



City Administrator's Report

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Key Meetings

City Council Meetings: November 7, 14, & 21. City Hall, Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street.

Community Events

November 4: **San Roque Stewardship Project**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., San Roque Creek. For more information, call 897-2606 or visit www.sbcreeks.com.

- November 7: **Election Day.**
- November 22: **Adapted Programs' Thanksgiving Dinner** (for the physically and mentally disabled), Noon, Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center, 1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd. For more information, call 564-5421.
- November 23: **Thanksgiving Day**, City Offices closed.
- November 24: City offices closed.
- November 28: **City Employee Art Exhibit**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center, 1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd. For more information, call Marci Laurent at 897-1982 or Simon Kiefer at 564-5461.

Flags on State Street: www.santabarbaradowntown.com

- November 6 – November 13: Election Day/Veterans Day (American Flags)
- November 13 – November 20: Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care/VNHC
- November 20 – December 4: Unity Shoppe and Downtown Organization Holiday Flags & Décor

City Administrator

City TV Airs November Episode of Inside Santa Barbara. *Inside Santa Barbara* is a monthly, thirty-minute, news magazine program that informs Santa Barbara citizens about City issues, events, projects, and the wide array of services our City government provides in a clear and entertaining manner. In November's episode, City TV takes a sneak peak inside the Granada Theatre Restoration Project. The show's "History 101" series continues with a focus on the history of Stearns Wharf. The "Cookin' with Christy" segment also continues with a trip to the Annual Harbor and Seafood Festival. Also, *Inside Santa Barbara* takes viewers to the City's unveiling of the newest bathrooms on State Street. Viewers can also learn how the City is bringing light to the issue of after-school care for our local children. And finally, Channel 18 takes a closer look at the teen-driven program called "City at Peace."

November's edition of *Inside Santa Barbara* will premiere on Wednesday, November 8th, at 6:30 p.m. on City TV, Channel 18. For rebroadcast times or to watch archived shows, go to www.citytv18.com.

Garden Maintenance in the Sustainability Zone. Garden Wise Guys is a thirty-minute show about designing and maintaining a sustainable landscape. In Episode 5, hosts Billy Goodnick and Owen Dell will show you everything you need to know about garden maintenance. A new page is turned in the history of the Wise Guys as they explore the outer limits of "the Sustainability Zone." A regular checkup on their sprinkler timer sends them back to the 1950s, years before the era of sustainable landscaping. They teach an uninformed gardener and viewers how to properly prune plants, how to deal with common pests, and how to water wisely. Whether it's a whitefly infestation, an overgrown shrub, or a broken sprinkler head – the

Wise Guys have the maintenance solution. Will the wise guys ever find their way back to the present? You'll have to watch to find out! Garden Wise Guys airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on City TV Channel 18. For more information, visit www.citytv18.com.

Administrative Services

Information Systems Expands its Services to Departments. Information Systems (IS) is committed to increasing one of our most important services, offering excellent customer support to departments with their computer support questions and requests for service. After evaluating several areas where service can be increased, IS is proud to announce significant expansion in our support delivery.

We are "Open for Lunch." In the past, the IS Help Desk was closed between Noon and 1 p.m. Effective October 23rd, the Help Desk is open non-stop between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on all business days. This will enable department staff, many who work all during the day, to reach the Help Desk when support is needed.

In addition, IS now provides "Critical Problem after-hours notification" on a 24/7 basis. The IS Cell Phone (680-7655) is monitored round-the-clock to respond to "critical" department application or equipment outages. This is limited to equipment, network, or application problems that affect a large group of staff and is required to provide departmental business continuity. IS staff will mobilize to assess, respond and restore critical business service.

Other Substantial Customer Service Improvements from Information Systems.

- An Increase in the number of Help Desk phone lines. In the past, there has been one incoming line with no rollover to other staff phones. Now we have three incoming lines with staff notification of incoming calls so we can help more people at the same time.
- Two Help Desk staff (Tammy Nelson and Josh Thompson) are enrolled in an intensive two-week Microsoft A+ certification class that concentrates on both hardware and software education. We should be smarter and faster at helping diagnose and resolve your Microsoft problems.

We will be surveying departments in January to evaluate these improvements and to determine how else we can "help you accomplish your business through technology!"

Stearns Wharf Maintenance Office is Now Fiber Connected. Information Systems, Electronic Maintenance of the Public Works Department, and the Waterfront Department worked together to upgrade the network connection for Stearns Wharf maintenance staff to a fiber connection. Bob Zimmer and his crew had been saddled by the relatively slow speed cable modem connection and were thrilled when IS connected them up at "gigabit" speed to the Waterfront Administration Building. New fiber was installed on the wharf and the Electronic Maintenance's Traffic Signal fiber was used to connect the fiber the rest of the way to the Waterfront Offices. This is a great example of multi-group infrastructure planning and using City owned resources to expand network operations. Watch for more success stories in the future as we all continue to improve City operations.

Records Management Program. The City Clerk's Office has been working closely with department representatives related to the Citywide Records Management Program. Last fall,

the City Clerk's Office established nine milestones to assist departments in managing and maintaining their records. Currently, departments are working on the final milestone on the citywide schedule. Beginning next year, departments will participate biannually in the areas of records destruction and retention.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Recruitment. The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking an Assistant Director. The Assistant is responsible for the management of multiple divisions, and the oversight of key departmental operations and initiatives. The position also provides leadership assistance to the Director in the planning, coordination, and management of the entire department. This position pays up to \$124,635 (pending Council approval) with an excellent benefits package. Application materials are being accepted until Friday, November 17th. For more information please see our webpage at: <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Employment/Openings/>

General Services Manager Recruitment. The Finance Department is seeking a General Services Manager to manage the purchasing, central warehouse, and mail courier services to 13 City departments, along with supervising water meter-reading services. Thirteen professional and clerical staff members report to this individual. This position pays up to \$106,249 with an excellent benefits package. Application materials are being accepted until Monday, November 27th. For more information please see our webpage at: <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Employment/Openings/>

Airport

Airport Security Update. New procedures adopted by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will affect security procedures at the Santa Barbara Airport (SBA). Local TSA personnel will soon set up random check points at the entrances to various airport secure areas. The purpose of the checks is to ensure employees have valid identification and are authorized to be in these areas. SBA's current Security Access Program will be amended to provide for the development of a Security Identification Display Area for cargo carriers.

Airline Terminal Project Update. A revised site plan for the Airline Terminal Improvement Project was reviewed by the City Council on October 17th. The new plan relocates the new Terminal building south of its present location. It will eliminate the need for a temporary terminal during construction and reduce the project budget by approximately \$7 million. The Airport Department and the HNTB architecture design team is continuing to work with the Airline Terminal Design Subcommittee, which is comprised of members of the Airport Commission, Architectural Board of Review, Historic Landmarks Commission and Planning Commission, to develop the schematic design, which will be completed in early 2007. Construction is estimated to begin in 2008.

Community Development Department

Planning Commission Update. The Planning Commission meets on November 2nd, 9th and 16th. Some of the more important or interesting items include:

November 9th: The Planning Commission will consider expansion of the Bright Start Child Care Center at 1617 Anacapa Street from 27 to 60 children.

November 16th: The Planning Commission will hold a Draft Negative Declaration comment hearing on the Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens proposed Master Plan, will consider a proposal to replace an existing gas station at 1929 Cliff Drive to a gas station and car wash, and will consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to definitions of street, alley and private street and what types of setbacks would apply, and a discussion of boarding house regulations.

Single Family Design Guidelines/Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance. The Ordinance Committee completed its first review of the Single Family Design Guidelines/Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance (SFDG/NPO) Update on October 24th. As part of the discussion, the Committee supported Staff's proposal to require five positive Architectural Board of Review (ABR) votes to refer projects having Floor-to-Lot-Area Ratios over the maximum to the Planning Commission. The Committee also supported the overall content of the proposed findings for Planning Commission approval of "over maximum FAR" projects, but deleted the requirement for no new modifications to be proposed as part of the project, and suggested further work by the City Attorney on the wording of the findings. It was recommended that private views not become part of the required findings for project approvals. Staff will take the SFDG/NPO Update to the Council Advisory Group Subcommittee, the Finance Committee and the Architectural Board of Review. Staff will then return to the Ordinance Committee for a full review of the entire SFDG/NPO Update Package.

El Carrillo Project Wins Award. The National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA) has awarded the City of Santa Barbara's El Carrillo Homeless Housing Project with its Meritorious Achievement Award for 2006. The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara just completed the 62-unit project. El Carrillo is located on a half-acre downtown site near West Carrillo and Bath Streets that was acquired with funding from the City's Redevelopment Agency.

The units are small (254 square foot) studio units that open onto courtyards and paseos that feature striking mountain views. The units came completely furnished through the Adopt-A-Room program funded through \$200 contributions from local businesses and individuals, and sixty volunteers showed up in late August to decorate the units. Rents range from \$346 to \$461 per month depending on tenant income. Two full-time case workers from Work Training Program, Inc are present on site to provide support services through funds provided by the County's Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services.

The prestigious national award will be presented at the NALHFA conference in New Orleans on November 16th.

Upper State Street Study. The City recently sponsored a Walking Tour and two Public Workshops in mid-October to ask the community what they think about the Upper State Street

Area. More than 200 people attended the series of three events and provided valuable input regarding setbacks, massing of buildings, views, parking, traffic and circulation and the public realm. Because traffic and circulation are of concern to many, an additional Traffic Work Session will be held with the Planning Commission and Transportation and Circulation Commission on November 9th.

To assist with this effort and keep the community informed, City TV Channel 18 produced a segment focused on Upper State Street. You can view the segment on the Upper State Street website at www.santabarbaraCA.gov click on “Major Planning Efforts” then click on “Upper State Street Study.”

Finance Department

September Transient Occupancy Tax Grows 7.8%: Our fiscal year-to-date growth is 6.5%, which is slightly ahead of our budgeted growth of 5%.

City of Santa Barbara								
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES								
Month	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year	FY 2007	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%	\$ 1,477,789	13.5%	\$ 1,571,320	6.3%
Aug	1,349,990	1.6%	1,357,717	0.6%	1,504,589	10.8%	1,591,998	5.8%
Sept	887,095	4.5%	931,244	5.0%	1,109,428	19.1%	1,196,234	7.8%
Oct	863,919	4.1%	914,718	5.9%	963,261	5.3%		
Nov	696,742	1.7%	721,982	3.6%	809,684	12.1%		
Dec	553,094	4.4%	575,075	4.0%	671,965	16.8%		
Jan	584,653	0.2%	606,484	3.7%	661,507	9.1%		
Feb	703,493	14.1%	699,349	-0.6%	738,532	5.6%		
Mar	782,652	11.0%	872,554	11.5%	855,597	-1.9%		
April	875,760	10.4%	941,281	7.5%	1,000,696	6.3%		
May	895,378	9.6%	1,001,450	11.8%	1,015,349	1.4%		
June	973,955	3.3%	1,157,985	18.9%	1,223,974	5.7%		YTD
FY Total	\$ 10,365,683	5.1%	\$ 11,081,490	6.9%	\$ 12,032,372	8.6%	\$ 4,359,552	6.5%
Budget	\$ 10,273,900		\$ 10,684,900		\$ 11,504,200		\$ 12,630,600	

Includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creeks/Clean Water (Measure B).

Fire Department

2007 Safety Fair a Huge Success. On Sunday, October 29th, the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department hosted the 5th Annual Safety Fair in De La Guerra Plaza. The fair was held in conjunction with the Annual PEP (Postpartum Education for Parents), Children’s Costume Parade, the Downtown Organization’s “Safe Trick-or-Treating” event, and also Dia de los Muertos at Casa De La Guerra, a free family craft event sponsored by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Costume Parade traveled on State Street from Anapamu to De La Guerra Street and was attended by hundreds of parents and children. After the parade, the families made their way to the Safety Fair. Safety-oriented agencies from around the County distributed safety literature

and information. Some of the participating agencies included the Santa Barbara Police Department, Equine Evacuation, Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's, and the American Red Cross. The most popular booth was the free child fingerprinting provided by the Masonic Lodge, where families were able to obtain a digital photo and fingerprint of their children for safekeeping. New this year was the addition of Woody's BBQ, who sold hamburgers and hot dogs. Also new to the event and a hit among children was a kid's jumper, sponsored by Radio Lazer 1250 AM. Look for photographs of the event in the next WAVE newsletter!

Firefighters Alliance Donates Three Additional Thermal Imaging Cameras. The Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance is a local non-profit organization that, through equipment donation, is attempting to maximize efficiency and safety, a higher level of service to the community, and the welfare of firefighters.

Earlier this year the Alliance held their fundraising event, "The Fire Ball." The event's proceeds were used to purchase essential firefighting equipment. In January of this year, the Alliance donated two thermal imagers, and has since purchased three additional thermal imagers, valued at \$35,525.

The thermal imaging devices will be a valuable addition to the Fire Department's complement of equipment. Thermal imagers, with their unique ability to see through smoke and darkness, have become an indispensable tool for accurately pinpointing the position of victims, locating the seat of fires and hotspots, as well as detecting fires in concealed spaces such as walls and attics.

Library Department

Children's Book Week. Library branches will participate in Children's Book Week November 13– 19. This national celebration of words and reading introduces young people to new authors and ideas in schools, libraries, homes and bookstores. The library's youth services staff have put together a program of stories that involve a big cooking pot: *Stone Soup*, *Two of Everything* and *Strega Nona*. Strega Nona herself will be on hand to help cook up these special story times for preschool and kindergarten audiences. For times and locations, go to <http://www.sbplibrary.org>

Santa Barbara Reads. The library has selected "Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell as the next Santa Barbara Reads title. Scheduled for March through May of 2007, the program will be a partnership with three local organizations: The Santa Barbara Symphony, The Santa Barbara Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History. Titled "Storytelling in Music," this collaboration will also feature a new work composed by Peter Madlem of Santa Barbara, based on the Newbery Medal-winning novel.

Parks and Recreation Department

Public Meeting Held to Discuss Oak Park Neighborhood Concerns. The Park and Recreation Commission held a public meeting on Wednesday, October 25th to discuss neighbor and park user issues related to Oak Park, specifically changing the park closure hours from 10 p.m. to a half hour after sunset and designating Oak Park a place where alcohol is prohibited

except by permit. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting. The Commission supported the recommendation to change the park closure hours, and that change will take effect Friday, November 3rd. The Commission requested more information related to the alcohol recommendation and continued the item to their November 15th meeting.

Adapted Programs to Host Thanksgiving Dinner for 28th Year. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner served to all those with developmental and physical disabilities will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at noon at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center, 1118 East Cabrillo Boulevard. This annual event has been organized for the past 28 years by the Parks and Recreation Department's Adapted Programs and the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara and has grown from serving 50 dinners to over 200. Other sponsors this year include Regal Rents, Tri-Counties Regional Center, The Wood-Claeysens Foundation, and The Berryman. Anyone wishing to RSVP, volunteer, or needing more information can call the Adapted Programs office at 564-5421.

Parks & Recreation to Host Conference on Developing Effective Sponsorships. "Shaking the Money Maker Tree," a one-day intensive workshop hosted by Parks and Recreation for the California Parks & Recreation Society, will be held at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center on Friday, November 17th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Geared for people working with parks and recreation, school districts, government agencies and nonprofits, the workshop will focus on ways to generate new funding for programs. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karla Megill at 564-5430. The cost is \$75.

Club West Master and Open Track and Field Meet held for 32nd year. Parks and Recreation co-sponsored this annual event created to help foster athletic competition for all ages. Athletes aged 15-84 competed in their choice of 24 events, grouped by age. A new national record was set by Willie Banks of Carlsbad, California with a triple jump of 14 meters in the 50-54 age division, breaking the 1982 record of 13.19 meters. Other cosponsors included Northern Trust, Club West, the Santa Barbara Athletic Association and Pane e Vino Trattoria.

Volunteers Help to Clean Up Franceschi Park. On Saturday, October 21st, the Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Riviera Association, hosted a volunteer work day at Franceschi Park. Eleven volunteers worked enthusiastically to clean up the area along Mission Ridge Road, and removed an old concrete walkway to clear a portion of the future demonstration bed location. Additionally, preliminary design plans for the demonstration bed were unveiled.

San Roque Stewardship Project. In partnership with the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and with grant support from Santa Barbara Beautiful, the Creeks Division is hosting a community stewardship project along San Roque Creek at Stevens Park to build stewardship through community restoration and to educate residents about the water quality benefits of using native plants in backyards and gardens. On Saturday, November 4th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers will plant native plants and learn about maintaining natives throughout the year including pruning, irrigating, and pest management. For details, call 897-2606 or visit www.sbcreeks.com

Water Quality Improvement Projects. The Creeks Division has made progress on several water quality capital projects. The Hope Avenue and Haley Street Storm Drain Diversions are now operating. These projects divert incidental runoff (as opposed to storm runoff) to the sewer

system for treatment at El Estero. In addition, the Westside Summer Urban Runoff Facility is in construction and nearly completed. The Westside SURF project will disinfect water from the Westside Storm Drain with ultraviolet light before it is discharged to Old Mission Creek at Bohnett Park, where children play in the creek. These projects will reduce contamination in Arroyo Burro, Mission Creek, Old Mission Creek, and the ocean.

Clean Water Business Program Launch. The City Creeks Division launched the "Business Technical Assistance Program" in October 2006 with an initial focus on restaurant and automotive businesses. The objective of the program is to assist local businesses to protect water quality by educating the business managers and staff about City and State water quality laws. The Creeks Division will assist in identifying how restaurant and automotive activities may violate regulations and impact water quality. Businesses that participate successfully will be certified as a "Clean Creeks Certified Business."

Creeks Bridge Sign Program. Promoting an appreciation and an awareness of Santa Barbara's creeks is an important part of reducing water pollution, in particular, the amount of litter thrown into creeks at bridge crossings. The City's Creeks Division, with the assistance of the Streets Division, installed 17 signs along bridges passing over Arroyo Burro, Mission Creek, and Sycamore Creek. The signs read, "Keep our creeks clean. Mission Creek flows to the ocean" with the appropriate creek name in place. The intent of adding the message along with the creek name was to foster a sense of value and stewardship towards Santa Barbara's creeks.

Police Department

Nightlife Enforcement News and Updates. Goals of the Nightlife Enforcement Team (NET) include enforcement of the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) provisions and providing training for nightclub employees. On October 4th, two officers gave RBS (Responsible Beverage Service) training to 19 nightclub employees, including the new owners of Cooney's Bar. The employees were very receptive and desirous for a good working relationship with the Santa Barbara Police Department.

On October 5th, while making a routine bar check, officers contacted a young woman with fake ID. Despite appearance inconsistencies, the woman steadfastly refused to admit the truth. Ultimately, she was booked at County Jail as "Jane Doe" for possession of the false ID and falsely identifying herself. A few painful hours later in jail, the suspect realized she could not lie her way out of trouble. She meekly gave her true name and was released with a citation. In keeping with the rites of autumn, Officers have noted large crowds of UCSB and SBCC students filling the downtown nightclub establishments, some to overflowing. On October 7th, the Brewhouse was cited for overcrowding in the midst of their advertised "October-Fest." This is their second recent citation for this offense.

Operation Clean-up. On October 14th, the Tactical Patrol Force unit teamed up with Public Works and the Parks Departments to conduct enforcement sweeps, brush removal, and trash clean up at six problem transient camps. Officer John Kattai spearheaded the operation. The locations of the camps are as follows: 1) U.S. 101 northbound onramp at Mission Street, 2) Mission Street at the railroad tracks, 3) U.S. 101 southbound onramp at Mission Street, 4) The 300 block of Anacapa Street, 5) Arrellaga Street at the U.S. 101 northbound, 6) The northeast

corner of Pershing Park. This operation accomplished the following goals: Removing unsightly and unsanitary human generated trash, warning transients and others to stay out of these locations, and direct homeless to established facilities where they can receive assistance. These include the homeless shelter, rescue mission, church based, and substance abuse treatment programs.

Manslaughter Plea. Two men pled guilty to manslaughter for their roles in a road rage incident that killed an innocent pedestrian. The incident began on December 18, 2005, when motorist Joshua Ellinwood accidentally cut off another motorist, Misael Ortega, in the first block of East Haley Street. Both drivers became enraged and went out of their way to box in and/or pass the other. Meanwhile, 43-year old Michael Neese was standing near a vehicle parked at 400 E. Haley Street. In an anger-fueled effort to pass Ellinwood, Ortega lost control, slammed into a parked truck, struck and killed Neese. Ironically, neither motorist had a valid driver's license. After several months of investigation and court appearances, both Ortega and Ellinwood have pled guilty to manslaughter.

Public Works Department

Residential Street Sweeping Expansion. This began in several new neighborhoods on October 6th, following a month of public outreach that included mailings, door hangers, and a public meeting. This 54-mile expansion of the sweeping Mesa includes the area south of Cliff Drive, Hidden Valley, and the Braemar Ranch/Campanil Hill area. The streets are swept twice a month on Friday mornings. Oceano, Barranca, and Elise Way are the only streets that are posted with a one-hour parking restriction of 8 to 9 a.m. Cars violating the parking restrictions during the month of October got a warning card on their windshields. Parking Enforcement Officers will begin issuing parking citations on Friday, November 3rd.

Slurry Seal Pavement Maintenance. The slurry seal construction contract continues throughout the downtown area. Slurry sealing the City streets is a proven cost effective pavement maintenance strategy. Remaining work is expected to be completed prior to Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

Punta Gorda Street Sidewalk & Lighting Project. The project includes new sidewalk, drainage improvements and new street lighting for the south side of Punta Gorda Street between Sycamore Creek and Voluntario Street. The project is funded by Community Development Block Grant funds. The construction contract is slated for award by Council on November 14th. Construction is expected to begin in early December.

Waterfront Department

2007 Annual Waterfront Parking Permit. The 2007 Annual Waterfront parking permits go on sale December 1st. General Annual Waterfront parking permits for the public may be purchased for \$95.00 each at all Waterfront parking kiosks or the Harbormaster Office. Similarly, Slip-holder Annual Waterfront Parking Permits for harbor tenants and current slip-holders may be purchased for \$70.00 each at the Harbormaster Office only. The 2007

Waterfront parking permits are valid until December 31, 2007 in all Waterfront Parking lots except for Stearns Wharf. For more Waterfront parking information call (805) 564-5523 or (805) 897-1965.

Parade of Lights on December 10th. The theme for the Santa Barbara Parade of Lights' 21st Anniversary is "21 – Coming of Age." The event will be held on Sunday, December 10th. Bring your camera and visit Santa's Village on the City Pier at 3 p.m. for a shot of Santa, elves and carolers, plus children playing in 12 tons of snow. The Parade of Lights begins at 5:30 p.m. The best viewing locations include Stearns Wharf and along the Breakwater. A fireworks display will conclude the event—a holiday parade you really won't want to miss.

Federal Channel Dredging. AIS Construction Company of Ventura is scheduled to begin November 9th and end the first phase dredging by the first-week in December. Federal Channel dredging will remove an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 cubic meters of sand during the initial phase. The dredged materials will be deposited on East Beach, the same as last year. Typically, the second phase dredging begins in February and ends by the middle of March.

Channel Islands Beach Cleanup. On October 22nd the first annual Channel Islands Beach Cleanup took place on Santa Cruz Island. The pilot program was initiated by local boating enthusiast Dr. Jack Dawson, based on his concern about the amount of trash washing ashore on the islands. Various agencies and organizations involved with the cleanup efforts included The Nature Conservancy, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, California Department of Fish & Game, The Waterfront Department, and local businesses. Nearly 85 volunteers were escorted by a dozen boating vessels. Volunteers included City staff members Rebecca Bjork, Edward France, Turquoise Grant, Alison Grube, Leslie Lund, Jeff McKee, and Brian Slagle. Collected trash included fishing buoys, rope and traps, balloon ribbons, clothes and foam, and a shopping cart from Target. Future plans involve canvassing all Channel Islands annually or bi-annually.