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**THE CITY OF NEWPORT PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE BAYFRONT MURAL WALK**

As part of the celebration of Arts and Humanities Month in the City of Newport, the community is invited to participate in a Bayfront Mural Walk. The Walk will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2016, beginning at 3:00 P.M., on Newport's historic Bayfront. Brochures with maps will be available on the day of the walk at the Forinash Gallery, 856 SW Bay Boulevard, and at the corner of Hatfield Drive and Bay Boulevard. The brochures are available in advance at City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway.

Participants will utilize the maps to identify murals that embellish the sides of various industrial, retail, and commercial buildings and structures. There are nearly two dozen murals that line SW Bay Boulevard from Hatfield Drive to the U.S. Coast Guard Station Yaquina Bay which express a maritime story that is unique to Newport.

Artist Rick Chambers is the painter of the majority of the murals, but other artists have left their mark.

The City of Newport Public Art Committee is working on a project that would assist in the restoration and maintenance of this irreplaceable cultural asset. Some of the murals have already disappeared, and the Committee is reviewing possible mural sponsorship opportunities. The goal of the Committee is to work with property owners, and other mural enthusiasts, to ensure that locals and visitors can enjoy the murals for a very long time.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 8, 2016 for a special tour of Newport's Bayfront murals.

The Noble Estate Winery will be distributing two-for-one tasting coupons to Mural Walk participants to visit its Newport tasting room which is located at 146 SW Bay Boulevard.

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