

The Peninsula Pelican

The official newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula Community since 1966"



President's Message: Nov/Oct 2009

At our community meeting on November 4th we had a great presentation about the History of the Peninsula. It was quite informative. The pictures showing the floods and waves crashing over the boardwalk were amazing. Also at our meeting, we held elections for the Board of Directors for 2010. The following Board Members were reelected to a two year term on the board: Stevie Anderson, Rob Bellevue, Lynne Driscoll, Sharon Kemmer, Linda McCullough, and Jeanne Muench. Thanks to them for being willing to serve their community for two more years.

Also present at the meeting was Councilperson Gary DeLong. He has promised to continue to work with the city and state to solve our parking situation. The governor vetoed AB 213 which sought to amend the California Vehicle Code to allow us to park on either side of the street on the peninsula. Assemblyperson Bonnie Lowenthal carried this piece of legislation. This legislation passed the

California Senate and Assembly unanimously but, unfortunately, was vetoed by the Governor. We'll keep you posted on our renewed efforts to solve this parking problem.

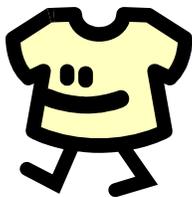
We will be doing a community survey early 2010 to find out what the community would like us to do on a few issues. Be sure to watch for this and complete it so we will know your preferences on beach issues, traffic issues, parking, and zoning issues on the Peninsula. If there are other issues which you would like addressed please do not hesitate to let us know.

Feel free to write or email to the address below with any questions, comments, concerns or compliment and visit our website, www.lbpeninsula.org, where you can also keep up on all Peninsula activities!

Rick Turrentine, President
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Hello....About T-Shirts



Having our own Peninsula sweatshirts and t-shirts is just one of the many perks of living and/or playing on the Peninsula. Past designs have included colorful beach graphics, Peninsula artists' paintings and a collage have been printed on white, gray, blue and pale gold shirts. **It is time to consider new ideas for the 2010 shirts.** Photos have been

a recurring idea. Are there other ideas? The images should be iconic -- you see the image and you think of the Peninsula—its spirit, its vistas, its promise.

Submit your ideas to Sharon Kemmer, ciglanoz@hotmail.com. Feel free to mail in ideas to the PBPG P.O. Box 3535, or stop Sharon on the street -- all thoughts on the subject welcome.



Upcoming Events:

Peninsula Residents
Santa at the 62nd Steet
Landing

Wednesday December 02
Santa Arrives @ 6:00PM

CERT Meeting

Sailing Center
Nov 16 @ 7:PM

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Community Emergency Response Team – CERT

The Peninsula CERT activated their radio communications network while supporting the California Great Shake-out Drill on October, 15th. One of our members, Dr. Ed Shackeroff, was also

involved in coordinating Shakeout response activities and communications with Naples school. We found some “dead spots” on the Peninsula where our FRS radio based system could not be heard by others on the net. We plan to discuss how to overcome our local communications problem in a meeting on November 16th. During that meeting we also will start planning a Peninsula based earthquake drill (which would apply to other emergencies as well) for early next year which will be open to all Peninsula residents. More on this in the January Pelican.

Emergency Tip – Since gas station pumps may not be operational for some time after a severe earthquake, it’s wise to refill your tank when it’s half empty instead of when the light goes on.

Christie Peck - PGPB CERT Chair
Peter Hogenson - Peninsula CERT

CERT Meeting

This is a reminder of the next Peninsula CERT meeting on Monday, Nov. 16th, 7PM at the Sailing Center. We will have three things to discuss including lessons learned from the Oct. 15th Shakeout.

1. How to improve radio communications on the Peninsula and with Naples as well as others.
2. What role we want to request ABYC to play in a serious emergency.
3. A full-up drill in early 2010 in which we invite all interested Peninsula residents to participate - we had a fair amount of new interest in our August CERT meeting so maybe can get some of those folks to show up.

Put the meeting on your calendars.

Peter & Christie
Peninsula CERT

Comments can be forwarded to the PBPG PO Box 3535, Long Beach, 90803 or email to pbpgcontact@aol.com

Zoning Concerns:

The newest zoning concern on the Peninsula is that several houses are being offered for rent by the day. Daily and weekly rentals are not allowed by the zoning code. It is very hard on the neighbors to live next to a "hotel" full of people coming down to party at the beach. The city is now aware of the problem and has sent letters notifying the owners of their code violation. If the owners do not stop the city will take enforcement action.

If you are experiencing this problem in your area please call councilman Delong's office or me, Rob Bellevue.

Peninsula Security:

Violent Assault on the Peninsula

In early October a woman was assaulted by a man on 66th Place. After checking with LBPD, it was determined that the woman is a house cleaner and not a Peninsula resident and the man, also a non-Peninsula resident, knew the woman and was waiting for her arrival at the home on 66th she was to clean. The man was apprehended and is currently in jail on a very high bail. As the PD representative said, it could have happened anywhere the woman worked, the man, who knew her schedule, just chose the Peninsula location. However, this leads to an important reminder for all of us about home invasion robbery and assault. Recently, magazine salesmen have been going door-to-door on the Peninsula during the early evening. Although nicely dressed and possibly legitimate, PD reminds us that the most important barrier between us and home invasion is our front door. Once you open it to an unknown person, you are vulnerable to being overpowered by force resulting in injury, robbery and possibly worse.

Ocean Blvd. Safety

For many years there has been a conflict of interests on the Peninsula between those that are concerned about reduced safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and those exiting from alleys or side streets due to speeding on Ocean Blvd and others who do not want physical limitations such as speed humps or tables to slow them down. In every survey in the past, a majority has objected to these speed controls. However, as introduced in the last Pelican, a suggestion from an Ocean Blvd. resident suggests that it doesn't have to be an either/or choice; instead this person suggests there is possibly a solution that might satisfy both groups. This person suggests the use of speed **tables** in the right hand lane which would only would permit unobstructed traffic flow in the center (median) lane, while slowing traffic to the minimum in the lane more critical to safety. Speed **tables** are different from speed bumps in that tables permit continuous driving at a specified speed limit, without the need to slow down even more when approaching the table. This solution warrants consideration in that it might provide improved safety in the most dangerous lane while preserving unobstructed flow in the center lane. We anxiously await your thoughts on this, or any other suggestions your might have. To learn more or help us understand the views of the community we plan to include this question in the resident survey in early 2010. We are listening to your views. If you have questions or comments please feel free to send them to PBPG, PO Box 3535, Long Beach, 90803 or e-mail to pbpgcontact@aol.com.

Parking Restrictions

The experimental use of the parking lot between 71st and 72nd Places for over night residential permit parking has not been successful based on observations by nearby residents. Only one permit was requested and the security arm has not kept out trouble makers and loud partiers. Either the arm is not operating or it is broken so that the lot is generally open to those we intended to restrict. At the request of affected residents, PBPG plans to recommend to the City that the experiment be discontinued and the permanent overnight security gate be reinstalled. Residents along Ocean Blvd. between 54th and 55th have requested that the restriction on over night parking on the south side of Ocean Blvd. (54th to 55th) that existed for many years be reinstated due to excessive noise, trash, etc. that occurs frequently, especially on weekends and during the summer. The PBPG plans to recommend this change to the City pending comments from other affected residents to the addresses noted above.

Peter Hogenson, PBPG Security Chairman

Security Correction:

Marine Patrol Limited to Marinas

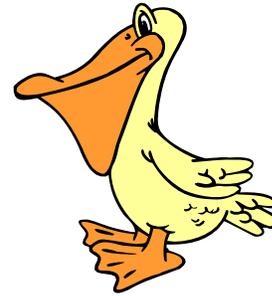
The Marine Patrol Division of the LBPD has been funded by the Marina fund (from boat slip fees) for marina patrol and from the Tidelands Fund for other activity such as beach and parking lot patrol. Last Issue of the Pelican we reported that the City had deleted the Tidelands Funds portion of their budget which will result in four fewer officers and NO day or night patrol of the beaches/lots, including Peninsula beaches and the 72nd Place lot. That statement was in error.

In fact Councilmember Gary DeLong, in discussions with his colleagues, was successful in getting Tidelands funding restored for this issue into the budget that was adopted. There will be no reduction of Marine Patrol service on the Peninsula in Fiscal Year 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact our Councilmember Gary DeLong direct at (562) 961-4105 or on the web at LongBeach.gov/District3.

Did you know?...A few notes about our friend around the Ocean, the Pelican

According to the Wall Street Journal the US Fish and Wildlife Service removed the brown pelican from the endangered species list, nearly 40 years after it was devastated by use of the pesticide DDT. The Pelican was listed as a protected species under the Endangered Species Act in 1970, and DDT was banned in 1972. Pelican population sank as low as 10,000, but now has recovered to about 620,000 birds.



Reminder

Rumor is that Santa Claus will be wandering around 62nd Landing on December 02 at about 6:00PM. He will greet all the local kids and listen to their wishes. He is always such a hero when he stops by to listen to the kids here on our Peninsula.

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