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**GUESTS LOOK** over the Newport Bay Trash Interceptor during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the \$5.5-million system that will collect floating trash and debris before it enters the Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve at San Diego Creek.

## Newport Beach celebrates as trash wheel completes cycle

Floating facility will collect trash that flows into Upper Newport Bay.

BY ERIC LICAS

Newport Beach celebrated the completion of its \$5.5-million trash interceptor at Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve, a project proposed over eight years ago that is expected to prevent hundreds of tons of garbage from polluting a sensitive habitat.

Mayor Joe Stapleton joined Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley as well as other officials and members of the community during a ceremony Friday afternoon at the site of the new facility, near Jamboree Road where

San Diego Creek feeds into the bay. Hawks and seagulls screeched overhead as officials cut a ribbon to commemorate its unveiling.

“Upper Back Bay is the jewel of the city,” Stapleton told the Daily Pilot ahead of the event. “You talk about the harbor, you talk about the bay, you talk about the beaches, that’s what makes us Newport Beach. And if we don’t protect that, we won’t be Newport.”

Between 100 to 300 tons of trash make their way into Upper Newport Bay via San Diego Creek each year. Sending boats and people in to clean that up poses the risk of harming native plants

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**MAYOR JOE STAPLETON** talks about the completion of the Newport Bay Trash Interceptor for the city of Newport Beach.

## Costa Mesa recages fix to cats law

Mayor sought vote to bring a 7-year committee discussion about TNR to council level but had to delay matter once more.

BY SARA CARDINE

A long-awaited discussion about legalizing the trap, neuter and return of feral cats back onto Costa Mesa streets was temporarily put back in its cage this week but may yet see the light of day, city officials assured residents Tuesday.

Mayor John Stephens, who serves as a council liaison to the city’s Animal Services Committee, was moved by recent renewed pleas from members, animal lovers and rescuers already engaging in TNR to consider a revision of city laws prohibiting the practice.

Advocates maintain the process is a humane way to reduce cat populations over time without having to euthanize feral felines simply for being unowned. However, Costa Mesa municipal code forbids the release of such animals into the general populace.

Following on the heels of a talk during a Feb. 26 meeting of the committee — where the matter has been researched, punted and researched again since 2018 — Stephens decided to gauge whether his colleagues would vote to consider the matter at a future City Council meeting.

So, the mayor initially placed the item on an agenda for Tuesday’s meeting under a provision requiring council approval for items estimated to take more than four hours of staff time to implement. However, due to a technicality in the staff report, the item was subsequently pulled from the agenda.

That did nothing to deter about

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## GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

## Sage Hill making most of 2nd chance in state playoffs

BY ANDREW TURNER

Sage Hill girls’ basketball has a new crop of contributors that have kept it near the top of the sport, but it was a third-year starter that helped set the tone on Thursday night.

Junior guard Amalia Holguin scored the first eight points of the contest, as Sage Hill extended its season with a 58-34 win over Moreno Valley in a CIF State Southern California Regional Division I playoff game at home.

“I’m just here to do whatever my team needs,” Holguin said. “This game, it was start the game off hot and start banging, put it in the basket. If I’m here to score, I’m here to score — [if it’s] to pass, to pass. I’m just here to be a leader and make my team win.”

Second-seeded Sage Hill (21-11) will host Los Angeles Brentwood (27-8) in a regional semifinal game on Saturday at 7 p.m. The Lightning will be attempting

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**SAGE HILL’S** Amalia Holguin (10) drives for a layup in the CIF State Southern California Regional Division I girls’ basketball playoffs against Moreno Valley on Thursday.



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**NEWPORT BEACH** resident and native Molly O’Neil stands in a model kitchen in her recently opened Molly O Architectural Interior Design in Costa Mesa.

## Newport Beach native returns to city with new studio, all by design

BY MATT SZABO

Her married name was Molly Proul. Her maiden name was Molly O’Neil.

To her good friends, though, she is simply known as “Molly O.”

“We’ve called her Molly O her whole life,” said O’Neil’s lifelong friend, Celeste Gilles. “Her license plate when she was 16 was Molly O. She’s in my phone as Molly O. I’ve never called her by her married name, she’s always just been Molly O.”

Now, the Newport Beach native has come full circle, just like the final letter in her moniker.



**VARIOUS CANDLE** bases on display at Molly O Architectural Interior Design in Costa Mesa.

Molly O’Neil recently opened Molly O Architectural Interior Design in the industrial area in west-side Costa Mesa. A grand-opening celebration was held

Last week.

O’Neil, a 1989 Newport Harbor High School graduate, has

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**AROUND TOWN**

**View blood moon total eclipse with the pros at Orange Coast College's Planetarium**

The public is invited to view the March 13 and 14 blood moon lunar eclipse by peering through a telescope at Orange Coast College Planetarium's Telescope Farm with the pros.

The full eclipse will start at 11:26 p.m. Thursday and end at 12:31 a.m. on Friday. Faculty, staff and students from OCC's astronomy department will be available to answer questions and provide insights about the eclipse. Guest may arrive starting at 10 p.m. on Thursday and stay until 1 a.m. Friday when the event concludes.

Admission is free. Orange Coast College is located at 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa; guests are advised to park in the college's parking lot E. Reservations are not required, but they are encouraged. Visit [occtickets.universitytickets.com](http://occtickets.universitytickets.com) to register and for more information.

**Goodwill of OC. opens new donation center in Costa Mesa**

The newest donation center for Goodwill of Orange County is at the Costa Mesa Farmers Mar-



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**A BLOOD MOON** total lunar eclipse will occur late Thursday night until early Friday and can be viewed using telescopes at the Orange Coast College Planetarium. Above, the May 15, 2022 super flower blood moon lunar eclipse as viewed from Huntington Beach.

ket at the OC Fair & Event Center.

A ribbon-cutting for the new drop-off center was held March 6, where civic leaders joined Goodwill OC representatives to celebrate its opening.

The donation center will be open every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to accept donations of clothing, household items and other gently used goods.

**Ocean Institute to offer program for children 2 and under**

Ocean Institute is partnering with Rivian to bring a monthly program to Laguna Beach called "Little Currents: Powered by OI + Rivian" for kids 2 and younger beginning Wednesday, April 2.

The free interactive program

will introduce little ones to ocean-inspired themes through sensory play, sing-along circles, themed crafts and interactive story time.

Little Currents will meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rivian Showroom, 160 South Coast Highway. For more information about the program, or to learn more about Ocean Institute's upcoming events, visit [oceaninstitute.org](http://oceaninstitute.org).

**New charity touney to feature dozens of sports legends**

The inaugural Newport Beach Celebrity Classic will take place Sunday, March 16 at Newport Beach Country Club to kick off the Hoag Classic tournament week.

More than 70 sports legends, including Los Angeles Rams receiver Puka Nacua, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Joe Flacco, Cleveland Browns running back Nick Chubb, Pro Football Hall of Famers Eric Dickerson and Marshall Faulk, and Hockey Hall of Famer Teemu Selanne are expected to play in the event.

Also teeing up will be Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush, soccer icon Landon Donovan, skateboard legend Ryan Sheckler, American professional wrestler The Miz, Fox Sports college football analyst Joel Klatt, and former

NFL quarterbacks Matt Barkley, Mark Sanchez, Steve Beuerlein, Matt Leinart and Carson Palmer.

Two organizations will be the beneficiaries of the tournament: Steadfast LA and the Newport Beach Fire Department Foundation, both of which have been offering support to victims of the Palisades and Eaton fires in Los Angeles County.

Tickets, priced at \$100 for adults and \$40 for children (15 and under), can be purchased online. For tournament information and tickets visit [HoagClassic.com](http://HoagClassic.com).

**Hoag's enrolling people for Alzheimer's vaccine study**

The Hoag Pickup Family Neurosciences Institute is enrolling people for an Alzheimer's vaccine study headed by researcher Michael Agadjanyan at the Institute for Molecular Medicine in Huntington Beach, David Sultzer from UCI MIND and Lon Schneider from USC.

People who are interested in joining the study must be between 60 to 85 with mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease.

For more information about this trial and its enrollment criteria, call (949)764-6797 or email [clinicalresearch@hoag.org](mailto:clinicalresearch@hoag.org).

— From staff reports



**Jack Croul**

June 8, 1924 - February 23, 2025

John "Jack" Vedder Croul, a military hero and veteran of "The Greatest Generation" passed away peacefully at his Newport Beach residence on February 23, 2025. Jack lived his motto; "Just do the right thing and think of other people." He was born June 8, 1924 in Hartford, Connecticut to Gertrude and Rex Croul.

Raised in San Marino, California with his three brothers, Ed, Richard and Jim, he took the "Red Car" of the Pacific Electric Rail to and from South Pasadena High School during the early 1940's.

In 1943 at 18 years of age, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. By 1944 he was a lead navigator for the 96th Bomb Group, 338th Squadron, flying thirty-three, B-17 missions, including two on D-Day. Jack earned a Purple Heart, the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Postwar, he received the French Legion of Honor Medal for his service. He retired as Captain, Army Air Corps, in 1945.

After the war, Jack enrolled at Stanford University, transferring to Claremont Men's College when he began to date Janet Behr, whom he married in 1950. Jack was a "Pacesetter" and a member of one of the first graduating classes at Claremont Business School. As an alumnus, he endowed multiple scholarships and professorships, including the Janet Croul Memorial scholarship to honor Janet who died in 1993, the John V. Croul Professorship of European History and the Kingsley Croul Professorship of American History, among others.

Upon graduation, Jack turned his energy to the business world and was hired as an early employee of Behr Process Corporation. He was instrumental in building Behr Process Corporation, a paint company, into one of the largest private companies in Orange County, with more than 1000 employees. Eventually, he rose to prominence as the Chairman of Behr. Around the time of his retirement from Behr, Jack met his second wife Kingsley Roney Brosnan and the two of them traveled the world together.

A passionate collector of postwar European automobiles, Jack amassed an impressive collection of sports and race cars. He didn't just collect cars – he drove them, navigating the winding mountain roads from California to Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. Jack's collection was inspired by the famous Italian Mille Miglia car races that took place in the first half of the 20th century, and his cars participated in twenty-eight Mille Miglia retrospective rallies. His collection became a living tribute to the golden age of racing.

Jack's many passions included restoring vintage fighter planes, flying gliders, prop planes and at 73, he received his helicopter license. He loved his community and was instrumental in saving the historical Cannery Restaurant in Newport Beach from destruction. He was a man of discretion, elegance and great generosity. Jack endowed the Earth Systems Science building at University of California, Irvine and his generous philanthropy will continue through the Croul Family Foundation, which he founded.

His wife Kingsley survives Jack, as do his two sons – Brad, his wife Judith; Spencer, his wife Susan, and their families. He is also survived by Kingsley's sons Rick, Tim, his wife Jenny, and her daughter Kingsley and their families, as well as his brother Jim, his wife Susie and Richard's wife Jane. Jack is preceded in death by his first wife Janet, and his brothers Ed and Richard.

He will be cherished for his stories of valor, his infectious enthusiasm, laughter and his warm, generous nature.

**STUDIO**

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moved back home and is living on the Newport Peninsula after years working in corporate design in San Diego and San Francisco. She also opened her own design studio in Del Mar in 2013.

But O'Neil moved back to Newport Beach after her only child, Lucille, graduated from the Bishop's School of La Jolla a couple of years ago.

"I wanted to do something that was different," said O'Neil, 53, who has done design work for companies like Taco Bell, Gap and Jack in the Box. "Something that people could come in here and be inspired, people could really see this space in their own home. I wanted this space



**NEWPORT BEACH** resident and native Molly O'Neil displays plants in her new studio in Costa Mesa.

Don Leach | Staff Photographer

to capture a lot of people's personalities and style."

Her father was Dennis O'Neil, who served as city attorney before two terms on the Newport Beach City Council. He was mayor in 1999 and contributed to the community in myriad ways. Dennis died in 2017. Now

his daughter helps take care of her mother, Thais, who visits her studio often.

"My mom comes here every day and she waters the plants and she checks in," O'Neil said. "We both feel like we still feel my dad here."

O'Neil maintains a sense

of community with many of her childhood friends. The kitchen space in her studio features a working range and Sub-Zero refrigerator. She hosted a Christmas dinner featuring chicken marbella serving it up to several of her longtime friends, including Gilles.

"I haven't seen a store like hers where she has all of the vignettes of different rooms set up, and I think that's a really cool concept," said Gilles, a Realtor based in Laguna Beach. "She's got such a big space, so she's able to create this feeling of home when you walk into it, which I think is awesome."

O'Neil said customers drop into her studio quite often. She feels it's in a good location, between a popular bakery and frame store.

She loves showing off details like all walnut cabinets and a wallpaper that features blowfish. A master bedroom area is displayed on one side of the studio, and near some bunk beds hangs her "Molly O" burgee flag from the days she sailed a yellow sabot boat as a child.

The space behind the storefront is where the designers work. There's a library featuring wall coverings, fabrics and tiles.

O'Neil said she currently has just two employees, but she's looking to expand that number to as many as eight. Still, other friends have helped her in the studio, which also features items like rugs, furniture and other accessories for sale in addition to architectural planning and specialty interiors.

She said that though her father is deceased, she believes his spirit has helped her meet the right people and line up her business back in the Newport-Mesa area. O'Neil added that she's made mistakes in the business over the years and continues to learn.

Her new studio is a bright space for her, and she hopes her customers will feel the same way.

"I feel happy and joyful when I come here, and that's what I'm trying to achieve," O'Neil said. "We're not here to solve our world's problems, we're here to enhance our life-style ... There's so much in design that we can do. We imagine it, we can create it."

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**THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE**

By Stella Zawistowski

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 29 Retiree's payment  
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 36 Actress Farrow  
 37 Suffix with "harp" or "violin"  
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**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](http://sudoku.org.uk).

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

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**HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP**

# Sage Hill girls' soccer to host regional final

**BY ANDREW TURNER**

The Sage Hill girls' soccer team has walked a tightrope for much of the postseason, and that theme has continued this week.

Freshman Capri Hall scored on a penalty kick, as the Lightning struck in extra time for a 1-0 victory over visiting Santa Maria on Thursday to advance to the CIF State Southern California Regional Division IV final.

Senior Cambria Thomas earned the penalty-kick chance for top-seeded Sage Hill (13-3-3), which will host La Mirada (13-8-6) in the championship game on Saturday at 5 p.m.

The Lightning prevailed over the Matadors in penalty kicks a week ago after the sides failed to produce a goal through regulation and overtime in the CIF Southern Section Division 4 title game.

Four of the past five

matches have gone past regulation for Sage Hill, with three of those being decided in a penalty-kick shootout.

**BOYS' SOCCER**

**El Centro Central 2, Laguna Beach 1:** Seniors Mishel Villanueva and Joseph Rosas scored for the visiting Spartans on Thursday in a CIF State Southern California Regional Division IV semifinal.

Senior Nayan Martin

scored for Laguna Beach (16-5-5), which was the CIF Southern Section Division 4 champion. Senior Max Garner drew the assist for the Breakers, who also won the Pacific Coast League title this season.

Central (26-2-4) will travel to take on top-seeded Carlsbad Pacific Ridge (22-2-3) in the regional final on Saturday at 3 p.m.

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**SAGE HILL'S** Cambria Thomas, in white, seen against Costa Mesa on Feb. 18, earned a penalty kick for the Lightning against Santa Maria.

**CHANCE**

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to get to a second regional final in four seasons. Sage Hill went on to win the Division II state title in 2022.

Top-seeded Fairmont Prep (23-10) plays host to fourth-seeded Los Angeles Windward (20-10) in the other semifinal.

Sixth-seeded Brentwood beat visiting San Diego Westview 68-34 on Thursday, leaving four Southern Section teams in the regional semifinals. Brentwood lost to Temecula Rancho Christian 58-48 in the Division I final.

Sage Hill was swept in pool play in the Open Division, albeit without multiple key pieces in the lineup. Freshman wing Addison Uphoff returned in the state playoff opener after missing six games with a foot fracture, Lightning coach Kerwin Walters said. Freshman center Eve Fowler missed two games with an ankle injury.

"I think we are getting healthy, which is the biggest thing that was happening to us," Walters said. "We had several girls out with multiple injuries and



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**SAGE HILL** players come off the court and bench after a scoring run against Moreno Valley on Thursday. Sage Hill extended its season with a 58-34 win in a CIF State Southern California Regional Division I playoff game at home.

the flu, and it was just difficult."

Fowler brought a physicality to the floor, providing 10 points, nine rebounds, two blocked shots and two assists. Uphoff made a pair of three-pointers, one that stretched the Lightning lead to double

digits at the end of the first quarter.

"Eve has really improved as a player," said sophomore guard Kamdyn Klamburg, who had 15 of her game-high 17 points in the second half. "She's grown so much in practice and in the games. She did a great

job bodying, staying up. We have great help-side [defense], too, so our team's got her back while she's battling out there."

While Holguin started hot from beyond the arc, she did not settle for long-distance shots. She dribbled into the paint and did

not shy away from contact, drawing two shooting fouls. Holguin finished with 16 points, seven rebounds, four steals and three assists.

"Amalia is one of the most underrated point guards in the state, and probably in the country," Walters said. "I think people know her, but they don't know the true Amalia. When she starts to distribute like she's doing, she's a really difficult cover. With the talent that we have around her, she knows that she is eventually going to get the ball back, and she's going to be able to do the things that she is naturally gifted to do, which is score."

The Lightning managed 16 assists on 23 field goals. Freshman guard Leah O'Toner dished out four assists.

"She's done a great job," Walters said of O'Toner, who has drawn into the rotation even with the experienced backcourt duo of Holguin and Klamburg. "She's learning every single

day. She's a player that just absorbs information, and she just wants more, and more, and more."

Junior forward Alyssa Cuff and Klamburg each had two steals for the Lightning, who clamped down defensively. Senior forward Isabella Rose also had five rebounds and a steal off the bench. Sage Hill outlasted Moreno Valley for a 73-64 victory in the Battle of the Beach at Redondo Union on Nov. 29.

Sophomore forward Alaysha Mills was a force around the rim for Moreno Valley (26-8) on Thursday, leading her team with 13 points, 13 rebounds and four steals.

The Vikings, however, were limited to just 13 points in the first half. Senior guard Leiyah Mills scored eight points, junior guard Bella Medina added seven points and senior center Tamia Hardwick pulled down eight rebounds.

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**CATS**

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a dozen residents who, speaking in public comments, implored council members to not only legalize TNR, but consider creating a program that would allow local rescuers to share their data and expertise with animal services officers and possibly collaborate on programs and seek grant funding to grow the effort.

A resident identifying herself only as Megan reminded the council of a cat-hoarding situation that occurred two years ago at a home on 20th Street, where she and other animal lovers raised funds across multiple counties and trapped and fixed more than 20 feral cats.

"Let's be clear, TNR has been happening without extra staffing from Animal [Services], happening without a municipal shelter and is happening without the city's funding because community members are paying for it out of pocket," she said. "We want this program and we need this program."

Animal Services Committee Vice Chair Becca Walls, speaking on her own behalf, said she and others have been working to pass new language that would allow now-covert trappers to work with the city to address the problem.

"There is a community that wants to work together, you just need to make it legal and give us the opportunity," she said. "Please honor the work that's been done and take a look at it."

Upon hearing comments for the nonagendized item, Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Chavez and council members Arlis Reynolds and Loren Gameros indicated they'd be open to hearing the matter.

Gameros — whose wife is a manager for the non-profit Priceless Pets, a city contractor overseeing pet adoptions and veterinary services for strays — assured residents it was not the city's intention to let the matter languish indefinitely.

"Nobody's pushing anybody aside," he said. "We're looking for a solution, and that's not going to happen overnight. There are no absolutes in this, but we do

have some opportunity to create and provide a program that I'm sure would be workable and, with a little course correction, we can probably fix this over time."

Stephens explained he wanted to take the temperature of his fellow council members for a possible TNR discussion but pulled the item off the agenda after hearing from the city's

police chief that the staff report he'd compiled would have to be revised.

Police officials determined Priceless Pets, acting as the city's veterinary services provider, would be authorized under the law to trap, neuter and return feral cats — a fact that was not clear under previous interpretations of the municipal code.

"I needed to rewrite the

report at a minimum. But I didn't have time to revise it," Stephens clarified. "I'm hearing that people want to bring this forward, and council members want to bring this forward. So, I'm not even sure I need the four-hour [vote] anymore. But I'm willing to bring it back at the next meeting."

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**CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS**

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(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.  
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: **NICE GUYS LLC, 615 W 19TH STREET, COSTA MESA, CA 92627**  
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:  
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: **VAGABOND FOOD CO, 2259 CAMINO REY, FULLERTON, CA 92833**  
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: **FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT, TRADE-NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE** of that certain business located at: **615 W 19TH STREET, COSTA MESA, CA 92627**  
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: **NICE BURGER 100% VEGAN/NICE GUYS 100% VEGAN**  
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is **MARCH 26, 2025**, at the office of **TOWER ESCROW INC, 3400 W. OLYMPIC BLVD, #201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019**, Escrow No. **L-041600-JC**, Escrow Officer: **JANICE CHEON**  
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.  
(9) The last date for filing claims is: **MARCH 25, 2025**  
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.  
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: **NONE**  
Dated: **FEBRUARY 18, 2025**  
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and wildlife. Instead, the interceptor will scoop up as much as 80% of that garbage before it can reach the preserve.

The system is modeled after Baltimore's two Mr. Trash Wheels, which use floating booms to direct debris toward a conveyor belt powered by a water wheel and solar panels. The belt deposits trash into dumpsters to be hauled away.

City officials had been considering the trash interceptor since at least 2017. In July 2023, the City Council approved a contract with Jilk Heavy Construction to design and build the project. It broke ground the following September.

The project's price tag rose over the course of several revisions from \$4 million to \$5.5 million.

About \$3.78 million of that was covered by state and county grants.

"As the sole county board member serving on the Orange County Transportation Authority Board, I'm proud to support this \$5.5-million investment, the first of its kind on the West Coast," Foley said Friday. "Newport Beach residents and visitors deserve to enjoy clean beaches and watershed."

The garbage interceptor is just part of efforts to protect Upper Newport Bay, Stapleton said, and he looks forward to partnering with leaders in other communities, especially those upstream along San Diego Creek, on future sustainability projects.

Staff photographer Don Leach contributed to this report.

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Corona del Mar Conference Room (Bay E-1st Floor) at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Hearing Officer of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

3200 Ocean Blvd. - Request for an extension of a three-year construction limit for Building Permit No. X2020-2540 and related permits outlined in Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 15.02.095 (Administrative Code - Addition of Sections 105.3.3, 105.3.4, and 105.3.5). The scope of work for the permit to construct a NEW 4,833 S.F. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITH BASEMENT AND ATTACHED 630 S.F. GARAGE, 2,632 S.F. DECKS WITH SHORING. The applicant intends to request an extension until June 17, 2025, to complete the construction.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project 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 before, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

The agenda, staff report, and corresponding documents will be available by end of business day on the Friday preceding the public hearing and may be reviewed at the Community Development Department Permit Center (Bay C-1st Floor), at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov/hearingofficer. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City's website after the meeting to review the action on this application. All mail or written communications (including email) from the public, residents, or applicants regarding an agenda item must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the business day immediately before the meeting. This allows time for the Hearing Officer to adequately consider the submitted correspondence.

For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Debi Schank, at 949-644-3284, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Permit No.: X2020-2540
Activity: Three-Year Construction Limit Extension

Zone: R-1 (Single-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RS-D (Single Unit Residential Detached)

Location: 3200 Ocean Blvd.
Applicant: Michael Reeves



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Corona del Mar Conference Room (Bay E-1st Floor) at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Hearing Officer of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

1715 W. Balboa Blvd. - Request for an extension of a three-year construction limit for Building Permit No. X2020-1565 and related permits outlined in Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 15.02.095 (Administrative Code - Addition of Sections 105.3.3, 105.3.4, and 105.3.5). The scope of work for the permit ADD 253 S.F. AND SUBSTANTIAL 1,123 S.F. REMODEL AND RE-ROOF. The applicant intends to request an extension until September 2, 2025, to complete the construction.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

All interested parties may appear and present testimony regarding this application. If you challenge this project 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 before, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64 (Appeals). The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date; if such an action occurs, additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Debi Schank, at 949-644-3284, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Permit No.: X2020-1565
Activity: Three-Year Construction Limit Extension

Zone: R-2 (Two-Unit Residential)
General Plan: RT (Two Unit Residential)

Location: 1715 W. Balboa Blvd.
Applicant: Richard Selby



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the Corona del Mar Conference Room (Bay E-1st Floor) at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The Hearing Officer of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

21 Cherbourg - Request for an extension of a three-year construction limit for Building Permit No. X2020-1573 and related permits outlined in Newport Beach Municipal Code (NBMC) Section 15.02.095 (Administrative Code - Addition of Sections 105.3.3, 105.3.4, and 105.3.5). The scope of work for the permit 2,605 S.F. INTERIOR REMODEL AND 634 S.F. ADDITION. The applicant intends to request an extension until March 15, 2027, to complete the construction.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15301 under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Guidelines.

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For questions regarding this public hearing item please contact Debi Schank, at 949-644-3284, at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Permit No.: X2020-1573
Activity: Three-Year Construction Limit Extension

Zone: PC3 (Harbor View Hills)
General Plan: RM (Multiple Residential)

Location: 21 Cherbourg
Applicant: Hootan Ataian

CITY OF COSTA MESA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, will now 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, March 18, 2025, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider:

Application No.: PMAP-24-0001
Applicant/Agent: Tish Kelly / Jamboree Housing Corporation
Site Address: 695 W 19th Street
Zone: C1 - Local Business District

Description: Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-24-001), Master Plan with Density Bonus (PMAP-24-0001), a Disposition and Development Agreement / Affordable Housing Agreement (including a Regulatory Agreement) and Ground lease for the development of a 70-unit senior affordable multi-family residential project located on a portion of the senior center parking lot located at 695 West 19th Street. The request includes concessions from specified development standards pursuant to State Density Bonus Law. On December 9, 2024, the City's Planning Commission voted to adopt Resolution PC 2024-30 finding that the proposed long-term leasing of real property for the development of senior affordable housing is in conformance with the City of Costa Mesa General Plan and recommend City Council approval of the above applications.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (Class 32) in-fill development projects.

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, March 18, 2025. 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. For questions on the project contact the project Planner: Victor Mendez, Senior Planner at (714) 754-5276. 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 Published: March 8, 2025

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Planning Commission Council Chambers 505 Forest Avenue Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

The CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH will hold a public hearing on the request below. You may participate in-person at City Hall. Case No.: Design Review 25-0319 and Coastal Development Permit 25-0318 Address: Lower Forest Avenue, between the Forest Avenue/South Coast Highway intersection and the Forest Avenue/Glennre Street intersection I APN: None Applicant/Property Owner: City of Laguna Beach Application Filing Date: February 12, 2025 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Laguna Beach requests design review and a coastal development permit to convert a temporary pedestrian plaza occupying the street to a permanent installation. Key elements include seating for nearby restaurants (including outdoor dining) and the general public, removal of the existing curb and gutter, landscaping including new and replacement trees, enhanced paving, drainage improvements, and lighting. The project also includes the implementation of the Slow Streets program providing for the closure. The use of the pedestrian plaza would include special events programming and public art displays. Previous entitlements include Temporary Use Permit 23-1966 and Coastal Development Permit 23-1967, which extended the temporary closure of the street through January 31, 2027. COASTAL ZONE: This project is located in the Coastal Zone. This project is located within an appealable area of the Coastal Zone. Information regarding California Coastal Commission appeal processes can be found at https://www.coastal.ca.gov/cdp/cdp-forms.html. The application was filed on February 12, 2025, by the City of Laguna Beach and is assigned application number CDP 25-0318. The application will be heard by the Planning Commission. The decision by the Planning Commission can be appealed to the City Council upon the payment of \$2,000 and in accordance with Laguna Beach Municipal Code Section 25.05.070. The decision by the City Council can be appealed to the California Coastal Commission (no fee required) in accordance with Laguna Beach Municipal Code Section 25.07.016(B). Further information regarding California Coastal Commission appeal processes can be found at https://www.coastal.ca.gov/cdp/cdp-forms.html CEQA: Staff recommends the Planning Commission determine that the proposed project is statutorily exempt under Senate Bill (SB) 922/Public Resources Code section 21080.25(b)(1) because the project is a pedestrian facility that would improve safety, access or mobility, including new facilities, within the public right-of-way. MORE INFORMATION: The project is not required to be staked with story poles. The agenda packet will be available on the City's website at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing (https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here/city-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes) and at the Community Development Department public center during the following hours: Monday - Thursday: 7:30am - 3:00pm and 7:30am - 12:00pm alternating Fridays (closed alternating Fridays). HOW TO COMMENT: For additional information, contact City staff: Louie Lacasella, Senior Administrative Analyst, at (949) 497-0736 or email to llacasella@lagunabeachcity.net. Comments may be made during the Public Hearing. In order to allow sufficient time for staff to review and consider your written comments, written comments will be accepted for consideration up until the close of business (i.e., 5:30 p.m.) on the business day before the Public Hearing is scheduled. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in a meeting may request such modification or accommodation from the Planning Division at (949) 497-0713. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if you challenge this application in court, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised in the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the public agency prior to, or at, the public hearing.