First steps for the enlargement of the Mijas Village car park

The drafting of the project for the creation of 250 new parking spaces in a building adjacent to the present one is offered for tender NEWS/03

COUNTDOWN TO THE ‘HIGHEST’ OF ALL FAIRS.

There are very few days to go for the start of the 2017 Mijas Fair, which will be held from the 6th to the 10th of September. Yesterday, Thursday 24th, Susana Pérez offered the ‘pregón’ (speech) for this year at the Municipal Auditorium, taking a look back and remembering the fairs of her childhood. Susana is one hundred percent ‘Mijeña’ and is proud of her village, saying “I always carry the Mijas flag wherever I go”. In her speech she recalled the fairs when she was small. At the event, the poster for the fair was also presented, painted by María del Pilar Pérez. The mayor and the councillor for Festivities unveiled this year’s poster / Photo: José Manuel Guzmán NEWS/05

THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REGULATION OF MIJAS FACES ITS LAST FORMALITIES

The plenary session in August will cover the initial approval of the text, which has been worked on for a year NEWS/02

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The Citizen Participation Regulation is ALMOST READY

After a year of work by the drafting group, the document will be raised for its initial approval in plenary session in August. The objective is that the residents “really” participate in local decision-making.

After a year of “hard work”, citizen participation in Mijas will live a major change before the end of 2017. This was announced this week by the mayor of Mijas, Juan Carlos Maldonado (CS) and the councillor for Citizen Participation, Tamara Vera (PSOE), who arranged a press conference to inform that, at the next regular plenary session in August, scheduled for the 29th, the initial draft of what will be the first Citizen Participation Regulation of Mijas will join other municipalities such as Marbella, Vélez or Málaga capital to ensure true citizen participation in public life.

The Regulation could be approved before the end of 2017

With this Regulation, created with the consensus of all political parties represented in the Town Hall, we not only fulfil one of the pillars of this government team, but we respond to a demand of the residents. We also comply with a legal imperative required since 2012 for municipalities of large population, such as Mijas, said the mayor. “Let’s hope that the plenary session will approve this long-awaited document and allows the large social capital of Mijas, which would start with the initial approval of the document in plenary session. Once the initial document is approved and published in the Official Gazette of the Province, a 30 day allegations period will be opened. If there are any allegations or suggestions, the drafting group will re-examine them and, with the relevant reports, the document will be brought back to the plenary session for final approval. According to the government team, this process could end before the end of 2017.

The Citizen Participation Regulation promotes participation in decision making regarding the municipal budget and develops the individual right to access to municipal information. The regulation also includes the mechanisms for citizen consultation, participation in plenary sessions, public hearings or legislative initiatives, among others.

The Citizen Participation Regulation is the basis of a democratic culture. It is the active and conscientious intervention of physical persons and / or associations in organised processes for decision making in matters of public interest.

 Even though it is only a draft, the government team has already been developing several initiatives on a trial basis that will be included in the final regulation. These have been popular votes or consultations, informative meetings and the participation of residents in municipal plenary sessions.

For the development and future of Mijas”, added the mayor. “Mijas needed to lay the groundwork for real and effective citizen participation and after a year of hard work, we can say that before the end of the year, this will be a reality”, said the councillor.

A Living document

According to the government team the Regulation is understood as a “living document”, which will enable the development of a municipal project that generates citizen commitment and allows the large social capital in Mijas to be collected.

“This has not been an easy road to follow, but today our municipality is closer to having the necessary structures and mechanisms for real citizen participation. We are sure that it will soon bear fruit”, said Maldonado.

This opens the countdown for the final approval of the Regulation itself and also of the Social Council of Mijas, which would start with the initial approval of the document in plenary session.

According to the councillor, the process will take about a year to create a Regulation that “is born out of consensus” and committed to be a “living document”.

Maldonado and Vera during one of the meetings with residents / Archive.

Mijas News
First steps for the enlargement of the parking building in Mijas

The drafting of the project, worth 181,000 euros, has been put out to tender. The government team intends to create about 250 new spaces in an annex building.

The bidding process for the drafting of the project to enlarge the Virgen de la Peña Parking in Mijas Village for 181,000 euros (VAT included) has already been initiated and has already been published in the Official Gazette of the Province (BOP). “We encourage interested companies to participate in the tender for this important project. Companies will have until the beginning of September to present their bids,” announced the councillor for Works and Infrastructures, José Carlos Martín (Cs), who added that “if everything goes well, by September, October or at the latest November the project will be drafted and we will proceed with the bidding for the works.”

The idea is to create about 250 new parking spaces in a building annexed to the current parking. According to the councillor for Works, the Local Council has a feasibility study for this project, which also includes other possible locations for future parking in the village. The enlargement of the Virgen de la Peña Parking will be carried out on an area of 2,450 square metres and will create some 250 new parking spaces, “depending on the geotechnical reports regarding the capacity to dig into the subsoil,” said Martín. Finally, the councillor recalled that this new parking building is a commitment of the government team with the residents, made when the renovation works began on the Virgen de la Peña Square and its surroundings.

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The works on the second phase of the Coastal Path will begin in autumn

J. Coronado. On Wednesday 22nd the councillor for Operative Services, José Carlos Martin (Cs), and Town Planning councillor, Andrés Ruiz (Cs) announced that the works on the second stretch of the Coastal Path, which will run between the El Capricho and El Juncal beach bars, have been offered for public tender. The investment required is of 1,415,000 euros, with an execution period of six months. “If everything goes well and the administrative processes do not suffer any delays in three months, by October, we should be able to start these works,” said José Carlos Martín. The government team expects the second stretch to be fully completed by the spring of 2018.

Agreements

The stretch between the El Juncal and El Capricho chiringuitos has not yet been started due to environmental difficulties, as well as to the fact that the layout of the path at this point ran through private areas belonging to hotels, bars and residential zones. Conversations between the Town Hall and the owners managed to unblock the situation. “We were waiting for three owners to sign the agreements for the occupation of the land needed for the path. Among these, there was a hotel, so we have agreed on schedules for the works in order to hinder them as little as possible in the high season”, clarified councillor Andrés Ruiz. These procedures have already been carried out. The tender has already been published in the Official Gazette of the Province and on the municipal website. The Town Hall has stated that they are working on the section that runs between Fuengirola and La Cala and that it would be the last stretch to complete the Coastal Path.
Andalusi Music Festival, tomorrow at the Auditorium

Hamid Ajbar and Ensemble Andalusí from Tetouan will offer an ‘Al-Andalusí’ recital

Mijas celebrates the 530th anniversary of the taking of the village by the Catholic Monarchs. This commemoration is to promote the rich cultural heritage, collected throughout centuries of history, that the municipality treasures.

Within the activities organised by the Department of Historical Heritage since July, tomorrow Saturday 26th, there will be an Andalusi Music Festival. The event will be at the Miguel González Berral Municipal Auditorium and will feature performances by Hamid Ajbar and Ensemble ‘Andalusí’ from Tetouan. This type of music, with Andalusian and Arab roots, was developed between the 9th and 15th centuries, during the Caliphate of Cordoba.

Entrance to the festival is free and it will start at 8:30pm. An exhibition of archaeological remains has also been organised and can be visited at the Mijas Folk Museum until the 3rd of September.

The Nordic Centre will host a charity collection for abandoned dogs on September 24th.

Next Sunday, September 24th, the parking lot of the Nordic Center, located on the Mijas-Fuengirola road, will host an event to raise funds for the Domestic Animal Shelter in Mijas (P.D.A.). Those interested in participating in the different categories of the dog contest can register their animals as of 8am. The day will be dedicated to Patricia Mc Cleary, a PAD volunteer who passed away three years ago.

The Animals 3 closes the Festival of Legends 2017 at the Municipal Auditorium.

The Miguel González Berral Auditorium in Mijas Village is now a true reference point when speaking about live tributes. Once again the ‘Festival of Legends’ has put Mijas in the spotlight with concerts such as tributes to The Beatles, Take That, The Bee Gees, Ben E. King and The Animals, as well as Echoes of the 60’s and Songs of Smokie, which closed the programme on Saturday 19th. Another outstanding programme has been offered by ‘Live Music Mijas,’ who will be staging a tribute to Bruno Mars and other hits today, Friday 26th.

SOLIDARITY

La Cala de Mijas Lions Club donated over 51,000 Euros in their centenary year

Anita Humphreys. What a fun night everybody had at the La Cala de Mijas Lions Club’s recent fund raising event in The Big Fish restaurant in the urbanisation Jardín Botánico in La Cala de Mijas. Great food, good service and a wonderful atmosphere was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The new President, Julie Barry, started her year with a splendid evening organised by Mike Adams and his assistants Wynnson and Sandy. She thanked The Big Fish for kindly hosting the event, and everyone for coming. A taste of what is to come with Brain teasers, bingo and a Beetle Drive, keeping everyone on their toes. At the recent AGM the past President, Paul Butler, announced that last year the Club donated over 51,000, almost all of it being donated to the local community. He thanked all the volunteers, supporters and Lions for their wonderful efforts in the shop and at all the events. The next event is a 3 course lunch, including a half bottle of wine, or beer, or soft drinks on September 3rd at the El finete Restaurant Carretera Cala Golf. Km 4.5. Live entertainment and an afternoon of good food and good company can be enjoyed by all for only 30 euros from 1pm to 6pm. Go along and support them to help others and have a great time. Tickets can be obtained from La Cala Lions Charity shop, Tel: 677090960 or from El finete restaurant, Tel:95281970.

TOURISM

End of season for ‘Live Mijas at Night’

This year’s farewell party includes raffles with great prizes and to be won.

J.M.G. During the final days of August the Tourist Office faces the last events included in ‘Live Mijas at Night’, a programme full of social and cultural events that has, once again, reached the main squares and parks in the three nuclei. It has also included the Tapa Route in Mijas Village, every Tuesday and Thursday throughout July and August, from 07:30pm to 11:30pm. Tonight, the Andalucía Park in Las Lagunas will host two Latin entertainment shows, from 9:30pm. The programme for Tuesday 29th in Mijas Village has been put forward one day, to Monday 28th, as it coincided with the Transfer of the Virgen de la Peña. There will be performances by Los Salvajes del rebajale (9:30pm) and by La Calétera (00:30pm) on the Virgen de la Peña Square. On Wednesday 30th at La Butibamba Park in La Cala de Mijas, there will be performances by Daniel Song (9:30pm) and the Cotton Jazz Quartet (00:30pm). Finally, on Thursday 31st, the closing ceremony will take place on the Virgen de la Peña Square in Mijas Village, with a first performance by the Víctor Rojas dance group (9:30pm) and the Remi Fernández dance group (00:30pm), followed by the draw among the participants in the ‘Tapa Route for a cruise’ and the winners’ weight in beer.
**A trip through the fairs of past and present**

The speech for the 2017 Fair starts the countdown for the ‘fiestas’, from the 6th to the 10th of September.

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**2017 Mijas Village Fair**

Mijas already smells of ‘férias’. The residents are waiting for the transfer of the patron saint and the town is decked out to live the festive days, full of colour and fun. This year the prelude to the Fair has been the emotional speech to proclaim the beginning of the 2017 Mijas Fair, offered by Susana Perez. Susana is one hundred percent ‘Mijeña’ and proud of her village, saying “I always carry the flag of Mijas wherever I go”, as she also stated in her proclamation. Susana took us by the hand and invited us to accompany her on a tour of the most beautiful corners of the Village and travel back in time and remember those fairs of yesteryear, when she was a child. “I remember the commotion on the days prior to the fair, the cleaning of the house and my mother teaching me to bleach the walls because the Virgin was going to be passing by”. Perez also looked back to recall the calls of her youth, times with friends or how she met her husband. “Today my daughters, who are still teenagers, enjoy the fair and I am always nagging, saying be careful with this, don’t do that”. The speaker filled the auditorium with light with her words, speaking to a large crowd that had come to listen to the ‘pregón’ and to see the poster announcing the festivities this year, painted by María del Pilar Peña.

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**Performances:**

- Flamenco 01/09: Mijas Fair Flamenco Festival. Singing: Juan Delgado, Lázaro Camacho & Miguel de Tena. On the guitar: Carlos Hero. Performance by a dance group, Gazebo Virgen de la Peña Square, 9:30pm.
- Day Fair 07 - 10/09: A the ‘La Muralla’ gardens. With live music every day. From 1 to 8pm.
- Procession of the Virgen de la Peña 08/09: At 9:30pm along the normal route.

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**Children’s Day 06/09:**

- Rides at 1,50 €

**Seniors 06/09:**

- Homage dinner for pensioners. Municipal tent, 8:30pm.

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**Take Note:**

- Municipal Tent. Free entrance.
- Saturday Night, 11:30pm: DANZA INVISIBLE
- Sunday Night, 11:00pm: IGUANA TANGO
- Thursday Night, 11:30pm: EL ARREBATO

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**2017 Mijas Village Fair**

A trip through the fairs of past and present

The speech for the 2017 Fair starts the countdown for the ‘fiestas’, from the 6th to the 10th of September.
FRIDAY 25TH
- Bruno Mars Tribute Concert
  Performed by singer Johnny G.
  Municipal Auditorium, 10pm
  Prior purchase: 20 euros / Box office: 25 euros
  www.lwmusicmijas.com
- 1st Villa de Mijas ‘El Torreón’
  Chess Tournament
  Torreón Square, 8pm
  Register by e-mail at ajedrez.malaga@gmail.com (stating date, name of the tournament, name, surname and date of birth)

SATURDAY 26TH
- Andalusí Music Festival
  Municipal Auditorium 8:30pm
  Performances by Hamid Ajbar & the Cala on August 26th, 8:30pm
- Don’t Miss
  Special emphasis on Cerkos for homes and the education of Cambodian children
  Organisers: ‘Together for Cambodia’
  Restaurant Avanto in La Cala
  August 26th, 8:30pm
  Menú 45
  munca@restaurantavanto.com

SUNDAY 27TH
- Partnership with the seaside touristic establishments in the Old Town
- 39th Mijas Village Popular Race during the Fair
  Virgen de la Peña Square, 10pm
  Registration and collection of numbers (until Saturday 26th) at the Sports department in El Corte Inglés in Mijas (second floor)
  More info: www.carrerafenademijas.blogspot.com
- Exhibition ‘Millenary Mijas’
  Conmemorative acts of the 530th anniversary of the conquest of Mijas by the Catholic Monarchs
  Folk Museum in Mijas
  Until 3rd of September
- Second hand market
  San Rafael Industrial Estate
  Sunday mornings
- Painting exhibition by Ricardo Simini
  La Cala Cultural Centre
  Until the 30th of September
- Charity raffle to raise funds for the Santa Teresa parish
  Sundays after Mass
  Those wanting to participate will donate 5 euros and can choose a number in order to have an option to win the prize
- Mijas Village Fair
  6th to 10th of September
  Check programme on page 5
- Transfer of the ‘Virgen de la Peña’
  Tuesday 29th, 9:30pm
  From the ‘ermita del Complas’ to the Inmaculada parish
- Live Mijas at Night 2017
  Tapa Route in Mijas Village
  Tuesdays and Thursdays in August 7:30 - 11:30pm
  Tapa & drink for 3,50 euros at 10 establishments in the Old Town
- Performances and shows
  - Friday 25th, Andalucía Park (Las Lagunas)
  - 9:30pm Latin entertainment
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  - Monday 28th, Virgen de la Peña Square (Mijas Village)
  - 9:30pm Los salvajes del rebajale
  - Wednesday 30th, La Butibamba Park (La Cala)
  - 9:30pm Daniel Song
  - 10:30pm Cotton Jazz Quartet
  - Thursday 31st Virgen de la Peña Square (Mijas Village)
  - 21:30pm Víctor Ríjas Dance Group
  - 10:30pm Remé Fernández Dance Group

FREE EVENTS
- Children’s lathe, pottery and modelling workshop
  Directed by local ceramicist Carmen Escalona
  From 10am to 12 noon
  Registration required
  For 6 to 12 year olds.

III Gastronomic tasting to raise funds for the AECC
- Registration period ends on the 20th of August
- Organised by the Foreigners Department
  The Day will be celebrated on September 30th in Mijas Village
  Those interested can install gastronomic stands or act in the entertainment programme.
  More information, on 952369010 and at fdi@mijas.es

Free event
- Children’s Activities at Hipercor Mijas
  Magic Workshop
  Saturday 26th of August
  Toy Department (1st floor), from 6:30 to 9:30pm

- Youth Territory
  Paddle Surf, Kayaking, cycling workshops, Beach Volley, and more...
  Organised by the Youth Department
  Torreón beach La Cala. Thurs., Fridays and Saturdays, 5pm.

- Caribean, Dominican Republic & Antilles Cruise
  Organised by the Lions Club
  Dep.: January 22nd 2018 from the Dominican Rep.
  From 650 €. Limited spaces
  Info. & res.: Viajes Savitur (95229220, mostrador@avivit.com)

- Flamenco Show
  In Mijas Village:
  Wednesdays & Saturdays at the Virgen de la Peña Square and craft market next to the Tourist Office (Wednesdays)
  At 12 noon