

The Peninsula Pelican

The official letter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group



"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"

President's Message:

Dear Peninsula Neighbors,

Please notice our new name - PENINSULA BEACH PRESERVATION GROUP, INC. (PBPB). The board and the community agree this new name more correctly identifies our mission to represent the best interests of the entire peninsula. Also note the new email address to contact the board.

As we move into the holiday season, your board continues to be busy working with City officials to preserve and maintain our community and quality of life. Security, code enforcement, undergrounding utilities, beach preservation, water quality and parking concerns continue to be a priority. Please note the reports in this newsletter regarding these issues.

Our recent neighborhood meeting was held on October 18th. Gary DeLong spoke on many topics relevant to the community. There was plenty of time for questions from the audience. Many, many thanks to our Councilperson Gary for all the pro-active support he has given us. The Police Department was also present to take questions about the recent tickets that have been issued. The name change and amendments to the By-laws were approved by the members. Thank you to all those residents who attended the meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those residents who deliver this

newsletter every other month. Many of them have volunteered their time for many years. Their loyalty and dedication are greatly appreciated. If you happen to see any one of them during their rounds, it would be nice to give them a personal thank you. There is a list of their names included in this newsletter.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article on parking regulations. The board continues to pursue options, but at the present time nothing is in place. Please just be aware that you may be ticketed.

It is again time for the election of board members. Look for ballots to arrive to all dues paying members. Please take the few minutes it takes to vote and return the ballots in the official envelope before December 15th.

Once again we are gearing up for a survey to be distributed with the January/February newsletter. This survey is very important because it lets the board know what you are thinking. It guides our Strategic Plan and our decisions throughout the year.

Last, but certainly not least, Santa will be arriving on December 5th at 62nd Place on the Bay. I hope to see you all there.

Happy Holidays!

Jeanne Muench
President PBPB
PBPBcontac@aol.com



Upcoming Events:

Santa Claus is coming to Town!!

The rumor is he is coming on **December 5th**, and he is going to arrive by boat at **5:30PM** at the **62nd Street** landing!

Ballots for the new Board will be mailed out in the coming week

Ballots must be back **Dec 15th**

Peninsula Survey will be going out in January

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Wednesday, December 5, Santa is scheduled to visit the Peninsula! His ETA is 5:30PM at the 62nd Street Landing. Get there early for pictures, refreshments and, of course, his dramatic arrival by boat!



Status: Peninsula and Naples underground utilities study:

Engineering studies to determine the feasibility and cost of undergrounding utilities on both the Peninsula and

Naples is continuing. Results will be due in the coming months. This study, commissioned officially by the City of Long Beach with PBPG support is being performed by David M. Gosper of the DMC Design Group, Inc. DMC has been studying undergrounding which has been implemented in parts of Manhattan Beach. They have also been dealing directly with SCE, Verizon, and Charter for technical information. They have also been working with contractors who do this kind of work to establish a possible working plan. It is too early now to reach any firm conclusions because the study is not yet complete. But results should be coming out in the coming months, and the PBPG Board will keep Peninsula residents fully informed about the status and recommendations of the study. Stand by....

Membership Drive for 2008

Wow, time flies doesn't it? We are almost all the way to 2008. It will be here before one knows it. And so with a new year, so also do we implement the 2008 Membership Drive. The PBPG works to perform many functions for benefit of the community. Your membership dues cover many items including

- working with the city to upkeep our landscaped median
- the publication of our bi-monthly newsletter, The Pelican, and hosting of our community website www.lbpeninsula.org
- training of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- working with the LB Police to enhance Peninsula safety and security
- assistance to the City in respect to Zoning and Planning
- a donation to maintain the Peninsula's eighteen Christmas Trees-in-the-Bay
- sponsoring Santa at 62nd for the kids each December
- of course, our popular Summer Concerts.

Currently we have 415 PBPG members of PBPG. However, we would like to have each and every peninsula resident as a member. With a strong membership we have a strong voice with the city and other government entities. Our 2008 membership drive will begin in January. At that time, look for a membership envelop in the Peninsula Pelican.

Thank you! Lynne Driscoll, Membership Chair

Signs in the Median

Several signs have been popping up in the median lately. This is a reminder that placing signs on public property is prohibited by law. In addition to being illegal, they are littering the median we have all worked so hard to achieve by making it look messy and disheveled. Please refrain from putting up signs in the median.



Update on Parking on the Peninsula:

Representatives from the board continue to meet with Gary DeLong, Commander Renaud of the East Division, the Administrator of Parking Operations for the City and other City officials to work out solutions to our unique parking situation. As with many things, solutions that will satisfy everyone are hard to come by. We will continue to pursue this matter. Look for some questions about this issue on the Peninsula Residents Survey which will be done early next year.

Zoning and Planning Information

At a recent meeting, the City Council has included the Peninsula in a zoning/planning study focusing on two things: front yard setbacks (what's allowed in the front yard) and the required garage turning radius. In the last Pelican, the board asked for community input regarding zoning issues. We received 5 responses. We have concluded that number is insufficient to make any determination on the nature of the Peninsula residents' opinions. In order to obtain a broader survey response, we will be putting questions regarding zoning/planning in next year's survey to ensure that the PBPG continues to represent the opinions of the majority of the Peninsula residents.



Check out our Website at
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!

**ALAMITOS BAY Peninsula Pelican Deliverers
Thank You for your Time and Effort!!**



Not all of us realize the efforts of many Peninsula residents who donate their time and efforts to distribute, in a timely manner, each issue of the Peninsula Pelican. Much work goes into packaging and distributing each issue to your door.

Tish Kernochan is our leader getting the packages sorted out and put together for the various deliverers. Then the deliverers get the letters out to our readers. Not a small task considering normal delivery is about 1000 issues. Some of our deliverers have been doing this for many years. HATs OFF to our distributors who are:

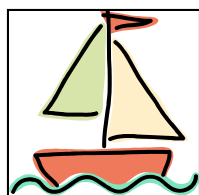
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Election Time



If you are a member of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group, you should receive a ballot via United States Mail to your home. If there are two persons in your family who are paid members, there will be two ballots in the envelope. Please be sure to vote and put your ballots in the return envelope provided.

Your ballots must be postmarked by December 15th in order to be counted. The votes will be counted by board members not up for election in a group of at least three persons. Results of the election will be announced in the Pelican.



Local Artists!

You are once again invited to submit facsimiles of your artwork for use on the 2008 Peninsula to-shirts/sweatshirts. The tentative plan is to use something on a navy blue ground, like a late afternoon, sunset, or evening skyline scene. Photos or other mediums can be used. Submit what you think would work on a colored ground; do not be limited by these suggestions. Please Xerox or photograph the artwork, and submit it to Sharon Kemmer, 6009 E. Seaside Walk, #1, (562) 434-0078 no later than December 31.

Security

There are three major topics on Peninsula security for this Pelican: 1) Ocean Blvd. speed control; 2) Peninsula parking problems; and 3) current criminal events.

In response to the survey in the last newsletter on installation of a permanent speed monitoring device and marking 25MPH in each lane of Ocean Blvd., we received a total of 21 replies.

Install a permanent speed monitor: 15 yes, 6 no
Paint 25MPH in each lane of Ocean Blvd. 17 yes, 4 no

The number of responses is too small to request action by the City so we will try to get more input by including the questions in a broader Peninsula survey which will be circulated in early 2008.

In order to improve driving safety on the Peninsula, please use the center lane as much as possible to avoid hitting cars exiting from alleys and side streets and to have better visibility of pedestrians attempting to cross Ocean Blvd.

Parking concerns on the Peninsula was the topic of a meeting held in October with Councilman DeLong, East Division Police representatives and a City parking coordinator. Parking problems raised by residents that were discussed included: 1) parking in driveways; 2) parking in the wrong direction; 3) parking in red zones; and 4) parking on Ocean too close to alleys and streets which blocks the view of those exiting on to Ocean.

City recommendations included permits for parking in your own driveway, permit parking in lots at each end of the Peninsula and greater enforcement of red zone parking. Permit parking for all residents was discussed but it wasn't clear how this would help, plus it is the opinion of the city representatives that the Coastal Commission would not approve it. These concerns and solutions will be included in the next Peninsula Survey for your input in early 2008.

Crime on the Peninsula. Two incidents of a male intruder at residences on Bayshore between 66th and 67th occurred at night on 10/31. On 10/29 someone reported an open door in a residence on Ocean Blvd. in the same area. In both cases LBDP responded quickly but found no intruders. On the Ocean Blvd. incident, there were three patrol cars including a K9 unit and they searched a large area.

Finally, remember that residential and auto burglary increase during the holiday season so be especially careful to lock doors and windows at home and don't

leave purses, cell phones, etc .exposed in your car – it only takes a few seconds for a thief to get them.

Peter Hogenson, PBPG Security Director

The Peninsula CERT (Community Emergency Response



Team) membership is made up of your neighbors who have spent their time to become trained in how to act in an emergency in order to help our neighbors get through the problems we may face. In order to refresh what we have learned

and provide skills to new members, we have monthly meetings with discussion and hands-on training. We also have periodic drills on the Peninsula during which we put what we have learned into practice in order to be better able to be functional when an emergency does occur.

Our meeting schedule for the first part of 2008 is:

January 14 – First Aid – demonstration and participation

February 4 – Radio Communication – what, how, why and participation

March 3 - First Responder Basics – what we can and can not do

April TBD - Action Drill – use of the above in simulated emergency conditions

Meetings are held at the Sailing Center, 55th Pl & Ocean, start at 7:30PM and end promptly at 8:30PM.

Meetings and Drills are open to all Peninsula residents, trained or not. The primary reason for CERT on the Peninsula is that in a major emergency, we may have to take care of ourselves for up to 3 days without City assistance.

Do you know:

- How to turn off the gas to your or a neighbor's house?
- Stop bleeding from a puncture wound?
- Operate a fire extinguisher?
- Who to call and how to call for help on the Peninsula?
- Where to take children if an earthquake strikes on a stormy night?

Join us and we'll help you with the answers.

Christie Peck – PBPG CERT Director

Peter Hogenson – Peninsula CERT