

# December 2023 Newsletter



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## November Recap

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### Council Update

We had two City Council meetings last month. Council approved both the adoption of a resolution approving new residential and commercial solid waste user rates for the 2024 Franchise Agreement and the adoption of a resolution selecting “Clean Impact Plus” as the default energy supply option for City of Oceanside electrical customers to be enrolled in the Clean Energy Alliance community choice energy supplier in 2024. Additionally, Council adopted an ordinance establishing a maximum density of 86 dwelling units per acre for mixed-use projects in the Downtown District.

Our next Council Meeting will be held on December 6th at 5:00pm.

### Getting out in the Community

I attended several different events throughout the community in the month of November, including the Fire Station 8 Community Meeting, Tri City Hospital Foundation Gala, and the Camp Pendleton Birthday Pageant Celebration. I attended two different Veterans Day events, one hosted by Cox Communications and the other hosted by VANC, both celebrations were an incredible experience to be a part of. Additionally, I had the opportunity to tour Solutions for Change, a great non-profit organization dedicated to solving family homelessness. Lastly, I was fortunate to attend the 10 Year Anniversary of Pro Kids, First Tee, an amazing youth program at Oceanside Municipal Golf Course which I discuss further below.

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## What's new in District 2?



### O'SIDE DEMYSTIFIED

A new episode of "O'SIDE DEMYSTIFIED" is out now! Check our website to catch the latest episode featuring Darlene Nicandro, Director of Development Services. Visit the link below to watch the full episode or check out previous episodes you may have missed. This is a podcast-like show where I will spend each episode explaining how different parts of the city operate. I plan to interview different guests who serve in various capacities around the city. The goal of this project is to give the viewer a better understanding of how things get done in our city. [OsideD2.com/demystified](https://OsideD2.com/demystified).

### Community Events

#### Click on any event to learn more!

**Dec. 7:** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony. 9:30am. Harbor Fishing Pier.

**Dec. 9:** OPD Job Fair. 9:00am. OPD Headquarters.

**Dec. 9:** Parade of Lights. Oceanside Harbor.

**Dec. 13:** RE:BEACH Final Workshop. 4:00pm. Beach Rec Center.

**Dec. 13:** Lived Experiences Gala. 5:00pm. Elks Lodge.

**Dec. 16:** Green Oceanside Libby Lake Community Cleanup. 9:00am. Libby Lake Park.

**Dec. 19:** Community Blood Drive. 9:00am. OPD Headquarters.



### Local Business Highlight

A recurring section of this newsletter will be dedicated to highlighting local businesses here in Oceanside which we encourage you to support. For the December edition of this newsletter, I would like to recognize Pro Kids, First Tee - San Diego. The mission of Pro Kids, First Tee is to challenge underserved youth to excel in life by promoting character development, life skills, and values through education and the game of golf. Through a set of programs that combine sport, study, and service, they provide youth grades 2-12 with access to opportunities that set them on a path to success in adulthood. **Check out their website for more information.**



### Holiday Lighting Celebrations

Join us downtown on December 7th at 4:30pm in front of the Regal Cinema Plaza (401 Mission Ave.) for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. At 5:00pm the craft booth and family activities begin. Santa will arrive at 5:45pm and the countdown will begin! There will be opportunities for Santa photos and free milk & cookies! Additionally, there will be a Menorah Lighting downtown on December 11th at 6:00pm with music & dancing, giveaways, and crafts for kids! **Click here for more information.**

## Community Issues

I receive many calls and emails regarding various issues our residents in Oceanside face every day. I take pride in responding to these issues as fast as I can, whether it be providing information to residents, making city staff aware of things that need attention, or bringing items forward to the City Council for consideration. In this section I will share updates on issues frequently raised by you, the residents.

**1) North River Farms Project - Traffic Impacts to Begin.** Construction on the North River Farms site began in early 2023. Grading activities require equipment to cross North River Road at regular intervals from 9am – 4pm, Monday - Saturday. These crossings are scheduled to start the week of December 11 and are anticipated to last approximately 10 weeks (weather permitting). The speed limit will be reduced to 35 miles per hour through the construction zone. Construction/installation of additional circulation improvements in the project area will begin in the coming months.



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