

# The Peninsula Pelican

*The official letter of the Alamitos Bay Beach Preservation Group*

*"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"*

## **President's Message**

According to the calendar, summertime is in full swing. Looking out my window I see only gray skies. Hopefully, this too shall pass. But it really doesn't matter that much. We all love summertime here at the beach and enjoy barbecuing, entertaining family and friends, swimming, tanning or just relaxing with a good book. Of course, our concerts are a very important part of peninsula life during the summer. How lucky we are!

I hope you all had a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The consensus of the Board and neighbors I have talked with is that things were calmer, quieter and more in control than in past years. Kudos to our Police Department and Marine Patrol officers for helping keep things under control in an unobtrusive but visible way.

The Board continues working to keep our area clean and safe. We continue to monitor beach erosion, litter problems, security and water quality.

I would now like to take this opportunity to introduce Sharon Kemmer,

the director appointed to fill a vacancy. Sharon lives with on the boardwalk in a home they are restoring. Prior to retirement in 2002, she taught school for 35 years, the last 11 at Roger's Middle School. She has served in the Teacher's Association in a variety of positions. Additionally, she has served in community positions with LBUSD and CSULB. Since retirement she has been an active contributor to Alamitos Bay Garden Club and volunteer for assignments with ABBPG. In the few months she has been on the board, she has proved to be a hard worker and a knowledgeable contributor to the issues/concerns we face. Welcome Sharon!

I, along with the Board, make every effort to address your issues/concerns. If you have any questions, problems complaints or kudos, please email to [ABBPGSurvey@aol.com](mailto:ABBPGSurvey@aol.com) I do want to hear from you.

Have a wonderful summer!

Jeanne Muench



## **Upcoming Events:**

**August 05 @ 5:30PM**

**Peninsula Concert**

**featuring the**

**Gregg Young and the 2nd Street Band**

## **CERT TEAM**

General CERT Mtg  
August 27th @ 7:30PM  
Sailing Center

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### **ABBPG**

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## **Summer Concerts left to go:**

**August 05**      **Gregg Young and the 2nd Street Band**  
(You'll love dancing to this group!)

**August 26**      **Elm St. Band**  
( a great band to close our concerts with)

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT and COMMUNITY INTEREST

**MEDIAN MAINTENANCE:** Ken Herbage from the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department has helped get some large boulders moved from other parts of the beach to the end of the Median at 72<sup>nd</sup>. These will further deter trucks and boat trailers from running over the median plants, sprinklers and lighting. **Midori Gardens** one of the City's maintenance contractors has been busy trimming the gazanias and pulling out other plants on the medians. The sick looking palms are being fed! All the City palms were trimmed in our areas! Some of the dead and dying plants have been replaced and others are scheduled for replacement. **Tom Shippey and Shawn Larson** have been instrumental in helping with these items. The **Facility Division** has replaced all the burned out bulbs on the median lighting. Things are looking good for all of us!

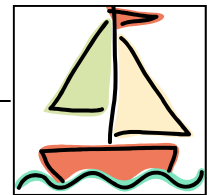
**UNDERGROUNDING UTILITY PROJECT:** In these past weeks we had an intensive meeting about this Project. This meeting was attended by Public Works, the City Manager, all the Utility Groups for Long Beach, our City Councilman Gary DeLong, representatives for the Naples Improvement Association (Shan Haq), a private underground utility engineer, and a few other movers and shakers. In the meeting a decision was reached to move forward with an

“interest only” ballot to poll the interest of the residents in such a project. The ballots will be passed out by both the NIA and the ABBPG in their respective neighborhoods. To prepare the ballot an independent engineer will be engaged to do an assessment and research study on similar underground projects in nearby communities. With this study a realistic first pass estimated cost per house can be included on the interest ballot. The City is going to pay 50% of the engineer's fees for this study. The other 50% is being paid in equal shares by the ABBPG and the NIA. We are confident that the engineer's study will produce an credible accurate estimate which may be included in the interest only ballot by this fall, and that the results can be discussed at the October Community Meeting.

**TRASH CANS:** Trash cans have been added where needed and will continue to be added where they are needed throughout the summer. They are being checked frequently and emptied on a regular basis.

**STREET END SIGNS:** Have been added where none existed to inform beachgoers about the restrictions on our beaches. Police enforced these rules on the **4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY** as well as now and are paying particular attention to minors drinking on the beach!

Linda McCullough



**A Word About SUMMER CONCERTS**

I would like to thank the many people who have donated to the summer concerts for 2007. Without donations and sponsors this wonderful neighborhood event could not take place.

A special thanks to two sponsors.

- 1) The August 26th concert, featuring the Elm Street Band. This concert is in memory of Bill Broz and sponsored by his widow, Mary Donna, Steve and Jennifer Scott and many of Bills Peninsula friends.
- 2) The Alamitos Bay Garden Club sponsored the July 8th concert featuring a new band, Big Box of Men.

**SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS**

I am sorry to say we will not be reordering any shirts or sweatshirts. The set up fee cost plus the added cost for the shirts make it impossible for us to place an order. There are still many sizes available.

Contact Stevie Anderson (562) 439-1606 for further information.

**BEACH & BAY NOTES:**

1. Based on the City study of water flow in various places in the Bay, a direct correlation has been established between water quality and pumping at the power plants. When pumping is reduced, water quality goes down. The city is studying plans retain pump circulation when power production is limited.
2. Design work will start soon for repair of the cracked seawall at 61<sup>st</sup> Place and Bay Shore.
3. Completion of the Army Corps of Engineers study of options to reduce ocean beach erosion has been delayed by three months.
4. Rebuilding of the Alamitos Bay Marina is scheduled to start before the end of 2007. The Leeway Sailing Club building will be enlarged during its upcoming rebuild.  
Peter Hogenson  
ABBPG representative on the Marine Advisory Commission [MAC]

## ALAMITOS BAY BEACH PRESERVATION GROUP 2007 MEMBERSHIP LIST

THANK YOU TO THE MANY PENINSULA RESIDENTS WHO SUPPORT ABBPG  
WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND CONTINUED INTEREST IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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**Security**

LBPB is vigorously enforcing the 10 PM curfew sweeps for those under 18 years of age. The citation will cost \$200.

Due to the increase in elder abuse, financial, verbal and physical, LBPB has created a section within the department (Senior Police Partners) similar to that for child abuse with its own hotline – 570-7208. An instance was reported in which an unscrupulous care giver convinced an elderly woman to give him her power of attorney and named himself as beneficiary of all her estate.

PD is enforcing the ban on bar-b-ques and open fires on the beach and in parks.

The Security Committee has requested a meeting with councilman DeLong and the new Commander of the East Division, Cynthia Renaud, to request more PD presence at the east end of the Peninsula and to help reduce the serious speeding problem on Ocean. We will have a report on this meeting in the next Pelican. All of the Peninsula residents who have reported to us on July 4<sup>th</sup> events have been complimentary of the PD traffic stop at 54<sup>th</sup> Place and walking patrol officers on Bay Shore and Seaside Walks and credit those actions with a greatly reduced incidence of minor drinking and other disorderly activities.

If you have security concerns, please contact PD and or the Council office or you can contact us by dropping a note in the ABBPG box in the laundry on 62<sup>nd</sup> Place.

Peter Hogenson  
Security Committee Chairman

**Message from the CERT Team**

HELP US TO HELP YOU

The Peninsula CERT team needs your help. We are asking all residents to fill out the enclosed questionnaire so we can prepare a more effective disaster response. We are gathering this information for two reasons: (1) To inventory specific resources and personnel that may be useful in a large scale emergency and (2) To identify households that may require special or additional assistance because of medical condition, advanced age, limited mobility, etc. Please note that any information you provide will only be used by CERT team leaders or authorized rescue personnel in the event of an emergency. Your neighbors on the CERT team will try to do everything we can to help you and your family through an emergency should one arise. The more information we have, the easier that will be. This form can be a crucial part of your family's disaster preparedness and it only takes a few moments to complete. Thank you for your cooperation.

The completed form can be mailed to the ABBPG at PO Box 3535, Long Beach, CA 90803 or may be dropped off at the ABBPG drop box located at the Bay Wash Laundromat at 49-62nd Place.

Christie Peck (562) 434-7841

**Water quality in Alamitos Bay and the Ocean Beachside along the Peninsula.**

The Long Beach Health Department regularly posts water testing results from several sampling locations around the Peninsula, both beachside and in the bay. Results are available by telephone at the **Beach Advisory and Closure Hotline at (562) 570-4199** and are also posted on the **Long Beach City Health Department website**. This site may be reached by going to [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov), clicking then on the City Services tab, scrolling to the Health item, which will open the Health page. From here hit Recreational Water Monitoring and it will take you directly to current water samples posting. As of this writing (July 11) there is posted on the website (and press releases) a LA City Sanitation sewage spill which occurred around July 10th in the San Pedro and LA Harbor area. Due to historic water currents, there is a potential that the City's recreational waters may be impacted. Therefore the Long Beach Health Officer, Dr. Helene Calvet, has ordered Beach Advisories posted on the city's coastal beaches. As of this writing most of the Peninsula areas impacted are on the Beachside and not in Alamitos Bay. However, as a caution, the hotline or website should be consulted for exact status and locations.



**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!