

No street sweeping on Thursday Nov. 25 and Friday Nov. 26 in recognition of Thanksgiving Holiday

Due to the observation of the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no residential street sweeping Thursday Nov. 25 and Friday Nov. 26.

No citations should be written on those days.

Street sweeping will resume back to normal schedule, starting the week of Nov. 29.

Public encouraged to create new district maps with Draw a Map tool

As the City of Costa Mesa continues the redistricting process, residents are encouraged to create their own district maps using the online Draw a Map tools on the City's website.

[Click here to draw your own map.](#)

Currently, there are 10 draft maps available for review, seven are public submittals by individuals and the city's demographer, Dr. Justin Levitt, also prepared three draft City Council district boundary maps based on the legal criteria outlined in past meetings, including consideration of

communities of interest.

The draft maps are intended for discussion purposes only.

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The next steps are to conduct public workshops to seek additional public input on the draft district maps. The following dates are scheduled:

- Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Community Room
- Saturday, January 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Location TBD.

Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. State law requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach, including to underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities.

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Spanish version below:

La Ciudad de Costa Mesa continúa con el proceso de redistribución de distritos, todos los residentes están invitados a crear su propio mapa de distritos usando las

herramientas en la sección Dibujar un Mapa, localizada en la página de la Ciudad.

Haga clic aquí dibujar un mapa.

En este momento hay diez borradores de mapas disponibles para revisar, siete fueron entregadas por miembros del público y tres mapas fueron preparados por el demógrafo de la Ciudad. Los mapas del demógrafo fueron basados en el criterio legal detallado en las juntas pasadas, incluyendo la consideración de las comunidades de interés.

La intención de los borradores de mapas es para conversar solamente.

La Ciudad alienta que los residentes sometan borradores de mapas, revisiones a mapas ya entregados, o que dejen sus comentarios en cualquiera de los mapas. El demógrafo de la Ciudad continuará revisando todas las sumisiones y hará los cambios necesarios, basado en la dirección del Consejo Municipal y los comentarios de la comunidad.

El siguiente paso es conducir talleres comunitarios para recibir comentarios adicionales del público en los borradores de mapas. Las siguientes fechas están programadas:

- Miércoles 1 de diciembre de 2021, 6:00 p.m. en el Salón Comunitario del Ayuntamiento
- Sábado 8 de enero de 2022, 10 a.m. la locación está por definirse

Cada diez años, los gobiernos locales utilizan nuevos datos del Censo para volver a dibujar los límites de los distritos y reflejar cómo han cambiado las poblaciones locales. La ley del Estado requiere que las ciudades incluyan a las comunidades en el proceso de la redistribución de distritos por medio de audiencias públicas y programas de extensión, también incluyendo a las comunidades insuficientemente representadas y a los que no hablan inglés.

La Ciudad de Costa Mesa solicita la participación del público en planificar y dibujar los nuevos mapas que definieran los seis límites de los distritos en la Ciudad. Los nuevos distritos impactaran como eligen los Miembros del Consejo Municipal para los próximos diez años.

Para más información sobre las próximas juntas y como el público puede participar, visite www.redistrictcostamesa.org

Council reviews the first 10 redistricting draft maps for the City of Costa Mesa

Costa Mesa City Council members were presented with the first 10 draft redistricting maps at the Council meeting of Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

The community was encouraged to submit proposed maps for the November 16, 2021 public hearing for the City Council's initial consideration and discussion.

A total of seven public submittals were made by individuals and the city's demographer, Dr. Justin Levitt, also prepared three draft City Council district boundary maps based on the legal criteria outlined in past meetings, including consideration of communities of interest.

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IT Programmer Analyst Phoebe

Jin presented with City Manager Leadership Award

City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison presented IT Programmer Analyst II Phoebe Jin with the City Manager Leadership Award winner for the month of October.

“Phoebe’s dedication to her job has resulted in better IT systems for both City employees and the residents we serve,” City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison said. “Additionally, Phoebe has a positive attitude and always treats everyone with respect. She genuinely loves helping her co-workers and these are always traits that we value here in Costa Mesa. We are so thankful she is part of our team.”

Jin works on a variety of programming projects, collaborating with multiple City Department. Her projects include the intranet system, the Homeless Information System, IT Inventory, Waitwhile, and SeamlessDocs.

Every year, Jin participates in the support of the City’s Open Enrollment. For a long time, employees submitted their enrollment forms manually to HR. But, in 2020, she collaborated with HR and designed an online submission process through SeamlessDocs.

For this year’s Open Enrollment, Jin designed a new process – Employees can now submit their forms through an online system, greatly reducing HR’s workload.

Jin started to work for City of Costa Mesa IT Department in June 2013 as an intern and later was promoted to Programmer Analyst I. In April 2015, she and her husband, Shiji (she-gee) moved to San Francisco. They relocated back to Orange County in May 2019, and she was rehired as Programmer Analyst II.

Originally from Shanghai, China, Jin finished her Master’s

degree in Computer Science from Cal State Fullerton in 2014.

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The City of Costa Mesa is asking for your help to plan and draw new City districts.

The finalized maps that the public will help create will define the six City of Costa Mesa district borders, and these new districts will impact how to elect Council Members for the next 10 years.

The first workshop on redistricting was held on Saturday Oct. 23. The next workshop will take place Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Community Room at 77 Fair Drive.

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In case you weren't able to attend the first community workshop, you can watch the meeting in its entirety

here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZufwTL-IK_Y

Longtime CMTV and City leader Dane Bora gets ready to sign off

After a distinguished 31-year career with the City of Costa Mesa, Public Affairs Manager and Costa Mesa TV legend Dane Bora announced he is going to retire from the City as of Dec. 3, 2021.

“Dane’s departure is a big loss not only for the City Manager’s Office but for the entire Costa Mesa organization,” City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison said. “He has been the leader of the City’s award-winning CMTV team, and his Costa Mesa Minute has made him a familiar face with the whole community, of which he has multiple ties and connections. Dane is a trusted colleague of ours in the City Manager’s Office and he will truly be missed.”

In addition to running the TV station and video team, he oversees the City’s website and social media channels and is a critical member of the City’s outreach and public information efforts.

“I have had the pleasure of working my entire professional career for the City of Costa Mesa and am blessed to have worked alongside many amazing people,” Bora said. “I will always cherish my time with the City and am grateful for the support I have received from the community and the organization. Costa Mesa will forever have a special place in my heart.”

Bora was hired full-time in August of 1990 after a few months as a part-timer, and he was promoted from Video Production Coordinator to Public Affairs Manager in July of 2015.

He has many, many achievements in his 31 years, most recently instituting the technology upgrades in the City Council Chambers. During his tenure CMTV has earned 88 awards, including placing in the top three 21 times for the coveted Overall Excellence in Government Programming Award and First Place in the Talk Show category four out of five years for City Talk.

Bora is a past Board Member for Travel Costa Mesa and currently the staff liaison to the Costa Mesa High School Foundation and Estancia/TeWinkle Schools Foundations.

On a fun note, he has hosted 2,229 episodes of the Costa Mesa Minute, 120 episodes of the Community Report and took part in more than 750 City Council meetings.

He was also the play-by-play announcer for 20-plus Battle for the Bell games and hundreds of youth flag football and basketball games.

Costa Mesa Leadership honors Chief Roger Neth with park dedicated in his name

On Thursday Nov. 4, the City of Costa Mesa held a dedication ceremony for Neth Park, named in honor of former Police Chief Roger Neth, Costa Mesa's second chief and the longest tenured chief at 22 years.

Neth also was one of the city's first three sworn officers.

Mayor John Stephens emceed the event joined by District 3 Council Member Andrea Marr and current Police Chief Ron Lawrence.

[Click here for a slideshow.](#)

"It's thanks to Chief Neth that Costa Mesa's Police Department has a reputation of being one of the finest in the state and it was his accomplishments and innovations that set the stage early on," Mayor Stephens said. "Chief Neth we are so grateful for your leadership and dedication and this seems like this is the least we could do honor your incredible legacy."



Chief Neth implemented the use of video cameras for DUI arrests, the first in nation, and put in place Police Officer Standards of Training for all Costa Mesa Police Officers

Under his leadership, Costa Mesa PD was the first department in U.S. to place computer terminals in police cars

He created the SWAT team, scholastic achievement and tuition reimbursement programs, a helicopter program, youth services

program, motorcycle program, Cop on Campus program, and the Area Policing concept

He helped develop the CAD/RMS system, employed the first handwriting expert in Orange County and in his spare time, became a licensed helicopter pilot.

He was also a distinguished marksman and was named the top gun in Orange County three times.

He is a Charter Member of the California Police Chiefs Association, a former President of Orange County Police Chiefs Association and a member of the Golden West College Orange County Police Training Academy Advisory Committee.

On hand to congratulate Neth were City Council Members Manuel Chavez and Jeff Harlan, City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, Assistant City Manager Susan Price, Second District Supervisor and former Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley and multiple members of the City, Police and Fire Department staff.



Also in attendance were former Chiefs Dave Snowden, Tom Gazsi

and Bryan Glass, former City Managers Fred Sorsabal (who flew in from Idaho for the event) and Allan Roeder and former mayors Mary Hornbuckle and Arlene Scheafer.

Need sandbags? We got them here at City Hall

The city's maintenance service crews have made sandbags available at City Hall in case of flooding.

Sand bags are available for free to Costa Mesa residents in the southeast corner of the City Hall parking lot at 77 Fair Drive. The location is self-service and bringing your own shovel is suggested as supplies could be limited. The number of sandbags is limited to 15 sandbags per household.

No commercial use please.

[Click here for instructions on sandbags.](#)

Additionally, the city crews will patrol potential flooding spots to make sure catch basins are clear of debris and operational. Crews are also ready to respond to other weather-related incidents.

Please report flooding issues to 714-754-5252.

Costa Mesa needs public's help to draw the line on new City Council districts

The City of Costa Mesa held its first public hearing on Tuesday Oct. 19 to discuss the official 2020 Census data (State-Adjusted), the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to evaluate district boundaries.

The Council heard from redistricting expert Dr. Justin Levitt, who presented the city's 2020 estimated total population. He noted that the redistricting goal is to have all districts the same (or as close to) a population of 18,690. Currently Costa Mesa has a deviation of 11.52%. The City needs to bring that down to under 10%.

[Click here to see the data.](#)

To accomplish that, the City is seeking the public's participation to redraw boundaries for City Council Districts 1 through 6.

The City of Costa Mesa will also hold its first public input workshop on Saturday Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Norma Hertzog Community Center. Members of the public will have an opportunity to learn about the redistricting process, data and mapping tools.

Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how populations have changed. State law requires cities to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach, including to underrepresented and non-English-speaking communities.

Subsequent meetings will be scheduled in December of 2021 and

January of 2022.

For more information on redistricting or to draw a district map, please visit: <https://redistrictcostamesa.org/> In addition, the City has created a dedicated email address for the public to submit questions or comments regarding the City's redistricting process. The email address is redistricting@costamesaca.gov

City Council sets new Core Values, Goals and Objectives for next three years

The Costa Mesa City Council on Tuesday Oct. 19 approved the City's Core Values, and amended the Three Year Strategic Plan Goals and new Six Month Strategic Objectives for the next three years.

The Council developed the values, goals and objectives at its Strategic Planning Retreat on Monday Sept. 27 that was moderated by Marilyn Snider of Snider and Associates.

"During the strategic planning session, the City Council and City staff built consensus on our City's five specific goals over the next three years as well as the incremental steps over the next six months needed to achieve our goals," Mayor John Stephens said. "We also agreed on the City's Core Values of Integrity, Sustainability, Innovation, Inclusion, Collaboration and Compassion. These goals and core values will guide our decisions and prioritize our efforts going forward."

The retreat, held at the Costa Mesa Senior Center, was

attended by Mayor Stephens, Mayor Pro-tem and District 3 Council Member Andrea Marr, District 2 Council Member Loren Gameros, District 4 Council Member Manuel Chavez, District 5 Council Member Arlis Reynolds and District 6 Council Member Jeff Harlan.

Also joining the Mayor and Council were City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, Assistant City Manager Susan Price and all the City's Department Directors.

The council decided on the following five goals:

- Recruit and retain high quality staff
- Achieve long-term fiscal sustainability
- Strengthen the public's safety and improve the quality of life
- Diversify, stabilize and increase housing to reflect community needs
- Advance environmental sustainability and climate resiliency

[Click here to see the full document the City Council adopted.](#)

Costa Mesa Public Services team captures prestigious ENR award for Lions Park Project

The Engineering News-Record (ENR) California magazine last week presented the Costa Mesa City staff with the award for Best Cultural Project in Southern California for their work on the Donald Dungan Library and Norma Hertzog Center.

“The Donald Dungan Library and Norma Hertzog Community Center are the crown jewels of the City and the centerpiece of our Westside Restoration efforts,” Mayor John Stephens said. “Congrats to our Public Services team for shepherding these projects through and winning this prestigious award. I’m heartened to know they are being recognized by their engineering peers.”

Each year, ENR California assembles a group of judges, with varying specialties and expertise in the construction industry, to review, score and form a panel to determine Best Projects winners for the region.

“ENR is the construction industry’s premier publication providing news, analysis, data and opinion,” said Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman. “The City of Costa Mesa is a proud receipt of the Best Project Award from ENR for the Donald Dungan Library. The award recognized the City and the consultant team for the library’s aesthetic quality and design, LEED certification, as well as construction. This is one of several awards that the Donald Dungan Library project received over the past couple of years.”

The two-phase, \$36.5-million Lions Park Project was completed under budget. The first phase included the demolition of the longtime Downtown Community Center and the creation of a new 23,355-square-foot, two-story library in that space.

The second phase saw the transformation of the original Donald Dungan library into a 9,200-square-foot, 300-seat community center to accommodate a variety of events.

To come up with the award winners, judges independently review entries, score each on pre-specified criteria, and convene with fellow judges to vote. Together, the judges’ panels select honorees for Best Project and Merit awards.

According to the ENR magazine, “sustainability underscored every aspect of the project, leading to LEED Gold

certification. Efforts included repurposing demolished materials from the original community center site as recycled material base for the new library's foundation. Grinding waste material on site also significantly limited the project's waste volume and hauling."

Assistance still available for eligible Costa Mesa residents behind in rent payments

The eviction moratorium ended in California on Sept. 30, but Costa Mesa residents who are eligible may still get assistance to help pay their back rent if they were impacted by COVID-19 related economic setbacks.

Passed by the City Council last June, the CDBG-CV Rental Assistance Program assists low to moderate-income Costa Mesa residents who were impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Assisting residents in need will go toward maintaining housing stability during these difficult times.

For individuals in need of assistance, please contact Mercy House at 714-836-7188 or at the website here <https://www.mercyhouse.net/>.

For families in need of rental assistance, please contact Serving People in Need (SPIN) at this number (714) 751-1101 or click this link for more information.