

# Coronado Currents

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## Underwater Demolition Team Statue Readied for Dedication

Coronado is preparing to unveil a bronze statue commemorating the elite men of the Navy's Underwater Demolition Teams, or UDTs, of World War II.

The "Naked Warrior," as named by sculptor John Seward Johnson II, is a Navy combat swimmer wearing shorts, fins and a face mask. The name was given to the UDT swimmer, who often embarked on dangerous underwater missions, because the swimmer was equipped with minimal gear. The City Council accepted the statue and plaque in April as a gift from the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida.

The statue also honors all maritime commando units that have provided the same skills and support found in today's U.S. Navy SEAL teams.

The City's Cultural Arts Commission works to place public art throughout Coronado and recommended approval of the public art piece, which features the swimmer astride a World War II shoreline obstacle, to the Council after input from the Parks and Recreation, Historic Resource and Design Review commissions.

Coronado's will be the third "Naked

Warrior" statue on public display. The first was installed in 1986 at the SEAL Museum. The second was installed in 2014 at Waimanalo Beach in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The City will build the statue's base, install lighting and enhance the landscaping surrounding the site in Glorietta Bay Park at a cost of \$50,000. The dedication ceremony is set for 11 a.m. on Friday, November 11, at the park.

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*The Naked Warrior*  
"FIRST ASHORE"

**Save the Date**

**VETERANS DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

**11 a.m.**



Proposed site (above left) and rendering (right) of the 'Naked Warrior' statue in Glorietta Bay Park.



# Back to School: Safe Routes, Slow Down, Be Safe

## Students are Back to School

It is never more important for drivers to slow down and watch out for children than when they are back in school. Remember to never block crosswalks or pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians but to always stop for crossing guards, leave 3 feet between you and a bicyclist, and watch out for young bicyclists coming out of alleys and from



between parked cars. As ongoing construction of the John D. Spreckels Center and Bowling Green takes place at Orange Avenue

and Seventh Street, please use caution in the area. The contractor has been asked to be aware of students and has set up a dedicated pathway using visible dividers for pedestrians and bicyclists. However, construction crews use Seventh Street to enter the site so caution is advised.

## Safe Routes to School

Students in Coronado bike to school in very high numbers, upwards of 50 percent. With that comes a need for safe biking and walking routes to school. Last year, with help from the Coronado Unified School District and the California Department of Transportation, the City held bike rodeos, as well as parent and student workshops to reinforce Safe Routes to School, bike laws, helmet safety and bike theft prevention. More are planned for this school year.



## More F Avenue Crossing Guards

In response to concerns about student safety, the City has increased crossing guards

at F on Third and Fourth streets. Beginning at the start of the school year, a crossing guard will be present at both Third Street and F Avenue as well as at Fourth Street and F Avenue during both morning and afternoon student crossing times.

## Bicycle Safety Brochures

Looking for information to review with your children on bike safety, best practices, helmet fit, safe routes to school or how to lock your bike? The City has all you need. Check the Active Transportation (Bike/Pedestrian) page at [www.coronado.ca.us](http://www.coronado.ca.us) on the Public Services and Engineering government page.



## Walk to School Day Planned

Wednesday, October 5, is International Walk to School Day. Learn safety tips on walking to school, grab some prizes and snacks, and participate in fun activities with parents and friends. Stay tuned for Walk to School Day events coming soon.

# Orange Avenue Sees Pokémon, New Banners

## Pokémon Go Hits Coronado



Pokémon Go hit Coronado in a big way. Spontaneous crowds of up to 100 players or more were drawn

nightly to the median in the 800 block of Orange Avenue over the summer. Pokémon Go is a wildly successful app that launched in early July. Players catch virtual Pokémon characters in real world locations. Players can be found all over Coronado but the median drew big crowds due to four Pokestops, locations where players can collect items that make it easier to catch more characters. The City installed temporary signs to let people know about some of the City's pertinent rules, which have been on the books for years, including those about the median's curfew, which is 11 p.m., and those concerning the prohibition of canopies, tents

and chairs, except for the Independence Day Parade.

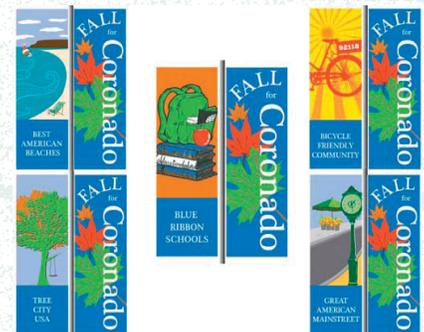


Police issued a friendly warning to players.

different banner cycles, each on display along the Orange Avenue Corridor for a minimum of six weeks. The first series was installed in July with the "Star-Spangled Summer" series. This series, "Fall for Coronado," features images of the City's award-winning attributes. The remaining banner designs will include a holiday theme series; an arts theme series, which will feature juried local artwork; a "History Matters" series, highlighting Coronado's storied history; and a "Spring into Coronado" theme highlighting iconic events held annually in Coronado.

## Banners Brighten Up Orange

The Cultural Arts Commission's fall banners were approved by the City Council. The street pole banner program consists of six



# Important Reminders for Residents, Visitors

## Public Safety Open House

The City's 24th annual Public Safety Open House is set for Sunday, October 9. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Coronado Firefighters and Police Officers will close off the streets around Coronado's main fire house on Sixth Street near D Avenue as



well as Seventh Street and D near the Police Department for the daylong event. There will be Fire, Lifeguard and Police displays, and Police Department tours. Other local, state and federal public safety agencies will also provide information on their services. This is a good opportunity to meet Fire and Police personnel, enjoy demonstrations and fun activities, and see your neighbors.

## Active Transportation Planning

Coronado is working to develop a comprehensive transportation plan for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. The first in a series of Stakeholder Action Committee meetings for the Active Transportation Master Plan was held last month. More are planned. They are open to the public. Call (619) 522-2423 for details.

## Report Bicycling Concerns

The City and its Bicycle Advisory Committee ask for the public's help in addressing bicycling concerns. The City's new website has a form that can be filled out if someone has a concern or suggestion. Users can track the progress of their requests online using either your email address, if provided, or via a tracking number generated by the system. Visit [www.coronado.ca.us](http://www.coronado.ca.us) and click on the

Government tab; Bicycle Advisory Committee under Boards, Commissions and Committees; then open the link on the left.

## City Changing to LED Lighting

The City is working to upgrade the lighting in all City facilities to LED lighting. LEDs save electricity costs as well as the labor costs to continually change burned out bulbs and ballasts. LEDs use far less kilowatts of energy; their life cycle is five to 10 times greater than a fluorescent bulb; and they have no mercury in them, which saves on recycling costs and is better for the environment. LEDs emit very little heat, which means less air conditioning costs.



## November 8 General Election

Preparation is underway for the November 8 General Election. Three Council positions will be on the ballot – the Mayor and two Council seats. Election information pertinent to the upcoming General Election is on the City's website at [www.coronado.ca.us](http://www.coronado.ca.us), under City Clerk.



## Coronado Newspaper Project

A multi-year project of the Coronado Public Library and the California Digital Newspaper Collection at the University of California Riverside is complete. Coronado's newspapers from 1887 through 2013 are now online. The Coronado Newspaper Project is fully searchable by subject, keyword, linked words and dates. Researchers of all types can look up stories, businesses, homes they lived in, obituaries, sports and ads. Some papers include: The Coronado Mercury, The Coronado

Strand, the Coronado Saturday Night, The Compass, The Coronado Journal, The Coronado Eagle, and the Coronado Eagle and Journal.

## Stay Informed Coronado

Get connected, Coronado. The City is active on Twitter and Facebook. You can sign up for the City's Police Department or the City's Nixle account at [nixle.com](http://nixle.com). Sign up to receive an email on an upcoming meeting or agenda through the eNotification system on the City's website, [www.coronado.ca.us](http://www.coronado.ca.us). Don't forget to check out the City Manager's Weekly Update published online every Friday at noon.

## New Fire Dispatch Contract

Coronado now contracts with the City of San Diego for fire dispatching services, joining a Metro Zone Agency that will allow better communication between South Bay agencies. The contract, through the San Diego Metro Zone Emergency Command and Data Center, began July 1. The five-year fixed contract is \$95,500 per year, which results in a savings annually of \$23,000 over the contract with the former dispatch service provider. The new service relies on sophisticated software that prioritizes calls and dispatches the closest units using GPS. It also allows more coordinated mutual aid with National City, Imperial Beach and Chula Vista, who also are provided dispatch service by the City of San Diego.



Read Currents online at [www.coronado.ca.us](http://www.coronado.ca.us). Go to the "I Want To" mega window and "View" the "Coronado Currents" tab.

# Arts & Culture in Coronado: Alive and Thriving

## Spreckels Center Art Pieces

Commissioning art is the perfect way to acquire just the right piece to fulfill a vision. The City has acquired a few art pieces through that process and has commissioned two more for the John D. Spreckels Center and Bowling Green. The City budgeted 1 percent of the total cost of the project for public art, and the Cultural Arts Commission



worked to finalize its recommendations. The commission's Public Art Working Team views the Spreckels Center as accommodating several public art pieces but will focus on two for the opening. The Commission recommended and the City Council approved four original oil painting panels by San Diego artist Bronle Crosby for the multipurpose room. Crosby's concepts echo an early 20th century tea garden and koi pond inspired by those built by John

D. Spreckels in 1920s Coronado (see photo above). A kinetic sculpture by San Diego sculptor Jon Koehler is envisioned for the outdoor space close to Orange Avenue. The Historic Resource Commission approved a sculpture in the historic park. Koehler created the public art piece "Freedom," adjacent to the Coronado Yacht Club.

## Arts Website a One-stop Shop

CoronadoARTS.com is the leading online resource for arts and culture in Coronado. A service of the Cultural Arts Commission, the website is accessible by a direct link on the City's newly designed website under the Arts and Culture tab.

Coronado Cultural Arts Commission



## Writers Workshop Set



Saturday, October 15, 2016  
Coronado High School  
1000 Coronado Blvd.  
Coronado, CA 92014

public, the daylong workshop features sessions, presenters and a keynote address by award-winning author Robert Masello.

The Cultural Arts Commission hopes to inspire writers with its third annual Writers Workshop set for October 15 at Coronado High School. Open to the

Topics include: Inside Secrets to Getting Your Book Published; Rules of Writing and Character Development; Book Promotion Strategies; Social Media for Authors; and memoir writing. Cost is \$100. Student rate is \$25. To download a brochure and registration form, visit coronadoarts.com.

## C3 Gallery Exhibitions

Coronado launched the Coronado Community Center, or C3, Gallery last year. Located in the Community Center, 1845 Strand Way, the gallery immediately began hosting exhibits featuring local artists. The Cultural Arts Commission manages the exhibits, which are juried through an application process. Applications for the 2017 exhibitions are available online at CoronadoARTS.com from October 1 through November 14. The Gallery will feature a student exhibition, "Genuine Islanders," October 4-20, and the work of five local artists, "Five in the Fall," October 25 to January 4, 2017.



# City Hires Head Golf Professional Brian Smock

The City welcomes Brian Smock, who will serve as the new Head Golf Professional at the Coronado Municipal Golf Course beginning February 1.

The Coronado native and 1991 Coronado High graduate's professional career spans 18 years of play around the world and on the National Tour for the past 10 years, where he achieved a career high world ranking of 251. He holds nine course records, seven in San Diego. His lowest round ever was carded at the Coronado Golf Course, when he shot a record setting 60.

"Brian's proposal was thorough, complete, well-thought-out, and reflected a full

understanding of the Coronado Municipal Golf Course and its potential," said City Manager Blair King.

Smock's agreement focuses on the overall golfing experience while providing a fair return to the City. Other key components include the rehabilitation of the pro shop; all new golf cars with GPS; improving the overall golf experience; increased commitment to the teaching program, including reduced costs for the junior program; and enhanced public service.

The term of the agreement is five years with the option for two additional five-year extensions. Smock's capital investment

schedule includes a capital investment of \$150,000 to modernize the driving range and pro shop. He joins the City's other concessionaire, Bayside Grill, in forming a new team at the Coronado Golf Course.



# Updates: What's Going On Around Coronado?

## Spreckels Center Update

The city has beefed up the electrical system at the John D. Spreckels Center and Bowling Green to incorporate a portable back-up generator into the facility. In case of an emergency, the powerful generator



will be used to make the facility a shelter, cool zone or emergency center. Meanwhile, mechanical, electrical and plumbing subcontractors continue their work. Crews have begun work on the patio walls. A grand opening is planned for this December.

## Dock C, Boat Launch Project

The City has issued a public bid for the Glorietta Bay Marina Dock C and Boat Launch Ramp Renovation project after recent approval by the San Diego Unified Port District and the Coastal Commission. The project consists of two components. The first involves demolition of the existing Dock C marina and construction of 34 new boat slip facilities within Glorietta Bay. The Dock C Marina is a deteriorating wooden dock system that does not meet local, state and federal standards. The second component involves replacing and upgrading the public Boat Launch Ramp and Dock in Glorietta Bay by lengthening the dock, expanding non-motorized vessel launching opportunities, and improving boat wash-off facilities. During the reconstruction process both facilities will



be closed for several months beginning in November 2016 and reopening spring 2017.

## Newsrack Rules Updated

In an effort to clean up the mismatched accumulation of newsracks along Orange Avenue and make sidewalks safer, the City Council has adopted new rules to create a more uniform and cleaner look. Existing newsracks already permitted by the City will be allowed to relocate to a City-provided newsrack shell. Newsracks not in compliance with the new ordinance will be removed from public property. Call (619) 522-7330 for more information.



## SDG&E Gas Line Relocation

SDG&E continues work on First Street and I Avenue to clear the way for a 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe storm drain that will run from Fourth Street to Bay View Park along I. Working hours are limited to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., times when First is reduced to a single lane with traffic controlled by flagmen. Parking on top of the steel plates is not recommended. The work is expected to be completed by October 1.



## Bicycle Maintenance Stations

The City has installed two "Bike Fixtations" along the Bayshore Bikeway. The repair stations give bicyclists the ability to make quick repairs away from the path of travel. They can be found at strategic locations along the popular Class I bikeway. The idea was based on an initiative of the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee. One is located near Glorietta Boulevard and

Fourth Street near the Golf Course; the other near Fiddler's Cove. The stations will include a stand to hold a bicycle by the seat post while simple maintenance is performed; basic tools such as a screwdriver, Allen wrenches and tire levers; and an air pump with a gauge securely attached.



## Coronado Cays Entrance

Work on the Coronado Cays Entrance has focused on the continued construction of the new guard kiosk. Crews also prepared for the installation of the new irrigation system. Once completed, the project should make the area safer for pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists by improving the line of sight at the intersection.



## Orange Avenue Sidewalks

The City contracted with Urban Corps of San Diego over the summer to provide a crew seven days a week dedicated to sidewalk cleaning services in the business district. A supervisor and two crew members patrolled during peak tourist hours, picking up trash, scraping gum, cleaning dropped ice cream, sanitizing trash lids, removing dog poop and emptying trash. The effort was well received. At the same time, the City's contracted cleaning company continued to provide its weekly pressure washing of sidewalks, entryways, refuse bins, benches and bus stops, primarily in the City's commercial areas.





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# Updated Website Offers Citizen Reporting App

The City’s newly redesigned website, a more user-friendly and contemporary site, is built on a sophisticated content management system that helps users easily find what they need.

The website has many new features, including an adaptive screen size, drop-down mega windows and “Ask Coronado,” the City’s

new citizen reporting smart phone app, which is sleek and functional. The website’s new design allows content to be displayed properly on any mobile device as well as desktop computers. The citizen reporting app is already proving popular.

“The app allows people, residents and

visitors, to report issues conveniently and track the progress right from their phones,” said City Manager Blair King.

Residents can download the app and use the feature on their Android or Apple phones and tablets to report a downed tree limb, water leak or other concerns. The app also provides a smarter, more streamlined workflow for the City.

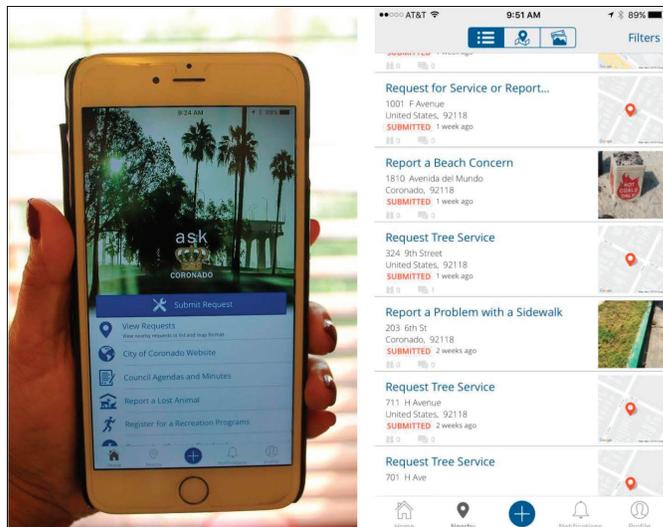
The home page provides quick access to the most popular services, such as an “I Want To” mega window for applying for things such as permits, jobs, and reserving a city venue.



Website visitors also may pay a parking ticket, find meeting agendas and request building inspections.

The home page is bright and colorful with photos of Coronado’s iconic scenery. It features recent news and other items of interest to residents, businesses and visitors.

As with the old website, people can sign up to receive e-mail notifications through the “Sign up for Notifications” quick link on the home page.



The ‘ASK CORONADO’ app (above left) allows residents to request a service or report a problem, then monitor the response in real-time. Mapped requests (see above right) can be tracked.