

The Peninsula Pelican



President's Message

Dear Peninsula Neighbors,

I hope you survived the rain! Surprisingly, we did not sustain any major damage to the Peninsula. A big thanks to the beach berms and storm drains working. We will continue to work with the city on these issues.

As we look ahead to spring, we can be very proud of our newly landscaped median. The flowers will be beautiful when they bloom! There are still a few finishing touches to be completed including the lights and sign at the entrance, but we hope to have all of that done in a month or so.

We are always busy working to improve and maintain the safety of our neighborhood. The City has agreed to install additional lighting in the 72nd Place parking lots and start to enforce the parking hours. We hope that these actions will reduce the loitering that occurs in that area.

You have probably noticed the reminder sign that states "dues are due". We encourage you all to join ABBPG and support our efforts in maintaining the Peninsula's quality of life. By joining, your dues will help to cover the cost of our newsletter and neighborhood activities. One third (\$5.00) goes to the maintenance of our Christmas trees in the bay. The trees add a distinct pleasure to our lives and this is obvious to anyone that views them. You are welcomed and encouraged to volunteer on one of our committees – there's plenty of work to go around, and it's a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Our next Neighborhood Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20th at ABYC. Mixer at 6:30 p.m. and presentations at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will focus on our neighborhood survey results. We will also have a report from the East Division Police Department and an update about Sea Festival. Please join us. This is a great opportunity to learn about what's happening in your neighborhood and to get your questions answered. Your ideas will be heard and appreciated. We want your input.

As you read our committee reports in this newsletter, you'll get a complete update on how the ABBPG Board is working for you and the Peninsula neighborhood. Please ask yourself how you can contribute.

Please feel free to contact me about your concerns. Your ideas on how to improve our Peninsula are very important. We are all very fortunate to be living in this beautiful place, and we must constantly make an effort to maintain it.

Kelly Asper
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Newsletter Gets A New Name

Information does not have to be drab to get a point across. In fact, some points can be made by nothing more than a label or an image. The ABBPG Board voted, in its January meeting, to adopt "The Peninsula Pelican" as the name of the official newsletter. As you know, "The Newsletter" was previously unnamed.

Why "pelican"? Well, if there was a mascot candidate, then pelican surely would be on the list. Seal Beach has an obvious choice of mascots, and the Peninsula has a few choices. Other suggestions included the sandpiper and the great blue heron. Sandpipers are evidently very social, but they had a small lobby. The great blue heron is truly majestic, and has made a recovery from near extinction in the past 20 years. Some residents have pet names for the herons on the bay, such as "Hank Heron". Or should it be "Henrietta"?

Pelicans can be seen several months a year just off the beaches. Who has not stopped to stare when one dives from 40 feet straight down for a bite to eat? Who has not marveled at the huge wingspan or the tight gliding formations? If the sun were at different angles a beach walker might sense an air attack as the wings block out the sun.

The deciding factor of the name choice was the alliteration Peninsula Pelican. Remember that is just the newsletter name. The ABBPG Board has no mandate to "mas-

cot" the entire place. The editor just hopes the reader will be able to glide through the newsletter with as much enjoyment as watching a pelican fly along our beaches.

The Pelican, along with the remodeled web site (under construction) hopes to become more interactive in time. Have any pelican digital photos you'd like to share and possibly be published in *The Pelican*? Do you have any ideas for a motto for the Peninsula? These are examples of issues amenable to interactive exchange with *The Pelican*. We welcome ideas from readers, and you will hear more of this in future issues.

Ed Shackeroff, M.D.
Pelican Editor
ABBPG Communications Director

2005 Resident Survey Results Tabulated

The results of the 2005 Resident Survey are now tabulated. We had a tremendous response of around 250 people taking the time to respond. Questions covered important issues that included zoning, traffic, safety, neighborhood cleanliness, and the role of ABPPG. The results have been tabulated and the ABBPG Board has met to discuss the results. The board felt that the survey showed that intense study is needed to formulate policy in specific areas.

Some of the results are as follows.

SAFETY. A strong majority (118 to 47) favored an increased law enforcement presence on the Peninsula. One hundred five residents were aware of recent crime on 72nd Place, while 88 were not aware of this. One hundred thirty seven residents support additional lighting on Bayshore, the Boardwalk or 72nd Place. Eighty two do not.

TRAFFIC Several traffic concerns were addressed. The question "Does there remain a speeding problem?" brought 125 "YES" responses versus 65 "NO". When asked if residents support more stop signs twice as many residents said "no" as "yes". One hundred eight residents responded "no" to additional mechanisms such as speed bumps, out-voting the 74 who thought it was a good idea.

ZONING. Many zoning questions were addressed as well. A majority favored the ABBPG continuing to actively oppose height and parking variances (150 to 25). Also a majority favored actively opposing variances in addition to parking and height 115 to 47. However when asked specifically what such variances should be addresses, 19 said parking or height. Sixty two gave no response, while only 4 expressed desire to oppose all variances. this prompted the board to specifically analyze the survey in committee meetings.

PENINSULA CLEANLINESS. Several questions were addressed. Residents felt that generally the street sweeping program is effective. However there was a tie (70 to 70) when asked if the Bayshore Walk sweeping is effective. Responders pointed to cleanliness problems of the Bay Beach, and more strongly at the Ocean Beach and

72nd Place. Parking Lots and Jetty. Responders were veenly divided as to whether dogs on the beach is a problem.

ROLE OF ABBPG ON LOCAL AND CITY ISSUES. When asked if the ABBPG should take positions before the City on issues (such as MTV) directly affecting the Peninsula, responders overwhelmingly said "yes". But the responders voted a strong "NO" as to whether issues not directly affecting the Peninsula should be addressed.

Look for more 2005 Resident Survey results and comments in the next Peninsula Pelican.

The board wishes to thank those who worked on the survey: Sheldon Warren, Kelly Asper, Ed Shackeroff, Lynne Driscoll, and Linda McCullough.

Ed Shackeroff, M.D.
Editor
ABBPG Communications Director

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)



Want to train to become a First Responder in case of emergency? Want to be trained in Search and Rescue? First Aid without a kit? Fire suppression? What steps are necessary for our neighborhood in case of a disaster if all city resources are absorbed elsewhere? Do you want to know more about what happens in a major disaster such as a huge earthquake? All of these topics are part of the training we receive as part of CERT.

CERT has been active on the Peninsula for three years now. Activities include courses from the Fire Department, members lectures, and simulation drills complete with a command center, fire boats and helicopters.

Our Peninsula CERT meeting in February covered several topics:

1. How to mobilize our Peninsula CERT organization during an emergency.

We were requested to support City CERT activities relative to flood control during the heavy rains in January and February. This led to a need to have a pre-planned method to contact our members.

We are exploring several approaches including 1) Verizon group mail; 2) establishing a phone tree; 3) reverse 911; 4) FRS radio

2. Setting up a field trip to the LBFD Training Center to observe a Search and Rescue Session
3. First Aid without a Kit – This is an on-going topic in our monthly meetings presented by Dr. Ed Shackeroff in which he demonstrates how we can improvise in first aid situations with available materials and equipment. All CERT members are encouraged to carry First Aid kits but we could face many problems where we will need to go beyond kit contents.
4. Next Drill – We plan to have our next Peninsula CERT practice drill in June and expect it to include demonstrations of first aid, emergency radio communications, and coordination with LBFD CERT and equipment. We hope to have more to report on this at the April 20th General meeting

We have requested that a representative of the East Division LBDP speak and answer questions at the General Meeting scheduled for April 20th.

Peter Hogenson
ABBPG Community Service Director

Peninsula Improvement Committee

Hello Peninsula!

This is the first report in the Peninsula Pelican from the combined PIC Chairs Linda McCullough and Rick Brizendine.

OUR MEDIAN is shaping up nicely! It will not be finished until the goal of \$200,000 is reached. If you have not yet donated NOW is the time. If you already have given, we would appreciate your continued donations. As you know, the plants maintenance is ongoing so the greater the collection the prettier the Median will remain.

Remember, come April 15 your donation is tax deductible! UNDERGROUND UTILITIES are being considered.

Naples is looking into forming an assessment district to achieve this. For any community this is an undisputed benefit as well as a long term project. We will keep you updated on Naples' progress and would appreciate hearing from you about your opinion on the subject. Without community support this will not happen.

TRASH RECEPTACLES are a big issue in any public park. The Peninsula is not unlike any other area the public is invited to. Even if our City were not experiencing a budget crunch it makes sense to reserve the street end trash cans for the visitors and our occasional needs.

While our City is trying to save money-removing the trash cans during off peak times being one way-it makes even more sense for neighbors to remind neighbors that the PUBLIC trash receptacles are for the PUBLIC and neighbors could be ticketed for using them for their household trash. Thank you for not making this a BIG issue.

THE EAST END of the Peninsula, 72nd Place parking lot and park, is a public place and therefore difficult to control from a neighborhood platform. Just think Coastal Commission. What we can do from here is to convince the City to add some decorative mid size rocks and an appropriately placed large trash receptacle to deter drivers from avoiding the closed parking lot, add more light to the parking lot and signs declaring the lot closed from 1 hour after sunset to sunrise so ticketing can occur-the City has agreed to this. Let's be hopeful this is beneficial and remember-all justified "calls for service" to the Long Beach Police Department will result in additional patrols. THE BERMS come and go when the tide is high and there is a low pressure area above us and there is a wind or storm swell. Enough variables for you? What's more interesting are the old artificial wooden groins visible in the last low, low tide. These will be studied and removed and the new sand filled plastic bag artificial groins will be studied and repaired. Where this all ends no one knows.

Want to join CERT?

If you would like more information on or are interested in joining CERT, please contact Peter Hogenson at 439-3361.

Peter Hogenson
ABBPG Community Service Director
CERT President

Security Committee Report

The Long Beach Police Department East Division holds a monthly meeting with representatives of neighborhood groups located within the East Division. The following is a summary of crime in the East Division for February, 2005, provided by Commander Quach during the meeting of 9 March 2005.

1. Violent crime is down compared to previous month
2. 116 auto burglaries – 15 in Peninsula/Belmont Shore/Naples area (Beat 10)
 - a. 65% from unlocked cars
 - b. majority of stolen items were cell phones
 - c. Lesson – don't leave car unlocked and/or cell phones where visible
3. 23 commercial burglaries – mostly from men's lockers in fitness facilities
4. 18 garage burglaries
5. 38 residential burglaries – 2 in Beat 10
6. 85 auto thefts – 2 in beat 10
7. East Division is providing additional in-school and exterior uniformed officers at Wilson and Milliken High Schools
8. Parts of two segments of Joan of Arcadia were filmed at 4th and Cherry

Be kind to your neighborhood. See you around!

New Web Site Under Construction

Sheldon Warren and ironfly.com have been working diligently on the new web site for The Peninsula. The mission for the web site is to promote "Peninsula pride" and to provide an interesting and *interactive* site that will attract many visits. The first thing you can expect from the new site is a fresh look with a pleasing graphical design. In time, we hope to add useful features such as surveys, bulletin boards, electronic version of The Pelican, contests, or subscription newsletters. We hope to get input from residents's suggestions. www.lbpeninsula.org

Free Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Round Up

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will be hosting a free Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Round Up on April 2, 2005 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Veteran's Stadium in Long Beach.

This is an excellent opportunity for residents to dispose of hazardous household materials such as used motor oil, paint, turpentine, household and car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals, and e-waste such as VCR's, stereos, fax machines, copiers, computer keyboards and cellular telephones—free of charge. Please do not bring Hazardous or Electronic waste from businesses, trash, tires or white goods such as stoves and refrigerators. For more information, please call the LA County Department of Public Works Environmental Hotline at (888) CLEAN-LA or visit their web site at www.lacsd.org

Megan's Law Website

The State of California maintains a web site showing registered sex offenders in all neighborhoods. This site provides names, addresses, criminal convictions, and pictures of the offenders. This website indicates that many of these registrants are currently in violation of their registration requirements. Any information you may have on these individuals should be reported to your local law enforcement. Visit the site at www.meganslaw.ca.gov

2005 Summer Concert Schedule Announced

The dates are set. The bands are signed. All we need are summer days, beach chairs, and good cheer!

Stevie Anderson has been working on this since the last chair was folded up last summer. Back by popular demand will be food. The first concert will have a weenie roast for all to enjoy. Here's the schedule:

- June 5 — Elm Street Band (weenie roast, too!)
- June 19 — Gregg Young & The 2nd Street Band
- July 3 — Bad Boys
- July 17 — King Salmon
- July 31 — Ho Dads
- August 7 — Windmill Big Band
- August 21 — Flight

All concerts 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the 72nd Place Park.

Donors to the Median Beautification Project

Addleman, Frank & Betty; Alamitos Bay Garden Club; Alamitos Bay Yacht Club; Alston, Wes; Anderson, Charles & Stephanie; Anderson, Irish; Arthur, Jo Anne; Carroll Asher, Bonnie; Asper, Kelly & Merle; Atwood, Susie & Butler, Dave; Autrey, Bob & Debbie; Autrey, Shirley; A-way We Go Travel; Barbian, Lorraine; Barbour, Cassandra; Barhouse, Linda; Bateman, James & Dianne; Bates, Gil; Bates, Sally & Gary; Bell, Jeannette; Bell, Maureen & Chandler, Ron; Bellevue, Rob & Mulhearn, Agnes; Biedenbarn, Robert & June; Black, Fran & Markowitz, Joseph; Bluth, Charles & Tish; Boren, Larry & L.B. Brokerage; Borisy, Jerry & Joyce; Bowyer, Brett & Linda; Boyne, Sally & Bill; Braly, Bob & Mary Alice; Brizendine, Richard; Brown, Jim & Susie; Budai, Greta & Don; Bueno, Eric; Calderella, Russ & Debby; Cameron, Grace; Cameron, Tim; Camp, John & Cynthia; Campbell, Beth & Cathy; Charneski, Nancy & Bill; Chrisman, Bob; Christiansen, Don & Lisa; Cigliano, August; Clark, Polly & Brad; Colonna, Frank; Coultas Family Trust; Cox, Glenn & Leslie; Crawford, Carol & Denis; Crumrine, Don & Lucy; Cuccio, Tony; Cummings, William and Marion; Dean, Joan; Denson, Jack H. Jr.; DeWeese, Armand & Donna; DeZell, Virginia; T.Dingman, F. Tony; Driscoll, Lynne & Mike; Drury, James & Lynn C. Dyson, J.O.; ECG, Inc; Eddy, James & Barbara; Edmunds, Marie & James; Evans, Gary B.; Everson, Tom & Judy; Fata, Frank & Brown, Kristin Feo.; Ed & Maryann; Feo, Virginia; Ferrara Marine Enterprises; Fortriede, Charles & Vicki; Fowler, Elizabeth; Fultheim, Helga; Fults, Bob & Debbie; Garland, Douglas; Garth, Geoffrey; Gentile, Tony/ Tony's Marina; Giampolo, Charles; Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. Frank; Gibson, Randi; Gillis, Wayne & Helen; Gleason, Paul & Marianne; Goldberg, Marianne; Gough, David & Tamara; Grill, J. Scott; Hagen, Tom & Joan; Hale, Art & Debbie; Hall, Chris & Tiffany; Hamlin, Howard & Judy; Hammond, Ted & Karen; Harden, Lynn; Harder, Mr. & Mrs. Paul; Hardin, Chuck & Nita; Harris, Colleen; Harrison, J.A.; .Hart, Bee; Hemauer, John & Lupe; Herrera, Linda & Paul David; Hertzog, Nancy & Francis; Heuser, George J.; .Hilbert, Donna; Hill, Randy & Sandi; Hill, Russ & Avalon; Hjelm, Jeanette; Hogenson, Peter & Jill; Hoien, Jean; Holliday,

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Jennne Muench, Vice President

7:30 p.m. Meeting
@ ABYC

All residents are invited to attend.

Topics to be discussed:
East Division Police Department Update
Sea Festival
ABBPG Neighborhood Survey Results

Mission Statement

The mission of ABBPG is to protect and maintain the walk in type beaches along both the bay and ocean sides of the Alamitos Bay Peninsula for public usage, in the City of Long Beach, California, and to insure that these beaches be maintained at their highest potential as a recreational area.

Membership Drive Continues

Our 2005 membership recruitment drive is off to a strong start. In order to have as persuasive a voice as possible with the City and other governmental entities, it is essential that the ABPG have a membership large enough to properly reflect the population on the Peninsula. For this reason, we strongly urge those of you who have not yet joined or renewed your membership to please do so as soon as possible.

Dues are \$15 per person and \$30 per couple. \$5 of your dues supports "Trees in the Bay" maintenance. If you have any questions please call Lynne Driscoll at 562-439-5377. There is a mail in form on the back page of The Pelican.



ABBPG Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, April 20
6:30 pm Mixer

2005 ABBPG Board Officers	
President	Kelly Asper
Vice President	Jeanne Muench
Secretary	Bob Seimer
Treasurer	Jo Anne Arthur
Board Members	
Rick Brezindine	Beach Improvement
Ed Shackeroff	Communications
Stevie Anderson	Community Programs
Peter Hogenson	Community Service
Linda McCullough	Peninsula Improvement
Lynne Driscoll	Membership
Rob Bellevue	Zoning Review
Tish Kernochan	At-Large
Rick Turrentine	At-Large

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Enroll In MEMBERSHIP IN ABBPG

Please enclose this form with your check made payable to ABBPG Membership

Mail to ABBPG Membership, P.O. Box 3535, Long Beach, CA 90803
 Dues* \$30 per couple or \$15 per person

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Are you willing to help with ABBPG committees?

_____ YES _____ NO