

The Peninsula Pelican

The Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group
"Serving the Peninsula Community since 1966"



MEMBERSHIP EDITION

MEMBERSHIP AND CONCERT DONATION FORMS ENCLOSED

President's Message

Hello Peninsula residents. As another year begins I am honored that I have been elected to continue to serve you as President in the coming year. All of the other Board members have also assumed their various committee assignments and are continuing their efforts into the coming year. I thank them each very much for their past and future service. I'd also like to thank all Peninsula residents who participated in our November general meeting to help insure a better experience for all on July 4, 2012.

The PBPG Board will continue to encourage the City for better median management, beach, trash, and other beautification efforts. We will also support CERT efforts for emergency response, and we will follow up currently funded programs including the Leeway Sailing Clubhouse rebuild and modernizations of the 62nd Place restroom. On the lighter side we look for a good summer season of 6 concerts, new Peninsula t-shirts and sweatshirts, Santa on the Bay, and Christmas Bay lights.

PBPG works closely with the City to ensure that our beaches, streets, and sidewalks are properly maintained. Watch this column for updates on our ongoing efforts for stabilization and nourishment of the ocean beach as we work towards a more permanent solution to this formidable problem. We also have on-going communications with the Police Department to make them aware of safety and security issues that are of concern to all our residents.

We have started our 2012 membership drive and we hope you will lend your support to the Peninsula's neighborhood organization. PBPG is your voice to the City of Long

Beach -- the more Peninsula residents that we have as members, the stronger that voice becomes. Working together, we can make considerable progress in preserving and improving the Peninsula as a wonderful and unique place to live.

All Peninsula residents are welcome and encouraged to join and participate in PBPG for only \$25 per person per year. Your tax-deductible membership dues support our extremely popular Summer Concerts; monitoring the upkeep of our newly landscaped median; publication of our bi-monthly newsletter; hosting of our website www.lbpeninsula.org; training of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); sponsoring Santa at 62nd Place and the Peninsula's eighteen Christmas Trees-in-the-Bay.

For your information, all of our officers are Peninsula residents elected by the members and receive no compensation. 100% of your membership dues support our Peninsula. I am confident that we, the Peninsula's residents, collectively speaking with one voice through PBPG, can have an impact with the City and other governmental entities far beyond that of an individual.

I encourage you to join your friends and neighbors in supporting our organization. With your support -- both joining and volunteering -- to work with a cooperative spirit, we can achieve a common goal -- PRESERVE AND IMPROVE OUR PENINSULA. Your membership and involvement do make a difference! Please join us today by completing our membership envelope and sending it in! Thank you.

Phil Osterlind
PBPG President

Save These Dates!

**General Meeting at
ABYC - April 18th**

**General Meeting at
ABYC - November 18th**

**Santa On The Bay
December 5th**

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2011 Activities and Accomplishments

Beautification

- Working with Long Beach City Park departments to maintain a **high standard for the Ocean Blvd. median**, as well as **maintenance of our public areas and beaches**.
- Working jointly with Long Beach to provide **Trees on the Bay**.

Peninsula Beach

- Worked with the City to **continue and improve sand re-nourishment of the Peninsula**, especially after the high tides of mid 2011. Worked with the City to provide a **more effective beach nourishment by use of "Scrapers"**.
- Met with District 3 City Councilperson to **ensure funding, specifically Tidelands funding**, to support the continuing Peninsula Beach efforts for 1) nourishment for a beautiful city beach, and 2) protect home owner's property against beach erosion.
- More recently PBPG is **working with City Parks, Recreation and Marine Department and the MAC to investigate two different "permanent" systems of Beach restoration**. One preference is **Rock Groins** as used in Newport Beach. The other is the **Coastal Protection and Nourishment System (CPNS)** which has had some success retaining and restoring beaches in the Mediterranean areas.
- **Monitor building code enforcement** through our Zoning Committee.
- Continue to **monitor and respond to local issues** affecting our community including the proposed **breakwater reconfiguration**.

Public Safety

- Continue communication through **Security Committees** with the Long Beach Police Department to enhance public safety and security on the Peninsula.
Provide a **forum for all residents to meet with the Chief of Police**, and other Officers, to provide for more safe and effective July 4th activities.
- Met with the **City Traffic Engineer** to review traffic control suggestions of Peninsula Residents. Provided improved traffic signage.
- Continue support and sponsorship of the **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** including training for our local community for first aid and emergency preparedness.

Neighborhood Activities

- **Survey Peninsula** residents to obtain feedback about Peninsula concerns.
- Coordinate **Summer Concerts** at the 72nd Place Park and a weenie roast.
- Publication of ***The Pelican***, the Peninsula's bi-monthly neighborhood newsletter.
- Host two annual neighborhood meetings to review pertinent information affecting our community.
- Coordinate and sponsor special events, such as **Santa Claus on 62nd Place**.
- Design and sales of the ever-popular **Peninsula t-shirts and "hoodies" sweatshirts**.
- Maintenance of the Peninsula's very own website www.lbpeninsula.org.

PBPG STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2012

Director of:	Current Activities	Board Member
Beach Maintenance and Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Principle representative on the joint PBPG/City of Long Beach Peninsula Improvement Committee (PIC) ➔ Supervises Beach re-nourishment and studies ➔ Working with the City and Pres Smith to investigate the feasibility of implementing the CPNS (Coastal Protection and Nourishment System) to stabilize the Peninsula (East) Beach ➔ Prepares Peninsula input into the LB Breakwater studies 	Rick Brizendine
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Fiduciary control and overview to ensure that PBPG tax exempt funds are properly managed 	Jeanne Muench
Peninsula Maintenance and Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Coordinates with the City of Long Beach Median maintenance ➔ Working with the City for upgrading of Peninsula Parks ➔ Coordinates trash cans on Bay Shore, Street and Sidewalk sweeping, Storm drains, and Street signage ➔ Coordinates SandStake program 	Linda McCullough
Concerts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Arranges for all Peninsula Concerts and Weenie Roasts 	Stevie Anderson
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Spearheads the PBPG Membership Drive 	Lynne Driscoll
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Responsible for reviewing zoning issues and coordinating same with the City of Long Beach 	Rob Bellevue
CERT and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Spearheads the Peninsula CERT effort ➔ Coordinates with City Officials and Police crime prevention efforts and July 04 melee management. ➔ Works with the City of Long Beach Police traffic control measures currently underway to reduce Peninsula speeding ➔ Member of the City of Long Beach Marine Advisory Committee 	Peter Hogenson
Community Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Peninsula T-shirts and Sweat Shirts -- always a favorite seller ➔ Santa on the 62nd Place Marina coming Dec 7,2011 ➔ Coordinates with City Trees on the Bay 	Susan Phillips
Peninsula Pelican Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Keeps us all informed about Peninsula News 	Christie Peck
LBPeninsula.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Manages the Long Beach Peninsula Website ➔ Supervises Peninsula Surveys ➔ Assist with PBPG Membership Drive 	Tony Gentile
Secretary/ Historian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Keeps track of all meetings and records historical information 	Sharon Kemmer
President ex-Officio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Will act as Member at Large using Rick's experience gained to guide the PBPG Board on various activities and issues 	Rick Turrentine

C.E.R.T Plans for 2012

Our Tuesday night CERT net radio call-in provides a means for members to practice operating their radios but we need a little more training and discipline on radio use in a real emergency. Examples are what to do when there are multiple simultaneous inputs to net control and how to change frequencies if required.

I would like to start periodic CERT meetings at the Sailing Center (55th Place) to provide training in radio use along with refresher reviews of the basic CERT operations such as: 1) what first steps do we follow when a disaster occurs; 2) how do we assess our assigned blocks; 3) how do we report our block condition; 4) where and when do we report to staging; 5) how to perform basic first aid, first responder activity, fire suppression and assignment of duties to

neighbors. These are all things some of us have practiced in the past but we have new members and many old members who have not.

We can cover all the above in monthly or bi-monthly (every two months) meetings and drills and we have Peninsula CERT members who are willing to provide instruction but we need members, new and old, who are willing to participate. We'll start with a mid-February meeting with the goal of learning how to operate an FRS radio and how to use it in an emergency.

If this is successful, we'll follow with additional training meetings and drills during which we use our skills to handle different disaster scenarios.

Peter Hogenson

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