



Corona del Mar RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Spring 2020 Edition

CdM Residents Association & CdM Business Improvement District Present

THE CORONA DEL MAR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Wednesday, May 20, 2020 **

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

“New Decade, New Challenges”

5:00 pm-6:00 pm: Hosted Refreshments & Community Social/Expo

6:00 pm-7:30 pm: Speakers Program & Opportunity Drawings



2020 Annual Town Meeting – New Decade, New Challenges *by Debbie Stevens, President of CdMRA*

**** Editor’s Note: We had to finalize our newsletter by March 15 to meet print and mail deadlines. Given the rapidly changing information about COVID-19 precautions, the CdM Town Meeting date MAY be postponed. Be sure to monitor CdMRA.org and local media outlets for updated information about CdM’s Annual Town Meeting details and date.**

It’s an honor to represent the Corona del Mar Residents Association (CdMRA) at our 2020 CdM Town Meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (subject to change based on COVID-19 circumstances). This is the 13th consecutive year that CdMRA and the Corona del Mar Business Improvement District have held a joint Town Meeting at Sherman Library and Gardens. It is also our 11th consecutive year for our very popular Community Social/Expo, which provides our members and guests the opportunity to meet and talk to City representatives and volunteers from local civic organizations. And it’s a great time for us to meet and hear from you, our members and guests.

In addition to representatives from almost every City department, and citizen volunteers from NBF’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Friends of OASIS, Friends of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter (FONBAS), Newport Beach Film Festival (NBFF) and SPON - Still Protecting Our Newport, we have a very important and relevant Speakers Program lined up.

Mayor Will O’Neill will provide an update on key City issues, including homelessness. Seimone Jurjis, Newport Beach Community Development Director, will provide an update on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), a state-mandated program that requires Newport Beach to plan for an additional 4,832 new residential units and update the Housing Element. Where would you place an additional 4,832 new units in our City and how would that impact Corona del Mar? This is such an important discussion for our community as the Housing Element provides the blueprint for future residential development. Opportunity drawings will be held during the Speakers Program. We have our local businesses to thank for the fabulous prizes.

Come join us, have a bite to eat, enjoy the beautiful Sherman Gardens, learn about important issues in our community, and interact with community representatives and friends. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you!



The Year of the Volunteer by Mayor Will O'Neill

Newport Beach's natural beauty attracts millions of people every year. For those of us who live here year-round, we cannot help but be awestruck by the sweeping vistas of snow-capped mountains on one side with the pristine beaches on the other. I contend, though, that the most beautiful aspect of our City is in the way our residents give back to their neighbors near and far. As Mayor, I have a unique appreciation for these efforts because fewer City services are required when a community is bound together in common cause for good.

For example, our crime rates in Newport Beach have been historically low for the past few years. There is no question that these statistics are driven primarily by the great work of our Newport Beach Police Department, both sworn and non-sworn personnel. But it is also driven by our community engagement. Volunteers with NBPd give back in a variety of ways, including vacation checks and trained observation. They supplement our police and are also many of the smiling faces that you see at community events.

Our Neighborhood Watch programs have also been fantastic. Over the past couple of years, we have seen burglary spikes be quashed by observant residents calling in suspicious vehicles. These residents took to heart the phrase "if you see something, say something."

Also, while we rely quite a bit on our police and fire departments for emergency response, we have residents who are acutely aware that a large-scale disaster would stretch limited resources quickly. Into the breach step the indefatigable volunteers of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Over four hundred residents have stepped up to train regularly to assist all of us if dire circumstances arise. While we hope we will not need this training, we are better off because of it.

Our librarians' mission of education and access to knowledge is supplemented by the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, the Young Adult Advisory Council, and Newport/Mesa Proliteracy. Our schools are better off thanks to volunteer coaches, PTA members, and room parents. Our Back Bay, beaches, and waterways are cleaner thanks to groups like the Newport Bay Conservancy, the Crystal Cove Conservancy, and the Surfrider Foundation.

This will be The Year of the Volunteer in Newport Beach. I have challenged each of my Council colleagues to celebrate five groups or individuals at City Council meetings throughout the coming year. We will host at least 35 mini-celebrations of some of the best that our City has to offer. Help us out this year. If you know someone who you think ought to be recognized for their contribution to our City, tell me about it. Let's celebrate!

Editor's Note: On February 25, 2020, Mayor O'Neill recognized CdMRA and former CdMRA President Karen Tringali for their 33 years of advocating for residential quality of life in Corona del Mar. Congratulations!!!



Photo Credit: Marissa Ruiz



SHORT-TERM LODGING POLL

By Councilwoman Joy Brenner, District 6



In response to a great many complaints from the residents about short-term lodging (30 days or less) in residential neighborhoods, Councilmembers Jeff Herdman, Diane Dixon, and I were appointed to an ad hoc committee on short-term lodging to review and propose updated regulations.

Currently, many cities have banned short-term rentals entirely, as do many homeowner associations, but we have no such limit in Newport Beach. Several years ago, the City Council voted to ban short-term lodging in single-family neighborhoods (zoned as R-1) but do allow them in neighborhoods with condos and duplexes (zoned as R-2).

The City of Newport Beach has the potential for over 10,000 short-term lodging rentals absent any additional regulation. The City currently has 1,465 active short-term lodging permits, which is 2-to-3 times as many as any other city in Orange County or along the Southern California coast. The next largest coastal city with short-term lodging is the City of Carlsbad with 650 active short-term lodging permits.

The ad hoc committee will be bringing a proposed ordinance back to City Council in April. We would like to know how the greater community feels about short-term lodging regulations. Weigh in on this topic by taking our survey at <https://tinyurl.com/vdv3zty> and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so as well.

Renting property for 31 days or more is a property right, but renting the unit for 30 days or less than that is not. This is a very important distinction, and the reason why cities can regulate short-term lodging activity.

Thank you for taking time to express your opinions so that your councilmembers may represent our community well!

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSTRUCTION SIGNS & NOISE REGULATIONS

Newport Beach Municipal Code 10.28.040 limits construction hours and noise, and requires signage which contains 24-hour contact information for the owner and general contractor.

- Sundays and Federal Holidays:** no construction activity allowed.
- Weekdays:** construction allowed 7:00 am - 6:30 pm.
- Saturdays (CdM HOAs):** construction allowed 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.
- Saturdays (CdM Village):** no construction-related noise allowed,

Exceptions: Emergency building construction authorized by the Building Director; emergency repair to City facilities; or maintenance, construction, or repair authorized by the City Manager or Department Director.

VOLUNTEERS ADVOCATING FOR CORONA DEL MAR RESIDENTIAL QUALITY OF LIFE SINCE 1987

By Joe Stapleton, Membership Committee Chair



CdMRA was formed in 1987 with the goal of having meaningful and productive engagement with City leaders for all who call Corona del Mar their home, regardless of whether you live in the Village, in any planned community or an apartment home, or if you own residential property in Corona del Mar.

Today, Corona del Mar is no longer exclusively in District 6. Our western-most communities are in District 5, and our northeastern communities are in District 7. And now at almost every monthly CdMRA Board Meeting we have three council members who attend, report and listen. These council members give a monthly report on activities that impact Corona del Mar and our surrounding neighborhoods.

Also attending our monthly Board Meetings, as needs and issues arise, are the Newport Beach Police Chief, Fire Chief and other city managers. They come before our association to inform us on what activities their individual departments are doing or explain upcoming action which would have a direct impact on our quality of life in our wonderful village we call home.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

You should belong because CdMRA gives you a VOICE. CdMRA allows you the opportunity to express your concerns about issues and regulations that impact your quality of life as a resident. Attend monthly meetings, receive timely newsletters, vote in our member polls: all benefits exclusively reserved for CdMRA members.

Find out more about CdMRA on our website CDMRA.org. And when you do we are confident that you will become a member as your neighbors have.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important opportunity which exists to “protect, preserve and advocate for our community’s quality of life.”



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

By Karen Tringali, former CdMRA President (2009-2015)



Please join me in thanking Mayor O'Neill for recognizing CdMRA for its service to this community for 33 years and counting.

I was honored to accept this recognition on behalf of CdMRA's officers, board and especially its membership.

The Mayor's Year of the Volunteer initiative is such a positive way to start the year; a year that is proving to be even more challenging than we anticipated on a whole array of issues.

When I moved to Corona del Mar in 1998 the first thing that struck me was our community spirit. Early on it was apparent that its citizens were engaged in its city and their respective neighborhoods. Old-guard mentors like Jean Watt and Evelyn Hart were everywhere; Nancy Gardner, Debra Allen and Joy Brenner were the epitome of "get involved = get it done".

Each of CdMRA's past presidents (Debra Allen, Phil Sansone, Val Skoro, Mike Toerge, Beverley Johnson, Laura Curran and Joy Brenner) brought unique skills and leadership styles to CdMRA, and our current president is no different. Debbie Stevens is the right person at this moment to lead CdMRA because of her unique skills in navigating the specific challenges we face today.

As a residents' advocacy organization, the mission of CdMRA is to ensure our members have a seat at the table when discussing issues and resources that impact their quality of life. It's no wonder that nearly 50% of our membership has been a part of CdMRA for 15 years or more!

Each year we go the extra mile and reach out to all 6,300 CdM households through our Annual Town Meeting and our Spring and Fall newsletters which everyone in town receives.

We are all in this for the long-haul and committed to ensuring that Corona del Mar remains the "Crown of the Sea" and that CdMRA is the jewel of that crown!

JUNGLE JUNK CRITTERS

Editor's Note

CdMRA member Ron Yeo, noted local architect, photographer and street/beach "junk" collector had another exhibit this year, this time at Sherman Library & Gardens.

We owe Ron a big thank you for seeing treasures where others saw only "junk", and for keeping our streets and beaches clean by turning his finds into "art"!



Visit TheSherman.org for a video tour of Ron Yeo's art and for updates on the exhibit dates (currently ends April 30, 2020).

CDM'S COTTAGE HISTORY & PRESERVATION

By Ron Yeo, CdMRA Historical Resources Committee Chair

The new Historical Resources Committee is off to a GREAT start, and we invite you to join the FUN!

Purpose:

To research Corona del Mar's (92625) past culture and history, to document our findings and to make recommendations for historic recognition and preservation.

Vision: To help our neighbors understand and appreciate our unique historic heritage by:

- Creating a "Celebrate Corona del Mar History" exhibit
- Documenting various historic resources
- Presenting information to gatherings at OASIS, CdM Annual Town Meeting and other local groups
- Maintaining an interactive web site



Tasks: To conduct a historic resources survey of places, structures & memories.

- Research and document the various early structures
- Collect photos or memories from 1920-1950, including precious scrapbook memories before they are lost
- Scan photos or documents that residents want to share
- Work with OASIS to establish an ORAL History Library
- Conduct outreach efforts to obtain early records for the expansion beyond the original "Village Flower Streets" to adjacent developments such as Shore Cliffs, Cameo Community (Shores & Highlands), Corona Highlands, Irvine Terrace and others.

Process: Collaborate with Sherman Library, Newport Beach Historical Society, the Corona del Mar Historical Society and as many former and current residents as possible.

Online Survey: Building our Historical Inventory

You can help us with our search for historical records and information. Sherman Library is hosting an online survey on their website at <https://tinyurl.com/w55bfm4>. A paper version of the survey is available on a limited basis by request only, or at our Annual Town Meeting, currently scheduled for May 20.



Stop by our table at the Annual Town Meeting and chat with committee members Nancy Gardner, Walt Howald,

Beverley "BJ" Johnson, Bev White, Dennis Baker, Tom Heffernan, Councilwoman Joy Brenner, Paul Wormser (Sherman Library) and me.

NEWPORT BEACH UTILITIES DEPT. WASTEWATER CREW

By Mark Vukojevic, Deputy Public Works Director

Honk if you like big yellow trucks! Smile if you see them in action!



Think of them as the modern day ghost-busters, cleaning out the sewer system ghosts before you have to deal with them. The Newport Beach Utilities Department Wastewater Crew stand proud in front of their big yellow cleaning trucks. Behind the scenes, protecting public health and the environment, these city crews are out in our Newport streets cleaning and maintaining our wastewater “aka sewer” system. Well-maintained systems reduce the chance of sewer spills which are damaging to the ocean and harbor. You can help too! Remember, do not put food, grease or trash down the drain or toilet as those clog the pipes. If you see a liquid that looks out of place in a street or alley, please call the Utilities Department at (949) 644 -3011 so that we can dispatch our crews and equipment to the location quickly and minimize the impact. Thank you for being our extra set of eyes and ears and helping us protect the Newport Beach environment.

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANCE - RHNA HOUSING

By Seimone Jurjis, Community Development Director



On February 14, 2020, Mayor O'Neill sent letters to Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris and Senator John Moorlach requesting legislative assistance on housing policies and laws. The letters specifically request they sponsor five legislative amendments that would significantly reduce barriers for Newport Beach and other cities to achieve the State of California's ambitious

housing goals set forth in the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process for the 6th Cycle Housing Element covering the period 2021-2029. The proposed legislative amendments include:

- allowing cities to count accessory dwelling units (“ADUs”) as affordable units provided the ADU meets certain objective standards;
- eliminating barriers to applying alternative methodologies for achieving compliance with state obligations to provide an adequate number of housing units;
- establishing objective standards of what constitutes “site eligibility” as cities are zoning for housing units in the preparation of the 6th Cycle Housing Element;
- providing a statutory exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) for the preparation and completion of a certified 6th Cycle Housing Element; and
- extending the deadline to submit a 6th Cycle Housing Element to the California Department of Housing Community Development (“HCD”) for certification.

Visit NewportBeachca.gov/HousingActionPlan for more information.

VEGETATION CLEARING: BUCK GULLY & MORNING CANYON

By NB Fire Marshal Kevin Bass

The Nbfd's Fire Prevention Division has just completed the Wildland Urban Interface Fire Areas Chapter in the City's municipal code which City Council adopted in February and becomes effective on March 25, 2020.

As part of the code adoption process, a new annual vegetation inspection program was approved for the identified Hazard Reduction Zone areas. The new program was created with input from the community members that attended the outreach meetings in November and December 2019 at OASIS Senior Center. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped the Fire Prevention staff create this new program.

The updated Guideline G.01 – Hazard Reduction Zones incorporates new requirements for reducing the amount of vegetation adjacent to structures. The goal of the revised program is to remove combustible materials adjacent to the structure, remove large masses of brushes/shrubs, create areas of separation between the remaining groups of brushes/shrubs, and reduce the amount of vegetation located underneath trees to break the “ladder” effect between ground fires and tree crown fires. We also intend to retain most of the existing trees as a screen to catch flying embers, while protecting the trees from ground-based vegetation fires.

The Fire Prevention staff will be sending courtesy letters in April to inform property owners that fire inspections will begin after June 1, 2020 (pending COVID-19 circumstances). This will provide property owners time to begin working on their properties prior to their inspections. Fire Prevention staff will be available to meet with property owners and their landscape contractors to review their premises and provide direction to achieve the necessary clearances.



Fire Inspector Raymi Wun is leading the Vegetation Management Program; you may contact Raymi at 949-644-3110 or by email at RWun@nbfd.net. The updated Guideline G.01 – Hazard Reduction Zones will be posted on the City's website in the Fire Department page by mid-March 2020 when the code amendment is in effect. Thanks to everyone for your community's efforts to reduce the wildfire threat within these canyons.

"2020 VISION - WE'RE FOCUSED IN ON FUN FOR FAMILIES"

by Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Life is full of challenges! But the key to life is finding balance between those challenges and the good stuff. That's where we come in and are ready to serve you in the decade ahead.



The City of Newport Beach's recreation programs and open space contribute significantly to the quality of life for our residents. Sixty-five parks, miles of beaches and marine habitats with a multitude of amenities and facilities lay a strong foundation that encourages active healthy living. Furthermore, they bring the community together to take in all these special places have to offer. The Recreation &

Senior Services Department provides thousands of educational, recreational and social programs for all ages throughout the year and boasts over 500 summer camps for kids, all in an effort to engage the community in play and learning opportunities. Our programs and world class facilities draw participation with an annual attendance that exceeds 1.1 million.

Our team of professionals are committed to providing a well-rounded selection of programs for the Newport Beach community in safe and well maintained facilities and parks. Which by the way are available to rent for your next family gathering or business meeting. There truly is something for everyone! Be sure to scan our Newport Navigator arriving quarterly in your mailbox that outlines these endless opportunities. There are new offerings with each edition that are certain to pique your interest. Now is the time to learn a new language, play a new sport, dance, get fit, sail, become an artist and try a few of the things you have always wanted to do but didn't have the time.

Our parks and recreation programs are often cited as why our residents love living in this city and were drawn to it with their families to enjoy an active and fulfilling life. Our role, simply put, is assuring we make life better for you. And if given the chance, time spent with us, will be time well spent. For more information, visit us at NewportBeachca.gov/Recreation.

OPEN FOR YOU

VISIT OUR eBRANCH - WE NEVER CLOSE!

By Katherine Mielke, Library Marketing Specialist



Newport Beach Public Library is committed to serving residents of Corona del Mar with valuable resources. Even when the physical library location is closed, the eBranch is open for you. Visit us at NewportBeachLibrary.org/ebranch.

The eBranch offers hundreds of books and audio books that can be downloaded to your home computer, tablet or mobile device, plus streaming video for you to watch anytime, anywhere.



Over 3,000 popular magazine titles are available for digital browsing using RBdigital, plus Consumer Reports and National Geographic.

Language learning, financial and investment information, legal forms and reference materials and a variety of student resources are available through the Library's online databases.



All you need is a library card. For information, go to the Contact Us page at NewportBeachLibrary.org or call (949) 717-3800.

LUNCH & LECTURE SERIES @ SHERMAN LIBRARY & GARDENS

By Beverly Morgan, SL&G Event & Venue Coordinator

Get a taste of some great speakers at Sherman Library & Gardens' Lunch & Lecture Series presented by South Coast Plaza. On select Fridays, Sherman Gardens, in partnership with Café Jardin, features an intriguing speaker and delicious lunch.

The Lunch & Lecture Series was started to help advance the knowledge of botanic gardens. Whether tackling the issue of food access and justice, mental health issues, environmental education, sustainability, or opening the mind to the creative process, botanic gardens are what the world needs. "It was with this desire to provide a range of speakers that would educate our guests on the many ways botanic gardens are helping to find solutions that will connect people for a better world," said Scott LaFleur, Executive Director of Sherman Gardens.

Save the date for a special Lunch & Lecture with author Teresa Sabankaya on June 12th, followed by a Posy Making Workshop taught by her on June 13th.



June 12, 2020: Teresa Sabankaya, author of The Posy Book Inspired by the Victorian-era language of flowers, Teresa will talk about the posy, a small round bouquet of flowers and herbs that are chosen based on their meanings to convey a message, such as love, happiness and friendship, and will share step-by-step instructions for making posies.

For more information about programs and events, please visit TheSherman.org.

Editor's Note: SL&G has hosted CdM's Annual Town Meeting since 2005. Please join us in a heartfelt thanks for such a long and rewarding friendship. Consider a donation to SL&G next time you visit.



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**GET INVOLVED!
WE HAVE
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR YOU.**

CdMRA works continuously on projects, issues and member communications on behalf of Corona del Mar residents. Would you like to participate? Do you have a skill that you'd like to showcase, such as research, marketing, social media, project management? Do you live in an area where we have an opening on our Board or do you live in an area not represented on our Board? [See Board listings below Membership Form.] If you are interested in becoming involved in the CdMRA organization, please contact us. Be sure to tell us a little about yourself, your background, and how you'd like to help. CdMRA Board meetings are held most months on the 3rd Thursday, 7:30 AM, at OASIS Senior Center in Corona del Mar.

JOIN OR RENEW

Join now to receive important news, updates and survey opportunities for 92625 neighborhoods. Pay online by credit card 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 on our Member page at CdMRA.org.

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