

The Peninsula Pelican



President's Message

Dear Peninsula Neighbors,
 Summer is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to the Summer Concerts. All Concerts are held at the 72nd Place Park from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Director, Stevie Anderson, has done a great job coordinating the concerts this year, and is starting the concert season off with a bang having The Elm Street Band open the season along with a weenie roast compliments of the Long Beach Fire Department. Grab your beach chairs & blanket and plan to attend the first concert of the Summer!
 Our new Peninsula t-shirts are here and they are super cute! Stevie Anderson will be selling them at each concert. Bring cash or your checkbook to purchase the new t-shirts before they sell-out!
 Our newly updated web site www.lbpeninsula.org is up and running thanks to past Director, Sheldon Warren. The web site will be your resource to Peninsula news as well as helpful links to City information. Please add this web site to your list of favorites and visit us often for information.
 We are developing a e-mail distribution list to keep you updated on news and information affecting the Peninsula. Many of you already receive our email notices. If you don't, and would like to, please send me an email.
 Median Beautification Fundraising Project Chair, Linda McCullough, and her Committee have done an outstanding job in almost meet their fundraising goal of \$200,000! Thank you to all everyone who has donated so far. We will be developing a plaque listing all the major donors names, so if you plan to make a donation of \$500 or more...now's your chance so that your name can be on the plaque.

We are sad to see that the Cafe' on 62nd Place has closed...but the memories of meeting your friends and neighbors there for a warm and friendly bite to eat will always remain. There is some good news on 62nd Place...the laundrymat will begin offering laundry service! So, for the many who find themselves with too little time and the laundry pile reaching the ceiling -- this could be your wish come true -- fluff & fold with delivery on the Peninsula!
 Enjoy your summer on the Peninsula!

Kelly Asper
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Pelican Photo Contest

Have any digital photos of pelicans to share with your neighbors? We had at least two responses form this idea expressed in the last issue of The Pelican. The first one is from Maureen Campo that captures a pelican in the middle of a dive.

In order to make the Pelican Newsletter more fun and interactive, we are setting up a contest for the best pelican picture. Details are being sketched out. The winner(s) will receive a 2005 Peninsula Tee Shirt



Entries must be sent via email to edwin77@mac.com. Sending an entry gives permission to use your photo in The Pelican.

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT Participates In Cal Tech Earthquake and Tsunami Seminars

CERT members have recently been invited to participate in Cal Tech's "Alliance for Earthquake Research Group". This is a regional advisory partnership emergency personnel and scientists. Included are leading scientists in the earthquake and tsunami field from Cal Tech and other institutions such as the USGS. The participants cover the gamut of emergency preparedness from

throughout southern California, including Office of emergency Preparedness, Fire, Police, DWP, Edison, and the news media.

The topic for this month was tsunami dynamics. A response to tsunami risks is currently in a planning stage.



The recent Sumatran disaster spurred a redrawing of contingency plans by regional experts. The Peninsula CERT plans to take up tsunami preparedness and education in future

meetings.

Experts at Cal Tech have also offered to give a public presentation on Tsunamis and Earthquakes. Watch The Pelican, the median signs, and the Web Site for dates to be announced.

First Aid/Earthquake preparedness Kits at Vons

Von's Market (on Ocean) has a supply of American Red Cross First Aid kits in back packs for sale. The packs are perfect for having a widely distributed net of medical gear for our CERT disaster contingency plans. They are the same kits sold by the Red Cross, but available right down the street! They'd be handy for our family needs as well, and are light and portable. I spoke to the manager who told me Von's is participating with the Red Cross in a disaster awareness month.

You can find them by the front door. Look to the left of the check out registers as you walk in the store.

Please urge your neighbors to obtain a kit as well. Should the need arise, our neighborhood would be better prepared

CERT Wants YOU!

CERT is always looking for new members interested in search, rescue, disaster, medical, and fire suppression. Contact Ed Shackeroff, eman77@mac.com.

Ed Shackeroff, MD
CERT Medical Director
eman77@mac.com

Peninsula Improvement Committee Report

Median: Funding Nearly Reaches Top Lighting Addressed

The final solicitation for the Median Project has occurred. If you still need a donation envelope they are available in a box on the sidewalk at my house: 5900 Bayshore Walk. We are almost to \$200,000!

The landscaping, lighting and control box installation that are not finished will begin soon. Salco, SCE, and City Light and Power are working to get the electrical problems ironed out. We are still waiting on some "as built" from the City! We can't wait to finish!

Additional lighting will be added, first, to the big parking lot at 72nd. If more lighting in that area is needed for safety the smaller lot lighting will be increased.

Beach Cleaning Schedules for Summer

- The Bayside trashcans are emptied on T & TH Seaside on M, W & Fri.
- Bayside walks will be swept on TH
- Bayside sand raking is 2 times or more per week
- All schedules are flexible due to equipment condition, special project occurrences, and environmental issues.

HOME DEPOT IN 90803?

A Public Study Session on the DEIR (Draft Environmental Impact Report) will be held on Thurs., May 19, 12:00 – 1:30 pm in City Council Chambers – 333 W. Ocean Blvd.

Please address written comments about this project on the corner of Studebaker and Loynes (power plant side of road) to Angela Reynolds, Environmental Planning, City of Long Beach, Dept. of Planning and Bldg., 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802.

Any one who sends in a written comment will receive notice of any and all public meetings on this issue but they must be submitted by June 15.

Peninsula Improvement Committee (PIC) Meeting

April 27, 2005

Attendees:

ABBPG -- Stevie Anderson, Brig Knauer, Jeanne Muench, Rick Turrentine, Rick Brizendine, Pres Smith, Linda McCullough
City of Long Beach -- Dennis Eschen, Avonne Gravel
Guest-Peter Gadd

Peter Gadd gave presentation on report to be finished in 30 days-Beach Re-nourishment/Groins - Studied measurements 1/04 vs 2/05 with renourishment having occurred in between.

Groins made of 20 plastic bags each surveyed height of bags and height of sand on each side of groin. Settling into sand 1' to 2'; some bags broken below and some above water line due to vehicles, drift wood, gravel. Rate of erosion substantially fell in 1/05 vs. 1/04.

Interim conclusion-working. Wants input from local knowledge prior to final report. Next meeting City will have had opportunity to review report and will be presented to PIC.

*Wooden groin removal at 68th Place - City believes this is remnants of old pier and does not have resources to remove.

•Parking Lots 72nd Place - Lighting will be increased by 5/6 at the end lot only. If this works will not do further west lot wanting not to disturb neighbors. Discussed directed lighting/screened lighting of western lot and Dennis Eschen will investigate.

•Tideland Funds-Issue:Keep Peninsula from sinking once oil drilling ceases. Mark Sandoval is obtaining a report and will present at the next meeting. Dennis Eschen is asking Curtis Hendersen of Oil Properties to come to the meeting after we hear from Mark Sandoval.

•Trash receptacles 72nd Place - 2 large cans will be in place by June 5.

•Trash receptacles Bayside - Only 1 can at the end of each street from October through May as experiment. City will investigate painting some label on cans "For Beach Use Only".

•Berm - Brig inquired as to reason for 5' high berm on bayside and was told one time delivery of sand for berm and renourishment. Will not happen again.

•Army Corp of Engineers is performing a study of the peninsula beach erosion beginning 10/05

Next Meeting

June 15, 4pm at ABYC

Rick Brizendine
PIC Director

Revised Web Site Is Online

The first version of The Peninsula's very own web site is now online. Look for the graphically appealing "new skin". We promise to upgrade this to an informative and interactive site within a year. Visit it now. Visit it often. Remember to bookmark www.lbpeninsula.org

4th of July Fireworks?

The following is a reminder from the Long Beach 4th of July Educational Campaign regarding the dangers of fireworks. Please read for the safety of all the children in our community.

There's Nothing Cool About Fireworks

The Danger:

A pretty sparkler burns at a whopping 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. It's not a safe toy to put in a child's hand, or an adult's. No firework is. Fireworks are unpredictable. They spit hot sulfur and can unexpectedly explode. They can burn limbs and ruin lives, and there's nothing cool about that.

The Bottom Line:

All fireworks, including safe and sane, are against the law in Long Beach. They have been for more than 50 years. The consequences of lighting any fireworks in Long Beach and you may spend six months in jail, pay a \$1,000 fine, or both.

The Alternative:

This July, over 50 dazzling firework displays (controlled by the hands of professionals who specialize in pyrotechnics) will be held

throughout the County. The City of Long Beach encourages everyone to view fireworks in this safe manner. Please check local newspapers for location and times

Long Beach Marathon

The Long Beach International City Bank Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2005. Over 13,000 participants are expected this year.

The Marathon may cause impact to the Peninsula and surrounding area. If you have any questions, concerning street closures and event time frames, please visit www.runlongbeach.com for complete details or call the Marathon office at 562-728-8829.

First Summer Concert Coming June 5th! Weenie Roasts Planned!

The Long Beach Firefighters will be coming to the Peninsula at our first band concert, June 5th, and will be barbecuing Hot Dogs and Bratwurst Sausages. The first concert will also be featuring one of our favorites, the Elm Street Band. Bring your family, friends and your favorite side dishes to go along with your Hot dogs and Bratwurst. What more could you ask for but to eat, dance and relax with your friends and neighbors. Any questions call Stevie Anderson

- June 5 Elm Street Band (weenie roast, too!)
- June 19 Gregg Young & The 2nd Street Band
- July 3 Bad Boys
- July 17 King Salmon
- July 31 Ho Dads
- August 7 Windmill Big Band
- August 21 Flight

All concerts 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the 72nd Place Park.

Mission Statement

The mission of ABBPG is to protect and maintain the walk in type beaches along both the bay and ocean sides of the Alamitos Bay Peninsula for public usage, in the City of Long Beach, California, and to insure that these beaches be maintained at their highest potential as a recreational area.



ABBPG: "Serving the Peninsula Since 1966"

COMMENTS PLEASE!

ABBPG has a comment box outside of the Bay Wash entrance on 62nd Place. Please share your comments and suggestions. Let us know how we can assist you with your questions about City ordinances or zoning/permitting issues.

Top 20 reasons why you should join or renew your membership in ABBPG

The Alamitos Bay Beach Preservation Group (ABBPG) Membership Drive continues at a record pace! We have over 300 members, but are still looking to every Peninsula resident to join. ABBPG is an organization open to all Long Beach Peninsula residents, homeowner or renter, for a \$15 per person annual membership fee. ABBPG is a not-for-profit corporation and has a thirteen member volunteer board of directors. ABBPG derives its effectiveness and strength from the diversity, vitality and commitment of its membership as it pursues its goal of preserving the Peninsula's unique quality of life in an ever-changing environment.

ABBPG, speaking collectively with one voice, has an impact with the City and other government entities far beyond that which individuals speaking alone would have. Please become involved and help ABBPG preserve the community that brought us all here in the first place! Join today by completing the enclosed membership information and mail it with your annual dues in the pre-printed envelope provided.

Membership questions, please contact our 2005 Membership Chair, Lynne Driscoll at 439-5376.

ABBPG's 2004 activities and accomplishments included:

1. Working with the City to continue sand re-nourishment of the Peninsula's beaches and to study beach erosion trends and solutions.
2. Reduction of the speed limit on Ocean Boulevard to 25 MPH.
3. Enforcement of "no parking of oversized vehicles and unattached trailers" from 54th to 72nd Pl.
4. Frequent surveys to residents and ABBPG members to obtain feedback about various issues affecting our neighborhood that require City support and/or resources.
5. Ongoing interaction and communications with various City departments to ensure public safety, neighborhood cleanliness, maintenance of our public areas and beaches.
6. Continuation of the Median Beautification Project which is slated for completion by Spring 2005.
7. Ongoing communication with the Long Beach Police Department to ensure public safety and security on the Peninsula.
8. Monitoring of building code enforcement by our Zoning Committee.
9. Improvement of street signage throughout the Peninsula.
10. Host of two annual neighborhood meetings to review pertinent information affecting our community.
11. Maintenance of the doggie clean-up bags at 55th, 62nd and 72nd Place.
12. Sponsorship of the Peninsula-wide, neighborhood garage sale -- Super Sale Saturday -- to benefit the Median Beautification Project.
13. Ongoing support and sponsorship of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
14. Coordination and sponsorship of special events such as the Nostalgia historical photo film night; tours of unique homes; and the summer concert weenie roast.
15. Sponsorship and coordination of seven Summer Concerts held on Sunday afternoons at the 72nd Place Park.
16. Design and sales of the ever-popular Peninsula t-shirts.
17. Publication of a bimonthly newsletter.
18. Maintenance of the Peninsula's very own website www.lbpeninsula.org
19. Sponsorship and coordination of the "Santa-by-the Bay" evening for children and families.
20. Commitment to provide annual maintenance funds from our membership dues for the 18 Trees-on-the-Bay that are placed between 55th and 72nd Place.

-----ABBPG 2005 Membership Form-----

____ Yes, I'd like to join ABBPG in 2005!
Dues -- \$15 per person -- \$5 of which supports the annual maintenance of the 'Trees-on-the-Bay'

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel #: _____ Email Address: _____

Please enclose your check payable to ABBPG and mail with the form above to:
ABBPG, PO Box 3535, Long Beach, CA 90803

Thank you for your support of ABBPG in 2005!