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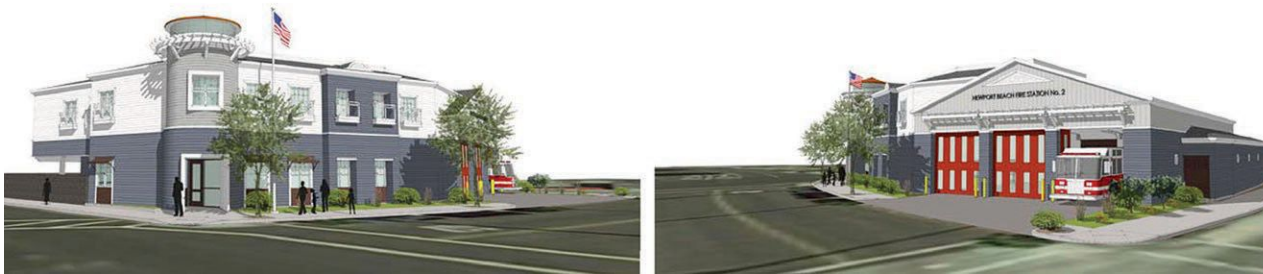
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Renderings of the "Lido" architectural style for the proposed new Lido fire station on the Balboa Peninsula.

## Officials Share August Airport Statistics

Airline passenger traffic at John Wayne Airport decreased in August as compared with August 2018, JWA officials reported in an Oct. 9 press release.

In August, the Airport served 942,541 passengers, a decrease of 4.9 percent when compared with the same month last year that had passenger traffic count of 991,112.

Of those passenger totals, 10,664 were international travelers in August of this year. Last August, there were nearly double international passengers at 21,000.

Commercial aircraft operations decreased 6.1 percent and commuter aircraft operations increased 128 percent when compared with August 2018 levels, according to the John Wayne Airport officials.

Total aircraft operations decreased in August 2019 as compared with the same month in 2018. This year in August, there were 29,921 total aircraft operations (take-offs and landings), a 2.3 percent decrease compared to 30,621 total aircraft operations in August 2018.

Total aircraft operations for international travelers was 89 this year and 186 in the same month last year, for a total decrease of 52.2 percent.

General aviation activity, which accounted for 71.9 percent of the total aircraft operations during August, decreased 2.5 percent compared to 2018.

This year's GA activity totaled 21,520, while compared to last year of 22,083, according to the JWA stats.

The year-to-date numbers for general aviation activities is also lower, according to the JWA report. In 2019 so far, there has been 141,981, whereas this time last year it had totaled 148,585 in GA activity. This is an overall decrease of 4.4 percent.

The top three airlines in August based on passenger count were Southwest Airlines (288,402), American Airlines (162,193) and United Airlines (154,863).

## NB & Company Unveils Record \$115M Economic Impact From Tourism

BY CHRISTOPHER TRELA | NB INDY

Record tourism, group and leisure marketing numbers took center stage at a recent event focusing on the economic impact the tourism industry has on the city.

The city's global marketing agency, Newport Beach & Company, held its annual Marketing Outlook Dinner on Oct. 18 at the Balboa Bay Resort.

NB & Co. announced that the economic impact for the city, through

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## Council Approves 'Lido' Style Design for Proposed Fire Station

BY SARA HALL | NB INDY

Officials unanimously agreed this week to pursue an exterior architectural style modeled after Lido House boutique hotel, dubbed "Newport nautical," for the Newport Beach Fire Department's proposed Lido station on the Balboa Peninsula.

Newport Beach City Council voted 6-0 Tuesday in favor of the staff recommended conceptual site floor plan, the "Lido" exterior architectural style, and the project construction cost estimate. Councilman Kevin Muldoon recused himself because of a business conflict.

Overall, Council members expressed support and enthusiasm for the project.

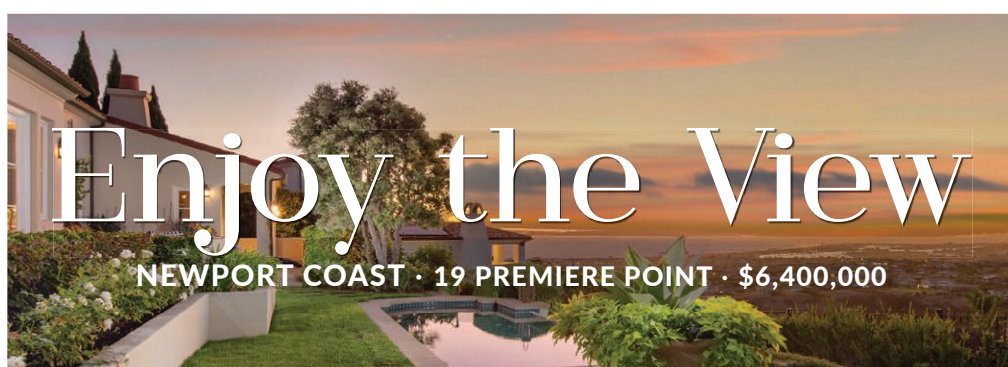
"I'm really excited for the groundbreaking on this item," Mayor Pro Tem Will O'Neill said.

Councilman Brad Avery said he's excited that there will be a new fire station on the Balboa Peninsula "in the right place."

"The fire department team got what they wanted here, they know what they need," Avery said.

The existing fire station on 32nd Street was constructed in 1952. It's

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# CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

SHINING A LIGHT ON LOCAL NONPROFITS AND PHILANTHROPISTS

## New Community Program ‘Promises’ to Take First Generation College Students to School

BY NB INDY STAFF

The Newport Beach-based Orange County Community Foundation recently announced the culmination of a 14-month pilot program, Orange County Promise.

The initiative aims to make the dream of college completion a reality for 50 OCCF scholarship recipients who are the first in their families to attend college, officials explained in a press release. Laguna Beach resident and OCCF donor Ranney Draper, launched OC Promise in partnership with OCCF and two other donors.

The program is designed to address the challenge of low college completion rates among disadvantaged and first-generation higher education students, according to officials.

“The odds are historically stacked against this pool across the country: In total, 89 percent of low-income first-generation students leave college within six years without a degree; further, the dropout rate of first-generation students is four times that of second-generation students,” the announcement reads.

These statistics prompted Draper to partner with OCCF by providing an

innovative type of support through OC Promise. The program works with InsideTrack, a national student success organization dedicated to improving college student enrollment, completion and career readiness, officials explained in the message.

“At OCCF, our mission is to faithfully steward our donors’ intentions by addressing our community’s greatest challenges — such as barriers faced by disadvantaged college students — and designing strategies to tackle those challenges,” OCCF President and CEO Shelley Hoss said in a prepared statement. “Enabling our donors to address areas of need with innovative approaches is a means to creating sustainable community impact. In this case, OC Promise is paving the way for first-generation college students to successfully complete a degree and change the future for themselves and their families for generations to come.”

Through this initiative, Draper, with the support of OCCF, sought to provide wraparound skills coaching for the vulnerable population of first-year college students. These students were typically the first in their families

to attend college, faced extenuating circumstances that caused hardship, or had little access to financial and other supportive resources.

To address the challenge these students face, typically with little access to financial or other supportive resources, OC Promise contracted with InsideTrack, to help students stay on top of financial aid deadlines, develop successful study habits, set goal, and more. Officials note that self-reliance is the end goal of the program.

Hugo Pastrana, a Santa Ana resident who is the first in his family to attend college, just completed his first year as a computer engineering major at California State University, Fullerton, officials noted in the press release. Pastrana participated in OC Promise’s pilot program and InsideTrack tailored its coaching to his needs.

“I came into college with some idea of what to expect, but it’s not the same as actually experiencing it,” Pastrana said in a prepared statement.

His coach helped him utilize his time more efficiently, Pastrana added. “I had to keep myself accountable...I am grateful he was a part of my journey,” he noted.

With the OC Promise pilot program now complete, more than 75 percent of the inaugural group of 50 students have notified OCCF of their plans to return to their respective schools for their sophomore year.

“Further, many are making long-term plans to enrich their remaining undergraduate years by exploring opportunities to study abroad or begin career-related internships,” officials explained. “The second pool of 60 students commenced its participation in OC Promise in mid-August, with the first tasks at hand to discuss short- and long-term goals and identify any challenges that have arisen.”

OCCF also recently launched a Social Innovation Fund to provide support to nonprofit innovators and innovations that advance social and economic well-being in Orange County. Concepts addressing topics ranging from homelessness to mental health will soon be unveiled, all of which “aim to develop and deploy effective solutions to challenging and often systemic issues in support of social progress.”

For more information, visit [oc-cf.org](http://oc-cf.org) or call (949) 553-4202

## Laura’s House Celebrates 25 Years with Gala at Island Hotel

BY NB INDY STAFF

Nearly 400 supporters of Laura’s House, a Southern California nonprofit organization providing domestic violence-related services, came together to celebrate its 25th anniversary on Sept. 7 at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach.

Themed “25 Years of Silver Linings,” officials reported that the gala netted \$835,000 for services benefiting domestic violence victims.

During the program, Laura’s House CEO and Executive Director Margaret Bayston unveiled the nonprofit’s strategic goal to fill a countywide gap in services by bringing a one-stop unified resource for all those touched by domestic violence. Laura’s House is endeavoring to bring a new center to Aliso Viejo, which will be Orange County’s first, multi-service collaborative focused on domestic violence-related services.

“We are grateful to be celebrating a quarter century of impact with our incredible staff, donors, volunteers, and other supporters who year after year have rallied behind our mission of inspiring hope and empowering change to end domestic violence, and given us



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TOP: Laura’s House Board of Directors pose for a photo at the Sept. 7 gala: (back row, left to right) Kerry Strunk, Anne MacPherson, Linda Lam, Sam Quigley, Richard Lutz, Sheriff Don Barnes, Kellie Kremer, Casey Wolin, Brenda Zelke, and Wayne Pinnell; (front row, left to right) Margaret Bayston, Laura Khouri, Meg Lehmann, and Pat McAuley. LEFT: Table settings at the gala at Island Hotel.

the means to carry out our important life-changing work,” said Bayston. “It’s humbling to see support and love for our 25th anniversary, but we do not rest on our laurels. With a vision for the new Laura’s House center, we are

reaffirming our commitment to domestic violence survivors and striving to expand our reach and impact in the community for generations to come.”

The soiree opened with a cocktail reception and silent auction filled with luxury items, experiences and

a selection of fine wine. Guests were then ushered into the Island Hotel ballroom and welcomed with opening remarks by Bayston and Gala Chair Cheryl Ball. Guests also enjoyed Trinitas Wine and a Voluspa table favor.

A highlight of the program included powerful testimonials from two survivors who bravely opened up about their traumatic experiences and shared how Laura’s House was able to help them change the course of their lives for the better. Laura’s House also recognized two longtime supporters, Laura Khouri and Michael Hayde from Western National Group, with a Crystal Heart Award in appreciation for their extraordinary commitment and contributions to the nonprofit.

A spontaneous moment in the evening occurred when Khouri and Hayde announced a gift of \$1 million. The contribution kickstarts and supports the nonprofit’s journey to raise the critical funds needed to make the new Aliso Viejo facility a reality. Hayde also matched all live auction and “Rebuild a Life” donations made to Laura’s House, amounting to an additional \$300,000 donation in honor of his wife, Khouri.

For more information, visit [lauras-house.org](http://lauras-house.org).