

The Peninsula Pelican



Based on the widespread interest in Emergency Preparedness throughout Long Beach, the City Emergency Operations Center and LBFD are preparing presentations for homeowners and residents associations as part of the CERT function.

We have had an active CERT group on the Peninsula for several years and plan to participate in this instruction. We also have a certified CERT trainer on our Peninsula team and plan to organize a class



President's Message

Dear Neighbors,
I can't believe 2005 is coming to a close and that the Holidays are just around the corner! Our "Trees on the Bay" will be lit Thanksgiving evening making our neighborhood sparkle with the season.

The ABBPG Board has accomplished so much this year, and they should all be applauded for their efforts: Stevie Anderson, Jo Anne Arthur, Rob Bellevue, Rick Brizendine, Lynne Driscoll, Peter Hogenson, Tish Kernochan, Linda McCullough, Jeanne Muench, Rick Turrentine, Ed Shacker-off, Bob Siemer.

On page 4, you will see a summary of ABBPG's activities over the past year.

The Board will take a break during December, but we will all be back in action come January with our newest project, under-grounding the utilities, as the main priority.

I'd like to thank all of you who have supported ABBPG this year through your membership dues and participation in our community activities.

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful neighborhood. Let's enjoy it and have fun!

Happy Holidays!

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CERT Hosts Family Disaster Preparedness December 13th. All invited

The Peninsula Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is putting on a community meeting December 13th at the US Sailing Center, at 7:30 PM.

for those interested in becoming certified as a full CERT member.

The meeting will consist of two agenda items: 1) Emergency Preparedness for Everyone; and 2) an introduction to Peninsula CERT. Training/instruction options will be presented with participation requirements for each.

Please see the flyer inserted in this issue of The Pelican.

Peter Hogenson, CERT Chairman (439-3361)

Santa Claus Is Coming to the Peninsula!

On December 7th Santa will arrive, by boat, at the end of 62nd Place at 6 p.m.

Save the date. Bring your family and friends for an evening of neighborhood camaraderie and refreshments.

HOLIDAY DATES to REMEMBER

Thursday, November 24 -- Trees on the Bay Lighting

Saturday, December 3 -- Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 10 -- Naples Boat Parade

72nd Place Fishing Hours to Change

There has been a recurring problem with the fishing late at night at the 72nd Place Jetty. Besides noise impacting the residential neighborhood, there has been a trash and litter problem that has been attributed to the late night activities. To try and address these problems, the City Attorney's office and the City Prosecutor have agreed that fishing hours at the 72nd Place Jetty can be limited to beach use hours - one hour before dawn to 10:00 pm. Necessary signs are being made to post the appropriate Municipal Code so that enforcement can occur.

Neighborhood News

SAMPLE DONOR PLAQUE

Please check in the front window at 5900 E. Bay-shore Walk for any corrections and/or additions. Please notify Jeanne Muench ASAP. This sample plaque will remain in the window for a few more weeks and will then be removed.

**If you want to appear on the plaque or move up a category Jeanne will be happy to assist you. Call 439-2841 or email jeannemuen@aol.com

ANGEL OR SUPERMAN?

Have you seen the hard working gentleman raking up trash, picking up miscellaneous discarded items all along Ocean and along the beach itself? He may not have wings nor a fancy flying suit but we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his commitment to the removal of trash on our Peninsula! He may also not be a mystery to you but I just learned his name: Ray Novell. Apparently Ray says the raking and cleaning is better exercise than just walking! Aren't we lucky to have Ray around and we should be ever so grateful that he is in such great physical condition because of all our trash.

Please wave when you see Ray early in the morning to express your thanks.

OUR MEDIAN

When you cross the median to go for a walk or to walk your dog PLEASE cross on the concrete and not on top of the plants. Paths are starting to form because we aren't thinking about the plants!

The concrete side cuts should be replaced soon and hopefully the rock sign will be in place in time for the holidays. We have some maintenance issues to deal with but overall the median is a wonderful improvement and the lighting is a welcomed addition. We would like to thank Salco Landscape Service for their good work.

TRASH CANS

Most of our bayside street ends are doing fine with one trashcan during the winter. Please try to use your own trash container for your own trash. The neighbors will all appreciate your courtesy.

SUPER SALE SATURDAY

Our third annual community fund raiser was another success, adding \$3,000 to our median maintenance fund.

Thanks to all our enthusiastic sellers, to all who donated items to be sold and to our happy customers who made their way up and down the peninsula, starting as early as 6:30 AM!!!

Thanks, All!!

Peninsula Security

Summary of Meeting with Long Beach City Representatives (October 2005). Ocean Blvd. Residents Concerns Are Addressed

Participants: City- 3rd District Councilman Frank Colonna, City Manager Jerry Miller, City Traffic Engineer Dave Roseman, LBPD East Division Commander Billy Quach, Councilman Colonna Staff Avonne Gravel, ABBPG Security Committee Members – Sherm Holvey, Leslie Patterson, Peter Hogenson, and ABBPG Board President Kelly Asper

Peter Hogenson presented the purpose and results of a survey circulated to Peninsula residents living along Ocean Blvd. and suggested some potential solutions to the problems identified by surveyed residents. It was then requested that City representatives respond with comments and solutions that they thought would be feasible.

Speeding/Drag Racing

Speed bumps/speed tables are not acceptable to the Fire Department for a major street such as Ocean Blvd., therefore, this option is eliminated from consideration. Reducing Ocean Blvd to one lane on the Peninsula is not acceptable to Peninsula residents and not recommended by the City Traffic Engineer, Mr. Roseman. A permanent speed monitoring device to show drivers how fast they are going is a possibility, and according to Mr. Roseman, is equally as effective in reducing speed as bumps. The first one to be installed in the 3rd District will be on 2nd Street in Naples. They will be allocated to each Council District so we will have to lobby continuously for one on the Peninsula. Speeding on Ocean Blvd. by City vehicles and School Buses was reported and action has been taken by City Administration to reduce/eliminate that problem

This will not reduce drag racing at the east end. This will require reporting to 911 and additional LBPD patrols.

72nd Place Gang Activity, Loitering and Littering

Three approaches were suggested by City/APPBG to mitigate these problems.

1. Parking may be restricted along the north side of Ocean along ABYC from 10PM to 6AM in order to reduce pedestrian traffic/litter at night. A review of license plates is underway to determine if cars parked in this area belong to Peninsula residents. The results will be available in November for review.
2. The City is installing surveillance cameras in trouble spots and the City Manager indicated the 72nd Place parking would qualify for one or more.
3. LBPD enforcement is our primary means of maintaining a safe, quiet neighborhood. Cmdr. Quach emphasized the need for residents to call 911 for any problems which the police can help with. If your peace is disturbed by loud radios, motorcycles, neighbors, etc. you should call 911 and file a complaint. This gives LBPD the authority to take action against the offending party.

Schedule

Councilman Colonna suggested a follow-up meeting in early January to review City action items noted above.

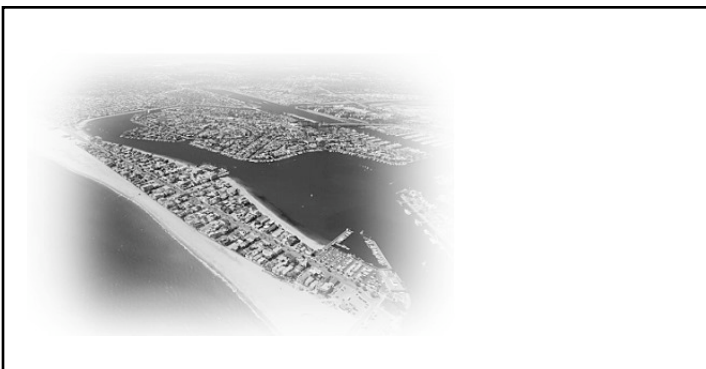
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**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING
SECOND STREET TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT STUDY**

The City of Long Beach Traffic Engineering Division is extending an open invitation to you and the entire community to join us at a meeting to review concept plans and help us develop a plan of action to calm traffic speeds and enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists on Second Street through Naples. The meeting will be:

Wednesday, November 16th
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Naples Elementary School Auditorium
5537 The Toledo

Correction

Peter and Jill Hogenson were omitted from the list of donors to the Summer Concerts. If there were any other errors or omissions in previous Pelican issues, please email eman77@charter.net

Alamitos Bay Beach Preservation Group (ABBPG)**2005 Activities and Accomplishments****Maintenance**

- Working with the City to continue sand re-nourishment of the Peninsula's beaches and to study beach erosion trends and solutions (ie sand groins).
- Ongoing interaction and communication with various City departments to ensure public safety, neighborhood cleanliness, as well as maintenance of our public areas and beaches.
- Monitoring building code enforcement by our Zoning Committee.
- Reducing redundant street signage throughout the Peninsula and improving signage locations to be more effective.
- Continuing to monitor and respond to local issues affecting our community including the proposed breakwater reconfiguration and invasive filming activities.

Public Safety

- Continued communication with the Long Beach Police Department to ensure public safety and security on the Peninsula.
- Worked with the City to improve lighting at 72nd Place to deter crime and loitering.
- Worked with the City to limit access to the jetty to one hour before sunrise to 10:00 pm.
- Worked with the City Traffic Department to reduce of the speed limit on Ocean Boulevard to 25 MPH.
- Issued a Traffic Survey to Ocean Boulevard residents to substantiate data to requests the City to find solutions to reduce speeding, loud noise, accidents and criminal activity.
- Continued support and sponsorship of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Beautification

- Completion of the Median Beautification Project
- Started investigating the benefits, costs, and financing options for under-grounding overhead utility lines.
- Enforcement of "no parking of oversized vehicles and unattached trailers" from 54th to 72nd Pl.
- Successfully opposed a proposal to put advertising on the beach and bay public trashcans.
- Committed to provide annual maintenance funds from our membership dues for the 18 (Christmas) Trees-on-the-Bay that are placed between 55th and 72nd Place.
- Committed to provide annual maintenance funds from our membership dues for the Median Maintenance Fund.

Neighborhood Activities

- Distribute surveys to residents and ABBPG members to obtain feedback about various issues affecting our neighborhood that require City support and/or resources.
- Coordination of seven Summer Concerts at the 72nd Place Park and a weenie roast.
- Publish *The Pelican*, the Peninsula's neighborhood newsletter every other month.
- Host two annual neighborhood meetings to review pertinent information affecting our community.
- Maintenance of the doggie clean-up bags at 55th, 62nd and 72nd Place.
- Sponsorship of the Peninsula-wide, neighborhood garage sale -- Super Sale Saturday -- to benefit the Median Beautification Project's future maintenance.
- Coordination and sponsorship of special events such as the historical photo night and tours of unique homes.
- Design and sales of the ever-popular Peninsula t-shirts.
- Maintenance of the Peninsula's very own website www.lbpeninsula.org
- Sponsorship and coordination of the "Santa-by-the Bay" evening for children and families.