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Bikes and people on the boardwalk

## Police Warn Residents About NBPD Phone Scam

Newport Beach Police Department officials shared an alert on Thursday about community members that had received calls from an individual claiming to work for NBPD who requested their addresses and personal information.

The Caller ID on these calls looked like they were NBPD phone numbers. Residents who contacted police directly were able to confirm that these calls did not come from the department.

"When you get a call from an unknown number, ask yourself... 'Is the caller who you think it is?' Scammers are good at pretending to be someone they're not," police warned.

They can be convincing: Sometimes manipulating Caller ID, using information from social networking sites, or hacking into email accounts, to make it seem more real.

"They'll pressure you or play on your emotions to get personal information or money from you," NBPD officials wrote.

Police advised residents to "stop" and "check it out" if they are unsure. For calls from alleged government agencies or utility companies: Do not give out any personal information until the identity of the caller is verified.

Ask the caller for their name, department, and business phone number. Confirm that information by calling the organization at a phone number found on the internet or through official correspondence/billing statements. If the caller refuses to provide this information, terminate the call immediately.

Never give out personal information, police advised.

"Pass this information on to a friend..." police urged. "You may not have received one of these calls, but chances are that you know someone who will - if they haven't already."

## Council Considers Banning E-Bikes on Boardwalk

By Sara Hall | NB INDY

Newport Beach City Council and a couple dozen local residents spent nearly two hours this week discussing possibly prohibiting motorized uses on the Oceanfront Boardwalk on Balboa Peninsula, a topic that has spurred debate for several years.

"Shared use of this amenity has been talked about for decades," City Manager Grace Leung wrote in her Insider's Guide. "Yes, we found a staff report from 1980 on the subject of bicycles on the Boardwalk."

Once again, opinions were split on

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## NMUSD Moves Forward with School Fencing, Despite Objections

By Daniel Langhorne | LB INDY

The Newport-Mesa Unified District Board of Education on Tuesday awarded a \$5 million construction contract for security fences around Ensign Intermediate School and Corona del Mar High and Middle schools, despite the objections of about two dozen students, parents, and neighbors.

The school board voted 4-2, with Michelle Barto and Ashley Anderson in opposition, to ratify an agreement with TELACU Construction Management. Board vice president Karen

Yelsey was absent.

Students and parents held up enlarged photos of trees that are scheduled to be removed and replaced with new trees to make way for the construction, which will include adding two parking lots for staff and visitors and a drop-off/pick-up lane. Some students argued the mature trees help capture carbon dioxide and that their removal would contribute to climate change.

The district plans to remove 13 trees from Ensign. Two trees slated for removal fell over during winter

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# SPORTS

## OC Breakers Finalize Team Roster, Release Schedule

BY NB INDY STAFF

Orange County Breakers officials released the team's summer schedule this week, which includes seven matches played on their home turf at Palisades Tennis Club in Newport Beach.

The home slate includes opening night versus the rival San Diego Aviators on July 13, according to a press release shared on Tuesday.

Following a visit from the back-to-back World Team Tennis Champion Springfield Lasers on July 21, They Breakers will have another home match on July 25 against Washington, which is the first of a five-match home stand in week three to close out the regular season against Philadelphia, San Diego, New York and Las Vegas.

Also this summer, the popular sibling duo of Bob and Mike Bryan will make their marquee visit to Orange County.

The Bryan Brothers, "the most successful and decorated doubles team in tennis history," will be at Breakers Stadium on July 30 with the Vegas Rollers, officials noted in the message.

This will be the last chance for tennis fans to see the Bryan brothers play in Newport Beach, as they will be retiring after the 2020 season.

Breakers officials also recently



Andreja Klepac and Luke Bambridge play mixed doubles against the Washington Kastles.

announced that the team finalized their 2020 roster with the addition of Kristyna Pliskova.

"I am very excited to play World Team Tennis for the Orange County Breakers," Pliskova said in a prepared statement. "I am looking forward to coming to Newport Beach and hope to help the team win the championship this summer."

The Czech standout, who ranks highly in both singles (WTA No. 64) and

doubles (WTA No. 52) should be one of the top players in WTT in 2020, according to officials. Pliskova is expected to anchor the team in women's singles while also playing doubles alongside Andreja Klepac.

"We are very excited to add Kristyna

to our roster," Breakers General Manager Allen Hardison said in the statement.

Klepac, the 2017 WTT MVP, and 2019 Breakers standout Luke Bambridge signed contract extensions for the 2020 season in late December. Klepac (No. 32 WTA doubles) and Bambridge (No. 50 ATP doubles) return "to make one of the strongest mixed doubles pairings in WTT," officials wrote.

"It's great to have two experienced WTT players return to lead our doubles teams," Breakers coach Rick Leach said. "Andreja is a former MVP and Luke had a breakout rookie season last summer, so we are excited to take the next step with them this summer."

They will also be joined by local favorite Steve Johnson and franchise player Maria Sharapova.

The 2020 World Team Tennis season kicks off July 12. Season tickets are on-sale now and start at \$175 per seat.

For more information and tickets, call (949) 434-4560 or visit [breakerstennis.com](http://breakerstennis.com).

## Golf Legends Swing into Town for 25th Hoag Classic

A local golf tournament is celebrating its silver anniversary with some big names next month.

Celebrating its 25th year, the Hoag Classic is back at the Newport Beach Country Club March 4-8, officials announced in a Feb. 5 press release.

More than 1.5 million fans and 1,500 volunteers have been a part of the tournament's history, Executive Director of the Hoag Classic Jeff Purser said in a prepared statement.

"This year marks an exciting milestone for the Hoag Classic," Purser said. "The Hoag Classic has benefited from outstanding and generous people in our community over its 25 years and we are proud to host an event that not only contributes to the health and vitality of

our community, but creates compelling competition for our fans to enjoy."

On the green this year will be a number of golf legends, including Ernie Els, Fred Couples, Retief Goosen, Ángel Cabrera, Bernhard Langer, Vijay Singh, John Daly and Miguel Ángel Jiménez.

About 80 competitors will be challenging 2019 Champion Kirk Triplett for the title and the \$1.8 million purse.

Good-Any-One-Day tickets for the Hoag Classic are \$25. Tickets purchased at the main gate on the day of the event are \$30. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at participating Roger Dunn Golf Stores. Children age 11 and under are free. Event is March 4 through 8.

For more information, visit [HoagClassic.com](http://HoagClassic.com).