

The Peninsula Pelican

The official newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"



Dear Peninsula Neighbors,

I can't quite believe that summer is coming to an end. It has gone by so quickly.

I want to thank Stevie Anderson for the wonderful concerts. Stevie works very hard each year to listen to and pick the bands. She makes all the necessary legal arrangements with the City. She also works with ABYC to set up the park for our enjoyment. Additionally, she coordinated the annual Weiner Roast. Thank you Stevie for a phenomenal season!!!!

Thanks also are due the ABYC for storing the stage and setting it up and taking it down at each concert.

The T-shirts sold out completely. Thanks to Sharon Kemmer for spearheading that effort and to Peter and Jill Hogenson who year after year sell them at the concerts.

We held our semi-annual neighborhood meeting this month. The subject was finding solutions for our parking problems. Gary DeLong, our Councilmember and his staff were instrumental in setting up this meeting. Attending from the City were City Manager Pat West; City Attorney, Robert Shannon; Chief of Police Anthony Batts; Traffic Engineer Dave Roseman. I was so pleased to see so many of you at the meeting – we had over 100 in attendance.

As a brief history, your board has spent countless hours on this issueespecially the mass ticketing late at nights/early mornings. Unfortunately, this is not going to be resolved overnight. We all know that our many "understandings" in our parking impacted area have not worked.

What was accomplished is that Councilmember DeLong's office will assist with whatever our organization requests. As a short term solution Chief Batts will meet with members of our community and his staff to discuss using discretion when issuing tickets or issuing warnings instead of citations.. Additionally, this board will be pressing for a written policy regarding ticketing for wrong-way parking and across driveway parking similar to the memo we have from 1987 that states the City will ticket "driveway blockers only at the request of a citizen complaint" and all illegal parking on street sweeping days. The Chief of Police also indicated he would look into the possibility of issuing warnings instead of citations.

Long term we discussed pursuing a legislative solution for our unique streets. Other solutions suggested will be to pursue the matter of issuing parking permits to residents which of course will require permission from the Coastal Commission. Your board will discuss these issues at the next meeting and take a position.

If you have any other suggestions or concerns, please contact us.

Jeanne Muench
President, PBPG

PBPGContact@aol.com or drop a note in the suggestion box at the Laundromat on 62nd Place.



Annual PBPG Board of Directors Election **Call for Nominations—Form Enclosed**

Peninsula Beach Preservation Group is soliciting nominations for members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors from January 2009 through December 2010 (a 2 year term). If you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow resident please complete the form enclosed with this newsletter, and deliver as listed in the form.

Upcoming Events:

Garden Club Fiesta

October 11th: 5:30-10PM
ABYC

CERT HAM Radio Drill

October 20th 7:30PM
Sailing Center

PBPG Nominations Due

October 30th
(Form Enclosed)

CERT Great California **Shakeout**

November 13th 10:30AM

PBPG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2008)

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Don't Siesta and Miss the Fiesta!!!



Mark your calendars now! The annual Garden Club Peninsula Street Party Fundraiser is set for **Saturday, October 11, 2008, 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.** Grab your sombrero and head down to the **Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.** Join us for:

- A fiesta feast
- A no host full bar
- Dancing to live music
- A silent charity auction
- A chance to party with Peninsula amigos!

Admission is \$10 for adults, children under 8 are free. So find the closest Alamitos Bay Garden Club member and purchase your tickets! Tickets will also be available at the door. (Credit cards are welcomed for the silent auction). All proceeds benefit local Long Beach charities.



An Organic Opportunity!

Naples Elementary is partnering with **Tanaka Farms of Irvine** to bring farm fresh organic produce to the school this fall from September 23-December 16. The cost is \$25 per week for which you will receive a crate-sized box full of fresh fruits and vegetables. The Naples PTA will get \$5 per box and your family will get a great base of fresh produce. This is a fantastic fundraiser that benefits your family and the school. To join the program, you just need to pay for the number of weeks you want to take delivery and fill out a simple form. The produce is delivered at 2pm on Tuesdays at Naples Elementary in the cafeteria. Please contact **Becki Snellen at 433.5952 or email at rsnellen@verizon.net** for additional information.



A Refresher for our Pets

We love our dogs, but on occasion we must refresh our memories relative to beach regulations which apply to our friendly critters. Please remember that dogs are not allowed on any Long Beach beaches including the peninsula beaches (except as noted below) at any time, and the fine can be up to \$300 (Ordinance 6.16.090). Further there are also strict regulations in regard to the defecations, and removal thereof, of our critter friends (Ordinance 6.16.200). The only exception in the entire City of Long Beach is the Dogs Beach located at the halfway point between Argonne and St. Joseph Avenues (the eastern boundary) and the halfway point between Roycroft and Quincy Avenues (the western boundary) (Ordinance 6.16.310). Many residents object to dogs on the beach, so please be considerate of their feelings.



Peninsula Residents, Friends of the Peninsula, Assorted Artists:

This is a clarion call for creativity and thinking outside what has already--been-done. The 2008 shirts were sold out, reordered, and sold out again.

How truly neighborly to all have the same shirts once more!

The search is now on for new artwork for 2009 -- poems, photos, graphics, paintings, prints? Do you have a vintage photo that perfectly remembers Peninsula life as it was? Did you capture a perfect sunset or moon rise on the ocean or bay? Did your friend photograph you and your boat sailing past the jetty? We have used grey and white a lot in the past; we could use navy blue or indigo or black (or red) or any color. Think! Imagine!

It is time to create another collectors' item just for us. Please submit your ideas and/or artwork to **Sharon Kemmer** c/o PBPG P.O. Box 3535, Long Beach, 90803 (or catch me around 6009 E. Seaside Walk #1). The cut-off date will be Dec. 1.



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!

Security Notes: Crime statistics for the Peninsula

The statistics provided on the LBPB website are somewhat generic and a few months late. For example, the most recent month is June and the only crime reported is one auto theft. But by word of mouth from neighbors, we have heard the following in the last month: a rape or attempted rape at 67th and Seaside Walk; an unidentified woman near death found at Seaside Walk (now on life support in a local hospital and identified as a Garden Grove resident); a stolen Jeep at 64th and Ocean; and a home burglary at Bayshore Walk near Balboa. To make our residents more security conscious we are asking those who have such information to please report it to the PBPG e-mail address (PBPGContact@aol.com) and we will post it on the www.lbpeninsula.org website and in the following edition of the Pelican.

LBPB reports that thieves will follow a UPS truck and if there is no answer at the delivery site and the parcel is left outside, they will take it after the UPS driver has gone.

We have provided the City traffic engineer and public works with a list of additional signage and lighting we would like installed in and around the 72nd Place parking lot with the goal of controlling noise, disturbance and crime in that location.

Finally, since speeding on Ocean is a continuing problem and mostly by residents, please note, as it gets dark earlier and winter rain is not too far away, that under ideal conditions it takes about 210 feet to stop your car at 35MPH. And please drive in the center lane in order to avoid pedestrians, bicyclists and cars entering Ocean from alleys and side streets.

Peter Hogenson.....PBPG Security Director



THE BIG ONE is coming and, according to the earthquake experts at Cal Tech, there will be movement along the San Andreas Fault from the Salton Sea all the way to Palmdale resulting in a devastating 7.8 earthquake

reaching as far as Long Beach. Damage to infrastructure will cause loss of road access in and out of southern California, water including water to fight fires, power, gas (natural and for our cars) and emergency resources (hospitals and fire/police) due to destruction or lack of mobility. A video presentation of this scenario was given by Dr. Ed Shackeroff (Peninsula CERT liaison with Cal Tech Earthquake Center) at our recent CERT meeting. We came away with the following lessons:

If you are away from home when it happens, it may take a long time to get home – be sure to have enough emergency supplies in your car, office, etc. and be prepared to walk home.

Cell phone communication will be limited initially and lost within an hour. Your emergency supplies at home of food, water, medicine, pet food, etc. should be for much longer than 3 days.

Peninsula CERT members are prepared to assist Peninsula residents in coping with the after effects of an earthquake through first aid, search and rescue, radio communications, etc., however, since many of us could be elsewhere and not be able to return, we really need more trained and capable members.

The regional “**GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT**” drill will be held on November 13th at 10:30 AM and will involve participation community groups, emergency personnel, schools, city, county and state governments and others. We plan to have another meeting in October to plan our Peninsula CERT participation in the drill and hope to coordinate it with our neighbors in Naples and Belmont Shore.

Please contact the following to join your CERT group.

Christie Peck - PBPG CERT Director

Peter Hogenson, Peninsula CERT 562-439-3361

Infrastructure Reinvestment Act:

Mayor Frank Foster made an excellent presentation to community representatives at the recent monthly meeting of Councilman Gary DeLong's at the Long Beach Yacht Club. A serious discussion was held concerning the huge amount of deferred maintenance in the City of Long Beach. The deferred maintenance involves everything from water treatment, street repairs, building

rehab of safety, health, recreation and library facilities. No bonds for infrastructure repair have been issued since the 1960's.

If bonds for infrastructure are issued, \$120 dollars per year would be added to each residential unit in the City if passed. The majority of all group representatives present were in favor of this deductible expense.

3rd District Council Office Update:

The Budget: On Tuesday, September 16th, the Long Beach City Council passed the 2009 fiscal year (10/1/2008 to 9/30/2009) budget. While most of the media reporting has focused on balancing the General Fund budget, there are various other “restricted” funds. One of these funds is known as the Tidelands Fund.

Due to increased oil revenues and Port of Long Beach revenues, the Tidelands fund will have increased funds this year. The Tidelands fund is restricted to the Coastal zone and has limitations on how the funds can be used. For example, the funds can not be used for basic infrastructure repairs such as streets and sidewalks.

While much of the Tidelands fund is used for beach operations, this year we made environmental goals a priority. Working with City Manager Pat West and Director of Parks, Rec and Marine Phil Hester, we developed a plan to clean every single storm drain that leads to our beaches. Specifically, funding was allocated for 151 storm drains that feed into 5 outfalls between 9th Place and the Belmont Pier

Each storm drain will have a debris collector installed as well as a sponge that will remove polluting bacteria before the water leaves the storm drain.

Other projects include cleaning up storm drains that feed into the Los Cerritos Channel, restoring the bluff along Bluff Park, designing a new Leeway Sailing Center, creating a “conceptual design” for a new Belmont Pool facility and continuing with Belmont Pier improvements.

Parking on the Peninsula: As many of you know, I requested City Manager Pat West, City Attorney Bob Shannon and Police Chief Tony Batts to meet with Peninsula residents on September 10th at the ABYC to discuss the parking situation.

It is my goal to have either City Attorney Bob Shannon or Police Chief Tony Batts provide a written policy regarding parking enforcement on the Peninsula to my office that I will forward on to Peninsula residents.

3rd District Councilmember....Gary DeLong

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