

VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE



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Timely News & Information for the Media

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Look What’s On Tap:

Extend your summer vacation long after Labor Day with a visit to Ventura Harbor Village and celebrate a “Second Summer.” This seaside enclave entices visitors near and far to continue to enjoy sun-filled days and refreshing ocean breezes amid scenic ocean and mountain views while engaging in an array of new indoor/outdoor attractions and seasonal events. Here’s the Harbor’s seasonal line-up of how to cool off while still enjoying everything under the sun.

Floating Stage Offers Unique California Live Music Venue:

Kick off Labor Day weekend and catch an engaging performance by top musicians as part of **Ventura Harbor Village’s “Rock on the Dock” Concert Series** which will launch September 2, 2017 and continue every Saturday this September from 3-6 p.m. With great Harbor and mountain view paired to an electrifying line-up of musicians that will perform FREE to the public on a floating stage in the Ventura Harbor, the seaside destination is a “must visit” for Fall. Visitors to the series can catch the show from the water aboard

kayak, SUP, and electric and paddle boats with Ventura Boat Rentals or sip and savor on the waterfront promenade patios at choice of Ventura Harbor Village restaurants. The series, which features an array of different live music, is presented by Ventura Port District and sponsored by Ventura Boat Rentals. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com. Save the date for:

- September 2 - Carmen and the Renegades (Country Rock)
- September 9 - Black Canyon Band (Rock 'n Roll)
- September 16 - Freedom of Expression (Reggae)
- September 23 - Live Wire (Rock Party Favorites)
- September 30 - Frank Barajas and the Corsican Brothers (old school Rock 'n Roll!)

Annual Art & Chalk Festival Adds A Splash of Color:

A gathering ground for some of the best visual art in Southern California, Ventura Harbor Village will once again be the seaside backdrop for the **8th Annual Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival** to benefit FOOD Share, Ventura County's regional food bank. On Saturday September 9 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the waterfront promenade will be transformed into a working street art gallery and fine artisan marketplace. The non-profit event, which has donated more than \$32,000 to FOOD Share since 2011, is the only street painting festival in Ventura County and draws artists from across Southern California. Considered by many to be performance art, street painting draws attendees *into* the creation of the work by allowing them to experience the process with the artist as they paint. The Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival will feature 40 such chalk artists creating vivid "living" murals overlooking the docks. Fifty fine artisan vendors such as painters, photographers, jewelry makers, potters and craft designers will also be displaying and selling their works throughout the weekend. Kids will also get a chance to show off their talent by creating beautiful works of art. With the purchase of a box of chalk, each child will receive a 2'x2' square to create their own masterpieces and the proceeds will be donated to charity. www.VenturaArtFestival.com.

Lend A Helping Hand:

Gather with friends and family for the **California Coastal Clean Up Day**, set for Saturday, September 16, 2017 9am – 12 p.m. Volunteers are set to remove debris from the coast, creeks, rivers, lakes and shorelines all around California, protecting wildlife from harm while taking care of our environment. VenturaHarborVillage.com

What's New Seaside:

Kiddie Korner Allows Kids To Escape:

The Ultimate Escape Rooms, one of Ventura Harbor Village's exciting new attractions is trending with fun-filled games for every age. Groups, friends and now young families get in a themed room together to solve puzzle which eventually leads the group to a 4-digit numeric code that unlocks the door and allows the group to escape. New this Fall is the company's first ever "Kiddie Korner Island Escape" for 2 ½ to 6-year olds. As part of the new attraction, kids hop aboard the Abigail Ray and brave the ocean waves and take on an exciting island vacation, where the local wildlife is full of surprises. Each surprise leads children to a new learning experience and more surprises. One parent is admitted free with the purchase of each child's admission. Escape Rooms range from a 30-60 minute experience. www.UltimateEscapeRooms.com.

Raising The Bar:

The newly- revamped Boatyard Pub (formerly the Boatyard Café) is giving patrons a reason to return after an extensive remodel of its bar that features a more than 4-foot copper bar top amid a nautical themed atmosphere. Here customers sip 13 local craft beers and can savor an extensive Happy Hour Menu that is served from 2-7 p.m. five days a week, accompanied by live entertainment six days a week. The new Happy Hour bar menu features signature items including Hawaiian Ahi Poke, Spinnakers Hot Crab Dip, Crispy Balsamic Brussel Sprouts, and a seared Tuna on Fire. Make a night of it and stay for dinner and try the Restaurant's delicious Sockeye Salmon, Hawaiian Barbecue Chicken or the Napalm Tuna. Save room for dessert and taste the delicious Churro Bread Pudding. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com.

Taking Home Top Accolades:

In celebration of consistently great reviews, Ventura Harbor Village was recently recognized with the **TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence**, according to Director of Marketing Jennifer Talt-Lundin. Now in its third consecutive year, the award celebrates excellence in hospitality and is given only to establishments that consistently achieve great traveler reviews on TripAdvisor. Certificate of Excellence winners include accommodations, eateries and attractions located all over the world that have continually delivered a superior customer experience. When selecting Certificate of Excellence winners, TripAdvisor uses a proprietary algorithm to determine the honorees that takes into account the quality, quantity and recent reviews and opinions submitted by travelers on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period as well as business's tenure and ranking on the Popularity Index on the site. Ventura Harbor Village is giving visitors three ways to celebrate. Every Wednesday and Thursday in September, several businesses are offering TripAdvisor specials. The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood is offering a buy two lunch entrees and get a complimentary Saganaki – pan seared Greek flaming cheese appetizer when restaurant goes mention TripAdvisor Award of Excellence. At The Ultimate Escape Room, each player participates for \$25 using the CODE: TRIPAWARD. At Coastal Cone, customers can turn their single or double ice cream cone into their own handcrafted sundae on Wednesdays and Thursdays in September – they pick two toppings, the ice cream and a special seaside topper treat. CODE: TripAdvisor. They then can post their creation to Instagram #venturaharbor #seasidecool. Visit www.VenturaHarborVillage.com for additional details.

Fall Seaside Event Line-Up/Calendar:

Ventura Motorsports Gathering Seaside:

Sunday, October 1, 2017 – 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Get a chance to view both high-end sports and classic cars on display at Ventura Harbor Village to benefit the Ventura Sports and Race Car Club. Come enjoy the great outdoors while viewing a spectacular parade of cars on display. www.VenturaMotorsportsGathering.com.

Mustang Cool – Waterfront Car Show:

Ponies by the Sea Car Show

Sunday, October 8, 2017 – 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mustangs from all eras will add sparkle and shine to Ventura Harbor Village as part of the annual event. Free for spectators, registration fees to display vintage and modern vehicles benefit a favorite select charity. Award ceremony includes People's Choice, Classics, Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Engine, and a special "Most Likely to get a Ticket" award. www.TriCountyMustangClub.com.

Have the Last Laugh:

Ventura Comedy Festival "Laughter By The Sea"

Monday – Sunday, October 9-15, 2017

Pull up a chair and witness comedy at its best at the Ventura Harbor Comedy Club's main stage. The Festival will showcase over 20 shows and spotlight more than 200 some of the best comedians in the world. The annual event will feature The Ventura Comedy Competition with more than 100 comedians competing for \$4000 in prize money, whereby the audience will partly decide the winner. In addition, celebrity comedians such as Gilbert Gottfried, will headline the festivities. www.venturacomedyfestival.com.

Doggy Dress Up:

Ventura Harbor Village Howl-O-Ween Pet Contest

Saturday, October 21, 2017 - noon

Get Fido ready for his close up and enter him in the fun and fluffy annual. Prizes for Spookiest, Sea-Worthy, Creative/Original, Best in Show, and more! Every pet gets a "treat" and pet owners can enjoy pet-friendly dining patios, boat rentals, and waterfront hotel stays. Register online beginning in October at www.VenturaHarborVillage.com.

Trick or Treat Seaside: Pirates, Mermaids & Goblins, Oh My!

Ventura Harbor Kids Safe Trick or Treat

Saturday, October 28, 2017 – 1-3 p.m.

Ventura Harbor Village is pulling out all the stops for a fun-filled afternoon for kids during the event.

Children will be treated to Halloween treats, can partake in face painting, and experience loads of fun seaside!

Free admittance and parking. www.VenturaHarborVillage.com.

Zombies Invade Seaside to Break World Record – Join !

Thrill the World Halloween Zombie Dance

Saturday, October 28, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

Zombies roam Ventura Harbor Village as they prepare to perform the classic Michael Jackson “Thriller”

simultaneously around the globe for the world record at the beginning at 3:00 p.m.! Sign up to participate as

a dancer or come to the Harbor watch zombies by the sea! Proceeds from participants and/or dance

instruction benefit select charity. www.ThrilltheWorldVentura.com.