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## Prior Comments Echoed at Latest 'Listen & Learn' Workshop

BY SARA HALL | NB INDY

As the city is working its way through the districts with the recently launched community engagement effort called "Newport, Together," which includes a series of interactive workshops designed to involve citizens in discussions on community values and the city's General Plan Update, a few common trends are starting to emerge.

The "listen and learn" process included a workshop for district 5 on

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## Residents Raise Concerns Over Harbor Dredging Project

BY SARA HALL | NB INDY

Plans for possibly digging a "big hole" in Newport Harbor to bury some dredged material received an icy reception at a community meeting this week.

The purpose of the proposed dredging project is to restore the harbor to "design depth" to provide necessary navigation and improve tidal flushing.

City staff's goal is to dredge now and then "never have to think about a major dredging project again," Public Works Manager Chris Miller explained during the public scop-

ing meeting on the project, held Wednesday in the Friend's Room at the Central Library.

If this is done now, there might be some cleanup projects over the years, but nothing of this magnitude in his lifetime, he added.

In partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers, the city plans to dredge approximately 1.2 million cubic yards of sediment starting in 2021 (in an ideal world, best case scenario, and dependent on funding, according to Miller). This is phase two, the first phase in 2012 dredged

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## Community: Home Holiday Safety Tips from NBPD

The Newport Beach Police Department wished residents a safe and happy holiday season in a message this week, and took the opportunity to share some safety tips as well.

### At home for the holidays:

Always lock all doors and windows whenever not home. Use timers to turn on a radio and lights.

If decorating a live tree, always turn off tree lights when away.

Avoid displaying holiday gifts in places where they will be easily seen from your windows or doors.

Always keep porch lights on from dusk to dawn.

Don't let home deliveries pile-up at front door, they can attract a package thief or home burglar.

Track delivery online. Check package's delivery status for an estimated delivery time and try to be home.

Consider leaving the TV on and calling out to a fictitious family member or roommate (who will "stay home") while going out for the evening. For example: "Tom, don't forget to let the dog out!"

Call the police to report anything suspicious. Use NBPD's non-emergency line at (949) 644-3717.

When on vacation, call the Newport Beach Police Department and request a FREE Vacation Check at 949-644-3681.

"Don't advertise that you are out of town on your phone message or social media profile," police warned. "Secure your garage door with a vacation bolt or pad lock and disable the remote access."

Gift ideas: Doorbell camera, motion activated security cameras that send an immediate notification to a smartphone, smart home timers, lights and lightbulbs, TV simulators – these devices make it look as though someone is inside watching TV.



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# CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

SHINING A LIGHT ON LOCAL NONPROFITS AND PHILANTHROPISTS

## Newport Businessman Honored at Night of Miracles Gala

BY NB INDY STAFF

Nonprofit organization Miracles for Kids honored a local resident and raised a record-breaking \$1.8 million at its signature Annual Night of Miracles Gala on Oct. 12, according to a press release.

Themed “Rock the Miracle,” the gala welcomed more than 500 of Southern California’s most influential business leaders and philanthropists at the picturesque Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point, officials reported.

“This year’s gala showcased the extraordinary generosity of our community. The Miracles for Kids family is beyond thankful to our group of sponsors, donors, volunteers, and supporters - not only after special evenings like this, but every day,” co-founder & CEO of Miracles for Kids Autumn Strier said in a statement. “Their generosity and support of our mission allows us to continue to make everyday miracles in the lives of critically-ill children and their families in desperate need.”

TONY LATTIMORE



Tim Smith, founder and principal of The Smith Group – Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage of Newport Beach, was honored as the 2019 Miracle Maker at the Miracles for Kids annual gala on Oct. 12.

Every year the organization also recognizes an outstanding supporter whose passion and dedication has made a significant impact in the lives of Miracles for Kids’ families.

According to the message, the 2019

Miracle Maker Honoree was Tim Smith, founder & principal of The Smith Group — Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, in Newport Beach. For nearly a decade, Smith has dedicated his personal and profes-

sional time, energy, and resources to serve Miracles for Kids’ children and families, officials noted.

“Miracles for Kids children are facing unimaginable obstacles and it means the world to be able to make even the smallest difference in the lives of these families — this is why I first became involved with Miracles for Kids and why I continue to work hard in support of the organization,” Smith said in the prepared statement. “I am honored to be named this year’s Miracle Maker and to be a part of the Miracles for Kids team and look forward to continuing to work alongside this incredible organization to positively impact those who need it the most.”

According to the press release, the lead sponsorship lineup included McLaren Newport Beach. The car dealership displayed a \$300,000 red 720S spider during the event, which was a photo highlight of the evening, contributing to the excitement of their donated McLaren LA weekend getaway in the live auction.

Notable guests included director/producer Joseph McGinty Nichol, known professionally as McG, co-owner of A Restaurant.

For more information, visit [miraclesforkids.org](http://miraclesforkids.org).

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## Kure It Cancer Research Holds ‘Let’s Save Lives’ Gala

More than 250 guests gathered at the City National Grove of Anaheim on Nov. 9 for the Kure It Cancer Research “Let’s Save Lives” gala.

Founded by Newport Beach resident Barry Hoeven, the local nonprofit aims to fund research to cure kidney and other underfunded cancers.

At the event, a video featuring a myriad of survivors telling their stories of hope and belief in cancer research drew praise.

Survivors attending the gala included Cathryn Guisto, Kenneth Knudsen, Karalayne Maglente, Tom Minasian and Joshua Schulman, according to information received from Kure It.

This year’s Kaprielian Cup, Kure It’s most highly regarded annual award named for Barb Kaprelian, who passed away in 2014 from her 14-year-old battle with cancer, was presented to City National Bank for its generous donations to Kure It Cancer Research.

Kure It Board Chair Todd Perry announced a new collaboration with UCI, with Kure It committing \$1 million over five years to UCI’s cancer research program.

Net proceeds from the event reached \$260,000 for cancer research, according to a Kure It press release.

For more information, visit [KureIt.org](http://KureIt.org).

## Girls Inc. Holds Annual Luncheon at Pelican Hill Resort

On Nov. 6, Girls Inc. of Orange County, a nonprofit organization that teaches young girls how to be strong, smart, and bold, hosted its annual Champions for Girls Luncheon at Pelican Hill Resort in Newport Coast.

According to a press release, the event raised \$201,000 for the organization’s College Bound Program.

“Seeing the continued generosity and support from our Champions for Girls Luncheon guests is something Girls Inc. of Orange County is be-

yond thankful for,” CEO of Girls Inc. of Orange County Lucy Santana said in a prepared statement.

Newport Beach mother and daughter duo Lana Sills (author, food writer, and recipe developer), and her daughter Chef Jamie Gwen, a radio personality and author who also served as emcee of the luncheon, were both honored at the event.

For more information, visit [girlsinc-oc.org](http://girlsinc-oc.org).