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N.B. looks to recoup costs of services

Per recommendation of its Finance Committee, City Council agrees to adopt new fees, bump up existing charges.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

After considering the recommendations of its Finance Committee, the Newport Beach City Council on Tuesday voted unanimously to adopt new fees for various services rendered beginning in the upcoming fiscal year.

The new fees, which will go into effect in July, pertain to the Finance, Harbor, Public Works and Utilities departments.

According to a city staff report, departmental fees are routinely reviewed on a rolling three- to five-year basis to "ensure the proper recovery of cost of services." The study reviewed by the Finance Committee and presented to the City Council was created by Aptos-based consultant, ClearSource Financial Consulting.

The Finance Committee introduced a \$6 charge to cover the costs associated with the review and processing of online applications for new business license

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Surfing expo returns to H.B. this weekend

Dozens of vendors are planned for the second annual SURFscape in the Huntington City Beach parking lot.

BY MATT SZABO

TiMo Tidwell remembers growing up in Hawaii, just minutes from the beach.

As a surfing grommet, he would take the plastic trays from Burger King and head down to Waikiki Walls to learn how to surf.

Now he's hopeful his surf grip and apparel company TIOIT (pronounced "tight"), will take off.

TiMo and KrisT Tidwell launched the product last summer, and a great chance for promotion happens this weekend.

TIOIT will be one of dozens of vendors at the second annual SURFscape, a free consumer expo that will be held Saturday and Sunday in the Huntington City Beach parking lot between Huntington Street and Beach Boulevard, across from the Waterfront Hilton and Hyatt Hotel.

TiMo and KrisT will be showcasing an immersive 90-second

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Photos by Eric Licas

YOUNG EQUESTRIANS outside Costa Mesa City Hall Thursday protest an increase in horse boarding fees at the nearby O.C. fairgrounds.

Protesters say nay to fee hikes at equestrian center

BY SARA CARDINE

Local equestrians and their equine companions stood outside Costa Mesa City Hall Thursday to protest rent increases at the Orange County fairgrounds' Equestrian Center that horse lovers say will drive them, and the beneficial programs they provide, from the facility.

Held during a meeting of the OC Fair & Event Center's Board of Directors — relocated to City Hall to accommodate renovations at the fairgrounds' administration building — the demonstration is the latest in a series of confrontations over the center since fairground officials assumed operations from a private

contractor in 2021.

OCFEC leaders have reimagined the 7-acre site into a more public-facing community equine center that will offer therapeutic programs, hands-on demonstrations, training and regional horse shows, in addition to private horse boarding and lessons, under the new moniker the Ranch.

"The Ranch will be a place for all in the community to come and learn about horses, to have hands-on experiences with horses and receive the benefits of interacting with horses and, yes, also for boarding and training opportunities — that is not

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GIBRAN STOUT and horse Finn participate in a demonstration at Costa Mesa City Hall Thursday.

Fashionable florals bloom at South Coast Plaza

BY SARAH MOSQUEDA

Florals for spring may not have impressed Miranda Priestly in "The Devil Wears Prada," but the fashionable use of flowers at South Coast Plaza's spring floral exhibit is quite spectacular. "Fleurs de Villes ARTISTE" is a special exhibit featuring fresh floral installations inspired by art at the Costa Mesa shopping destination with fresh flowers styled on 18 mannequins to resemble bespoke ensembles.

On display through April 28, the exhibit coincides with South Coast's 34th Southern California Spring Garden Show, happening April 25 through 28. The garden event will include unique plant and garden vendors and showcase eight outdoor living space vignettes.

Floral artists worked through the night to complete the elaborately dressed mannequins in time for the opening on Wednesday morning. The artists drew inspiration for their designs from other well-known artists and familiar styles.

"Dali Lady Butterfly," created by Bonne Fleurs, for example, was inspired by Salvador Dali's painting, "Woman with a Butterfly."



Sarah Mosqueda

"DALI LADY Butterfly," by Bonne Fleurs at South Coast Plaza's "Fleurs de Villes ARTISTE."

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video set to his music and featuring art from her paintings, as well as animation from his surf and skate video footage.

"We're actually covering the booth floor with the grip," KrisT added. "You can walk into the immersive experience barefoot to experience what the grip will feel like on your board."

Added TiMo: "It's going to feel like you're actually surfing inside of the immersive experience."

The couple, who live in La Habra but said they're soon moving to Sunset Beach, have launched TIOIT after considerable planning. KrisT has gone through health issues caused by toxic mold poisoning over the last decade, which caused them to move from Hawaii to Southern California in search of treatment.

"It's kind of what gave us the courage to be able to do it," KrisT said. "We're all in. We want to have a positive impact and tell people, no matter what your age, if you have to give it up for a time then get back to it."

They've partnered with a New Jersey-based surf company called G Spot Sport on the grip, and that company has flown representatives to Southern California this weekend for SURFScape.



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FOUNDER TIMO TIDWELL stands with his board with the TIOIT surf grip on the deck at Pier Plaza in Huntington Beach. He and partner KrisT Tidwell look forward to the SURFScape show this weekend where they will be debut "Ride the Storm," an immersive artwork that blends animation and live footage.

The grip is UV/water resistant, antibacterial and environmentally friendly, and it protects, refreshes and extends the life of a surfboard or skimboard, G Spot Sport founder Melissa Gronda said in an email. The company likes to call its protection feature a "surf condom."

"We are so excited and grateful for this opportunity to collaborate with Huntington Beach and this awesome surf community," Gronda said. "Our TIOIT

team has elevated us to make beautiful ride-able art and their exclusive surf designs are pretty tight!"

SURFScape will also feature booths from familiar surf brands like Rip Curl, O'Neill and Hobie. Put on by the Surf Industry Members Assn., it will also have aspects like film screenings, workshops and surf therapy.

"Bustin' Down the Door," a 2008 surf documentary narrated by Edward Norton, will play at 7 p.m. Saturday at Dwyer Middle School as a benefit for Maui Wildfire Relief. Tickets are available online for the screening, which will feature a question-and-answer session after with surfers Ian Cairns, Peter Townend, Shaun Thomson and director Jeremy Gosch.

SURFScape runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, in the city beach parking lot.

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NEWPORT BEACH has approved new fees and fee amendments as part of a routine review of departments.

COSTS

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applications.

The committee also recommended fees for taxicab operator licenses. Three fees are associated with taxi operators, including a company permit fee of \$1,660, a vehicle permit per vehicle fee of \$1,399 and a driver permit fee of \$1,660.

The Utilities Department will have two additional fees, one to establish a base fee of \$53 for meters, boxes or lids, and a remote activation fee for water and sewer services of \$52. Public works will see three additional fees, for street closure permits that require engineering field inspections, recycling services and amendments to existing demolition fees meant to encourage compliance.

The Harbor Department is seeing the greatest number of increases in fees, with 10 approved by the City Council. Among those are fees for the towing of abandoned or impounded boats between 14 and 25 feet, rhine wharf permits and variance permits. The most significant fee additions are for variance applications, which will be \$498, and group or exclusive usage fees of Marina Park, which will cost \$502.

Two deposit fees proposed for the Harbor Department that were related to the usage of the human lift for people with disabilities at Marina Park and at Balboa Marina were struck from the recommendations. In a statement on Twitter, Orange County Supervisor

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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AVENUE BIKE LANE (CIP NO. 23-9091)

N-1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids with online bid price submittal will be received by the City of Laguna Beach for furnishing all labor services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, transportation, utilities, and all other items and facilities necessary therefore, as provided in the contract documents for the PARK AVENUE BIKE LANE (CIP NO. 23-9091), 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 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-7, B-10 through B-17) must be uploaded to the PlanetBids system in accordance with the instructions beginning on page B-16 no later than 2:00 p.m. on May 3, 2024. No late bids will be accepted. No other method of bid submittal will be accepted.

N-3 DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: In general, the work comprises of mobilization, sandblasting and pavement stripping removal, pavement striping and markings, signage installation, and other miscellaneous improvements as required to complete the contemplated scope of work along a portion of Park Avenue between Wendt Terrace and Alta Laguna Boulevard in the City of Laguna Beach.

N-4 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 and reject all other bids, as it may best serve 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-5 COMPLETION OF WORK AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: All work is to be completed in 10 (ten) working days, excluding holidays, from the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, which is anticipated to be June 17, 2024. Liquidated damages shall be \$2,000 per calendar day.

N-6 CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION: The Contractor shall possess a valid Class A, General Engineering, or C-32, Parking and Highway Improvement Contractor License at the time of submitting bids, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the California Business and Profession's Code.

N-7 WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with the 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-8 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-9 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. Click on the "Click here to access the City of Laguna Beach PlanetBids portal". If you are not currently registered with the City of Laguna Beach, please click on the "New Vendor Registration" button and then complete the electronic supplier registration process, including selecting Category Code(s) describing the goods and/or services you provide, as well as entering your Contractors State License information. After registering your firm, click on the "Bid Opportunities" button to view and download the Bid Documents. Interested firms must be registered on the City's website and download the Bid Documents in order to submit a bid. Firms must also check the website periodically for addenda information as failure to download any and all addenda will result in bid disqualification.

N-10 REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations 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 (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) 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 Department of Industrial Relations.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
By: Mark Trestlik, City Engineer
Date: April 15, 2024

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT A HARRINGTON 30-2024-01392882-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: ROBERT A HARRINGTON
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JULIE ANN ALWEHEIBY in the Superior Court of California, County of ORANGE.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JULIE ANN ALWEHEIBY 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 June 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07 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 (ccourts.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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CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider:

Application No.: PA-22-08
Applicant/Agent: Anne Trostle Johnson/Sean Maddocks
Site Address: 2490 Newport Blvd.
Zone: Local Business District (C1)

Description: Planning Application 22-08 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow an approximately 2,000-square-foot retail cannabis storefront use with delivery in an existing single-story commercial building located at 2490 Newport Boulevard. The proposed use would be subject to Costa Mesa's regulations, conditions of approval, and State cannabis regulations. The Planning Commission approved the project on a 3-2 vote. Two members of the City Council have called the Planning Commission's decision up for review.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.

Public Comments: Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk's Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing, May 7, 2024.

All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats, .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at http://costamesaca.gov, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
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FOR THE RECORD

A story published Thursday about a new pump station incorrectly stated O.C. Sanitation is a county agency. It is a special district.

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CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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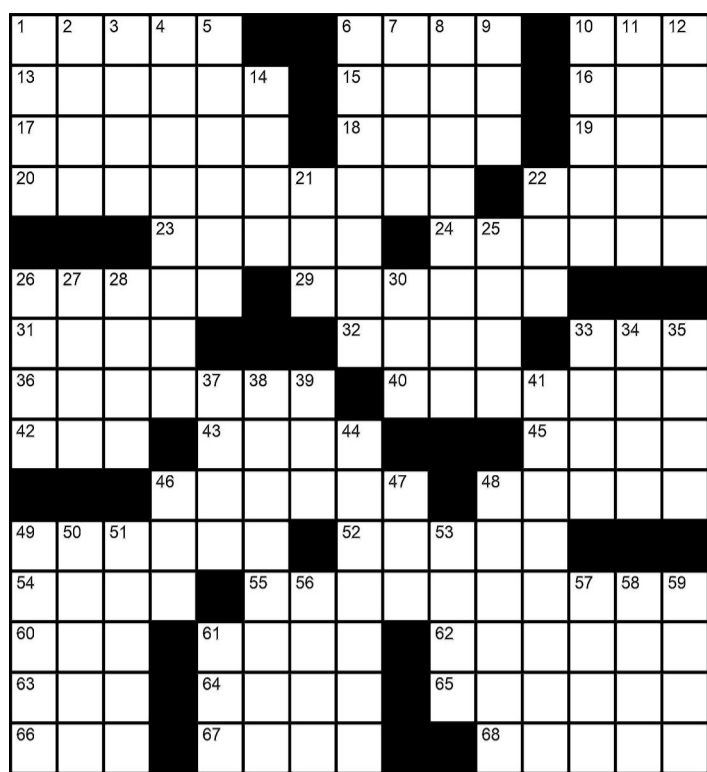
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By Jacqueline E. Mathews

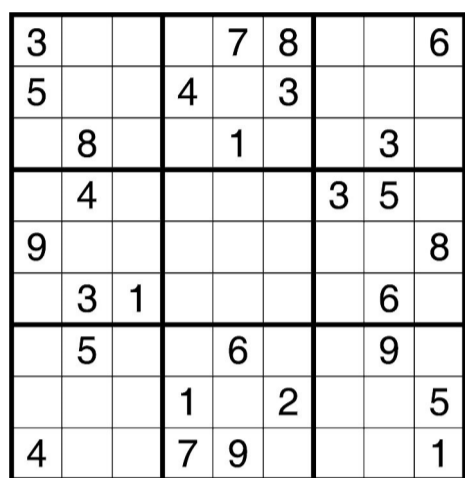
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 18 Shallow's opposite
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 20 Crocodiles' relatives
 22 "Not yet!"
 23 Pitcher Ryan
 24 Sly
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 29 Ruins
 31 For two, musically: 2 wds.
 32 Broadcasts
 33 The NFL's Newton
 36 Athena, e.g.
 40 "Fashion's Prom": 2 wds.
 42 WNW's opposite
 43 Ex-GIs
 45 Don't include
 46 Outfits, slangily
 48 Act smug
 49 Statue of Liberty's coating
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 54 One-named supermodel
 55 Spicy Christmas cookie
 60 Crunch muscles
 61 Earth's natural satellite
 62 Ironic genre
 63 Clear after taxes
 64 Fully fill
 65 Actor Christian
 66 Mined resource
 67 Delighted
 68 Vision while asleep



SUDOKU

By the Mepham 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 A2.

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 1 Sitarist's melody
 2 Not written down
 3 Shout
 4 Put holy oil on
 5 Slow musical movements
 6 "Material Girl"

- singer
 7 Manual reader
 8 Reason for overtime: 2 wds.
 9 Gene Kelly's style
 10 Paper bundle
 11 Sit in on, as a class

- 12 Small-minded
 14 Circus barker
 21 Greek T
 22 Used to be
 25 Take a breather
 26 Senate staffer
 27 Big fusses
 28 Unclothed
 30 Not bright
 33 Gl's wear, for short
 34 Actress Shawkat
 35 Actor Damon
 37 _-steven
 38 Decide what to aim at: 3 wds.
 39 Tommy's dad on "Rugrats"
 41 Kindergarten award: 2 wds.
 44 Bridged
 46 Martini ingredient
 47 Droop
 48 President Ford
 49 Instrument with keys
 50 Yellow shade
 51 Food sample
 53 Dame Myra _
 56 Tiny amount
 57 Evening, in ads
 58 District
 59 Hair-curling treatment
 61 NYC sports venue

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Dali's version famously depicts a female figure with a topiary of flowers in place of a head and scepter topped with a large yellow Danube Clouder butterfly. Bonne Fleurs' installation uses yellow roses to recreate the gold gown and monstera leaves as butterfly wings. The piece is supported by the Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel, where the hotel's Club Lounge currently features a curated collection of work from Dali; one of two places to see the surrealists work on display in Orange County right now.

"Winged Victory of Samothrace," created by Sarah C. Brown Designs, is inspired by the 2nd-century B.C. Greek sculpture sometimes referred to as "Niké of Samothrace." The headless, armless figure, known for its placement at the bow of ships to ensure safe journeys, is recreated in the show with silver-foliaged Dusty Miller leaves.

The inspiration for the Bowers Museum-supported "Asian Comic" mannequin comes straight from the Santa Ana museum's current exhibition, "Asian Comics: Evolution of an Art Form," which celebrates anime, Japanese manga and renowned creators like Osamu Tezuka, Miyako Maki and Hur Young Man.

Floral artist Becky Rice of Pink Poppy Designs, based in Fallbrook, was tapped for the creation of



Sarah Mosqueda

PINK POPPY Designs artist Becky Rice, from left, with Bowers chairwoman Anne Shih, president and CEO Sean O'Harrow and external affairs VP Kelly Bishop.

the piece that takes direct inspiration from the fashion art of Mikio Sabe and the distinct characteristics of anime cosplay.

"I needed to do a little research before I designed her," said Rice, who incorporated the illustrated movement found in anime cartoons with a cloud of pink flowers beneath the mannequin's feet and a swirl of purple behind her. A nearly transparent skeleton leaf emulates lace on the dress while orange blooming alstroemeria flowers fluff up the dress like tulle. Rice said she used nearly 3,000 skeleton leaves, hand-glued together to create the look. Aspidistra leaves spray-painted gold make up the tall boots, and dyed corn husks were used to create the hair.

Flowers can be a fickle medium to work with, but Rice, who often designs

installations for weddings and holds a degree in horticulture, is skilled at her craft.

"I always cut the stems fresh when I receive them, and then I add flower food to my water. I have a flower cooler too," said Rice. "But if there are flowers that need to open up, I put them in a warmer environment."

Rice worked on the project for about three weeks, although she didn't receive the mannequin until the day before the opening.

"Really, all of this hard work happens a few days before because the flowers are all fresh," said Rice.

"Fleurs de Villes ART-ISTE" is on display until April 28, and guests have the opportunity to vote for the fan favorite.

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CITY OF COSTA MESA PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Costa Mesa Zoning Administrator will render a decision on **May 9, 2024**, or as soon thereafter as possible, on the following item:
Application No.: ZA-22-44
Applicant/Agent: Walker Group Ventures/ Coralae Newman
Site Address: 2750 Bristol Street
Zone: Local Business (C1)
Description: Zoning Application 22-44 is a request for a Minor Conditional Use Permit (MCUP) to establish a planned signing program for No. 1 Collision Group located at 2750 Bristol Street. The application proposes one new wall sign that extends above the first floor of a two-story building and one new freestanding monument sign that would exceed the maximum sign height permitted by right in a commercial zone.
Environmental Determination: The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 (Accessory Structures).
Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email planninginfo@costamesaca.gov. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. There will be **no public hearing** on this request. Any written correspondence must be emailed to ZAPublicComments@costamesaca.gov prior to **12:00 PM** on the day of the decision date (see above). The decision letter can be downloaded from the City's website following the decision date at: <http://www.costamesaca.gov/index.aspx?page=940>. If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, prior to the decision date.

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT PGPA-23-0001 TO AMEND THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California on **Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider:

General Plan Amendment PGPA-23-0001 to amend the Circulation Element of the 2015-2035 General Plan as follows:

- Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies), 15276 (Transportation Improvement Programs), and 15061 (b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption);
- Approve the Draft Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) as recommended by the City's Planning Commission by adoption of a resolution; and
- Approve General Plan Amendment PGPA-23-0001, amending the Circulation Element to revise and include new policies outlined in the PMP by adoption of a resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The project is specifically excluded from CEQA pursuant to statutory exemptions defined under Sections 15262 and 15276. Section 15262 excludes a project from CEQA if it involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the City has not approved, adopted, or funded and does not require the preparation of an environmental impact report or negative declaration, but does require consideration of environmental factors. Section 15276 states that CEQA does not apply to the development or adoption of a regional transportation improvement program.

Public Comments:

Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be emailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk's Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m.** on the day of the hearing, **May 7, 2024**. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted; a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats: .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.costamesaca.gov>. 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. **IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT**, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
 Published April 26, 2024

NOTICE INVITING BIDS:

Fencing & Gate Upgrades
 Masuda, Plavan, and Tamura Schools
For Bid Number: FVSD 24-01
Bid Deadline:
 1:00 pm May 30, 2024
Place of Bid:
 Fountain Valley School District
 17330 Mt. Herrmann St
 Fountain Valley, Ca 92708
 (714) 668-5882

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Fountain Valley School District of Orange County, California will receive bids up to and including **1:00p.m. on May 30, 2024**. At this time, date, and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for Bid No. FVSD 23-02 Fencing & Gate Upgrades at Masuda, Plavan, and Tamura Schools as indicated in the bid specifications. A **Job Site Walk** has been scheduled for **May 9th at 1:00 p.m.** at Talbert Middle School 9101 Brabham Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92646. All bids shall be submitted only on the forms supplied by the School District as part of the bid package. Bid documents available @ <https://www.fvdsd.us/apps/pages/Facilities>. All Firms submitting a proposal to this project must be prequalified with the District pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6 (b)-(m) without exception prior to submitting a proposal. Any Firm that submits a proposal and is not prequalified will be deemed non-responsive and that Firm's proposal will be rejected and returned to the Firm unopened. The **FVSD prequalification process** is web based. Information can be found at www.qualitybidders.com. Prequalification documents must be submitted prior to **May 15, 2024**. The Board of Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity therein. The right is also reserved by the Board of Trustees to select items and/or scope of work which in their opinion will best serve the needs of the District. All bidders must be properly licensed at bid time and during the entire project per Public Contract Code Section 3300 and Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15. Dated this April 24, 2023. Joe Hastie, Director - Maintenance Director
 Published: Daily Pilot Newport Beach/Costa Mesa April 26, 2023 and May 3, 2023.

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Property, violent crimes drop in Laguna Beach

BY ANDREW TURNER

Laguna Beach police are reporting a decline in property crime and offenses of a violent nature for a second successive year, the data provided by the department signaling a significant decrease in theft.

The city saw reported automobile thefts rise from 37 in 2021 to 47 in 2022, but the numbers dropped to 35 in 2023, representing a 25.6% decrease.

Incidents of larceny also fell from 239 to 225 over the past year, representing

a nearly 6% difference.

“This reduction in overall crime is a testament to the unwavering passion of our police force, coupled with the incredible support of our community,” Police Chief Jeff Calvert said in a statement. “While we take pride in this achievement, our mission to transform into the safest coastal community in Orange County remains our top priority. We are committed to sustaining exceptional policing practices and fostering meaningful community partnerships to realize this goal.”

A dozen crimes were

classified as robberies, up from eight in 2022. Authorities noted that weapons were used on just a couple of those occasions.

The police department's crime statistics also show that one homicide and one rape occurred in town. No arsons were reported in the past calendar year after five reported in the combined prior two years.

CITY RECEIVES \$190K FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The Laguna Beach Police Department has received a \$190,000 grant from the California Office

of Traffic Safety to assist with enforcement efforts on its streets.

“Driving under the influence, excessive speed and other dangerous driving behaviors cause an elevated risk for our community and other motorists on the road,” Police Sgt. Randy Bitonti said.

“This funding provides the Laguna Beach Police Department with the ability to increase resources towards traffic enforcement and education with the ultimate goal of reducing injury and fatal traffic accidents on our roadways.”

The funds can be put toward enforcement operations aimed at taking distracted and impaired drivers off the road, as well as measures seeking to curtail leading causes of traffic collisions such as speeding, red-light violations and improper lane changes and turns.

The grant may also be used to provide education and enforcement for bicycle and pedestrian safety, officer training and qualifying purchases like a police motorcycle.

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COSTS

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Katrina Foley stated that to ask for a deposit for the usage of the human lift — a proposed \$31 at Marina Park and \$117 at Balboa Marina — could present financial obstacles for those who needed the assistance.

Harbormaster Paul Blank said the fees were proposed in the hope of curbing last-minute cancellations of the service. He said the deposit would be returned if a lift was used as reserved and fees would be waived in cases of an emergency cancellation. But when asked by council members if it was a significant problem, Blank said one frequent user of the lift often canceled or did not show up, soaking up staff time to set up the mobility aid.

“I understand the frustration that [Blank has] and the concern with adequately applying the resources of our community fairly, and I think it's unfortunate that we have this circumstance, but I also think that ... weighing it in balance with the possibility of maybe using a softer touch,” said Councilwoman Robyn Grant. “This is one individual. It's not hundreds of individuals. Maybe there's a way we can find a good, working situation with this one individual so that we can avoid the potential impacts of this proposal. So, I'm really not in favor of it at this juncture.”

Councilman Erik Weigand and Mayor Will O'Neill agreed. Councilman Noah Blom said he was in favor of the deposit for human lift use, referencing reservations and last-minute cancellations at his own restaurants.

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HIKES

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going away,” OC Fair & Event Center Chief Executive Michele Richards said Thursday.

But correcting course on a financial model that officials maintain loses at least \$227,805 per year, while tackling needed facility improvements, utilities and other obligations not covered in the previous Equestrian Center operator's contract with OCFEC, has meant the cost of boarding and keeping horses would have to go up.

To close the gap, directors in March approved a phased-in rent increase for those who board horses and use the Equestrian Center for private lessons and nonprofit programs and classes. Failing to achieve fiscal solvency, they maintained, would essentially mean subsidizing private enterprises with a gift of public funds.

Under the initial plan, the cost for a 144-square-foot stall would gradually

climb from \$644 per month to \$1,130 by January 2025 — an increase of 75%. Equestrians balked, saying the hike would make the aging facility one of the costliest in Orange County and result in a mass exodus of horses and programs.

Boarders have repeatedly urged fairground officials to instead consider saving costs by renegotiating a \$1.8-million contract with Laguna Hills-based street sweeping company Lopez Works, Inc. for the feeding of horses and clearing of stalls and arenas.

Richards capitulated Thursday, announcing fairgrounds staff were able to “refine some of our numbers” and talk with the owner of Lopez Works to reduce the rent hike.

“Andre Lopez was extremely cooperative in that meeting and transparent in sharing numbers with us,” she said. “He was able to restructure some of his expenses, and we combined those savings with the cost savings we found.”

As such, the cost of a 144-square-foot stall would increase from \$644 per month to \$756 starting on June 15, eventually increasing to \$979 per month by Jan. 1, 2025.

“Staff continues to eval-



Eric Licas

O.C. FAIRGROUND riding students pet Seren while holding signs protesting against an increase in boarding fees at the Costa Mesa facility. (Eric Licas)

uate expenses,” Richards said. “And should we find additional savings, we will pass those onto our boarders and trainers as soon as possible.”

Carolyn Beaver, a Corona del Mar resident who takes lessons at the facility, said while she appreciated efforts to reduce the rent increase, she was still con-

cerned about the fate of boarders and trainers who may have to cut programs.

She further questioned how OCFEC would be able to fulfill its ambitious plans for public programming if equestrians were forced to leave.

“In order to provide public programs involving horses, all these details

need to be worked out, and experienced professionals need to be engaged to provide the services,” Beaver told the board. “[But] you really haven't spoken very much to the trainers that are on site and available to assist you.”

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