



**City Manager Kevin Woodhouse contributed a column to the *Pacifica Tribune* to connect with local residents and keep Pacificans informed on issues that are of current interest in the City of Pacifica. Below is the submission for the September 12, 2018 edition of the *Pacifica Tribune*, which focuses on Fiscal Year 2017-18 Significant Citywide Accomplishments.**

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## **Glance Back, Concentrate Forward**

On behalf of the Pacifica City Council and all of the City's employees and volunteers, I'm pleased to share with the community the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Significant Citywide Accomplishments List. This comprehensive list, which is available at [www.cityofpacifica.org](http://www.cityofpacifica.org), reflects progress last fiscal year towards the City Council goals – Fiscal Sustainability, A Connected Community, Stewardship of City Infrastructure, A Healthy and Compassionate Community, Preserve and Enhance Natural Resources, A Strong Workforce Infrastructure, and Maintaining a Safe Community.

The list reflects many of the priority projects and initiatives from the year, but also provides details about the hundreds of day-to-day programs and services provided by the City. I encourage you to peruse the list, because in its entirety it tells a story, a very real and important story, about what the City of Pacifica organization does in service to the community, under the policy direction of the City Council. For example, while launching the Sea Level Rise adaptation policies study, the City was also training 50 new Community Emergency Response Team volunteers and enrolling 1,200 youth in swim lessons at Brink Pool; while constructing the Wet Weather Equalization Basin project and completing major sewer main rehabilitation projects, the City was also updating ordinances related to electric vehicle charging stations to expedite their permit processing and completing a long-term financial forecast and balancing the budget; while working on bluff protection projects along Esplanade Avenue, the City was also delivering flu shots to residents, increasing the subsidized enrollment in childcare programs, and coordinating the City's 60th Anniversary Celebration in partnership with the Pacifica Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce. The list goes on.

Did you know the City issued 1,658 building permits and performed 4,630 building inspections last year, or that youth volunteered more than 3,500 hours at Parks, Beaches, and Recreation programs through the Leaders in Training Education, Swimmer Aides, and Youth Advisory Board, or that the City inspected more than 255 private sewer lateral installations? Did you know the City received more than \$3.5 million in grant funding last year, which is approximately 10% of General Fund revenues?

Of course you didn't know these details, nor are you expected to. I'm writing about them so you know where to find this information if you're interested about the hundreds of varied and important accomplishments of the City. It is a list of which the City, all its employees, and the community can be proud. Sure, there is much improvement and hard work ahead on so many important projects, programs, and initiatives and day-to-day services. But it's healthy for every individual and every organization to periodically glance back, celebrate accomplishments, and then turn back around and concentrate on the path forward.

Regarding the path forward, I encourage you to sign up for the weekly Connect With Pacifica e-newsletter through the City Manager's page on the City's website. It's a quick and easy way to learn about important updates, meeting and event announcements, and other City-related news items.

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