

The Peninsula Pelican



President's Message

Dear Peninsula Neighbors,
Another summer has come and gone but not without a lot of exciting things happening here on the Peninsula! Our neighborhood is becoming more and more popular with the film companies. So much that our resident parking is getting greatly impacted. We have a meeting with the City's Special Events and Filming Department to develop an agreement that the film companies would have to abide by to minimize the impact on parking. You'll be happy to know that our median landscape project is nearing completion. We look to have it completely finished by the first part of October, and that includes the installation of the entrance sign. Our summer concert series was an outstanding success thanks to the leadership of Stevie Anderson, Concert Chair. Stevie organized seven concerts, each with record attendance! Stevie also was in charge of t-shirts this year. Peter & Jill Hogenson assisted Stevie by selling them at each concert. Even after placing a second order in mid-summer, we are almost sold out! The remaining items will be available at our October 12 Neighborhood Meeting at ABYC. And speaking of the Neighborhood Meeting...please put October 12, 6:30 pm at ABYC on your calendar because we are investigating the possibility of undergrounding the utilities on the Peninsula! A representative from the City will join us to discuss the process, cost, etc. This is one meeting you won't want to miss!

Kelly Asper
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CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

The recent natural disaster along the Gulf Coast and especially New Orleans vividly illustrates the need for emergency planning and preparedness. Potential disasters for the Peninsula include earthquake (strong probability) and tsunami (lesser probability but not to be ignored). Your Peninsula CERT which is part of Long Beach CERT, consists currently of a small group (approximately 10 – 15) of trained neighbors that meets monthly to review skills and procedures required to help in a disaster. We need at least twice that number to be really effective in a serious disaster which could include collapsed buildings, seriously wounded people, fires and loss of power and water pressure. In a significant earthquake, the City has said that we may be without their emergency help for up to 72 hours.

Any of you on the Peninsula can help by becoming CERT trained or even just by attending our meetings and



drills. Please contact me at the following number for information on how to become involved. Our next Drill is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th at the 72nd Place Park at 9AM and will include a demonstration by the Long Beach Search and Rescue Team.

We plan to have a display of emergency supplies that we should all have ready to take care of our families and pets at the next ABBPG General Meeting, October 12th, 7PM at ABYC (72nd Place)

Peter Hogenson, CERT Chairman (439-3361)

Alley Alert

Just a reminder, when you're driving out of your alley, please think about walkers, joggers and bikers, in addition to the oncoming traffic. It's a good idea to stop before you get to the sidewalk, and look BOTH ways before pulling onto Ocean Blvd.

And, if you are on foot or on a bike, think of the alleys as a street. Drivers cannot always see who's coming from either direction, so please be careful! Now that school has started again, it's a good idea to remind your kids who walk or bike to school.

International City Bank Marathon

Dear Community Member:

We wanted to give you advance notice of the 21st running of the Long Beach International City Bank Marathon. Scheduled for: Sunday, October 16th, 2005. We are expecting over 13,000 participants this year. The marathon course may impact your area. In our continuing effort to keep the community informed we are sending you this notification to allow you to make preparations for this event on October 16, 2005.

If you have any questions concerning street closures and event time frames, please visit the RESIDENT INFORMATION page on the marathon's website at www.runlongbeach.com for complete details or you may contact the Marathon office at (562) 728-8829

Avonne Gravel
Office of Frank Colonna
Third District Council Member
562.570.8756
562.570.8760: fax

Community Interest

FINALLY, the Median will be finished during September and the first part of October! YES, this will include the installation of our rock sign! Any questions call Linda McCullough at 433-2376.

SUPER SALE SATURDAY – OCT. 22 WILL BENEFIT THE MEDIAN and give everyone an excuse to clean out both your closets and garages.

SPECTACULAR OPEN HOUSE – OCT. 30TH – 3 STORIES & 7,000+ SQ. FT. PLUS INCREDIBLE VIEWS. The home is filled with amazing systems, fabulous products and wonderful details. Save the date, you won't want to miss this tour! Proceeds will benefit Katrina Victims and the Median. Refreshments provided. \$20 per person.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS: UNDERGROUND UTILITY MEETING AT ABYC ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6:30 PM.

RECOGNITION PAVERS will be available for sale around Valentine's Day '06 for installation in the Median, price to be follow.

A SAMPLE OF DONOR LISTINGS FOR THE MEDIAN will be in the window at 5900 E. Bayshore Walk. Call or email Jeanne Muench with questions JEANNEMUEN@AOL.COM OR 433-4587

News from Dana Rohrbacher's Office is that he is unlikely to recommend the use of Federal Funds for the Army Corps of Engineers to study the breakwater.

A reminder that there will only be one trash can at the Bayside street ends this winter for public trash. Residents please use your new containers.

ABBPG is going to have a Candidates night for District 3 candidates sometime after the first of the year. Date to be announced.

Linda McCullough

SUPER SALE SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

Time to clean out your closets and help the Median project too! We hope to raise funds for the completion and maintenance of our beautiful center divider. We know you will be generous with your garage sale proceeds!!

The application is included with this newsletter. This year, we will have one permit for the entire peninsula and NO FEE for each individual sale is necessary.

However, we must know who is participating so that we can register names and distribute a copy of the permit for display at your sale. If you are not included under our permit and choose to have a garage sale on the same day, you must complete the permit process yourself or risk a fine from the city.

1. Please fill out the garage sale application as soon as possible.
2. Attach a copy of a utility bill to show proof of residence.
3. Return the application to Jeanne Muench at 5559 E. Seaside Walk or Jo Anne Arthur at 50 64th Place.
4. Questions??? You can reach Jeanne at 439-2841 or Jo Anne at 434-1995



ABBPG: "Serving the Peninsula Since 1966"

Security Committee

Recognizing that residents of the Peninsula that live along Ocean Blvd. experience or observe events, activities and people which the general Peninsula population may be unaware of, the Security Committee of the ABBPG prepared and distributed a survey all Ocean Blvd. residences.

The following is a summary of the results of the first 100 surveys distributed (40 more were distributed a week later – complete results will be included in a final tabulation). 49 responses have been received indicating a 49% response rate. Results for two of the questions asked were:;

- 1. Have you experienced on Ocean Blvd.? Speeding? 90% said yes. Loud motorcycles or cars? 90% said yes. Loud car radios? 69% said yes. Drag racing? 43% said yes. Gang Members? 37% said yes. Vagrants? 41% said yes. Drunks +/- drugs? 45% said yes.**
- 2. Are you willing to meet with your Security Committee and/or LBPD to discuss your concerns? 61% said yes.**

The total of yes and no responses varies since not all questions were answered.

Survey results indicate several points: 1) there is significant interest in the problems described as shown by the 49% response rate to date and 61% of those willing to meet and work on resolutions; 2) speeding and loud vehicles are serious concerns; and 3) there is a crime problem that should be reported to LBPD when observed.

Our follow-on plan includes: 1) a meeting of the Security Committee with those that indicated a willingness to meet to discuss potential solutions to the problems; 2) a subsequent meeting with our City Councilman, City Administration and LBPD to present our data and proposed solutions; and 3) continued coordination of our Peninsula community concerns with City and LBPD personnel to ensure resolution.

Relative to speeding, many residents believe that the current 25MPH limit is too low, especially since most drivers exceed that. However, the following table should provide a reason to be cautious especially considering our short blocks, blind alleys and numerous runners, bike riders and children. The message: obey the limit!

Speed Stopping Distance

20 mph	40 feet
30 mph	75 feet
40 mph	120 feet
50 mph	175 feet

Peter Hogenson, Security Committee Chairman

Summer Concert Series 2005 Sponsor Donation List

Maureen Bell & Ron Chandler
 Bee Hart
 Joe Wegrocki & Carol Charron
 Sally and Gary Bates
 Polly and Brad Clark
 Preston & Nancy Smith
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 Bob Ware
 William E. & Beverly A. Sawrey
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 Audrey & Bud Linden
 Bob Chrisman
 Craig Dougherty

Trash Pickers

There has been an increased number of "trash pickers" in the area since we have the new trash cans, so be very careful of what you throw away. Shred anything that can be used in identity theft. If you see "trash pickers" in the purple recycling bins, that is a misdemeanor and the police should be called. It is not illegal to go through the green bins, but if trash is scattered around the street, you can report that.

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!

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.