

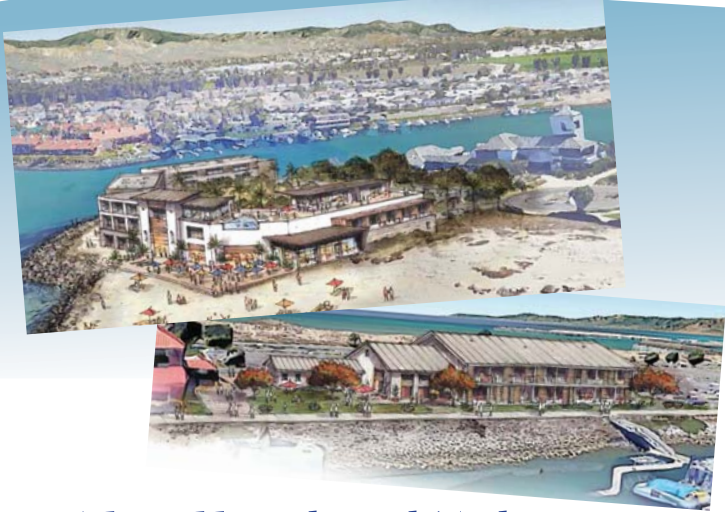


Ventura Harbor  
HOME OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

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# Harbor Views



## New Hotel and 'Adventure Lodge' OK'd for Ventura Harbor

Two exciting new development projects are underway that offer Ventura visitors additional opportunities to stay oceanside. A boutique, family-oriented hotel is proposed at the end of Spinnaker Drive facing the Harbor entrance, as well as a hybrid hostel and "Adventure Lodge," which would serve as a launching spot for fun and excursions to the Channel Islands, whale watching, diving, sport fishing and other Harbor activities.

The Board of Port Commissioners has approved a proposal from H. Parker Hospitality that will bring these new public amenities to Ventura Harbor.

The hotel, currently coined as the "Harbor Cove Inn," was approved for a 2.07-acre site next to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center and Harbor Cove Beach, at the end of Spinnaker Drive. Plans call for an upscale 64-room hotel, complete with restaurants, rooftop pool, fitness center, casual patio dining, beach club program, dock and water taxi service.

Expanding on the seaside brand of Ventura Harbor as home of the Channel Islands National Park, the second hotel property is between Ventura Harbor Village and Island Packers cruises. The Parcel 5 property is about two-thirds of an acre, where H. Parker Hospitality proposes building the hybrid hostel-lodge inclusive of a public pocket park located within the footprint of the grass lawn area.

"We're thrilled to bring new lodging options to Ventura Harbor and are grateful for the community support we've

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## Port District Welcomes New Commissioner Chris Stephens

### Jim Friedman is Reappointed

Chris Stephens (right), Director of the Ventura County Resource Management Agency, has been appointed as the new commissioner for the Ventura Port District. He replaces Commissioner Bruce Smith.



"There are many exciting projects underway at Ventura Harbor and I look forward to working with the other commissioners to see that they are successfully completed," Stephens said.

Stephens has headed the Resource Management Agency since 2006. Previously within the county, he worked as the Planning Director and as the Deputy Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission. He has served as a Hansen Agricultural Trust Advisory Board member, a member of the City of Ventura Visioning Committee and Charter Committee, and the Ventura County Planning Commission.

Also, Commissioner Jim Friedman was reappointed to another four-year term, through 2021.

## Mermaid Greets Visitors to Ventura Harbor

An elegant bronze mermaid playing the cello welcomes fishermen to Ventura Harbor thanks to the generous donation by Camarillo resident Alec Benke. A sister statue — a mermaid playing a flute that looks like a seashell — was donated to the city



and installed previously at Marina Park. "These unique mermaids serve as ambassadors who identify the Harbor entrance for boaters and welcome local residents and visitors," said Harbor General Manager Oscar Peña.





# Enjoy the Ventura Harbor Seaside Lifestyle

## Rock on the Dock

**Saturdays in September:  
September 2, 9, 16, 23 and  
30, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

Dance, dine seaside, enjoy a cocktail and shop as bands play over the water on a floating dock in the Harbor.



## Ventura Art and Street Painting Festival

**September 9 – 10,  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Local artists display glasswork, jewelry, sculpture and handcrafted items. Street chalk artists create “Chalk for Charity” pieces along the Village Promenade to support FOODShare, plus live music, and art activities. Admission and parking are free.



## Ventura Motorsports Gathering

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

High-end sports and classic cars line up at Ventura Harbor Village to benefit the Ventura Sports and Race Car Club. Enjoy looking at the fine automobiles.

## Ponies by the Sea Car Show – Ventura Harbor Village

**Sunday, October 8, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Mustangs from all eras will sparkle and shine lined up at Ventura Harbor Village. Free for spectators. Registration fees to display vintage and modern vehicles benefit a favorite select charity.

## Ventura Comedy Festival

**October 9 – 15, 2017**

Ventura Harbor Comedy Club & Green Room Lounge. Special event: Gilbert Gottfried on October 11. [www.VenturaComedyFestival.com](http://www.VenturaComedyFestival.com)

## HOWL-O-WEEN – Costume Pet Contest

**Saturday, October 21, noon**

Costumed pets gather at pet-friendly Ventura Harbor Village for a fun and fluffy HOWL-O-WEEN Pet Costume Contest. Owners can enjoy pet-friendly dining patios, boat rentals and waterfront hotel stays.

## Kids Safe Trick or Treat

**Saturday, October 28, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Kids visit shops throughout Ventura Harbor Village for Halloween treats, face-painting and safe fun seaside.



## Thrill the World Halloween Zombie Dance

**Saturday, October 28, 3 p.m.**

Zombies roam Ventura Harbor Village as they prepare to perform the classic Michael Jackson “Thriller.” Sign up to participate as a dancer or come to watch.

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received for these exciting projects,” said Port District General Manager Oscar Peña, who noted that over a dozen speakers supported the projects at the Port District meeting on May 24. H. Parker Hospitality owns and operates several other popular hotels in California.

Port District commissioners say both sites are valuable but have been underused. Their proximity to Ventura Harbor Village, the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, Island Packers and beautiful Harbor Cove Beach make the sites ideal for hotels, Peña said. Before any construction can begin, the developer must win approval from the Ventura City Council and the California Coastal Commission, among other steps.



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## Board of Port Commissioners

- Everard Ashworth, *Chairman* (appointed: 6-16-14/expires: 6-30-18)
- Brian Brennan, *Vice Chairman* (appointed: 8-1-16/expires: 6-30-20)
- Jim Friedman, *Secretary* (appointed: 8-6-12/expires: 6-30-21)
- Nikos Valance, *Commissioner* (appointed: 7-27-15/expires: 6-30-19)
- Chris Stephens, *Commissioner* (appointed: 7-1-17/expires: 6-30-21)