membership Signup & Renewal
Mayor Gardner
City Council Candidates
Measure EE Information
NBPD Neighborhood Watch
NBFD CERT Volunteers
NBFD Ready! Set! Go! Information
Bicycle Safety Committee Information

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm: Speakers' Panel – State of Corona del Mar

Welcome & Introductions
Moderator Q&A on CdM Resident Issues

- **CdM Traffic & Parking**
- **CdM Home Safety**
- **CdM Street Safety**
- **CdM Projects**
- **And More**

If you have questions you'd like us to address, be sure to send them in early. Email is preferred, but you can call or mail them in too.
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CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Who is running for City Council?

District 2: Tony Petros (Businessman, Unopposed)
District 5: Ed Selich (Incumbent, Unopposed)
District 7: Keith Curry (Mayor Pro Tem, Unopposed)

Candidate statements are available on the City's website:

Tony Petros: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2159>

Ed Selich: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2156>

Keith Curry: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2157>

What is Newport Beach Measure EE?

Measure EE encompasses various Amendments to the City's Charter. Measure EE reads as follows:

"Shall the Charter be amended to: prohibit red light cameras; expand conflicts of interest protections; make revisions to Council regulations, powers, and procedures; uniformly set officer compensation; allow offsite administrative offices; adjust officers' powers and duties; adjust board/commission duties, regulations, and formation; refine financial reporting requirements; consolidate and maintain Council compensation at current levels; delete outdated sections; clarify existing sections; prohibit class action claims; remove duplicative language; and align sections with State law?"

The City Council appointed a Charter Update Committee. What was its purpose and what did it accomplish?

In early May 2012, the City Council formed a Charter Update Committee comprised of seven residents to review the provisions of the City's Charter for possible amendment. The committee held seven public meetings between 24 May and 28 June. All provisions of the Charter were considered and reviewed. City staff made recommendations to refresh, consolidate, update or eliminate sections of the Charter that no longer met the needs of the City or were not aligned with current standards and practices.

Mayor Gardner and City Council Member Rosansky served as Council liaison to the committee, but at no time had a vote in the proceedings. They each recused themselves when the committee considered compensation issues for the Council. City Attorney, City Clerk and City Manager each attended the committee meetings for clarification and guidance to the committee.

The seven members (Paul Watkins, Chair, David Bahnsen, Paul Glowienke, Jeff Herdman, Suzanne Savary, Joseph Stapleton and Dan Wampole) were charged with making recommendations to the Council for the upcoming November ballot. Council could choose to accept or reject any or all recommendations. The objectivity of the committee was enhanced by the diverse nature and experience of its members.

The Committee considered a total of 43 Charter sections. Of these, the Committee recommended that five (5) be left unchanged, thirty one (31) be amended, and seven (7) be repealed. In the instance of sections recommended for repeal, the Committee did so upon the inclusion of content (consolidation) into one of the amended sections.

The spirit and scope of the original Charter, created in 1954, was preserved throughout the effort.

Highlights of the amendment language are as follows:

1. All sections were refreshed to reflect gender neutral language.
2. City Council Members' compensation was categorized as such and updated based on Consumer Price Index compounding to reflect today's values of the amounts originally set by City founders.
3. Timing and location of all City related meetings are amended to reflect the new City Hall and current practice of two (2) council meetings each month, except August and December, when there shall be at least one.
4. City Manager, City Attorney and other offices will be allowed to delegate contract obligations and reporting responsibilities to designated staff in their respective departments to improve efficiency of City operations.
5. Bonding requirements to adequately protect the City from financial loss were consolidated and retained.
6. Duration of temporary appointments of Commission members (Planning, Park, Beaches, Recreation, Library) were re-defined and limited.
7. The Charter will specifically restrict Class Action Law suits.
8. The annual budget will have clear reporting deadlines and better defined public availability.
9. The City Manager's office will remain restricted in the authority it holds over the Library Commission. This is different as compared to every other department of the City.
10. All Sections were brought in line with current (and future) California Law and the disclosure requirements of the Brown Act.

The committee further recommended that the Library Board of Trustees should relinquish their autonomy in selecting a Library Services Director to the City Manager. City Council has voted to reject this recommendation and retain the current arrangement of the Library Director reporting to the Board of Trustees and not the City Manager. This was by far the most contentious debate in committee. Further, it was the only recommendation of the committee that City council chose to reject.

The following links provide additional information and analysis of Measure EE:

The City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure EE can be found at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2150>

Arguments for and against Measure EE can be found at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2160>

Full Text/Red Lined Version of Measure EE:
<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=13716>

Charter Update Committee Meeting Documents
<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2132>

Charter Update Committee Report to City Council
http://newportbeach.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=44&clip_id=1585&meta_id=127078

SHARROWS ARE COMING TO EAST COAST HIGHWAY



By Sean Matsler and Frank Peters
Newport Beach Citizens Bicycle Safety Committee

The recent deaths of two women cyclists have shocked the entire community. Whether you drive a car or ride a bike, it's hard to make sense of such tragedies. This adds gravity to the work we're doing in the Citizens Bicycle Safety Committee. We have improvements that the City is ready to implement that will make cycling just a little bit safer through Corona del Mar.

As all of us know, riding a bike on Coast Highway is not for the faint of heart. There's no bike lane through CdM and as the road narrows, parked cars represent a hazard to cyclists – if someone opens a car door without looking, a cyclist gets doored. Sharrows have been shown to alleviate this hazard.

Cities across the country use Sharrows to increase awareness of cycling safety with the motoring public and on July 10, 2012 the Newport Beach City Council approved Sharrows for East Coast Highway through Corona del Mar, both east- and westbound, from Avocado Avenue to Hazel Avenue.

If you've traveled on Bayside Drive or along 2nd Street in Long Beach, you've seen Sharrows at work. The word Sharrows comes from 'share the road' and the preferred icon has chevrons pointing in the direction of travel, like arrows – hence Sharrows. They're painted in the middle of the right travel lane to signify that the cyclist has a right to use the lane when either parked cars or a narrowing of the road precludes a bike lane. While the law already gives the cyclist those rights, by increasing driver awareness Sharrows create safer conditions.

As members of the NB Bicycle Safety Committee we've eagerly awaited this safety feature.



SEPTEMBER WAS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH – DID YOUR FAMILY PREPARE?

This is an important opportunity for you to answer the following questions about your family's safety preparedness measures:

- ? 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
- ? Have you made an evacuation plan for a home fire, especially if you have multiple stories



We recently had a home fire in Corona del Mar that ended tragically. If you live in a home with multiple stories, you and your family members need to develop an evacuation/escape plan to help prevent injuries. Items such as roll-up ladders are an important component of that plan, as are family drills which practice exiting a room and the house, how to minimize smoke inhalation, burns from door handles, etc.

In addition to home fires, because we live in Corona del Mar, we also need to prepare for earthquakes, tsunamis in our low-lying neighborhoods, wild fires in neighborhoods that are in close proximity to wildland vegetation such as upper and lower Buck Gully, Morning Canyon, and the Newport Coast areas, hazardous spills that could occur on Coast Highway and more.

We are lucky to live in a city like Newport Beach which takes preparedness seriously. The city itself has a plan and conducts practice drills at least once a year. Our Fire Department has a specialized program developed for residents who live near wild-fire prone areas (Ready! Set! Go!) Our city offers and promotes FREE CERT preparedness training for all its residents. And Corona del Mar is fortunate to have a number of residents who have taken the preparedness training offered by the city. Our CdM CERTs 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 88,000 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 remedial steps 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 the City's website at newportbeachca.gov/beprepared. Or you can call 949.644.3112 or email nbcert@nbfd.net for answers to your family preparedness questions.

PS: Daylight Saving time ends soon. That's a good time to remember to check batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, refresh items in your emergency kits, and to adjust lighting around your homes so that home exteriors are illuminated from dusk to dawn.

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY



CdMRA is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2012, and we want to thank our 700+ members for their support, encouragement and participation as we work together on issues that impact our community's quality of life.

Not a member?

Join now and get 15 months for the price of 12!
Your membership will be good through 12/31/2013.

What does it cost?

\$20 a year covers the cost of our newsletters, meetings and website. Having timely access to information and to our city's leadership . . . priceless!

What is CdMRA?

The Corona del Mar Residents Association (CdMRA) is a "resident advocacy" group. We are **not** a homeowners' association. CdMRA was created in 1987 under the leadership of Phil Sansone to provide a unified voice on issues which impact all residents who call Corona del Mar their home.

Who can be a CdMRA member?

Anyone who resides in Corona del Mar (or owns property here) can be a member. Our membership includes residents from 27 planned communities (HOAs and apartment homes) and residents who live in the Village. Corona del Mar has over 6,300 households, of which approximately 700 are CdMRA members in good standing. We also welcome residents from other neighborhoods in Newport Beach.

What is CdMRA's mission?

Simply said, our mission is to protect, preserve and improve the quality of life for residents of Corona del Mar.

To accomplish that goal, we utilize a variety of communication tools such as our public website, newsletters, resident surveys and our monthly **members-only** emails.

We also sponsor our annual membership meeting, educational workshops and outreach programs (such as the recent fire map review meetings), our city council candidate forums in election years, our Disaster and Preparedness Expos and more.

Our bylaws require us to determine if there is a community consensus on a given topic by using the tools above. If a clear mandate exists, we share that with city leadership to help them in their decision-making process, with our focus always on improving quality of life here in Corona del Mar. No special interests; no hidden agendas; developing community consensus on issues you raise is what we are about.

Why should I become a member?

Since CdM is only one of many communities within Newport Beach, we vie for time, attention and resources from our city's leadership just like neighborhoods in West Newport, the Peninsula, Balboa Island, Newport Coast and others do. The larger our membership the stronger our voice when we meet with city council and city staff. A large membership and statistical information from resident polls go a long way in helping our city leaders understand the direction most desired by our residents.

CDM ENTRY TRIAL PROJECT



As you know, the city is temporarily altering the traffic lane configuration on East Coast Highway near MacArthur Boulevard as a test to determine how the change impacts the flow of traffic.

The trial project consists of eliminating one southbound traffic lane on Coast Highway through the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard. There is a transition in the southbound direction from three lanes at Avocado Avenue to two lanes at Begonia Avenue. The roadway will then consist of two lanes south of Begonia Avenue.

During the trial period, eight on-street parking spaces between Begonia Avenue and Carnation Avenue have been eliminated. Parking will be maintained between Avocado Avenue and Begonia Avenue.

This project came is one of the City's Revitalization Committee recommendations and is supported by the Corona del Mar Business Improvement District (BID) Board of Directors who have agreed to pay for the lane reduction trial project. The CdM Entry Beautification Project calls for eliminating a traffic lane and nine street parking spaces on Coast Highway to create space for more landscaping and widened sidewalks. The changes are intended to make the entry to Corona del Mar more pedestrian friendly and more aesthetically pleasing.

There is a survey on the City's website which solicits feedback from residents on the Traffic Study component of this project. Go to: <http://fs23.formsite.com/cityofnb/form2/index.html>

For more information or comments about the traffic lane reduction test, please email traffic@newportbeachca.gov or call 949.644.3344.



GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER UPDATE

We receive many questions about the use of gas-powered leaf-blowers in Corona del Mar. As you may remember, a ban on their use went into effect on November 1, 2011 (Ordinance 2011-12). However, a common interest development (HOA) can request an exclusion from the ban. A common interest development is defined by Civil Code Section 1351 as having five or more dwelling units.

Generally speaking, if you live in CdM Village on the Flower Streets, gas-powered leaf blowers are banned. If you live in a homeowners' association which has five or more dwelling units, gas-powered leaf blowers may or may not be banned depending on whether an exception has been requested by the HOA and granted by the city.

The city maintains a list of HOA's that have been granted an exception. It can be found on the city's website at: <http://gis.newportbeachca.gov/gispub/leafblowmap/default.aspx>

For more information, or if you have additional questions about gas-powered leaf blowers, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 949.644.3215 or visit the city's website at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2006>

**WRAP It Up
and
Put a Lid on It!**

Code Enforcement

REMINDER:

Keep our streets and alleys clean and safe. Stow trash in proper containers and don't put the containers out until 7pm the night before collection. Keep pests and scavengers off our streets.

NAME:	
CdM ADDRESS:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
COMMENTS:	

----- Cut along the dotted line & mail in -----

\$20 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ❖ JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, PAYABLE EACH JANUARY
MAIL TO: CORONA DEL MAR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION; PO BOX 1500; CORONA DEL MAR, CA 92625

TIMELY NEWS & UPDATES



Want access to more timely news about Corona del Mar? Then be sure to sign up for our members-only monthly email newsletters. Send us an email as Info@Cdmra.org and ask to be included.

BE INVOLVED. APPLY FOR OPENINGS.

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, email us at Info@Cdmra.org. The vacancies are listed on the last page as "Alternate Open".

CdMRA Board meetings are held at 7:30am on the 3rd Thursday each month, except December. You must be a CdMRA member in good standing to apply.

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>



WHERE CAN I FIND . . .

City Council, Commission & Committee Agendas, Minutes & Videos
newportbeachca.gov/agendas

City Calendar
<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=72&returnURL=%2findex.aspx%3fpage%3d1>

City Maps
<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=276>

Sign Up For City News Bulletins sent by phone, fax, text or email
newportbeachca.gov/selectalert

City Projects, including Buck Gully, Parks, Civic Center, JWA, Dredging, Group Homes and more
newportbeachca.gov/projects

Disaster Preparedness Information
newportbeachca.gov/beprepared

Do Not Solicit Register
newportbeachca.gov/donotsolicit

Alert OC (Emergency Reverse 9-1-1)
newportbeachca.gov/alertoc

Code Enforcement Service Requests
newportbeachca.gov/codeenforcementrequest

John Wayne Airport News/ Information
newportbeachca.gov/jwa

No Internet access? No problem.
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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25 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

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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.

CDMRA PRIVACY POLICY

We have a strict Privacy Policy which protects our members' contact information from being shared or sold. Visit our website (www.Cdmra.org) to view the policy.



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