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THE LAGUNA BEACH Art Museum is holding a special event Saturday “LAM goes BOOM: A Pride Celebration,” to honor the history of the Boom Boom Room, pictured in 2006. Following the film, attendees will be welcomed to dance the night away at the museum.

Celebration to look back at Laguna’s gay bar scene

A Pride event Saturday evening at Laguna Art Museum will feature a documentary on the fight to save the Boom Boom Room, followed by a dance party.

BY ANDREW TURNER

The beats of the old Boom Boom Room once dropped it right into the hearts of the gay community in Laguna Beach.

Those who can remember the old ways will look to relive their glory days through

an event Saturday evening at Laguna Art Museum.

“LAM goes BOOM: A Pride Celebration,” will honor the history of the Boom Boom Room, including its place as a haven for the LGBTQ+ community stretching back to the 1970s and the unsuccessful but impassioned fight to save the bar some 15 years ago.

The event will feature a screening of “Saving the Boom,” a documentary film by local activist Fred Karger focusing on the community’s efforts to keep the Boom Boom Room as it was.

Stories told in the documentary include those of gathering signatures exclusively in the city for a petition brought before the Laguna Beach City Council. Those signatures were delivered in a wheelbarrow for dramatic effect. There was also an open casting call for a spicy calendar shoot of the hottest men in town.

Mike Johnson, a trustee for the museum, said the Boom Boom Room was the first LGBTQ+ establishment that he worked up the courage to walk into as he was coming

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Fence at Harper Park blocks public

City, school district officials field questions about new fence around property that went up without an explanation.

BY SARA CARDINE

Regular users of Costa Mesa’s Harper Park — a pocket park on a Newport Mesa Unified School District campus for special education students — were recently startled to discover a fence blocking entry to the property’s wide open fields.

With no clear access provided, residents could no longer bring their children to play tag or fly kites on its grassy expanse. Dogs could no longer roam and sniff the perimeters of its mature oak trees.

Nearby resident Jenn Tanaka said while there’s not much to the 1-acre park, it’s popular among those who know of its existence, precisely for the roominess of the adjacent fields.

“Most of the time it’s empty, so people love going to this park,” she said in an interview Tuesday. “It’s actually one of the few places in the [city’s] east side where you have access to big, unstructured space.”

Signs posted on the temporary chain-link fence inform visitors that the area is a “closed off campus” and warn against trespassing, skateboarding, biking and the presence of dogs but give no reason for the closure.

Tanaka, an attorney who serves on two city committees and involves herself in civic matters related to safe streets, parks and housing, set out to find why the area was no longer open to the public.

She reached out to Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Harlan, who represents

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Matt Szabo

HUNTINGTON BEACH City Manager Al Zelinka, bottom left, and City Council members Dan Kalmick, Casey McKeon and Rhonda Bolton, clockwise, participate in an ice breaker exercise at a strategic planning workshop at Huntington Beach Central Library on Thursday.

Huntington Beach leaders talk strategy in 4-hour workshop

BY MATT SZABO

Before tackling important city issues like homelessness, public safety and infrastructure, Huntington Beach City Council members had some fun Thursday morning.

A strategic planning workshop at Huntington Beach Central Library started with an icebreaker exercise designed to find common ground. The city leaders talked to their colleagues to discover non-work-related things they had in com-

mon with each other.

Mayor Tony Strickland found out that Councilwoman Natalie Moser is really good friends with his college girlfriend. Colleagues laughed.

“Why aren’t you still with that girl?” someone asked.

“She’s married,” Moser quickly replied with a smile.

So is Strickland. But love — or at least consensus — has not always been common in the first six-plus months of the cur-

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Courtesy of the Friends of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter

FRIENDS OF THE NEWPORT BEACH ANIMAL SHELTER RECOGNIZED BY STATE LAWMAKERS PAGE A2

Wooden boat festival returns to Balboa Yacht Club after 3-year hiatus

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Newport Beach Wooden Boat Festival is back.

The festival, which started in 2014 under the direction of the late Ralph Rodheim, who died in 2017, is returning this weekend to the Balboa Yacht Club following a three-year hiatus. Organizers said the break was primarily caused by the pandemic.

“About November 2021, we got together and we said, ‘Are we going to host this event, a public event in the summer of 2022?’ At that point, we all, at least in my circles, were fearing a resurgence to COVID. I remember people were having Christmas parties and getting COVID shamed,” David LaMontagne, event chairman, said in a recent interview. “I was sitting there and talking with

the commodore at that time, ‘We got a lot going on. And to sit here and predict out eight months from now that COVID is going to be over, I can’t do that.’”

LaMontagne said there was just no sure way to know at the time. So, the 2022 event was canceled, just as it had been the previous two years in a row.

By the time planning started for this year’s wooden boat festival in January, the situation was different and organizers decided to proceed with plans to relaunch the event. The festival will be at the Balboa Yacht Club and spans Friday through Sunday, though the only day the public will be able to attend is on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at a general admission cost of \$10.

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Scott Smeltzer | Staff Photographer

RICHARD AND Lani Straman are the owners of the now 100-year-old, 85-foot schooner “Astor,” pictured here in 2018. The schooner is an entry in the Newport Beach Wooden Boat Festival at the Balboa Yacht Club.

Woman gets 15 to life for DUI fatality

BY PAUL ANDERSON

A 39-year-old woman pleaded guilty Wednesday and was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison for a drunken driving collision that killed a 23-year-old man in Costa Mesa five years ago.

Kimberly Renee Martin pleaded guilty through tears to second-degree murder in the May 1, 2018, crash that killed Enrique Orlando Marquez.

"If I could change anything I would change everything," Martin said, sobbing.

The victim's mother, Barenice, told Orange County Superior Court Judge Sheila Hanson through an interpreter that her family is "still processing this. I've never in my life experienced such great pain. The first months were terrible."

The victim's mother said her son regularly attended Sunday services at their church and would play drums.

"This has been the great challenge of my life to not hear the drum sticks anymore," she said. "He faithfully served at church every Sunday."

The victim's mother told the defendant she was "grateful to the Lord because you have taken responsibility for your actions. I am committed to pray for you and your family so you can find peace and mercy."

Hanson said, "There are no winners today."

The judge noted the victim's family "lost someone so important," but added in reference to the defendant's family at the hearing, "Look behind you. I see so many in pain."

Martin's attorney, Randall Bethune, said his client has served as a dog trainer through a program while in custody and that another attorney in the Public Defender's Office adopted one of the dogs she trained. Martin also earned "numerous" certificates while in custody for various other programs.

Martin was given credit for 1,864 days already served behind bars.

Martin, who had a blood-alcohol content of 0.16, which is twice the legal limit, was driving 70 mph and flashed through a red light when she crashed her Volkswagen Tiguan SUV into a Honda at Mesa Drive and Santa Ana Avenue about 12:20 a.m. May 1, 2018.

A neighbor who heard the collision dashed out of his home, saw the smoldering SUV and dragged Martin out while her boyfriend jumped out of the passenger seat and ran away, police said in Martin's preliminary hearing.

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Newport Beach Animal Shelter named one of state's nonprofits of the year

BY LILLY NGUYEN

The Friends of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter is getting some recognition from the state as it was honored Wednesday as one of California's nonprofits of the year at the nomination of Assemblywoman Diane Dixon.

The nonprofit was honored as part of the Nonprofit of the Year initiative, through which state legislators choose nonprofits they feel are doing outstanding work in their district.

FONBAS was formed in 2017 to not only establish Newport Beach's first permanent animal shelter but to help provide the more expensive veterinary care necessary to make some of their furry charges more viable for adoption.

The \$2.9-million shelter opened in late May and was gifted to the city in December. The city is responsible for managing, operating and maintaining the building. The city's animal control department operates the shelter. The shelter is no-kill, and Dixon, through a representative at the opening, said the shelter was a "remarkable" story that came about because a city cared about its animals.

"Assisting our seniors, educating our children, protecting the environment, caring for animals — this is the work nonprofits do and do well," Dixon said in a statement announcing the honor. "I am proud to present California Nonprofit of the Year to FONBAS to acknowledge their part in mak-



Courtesy of the Friends of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter

JON LANGFORD, Friends of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter president, left, Assemblywoman Diane Dixon, center, and Newport Beach Councilwoman Robyn Grant gather in Sacramento on Wednesday.

ing a collective impact with other nonprofits in Assembly District 72 and across the State of California."

FONBAS Board President Jon Langford and Newport Beach Councilwoman Robyn Grant went to Sacramento on Wednesday to receive the recognition. Langford, in a statement, said that though the shelter's building is complete, the nonprofit's work isn't done. FONBAS will continue to work toward "healthcare beyond the scope of a typical city" for animals at the shelter, Langford said.

"The public-private partnership between FONBAS and the city is a remarkable example of the impact nonprofits can have in a community," said Grant, who is also a board member of the Friends of the Newport Beach Animal Shelter. "In this case, the partnership was funded entirely by private resources with the city as a recipient of valuable permanent amenities and infrastructure that benefit the community."

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AROUND TOWN

New UCI executive to lead campus diversity endeavors

Officials at UC Irvine recently announced Dyonne Bergeron has been named chief diversity officer and vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion following a nationwide search.

Bergeron will oversee the Office of Inclusive Excellence and serve as the university's senior executive responsible for providing a holistic and integrated vision of all major diversity, equity and inclusion endeavors on campus and at UCI

Health.

She comes to UCI from the University of Colorado Boulder, where she was acting vice provost and associate vice chancellor for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement. Bergeron will assume the post on July 3.

O.C. Press Club honors late journalist Fred Swegles

The Orange County Press Club Board of Directors announced Friday the group will posthumously recognize Fred Swe-

gles with the 2023 Sky Dunlap Award at the 2023 Excellence in Journalism Awards at 6 p.m. on June 15 at Anaheim Hills Golf Course.

The award is the Press Club's highest honor and will be presented in conjunction with its "In Memorium" tribute to recently deceased journalists, which also includes baseball writer Jean Hastings Ardell and Los Angeles Times reporter Greg Yee.

Swegles died on Oct. 23, 2022, after suffering health complications because of a brain tumor. He was 74. His work spanned more than 50 years, having pre-

viously reported for the Daily Sun-Post and Orange County Register. He launched his CoastLines column with San Clemente Times five years ago.

"Fred Swegles is an institution in Orange County journalism. His tireless efforts over five decades to cover his beloved hometown of San Clemente are a testament to the impact one journalist can have on their readers. Our board's decision to honor Fred was unanimous and we sincerely wish it had arrived before his passing," said Daniel Langhorne, president of Orange County Press Club.

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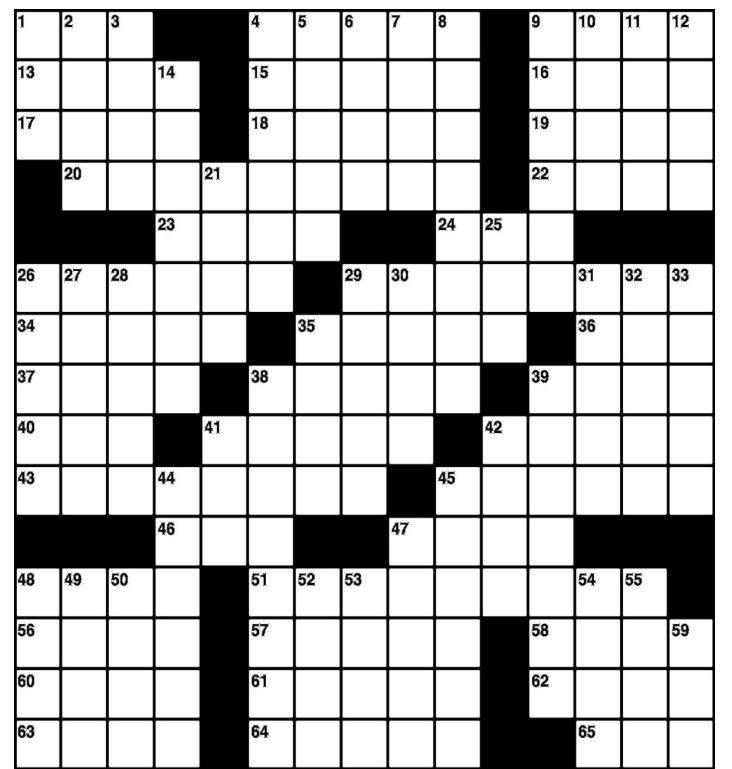
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

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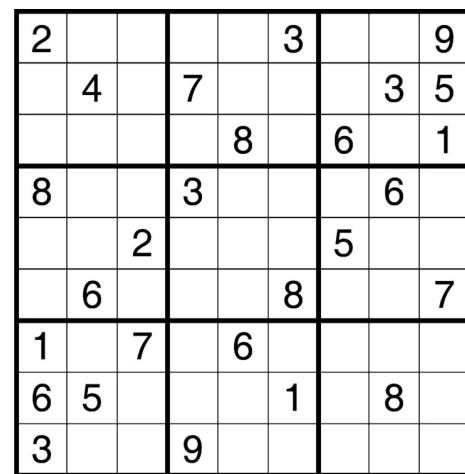
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- 15 _ acids; body's "building blocks"
- 16 "Exodus" writer Leon
- 17 Stiffly proper
- 18 Water balloon's noise
- 19 Liver secretion
- 20 Popular pasta
- 22 West Coast univ.
- 23 Luge
- 24 Sentra or Sonata
- 26 Shingles symptoms
- 29 Colorful arcs
- 34 Steve or Marty
- 35 "King of Swing" Goodman
- 36 "Murder, _ Wrote"
- 37 Kirshner & Hamm
- 38 Fire bell's sound
- 39 CT _; diagnostic image
- 40 _ rocks; 1970s fad
- 41 Insults
- 42 Burn with liquid
- 43 Running shoes
- 45 Frightens
- 46 Polite person's word
- 47 Word attached to pawn or barber
- 48 Bawls
- 51 Part of MIT
- 56 Asian language
- 57 " _ a Hot Tin Roof"
- 58 _ beans
- 60 Feels lousy
- 61 Make amends
- 62 Military branch
- 63 Leave suddenly
- 64 Nearer the



SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.



For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A3.

- ground
- 65 Storm center
- DOWN**
- 1 Vigor
- 2 Boat propellers
- 3 Journey
- 4 Beauty queen ribbons
- 5 Officiated at a game
- 6 Riverbed buildup
- 7 Med. school course
- 8 Spotting
- 9 Residential area
- 10 Guitarist Clapton
- 11 Cooking herb
- 12 Befuddled
- 14 Crushes
- 21 Singer Campbell
- 25 Word attached

- to way or body
- 26 Skateboarder's inclines
- 27 UFO pilot
- 28 Fine-grained rock
- 29 Fannies
- 30 Sothern & Curry
- 31 "Sesame Street" Muppet
- 32 Blubber source
- 33 Transmits image
- 38 _ work; secretary's forte
- 39 Bone in the back
- 41 Enjoy a winter sport
- 42 Aberdeen native
- 44 Lend a hand
- 45 Fistfight memento
- 47 Pebble
- 48 Use a spear
- 49 Pres. Taft's birthplace
- 50 On the _; alert
- 52 Intl. military alliance
- 53 Stash away
- 54 Grow weary
- 55 Star's statuette
- 59 Certain vote

Tribune Media Services



File Photo

THE BOOM BOOM Room, an historic LGBTQ+ bar in Laguna Beach, has been closed since 2007.

SCENE

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out. He had parked outside the bar a couple of times, but when he finally went in, it made him "comfortable."

"Definitely, I found as I frequented the bar more that it wasn't just a place for men and women to cruise and pick up," Johnson reminisced. "It was a place for socializing. It was a place that, I think, was pretty cathartic for a lot of people as a gathering place, and I think that's evidenced by the memory garden that's on the bluff just below."

Johnson was making reference to the Garden of Peace and Love, a spot that largely came to memorialize those who fell victim to AIDS among the coastal city's LGBTQ+ community.

Following the film, the museum will come to life, as attendees will be welcomed to dance the night away to the tunes spun by DJ SoulFire. Admission to the event, which runs from 6 to 9 p.m., is \$20 for museum members and \$35 for the general public.

Laguna Art Museum will also be hosting a Pride Month Storytime event on June 17. In recognition of Pride Month, the storytime will be led by drag queen storyteller Pickle.

"The museum has been here for over 100 years now, and it's always kind of been a place that the gay community can come to," Daniel Stachowski, public programs coordinator for the museum, said. "In the 1980s, we had a fundraiser for the AIDS crisis, and we're continuing that legacy of being supportive for the LGBTQ+ community by having these pride events here in Laguna, which was for the longest time a safe haven for the gay community to come and be who they are."

"Now, all those bars that were so famous are all gone, and there's no real place for the community to gather, especially during Pride Month. By having these kinds of celebrations, it's paying homage to Laguna's past, but also offering a safe place for LGBTQ+ members and the allies that support them."

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers: POT, EARS, PRIM, SPAGHETTI, SLED, RASHES, ALLEN, MIAS, PET, SNEAKERS, SOBS, THAI, AILS, BOLT, SUSAN, AMINO, SPLAT, SLEED, RAINBOWS, BENNY, CLANG, SLURS, CATERERS, INSTITUTE, CATON, ATONE, LOWER, SEDA, URIS, BILE, UCLA, CAR, SHE, SCAN, SCALD, SCARES, SHOP, LIMA, ARMY, EYE

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid.

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NOTICE OF FILING REPORT
CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH - NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Finance Officer has prepared and filed with the City Clerk a report prepared pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 5473, showing sanitation and sewerage charges for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to be assessed against certain parcels of property within the City of Laguna Beach and proposing that said charges be collected on the tax roll. A hearing on said report will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 25, 2023 in the City Council Chambers of the City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California.

Notice of Public Sale
Pursuant to the California Self Service Storage Facility Act (B&P Code 21700 ET seq.) The undersigned will sell at public auction on Friday June 23, 2023 at 1:30 pm. Personal property including but not limited to furniture, clothing, tools and/or other household items located at: The sale will take place online at www.selfstorageauction.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following item:

Approval of the Fee Study Update, which includes, but is not limited to, changes in subsidies and updates to the fees in the Community Development Department, Fire Department, and Police Department - The City Council will consider the establishment of cost-of-services fees, which include amendments to Newport Beach Municipal Code Section 3.36, update of fees for studied departments - Community Development Department, Fire Department, and Police Department, and other fee updates, including new fees related to the studied departments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on April 13, 2023, the Finance Committee of the City of Newport Beach presented the Fee Study Update for consideration. Anyone wishing to attend the public hearing should check the June 13, 2023, meeting agenda on the City's webpage at newportbeachca.gov/agendas or contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov, during normal business hours, to receive information on how to attend this meeting. If you challenge the Fee Study Update in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. As required by Government Code Section 66016, prior to the public hearing data indicating the amount of estimated cost required to provide the services, which is the basis for the proposed fees, will be provided by the City Clerk to any interested person. Please contact the City Clerk at 949-644-3005 or cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov if you would like to receive a copy of the report.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Michael Gomez, Deputy Finance Director, at (949) 644-3123 or mgomez@newportbeachca.gov

Is/ Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

Bids Wanted

CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF

UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2021-02
PARK AVENUE

N-1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for the UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2021-02 PARK AVENUE, together with appurtenances thereto.

N-2 PRE-BID CONFERENCE: There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Attendees are to meet at Conference Room A in City Hall located at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. Failure to attend will result in your bid proposal being declared non-responsive.

N-3 DATE OF OPENING BIDS: Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-4, B-7 through B-15) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system no later than 2:00 PM on June 28, 2023, after which time bids will be publicly available for review at https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/43728/portal-home. No late bids will be accepted.

N-4 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: In general, the work comprises of installing underground infrastructure to support the conversion of overhead utilities to underground within the UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2021-02 PARK AVENUE all as shown on the drawings and further specified by Southern California Edison (SCE), Frontier Communications, Cox Communications and City Street Lighting standards and specifications; trenching, boring to install conduits and the associated surface (AC, PCC, grading or landscape) restoration works; coordinating with SCE, Frontier and Cox authorized contractors to pull and install wiring, furnishing and installing new street lights, pull boxes (hand holes), street lights and service wiring, and implementation of temporary traffic control plans, as required.

N-5 AWARD OF CONTRACT: (a) City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, as it best serves the interest of the City. (b) As a condition of award, the successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

N-6 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: All work is to be completed in a total of SIXTY WORKING DAYS, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be September 2023. Liquidated damages shall be \$2,000 per calendar day, for each and every calendar days delay in finishing the work.

N-7 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: Contractor shall possess a valid Class A, General Engineering, Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code.

N-8 WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with provisions of California Labor Code Section 1773.2, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations (DIR) are available at the DIR website at www.dir.ca.gov. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

N-9 RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS: The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the Contract Documents from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payments by the City, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

N-10 OBTAINING OR INSPECTING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents are available at the City of Laguna Beach's website at https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/do-business-here/rfps-bids. Once at this site, click the "Vendor Portal & Bid Opportunities" icon. If you are not currently registered with PlanetBids for the City of Laguna Beach, please click the "New Vendor Registration" button, then complete the registration process. Interested firms must be registered to submit a bid. Firms must check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to acknowledge all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

N-11 REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

N-12 ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST: The estimate of probable cost for the project is \$1,430,000.

N-13 PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: All communications relative to this project shall be directed to Alpha Santos-Guinto, Project Manager, at asantos@lagunabeachcity.net. Deadline for all inquiries is 5:00 PM on June 20, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
By: Thomas Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
Date: June 2, 2023

Published: Daily Pilot

June 2, 2023
June 9, 2023

Bids Wanted

CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
NOTICE INVITING BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF

LOW VOLTAGE AND NETWORK CABLING AT THE CITY MAINTENANCE FACILITY

N-1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for furnishing all work as provided in the contract documents for LOW VOLTAGE AND NETWORK CABLING AT THE CITY MAINTENANCE FACILITY, together with appurtenances thereto, in accordance with the specifications on file at the Office of the City Engineer of the City of Laguna Beach, located at 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California.

N-2 PRE-BID MEETING: A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 10:00am. Attendees shall meet at the City Maintenance Facility (1900 Laguna Canyon Road) in Laguna Beach, CA. Failure to attend will result in bid being declared non-responsive.

N-3 DATE OF OPENING BIDS: Bid prices for each line item of the Schedule of Work must be entered and all other required documents for the bid proposal packet (pages B-1 through B-3, B-6 through B-15) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.

N-4 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: In general, the work comprises of furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, labor, and incidentals to improve network performance and reliability by upgrading the data cabling at the City Maintenance Facility in the City of Laguna Beach.

N-5 AWARD OF CONTRACT: (a) The City reserves the right after opening bids to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality (non-responsiveness) in a bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, as it best serves the interest of the City. (b) The successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds and insurance.

N-6 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: All work is to be completed in a total of TWENTY-FIVE (25) working days, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be September 2023. Liquidated damages shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per working day, for each and every working days delay in finishing the work.

N-7 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: Contractor shall possess a valid Class C-7 Low Voltage Systems or C-10 Electrical, Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Professions Code. Contractor shall have successfully completed three projects of similar scope for a public agency. Contractor must have a minimum two (2) BISC Installer 2, Optical Fiber (INSTP) certified installers, and a Registered Communications Distribution Designer (RCDD) on staff. Proof of BISC certification is required. Contractor shall deliver CommScope's Network Infrastructure Warranty which includes a 25-Year Product and Application Warranty for the installed SYSTIMAX cabling system.

N-8 WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with provisions of Sections 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, copies of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the State Director of Industrial Relations are available on the Internet at the World Wide Web site of the State Department of Industrial Relations at www.dir.ca.gov under Statistics and Research. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. All parties to the contract shall be governed by all provisions of the California Labor Code relating to prevailing wage rates; Sections 1770-1781 inclusive.

N-9 RETAINAGE FROM PAYMENTS: The Contractor may elect to receive 100 percent of payments due under the Contract Documents from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payments by the City, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

N-10 OBTAINING OR INSPECTING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Contract Documents, in digital Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format, are available at the City of Laguna Beach's website at https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/do-business-here/rfps-bids. Once at this site, click on the "Vendor Portal & Bid Opportunities" icon. If you are not currently registered with PlanetBids for the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the "New Vendor Registration" button, then complete the electronic supplier registration process. Interested firms must be registered in order to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to acknowledge any and all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

N-11 REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

N-12 ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST: The estimate of probable cost is \$81,000.00.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: All communications relative to this project shall be directed to Ulises Escalona, Senior Project Manager at uescalona@lagunabeachcity.net. Deadline for all inquiries is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH By: Thomas Perez, Assistant Director of Public Works
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL
The Laguna Beach City Council will hold a hybrid virtual/in-person Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 505 Forest Avenue, to consider: Zoning Ordinance Amendment 21-8780 and Local Coastal Program Amendment 21-8778 to amend Laguna Beach Municipal Code Section 25.05.040 (Design Review) and Chapter 25.07 (Coastal Development Permits) as modified and approved by the California Coastal Commission on February 9, 2023, and exemption from California Environmental Quality Act. The amendments apply City-wide, SAID PUBLIC HEARING to be held Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter. For additional information, contact City staff: Kevin Parker, AICP, Associate Planner at (949) 464-6632 or kparker@lagunabeachcity.net. You may also communicate comments about the proposed application to members of the City Council, whose names and e-mail addresses are listed on the City's website (www.lagunabeachcity.net). Comments may be made via teleconferencing during the hearing, in writing prior to the hearing (when emailed or mailed to the City Clerk's office), or in person in Council Chambers. Written correspondence should be delivered to City Hall by noon the day before the hearing; however, in order to allow sufficient time for Councilmembers and staff to review and consider your comments, it is recommended they be submitted to the City Clerk's office on or before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Procedures for participating in the hybrid virtual/in-person meeting are on the City's website linked to the meeting agenda. If, in the future, you wish to challenge the subject matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you (or someone else) raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the Public Hearing. The proposed Municipal Code amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3) in that the proposed amendments are not anticipated to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, nor will the proposed changes have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Additionally, Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and Section 15265(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines shift the burden of CEQA compliance to the California Coastal Commission in connection with preparation or amendment to a Local Coastal Program (LCP). The Coastal Commission's LCP review and approval procedures have been determined to be functionally equivalent to the environmental review process. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, may request such modification or accommodation from the City Clerk's Office at (949) 497-0705 (telephone) or (949) 497-0771 (facsimile). Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

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APN: 141-622-04 TS No: CA08001985-14-4 TO No: 02-19019045 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 9, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 10, 2023 at 09:00 AM, Auction.com Room, Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Anaheim - Orange County, 100 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on January 18, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007000032927, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Orange County, California, executed by GERARDO GRELLA, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for BC BANCORP as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1064 EL CAMINO DRIVE, COSTA MESA, CA 92626 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$1,113,726.21 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address www.Auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001985-14-4. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA08001985-14-4 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: June 1, 2023 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001985-14-4 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Loan Quema, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0435990 To: ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT 06/09/2023, 06/16/2023, 06/23/2023

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**BSC 223462
NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ROBERT DENNIS GOODE
30-2023-01328050-PR-LA-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **ROBERT DENNIS GOODE.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **DONNA CLARK GOODE** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **DONNA CLARK GOODE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **July 05, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CMS** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**BSC 223483
NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DOROTHY ANN BEAVER
30-2023-01328741-PR-PW-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **DOROTHY ANN BEAVER.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JUDITH B. PIXTON** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **JUDITH B. PIXTON** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **July 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CMS** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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A WOMAN walks her dog Thursday at Harper Park, where a field belonging to Newport-Mesa Unified was recently fenced off.

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FENCE

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her district on the council, but he hadn't heard of the fence. Same with Krista Weigand, the NMUSD trustee for her area.

Eventually, Tanaka learned from Costa Mesa's Parks and Community Services director that the school district had, indeed, contacted the city about its plan and was doing some sort of pilot program.

"I believe staff was aware Newport-Mesa was going to do this, and I'd like to know why they didn't bring it to any elected officials who could bring it to the public," she said.

NMUSD spokeswoman Annette Franco clarified Thursday the entire property belongs to the district, which has granted the city an easement to operate the playground and pocket park. Field space is used by students at the district's Harper Assessment Center and a charter school that leases space there.

"The temporary fence

between the park and our school fields was installed to improve safety conditions for students," she wrote in an email. "This allows students to have a dedicated outdoor space that separates them from the public that utilizes the public park during school hours."

Although the remaining acreage is not technically for use by the public, Franco said, neighbors may still access the fields during non-school hours (9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays) and on days when school is not in session.

Entry is available at the front of the school along 18th Street but not directly from the park, whose entrance is at Tustin Avenue.

Franco said the district reached out to the city about the fence and is continuing to work with staff about how to best meet the needs of everyone.

That fact was confirmed by City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison during a City Council meeting Tuesday, after Tanaka shared her and neighbors' concerns in a public com-

ment and some council members supported removing the fence.

"I am working with the mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Harlan on the issue but also with Wes Smith, the superintendent," she said. "We didn't put the fence up, and it's not our fence to take down. However, they're open to a conversation."

Harlan said the city could have done more to inform residents about what was happening at the site and called what happened "an epic fail."

"It's a failure of communication, a failure of implementation and a failure of accountability," he added. "I know we as a city can do better. It can be corrected, and I'm expecting that to be done quickly."

Tanaka said few people come to the park since the fences were installed less than a month ago. She'd like to see that change.

"I think people are just not coming anymore," she added. "To me, that's a shame."

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WORKSHOP

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rent City Council, which has seen a lot of 4-3 votes on key issues. Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark, Casey McKeon and Pat Burns, all elected in November, have the conservative majority.

But Thursday's workshop was about working together to find key goals and priorities for the next four years. It was facilitated by accounting and consulting firm Baker Tilly.

Steve Mermell, the former city manager of Pasadena, led the council and City Manager Al Zelinka through much of the four-hour discussion. It featured brainstorming based on six general topics: fiscal stability, public engagement, housing and homelessness, infrastructure investment, fostering a high-performing organization and public safety.

The discussion on housing and homelessness was particularly detailed. A large majority — 79% — of Surf City residents surveyed for a quality of life study, the results of which were shared at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, said that homelessness was an "extremely" or "very" serious problem.

According to last year's county Point in Time summary, there were 330 homeless people in Huntington Beach, including 188 unsheltered and 142 sheltered individuals.

"If we do not address the real issue, which is the mental health and the drug addiction, nothing will be changed," Van Der

Mark said. "We have the state constantly on top of us, telling us, 'Build more houses and everything will be solved,' and that's not the case. I think we need to focus more on the real issue, the fundamental health services they need. The county needs to step up some more."

But housing advocates have consistently argued that the lack of affordable housing is a driving factor in homelessness. The median home price in Huntington Beach is more than \$1.1 million, higher than the county average.

"We're not going to be able to raise wages to the \$280,000 to \$290,000 a year it takes to buy a median home in Huntington Beach," Councilman Dan Kalmick said. "[Prospective buyers won't] qualify for a loan without what I call early inheritance, which is receiving a down payment from your parents. That doesn't create a sustainable community."

At the end of the workshop, each member of the City Council was asked to identify nine specific priority items they wanted accomplished during the first two years of the strategic plan. In the category of financial stability, they included considering options for new revenues and an economic development strategy.

Five of the seven also identified implementing a 311 system to manage and track calls for municipal services as a key public engagement goal. In housing, four said they wanted to take action to maintain local control of land-use planning. Huntington Beach has a pending lawsuit against the state of California over

housing issues.

In infrastructure investment, four said they wanted to provide world-class beach facilities, including the renovation and expansion of 15 beach restrooms, new lighting for Pier Plaza, security and programming. Four also said they wanted to prioritize exploring additional sports and concert venues.

"I was thinking like a volleyball and basketball facility, or a world-class pickleball facility," Strickland said. "They can do tournaments and bring people from all over California and Nevada to our community. Right now we have an economic study on our softball and baseball Sports Complex, and the economic study was dramatic in how positive it was for our city."

In terms of creating a high-performing organization, all seven said they wanted to establish a one-stop-shop to consolidate development and frequently used services in one location. And, in the realm of public safety, five said they'd prioritize a Huntington Beach Fire Department community risk reduction program, including an engagement coordinator, opioid prevention and targeted risk reduction campaigns.

Baker Tilly will next provide a written workshop report before city staff drafts a strategic plan for City Council approval, to be reviewed in September. A final strategic plan and implementation plan would be introduced for council adoption in October.

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BOAT

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Children 12 or younger may attend for free.

There will be live music, food and beverage vendors and activities in addition to guests being able to venture around some of the classic wooden boats.

More than 35 of the vessels will be coming into Newport Harbor this weekend, including the Astor — an 86-foot double-masted

Schooner built in 1923 that will be celebrating its 100th birthday this year — and the Aviator, a 94-foot World War II-era, downed rescue pilot vessel that will be on display and available for tours.

"It's a very specifically wooden boat festival," LaMontagne said, adding that the event was not the first of its kind in the harbor, let alone the state. "The distinction is, by far, in a way this is all about them — an event dedicated to the art of the wooden boat. The appreciation of that wooden boat. It's definitely a hobby of love. The guys who are pouring money into these things to make them look pristine and beautiful ... it's really to honor the craftsmanship

and the beauty and the tradition of wooden boats in Newport Harbor.

"It's like comparing a Mercedes of the 1940s to some neat car show to a Mercedes of 2021. It's a completely different look and feel. You get more of those classic lines, and there's a sort of romanticism in it."

For more information about the event, visit newportbeachwoodenboatfestival.com.

"It's a really fun day on the water for the public," LaMontagne said, "to get access to a private yacht club, and to get to enjoy the splendor and beauty of this wooden tradition."

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