

Caltrans to close a connector and on-ramp for paving work on Friday Aug. 11 through 4 a.m. Aug. 12

Caltrans will be closing both the Southbound SR-55 connector to the Northbound I-405 and the Bristol Street on-ramp to the Northbound I-405 this Friday evening, Aug.11 from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. Saturday Aug. 12 for AC paving.

Caltrans appreciates the public's patience while this work is being conducted.

Detour signs will be posted to alert motorists of the closure.

For more information, you may contact the District 12 Public Information Office at (657) 328-6000 or log on to the Caltrans website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist12.

Pet of the Week: Strike is smart and eager to please

Strike, a Treeing Walker Coonhound, is looking for a new home.

He is smart, sweet, and outgoing and loves to stay active by going on walks and being outdoors.

Strike is 9-years-old but has the energy of a young pup.

He's eager to please, knows all of his commands and is ready to move in with a new family.

Come visit with this handsome boy today at the OC Humane Society.

For more information go to the OC Humane Society website here

Community comes out to support groundbreaking event for new library and community center

Mayor Katrina Foley, Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Genis and City Council Members Jim Righeimer and John Stephens joined city staff to and other members of the community to officially break ground on the new Lions Park Projects last Friday.

Also in attendance were state Sen. John Moorlach, Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors Michelle Steel, Supervisor Second District, project architect Steve Johnson as well as Orange County Librarian Helen Fried.

The \$36.5 million public works projects will include a new 20,000-square-foot Donald Dungan Library as well as the refurbishment of the existing library into a new Neighborhood Community Center and many park improvements.

About 150 members of the public attended the event.

To see a slideshow from Friday's groundbreaking, [click here](#).

Julie Colgan presented with July's City Manager Leadership Award

City Manager Tom Hatch awarded Development Services Administrative Secretary Julie Colgan with the City Manager Leadership Award at the July Meet and Greet.

“Julie has the important job of being the recording secretary for the Planning Commission meetings,” Hatch said. “Her organization skills and ability to remain cool under pressure are impressive traits and I appreciate her professional style very much.”

Colgan started with the City as an Apple temp in April 2012 and was offered a part time administrative secretary position in August of 2014 and later promoted to full time for the Development Services Department in November 2015.

As the Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission she has to make sure the various types of public notices occur on time, that agendas and staff reports are readied and copied and sent off to the Commission and other parties, as well as attend all the meetings and prepare the minutes.

Colgan wants to make sure that everyone knew that it's not possible for her to do her job without the support and companionship of her colleagues.

In addition to honoring Colgan, City Manager Hatch welcomed several new employees and congratulated others for their promotions.

New employees included Barry Curtis, the city's new Economic & Development Services Director; Issam Shahrour, the new Building Official; and Courtney Harvey, Office Specialist in the Finance Department.

From Parks & Community Services, he welcomed Zander Fletcher and Elise Price, two new Recreation Leader I hires and Kianna Gicale a new Recreation Leader II. The Police Department's Mayra Avalos, a new Police Records Technician was also welcomed.

In the promotions category, Hatch congratulated Ana Baca, the new Revenue Supervisor in the Finance Department; Katelyn Walsh, who was promoted to Assistant Planner Economic & Development Services; and Theresa Byrne, promoted to Recreation Leader III in Parks & Community Services.

Lions Park Projects Groundbreaking Ceremony set for Friday July 28

The City will hold an official Groundbreaking Ceremony this Friday July 28 at 10 a.m. for the planned Lions Park Projects.

The \$36 million public works projects will include a new 20,000-square-foot Donald Dungan Library as well as the refurbishment of the existing library into a new Neighborhood Community Center.



City Council members, staff and other dignitaries are expected to attend, including the architect of the project Steve Johnson as well as Orange County Librarian Helen Fried.

The Boy Scout Troop No. 339 will be the Color Guard that morning.

[Click here for more information about the Lions Park Projects.](#)

Hop aboard new shuttle designed to take workers and visitors to local shopping and dining venues

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Costa Mesa Line bus shuttle will take place Friday July 14 at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Experian building at 475 Anton Boulevard in Costa Mesa.

The new bus shuttle is the culmination of an OCTA grant

obtained by the city as well as a partnership with Anaheim Resort Transportation and Travel Costa Mesa. [Click here](#) for details about the Costa Mesa Line schedule.

The ART-Costa Mesa Line is free to the public and began operating daily on a fixed route schedule on June 15. It offers area businesses, employees, residents and visitors an easy and economical transportation option and is designed to reduce traffic, and enhance the dining, shopping and the arts experience in Costa Mesa.

This service transports riders on 30-passenger (CNG) Compressed Natural Gas ART vehicles along nine fixed-route stops covering South Bristol Street between South Coast Metro's business and residential areas, South Coast Plaza, The LAB, The Camp, and Costa Mesa's cultural arts centers.

Mosquito with West Nile virus discovered in section of Fairview Park

A mosquito infected with West Nile virus has been found in Fairview Park, according to an announcement last week by the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

The mosquito with West Nile virus was discovered in a Vector Control mosquito trap in a drainage ditch at the south end of Fairview park, officials confirmed. The area has already been treated for mosquitos and inspectors will be closely monitoring the area for any additional findings.

Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Genis, who is also a Vector Control

District trustee, said residents can take simple precautions to avoid mosquito interaction.

“Remember even the smallest amounts of standing water can allow mosquitoes to breed,” she said. “So please, check your yards and property for any sign of standing water and dump it or drain it.”

According to Vector Control, West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that was originally found in Africa. In 1999, it was detected in the eastern United States; since then the virus has spread throughout the United States and is well established in most states, including California.

Most often, West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. [Click here to learn more about the virus.](#)

The best way to avoid West Nile virus is to avoid being bitten by a mosquito. Vector Control recommends taking these precautions:

- Eliminate any standing water around your house.
- Make sure all window and door screens on your house are in good repair.
- Wear a repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR 3535.
- Contact the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District to report dead birds or neglected pools.

[Click here to watch a video about eliminating opportunities for mosquitos to breed.](#)

Costa Mesa Fire Prevention Specialist visits China

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue's Fire Prevention Specialist Brenda Emrick recently returned from a week long trip to China.

The recent trip included eight days of instructor development to provide U.S. representatives the expertise needed to observe and support previously trained CERT China instructors in delivering a basic CERT course to a Beijing audience

Historic photography and local artist work displayed as utility box art

The latest utility box artwork pieces were recently installed and features both historic Costa Mesa photography as well as a funky artwork named 'blue men'.

The boxes are located at the intersection of 19th St. and Harbor and at 17th St. and Santa Ana.

These vibrant pieces of art come from images secured by the City's Historical Preservation Committee as well as local artist Ben Brough.

Fire Station No. 1 reconstruction project continues to make progress

The reconstruction of Fire Station No. 1 continues to make progress.

Demolition of the original station was completed in March and hazardous material abatement, site grading, and foundation compaction is now complete.

The building foundation has been constructed using one inch diameter steel bars and 3,750 psi concrete containing up to 1.5" aggregate rock.

Construction of masonry block walls for interior and exterior partitions has begun, and reinforced steel bars are in place. Grout for the block walls is scheduled for sometime this week.

The steel reinforced concrete floor slab is next to be constructed and the building will continue to go vertical from there.

Construction is tentatively scheduled for completion in Spring of 2018.

Costa Mesa Police Seize Illegal Fireworks

The Costa Mesa Police Department has been conducting undercover operations throughout the month to deter the sale,

purchase, and use of illegal fireworks in the City of Costa Mesa. To date, over 600 lbs. of illegal fireworks have been seized with multiple arrests. Illegal firework enforcement will continue through the 4th of July.

Fireworks without the Safe & Sane logo are illegal and it is a crime to sell, purchase and possess illegal fireworks. Possession of just one illegal firework is a misdemeanor and punishable by a first time offense of a \$1,000 fine and/or imprisonment. To report illegal fireworks use and suspicious activity please call (714) 754-5252.



Senior Planner Daniel Inloes earns Leadership Award

On Thursday, June 22 City Manager Tom Hatch named Daniel Inloes the winner of the June City Manager Leadership Award at the monthly Meet and Greet.

Inloes, a senior planner in the Development Services Department is responsible for processing development applications and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). He is also the Project Manager for the selection and implementation of the City's new Land Management System.

Inloes is very involved in the City's Economic Development Program which promotes the advantage of doing business and

development opportunities in Costa Mesa.

In addition to his work with the City, Inloes is also an adjunct professor at University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy, where he teaches Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Prior to beginning his work at Costa Mesa, Inloes worked at the City of Camarillo as a planner, was a sole proprietor for a few years and also worked at SCAG as a Regional Planner.

In addition to honoring Inloes, City Manager Hatch welcomed a handful of new employees to the city, including Dylan Sickler and Larry Grihalva from Fire and Rescue.

Hatch also welcomed the newest members of the Parks and Community Services Department, Caleb Fleener, Josue Recinos, Mark Moreno and Nathan Zotea.

Amanda Del Prato, Iridyan Jimenez, Samantha Perez-Reyes, Jackie Rodriguez, Elizabeth Romo and Ana Villicana were introduced as the newest members of the Police Department.

Finally, Amber Haston of the Public Services Department was also recognized.