WEEKLY WATCHLIST

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH & BEYOND

THIS WEEK IN NEWPORT BEACH:

NOVEMBER 9TH

NEWPORT HARBOR: WHAT IS FAIR RENT?

- Harbor stakeholders continue discussions on rental rates and lease agreements for public tidelands and moorings.

NOVEMBER 10TH

A $27.4 MILLION DECISION

- City Council considers whether to direct the year-end surplus toward infrastructure improvements or use a portion to reduce pension debt

KING TIDES: IS NEWPORT BEACH PREPARED?

- City Council reviews upcoming high tides, coastal flooding risks, and emergency preparations.

NOVEMBER 11TH

NEWPORT HARBOR RENTAL RATES

- Speak Up Newport hosts an update on the City's efforts to revise rents for the use of public tidelands.

NOVEMBER 12TH

CORONA DEL MAR'S FUTURE

- City planners discuss the Commercial Corridor Study and potential changes to the village's business district.

MEASURES P, Q AND R: WHAT'S NEXT?

- Court proceedings continue over the canceled special election and a separate challenge to the City's housing plan.







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❓ NEWPORT HARBOR: WHAT IS FAIR RENT? — NOVEMBER 9TH | 5:00 PM | CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- A Harbor Commission ad hoc committee will continue discussions about rental rates and lease agreements for public tidelands in Newport Harbor.

- The meeting follows concerns raised by the California State Lands Commission about the City's management of public tidelands.

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

OFFSHORE MOORINGS

- Agreements involving Newport Harbor Yacht Club and Balboa Yacht Club.

ONSHORE MOORINGS

- Agreements involving Lido Isle Community Association.

FAIR-MARKET RENT

- How will the City evaluate the appraisal and determine appropriate rates?



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💰 A $27.4 MILLION DECISION: WHERE SHOULD THE MONEY GO?— NOVEMBER 10TH | 4:00 PM | CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- City Council will consider how to allocate Newport Beach's fiscal year-end operating surplus.
- Staff is asking Council to transfer the entire surplus into a fund for future infrastructure and neighborhood capital improvements.
- Under the City's previously described policy, half of the surplus would have gone toward pension debt. Council will now consider the full transfer as a separate business item.

TWO APPROACHES

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

- Set aside the full surplus for facilities and neighborhood capital projects.

PENSION DEBT REDUCTION

- Direct a portion of the surplus toward reducing long-term retirement obligations.

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🌊 KING TIDES: IS NEWPORT BEACH PREPARED? — NOVEMBER 10TH | 4:00 PM | CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- Following October's coastal flooding, Newport Beach is preparing for another series of unusually high tides in November, December, and January.
- City staff will present anticipated water levels, flood risks, emergency response plans, and steps residents and boaters can take to prepare.
- The Council will also consider declaring a local emergency ahead of November's king tides.

THREE QUESTIONS TO WATCH

FLOOD PREPARATION

- What measures will be in place before the next high tides?

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- How will the City coordinate flood protection and response?

RESIDENT NOTIFICATION

- How will residents receive timely information about potential flooding?





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🏛️ CITY COUNCIL: 17 CONSENT ITEMS, ONE VOTE?— NOVEMBER 10TH | 4:00 PM | CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- Beyond the $27.4 million surplus decision and king tide discussion, City Council has 17 items on its consent calendar.

- These items can be approved together without individual discussion unless a Council member requests that an item be considered separately.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Coastal Emergency Measures

- Closing the October high tide emergency proclamation and considering a new one for November.

Parks & Public Facilities

- Contracts for synthetic turf replacement at Bonita Creek Park and City facility maintenance.

Transportation & Infrastructure

- Supporting regional traffic signal synchronization along Campus Drive and Irvine Avenue.

Planning, Contracts & City Operations

- Final approvals for setback regulations, a waste-hauling franchise, building safety services, and other City agreements.

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🎤 SPEAK UP NEWPORT: WHO PAYS WHAT TO USE NEWPORT HARBOR?— NOVEMBER 11TH | 6:00 PM | CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM

- Speak Up Newport will host Deputy Harbormaster Matt Cosylion for an update on the City's ongoing review of rental rates for the use of public tidelands in Newport Harbor.

- The review follows concerns raised by the California State Lands Commission about how the City manages its public tidelands.



THREE QUESTIONS TO WATCH

CURRENT RENTAL RATES

- How much are boat owners, piers, and other harbor users currently paying to use public tidelands?

PROPOSED CHANGES

- What adjustments to rental rates and lease agreements is the City considering?

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

- How will the City ensure that its rental policies reflect the value of publicly owned tidelands?



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❓ CORONA DEL MAR: WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR?— NOVEMBER 12TH | 8:00 AM | BAHIA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

- Newport Beach planners are scheduled to provide an update on the Corona del Mar Commercial Corridor Study.

- The study examines the future of the area's commercial streets and how planning policies could shape the neighborhood's development.

THREE QUESTIONS TO WATCH

COMMERCIAL CHARACTER

- How can future changes maintain Corona del Mar's distinctive village atmosphere?

PARKING & ACCESS

- What improvements could support businesses, residents, and visitors?

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- How might updated planning policies affect the corridor?





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⚖️ TWO COURT CASES TO WATCH — NOVEMBER 12TH | 9:00 AM | ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

- Two separate cases involving Newport Beach's election procedures and housing policies are scheduled for status conferences.

CASE 1 — MEASURES P, Q AND R

- The court is scheduled to review the status of litigation involving three citizen-initiated City Charter amendments:

Measure P: Council term limits
Measure Q: District-only voting
Measure R: Transparency and open government

- The previously announced November 3 special election did not take place.

CASE 2 — HOUSING PLAN CHALLENGE

- The Newport Beach Stewardship Association is challenging the City's approach to meeting state housing requirements through General Plan housing overlays.

- The case raises questions about how the City's housing policies align with state law and recent court decisions.