

# The Peninsula Pelican

The Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

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## President's Message--April 2011

Well at PBPG we have had a busy new year with several issues of importance to all of us here on the Peninsula. First and foremost was completion of the Underground Utility Questionnaire to confirm whether or not Peninsula owners wanted to proceed to the Engineering / Assessment District phase of this project. Linda McCullough, in this Pelican, gives a full rundown on the results of this survey. What I can say is that property owners have clearly indicated they do not want to proceed with this project. We have heard the owner's voices loud and clear and we have dropped this initiative from our agenda.

But not to worry, there is much more to do. The PBPG Board will continue to work forward on many other issues which affect us all here on the Peninsula. These include working with the City for routine items such as gardening and maintenance of plants and trees on the Ocean Blvd. median, trash pick up, beach nourishment, and many similar activities. We also have a number of projects which the City is involved with that affect us here on the Peninsula. These include a new look at Ocean Beach nourishment, for which the City has engaged a coastal engineer to make recommendations on how to best keep the Ocean beach in good shape. Also we are keeping an eye on the developments of the San Pedro Bay Ecological (Breakwater) study, to ensure our Peninsula voices are heard.

(As of this date, Congress has not yet fully funded this project.)

Additionally, we are following the City traffic department to implement ways to cut down on speeding on the Peninsula. Another top priority is our CERT team - watch for an upcoming review of our preparedness for a combined earthquake and tsunami event.

And don't forget our Peninsula Band Concerts which we all enjoy. This year Stevie Anderson, our Chairperson for this activity, has a great line up of bands for this coming summer.

Of ongoing importance so the Peninsula can be heard loud and clear by the City, is our membership drive. More members gives us a stronger voice at City Hall. We urge you to sign up, and volunteer, if you wish, for some of the many activities which the board performs.

Our first general meeting for this year will be held on May 5th at ABYC. We will have an active agenda of items of importance to us here so we welcome your attendance and participation. Please feel free to contact any one of us here on the Board by email or snail mail - whatever works best for you.

Thank you,

Phil Osterlind, PBPG President

## Save These Dates!

**General Meeting at  
ABYC May 5th**

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**1st Summer Concert  
RamFunkshus  
June 26th  
2nd Summer Concert  
Slyde  
July 10th**

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## Just in Time for Summer...SUP Cafe

Although the business at 76 1/2 62nd Place has been a restaurant of one kind or another for as far back as most of us can recall, Tom Gallagher and Kate O'Shaughnessy had no intention of serving food when they bought it recently. Their main interest, make that passion, is Stand Up Paddling, or SUP for short. "People kept asking us when we were going to start serving food," says Gallagher, who took keen notice of the disappointment when he said, "Hmmm, never?"

Fortunately for Peninsula residents, the easy-going team quickly broadened their scope to include the small cafe, currently offering breakfast and lunch. By all accounts, the menu is not large but it covers the spectrum well and everything is delicious.

As for the retail aspect of the business, there are options for all ages, sizes and levels of experience - from first-timers to experienced racers. They offer private and group lessons, rentals, secure storage, and a full line of boards and paddles for sale. There are also races, group paddles and special events like the popular Full Moon Paddle, which includes a little food and drink along with equipment rental.

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Tom Gallagher and Kate O'Shaughnessy



Inside the SUP Cafe and Board Shop

Still, not all of us are going to be drawn to those sleek Stand Up Paddle Boards...some of us get hungry just thinking about exercise. Thankfully we have our favorite local cafe back in business! Stop by and welcome them to the neighborhood Wednesday through Sunday from 8 am to 2.30 pm. You can learn more about the SUP Cafe and Board Shop on their website, [www.thesupcafe.com](http://www.thesupcafe.com).

## Underground Utilities Update

We started this project because we felt the Peninsula would be greatly improved by under-grounding the utilities. The same 3 criteria that the Assessment Engineer uses to come up with a price: Aesthetics, Reliability, Safety.

We studied the alternatives and decided that the creation of an Assessment District was the only way to pay for this project.

We had several public forums and with the help of funds from PBPG, NIA and Public Works we hired an engineer to study Naples, The Peninsula and other nearby underground projects to come up with an average cost per average piece of property here on the Peninsula and in Naples. With the help of the Public Works Department an average price was presented to Peninsula property owners.

A Petition from the City was walked by teams of neighborhood volunteers and mailings to off site owners were mailed. This petition asked people if they wanted to find out what their individual assessment number would be. Every person who was contacted was given a description of the proposed project. All the City material was posted at 5900 E Bayshore Walk for over 3 months and the same plus additional material has been on the PBPG web site for over 3 years.

All questions asked were researched to the best of our abilities.

This petition passed with a two thirds vote of property owners and was set to go before the City Council in 2008. With the dramatic down turn in the economy we asked the City to pull the creation of an Assessment District from the Council Agenda. The vote by the Council is required because the City fronts the costs that will later be reimbursed if and when the final vote is passed. We felt this was the right thing to do!

Prior to formally again asking the City Council to proceed with the creation of an Assessment District the committee decided to ask Peninsula Property Owners if they did indeed want to move forward. A Preference Vote was mailed to all all addresses of property owners of record.

*On March 1<sup>st</sup> we had 258 votes. Of that number there were 23.6% YES votes and 76.4% NO votes. Of those not wishing to move ahead an astounding number had originally voted yes - 57.9%!*

**We have heard the message from our neighbors and we will not be moving forward with this project!**

Sincerely,  
The Underground Utility Committee

KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING...

It's hard to believe but it is time to get your low back folding chairs, beach tables and blankets out for another fun Summer of Concerts in the park. All concerts are from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm EXCEPT the last concert, which is 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

JUNE 26th - Our kick off band will be RamFunkshus. We have had them for the last four years and everyone loves them, especially Rick and Sean the singers.

JULY 10th - Slyde (New band for 2011)

JULY 24th - To be announced

AUGUST 7th - Big Box of Men
An always popular crowd favorite. Suzanne has a fantastic voice and John wears some of the most fantastic outfits.

AUGUST 21st - Barbecue and Concert
Our wonderful Local 372 Firefighters will be barbecuing hot dogs and bratwursts. Steve Harder's band, Squeeze Box, will be our closing concert band.

Thank you for your donations and support. If you'd like to celebrate a special event you can sponsor a band. Just donate the cost of the band. Stevie Anderson

Peninsula CERT
Community Emergency Response Team



The Peninsula CERT radio net was activated early on March 11th to monitor the potential danger to the Peninsula from the tsunami generated by the earthquake off the coast of Japan. In addition, we were in contact with the County and City Emergency Operations Centers through Bob Tucker. CERT members tracked tidal changes, which thankfully were minimal, on both bay and ocean sides of the Peninsula until the Advisory was lifted in the afternoon.

According to Dr. Ed Shakeroff, under certain conditions with movement along the Newport-Inglewood fault, the Peninsula could experience an earthquake followed by a tsunami. The Newport-Inglewood fault runs under Long Beach and caused the 1933 earthquake in LB. How we plan for and deal with the combined event will be the topic of our next CERT meeting.

Thanks to all those that participated in the radio net.

Peter Hogenson -- Peninsula CERT

Beach Updates...

TSUNAMI WATCH - This peninsula resident survived the Chilean earthquake tsunami on his boat in Puerto Vallarta last March and watched expectantly for the arrival of the Japan tsunami. Thankfully the effects in Long Beach were almost unquantifiable. The breakwater may assist us in a greater event but let's hope we never find out.

BREAKWATER - The San Pedro Bay Ecological Study has been stalled for lack of federal funding. Every agency continues to assure us that the protection of property is paramount in this study. If our precious funds are directed to this effort hopefully better water quality will result.

BATHROOMS - By now you should have seen the progress on the new 72nd Place bathrooms. They are on time and should be completed by mid-May, surely by the beginning of Summer in time for our first concert.

4TH OF JULY - Most residents were happy with the portable restrooms placed around the Peninsula last 4th of July weekend (unless it was in front of their house). We will repeat this in 2011 and thank you in advance for your understanding.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT - We are studying a process of building groins offshore which has been successful in the Mediterranean. We will have more news after the study is funded and completed. Stay tuned for updates on this hoped-for permanent answer to our migrating sand.

Rick Brizendine

Security Blotter

There were six "Priority One" (LBPd response with lights and siren) calls on the Peninsula during February - most were domestic problems and none resulted in arrest or citation.

There was a burglary of a \$2500 bicycle from a locked garage in the 6300 block of Bayshore.

During the night of 2/26 there was a ritual killing and burning of a lamb on the beach between the berm and ocean about 68th Place. Fire remains and fruit were also discovered at the scene on the morning of the 27th. Animal Control responded to the call.

A drug bust with forced entry occurred on 61st Place. The perpetrator has been released on probation. This resulted from observations by and reports from neighbors to LBPd. LBPd continues to request that we all assist in keeping our neighborhood safe by calling 911 to report suspicious events and persons.

Status of right hand lane speed tables: The City Traffic Engineer has prepared plans for a test section on Ocean Blvd. both eastbound and westbound and we are working with the City on funding options.

Peter Hogenson -PBPG Security/CERT

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2011 - JOIN TODAY!**

ALL PENINSULA RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE PBPG FOR ONLY \$20 PER PERSON OR \$40 PER FAMILY PER YEAR. THE PENINSULA BEACH PRESERVATION GROUP IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PRESERVING THE PENINSULA'S UNIQUE QUALITY OF LIFE BY SPONSORING LOCAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS REPRESENTING THE PENINSULA BEFORE THE CITY ON MATTERS WHICH AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY.

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**2011 MEMBERSHIP**

PLEASE ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO PBPG MEMBERSHIP. MAIL TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS, OR DROP IN THE SUGGESTION BOX AT THE LAUNDROMAT. DUES \$20 PER PERSON.

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