

The Peninsula Pelican

The official newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"

President's Message – January 2009

Happy New Year. We on the Board of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group look forward to a productive year with our mission: "To protect and preserve the beaches along the Long Beach Peninsula for public usage and to ensure these community beaches and this community be maintained at the highest potential in this recreational and residential area." Our strategic plan is based on community surveys and includes emphasis on quality of life, infrastructure, public safety, zoning and communication.

We have had many successes over the past year, and they are enumerated elsewhere in this newsletter in a list of accomplishments. Perhaps the biggest event of 2008 was the door-to-door petition effort to determine if there was interest in the City doing a study of the cost of putting our utilities underground. This is a multi-year project which your PBPG Board has spent many hours bring to this point.

With over 2/3 of the property owners signing the petition, the City now has the task of finding the funding to do an assessment study to determine the exact cost of the project per parcel. Only then will the concept be put to a vote of the property owners. Should the voters approve the project, the cost of under

grounding utilities could be paid in a lump sum, or simply added to the property taxes over a 20-25 year period.

Your PBPG Board of 13 volunteers give countless hours of service to this community. My goal this year is to encourage more of our residents to participate. Your Board welcomes any help and participation from the neighborhood. Contact the committee chairs or me, and I will put you in contact with the appropriate board member. Please look at all the Director's reports in the newsletter as well as their areas of responsibility – and become an active contributor.

Our 2009 membership drive is underway. At \$20 per year, membership is an incredible value. We work hard, but we need your support to do the many things that help make this neighborhood extra special. Check your newsletter for renewal envelopes, or visit our website, www.lbpeninsula.org, where you can also keep up on all Peninsula activities.

Feel free to write or email to the address below with any questions, comments, concerns or compliments.



Happy New Year!

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Membership Drive 2009: Our 2009 Membership Drive is beginning, and we encourage your support for our Peninsula neighborhood organization. Enclosed with this addition is a letter from our President and a full report of our 2008 activities and accomplishments. To join us please complete the membership form included with the envelope in this newsletter, tear it off at the perforations, and enclose it with your check in the self addressed envelope. Your completed envelope may be returned by mail or to the PBPG posting box at the laundry located on 62nd Place. Remember to print clearly and include your email. Your email allows us to notify you of any emergencies or import information relating to the Peninsula. Email addresses are not given or shared with anyone else. Please remember your support is needed to help preserve the special quality of life we are fortunate to have on the Peninsula.

Thank you, Lynne Driscoll, Membership Chair, 439-5376



Upcoming Events:

Peninsula CERT

Monday, January 26th
7 PM — Sailing Center
Report on California
Shakeout Drill

General Peninsula

Meeting

Wednesday, April 22nd

PBPG BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2009)

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Results from the First *Ever* Peninsula Christmas Decorating Contest

First, the winners (by consensus)*

House: 31-58th Place--falling snowflakes and lively candy cane columns

Door: 15-64th Place--painted door and sylvan holiday panels surrounded by garlands and festoons

End of Street Decor: 64th Place--a perennial favorite, but watch out next year, across the way some streets showed seeds of greatness ...

Second, some, but not all, of the other really nice decorations

- The door at 6001 E. Ocean was charming and whimsical.
- The lighted palms at 5801 E. Seaside Walk were like a photo in a museum; they need to be viewed from 58th, as the lights reflected in the stainless steel garage doors as vertical lines of single colors.
- Proving that less is more, 5600 E. Ocean Blvd. edged their home with blue and green lights, and 5710 Ocean Blvd. packaged their home with a simple red bow.
- If ... there had been a category for indoor decoration in plain sight - we all know 6012 Bayshore Walk and their wonderful displays at Christmas, Halloween, etc. Wonderful!



With generous help from Union Bank of Naples, the PBPG hosted Santa for his annual Peninsula visit on the first Wednesday of December. The event was attended by over 100 children with additional family, friends, and neighbors. It featured: Polaroid pictures with Santa of children, pets, parents, and friends, aided by Santa's Elves, August, Ollie, and Augusto Cigliano; Santa arriving by Long Beach Rescue Boat, courtesy of Captain Louis Martinet of the Long Beach Lifeguards and Santa

[rumored to be Charlie Anderson]; a wide variety of liquid and baked refreshments courtesy of Union Bank; and music and elf hosts from the PBPG. Bob Chrisman provided infrastructure and assistance from his landing tenants from a remote location in Hawaii. Neighbors Rick Turrentine with Sally and Gary Bates provided security. A special thank you to Jayne Lane and Joanne Trutanich for all their work; Joanne was especially industrious as cleaner/decorator both before and after the event. What a nice evening! Thank you all for coming.

Sharon Kemmer for the PBPG

UTILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE — JANUARY 13, 2009

This is the 2ND Meeting with Gary DeLong plus Mike Conway, Head Dept. of Public Works, City of Long Beach.

There is a possibility that 20A Funds can be used towards the Underground Project in relation to the % of ownership of the Peninsula that the City possesses. Mike Conway was going to reconfirm my belief that Tony Mathis of SCE had previously determined that the Peninsula would qualify for 20A funds. He was also going to research the possibility of re-prioritizing the current list to permit 20A Funds to be used on our project in the % stated above.

Mike Conway was going to further research the idea of

offering to SCE Approved Contractors the privilege of offering a no or low price for the Assessment Engineering design for the Peninsula Project which would in turn guarantee them (if selected) the job of the Peninsula Underground Project. The parameters of how this would work are to be determined. We are not going to trade the low upfront bid for a higher end cost.

Shan Haq/NIA representative has asked Dave Cospers PE to get a price from his SCE Approved Engineer for the Design work/costing of the Peninsula Underground Project. Dave Cospers P.E. of DMC Design Group is the person the NIA, PBPG, and City of Long Beach hired to give us our numbers for the Petition that was just passed. Any Questions? Contact.....

Linda McCullough — Director , Peninsula Maintenance and Improvement

PBPG Board Officers and Committee Chairs elected for the Year 2009

Board Officers

President	Rick Turrentine
Vice President	Phil Osterlind
Secretary/Historian	Randy Peck
Treasurer	Jo Anne Authur
Past President	Jeanne Muench

Directors & Committee Chairs

Director, Beach Maintenance & Improvement	Beach re-nourishment, Sand groins and erosion studies, Trashcans Maintenance and pickup of sand, Sandstakes	Rick Brizendine
Director CERT		Christy Peck
Director, Communications	Newsletter, Website, Median Signs, Survey	Phil Osterlind
Director, Concerts	Concerts, Weenie Roast	Stevie Anderson
Director, Community Relations	Santa, T-shirts, Trees-on-the-Bay	Sharon Kemmer
Director, Membership		Lynn Driscoll
Director, Peninsula Maintenance and Improvement	Median and Median maintenance, Underground Utilities (assessment district), Trashcans on Bay Shore, Street and Sidewalk Sweeping, Storm Drains, Street Signage	Linda McCullough
Director, Security	Security, Traffic Studies & Beach Patrols	Peter Hogenson
Director, Zoning Review		Rob Bellevue

From the Desk of the 3rd District, Long Beach City Council:

Long Beach City Council District 3 (Includes the Peninsula)

Gary DeLong

Gary's office has produced a Booklet entitled

The Year in Review

In this pamphlet Gary reviews various aspects of the past year which affect the communities he represents of which the Peninsula is one of these communities. This report is available by contacting his office at the address below:

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Conclusions of the 2008 Year in Review:

Again, this has been an epic year. In many of the 460 cities in California, completing only several of these projects or initiatives would be enough to end the year on a high note.

Before we totally move on to 2009, we all should pause and reflect on the tremendous positive changes in our community in 2008. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



One Section (of several) of Gary DeLong's Year end Review: >> Sustainability

- New Sustainability Commission formed
- New Office of Sustainability
- Biodiesel pilot program in Fleet
- Cold Ironing initiated at Port
- Highest solid waste diversion rate in USA
- Best water conservation in State
- Fixed 151 catch basins that drain straight to Alamitos Bay
- Bike Mobility Plan initiated with Ambassador, Tony Cruz
- Named Tree City
- Best Green Fleet in USA
- Added fun bike racks on corridors
- City Bike Share Program
- Breakwater study continues

Security/CERT December Crime Report.

There were reports among neighbors of tires slashed on a truck on 64th Place but it was not reported to the Police Department. PD did have reports on the Peninsula of a cell phone stolen through a cut in a window screen in the 5900 block of Ocean Blvd. (the phone was visible from the sidewalk) and a skateboard stolen from an unlocked garage in the 6100 block of Bayshore Walk. It is important to report all criminal incidents to Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) and it is especially important to report suspicious persons or events in order to prevent a crime from occurring.

A current telephone scam is for a person who already has your credit card number but not the security number on the back, to call as a representative of the Card Company saying they are investigating a fraud and need you to verify your security code. The credit card company doesn't need to ask for that since they already have it so don't respond – better yet, report it to the LBPD.



The next meeting of Peninsula CERT will be Monday, January 26th at 7 PM at the Sailing Center (55th Place) and will include results of the California Shakeout Drill held last November and plans for an upcoming radio drill.

Peter Hogenson, Security Director

Christie Peck, CERT Director



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