

The Peninsula Pelican

The official letter of the Alamitos Bay Beach Preservation Group



"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"

Presidents Message:

Dear Peninsula Neighbors,

Summer is winding down, fall is fast approaching. Thanksgiving and Christmas are not far behind.

Your Board continues to work with many City Departments to ensure our neighborhood is maintained at its highest potential. Several committee reports are included in this issue.

Our wonderful summer concert series was an outstanding success under the capable leadership of Stevie Anderson. Two of the concerts were entirely sponsored by groups and individuals. Alamitos Bay Garden Club sponsored the July 8th concert featuring a new band, Big Box of Men. The last concert of the season featuring the Elm Street Band was in memory of Bill Broz - a former peninsula resident - and sponsored by his widow Mary Dona, Steve & Jennifer Scott and many of Bill's friends. In addition to a most successful concert season, we sold all of the t-shirts this

year.

Save the date - Thursday, October 18th for our semi-annual Neighborhood Meeting. Our Councilman, Gary DeLong will present updates on issues affecting us on the Peninsula. There will be plenty of time for questions. Please plan to join us for this community update.

Included in this issue of The Peninsula Pelican are nomination forms for those willing to run for the Board of Directors. Please participate in this opportunity to become active in your community.

Please contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions for improving our neighborhood.

Jeanne Muench
President

ABBPGSurvey@aol.com



The **Long Beach Marathon** will be held on October 14, 2007. It is estimated there will be 18,000 participants this year. The main marathon event starts at 7:30AM near Shoreline Village and participants have a maximum of 7 ½ hours to complete. Questions concerning street closures, event times and details are available at the web site www.runlongbeach.com, or at the Marathon office at (562) 427-4606 ext 1. Egress and Ingress for Peninsula residents, is as follows:

For Egress: Exit by proceeding west on Ocean Blvd. to 54th Street and up Bay Shore Ave. to 2nd St. Take 2nd Street east and proceed over the 2nd Street Bridge continuing to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). Take PCH north.

For Ingress: To re-enter the Peninsula proceed south on PCH to 2nd Street. Turn right (west) on 2nd Street to Bay Shore Ave and then left on to the Peninsula.

Upcoming Events:
**PENINSULA
COMMUNITY
MEETING**
**Thurs Oct 18 at ABYC
Mixer Starting 6:30PM
Meeting starts 7:30PM**
**Councilman Gary DeLong
Discussions about
The Breakwater,
Building Code Enforcement
And Security**
NOMINATION FORMS
For 2008 ABBPG Officers
Forms due by Oct 30

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Special Zoning Report from your ABBPG Board of Directors:

This article addresses two matters:

- 1) zoning and building code enforcement, and
- 2) Possible zoning code changes

Zoning and Building Code Enforcement:

By way of update, your ABBPG Board is sharing a summary of zoning and building code enforcement matters in which we have been involved during the past several months. As requested by residents' responses to the last two years' surveys, the ABBPG has consistently objected to requests for the city's permission to exceed height, setback and parking standards set by the municipal code. On your behalf, we have attended all city hearings to state these objections.

We have no enforcement power. We cannot prevent permits from being issued, interpret code or approve the aesthetics of any individual project. We can only try to convince city representatives to do their jobs and point out proposals which conflict with code. Several recent issues have included a remodel project which included new bay windows built over the sidewalk without a permit. A pizza oven appeared on a fourth floor roof deck without permit. We have queried the height of three new construction projects. One garage was converted to a rental unit, another to work rooms and a third to other non-parking uses. One house was converted to offices with 4 to 5 full-time employees. Another project included two unpermitted over-height structures within the 3 foot front yard setback.

On your behalf, we have urged the city to enforce current code, but frequently the zoning administrator/planning commission overrules our objections and grants the "variances", which might be more appropriately called "exceptions" to code. For example, in July 2007, the planning commission granted a "variance" at 7023-25 Seaside Walk to increase the roof encroachment over the public sidewalk. We objected at all public hearings, but the city granted the variance, allowing construction over public property.

The ABBPG does not search out potential code violations. We respond to concerns communicated to the Board. An inspection of the property follows. If it appears there could be a code problem, the appropriate city employee is called and an investigation requested. This pattern is followed by additional action, if heard at

city hall; the city has not always responded as we would have them. Beyond that it is a matter between the City and the property owner.

Possible Zoning Code Changes:

Most of you are aware the City Council is discussing changing current codes neighborhood by neighborhood. The hearing for the Peninsula will be held on October 9th in Council chambers. At time of press, we do not know when this item will appear on the agenda. ABBPG, representing your instructions of height, setback, and parking issues will request a study of the current codes. Subsequent to that request, we will be surveying residents for possible changes—if any—to the current codes. We will not be requesting a moratorium although other residents and neighborhoods may be. The final decision is up to the council. We are asking for a chance to survey for your input. What do you want?

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU. The following issues have been raised by various Peninsula residents. We pass them on to you. At this point the ABBPG Board neither supports nor rejects any of them.

- Do you want code changes?
- Are the existing codes OK with you?
- Do you want to see increased setbacks?
- Modifications of setbacks?
- Should larger lots have increased setbacks?
- Do you want height restrictions?
- Do you want design review? If so, by who?
- Many other issues are also applicable.

Please send us your comments to:

ABBPGSurvey@aol.com or to the ABBPG suggestion drop box located at Bay Wash Laundromat at 49-62nd Place.



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!

**ALAMITOS BAY BEACH PRESERVATION GROUP
2007 Peninsula Summer Concert Donor Thank You!!**



Our last summer concert was August 26th, and what a concert it was. Earlier that day Hurricane Dean gave everyone a little scare but by 5:30 one could not have asked for a more beautiful evening. God had to have been looking out for me that day.

This concert was a tribute to Bill Broz and sponsored by Steve and Jennifer Scott and friends of Bill Broz. The turnout was wonderful. The fabulous Elm St. Band had everyone from the youngest child to Great-grandparents dancing, not just till 7:30, but till 8:00pm. Even after the music stopped people were still enjoying their refreshments and dinners. It was Peninsula camaraderie at its best.

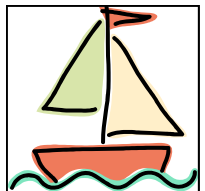
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Thank You all again Stevie Anderson
ABBPg Concert Chairman

Some Notes about Community Improvements & Maintenance:

Median maintenance letter has been sent to the Parks, Recreation and Marine Dept with issues concerning watering and lighting.
 Monitoring of Underground Utility Research and timing for the release of a \$\$ number for the Peninsula and Naples. Timing for this Fall is iffy.
 The new trash cans and their service seems to be running smoothly. Comments will be collected at Board Meeting.
 Verizon fiber optics is up and running on the Peninsula as you all know!



Linda McCullough.....ABBPg Director, Peninsula Maintenance & Improvements

Update on Parking on the Peninsula:

A word of caution.....

....the issue of parking across your own driveway has come up again. California Vehicle Code states it is illegal to park across your own or any other driveway. And, understandably, an official cannot instruct officers to ignore violations selectively. According to Commander Renaud of the East Division, the Vehicle Code does allow a permit provision for residents to park across their driveways. We are now working with the Council Office and the Police Department on putting this option in place. Until then—"please be forewarned."

Security

Ocean Boulevard Speeding

In recent surveys of all Peninsula residents and then of those that live along Ocean Blvd., a significant majority of those responding agree that speeding is a problem and safety concern. However, in the same surveys a majority is opposed to permanent solutions such as speed bumps or additional stop signs. In a recent meeting with Councilman DeLong and East Division Police Commander Renaud other potential solutions were discussed. Commander Renaud agreed to provide additional radar and officer speed enforcement (and running stop signs). Two other options which require resident input are: 1) installation of a permanent speeding monitoring sign, like the one on 2nd Street in Naples; and 2) marking Ocean Blvd. just east of 55th and just west of 62nd with "25 MPH" in each lane. The reason is that not every one notices the "25" sign post just east of 55th so this would be a more visible reminder to residents and visitors/vendors.

Please indicate your position on each of these proposals on the tear-off ballot at the bottom of this column and either mail it to ABBPG, PO Box 3535, Long Beach, 90803 or drop it in the ABBPG box at the Laundry on 62nd.

Message from the CERT Team

HELP US TO HELP YOU

What do Peninsula CERT members think about occasionally (especially when an earthquake occurs nearby)?

How can we deal with a residential fire without the Fire Department and no water pressure?

Do I know where all our infirm neighbors are on our Block?

Who can take care of the kids when the adults are working on the emergency?

Do I remember how to use my radio – and do I have fresh batteries?

Do I have my block map of where gas valve shut-offs are located?

Do I know where my gas valve shut-off tool is?

Who are the other CERT members nearby that can help?

What does ABC mean relative to first aid?

Why have I not attended CERT meetings and practiced my radio use on Tuesday nights?

CERT Leader.....Christie Peck (562) 434-7841

72nd Place Problems

During the same meeting with Councilman DeLong and Commander Renaud, we discussed the prevalence of disorderly and criminal activity in and around 71st Place and the 72nd parking lot. Two of the corrective actions agreed on are more frequent clearing of the parking lot and jetty after closing (LBDP and Marine Patrol) and enforcement of the restricted parking area on Ocean Blvd. between 70th and 72nd.

Home Security

LBDP requests that all residents report any unusual or suspicious activity to 911 or 435-6711. We Peninsula residents have to be active in ensuring our neighborhood and home security.

Peter Hogenson.....ABBPG Security Chairman

Tear Off Survey form regarding Peninsula Traffic Proposals:		
Do you approve of:	Yes	No
Permanent speed monitor sign eastbound on Ocean Blvd.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marking of - 25 MPH – on Ocean Blvd pavement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>