

The Peninsula Pelican

The official letter of the Alamitos Bay Beach Preservation Group
"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"



President's Message:

Summer is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. As we anticipate this wonderful season, your Board continues to work to ensure our neighborhood lives up to its potential.

We are gearing up for a wonderful concert season planned and executed by Stevie Anderson. She does such a wonderful job. The first concert is June 10th featuring the annual wiener roast. Please plan to attend, enjoy the wonderful music and camaraderie, and donate generously.

Members of the Board have met with LBPB and LBFD to discuss plans and preparations for the Fourth of July. This is always a big week-end for the peninsula. Please be a responsible neighbor. Enjoy!!!

We have also met with city representatives about the new trash cans. There is another article in the newsletter explaining the "whys". The city is listening to what we have to say and are asking that we give the new trash cans a chance. Please remember, the beach trash cans are for beach use only – not for residents' regular or special trash. Any comments, please respond to:

ABBPGSurvey@aol.com

Christie Peck is chairing a committee to review the sand stake policy. That policy can be found on the website. If you have a position that you would like considered please contact Christie or respond to:

ABBPGSurvey@aol.com

Our neighborhood meeting was very successful with a good attendance. Linda McCullough was presented with a crystal "rock" in recognition of her perseverance in completing the median divider. Our Councilman, Gary DeLong, presented his views on charter reform followed by a Q & A period. Rick Turrentine presented a

draft of the new SEADIP plan also followed by a Q & A. CERT had an interesting presentation on the devastation that could happen in the event of a catastrophic event and stressing the importance of being prepared. Thanks to all who participated.

The next neighborhood meeting will be in October. The date will be announced in the next newsletter. Please plan to attend this meeting for a neighborhood update and to spend time with your neighbors. It takes the effort of every resident to keep our peninsula the beautiful place in which we live.

In my continuing effort to address your questions and concerns, in the last issue I asked for a response to the closure of Bay Shore Ave. While the response was not overwhelming, there was no opposition to trying to keep the closure to a minimum. The matter has been turned over to council office and city representatives. Since it is believed this may be a Coastal Commission issue, it is doubtful anything will happen this year. But let's be hopeful for next year.

My subject for this issue: Let me know topics you would like to see covered in the October neighborhood meeting.

Reply to: ABBPGSurvey@aol.com

I regret to inform you one of our very long-time directors and former president, Kelly Asper has resigned from the board due to conflicts with work obligations. She served on the board for 5 years and as president for 2 ½ of those years. She will be missed for her expertise, knowledge and contributions. I am happy to report she is available for consultation. The Board will appoint a new director to complete her term..

Kelly, you will be missed and thank you! Enjoy your summer

Jeanne Muench
President

May/June 2007



Upcoming Events:

JUNE 10 @ 4:30PM

**Hot Dogs and
Bratwurst served by
the Long Beach
Firefighters**

followed at 5:30PM by
the group

**STEVE
HARDER AND
FLIGHT 6875**

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SUMMER CONCERTS BEGIN!!!**June 10**

The Long Beach Firefighters will be barbequing Hot Dogs and Bratwurst Sausages starting at 4:30p.m..

The Band --Steve Harder and Flight 6875 will begin playing starting at 5:30p.m. What more could you ask for but to be eating, dancing and relaxing with friends and neighbors while listening to great music! All proceeds from the barbeque will go towards maintain the Peninsula median.

And remember, at this first concert there will be a **SILENT AUCTION** to auction off the original t-shirt artwork done by Ann Leineberg, a Peninsula resident and well known artist. 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.

T-SHIRT REORDER: Because of exceptional demand of our fantastic t-shirts, also for sale at the concert, certain sizes have been sold out. IF!!! demand warrants it we will reorder. Please contact Stevie Anderson at 439-1606 to place an order.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT/COMMUNITY INTEREST

JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS: This year's program will again be headquartered at the same site as it has been for recent history. ABBPG Board has been working hard to get them to move their program to a more appropriate place – 54th Place instead of the impactful location at 55th where it is now. Blocking all the residents' driveways during loading and unloading of Jr. Guards plus the huge bicycle congestion created by over 450 kids that are spread between a morning and afternoon session; this is not a safe or reasonable place. Dennis Eschen has assured the PIC Committee that City plans for a new site for all types of recreational activity further towards the Belmont Plaza also includes designs for a new Lifeguard Station. I am pushing for the relocation of the historic Lifeguard Headquarters to make a new home at 54th near bathrooms, showers and a parking lot for Jr.Guards. The Jr. Guard staff is going to relocate certain activities to 54th this summer.

MEDIAN MAINTENANCE: After a recent PIC Committee Meeting and a very specific letter of maintenance issues sent to both Gary DeLong and Bob Foster I believe we are finally getting some results. Some of the issues have already been addressed. *Our lights are finally on in the first median – up lighting our new sign.*

The City has said it would trade some bigger rocks from the 72nd park to the 72nd median to control trucks running over the current rocks.

UTILITY PROJECT: We are exploring using a private engineering firm to come up with a usable number for an interest only petition for the Peninsula. The City has been unable to provide us with a number for our petition and looks favorably on our paying a company to help determine this number. The only recent number given for a private project by the utilities was to the Toledo Project (34 homes) and their number turned out to be astronomical said Mark Christoffels, City Engineer. Mark likes numbers he has seen of recent projects in Manhattan Beach and Balboa Is. He is hoping that our numbers will be similar. A meeting with the utilities, the City and representatives from the Naples Improvement Association is occurring the week of May 14th. The NIA area is considering undergrounding their utilities. If we could *pass* a petition of interest here we could join together in any forthcoming project and benefit from both scale and bond assessment district costs. Gary DeLong has said he will help us in our undergrounding efforts.

Verizon is adding fiber optics to the Peninsula at this very moment; above ground!

Linda McCullough

PENINSULA IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE..... BEACH NEWS

CITY TALKS TRASH (CANS)!

Trash cans are updated and moved off the Bayshore Boardwalk.

Green Party Supporters: These new cans are recyclable-old ones were not. New cans are emptied by a small truck, not a large diesel spewing trash truck.

Budget minded Minions: No special equipment is required to empty the new cans. New cans cost about \$50 each and the old ones were about \$200 each.

The city is currently testing the number, location and frequency of emptying necessary to make this new system effective for them and us.

BAY SHORE CLOSING

A plan to limit the hours and dates Bay Shore Avenue is closed is being investigated. Since the local schools open and close on dates certain it has been suggested that the start and end dates of the closure correspond with those dates. Since hardly anyone visits the beach before 10AM or after 4PM it has been suggested that

the closure be between those hours only. We will keep you updated on this breaking news.

BEACH MASTER PLAN

The city is currently putting final touches on a beach master plan. This is a good idea as there are currently at least four projects which directly affect our way of life and several others which affect the beach as a whole which are under consideration. A master plan is designed to incorporate all beach improvements after which individual projects can actually move forward. Those affecting us here are:

- Expansion of Leeway by approximately 1,000 square feet;
- new lifeguarded headquarters
- movement of the courts at bay shore and ocean to the ocean side; and
- a new junior lifeguard headquarters.

Enjoy the beach responsibly, be good to your neighbors and please exercise extreme patience this July 4th!

Rick Brizendine

SPECIAL SECURITY NOTES FOR THE 4TH OF JULY



The following is a summary of a discussion held between the **ABBPG Security Committee and representatives of Long Beach Police, Fire and Special Events** regarding the control of anticipated problems on the Peninsula on the 4th of July.

1. LBPB Officers will arrive on the Peninsula about 10AM
2. No permits for live music have been issued so if it occurs on public property it will be stopped.
3. LBPB will be looking for and issuing citations for alcohol drinking by minors
4. An traffic stop may occur at 54th Place to advise drivers of the lack of parking on the Peninsula – the PD has no authority to prevent cars from driving on to

the Peninsula.

5. PD also can not prohibit those on bicycles from riding on the Peninsula but, again, if they are minors with alcohol, they will be cited.
6. PD will visit known problem houses prior to the 4th to warn them of citations for violations of minor drinking, loud music and/or use of fireworks
7. The City will try to educate the public on their planned approach with articles in the Grunion and asked us to include this information in our Newsletter.
8. LBFD will increase their staff for the 4th and an arson investigator will check any house with known fireworks.
9. Citations for illegal possession and/or use of fireworks in Long Beach can result in fines up to \$1000.

Security Committee Chair: Peter Hogenson

Peninsula crime report

In early May, two men were arrested in Basin 5 (the boat basin at ABYC) and were found with a table full of credit cards and other documents, some from Peninsula residents. They are suspected of stealing from mailboxes on the Peninsula and elsewhere. A mailbox which goes into your house or that has a lock might be a good idea.

Bay Water Quality

Preliminary results from a water flow analysis in Alamitos Bay indicate that the level of pollution is directly related to flow through the Bay caused by the pumping action by the two electrical power producers, L.A. County Department of Water and Power and AES. When pumping (used for cooling) is reduced by either, pollution levels go up – at different rates and at different levels at various locations within the Bay or Colorado Lagoon. The City is evaluating the data.

Peter Hogenson

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The CERT team was very busy last month getting ready for the April 25th General Meeting. In that meeting representatives of the Long Beach Fire and Police departments presented various emergency scenarios which could occur and stressed the importance of being prepared. If an earthquake devastates the Long Beach Peninsula, they stated, that because city wide emergency resources would be stretched that the Peninsula may be isolated from city services and medical support. Information was passed out

giving guidelines and checklists for emergency preparation.

The next CERT Drill is tentatively scheduled for June 9th – 9 to 11 AM. Dr. Ed Shackeroff will plan and lead the drill and may call on other members for assistance. No meetings are planned during vacation months of July or August. In September to December combined CERT and Neighborhood Watch meetings will be held. 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. We need additional members and we need most of those that are members to become better trained and more active. Please contact Christie Peck, CERT Chairperson at Christie@thepecks.com to become a member or to increase your training.

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



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!