

The Peninsula Pelican

The official letter of the Alamitos Bay Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"

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President's Message –March 2009

Your Peninsula Beach Preservation Group has been working hard on one of the biggest problems on the peninsula..... PARKING.

For the folks who live on the east end of the peninsula, we have worked with Gary DeLong in developing a parking permit program for the lot on 72nd Place. Folks who live in that vicinity will have a new option of purchasing a parking permit from the city to park there overnight (cars must be moved in the morning when meters come into effect). There is an article elsewhere in this newsletter with more details.

Some of us remember the late night ticketing of cars parked the wrong way on our peninsula streets. Over the years, we have had letters of understanding from former police chiefs, but we have been unable to get Chief Batts to agree to this concept. He has what he feels are good reasons to follow the letter of the law, so we have proceeded down another path. Thanks to the support of Gary DeLong again, we are attempting to change the law. There is a bill before the State Assembly (AB 213) authored by Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal. The purpose of the law is to allow parking either way on narrow two-way streets like ours. In short, there would be no such thing as wrong way parking, no need to try to turn a big car around on our narrow streets. For details on this law, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov/ and click on "Bill Info" and type in AB 213 and search for the bill. You will find the complete text of the bill. We thank Assemblywoman Lowenthal for her support of our parking dilemma.

Our Spring Community Meeting is coming up on April 22. These neighborhood meetings are held at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club at the East end of Ocean Blvd. We'll have a report from Councilman DeLong on things of interest to Peninsula Residents as Safety Reports and updates on PBPG Projects.

Your PBPG Board of 12 volunteers give countless hours of service to this community. My goal this year is to encourage more of our residents to participate. Your Board welcomes any help and participation from the neighborhood. Contact the committee chairs or me, and I will put you in contact with the appropriate board member. Please look at all the Director's reports in the newsletter as well as their areas of responsibility – and become an active contributor.

Our 2009 membership drive is underway. At \$20 per year, membership is an incredible value. We work hard, but we need your support to do the many things that help make this neighborhood extra special. If you have not yet renewed your membership, you can send your membership fee to the address below.

Feel free to write or email to the address below with any questions, comments, concerns or compliment and visit our website, www.lbpeninsula.org, where you can also keep up on all Peninsula activities.!

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Upcoming Events:

**Current:
2009 Membership
Drive**

**22 April:
PBPG General Membership
Meeting**

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KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING !!!

Our Peninsula 2009 Summer Concert Series is quickly approaching. Because of your very generous donations there will be SEVEN concerts this year instead of the regular six.

The response from the survey which I sent out in our last year Pelican, showed me you wanted to try a couple of new bands. There were several bands suggested, but the two names that came up most were Cloud 9 and 9 Caret Gold. I will be adding them to our concert list this summer along with five returning bands from last year. Keep a list of the bands you like and don't like this year and let me know at the end of the summer. That will help

me for next years line up.

Our first concert will be June 7, and as in the past, the Long Beach Fire Department local 372 will be barbequing Hot Dogs and Bratwurst. This special concert will start at 4:30, with the barbeque, and the concert will run from 5:30 till 7:30. Our first band will be RamFunkshus. The survey said


you truly enjoyed them.

You have heard me say this several times, but if it was not for your wonderful support and donations, these concerts could not be possible. Thank you all very much and please keep supporting your Summer Concert Series.

Thank You
Stevie Anderson



Concert Schedule	
June 07	Fire Department BBQ and RamFunkshus
June 21	Cloud 9
July 05	Big Box of Men
July 19	The Emperors
August 02	9 Caret Gold
August 16	Flight 6875
August 30	Elm Street Band



City of Long Beach

GARY DELONG

COUNCILMEMBER, THIRD DISTRICT

Peninsula Beach Parking Lot Pilot Program – 72nd Place Lot

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine is pleased to announce that overnight parking permits are now available for purchase (via the intranet or by phone) for the 72nd Place beach parking lot.

You may purchase the passes at www.thepermitstore.com and enter Long Beach as your parking destination, or by calling (805) 624-6672. Please note that the weblink listed above can also be located on the City of Long Beach's website under the Parks, Recreation, and Marine webpage.

Overnight parking permits are valid between the hours of 6 PM until 8 AM at a cost of \$30 per month (plus a \$20 deposit for a gate key). This pilot program will run for four months starting April 1, 2009 until July 31, 2009.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the 3rd District Council Office at (562) 570-8756.

**Tribute to our Board Member
Jo Anne Carroll Arthur
Treasurer of PBPG**

JoAnne, after a very brief illness, died suddenly of cancer on January 31, 2009, at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. She is sincerely missed by the Board and her many Peninsula friends. The Board will find it hard to replace her financial expertise and her shared wisdom on so many issues that have faced the Peninsula and the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group Board.

JoAnne was always someone you could count on to volunteer when one was needed and to assist when she could. Her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the Board, its activities and to the Peninsula as a whole will long be remembered.

JoAnne and her husband Al moved to the Peninsula in 1976. She loved the Peninsula and was known to many because she walked it almost every day. She loved travel, collectibles, her friends, her faith, USC and she was a tireless community volunteer here, other places in the community and especially at Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

If anyone is interested in making a memorial contribution the family recommends the Nagourney Reasearch Fund at the Todd Cancer Institute of Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
UNDERGROUND UTILITY UPDATE:**

Two important developments of the first successful signature collection are as follows:

1. The Peninsula residents, as recently asked by the City, do NOT have to pay approximately 30% of the upfront Assessment Fees because SCE will use 20A Funds for this purpose, and thus will not be a City reimbursable expense for our project. However, the City simply does not have the necessary funds at this time to upfront all the Assessment costs before our Final Vote is cast.
2. City Engineer, Mark Christoffels has said that we do not need to rush into the final voting process because construction costs are not rising at this time.

MEDIAN WORK

A new landscape company (City Contract) has begun work on the Peninsula Medians and replacement palms and remaining replacement plants

Linda McCullough, Chairperson

**Community Emergency Response Team
(CERT)**

In the event of a major emergency such as an earthquake or terrorist attack in our area, Peninsula volunteer residents with CERT training will assist and help guide to those in need of help. Remember, outside help may not be available for days. Our current Block Captains are listed below and as you can see there are some blocks without BC's. Please join our CERT group by contacting one of the members listed.

- 55th, Balboa, Laguna – Jerry Borisy
- Dana, 56th – Peter Hogenson
- 57th – Jerry Fortreide; --58th – Christie Peck
- 61st - Larry/Antje Hunt, --62nd – Tom Allen
- 63rd – Glen MacLeod; --64th – Ron/Mary Jane Salk
- 65th – Merle Asper; --67th – Phil Osterlind

Christie Peck, CERT Director

christiepeck@mac.com, or
Peter Hogenson at 439-3361

THE PENINSULA IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

The winter months, as normal, are finding less activity “on the beach”. Other than storm/berm management, the paucity of tourists, and even our neighbors out and about, makes for quiet times. The new economy has impacted public spending so the fringe projects are slowing drastically, the Breakwater Study among them.

The Peninsula Improvement Committee will be meeting with the new director of Public Works, in charge of beach maintenance, in April. I will have updates in the next Pelican on the following key Peninsula issues, which are:

- the Breakwater Study
- Beach Erosion
- Replacement plans for the restroom facilities on the Peninsula, and
- Permit Parking at the East End.

Rick Brizendine -- Peninsula Improvement Committee Chairperson

SECURITY REPORT: Crime statistics are published by the LBPD on the Long Beach City home page and for the Peninsula for the latest reporting period (January 2009) no crimes were reported. Another source for obtaining crime statistics is CrimeReports.com and that source is reporting for the period 2/27- 3/13/09 the only crime was a theft at 72nd and Ocean Blvd.

There have been several reports of thefts reported in Naples recently and in the East Division of LB, theft of electronic devices from cars is increasing. LBPD advises not to leave cell phones, computers, etc. in view in your car when you leave it since a thief can steal it within seconds.

A current telephone scam is a call to update jury records and asking for your SSN. We don't have a formal Neighborhood Watch on the Peninsula but we can all help keep our crime rate low by observing our surroundings and reporting suspicious persons or activity.

Peter Hogenson, Security Chairman

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