

Trash Can Lids and Median Maintenance

UPDATE ON TRASH CAN LIDS

At the last PIC meeting Ramon Arevelo from the Parks Maintenance Department promised us that all trash cans would have lids by June 1, 2013. Many residents have been hoping this would happen as a matter of both safety and sanitation. Thank you in advance, Ramon!

MEDIAN MAINTENANCE

You may have noticed that not only have some palms been replaced but other new ones have been planted. New types of fax have been added and others are to follow. Many new sea lavender (statis) are going to be added to certain locations that Don Easterby of the Parks Dept. and I have marked for improvement. Weeding and transplanting of other plants will occur as time permits. New rocks, lighting and plants have been added to the rock sign location. Three large growing

echium will be added between two locations: the side planter at the beginning on 54th Place and at the 72nd turnaround.

After the concerts are over the raised grass area of our end park will be leveled and new grass planted so that it is more at the height of the sidewalk. If you haven't noticed the new garden planted over a year ago looks great. Thank you, Parks Maintenance Department and keep up the good work! A special thank you to Don Easterby for your interest and dedication.

The lovely planting adds to the value and beauty of our neighborhood. Many of our long-time residents can remember when it looked pretty bedraggled and was maintained solely by the ladies of the Peninsula Garden Club. Others who are new to the Peninsula may not know that a committee made up of

members of the Garden Club, Peninsula Beach Preservation Group and our community raised nearly \$300,000 to re-landscape, improve irrigation, expand the planters and add lighting with the guidance of both a landscape architect and a landscape contracting company.

Linda McCullough
Vice President



President's Message

Good Day Neighbors!

The strong winds brought blowing sand and discontent to our otherwise serene existence. Who would have thought that movie making could be so exciting! I do appreciate receiving your thoughts as matters arise, good or bad, in our neighborhood. The recent invasion of the movie makers has stirred the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group into action and rest assured that we will be doing whatever we can to ameliorate the inconvenience of such activities in the future.

Spring has arrived bringing with it as usual the mix of good and not as good weather. With Summer on the horizon it is time to think about parking our cars in our garages, locking our doors and seeing more of our neighbors out and about. And, don't forget the sunscreen. I can't wait.

Our PBPG Membership Drive is ongoing so be sure to sign up and send in your checks. Lynne

Driscoll is our Director of Membership and I always look forward to her reporting how many new members we have each month. Though we work for all of our residents' well being, like voting, if you are not a Member it is more difficult for your voice to be heard.

Speaking of which, you will soon be receiving a short Survey. PLEASE complete and return this confidential questionnaire. There are a few questions with an opportunity to add your comments. From this Survey we take your direction in forming our strategy in addressing the issues important to you.

Finally, I look forward to seeing ALL of you at our General Meeting on April 30 to be held at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Tell your neighbors and show up for a bit of socializing, 62nd Place Café will be providing appetizers, and representatives from our City will be reporting on new and old projects of interest to you. See you there!

Rick Brizendine
President



SAVE THE DATES

Peninsula Neighborhood Meeting at ABYC

Tuesday, April 30

6:30 Mixer
7:00 Meeting

Sunday Summer Concerts

June	23	30
July	14	28
August	11	18

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3rd of July Fireworks

Get your beach chairs and yummy refreshments ready because McKenna's on the Bay will be hosting their annual Big Bang on the Bay, 3rd of July fireworks display, over the shimmering summer waters of Alamitos Bay.

McKenna's will be broadcasting live music before and during the fireworks at LegendsSportsBar.com, featuring LB band "The Emperors," so set up your surround-sound systems on the sand and tune-in.

While the fireworks are free to residents, the cost isn't cheap. With a price tag of over \$50,000, funds must be raised to make the event happen. Here's the breakdown: Fireworks, \$25k; Barge and tugboat, \$10k; Police and Public Safety, \$10k+; set-up at the marina, \$6k.



Photo by Thomas Wasper

Private donations can be made to the **Long Beach Firefighters Foundation**. Any excess monies collected benefit Long Beach Fire.

McKenna's is asking Peninsula and Naples residents and the public to make individual donations or join the "500 Club" by raising \$500 by city block for the event and donations are a tax write-off. To contribute, please make your check payable to "Long Beach Firefighters Foundation" and send to:

c/o John Morris
McKenna's On The Bay
190 North Marina Drive
Long Beach, California 90803

Michelle Lecours
Newsletter and Facebook

Peninsula Improvement Committee (PIC)

The Peninsula Improvement Committee meeting with the City was held on February 20th. The meeting was well-attended by PBPG Board members and the City. Much was accomplished. In brief: First Commander LeBaron, newly appointed East Division Police Commander, gave us a full police rundown about the Peninsula. He assured us that the LB Police and Fire would support the Peninsula neighborhood to the high standard established to this date.

For Peninsula Beach nourishment, the CPNS (Greek) proposal has been received and is being evaluated by the city's coastal engineer. He will confirm whether or not this system has good application to the Peninsula. Preliminary discussions have been had with the Coastal Commission. In the meantime, the City has enhanced its back-passing operation, and this has resulted in some of the best Peninsula beaches we have seen in several years.

Some water intrusion problems and subsidence is showing itself in the Bay areas around 62nd and 63rd Place. We have requested the City Engineer to review and advise the best strategy to deal with these issues.

The median strip is being freshened up with special application of fertilizer and replacement plants, lighting repairs, and pruning of plants to keep the medium a beautiful part of the Peninsula.

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Policy for handling of memorials such as trees was clarified and reviewed with the City. The Peninsula policy, which is in conformance with City of Long Beach, allows memorial plants only to replace diseased or dead existing plants with like-kind plants. Memorial plaques are not permitted, except in formal approved funding drives (such as the median). Sign policy for the Median is as follows: legitimate commercial small signs (such as realtor or permitted garage sale) for one day during daytime only is acceptable. Signs left over night are to be removed. This is consistent with rules of the City.

As summer gets closer the City recognizes the importance of handling the buckets of trash left by beach goers. Lids are being procured and applied to existing trash receptacles on both the Bay and the Ocean side.

Tony Gentile & Phil Osterlind
PIC Co-chairs

Peninsula CERT: Community Emergency Response Team

EMERGENCY WATER PURIFICATION

Two of the most important items to have in your emergency container are medications and water for at least seven days. In a severe earthquake, the water distribution system to the Peninsula (and elsewhere) could become inoperable for an unknown period of time. If you end up having to use possibly impure water, an emergency treatment is boiling or the addition of bleach (without fabric additives). If you are lucky enough to have power for providing heat, boiling water for 5-10 minutes will kill bacteria but if not, you can add 4 drops of bleach per quart of water (8/gallon) and let stand for 30 minutes. Be sure to have bleach in your emergency container!

An even better solution with all the sea water around us is a hand

operated or low power water maker such as those used on cruising boats. For references to a comprehensive emergency kit, visit the LBPeninsula.org website and click on the CERT button.

JOIN OUR CERT TEAM

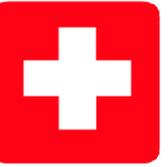
To become a fully certified member of the Long Beach CERT organization, the LBFD offers courses in first aid, triage, fire suppression, first responder and terrorism. These are given in three-hour classes, one night per week over a seven-week period. Or there is a consolidated class starting on Friday evening and continuing through Saturday and Sunday. Additional hands-on training is provided at the Fire Training Center in Long Beach.

For those that are unable to commit to this full CERT course but would like to increase their ability

to react positively in an emergency at home and the Peninsula community, our Peninsula CERT can provide a lesser but still meaningful level of training in each of the areas listed above. In addition, we have established a simple but effective radio communications network in order to manage our emergency operations during a disaster. We encourage you to join Peninsula CERT and take either the LB CERT classes or those offered on the Peninsula by our members.

You can add a note to the survey included in this newsletter of your interest or contact me at hogies31@verizon.net

Peter Hogenson
CERT/Security Director



Security Blotter

AUTO BURGLARS HAVE GONE HIGH TECH

Auto burglars have recently utilized a new electronic device to gain quick access to cars in East Long Beach. Through surveillance tapes, LBPD are aware of the process, but don't know any details or how to protect your vehicle against it. They advise residents to be even more vigilant of suspicious persons and to install motion sensor lighting plus surveillance cameras if possible. They also recommend not keeping valet keys in cars to at least protect against loss of your vehicle. Don't leave anything in your car, especially overnight with outdoor parking, that you don't want vulnerable to theft.

Crime statistics through February of this year for the Peninsula,

Naples and Belmont Shore are as follows:

	Peninsula	Naples	Shore
Burglaries	4	6	5
Theft	5	5	7
Auto Theft	0	0	5

Our newly-assigned LBPD East Division Commander Paul LeBaron will speak to residents at the April 30th General Membership Meeting at ABYC. He will be prepared to answer questions from residents on Peninsula security issues.

Finally, we are still working on setting up a Community Watch Program on the Peninsula using our CERT organization as a starting point.

Peter Hogenson
CERT/Security Director



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Exciting things are happening on the Peninsula! The days are getting longer. The sun is brighter. The sand is warmer. The summer band concerts are starting soon.

We are on Facebook! Now for the kickers: We are updating the PBPG Website! We are sending out a questionnaire! Our email list is getting bigger!

I don't think there is anything I can tell you about the wonderful approach of summer that you don't already know! What I can tell you is that our group's website LBPeninsula.org is being updated. Woo Hoo! If you have suggestions email MerleAsper@gmail.com.



Don't look too much for artistic creativity but more for information! I can also tell you about our questionnaire that is going out. We want your feedback because you

are who we are representing. We are putting a lot of effort into doing a great job and your input is important! I highly recommend filling it out online, because it is easy, fun and fast! Communication is key and we want you informed on your neighborhood. I have said this before, If you are a resident and are not already on our email list please feel free to email me. **See you on the beach!**

Merle Asper
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