

# The Peninsula Pelican

The official letter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"



## President's Message:

Dear Peninsula Neighbors,

Happy Spring! We have had some absolutely gorgeous days ....and some not quite so. But sunny or not, this is still a wonderful place to live. Your volunteer board continues to work in many ways to help maintain or improve.

The band concerts will be begin June 8<sup>th</sup> with the annual wiener roast. Please plan to attend. The full concert schedule is included in the newsletter. The highly popular new t-shirts and sweatshirts for this year will be available. We have already had to reorder!

We have met with the Fire Department and the Police Department in preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Last year seemed to have gone fairly well and all involved are trying to improve on last year's accomplishments. We will be holding a meeting with concerned residents, Commander Renaud of the East Division and Councilperson Gary DeLong relative to controlling potential summer problems at 72<sup>nd</sup> Place. Simplifying the process for obtaining a parking permit to park across your own driveway has been initiated. We have also met with City representatives on issues of the breakwater, beach erosion, beach maintenance and median maintenance.

Included in this issue is the final layout for the Median Fund Sponsors Plaque. If you donated more than \$500 please take a moment to verify the spelling of your name. We certainly want to make certain everything is correct before we "cast it in stone."

Our Neighborhood Meeting in March was very well attended. Undergrounding of utilities was the topic. The first step is presenting the city with a petition signed by 2/3 of the property owners asking for a price for each individual property. Many of our residents have volunteered to circulate the petition in the month of May for signatures. Please consider signing this petition. Your signature allows you to participate in this project with your neighbors at no cost to you at this time.

As always, please contact me with any issues and concerns you may have.

Have an enjoyable summer!

Jeanne Muench  
President,



PBPGcontact@aol.com or drop a note in the suggestion box at the 62nd Place Laundromat.

## *Upcoming Events:*

### June 8th

**First Concert**  
4:30PM BBQ hot dogs  
5:30PM Emperor Band

### June 22nd

**2nd Peninsula Concert**  
5:30PM Elm Street Band

### July 6th

**3rd Peninsula Concert**  
5:30PM Flight 6875 Band

### July 30th

**4th Peninsula Concert**  
5:30PM RamFunkshus Band

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## Median Maintenance — update....:



Recent meetings with both the head of Park Maintenance for the City and their Arborist have resulted in both application of fungicide to medians, especially the flax (2 times), and 2 – 3 applications of low nitrogen fertilizer, one liquid, one granular and another soon. I have asked them to get the problems with the palms fixed before new ones are planted. This will probably happen in the cooler fall months along with additional flax replacement. They may be replenishing the gazania this summer since they particularly like hot weather. The Arborist is trying to monitor the watering and the sand removal.

Linda McCullough — Director; Peninsula Maintenance & Improvement

Update from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Council Office update from our Councilman Gary DeLong:

**The Budget:** Efforts are underway to develop the Fiscal 2009 City budget (the budget period is 10/1/08 thru 9/30/09). Due to cost cutting that occurred earlier this year, the City is projected to end the 2008 fiscal year in balance. However, with Property Tax revenues leveling off, and in some cases declining, and at the minimum a CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase to City expense accounts, the 2009 City budget would be out of balance if no further action was taken. At this point, City financial management staff is forecasting a deficit of approximately \$12 million. Which means that \$12 million in cost savings needs to be identified in the \$400 million General Fund budget.

While it would be easier to be able to fund everything and please everyone, there is an opportunity here to make City government more efficient and streamlined. My goal is to focus City spending on our “core mission” – Public Safety (Police & Fire), investing in improving our streets & sidewalks, etc. – and look for ways to more efficiently deliver these services. For example, if the City could save \$2 million annually by outsourcing the writing of parking tickets to a private company, is this an appropriate step to take? What other opportunities exist to think outside the box and deliver services more creatively (and cost effectively)?

The big unknown is whether or not the State of Califor-

nia will attempt to raid the coffers of City governments. According to the “May revise” that was released by Governor Schwarzenegger on May 14<sup>th</sup>, no additional “revenue borrowing” from local governments was proposed **at this time**. But, if State budget problems get worse . . .

**Civil Service Commission:** Speaking of making changes, the City needs to improve its hiring practices. Under the current environment, it can take many months of applications and interviews before the City offers a job to a prospective candidate. As you can imagine, many qualified candidates accept a position with another employer which then forces the City to offer the job to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.

The Civil Service Commission will continue its role as defined in the City Charter, particularly to provide an appeal process for employees who have been terminated, but some of its job recruitment functions will be moved to the more nimble Human Resources Department. Several hundreds of thousands of dollars of annual costs will be saved by eliminating this duplication of effort.

**Law Enforcement:** Eastside Police Commander Renaud and I have been meeting to discuss proactively increasing police presence on the Peninsula as we head into the busy Summer months. Particularly down at the end of the Peninsula at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.

...3rd District Council; Honorable Gary DeLong

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Underground Utilities Project Petition 1st Phase for Pricing Only

1st step on the underground utilities process is presenting the city with a petition signed by 2/3 of the property owners requesting the city to prepare an estimated cost for each individual property owner should this project proceed. Note this first petition is for a price only, not for installation. If this Pricing Petition is approved then the city will prepare for each property holder a price for the cost of actual construction and installation. At that time then a ballot of the property owners will be required to be passed before approval and actual installation can proceed. Please consider signing this first petition. Your signature allows you to participate in this project with your neighbors at no cost to you at this time.

Many of our residents have volunteered to circulate the petition in the month of May for petition signatures. Area Captains for the Peninsula have been chosen and they are shown in this table:

34 people have signed up to be Petition Walkers on the Peninsula. They volunteered to help get signatures for the passage of the Petition to request the City of Long Beach to hire an Assessment Engineer. This will get us the exact cost for our property to Underground the Peninsula Utilities. We are over-subscribed with volunteers for Walkers and want to extend a huge thank you for their willingness to participate!

The Walkers have already started so expect to see people looking for addresses in your neighborhood to talk to you about signing the Petition. Only property owners will be asked to sign; if you are a renter you may be asked to provide a contact address and phone no. for the owner. We hope to have this part of the endeavor successfully completed by the end of May!

<u>Petition Volunteers:</u>			
Area I	Scott Schaidle	708-5883	<a href="mailto:Scott.Schaidle@ge.com">Scott.Schaidle@ge.com</a>
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### Membership Drive for 2008

If you have not already renewed your membership we are hopeful that you will renew your support of our Peninsula Organization soon. PBPG is your neighborhood voice to the City of Long Beach – the more Peninsula residents that we have as members, the stronger that voice becomes. Your PBPG Board of Directors works closely with the City to ensure that our beaches, streets and sidewalks are properly maintained. Your Directors also have on-going communications with the Long Beach Police Department to make them aware of safety and security issues that are of concern to all our residents...making the Peninsula one of the safest Neighborhoods in Long Beach! Your membership dues cover a donation to maintain the Peninsula's Christmas Trees-in-the-Bay; upkeep of our newly landscaped median; the publication of our bi-monthly newsletter and hosting of our community website; training of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); sponsoring Santa Claus at 62<sup>nd</sup> Place for the kids each December; and providing for our popular Summer Concerts. Thank you! Lynne Driscoll, Membership Chair.

If you wish to join us simply complete, tear off and return this form with dues of (\$20/member). Send to PBPG; Attn: Membership; PO Box 3535, Long Beach, CA 9083; or drop off at the 62nd Place PBPG drop box at the 62nd Place Laundromat.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Shown below is the final proposed etching for the Median Fund Sponsors Plaque which will be located at the far end of the Peninsula. Any person who donated more that \$500 will be etched onto the plaque. This is the final draft. Please confirm the correct spelling of your name. If your name is not spelled correctly please advise by email to PBPGcontact@aol.com or contact directly either Jeanne Muench or Linda McCullough. The PBPG wants to ensure all entries are correct before releasing the stone mason for the final etching.

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## July 4th Security Preparations

The Security Committee/Peninsula Improvement Committee met with representatives of Long Beach Fire and Police Departments to discuss plans for fireworks and crowd control on the Peninsula on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Lbfd has planned an all-out effort to educate the public – both Long Beach residents and visitors – that fireworks are illegal in Long Beach. They will also have additional staff, including arson investigators, on duty during the 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. LBPD will have vehicle and foot patrol officers on the Peninsula starting early on the 4<sup>th</sup> to prevent problems from starting rather than having to break up disturbing events after they start. It will be similar to last year which most residents thought was the best in years.

There will be no permits issued for live music or block parties on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Residents can help maintain control by reporting in advance expected hot spots to the Police Department and they will send out Community Police representatives to discuss prevention with those potential problem areas. If problems do occur, you can still call 911 and the patrols on the Peninsula will be dispatched or officers from the task force at 54<sup>th</sup> and Bayshore will be sent as available.

## LB Police Department Reports

A portable GPS unit was stolen from a car parked near 67<sup>th</sup> and Ocean Blvd. during the night by breaking a window. LBPD advised that burglars will take the portable units since they are easy remove. So they recommend that you take those out of your car at night and keep them in your residence.

Thieves are removing catalytic converters from vehicles due to the high price of platinum. Trucks and SUV's are especially vulnerable since there is more room to work under them and more clearance under the vehicle to move it out. Since the converters are attached with a few nuts and bolts, a simple and relatively cheap solution is to have a garage or shop with a welder put a spot weld on each nut to secure it. If you have an automobile, your garage or dealer mechanic can advise if there is sufficient clearance under your vehicle for converter removal.

Crime statistics for Peninsula/Belmont Shore (adjacent to Peninsula)/Naples – for the latest period reported, the Peninsula had a bike theft and an auto theft; Belmont Shore – six cases of burglary and theft; Naples – 8 burglary/theft plus 2 aggravated assault.

## Ocean Blvd. Traffic & Speeding

This is still a problem and a dangerous condition mostly caused by Peninsula residents. Based on surveys, a majority do not want physical barriers to speeding such as speed bumps/tables or additional STOP signs. We will request that the City install 25 MPH marking in each lane as a reminder of the speed limit and hopefully this will help. Since many neighbors back out of side streets, alleys or garages, it would be much better for all if you drive on the inner lane next to the median. We have also asked for more motor officers to enforce the speed limit and boulevard STOP signs.

Anyone that would like to participate on the Security Committee, please contact Peter Hogenson (562-439-3361).

Peter Hogenson, PBPG Security Director



## The Peninsula CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Upcoming events for the Peninsula CERT organization include:

1. Radio Drill – all CERT members with FRS radios will walk their blocks and transmit to our radio control position in order to determine “dead spots” or locations where their transmission can not be heard or that they can not receive information.
2. Standard Drill – CERT members will participate in a simulated emergency to practice the preparedness procedures that we have learned.
3. Pancake Breakfast – at a date TBD in July or August, the PBPG will sponsor a free pancake breakfast for Peninsula residents with the goal of increasing community knowledge about the Peninsula CERT organization, its function and purpose and, hopefully, to increase our membership. CERT is a function of the Long Beach Fire Department and contact has been made with them to request support of this event with Search and Rescue demonstrations and fire fighting equipment as well as having the Association participate in cooking the pancakes. Additional information will be provided by flyer, e-mail and on the lbpeninsula.org web site.

And we continue to have our Tuesday night radio checks at 7:30 on FRS Channel 4.

Christie Peck, PBPG CERT Director



## Check out our Website at [www.lbpeninsula.org](http://www.lbpeninsula.org)

Find valuable information about our organization and links to other resources including city services, aerial maps, lists of donors, CERT information, photos of our events, past issues of the Peninsula Pelican newsletter and lots more!