

THE PENINSULA PELICAN

The official newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group
Serving the Peninsula community since 1966



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President's Message

Happy New Year, Neighbors!

As the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group's newly installed President I want to assure you all that the past two years' governance of your neighborhood organization was top notch and let you know that I will strive to meet that same standard during my tenure.

I also want to thank each of the members of the Board of Directors of the PBPG and each of the committee chairs for taking on their particular jobs with experience and enthusiasm. Everyone on the Peninsula needs to give a thank you when you pass these folks on your walks as these tasks are done from their hearts, without pay and often while advancing some of their own funds.

We are continually met with challenges here in the best neighborhood of Long Beach. Paradise comes with a cost. The continuing battle against the tide and the waves is uppermost on my agenda as the past Chair of the Peninsula Improvement Committee and because of your charge to us to protect your homes. Phil Osterlind, past President of PBPG and current Chair of PIC, is an engineer who is ready to work with

the City to find a permanent solution to this problem.

Recently crime has become an increased problem for all of us. Though there is always some to deal with, be it the economy, the early release from prison program or just the deteriorating state of human nature, the incidence of break-ins has increased dramatically on the Peninsula. The best defense to this is to always be vigilant, locking your doors, being aware of your environment and calling the police when you are convinced something is wrong. As always Peter Hogenson, Chair of CERT, is working diligently to be sure the police are connected with our neighborhood.

I could go on and on about our wonderful group of volunteers but will spare you the details. I do encourage every one of you to join the PBPG, respond to the survey soon to come your way and provide us with your e-mail address. Through these three devices your voice will be heard, and only in that fashion will we know what you want from us. We are your voice to the City and we seek your guidance.

TO A GREAT 2013 FOR ALL!

Rick Brizendine
President

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, April 30

Peninsula Neighborhood
Meeting at ABYC

6:30 Mixer

7:00 Meeting

PBPG Board 2013

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Did you know there were THREE BURGLARIES on the Peninsula last month?

Stay informed! Subscribe to **PBPG EMAIL ALERTS** so we can notify you about important happenings and events on the Peninsula.

It's easy! Just send an email with "**PBPG ALERTS**" in the subject line to **MerleAsper@gmail.com** and we'll make sure you are on the list.

And be sure to "LIKE" our new Facebook page, too!

www.Facebook.com/LBPeninsula



Security Blotter

There have been several actual or attempted burglaries on the Peninsula in January along the 64th/65th Places and in the 6600 block of Seaside Walk. Entry for some was through unlocked doors and in one case, through a dog door. The juvenile burglars at 6600 Seaside Walk were caught near 60th and Bay Shore by quick response from LBPd after being called on 911 by the home owner. This follows a series of auto burglaries that occurred last Fall and again they were all from unlocked car doors. The 64th/65th burglaries occurred at night while 6600 Seaside Walk was in mid-afternoon.

Although we have a relatively low crime rate on the Peninsula, we need to follow a few simple rules to keep the bad guys away from our homes and cars.



Keep the following in mind:

1. There is a general increase in minor crimes in part due to the early release program for non-violent criminals by the State to reduce State Prison costs.
2. Knocking on doors and then burglarizing those with no answer is a typical MO for this crime.
3. All actual or suspected crimes or suspicious persons should be reported to LBPd/911. We will get more patrols if we have more legitimate crime reports.
4. Perimeter lighting, which stays on all night, is a great deterrent and costs very little - or at least have motion sensor lighting.
5. Keep home and auto doors locked at all times.

Peter Hogenson
CERT/Security Director

2013 Membership Drive

Our 2013 Membership Drive is beginning, and we ask that you support our Peninsula neighborhood organization. Enclosed with this addition is a letter from our President and a full report of our 2012 activities and accomplishments. Please complete the membership form, tear it off at the perforations, and enclose it with your check in the self addressed envelope. Your completed envelope may be returned by mail or to the PBPG drop box at the 62nd Place Laundromat. Remember to print clearly and include your email. Your email will allow us to notify you of any emergencies or import information relating to the Peninsula. Email addresses will not be given out to anyone else. Please remember your support is needed to help preserve the special quality of life we are fortunate to have on the Peninsula.

Lynne Driscoll
Membership

Newsletter and Facebook

Happy New Year, Everyone! My name is Michelle Lecours and I am new and so excited to be on the PBPG Board. I love the Peninsula and Long Beach and can't wait to contribute in a meaningful way to our neighborhood. I have taken the reins on the newsletter, so I hope you like the latest "look" of our publication. We also launched the new and official PBPG Facebook page. Don't forget to like us at our new neighborhood page [Facebook.com/LBPeninsula](https://www.facebook.com/LBPeninsula).

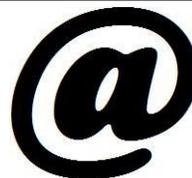
I grew up in Naples and after graduating from UCSB, I happily landed on the Peninsula 15 years ago. I am a former Long Beach educator and currently work in restaurants. In addition, I develop video shows on local food for my YouTube channel. Looking forward to meeting you all!

Michelle Lecours
Newsletter and Facebook

LBPeninsula.org and PBPG Email Alerts

Hi Everybody! A lot of you know me. I am new to the board, but my wife Kelly was President and active for a number of years. I have lived on 65th place for 15 years. I have been highly active at ABYC (Commodore) and LBYC (Event Chairman for large events including Congressional Cup and Long Beach Race Week). I have also been involved with various programs on the Peninsula, including CERT and others.

Now I am in charge of the web page and PBPG Email Alerts for the Peninsula. We are in the process of updating the web page. Please visit our neighborhood page at www.LBPeninsula.org and feel free to email me at



MerleAsper@gmail.com with any suggestions. Also, if you are not on our **PBPG Email Alerts** list, please email me so we can get you on our list immediately. We

will update you on important happenings and events on the Peninsula as well as any emergencies that may arise. We will never sell or give away your email address to any other organization for any reason. Your privacy is very important! Again, if you have any suggestions or any comments, please email me at the above address. I look forward to working with you to make and keep our beloved Peninsula the paradise that it is. We are very fortunate to live here.

Merle Asper
Website and Email Alerts

Keep the Music Playing

*Happy New Year
And a Healthy 2013*

It is that time of year where I am beginning to organize the Summer Concerts for 2013.

Because of unforeseen circumstances at the end of the 2012 Summer Concert Series, I was unable to send out a newsletter to thank everyone who donated and worked with me during the series. Thank you all for your bucket and mail-in donations. Thanks to all that helped with the little details that go unseen but make the concerts work. The PBPG Board and I appreciate your support. Without your donations and support we would not be able to have SIX concerts this year.

Several people have contacted me with suggestions for new bands. I will be adding at least one new band and maybe two for the 2013 season.

The dates for our 2013 Summer Concerts are the following Sundays:

- ♪ June 23, 30
- ♪ July 24, 28
- ♪ August 11, 18

More information will follow in the next Pelican newsletter. Thank you once again for your support.

Stevie Anderson
Concerts

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Peninsula Improvement Committee (PIC)

PIC is one of the more important subcommittees on the Peninsula. PIC is where the PBPG Board meets Long Beach city officials and reviews the requirements and status of maintenance and initiatives which affect the Peninsula. Some examples include: beach nourishment and maintenance, both on the ocean-side and bay-side; review of median gardening and maintenance; construction improvements, such as the new restroom at the end of the Penin-

sula; handling of trash; and preparations for 4th July. These are just a sample of our agendas, and we meet quarterly. With the reorganization of the City of Long Beach, some of our City PIC reps have retired or have been laid-off and we are in the process of working with the City to appoint the new PIC committee for the betterment of the Peninsula. Stay tuned, we will keep you posted on future developments.

Phil Osterlind & Tony Gentile
PIC Chair and Co-Chair



Have you LIKED us on Facebook yet?

Go to our new Peninsula FB page:

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Do you have great photos you've taken on the Peninsula? Post them on our page!

Peninsula CERT: Community Emergency Response Team

The Peninsula CERT is in the process of adding a Neighborhood Watch function to its responsibilities. Since the structure of Peninsula CERT includes Block Captains much as Neighborhood Watch does, it is logical for us to take on that job. With the increase in auto and residential burglaries on the Peninsula (see Security article), we all need to be more alert to suspicious persons and activities on our blocks. We are working on the reporting system and trying to make sure that we have a Block Captain and a back-up for every block. Hopefully we'll have a system in place to report on in the next Pelican issue and will also add that information to the CERT section of the Pen-

insula website (LBPeninsula.org). We will continue with our primary function of being prepared to react to emergencies that affect the Peninsula with the most likely a severe earthquake but which could also include a tsunami and terrorist attack (think large bomb in the port). We are coordinating our efforts with the larger Long Beach City CERT but our planning is based on the isolation of the Peninsula for at least a week following a disaster.

We can always use more members so please contact Peter Hogenson (562-439-3361) or any PBPG Board member (no experience required, we will provide training).

Peter Hogenson
CERT/Security Director



Trash, Medians and Memorial Placement

Trash

You may have noticed that all the trash barrels on the Bayside of the Peninsula have been moved to the sidewalk. PBPG has asked that they all have lids. Only some of them have lids because they are no longer made for those barrels. Maybe another solution to this problem will be found.

Medians

The median is being taken care of as usual by the contractor for our section and they do a pretty good job, but there are some real issues

that need to be addressed concerning palm feeding, plant replacement, continual weeding, and proper irrigation. I am trying to get the current supervisor to address these issues.

Memorial Placement

Recently the Parks Department gave permission for some friends of a deceased person for a memorial tree to be placed in the park at the end of the Peninsula. It has been the Policy of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group to not allow memorial plaques and placement of

other memorial objects on the Peninsula. The Board turned down the request for the placement of a memorial tree in the 72nd Park where we have our concerts. We did tell the Parks Department that any tree that was dead or dying in the median could be replaced with another palm with no plaque.

There are about five other residential areas in Long Beach that have a policy of no memorial placement in their neighborhoods. Most of them are by the water in Long Beach.

Linda McCullough
Vice President



Thank you to all Peninsula Beach Preservation Group members
Not a PBPG member yet? It's not too late.

Be a part of our organization to strengthen our Peninsula neighborhood. Membership is only \$25 per person or \$50 per family. Mail us your name, address, phone number and email address with a check (made out to PBPG) to: Peninsula Beach Preservation Group, PO Box 3535, Long Beach, California 90803. Or place your envelope in our drop box at the 62nd Place Laundromat.

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