

The Peninsula Pelican

The official letter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group



"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"

President's Message:

Dear Peninsula Neighbors

It is hard to believe it is already 2008. The past year has gone so quickly. I thank all of the Board Members for their contribution, dedication and hard work during the past year. I thank all of you who support PBPG through your annual membership.

A belated thanks to Sharon Kemmer for planning and organizing a wonderful Santa arrival last month. A big thanks for the refreshments donated by Union Bank. We all enjoyed the festive event. And last but not least, a special thank you to SANTA.

Congratulations to the Board Members re-elected and thanks to all of you who took the time to vote. I am looking forward to working with you, the Community and the City in the coming year. We have many fun, exciting and challenging things to look forward to – the concert season, new T-shirts, undergrounding utilities, neighborhood safety and security, parking, beach maintenance issues, neighborhood beautification issues, disaster preparedness and whatever else may

arise. It should be a busy and exciting year.

Our tasks are already beginning. In this issue you will find a survey. In order to represent you appropriately, we need to know your opinions. Please take the time to fill out this survey and return in the enclosed envelope or drop in the suggestion box at the laundry on 62nd. It is very important to us and to your neighbors we know what the community wants.

We are also beginning the membership drive this month. Please look for information elsewhere in this issue and in the mail. PBPG is your neighborhood organization and voice to the City of Long Beach – the more residents that we have as members, the stronger that voice becomes.

As always, please contact me with your ideas for improving the peninsula or concerns.

Jeanne Muench
President

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Upcoming Events:

Feb 15
Peninsula Survey (in this issue)
is due

Feb 4-CERT
On Radio Communication

Mar 03-CERT
On First Responder Basics

April TBD
General Peninsula Meeting
CERT Peninsula Action Drill

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The Ballot Box



December 15th was the deadline for PBPG ballots to be received in order to be counted for the 2008 board member election. A large number of ballots were received, either by mail or at the PBPG drop-box. The election committee, which is made up of 3 non-candidate board members and an outside former Board member observer, met on December 18 to count the ballots and certify the election. The results are that the following list of candidates were elected to the PBPG board for a two year term. The board

members elected were Stevie Anderson, Jo Anne Arthur, Rob Bellevue, Lynne Driscoll, Sharon Kemmer, Linda McCullough, and Jeanne Muench (in alphabetical order). We congratulate those who were elected but also we thank very much the other candidates who ran for the office including their willingness to serve on the board had they been elected.



Status: Peninsula and Naples Underground Utilities study:

Finally some preliminary estimates have been received from our consultant for review of both the Peninsula Underground Utility Committee and the Naples Improvement Association. The Toledo undergrounding project is going to go ahead by themselves as soon as they can get started with fewer than 34 homes. If the residents of both communities approve the estimates that will be circulated, a joint bond will be issued for a joint assessment district to underground the utilities in both communities. Joining together of these two communities will save on bond costs. The Toledo Project will be the first undergrounding of utilities in the City of Long Beach by private homeowners. Making our neighborhoods safer, better looking, and providing new an improved service to our community will be a big improvement to the Peninsula and to Naples, **IF APPROVED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS.**

Property owners will have the option to pay upfront saving assessment amortization costs or to pay over 15-20 years with property taxes.

Membership Drive for 2008

We now are beginning our 2008 membership drive, and we hope you will lend your support to the Peninsula's neighborhood organization. Enclosed with this addition is an invitation to join letter from our President, and a full report of our 2007 Activities and Accomplishments.

Also enclosed with this edition are two self addressed envelopes for your convenience. The larger envelope is for returning your Survey as noted in Page 3 of this Pelican. The smaller envelope is for membership and has a membership form contained on the flap of the envelope. Please complete the membership form, tear it off at the perforations, and enclose it with your check in the self addressed envelope.

Additionally you will note there is also enclosed a summer Concert donation form. If your would like to include a summer concert donation, please complete the Pink Concert Form and insert it also in the membership envelope. You may write one check to combine membership and concert donation, or if you wish a separate check may be included.

Your completed envelope may be returned either to the PBPG posting box at the laundry on 62nd Place, or by direct mailing by the post office.

Being EcoFriendly

Getting rid of that large old couch or piece of furniture? Wanting to get rid of that old paint, or hazardous waste? Easily done by calling the Long Beach Environmental Services at (562) 570-2876, or going to their website at www.longbeach-recycles.org. A wide range of options are available from pick up or drop off are available through this service.



Peninsula Rock Graffiti

The Board extends a public and heartfelt thank you to Bill McCullough for taking the time and having the expertise to remove the graffiti from the base of "The Rock" – the peninsula sign at the entrance to the peninsula. Thank you, thank you, Bill



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!

The Peninsula Pelican... Peninsula Survey & Volunteer Deliverers

Wanted: ALAMITOS BAY Peninsula Pelican Volunteer Deliverers



As stated in our last issue, all the readers of the Peninsula Pelican are very appreciative of residents who donate their time and efforts to distribute each issue of the Peninsula Pelican. Some of our deliverers have been doing this for many years. But some have served their time, and would like to pass on their duty to some other residents. And so we are looking for some new recruits to serve as new volunteer deliverers. It is a great way to serve your Peninsula and your community. And it is very simple. Once, every other month, a packet of newsletters is deposited to your house and you simply distribute those to a block area adjacent to, or around your house. It doesn't take much time and it is a great service. If you would like to serve please contact Phil Osterlind at (562) 438-2019, or by sending an email to peninsulainfo@verizon.net.

Peninsula SURVEY

Enclosed in your PELICAN, you will find a simple two page survey requesting your opinions on Speeding on the Peninsula, Parking, Building Codes, Security and the Breakwater. We are also asking for any opinions, comments, or suggestions you may have.

It is very important to the Board and to your community that we all take the short amount of time necessary to complete the survey and return it no later than February 15th. For your convenience a pre-addressed envelope for your completed survey has been included in this Pelican which may be dropped off at the drop box located in front of the laundry on 62nd Place or if you prefer by the US mail.

In order to represent you accurately, we need your input. It is essential to us and to your neighbors. Please complete the survey today.



Security on the Peninsula

The scam currently reported in Long Beach and on the Peninsula is house-to-house magazine subscription salesmen. These are usually young men. An organization in LA drops them off in various parts of Long Beach, as well as other cities, with fake business licenses. Some of the salesmen are friendly and some are not and all can become aggressive if they aren't meeting their quota of sales. Once you open your door to them, there is nothing between them and the inside of your house except you. LYPD has warned residents not to open their door to unknown persons since there have been incidents of assault and robbery.

Peter Hogenson, PBPG Security Director



The Peninsula CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

February and March meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 7:30Pm at the U.S. Sailing Center (55th

Place). February will be radio and other communication methods in an emergency and March will be first responder techniques. Both will include hands-on use of equipment. An active Drill incorporating what we have learned in the first three months is scheduled for April.

Christie Peck, PBPG CERT Chair
Peter Hogenson, Peninsula CERT

Alamitos Bay and Marine Notes:

The refurbishment of the seawall at 61st Place and Bayshore Walk is scheduled for completion by the end of 2008.

Installation of the new sand bag groins planned for the ocean beach from 62nd to 66th has been deferred until the Corps of Engineers completes their study of Peninsula beach erosion mitigation options. The Corps is currently finalizing the financial analysis section of the study.