

Parras principal makes good on pledge

Students and parents of Parras Middle School watched Principal Jonathan Erickson get a Mohawk hairstyle after promising to do so if at least 250 people represented the school in the Skechers Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk. The Redondo Beach school had 320 walkers registered the Friday before the event which took place on Sunday, October 27. So, Mr. Erickson got his cut.



Students and parents watch as Parras Middle School Principal Jonathan Erickson gets his hair shaved and dyed blue following a challenge to get at least 300 students involved in the October 27 Skechers Friendship Walk. (above) (photo by Ameila Lee)

Parras Middle School Principal Jonathan Erickson kept his promise to get a mohawk hairstyle in reponse to students signing up for Skechers Friendship Walk on October 27. (right) (Photo by Tristan Lu)



HERMOSA BEACH

City hosts Cypress District walking tour and study session

The city of Hermosa Beach will host a Cypress District walking tour and study session Thursday, Nov. 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The walking tour will meet at the corner of Cypress Avenue and 6th Street, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The study session begins at 7 p.m. at the Hermosa Beach City Hall Council Chambers, located at 1315 Valley Drive.

The Hermosa Beach Planning Commission is holding this special meeting as part of the city's efforts to implement the future vision for the "Cypress District" as expressed in PLAN Hermosa. PLAN Hermosa identifies this district as appropriate for creative light industrial uses, and the allowance of some retail uses accessory to the creative design or production uses.

The Planning Commission will be evaluating the existing conditions, and discussing possible modifications to the M-1 Light

Manufacturing zoning standards. The commission will be exploring whether permitted uses and zoning standards in the M-1 zone should be modified to allow businesses to host special events and provide limited retail sales as accessory uses. The commission will also discuss possible changes to how certain uses such as art studios and/or galleries are defined, as well as other ways to implement the vision in PLAN Hermosa for the Cypress District.

Following the Study Session, the Planning Commission will be formally considering modifications to the M-1 zoning standards at its regular meeting on Nov. 19. The Planning Commission recommendations will lead to City Council consideration of amendments to the Municipal Code at a future meeting.

For more information, visit hermosabeach.gov.

TENNIS / from 12

"I'm proud of where our program is. I'm proud of where I've taken it from where I got it."

—Joe Ciasulli, coach

He "enjoyed the challenge" of facing the Panthers.

Ciasulli brought the Mira Costa program to the level of play just below Peninsula.

"I'm proud of where our program is. I'm proud of where I've taken it from where I got it."

Getting girls to play tennis at Mira Costa is what he is more proud of.

Coming off a year when they won their first CIF-Southern Section Division championship was a difficult follow up, but this year's team exceeded expectations and racked up victories against everyone, but University and Peninsula.

"This team achieved more than any other team even though last year we won the CIF championship," Ciasulli said. "They surprised me. They got more out of their ability than any team I coached."

They won the Golden State tournament against the best Northern California teams.

The two best players Ciasulli ever coached were Nicole Gibbs and Maegan Manasse, both went on to college and pro careers. Gibbs won two NCAA singles titles while at Stanford.

Results from the Mira Costa and Redondo Union match.

In singles, Mira Costa's Audrey Vo won three sets 6-3, 6-0, and 6-3; Haily Huynh won two sets 6-4, 6-2; and Olga Nagy won two sets 6-4, 6-3.

In doubles, Mira Costa's Kacey Feng/

Sydney Vo won one set 6-0; Hannah Bergin/Amanda Scott won two sets 6-0, 6-0; Peyton Douglas/Kiki Daviduk won three sets 6-1, 6-0, and 6-2; Ella Davis/Sydney Miller won one set 6-1; Ella Lokier/Amanda Scott won one set 7-5; and Sydney Miller/Ainsley McComb won one set 6-2.

Jim Ball, who is the dean of all South Bay tennis coaches and is in his 52nd year at Redondo Union, had this to say about Ciasulli and the program he brought to new heights.

"Mira Costa has really been a great program under Joe," Ball said. "He has done a fine job. It's not easy coaching a lot of talented girls and boys who all want to be first string and starters."

Ball added, "It's always a pleasure coaching against him."

With the loss, Redondo Union dropped to 7-7 overall and are 0-6 in the Bay League. They are ranked No. 2 in Division 2 and are awaiting an at-large bid for Division 2.

Jessica Seibert, who has coached the girls' team since 2012 has had to face a tougher Mira Costa program in recent years. She spoke about Ciasulli.

"I think he's very organized and structured and I think that lends to the program and it shows in the results they've had. He is always competitive."

Seibert gave him the ultimate compliment.

"He's a true competitor."

sets and they were trailing in the third, but came back to win in five sets.

They swept Mira Costa in the Bay League and that was another impressive accomplishment;

"I feel so blessed to coach so many players that are so unselfish," Chaffins said. "Everyone has put all their personal desires aside. They trust the coaches and the decisions. We have just been phenomenal teammates with all that talent. It has been a lot of fun."

VOLLEYBALL / from 11

Texas next year and play for the Longhorns.

Redondo Union has nine NCAA Division 1 college commits on its roster and that does not count Miner, who is a junior. They have talent and size that you see on many college teams.

Turning things around this year started by opening the season with a tournament championship in Hawaii. Another big win this year was against Mater Dei, down two



UNDERGROUND UTILITY ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS 19-12 AND 19-14

On October 1, 2019, the Manhattan Beach City Council approved the levy of an assessment to pay for the undergrounding of overhead utilities within Underground Utility Assessment District (UUAD) No. 19-12 and UUAD No. 19-14. The assessment diagram, with respect to your property as referenced above, was recorded in the Office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/Assessor's Office on October 2, 2019. The Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount for each parcel was recorded in the Office of the Superintendent of Streets of the City of Manhattan Beach on October 2, 2019, and all sums assessed thereon are due and payable immediately. Of the ballots returned by the property owners, 62.27% and 64.19% (by weighted assessment) were in favor of forming UUAD No. 19-12 and UUAD No. 19-14, respectively, in order to facilitate the financing of the underground projects. Each property owner within UUAD No. 19-12 and UUAD 19-14 was provided a Notice stating such property owner's Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount.

You may choose to pay all or part of your Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount to the City of Manhattan Beach, Department of Finance, 1400 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 on or before November 5, 2019. Please note there are three (3) possible options for payment.

Payment Option 1: Pay the Discounted Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount in full on or before November 5, 2019, and remove the entire assessment lien from your property. The discounted amount reflects an approximate 9% reduction from the Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount since no bond costs will be incurred. Payments must be submitted to the City of Manhattan Beach as identified above.

Payment Option 2: Pay a part or no part of the Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount by November 5, 2019, and the Total Underground Utility Assessment lien balance will remain on your property. If you pay a portion of the discounted Total Underground Utility Assessment, the Total Underground Utility Assessment will be proportionally reduced. A lien for the remainder of your Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount as of November 5, 2019 will remain on your property for a period not to exceed 20 years. If no payment is received, then the full amount of the Total Underground Utility Assessment will go to bond. The City intends to issue bonds pursuant to the Improvement Bonds Act of 1915 in the amount of the unpaid portion of your Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount as previously described in the ballot materials.

Payment Option 3: Defer all or part of your Total Underground Utility Assessment Amount if you qualify under State of California, State Controller's Office guidelines. If you are 62 years of age or older, or blind or disabled at the time of filing (for a continuous period of at least one year) and had a total household income for the prior year of \$35,500 or less, you may qualify for property tax deferral. Please contact the State Controller's Office at (916) 327-5587 or (916) 445-2636 for additional information and applications.

City Assessment Deferral Plan

If an owner selects Payment Option 2, annual debt service for the bonds to be issued will appear on the property tax bills starting in Fiscal Year 2020-2021. For those owners whose total household income exceeds \$35,500, the City has implemented an Assessment Deferral Plan (ADP). Depending on income level, the City will contribute an amount toward annual debt service payment. The ADP was presented to City Council at the August 6, 2019 meeting. Included in the plan is a provision for deferring future connection costs for ADP participants. Throughout the deferral period, contributions plus interest will accumulate and be considered as a loan against the property.

If you have any questions, please contact the City's Project Manager, Anastasia Seims, at (310) 802-5361.