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## ***GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES MONDAY, MARCH 17 FOR MCFADDEN SQUARE CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT AT NEWPORT PIER***

**NEWPORT BEACH, CA** – March 10, 2008 – There will be a wearin' of the green on Monday, March 17 at 12 p.m. at a groundbreaking event for the McFadden Square Centennial Legacy Project, located at the base of the Newport Pier, Newport Boulevard and McFadden Place, on the Balboa Peninsula. The Centennial Legacy Project Committee and the City Arts Commission, who have been overseeing the project, planned the event for St. Patrick's Day in honor of the McFadden brothers who began shipping from Newport Beach and developed McFadden's Wharf over a century ago.

The McFadden Square Centennial Legacy Project was conceived in 2006 to commemorate the City of Newport Beach's centennial anniversary and is located in the heart of the district where the city originated. The project includes granite benches surrounding a bronze sculpture and a circular walking path marked with significant events from throughout the city's history.

City subcontractors will be moving the palm trees currently located in McFadden Square to the medians on Avocado Drive on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway on Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13 in preparation for the groundbreaking and construction project. The Square is expected to be completed before this summer.

To date, over 400 citizens and businesses have contributed to the fundraising efforts and will have their names etched on the project benches, walkway or surrounding the monument, depending upon degree of funding donated. Donations are still being accepted; for more information contact the Cultural Arts Office at 949-717-3870 or visit the Web site at [www.newportbeach100.com](http://www.newportbeach100.com).