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Newport tightens the rules on rental properties

There will be a maximum of 1,550 short-term lodging permits citywide, with a minimum stay of two consecutive nights.

BY LILLY NGUYEN

Newport Beach City Council tightened its restrictions on shortterm lodging in the city and Newport Island at large Tuesday after a years-long effort brought forward by residents fed up with the noise and parking issues caused by the lodgings.

New restrictions — recently approved with minor modifications from the California Coastal Commission — were formally OKd Tuesday by the majority of council members with Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon and Councilman Noah Blom dissenting.

The new regulations will be in effect on Jan. 13, 2022, following a second, finalizing vote at the council's next meeting on Dec. 14.

The city will now have a maximum of 1,550 short-term lodging permits citywide and require a minimum stay of two consecutive nights.

Principal planner Jaime Murillo said there are currently 1,581 permits issued and that number may increase between the meeting and the time the changes take effect in January.

As properties eventually leave the list and drop the number of active permits below 1,550, city staff will pull from a waiting list.

Building Christmas spirit



Don Leach | Staff Photographer

See Rentals, page A2 WORKERS ASSEMBLE a Christmas tree near a palm on the traffic island at Marguerite Avenue and East Coast Highway in Corona del Mar on Wednesday.

Guilty plea to sexual assault charges

A former Costa Mesa planning commissioner is sentenced to 20 years in prison for his actions as a church volunteer.

BY SARA CARDINE

A Costa Mesa man who may have used his volunteer position at a local church to sexually assault two underage sisters on Tuesday pleaded guilty to all charges against him and was sentenced to serve 20 years in prison.

Mark Allen Korando, 70, appeared in a Westminster courtroom, where he pleaded guilty to four counts forcible of lewd acts on a child and six counts of lewd or lasciv-



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a minor younger than 14. His plea comes more than a year after his arrest on Nov. 23, 2020. Costa Mesa police began investigating Korando in September 2020, after the mother of two girls contacted the department saying she'd recently learned he'd inappropriately touched her children, CMPD reported. When detectives and members of a Child Abuse Services Team interviewed the victims, they learned the sexual assault had started two years earlier.

Korando, then a member of a church on the 1700 block of Costa Mesa's Baker Street, occasionally chaperoned a group of girls out of state as part of a church-led effort to support communities in need, police reported.



Courtesy of Katrina Foley

COUNTY SUPERVISOR Katrina Foley, right, presents a check for \$15,000 to the Orange County Model Engineers Thursday at Fairview Park to help them rebuild after acts of vandalism were discovered Wednesday.

BY SARA CARDINE

As Orange County Model Engineers pick up the pieces following an act of vandalism at their Fairview Park depot that caused thousands of dollars in damages, local community members are rallying around the rail yard to ensure a swift recovery.

Members of the Costa Mesa nonprofit, which offers free monthly train rides to the public, were shocked on Wednesday morning to discover vandals had descended upon their tiny station in the night, creating a scene of havoc.

Shingles were ripped off the roof, while metal window coverings were pried open and several areas damaged at the station and a nearby storage building.

The destruction spread to a picnic area, where tables were smashed and a small fire appeared to have been set.

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At the time of his arrest, a website maintained by Mesa-Verde United Methodist Church, whose location at 1701 Baker St. coincides with the block and street named by the police, listed Korando as an active member and volunteer.

Court records indicate the assaults took place on at least two different occasions, in March 2016 and April 2018. A judge sentenced Korando on Tuesday to serve four consecutive five-year terms and six additional three-year terms, the latter of which he will serve concurrently with the former.

Korando served on the Costa Mesa Planning Commission in the 1990s, according to newspaper archives. In 1991, he was short-listed for appointment to the City Council in a seat left vacant by the resigning Councilman Ed Glasgow.

He is scheduled to appear in a court on Dec. 10 for a firearms relinquishment hearing.

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'Light a Light of Love' event comes to Huntington on Sunday

BY MATT SZABO

It is one of the most memorable events of the holiday season in Huntington Beach, and it's all for a good cause.

The 25th anniversary of the Waymakers "Light a Light of Love" event returns to Huntington Beach Pier Plaza on Sunday, benefiting the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter.

The free event includes a craft booth that opens at 3:30 p.m., a children's parade at 4 p.m. and a Surf City Santa meet-and-greet at 5 p.m. But it all culminates when, exactly at 6 p.m., more than 80 6-foot-tall snowflakes will be lit along the pier and Main Street.

Snowflakes are still available for sponsorship in both locations, said Nancy Galeana, program director of the Waymakers Huntington Beach Youth Shelter.

Each features a plaque below it that can feature a saying or company logo. The snowflakes will stay up until Jan. 5, Galeana said, and snowflakes can still be bought after Sunday's event.

She said the goal is to raise more than \$110,000 for the youth shelter.

There will also be merchandise including handheld snowflake wands, head warmers and hair clips available for purchase at the event, and this year there is the added bonus of the outdoor ice skating rink right there as well.

"It is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year," Galeana said. "It covers eight of our beds over at the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter, which are the community beds. These are kids who are homeless, runaways and at risk of pretty much any other behavior, like family conflict, having difficulties at school. More than anything, with everything that has been going on with the pandemic, it definitely leaves a door

See **Light,** page A3

Spencer Grant

bt, page A3 **THE SNOWFLAKES** are lit on Huntington Beach Pier in 2019. Sunday's lighting is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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RENTALS

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Newport Island will have a cap of 20 short-term lodging permits and require properties to be ownerowned and occupied.

Daytime and nighttime occupancy limits and minimum parking requirements will be required of such lodgings on Newport Island. Rentals there will also be restricted to one per week.

Prior language submitted to the Coastal Commission indicated a stay of three consecutive nights, which Murillo said the Coastal Commission felt was potentially restrictive for families with lower to moderate incomes.

The Coastal Commission also suggested the addition of a restriction on apartment conversions. For apartments that are five units or larger, no more than 20% of total units can be converted to a shortterm rental. Duplexes are exempt.

Additionally, the commission adjusted prior language about parking requirements, which called for at least one on-site space to reduce street parking.

That space, the commission's change makes clear, does not need to be an additional space, and an existing parking space can satisfy the requirement.

All modifications were adopted.

City Council members initially passed short-term lodging reforms earlier this year but needed approval from the commission to implement them in its local coastal program. The city defines short-

term rentals as any dwelling unit occupied for less than 30 consecutive days. Newport Beach initially implemented guidelines for those rentals in 1992, which were subsequently amended in 2004 to allow rentals in R-1 zoning districts.

An ad hoc committee was established on the matter in 2019.

Residents largely spoke in

"I'm delighted with the support of members of the council that we have advanced it this far ..."

Newport Beach Councilwoman Diane Dixon als

favor of the restrictions, though some property owners running short-term rentals objected to the tighter guidelines for New-

One homeowner wondered if long-term residents should be prioritized over newer residents. He had started renovations on his house only to find out he could no longer get a permit to have a short-term rental.

port Island.

"This really did start at the resident level and we're here to represent the residents, and I'm delighted with the support of members of the council that we have advanced it this far," said Councilwoman Diane Dixon, adding she was "pleasantly surprised" with the support of the Coastal Commission and that commissioners were concerned about coastal housing enduring the negative effects of the proliferation of rent-

"The Coastal Commission sees the impact of short-term rentals on permanent residential homes," Dixon said.

"When they understood that we have currently over 1,500 short-term rental permits when six or seven years ago, we had half that? They actually commended the city for having as many visitor-serving rooms or places to stay in addition to the 3[,000] or 4,000 hotel rooms in the city.

"We've had many struggles with the Coastal Commission as long as I've been on council and we win a few and lose a few, but I ... think we were able to meet the needs imposed upon us and I'm grateful for staff support and the residents who really drove this home," Dixon said.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP Corona del Mar girls' soccer rallies to defeat Costa Mesa

BY MATT SZABO, ANDREW TURNER

The Corona del Mar High girls' soccer team used two second-half goals to rally for a 2-1 nonleague win over host Costa Mesa on Wednesday.

CdM's Jane Paulsen scored on an assist from Erin Jones to tie the score. Kayla Spreen then netted the go-ahead goal for the Sea Kings, assisted by Isabella Thomas.

Paulsen had a busy day as earlier Wednesday, she competed in the CIF Southern Section Individuals girls' tennis tournament. Paulsen and partner Cate Montgomery made the round of 16.

Goalkeeper Sydney Walls made five saves for CdM (1-0), which hosts Santa Maria St. Joseph on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Itzel Ramirez scored a first-half penalty goal for Costa Mesa (1-2), which hosts San Diego Hoover on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

BOYS' SOCCER

Huntington Beach 8, Orange 1: The Oilers moved to 2-0 on the season with a second lopsided win at home. Huntington Beach has outscored the opposition 15-1 over its first two games.

Downey 2, Edison 1: Grayson Marquez scored on a penalty kick for the Chargers in their season opener at home on Wednesday.

JSerra 2, Fountain Valley 1: Ethan Larsson scored for the host Barons in their season opener on Wednesday.

Garden Grove 3, Costa Mesa 1: The Mustangs fell to 0-3 on the season with Wednesday's nonleague defeat on the road. Nathan Rocha scored the goal for Costa Mesa.

Savanna 3, Estancia 1: Kevin Flores scored a goal for the host Eagles (0-2) on Wednesday in nonleague play.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Corona del Mar 65, Santa Fe 43: Sanjay Tewari scored 19 points, including five first-quarter three-pointers, for the Sea Kings in Wednesday's Artesia Tournament game.

Dylan Rogers added 15 points for CdM (3-0).

Estancia 50, Norwalk Glenn 29: The Eagles improved to 3-3 after winning Wednesday's Los Amigos Tournament game.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Fountain Valley 47, Whittier Christian 24: Audrey Tengan paced the Barons with 14 points in Wednesday's win in the John Glenn Tournament.

Margaret Tengan added 12 points, and Eileen Kim provided seven points for Fountain Valley (4-2), which has won three in a row.

Huntington Beach 45, Norwalk Glenn 1: Kloey Silvia paced the Oilers with eight points on Wednesday in the John Glenn Tournament.

Akemi Tanga and Makenna Tayenaka each had seven points for Huntington Beach (1-4).

Pacifica Christian Orange County 67, Crean Lutheran 56: Addison Deal scored a game-high 27 points to lead the visiting Tritons on Wednesday in a nonleague game. Annika Jiwani contributed 17 points, and Jamie MacKay also had 14 points for Pacifica Christian (3-0).

Laguna Beach 53, Bolsa Grande 9: Sophie Marriner had 16 points, 10 rebounds, six steals and three assists to lead the Breakers in a nonleague game at home.

Kenna Rudolph added 12 points and three assists for Laguna Beach (5-1), which has won five in a row. Kate Cheng had eight points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots, and Sabrina Yang and Brisa Campos each provided three blocks.

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DONATION

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"It was just blatant, wanton damage," OCME member Hank Castignetti recalled in an interview Thursday. "Why would you go on the roof and rip the shingles off? It was just senseless.

Castignetti called the timing of the incident a "gut punch" for the club, already attempting to raise funds during the pandemic, with little to no revenue or donations coming in, to repair a train trestle bridge that's a prominent feature on the public rides.

Little did club members know the community, upon hearing the news, would spring into action in support of the rehabilitation.

Orange County District 2 Supervisor and former Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley coordinated a local response, dedicating \$15,000 in discretionary funding to help pay for repairs and beef up security at the site.

She and Costa Mesa city officials, including Mayor John Stephens, presented a check to club members in a small informal ceremony

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Don Leach | Staff Photographer

ROOF SHINGLES, torn from the roof of a model train depot at Fairview Park, were strewn about the parking lot by vandals.

Thursday as children from a nearby preschool rode the miniature rails during an annual holiday party.

In addition to the donation, officials are working with local trade organizations to see if members might assist in the rebuild, including the still-unfinished trestle work.

"It was my pleasure to be able to help," Foley said in an interview after the event. "We have this incredible group of volunteers who run the trains and keep it all going. It's literally a passion for them to be able to provide this community activity and community asset."

Castignetti said the model engineers — all of them volunteers and most of them retirees — have been overwhelmed by the community response and touched to see an inhumane act remediated by an even bigger act of kindness.

"This morning has just been an incredibly emo-tional experience for me," he added. "It's been a whirlwind — it really shows you how much the community truly supports all our efforts here.'

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Waymakers did not hold the event in person last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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or Kim Carr said that residents have told her that the Light a Light of Love event is one of their favorites of the holiday season.

"It is very local, very hometown," Carr said. "The children's parade is a

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CITY OF COSTA MESA 2021-2029 GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE (GP-21-01)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following item: 2021-2029 Housing Element Sixth Cycle Update. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing regarding the 2021-2029 Lity of Costa Mess Sixth Cycle Housing Element Update on December 13, 2021. The Planning Commission will consider and make a recommendation to the City Council.

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The Public Hearing will be held as follows:

DATE: Monday, December 13, 2021

HEARING TIME & LOCATION: 6:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter, City Hall Council Chambers 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA; and virtual locations

77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA; and virtual locations Additional Information: For more information, call (714) 754-5245, or email <u>planninginfo@costamesaca.gov</u>. Planning Division staff are available from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, except specified holidays. All interested parties may submit comments to the Planning Commission in regard to this application. Please refer to the Planning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting. The Pinning Commission meeting agenda and staff report will be posted online 72 hours prior to the meeting at https: <u>1155/2002</u>. <u>1155/2002</u>. <u>Meeting and Staff report will be posted online 73 hours prior to the meeting at https: <u>1155/2002</u>. <u>1155/2</u></u>

GIRLS' TENNIS



Kevin Chang | Staff Photographer

MARINA'S MIKA IKEMORI returns a volley against Sunny Hills' Daniela Borruel during the CIF Southern Section Individuals singles finals in a match between the tournament's top two seeds on Thursday at Whittier Narrows Tennis Center.

Marina's Mika Ikemori is **CIF girls' tennis finalist**

BY MATT SZABO

SOUTH EL MONTE — There are nearly 600 member schools in the CIF Southern Section.

Out of the thousands of girls' tennis players across the section, only two made it to Thursday's CIF Southern Section Individuals singles title match.

One of them was Marina High junior Mika Ikemori.

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Ikemori's season to remember concluded with her as a finalist, as she ran into a red-hot freshman in the title match at Whittier Narrows Center.

In a showdown between the tournament's top two seeds, Sunny Hills fresh-Daniela Borruel topped Ikemori 6-3, 7-5 for the Individuals singles title. Even prior to the final match, Ikemori knew what

she said. "I mean, CIF, that's the big one. I'm really happy that I fought out all my matches, because every one of them was tough." Borruel, who will turn 15

later this month, was aggressive in the final against Ikemori. But after winning the first set, she fell behind 5-2

Borruel rallied to win the last five games of the match, although Ikemori saved two match points before Borruel could serve it out at 6-5.

"I think I stopped moving my feet a little bit, and she definitely started playing better," Ikemori said. "I think I could have kept the intensity up a little bit more.

"She didn't make many mistakes. She's really good at building herself back up, so she can recompose her-



"It's super-cool. I mean, CIF, that's the big one. I'm really happy that I fought out all my matches, because every one of them was tough." **Marina High junior Mika Ikemori**

self. But it was a good match, and congrats to Daniela.

Borruel said staying aggressive and moving forward made her effective on her swinging volleys.

"I told myself to stay in the moment," Borruel said. "I've had these experiences before ... I think I had the composure to come back. the fighting spirit to come back. There's always a

man it meant to be there. "It's super-cool,"

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PERMIT NUMBER 5-19-1296; CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION NUMBER CC-0007-21

APPLICANT: City of Newport Beach, Public Works, Chris Miller

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Consistency Certification CC-0007-21: Maintenance dredging around existing docks and offshore disposal of up to 75,000 cubic yards per year, for a term of six years, of suitable dredged material, including proposed Eelgrass Protection and Mitigation Plan for eelgrass impacts; and Coastal Development Permit 5-19-1296: Beach replenishment of up to 75,000 cubic yards per year, for a term of six years, of suitable material, including Eelgrass Protection and Mitigation Plan for eelgrass impacts.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Within Newport Bay and offshore open-ocean EPA-approved disposal site known as LA-3 located approximately five miles south of the Newport Harbor entrance in Orange County, CA.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:

Date:	Wednesday, December 15, 2021
Time:	9:00 AM
Item No:	W20b and W21a
Place:	Virtual
Phone:	(415) 904 - 5200

HEARING PROCEDURES:

As a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, this Coastal Commission meeting will occur virtually through video and teleconference. Please see the Coastal Commission's Virtual Hearing Procedures posted on the Coastal Commission's webpage at www.coastal.ca.gov for details on the procedures of this hearing. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the Coastal Commission's Virtual Hearing Procedures, please call 415-904-5200.

AVAILABILITY OF STAFF REPORT:

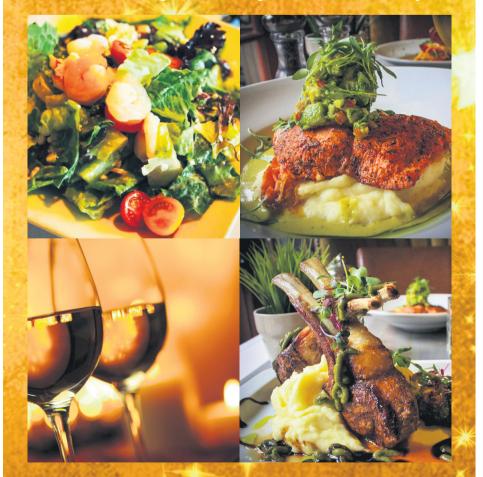
A copy of the staff report on this matter will be available no later than 10 days before the hearing on the Coastal Commission's website at www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html. Alternatively, you may request a paper copy of the report from Mandy Revell, Coastal Program Analyst, at the South Coast District Office.

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In the semifinals, Ikemori topped No. 3-seeded Nadia Kojonroj of Troy, 6-3, 6-2. She improved to 3-0 lifetime against Kojonroj, a left-handed player, the first two wins coming in junior tournaments.

"I knew it was going to be really hard," Ikemori said. "Every time I play Nadia, it's tough. I wanted to do my best and stay in it point by point, not worry about what might happen."

Ikemori broke Kojonroj's serve at 3-2 in the first set and took the early advantage. But after Kojonroj held serve to open the second set, Ikemori got locked in a long battle on her own serve.

The game took nearly 15 minutes before Ikemori held serve. She then quickly broke Kojonroj's serve in the next game and seized back momentum of the match.

"I think it was really important to hold," Ikemori said. "I think that game set the tone for the rest of the match. When you have those games, you feel relief, like, 'Thank God I pulled that out.' But if you lose the game, you're just really mad at yourself and you feel really deflated. It was really important that I won that game. I didn't want her to get the opportunity to go up 3-0 with her serving." Ikemori said overall she

enjoyed playing in CIF Individuals. She became the second Marina girls' tennis player to advance to the finals, joining Carrie Crisell in 1985.

"It's great being a finalist in CIE," she said. "It's an honor to represent Marina and come this far. I'm proud of Daniela, but I'm happy with it. Obviously a little disappointed, but I'm still proud of myself."

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