

Cats Sage and Spartan find new homes

Although it was a big week for dogs, the city would also like to congratulate cats Spartan and Sage on finding their forever homes.

The cats are the beneficiaries of the city's new partnership with Priceless Pet Rescue, who adopt out stray animals who end up at the city's animal shelter at Newport Center Animal Hospital.



OC Registrar of Voters still

in need of poll workers

The Orange County Registrar of Voters is in need of poll workers throughout Orange County. Election Day is June 5, 2018 and hundreds of poll workers are still needed as Inspectors and Clerks. As long as an individual is registered to vote in California they are eligible to volunteer in Orange County.

The Polling Place Inspector has the responsibility of overseeing the Election Day operations at an assigned polling place. This includes managing and working with poll workers assigned to the polling place, coordination of site access, picking up supplies, setting up equipment, assisting and processing voters, completing the closing procedures, and transporting the results and supplies to a collection center on Election Night. The stipend for serving as a Polling Place Inspector is \$160. A training course is required and are offered throughout Orange County.

The Polling Place Clerk has the responsibility to assist the Inspector in the polling place operations. This includes setting up equipment and supplies, assisting and processing voters, and assisting in the closing procedures. Individuals are needed who are bilingual in Chinese, Korean, Spanish or Vietnamese, which is required under federal law. The stipend for service as a Polling Place Clerk is \$120. A training course is required and are offered throughout Orange County.

Interested individuals can volunteer by calling 714-954-1901 or visiting ocvote.com/volunteer.

Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries presents \$75,000 to city for new facility

At the City Council meeting on Tuesday May 15, Costa Mesa Mayor Sandy Genis accepted a check in the amount of \$75,000 that was donated by the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries to be used for the Community Information Media Wall for the new facility currently being constructed at Lions Park.

Presenting the check was Donna Stapleton, president of the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries. She noted that the Friends donate approximately \$60,000 a year to the city's libraries.

"It is with great joy that we present the city another giant check," Stapleton said.

Stapleton was joined by members Barbara Steck, Charlene Ashendorf, Art and Mary Ellen Goddard, Bob Ooten, Judith and Andy Lamb, Katie Crawford, Darrell and Sherrie Neft, and Kristina Jones, Donald Dungan Branch Manager.

"On behalf of the City of Costa Mesa, I want to thank the Friends of the Costa Mesa Libraries for your generous contribution of \$75,000 to the new library," Mayor Genis said. "Your donation will fund the Media Wall inside the library entrance that will enhance the experience of children, teens, and adults. Thank you for investing in our community and most importantly thank you for your strong support. We truly value your partnership."

TeWinkle Park gets two new pedestrian bridges

Public Services recently contracted with R.E. Schultz Construction for the replacement of two pedestrian bridges at TeWinkle Park.

Last week, the contractor installed both pedestrian rustic style bridges. Over the next two weeks, sidewalk adjacent to the bridge will be constructed along with the concrete platform for both bridges.

Following completion of the concrete improvements, the TeWinkle Park Lake system water levels will be restored.

Costa Mesa welcomes Audi Fletcher Jones

Audi Fletcher Jones has opened a new auto dealership at the former Autoplex site located at 375 Bristol Street in Costa Mesa.

“We welcome Audi Fletcher Jones to our community and are delighted to have them join the many successful auto dealerships who call Costa Mesa home,” Mayor Sandy Genis said.

Audi Fletcher Jones revamped the existing building with a variety of improvements.

The dealership occupies a majority of the site, retaining a few of the existing tenants such as Sandwich World.

Ketchum Libolt Park gets new lighting upgrades

Public Services Maintenance staff recently completed upgrades to the lighting at Ketchum Libolt Park.

The existing high pressure sodium lights were inefficient and did not provide a sufficient amount of light.

Rear portions of the park are lit dimly at night. Staff replaced the inefficient lights with high efficiency, brighter LED lights. The rear of the park now has a quad multi-directional light mount, which can illuminate several areas of the park simultaneously. Staff also painted the light posts for an overall aesthetic improvement to the park.

Street rehabilitation work continues throughout city

Eagle Paving is well underway with the city's street rehabilitation project. The city continues to receive compliments from the community regarding the contractor's construction operations.

The street rehabilitation work includes grinding the existing asphalt concrete street and the placement of a new asphalt concrete driving surface. Last week, Eagle Paving completed improvements on several Eastside Costa Mesa streets scheduled for repair.

Work is now underway on streets located in Northside Costa Mesa. The upcoming phase of street improvements is in the central portion of the city and includes Logan Avenue, Pinecreek Drive, Village Way, Dale Way, College Avenue (Baker Street to Village Way), and Monterey Avenue (Salvador Street to El Camino Drive).

Once Eagle Paving has completed the street rehabilitation work, another contractor is scheduled to move into many of these same areas to slurry seal the remaining streets that did not require complete street rehabilitation, thus completing the street maintenance work in these neighborhoods.

TeWinkle Park is spruced up with new paint

Public Services Maintenance staff recently completed painting improvements at TeWinkle Park.

The painting project included the arbors that encircle Angel's Playground, the arbor at the entrance to the restrooms, and the Skate Park's perimeter wrought iron fence.



The wrought iron fence and arbors were faded, the original paint was peeling off, and portions of the fence were rusting. Staff coordinated with the Parks and Community Services Department to ensure there was minimal inconvenience to park users. The painting project provides an overall safety and aesthetic improvement to the park while also extending the anticipated life of the structures.

Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue honors 15 crew members at City Hall promotion ceremony

The Costa Mesa Fire & Rescue Department held a Promotion Ceremony at City Hall to honor three new captains, a new engineer and assistant fire marshal and the historic addition of 10 new firefighter/paramedics.

“Today we come together as a Fire Family to celebrate some very special promotions and the successful completion of probation for 10 of our Firefighters, the largest group to complete probation together in the history of our department,”

Fire Chief Dan Stefano said. "Today highlights the extraordinary transformation we are in the midst of and the focused trajectory we are all locked in on."

The ceremony held in a packed City Council Chambers on Thursday May 3 was attended by friends, family, co-workers, city staff and Council Members Katrina Foley and John Stephens.

In addition to the promotions, the department paid tribute to outgoing Fire Capt. Shawn Brosamer, who is retiring after 30 years with the city. Coincidentally, Brosamer's son Kyle was one of the 10 new firefighters and Capt. Brosamer pinned his son with his badge during the ceremony.



Those promoted to captain include Jeff Bibler, Andrew Harris and Kevin Reddy. Mike Ruhl is the new engineer and Jon Neal the new assistant fire marshal.

The 10 new firefighters are Luke Anderson, Craig Bates, Kyle Brosamer, Matt Chavez, Thomas Foskarino, Jordan Kiesz, Bryan McMahon, Kyle Myszka, Angel Ordaz and Maurilio Torres.

"We have an absolutely amazing team throughout all ranks and

all areas,” Chief Stefano said. “At the end of the day, it is about our people, it is about those we serve, it is about providing the highest quality of service in the most effective and efficient manner we can, and it is about making sure that every single person on our team returns home safely at the end of each shift.”

Costa Mesa Police Department provides response to state and opposes proposed needle exchange program

After conducting a thorough evaluation of a proposal by the Orange County Needle Exchange Program (OCNEP) to distribute syringes in the Westside of Costa Mesa, the Costa Mesa Police Department has issued a response to the California Department of Public Health in opposition to this program.

City and law enforcement officials concluded that the needle exchange program had the potential to increase discarded needles in the city and present a safety risk to residents and others.

“There is a unanimous agreement regarding the potential public safety concerns posed by the OCNEP,” the memorandum stated. “Therefore, CMPD is opposed to implementation of the OCNEP in Costa Mesa at this time.”

To read the Police Department’s full statement [click here](#).

According to the California Department of Public Health’s website, the Orange County Needle Exchange Program has submitted an application to operate its needle exchange program daily in Costa Mesa from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in an area bounded by (N) West 18th Street, (E) Monrovia Avenue, (S) West 16th Street, (W) the outer border of Armstrong Petroleum.

Members of the public who are interested in more information or commenting on this program can visit the California Department of Public Health’s application page [here](#).

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/Pages/OA_prev_secpapp.aspx

Arlington Drive Improvement Project nears completion

The Arlington Drive Improvement Project is nearly 90% complete. Recently the roadway was paved.

The landscape improvements are underway with all of the trees along the south side planted and the shrubs and ground cover approximately 40% complete.

Next week, the final striping work will be completed throughout the project area. The project is anticipated for completion by May 2018.

The City of Costa Mesa is planning a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 18, 2018. Save the Date! More details coming soon.

City Council seeks to fill Planning Commission vacancy

The Costa Mesa City Council is currently seeking interested individuals to serve the community and to fill a vacant seat on the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission – This Commission meets bi-monthly and derives its power from the provisions of the California Government Code, and has the power, by law, to act upon or recommend to the City Council: 1) the regulation of future growth, development, and beautification of the City in respect to its public and private works; 2) consistency with municipal plans to ensure that future growth and development do not impede upon sanitation, public utilities, and transportation facilities; 3) the location of any proposed buildings, structures or works; and, 4) the design and improvement of proposed subdivisions of the land.

Currently, there is one (1) vacancy with a term expiration of February 2019. Applicants must be registered voters in the City. For further information, please contact Administrative

Secretary Julie Colgan at (714) 754-5612.

Application Process – Residents who are interested in getting involved in local government are encouraged to complete a Commission Application Form from the City Clerk's Office or from the City's website (www.costamesaca.gov/apply).

The completed application may be submitted online; mailed to Costa Mesa City Clerk at Post Office Box 1200, Costa Mesa, California, 92628-1200; faxed to (714) 754-4942; emailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov; or hand-delivered to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The deadline is **5 p.m., Friday, May 18, 2018**. Appointments are tentatively scheduled for the June 5, 2018 City Council meeting.