

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023 HOLIDAY EDITION



Supervisor Vianey Lopez
Fifth District



Communities Represented

Central and Southern portions of the City of Oxnard, City of Port Hueneme, The Port of Hueneme, Oxnard Plain, Oxnard Shores, Mandalay Bay, Silver Strand, Hollywood Beach, Hollywood by the Sea, Channel Islands Harbor, California State University Channel Islands, Naval Base Ventura County, California Air National Guard, Oxnard Airport, Ormond Beach Wetlands, and Channel Islands National Park.

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District 5 Holiday Roundup



Holiday cheer and joy was felt throughout the District, for all to enjoy. I was truly honored to participate in so many holiday events as your Ventura County Supervisor: The Cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme Christmas Tree lightings, toy drives, marathons, and parades. The Holiday spirit was alive and well, and the feeling was quite swell.



The District 5 Team, marched in the 2023 Oxnard Downtowners 'Making Spirits Bright' Christmas Parade on December 2nd. Nearly 8,000 community members came out to witness the more than 100 entries as we made our way from 9th and A streets through Downtown Oxnard.



I participated in the 16th annual Santa to the Sea race where hundreds of runners, many in full costume, made their way across the finish line at Channel Islands Harbor. There was a race for all levels of runners, from the Diaper Dash to the Half Marathon, with proceeds benefitting kids' toy drive and scholarships to Oxnard College. Congratulations to Mike Barber and Mary Anne Rooney on another successful race.

A special thank you to Manuel Herrera, and Barbara and Dan Pinedo for providing wonderful photos!





Removing Graffiti at J St Canal

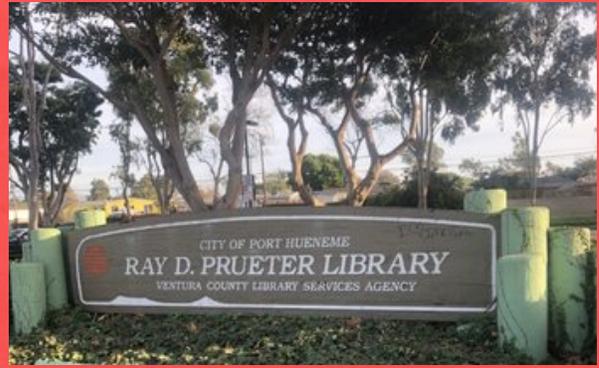
After my office received complaints, on December 14th, in partnership with our Ventura County Public Works Department, we were up bright and early to remove over a mile worth of graffiti in the J St Canal. If you see any graffiti in a watershed canal, you can report it on the Public Works Report a Concern tool which you can see [here](#)



Holiday Sock Drive

In collaboration with District 1 Supervisor Matt LaVere, our offices held a Sock Drive during the month of December. We collected over **2,000** pairs of brand-new socks to distribute to organizations that serve those in need throughout the county. Thank you to everyone who participated and made donations. Special thank you to all the county employees who supported this effort. The socks were donated to Westminster Clinic, Help of Ojai, Family Justice Center, Rescue Mission, Rancho Verde Farmworker Housing, County One Stop, The City Center, and the K St Shelter.

YOUR COUNTY AT WORK



Ray D. Prueter Library Grant

Good news for the Ventura County's Ray D. Prueter Library in Port Hueneme. Thanks to the 'Building Forward' Grant awarded from the State of California, the Prueter Library is receiving \$1,540,000 to perform major system upgrades and critical maintenance needs. The upgrades include new lighting and flooring, improving the library's energy efficiency and sustainability. Additionally, the children's program room, which is too small for its current demand, will be enhanced to accommodate today's need. The State Grant Requires a local match of \$770,000, which will be provided via a 50/50 split of \$385,000 each by Ventura County Library Reserves and the City of Port Hueneme.



Kiddie Beach Repairs

At the December 19 Board Meeting, we approved the well-known and much-loved Kiddie Beach Park at the Channel Islands Harbor is about to receive over \$330,000 in improvements and upgrades. The repairs are slated to begin in January 2024. The improvements will include a parking lot resurfacing, sidewalk and ADA path improvements, new curb stops and striping, pedestrian lighting, updates to exterior restroom lighting, and an addition of an electric vehicle charging station. By reconstructing the existing driveway at the southern exit onto San Nicholas Ave. with newly engineered features, the County aims to address drainage concerns that have been an issue at this location in the past. In alignment with the County of Ventura and the City of Oxnard 2021's Cooperation Agreement, the City of Oxnard will provide \$150,000 towards the cost of the project which is expected to be complete in March of 2024



Westminster Toy Distribution

My office participated in the annual Westminster Free Clinic Holiday Toy Distribution on December 19th at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Oxnard. Over 700 kids received toys in addition to free food, clothes, and medical services.

Happy Holidays from Supervisor Vidney Lopez



UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
8:30 AM

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
8:30 AM

In-Person at the
County Government Center
800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93009

Online at:
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