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Bob Brager, Head of Public Works Dept, City of Malibu, Talks About the Many City Public Works Projects



Bow Bowman (L), who was Interim Public Works Director for the City of Malibu, introduced current Public Works Director/City Engineer **Robert Brager (R)**, not only to the pending projects in the City of Malibu, but to the Malibu Rotary Club. Both knew the other when each was Public Works Director of an adjacent city in Ventura County,

where Bob was voted "Engineer of the Year" in 2006 by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The picture above was taken May 16, 2007, when Bob initially address the Malibu Rotary Club. He and Bow are holding the design of a project completed last year for which both are proud: The Cross Creek Road Street Improvement Plan. Combining aesthetics, water drainage, and traffic flow issues, this project greatly redefined the downtown Malibu business area.

The Public Works Department of the City of Malibu is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the infrastructure of the city, which includes streets, water, and buildings, using sound engineering practices. When Bob spoke to the Malibu Rotary Club on January 28th,

2009, he talked about and showed pictures of, fourteen recently completed City of Malibu public works projects, as well as eight projects that are currently under construction.

City of Malibu Recently Completed Public Works Projects

1. Malibu Civic Center Storm Drain Project—This facility at the corner of Cross Creek Road and Civic Center Way filters, disinfects, and disperses the rain water that flows down the hills around the Malibu downtown area and will recycle water through the soon-to-be constructed Legacy Park.
2. Point Dume Safe Routes to School.
3. Winter Canyon Traffic Signal—Provides safety for vehicles and pedestrians going to and from Webster School and Our Lady of Malibu church and school.
4. Encinal Canyon Road Debris Wall—this and other debris walls described below keep falling and sliding rocks, dirt, and debris from getting on road and causing road closure. They are not as substantial or as costly as retaining walls, and are usually adequate for the places in which they are employed.
5. Rambla Vista West Debris Wall
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7. Corral Canyon Road and Improvement (stabilized road and repaired slopes)
8. Latigo Canyon Debris Wall and Improvement
9. Solar Powered Speed Advisory Signs on PCH (helps motorists become aware of their driving speeds on this main thoroughfare through Malibu where speeding is a constant problem).
10. Marie Canyon Water Quality Improvement Project (done in conjunction with L.A. County Public Works)—This project treats water runoff that drains to the beach below.
11. Cross Creek Road Street Improvement Project which addressed drainage, flooding, slowed traffic, and esthetically improvement the area using native plants that require less water (see picture at beginning of this article).
12. Solstice Creek Bridge Replacement—This project was done in conjunction with Fish and Game and allows fish to migrate upstream. In addition to the ecological result the size bridge was doubled to increase the capacity of traffic above it.
13. Las Flores Canyon Creek Restoration and Park Project. The first phase of this project has been done. The completed phase included the transition of burned out houses along the stream with a park. In addition the flow of the stream itself and water drainage was improved. Restroom facilities have been built. In phase 2 a bridge will be built across stream to parking facilities on the Rambla Pacifico side.
14. Broadbeach Overlay Project.

City of Malibu Public Works Projects Currently Under Construction

1. Corral Canyon Traffic Signal—I think we all can agree this is long over do.
2. Trancas Park
3. Legacy Park (we will hear more about that when City Manager **Jim Thorsen** speaks to Malibu Rotary Club on February 25).
4. Carbon Beach Underground Project

5. Broad Beach Underground Project
6. Paradise Cove Stormwater Treatment Facility
7. Los Flores Canyon Park Phase 2 restroom and bridge
8. Source ID Study.

- If you don't know Bow or Bob, you can keep fairly current on Malibu Public Works projects by visiting the city website at www.ci.malibu.ca.us

Other News and Guests from Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting

There were several guests at the last Malibu Rotary Club meeting. **Park Blair**, who is the chairman of the GeoSource Foundation, last week's speaker, and soon to be inducted into the Malibu Rotary Club was on hand as well as **John MacNeil**, Malibu's resident appraiser.



Malibu Rotary Middle and High School Singing Competition— January 29th at Malibu High School Will Send Two Malibu Students to District

Kaitlyn Connors was awarded first prize in the high school division of The Annual Malibu Rotary Middle and High School singing competition held on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Malibu High School Auditorium. Winner of the middle school division was **Jade Bates**. Three winners were chosen each division. Second and third places in the high school division were won by **Ren Martinez** and **Troy Dailey**, respectively. Second and third places in the middle school division were won by **Hailey Hoffman** and **Olivia Thorne**, respectively. Malibu Rotarians voted on



the winners. As in previous years awards of \$250, \$150, \$100, for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd voted finishers in the high school and middle school groups were awarded. The voting was so close for first and second in the high school division that it was decided to send both Kaitlyn and Ren (pictured L from 2006 competition) to the Rotary District High School Music Competition in Los Angeles where they will compete against entrants sponsored by other Rotary Clubs in Los Angeles Rotary District 5280. Auditions will be held on March 21, 2009, and the Awards ceremony will take place on May 2nd, 2009 at the Rotary District Conference at the Westin Hotel, South Coast Plaza. Winners at this level receive \$1,000 for first, \$500 for second, and \$250 for third place.

Geoff Ortiz chaired this event for the Malibu Rotary Club, with coordination with the new choral director at Malibu High School **Amy Loch**.

La Estanzuela, Honduras Water Project

The Malibu Rotary Club is one of the clubs joining with the Century City Rotary Club to bring clean water to the Village of La Estanzuela in Honduras. There wasn't enough time to complete funding of this project during the past Rotary year. We are hoping to complete the project this year with a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant

Calendar .

- **January 28th 7:30 a.m.: Bob Brager, Head of Public Works Dept, City of Malibu at Malibu Rotary Club Meeting at Fireside Room, Pepperdine University.**
- **January 29th, 7:00 p.m.(Thursday): Malibu Rotary Middle and High School Singing Competition—January 29th at Malibu High School**
- **February 4th 7:30 a.m. Carol Cousineau, Pontiac Michigan Rotary and Drs Allison and Mathew Richard (ER doctors from Thousand Oaks) on volunteering life saving training to refugees from Myanmar (formerly Burma) who are fleeing to Thailand because of ethnic cleansing from their government Fireside Room, Pepperdine University**
 - **February 11th, 7:30 a.m. : “Alternative Fuels”**
 - **February 18th, 7:30 a.m. :Bob Syvertsen, Craft talk**
 - **February 25th, 7:30 a.m.: Jim Thorsen, City Manager, speaking on “Legacy Park”**

Join Malibu Rotary's MSN Group Website

The Malibu Rotary website at <http://groups.msn.com/maliburotary> is updated weekly. You can go to it and see our calendar of events, pictures of our speakers and activities, and past issues of our weekly bulletin, the illustrious *Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter*. Contact information for the club, e-mail addresses of the club officers and other club information is also there. If you go to the site and become a member of the site (which you can do whether or not you are a member of the Malibu Rotary Club) then you can post items on the site, and have access to [documents](#). Directions for becoming an *on-line group member* are available on the website. To join the online Maliburotary group as an online member you must sign up

for a free MSN passport, fill out an on line form with a name (which can be an alias), an e-mail address, and agree to the rules of membership. You can view most of the site without signing on as a member, but as an online member you can post information on the site, including the calendar and bulletin board, view [documents](#), and participate in the on-line interactive chat room.

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