



The Peninsula Pelican

The official letter of the Alamitos Bay Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"

President's Message:

Your Board continues to work to keep our community energetic, beautiful and safe.

Linda McCullough's committee continues to explore the undergrounding of utilities. Summer concerts are being planned and scheduled by Stevie Anderson. And the membership drive is continuing. If you have not renewed or if you wish to become a new member, please contact Lynne Driscoll. The Security Committee has new volunteers recruited from the survey, and CERT is continuing its activities. PIC (Peninsula Improvement Committee) and Security continue to meet with city officials to keep our area clean and safe. The 2007 T-shirts will be on sale at the Neighborhood Meeting. Phil Osterlind continues to do a spectacular job getting the newsletter out and maintaining the website. Also of note, believe it or not, Santa is already being planned!

Our spring community meeting will be held April 25 at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club-Mixer at 6:30PM, meeting at 7 PM. Our Councilman Gary DeLong will speak followed by a question and answer period. Then we have an extremely interesting presentation by CERT. This is something you will not want to miss! I hope you will join us to get updates on the community as well as spend time with your neighbors.

In the last newsletter, I asked for volunteer participation. We had three neighbors volunteer to help oversee the median maintenance- Jayne Lane, Sharon Kemmer, and Jill Hogenson. We thank them for their willingness to contribute.

Now we are in need of volunteers to help Kelly Asper with Santa. She will be gone during December and needs helpers to conduct the event. Anyone wishing to help, please let Kelly or me know.

With this issue of the Pelican, your board is beginning an experiment to get community feedback throughout the year. Each month we hope to pose a question requiring your feedback. This month's question deals with the closure of Bayshore during the summer. Currently Bayshore is closed from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM from June 15 to September 15. With enough response from the community, we may be able to change this policy. Note I said maybe. We can certainly try.

- Close Bayshore from 10 AM to 4 PM
- Open when school starts, not Sept. 15.

Please let us know if you would like to see the above implemented or not. Log on to the website at www.lbpeninsula.org and click on the link to the survey. Or respond directly to ABBPGSurvey@aol.com. Reference Bayshore Closure in the subject line.

Please let us know your thoughts.

Jeanne Muench
President

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Upcoming Events:

April 25 ABYC

6:30PM

General Membership Meeting

Gary DeLong will speak

Additionally this will be an important meeting on Emergency Preparedness presented by LB Fire and Police Departments

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Mark you Calendar!!

Alamitos Bay Peninsula General Meeting

April 25th at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club

Mixer at 6:30PM and Meeting commencing at 7:00PM

Agenda:

1. General comments by our **Councilman Gary DeLong**
 2. Question and Answer Session with Councilman DeLong
 3. CERT Peninsula Disaster Preparedness discussing if an earthquake devastates the Long Beach Peninsula and the fact that the Peninsula may be isolated from city services and medical support. This is an all too possible scenario for those of us that live above the Newport-Inglewood fault that resulted in the 1933 devastation in Long Beach and it will be shown vividly in a video presented by the Long Beach Fire Department as part of the Disaster Preparedness Program during the ABBPG General Meeting on April 25th. In addition to the video and discussion of Peninsula Preparedness, there will be vendors of supplies and equipment for sale. Our 3rd District Councilman Gary DeLong will introduce the meeting and a short video of Peninsula residents performing in a CERT Drill will conclude the event.
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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Last month the Underground Utility Committee had 3 representatives from Southern California Edison to update and answer questions about the feasibility of undergrounding the utilities on the Peninsula. This month representatives from Verizon will be coming for a question and answer session with the committee. The committee is hoping to meet with all the utilities to better understand what the issues are here on the Peninsula and to be more informed before we solicit signatures from residents here on the Peninsula about their interest in an undergrounding project.

The Median was just cleaned and trimmed and 3 women energetic women from the Garden Club have volunteered to help with the monitoring of the Median Maintenance: Jill Hogenson, Sharon Kemmer and Jayne Lane. We have recently walked the Median to assess its needs. The City has been contacted about dead or dying plant material and the need to replace some light bulbs and to feed the palms.

The recent graffiti on the new base of the Rock has been acid washed a couple of times and that has had little effect on removing the names...sorry. If anyone knows the kids who did it maybe they or their parents

would like to make a contribution to the Median Maintenance Fund?

The Junior Lifeguard Program is getting ready for this summer's activities and the Peninsula Improvement Committee will be meeting with them to discuss the impact on the Peninsula. We are trying to get them to move their Life Guard Station for Junior Guards to 54th Place where they would have a bathroom, showers and a parking lot nearby for parents and a better place for a bike rack. This location would be a much safer location for parents picking up and dropping off their kids along with a bathroom that they have never had close by.

The lights on the new sign are not on because the City changed the lock on the electrical box so our landscape people couldn't check the lights to see if they were on. The City has been out to check the lights but has not reported back about the problem of why they are not currently working?

The Recognition Plaque for Median Donors is being designed so that should arrive in a couple of months.

Linda McCullough



**STRATEGIC PLAN and MISSION STATEMENT
of the
ALAMITOS BAY BEACH PRESERVATION GROUP
Reviewed and approved by the ABBPG for 2007**

MISSION STATEMENT:

To protect and preserve the beaches along the Long Beach Peninsula for public usage and to ensure these beaches and community be maintained at the highest residential and recreational standards.

ABBPG Strategic Plan

Beach Preservation

1. Monitor and oppose attempts to remove and/or reconfigure the federal breakwater
2. Monitor beach erosion and promote research and solutions

Quality of Life

1. Obtain periodic water quality reports from the city and convey information to ABBPG Board and residents
2. Monitor cleanliness of the Peninsula (e.g. median, beaches, trash, graffiti) and work with various City of Long Beach departments to remediate any issues.

Infrastructure

1. Monitor City's adherence to existing Coastal Development plans affecting the Peninsula
2. Spearhead the process to underground utilities
3. Request City to provide full disclosure of subsidence and other funds affecting the Peninsula

Public Safety

1. Monitor beach erosion and promote research and solutions
2. Monitor and promote solutions to parking and traffic issues
3. Monitor Peninsula security issues and advocate solutions
4. Promote an emergency plan with trained emergency responders, (e.g. CERT)

Zoning

1. Monitor code enforcement (e.g. height requirements, set back requirements, garage regulations) Provide an opportunity for variance requestors to respond to ABBPG prior to ABBPG formally objecting to the variance, if possible

Communication

1. Sponsor periodic community meetings consistent with organizational goals
2. Sponsor community good will activities (e.g. Santa, concerts, etc.)
3. Publish periodic newsletters and maintain the ABBPG website
4. Advocate relevant issues with appropriate City and State representatives

Membership Drive 2006

All Peninsula residents are welcome and encouraged to join ABBPG for only \$20 per person a year. Your membership dues cover a donation to maintain the Peninsula's eighteen Christmas Trees-in-the-Bay; upkeep of our newly landscaped median; the publication of our bi-monthly newsletter, The Pelican, and hosting of our community website www.lbpeninsula.org; training of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); sponsoring Santa at 62nd for the kids each December; and, of course, our popular Summer Concerts.

Thank you!

Lynne Driscoll, Membership Chair
439-5376

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Please return this form and your dues (\$20 per person) to:
ABBPG, Attn: Membership, PO Box 3535, Long Beach, CA 90803

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PENINSULA T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS ARE HERE



Our new Peninsula T-shirts and sweatshirts will make their debut at our April 25th Neighborhood Meeting at ABYC. The shirts are designed by Ann Leineberg, a Peninsula resident and well known artist.

T-Shirt Artwork:

At the first band concert on June 10th there will be a **SILENT AUCTION** to auction off the original t-shirt artwork. It is a beautiful water color and will be framed. It will be an excellent addition to one's beach home. Proceeds will benefit the ABBPG General Fund.

Prices will be:

- Short sleeve tee \$13.00
- 2x tees \$15.00
- long sleeve tees \$18.00
- 2x tees \$20.00
- sweatshirts \$25.00
- youth t-shirts \$13.00

There will be a limited number this year and no reorders.





KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING!!

The Peninsula's 2007 Summer Concert season is quickly approaching. We are VERY excited to announce six Sunday concerts this year. The survey taken by ABBPG indicated you wanted a change. Our first concert, is June 10th and it will be a barbeque with the Long Beach Fire Department. They will be barbequing hot dogs and bratwurst. This barbeque will start at 4:30PM, all other concerts will be from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the 72nd Place Park.

The **concert schedule** for this summer is:

- JUNE 10 ----- Weenie Roast and concert with Flight 6875 (everyone loves this group)
- JUNE 17----- King Salmon (a great group for listening and dancing)
- JULY 8 ----- Big Box of Men (this group came very highly recommended)
- JULY 22 ----- HoDads (we have not had this group for three years, they are great)
- AUGUST 5 ----- Gregg Young & The 2nd Street Band (you will love dancing to this group)
- AUGUST 26 ----- Elm St. Band (a great band to close our concerts with)

If you are interested in sponsoring a concert the cost is \$800.00 per concert. You can be an individual sponsor, a corporate sponsor or perhaps your street would like to contribute as a group sponsor. There maybe someone you would like to have a concert in memory of. There are endless possibilities.

The cost for quality groups, just like everything else, has increased. It is individual donations that make these concerts possible. We sincerely appreciate all of your previous support and hope you will continue to support this unique summer tradition that is so much a part of our Peninsula life.

To send a donation mail it to : ABBPG at PO Box 3535, Long Beach CA. 90803

Thank you for your support!! => Stevie Anderson, Concert Chairperson



and...We are Looking for Santa's little helpers...

We need a committee this year to help organize Santa's visit to the Peninsula. Santa finds it's easier to come via lifeguard boat than by sleigh and loves to spend a few hours visiting with the neighborhood kids at the 62nd Place landing. Santa's visit is scheduled for December 05, 2007. We need to form a committee to plan and coordinate the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kelly Asper at asper@pavenet.net or 856-5853.



Check out our Website at
www.lbpeninsula.org

Find valuable information about our organization and links to other resources including city services, aerial maps, lists of donors, CERT information, photos of our events, past issues of the Peninsula Pelican newsletter and lots more!

A few words about Beach Water Quality around the Peninsula.

Many of us have concerns about the health safety of our beach water, both ocean and bay side, especially with the summer months coming. In the summertime a healthy safe beach is paramount for us, our children and family, and our guests. Many of our residents may not be aware of the efforts of the City of Long Beach Health Department to frequently monitor and take action as necessary when our beach water does not comply with recreational water safety guidelines. These guidelines are set by the City and the State of California. Actually, there is a great deal of recreational beach water information made available regularly by the health department of the City of Long Beach. This information can be found by way of the City of Long Beach, CA website/health department and also by a Hotline at (562) 570-4199. In the City’s website information available includes the structure and implementation of the monitoring program, current test results, FAQ’s, contact information, forms, and related links to go to. Additionally current ocean water information for the Southern California area is also available on the Heal the Bay Website. In these websites there are also suggested actions we all can take to contribute to our water quality effort.

Security Committee

Notes from a meeting led by LBPD East Division Commander Laura Farinella.

1. A Beat Officer will be walking Belmont shore soon.
2. Crime statistics for Beat 10 (Belmont Shore, Peninsula, Naples) for February/March, 2007
 - a. Feb. - 24 of 30 reports involved auto burglary (stealing things from autos or auto theft stealing the car). Keep auto and garage doors locked!
3. The next newsletter (Pelican) will include data specifically for the Peninsula.
4. Among the top ten calls for service to East Division were traffic problems at PCH and 2nd Street.
5. LBPD has met with Edison in an attempt to reduce the frequency of power outages.
6. There will be ATV’s patrolling the beach on weekends soon.
7. The East Division focus on crime for this year will be: violent gangs, repeat offenders, juvenile offenders and narcotics offenders.
8. Meet the Commander at Hot Java Coffee Shop, Broadway and Junipero, March 21st at 3 PM. (Will be repeated in April).
9. Be fore-warned! There will be a radar officer on the Peninsula in the near future and hopefully also at the 62nd Place stop sign.

The Security Committee met with residents that expressed an interest in security and/or Neighborhood Watch on Monday, March 19th. Hopefully this will be the start of a larger and more representative Committee. If you missed the meeting and would like to participate, contact the undersigned.

Peter Hogenson, ABBPG Security Committee Chairman 439-3361

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Your CERT group continues to meet the first Monday of each month at the Sailing Center (55th Place) at 7:30 PM and has radio drill each Tuesday night at 7:30 on FRS radio frequency channel 4. Our current goals are to fill Block Captain and back up assignments for the entire Peninsula, identify those with special needs and special capabilities in each block, coordinate CERT and Neighborhood Watch activities, plan for the next emergency practice drill and continue training in first aid, radio communication and first responder capabilities. Unfortunately, potential disaster is not limited to earthquakes and tsunamis – terrorist activities may be an even more potent threat.

We need additional members and we need most of those that are members to become better trained and more active. Please contact Christie Peck or the undersigned to become a member or to increase your training.

Christie Peck, CERT Chairperson
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