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CEO E-Briefing

A report to the City Council and community

Key dates

05/02/13 [60th Anniversary Planning Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.](#)
05/07/13 [City Council meeting, 6 p.m.](#)
05/09/13 [Historical Preservation Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.](#)
05/09/13 [Cultural Arts Committee Meeting, 6:45 p.m.](#)
05/13/13 [Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m.](#)
05/14/13 [Joint City Council/Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, 4:30 p.m.](#)
05/15/13 [Introduction to General Plan and Housing Element Workshop, 6 p.m.](#)

Community calendar of upcoming events

www.costamesaca.gov/calendar

News and updates

Volunteers sought to serve on Senior Center Corporate Board

The Costa Mesa City Council is seeking volunteers to fill three vacancies on the Costa Mesa Senior Center Corp. Board. May 21 is the application deadline. You can download an application to serve [here](#) (www.costamesaca.gov/apply). This non-profit governs the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Directors assist the corporation by implementing fundraising strategies with potential supporters such as corporations, individuals and foundations. Residency is not required, but interest in the Costa Mesa Senior Center and being actively engaged in the community is necessary. There are three vacancies for a term of two years each. For further information please contact Alma Reyes, management analyst, at (714) 754-5052. Those interested in serving on board must complete an application, which may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office or [here](#) on the city's website. The completed form may be mailed to: Costa Mesa City Clerk, Post Office Box 1200, Costa Mesa, 92628-1200; faxed to (714) 754-4942; or hand delivered to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 21. For further information, please contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 754-5327 or e-mail [here](#).

Welcome Deputy City Clerk Patricia (Patty) Bravo-Valdez

Patricia (Patty) Bravo-Valdez has been hired as the Costa Mesa deputy city clerk. She had previously worked as the city clerk in the City of Maywood, as well as a deputy city clerk in other local communities. Patty holds a master's degree in public education from Cal State University, Los Angeles. We are grateful to have someone of her caliber join the city team.

Alfa Lopez hired as management analyst for Public Services

Alfa Lopez started work this week as the Public Services Department's new management analyst. Alfa holds a bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles. She had previously worked for the City of Pomona in a similar capacity. Welcome, Alfa!

129 pounds of drugs dropped off at Police Department

Thirty-five people dropped off a total of 129 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs at the Costa Mesa Police Department on Saturday as part of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. In the five previous Take-Back events, DEA in conjunction with state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners have collected more than 2 million pounds of prescription medications. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications.

Costa Mesa Community Run teams up with Fish Fry for big weekend

For the first time in its history, the Costa Mesa Community Run will be take place on June 2 as part of Lions' Club Fish Fry weekend. The 2k, 5k and 10k races will start and finish at Estancia High School's Jim Scott Stadium, and the longer courses will take runners through scenic and newly renovated Fairview Park wetlands and Talbert Regional Park along the eastern bank of the Santa Ana River. The popular run—which has raised more than \$65,000 for local public schools—is expected to attract more than 1,000 participants. As part of the race weekend, the Costa Mesa Community Run Expo and Family Fun Night will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. The evening includes a runner's expo, booths, and runner registration and packet pick-up from 5 to 8 p.m. Runners can register online at active.com before May 28. For more information, go to www.cmrn.org.

Sign up for news alerts from Costa Mesa Police Department

The Costa Mesa Police Department is encouraging residents and businesses to sign up for [AlertOC](#) and [Nixle](#), mass notification systems that inform citizens of emergency or noteworthy information. Nixle, which is used by more than 5,000 public agencies, allows the Costa Mesa Police Department to communicate with residents and businesses via text and e-mail messages. In addition to citywide messages, Nixle will also allow the Police Department to contact citizens in specific parts of town. AlertOC is designed to keep Orange County residents and businesses informed of emergencies and other important events. By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice messages from the county or city may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, e-mail accounts and receiving devices for the hearing impaired. To sign up for AlertOC, go to www.alertoc.com and follow the instructions to sign up for Costa Mesa alerts. The links to sign up for the alerts are on the Police Department's home page (www.costamesaca.gov/police) on city's website.

Sanitation District to begin construction project in May

The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) is scheduled to begin construction on the Dover Drive Trunk Sewer Relief Project in May and will hold two informational meetings for Newport Beach and Costa Mesa residents next month. Construction will begin on Dover Drive between Irvine Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway and will last about 15 months. The two community meetings will be on Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. Both will take place at the Crean Mariners Branch Library at 1300 Irvine Ave. in Newport Beach. For additional information please call the Construction Hotline at (714) 378-2965 or e-mail constructionhotline@ocsd.com.

Costa Mesa Technology Branch Library opens new location Tuesday

The Costa Mesa Technology Branch Library will hold an open house Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at its new location at 2263 Fairview Road. The library, which features computers for patron use, will maintain the same hours it held at its previous location on South Bristol Street: Tuesday through Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday.