

The Peninsula Pelican

The Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group
"Serving the Peninsula Community since 1966"



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Presidents Message - New Year 2011

On January 10th the PBPG Board elected me President for this year. I am very honored to be given this opportunity to serve. I want to represent all Peninsula Owners and Tenants on the many issues which impact our unique style of life here on the Peninsula.

But first I would like to acknowledge all the members of the 2010 PBPG Board who served this past year. I particularly recognize Rick Turrentine who served as President in both Years 2009 & 2010. Rick has done a great job ensuring that the voice of the Peninsula has been heard in a meaningful way with the City of Long Beach and other groups.

Next let me introduce myself. My first exposure to the Peninsula was 1966. I attended CSULB and dated my wife, Sue, who resided with here parents on 67th Place. Sue's parents (Jacobsons) were active Peninsula residents with the Garden Club, ABYC and other groups. Sue and I were married in 1966, and we had our wedding reception at ABYC. Soon after I took up a career with Fluor Corporation, an engineering and construction company for whom I worked 39 years. I retired in 2005.

Being in construction we moved a lot and lived in various places including Kuwait, South Africa, Holland, Canada, and Texas. But none of those travels were anything close to our lives here on the Peninsula. We were so very fortunate that in 1995 my company transferred us back to the Los Angeles area. The first thing we did was move into the exact same house on 67th Pl. that Sue lived in way back in 1966.

Well, at PBPG, we have a busy year ahead. We want to ensure that we are representing owners and tenants with the many activities and issues affecting our lives here on the Peninsula.

One might ask "how do you, a volunteer group, represent the needs of this community?" Well what guides us are the residential surveys which we take every two years. The last survey was June 2010 and results were in the Pelican and are also posted on the LB Peninsula website. In the last survey items of highest concern to the residents were ranked in order of concern or focus. The rank of the issues started with the breakwater, but then also zoning, bay water pollution, sand erosion, fast traffic concerns, beach cleanliness, and a number of other entries.

To keep you informed about how we tackle the issues, please refer to our organization table on Sheet #2 for a list of our Board Members and their various activities.

In closing, we have a busy year ahead, and we look forward to serving our residents. But the most important thing is a strong membership, and I urge you to fill out and return the Membership form included with this letter.

Also please feel free to write or email to the PBPG address on the front page with any questions, comments, or concerns or compliment and visit our website.

Thank you,

Phil Osterlind, President

**Planned Ahead:
General Meeting at
ABYC - May 5th**

**Peninsula Concerts:
June 19th
June 30th(Thurs Eve)
July 10th and 24th
August 7th, 21st
Aug 28th(BBQ & band)
Last General Meeting
Nov17**

PBPG Board of Directors (2010)

President

Phil Osterlind

Vice President

Rick Brizendine

Treasurer

Jeanne Muench

Secretary/Historian

Sharon Kemmer

Directors

Stevie Anderson

Rob Bellevue

Lynne Driscoll

Tony Gentile

Peter Hogenson

Susan Phillips

Linda McCullough

Christie Peck

Rick Turrentine

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Introduction to the 2011 PBPG Board Members Team:

Board Officers

President	Phil Osterlind
Vice President	Rick Brizendine
Secretary/Historian	Sharon Kemmer
Treasurer	Jeanne Muench
President ex-Officio	Rick Turruntime

Directors and Committee Chairs

Director of:	Current Activities	Board Member
Beach Maintenance and Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Principle representative on the joint PBPG/City of Long Beach Peninsula Improvement Committee (PIC) ➔ Supervises Beach re-nourishment and studies ➔ Prepares Peninsula input into the LB Breakwater studies 	Rick Brizendine
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Fiduciary control and overview to ensure that PBPG tax exempt funds are properly managed 	Jeanne Muench
Peninsula Maintenance and Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Coordinates with the City of Long Beach Median maintenance ➔ Spearheading Underground Utilities Initiative on the Peninsula and with the City of Long Beach ➔ Coordinates trash cans on Bay Shore, Street and Sidewalk sweeping, Storm drains, and Street signage ➔ Coordinates SandStake program 	Linda McCullough
Concerts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Arranges for all Peninsula Concerts and Weenie Roasts 	Stevie Anderson
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Responsible for PBPG Membership Drive 	Lynne Driscoll
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Responsible for reviewing zoning issues and coordinating same with the City of Long Beach 	Rob Bellevue
CERT and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Spearheads the Peninsula CERT effort ➔ Coordinates with City Officials and Police crime prevention efforts and July 04 melee management. ➔ Works with the City of Long Beach Police traffic control measures currently underway to reduce Peninsula speeding 	Peter Hogenson
Community Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Peninsula T-shirts and Sweat Shirts -- always a favorite seller ➔ Santa on the 62nd Place Marina coming Dec 7,2011 ➔ Coordinates with City Trees on the Bay 	Susan Phillips
Peninsula Pelican Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Keeps us all informed about Peninsula News 	Christie Peck
LBPeninsula.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Manages the Long Beach Peninsula Website ➔ Supervises Peninsula Surveys ➔ Assist with PBPG Membership Drive 	Tony Gentile
Secretary/Historian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Keeps track of all meetings and records historical information 	Sharon Kemmer
President ex-Officio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Will act as Member at Large using Rick's experience gained to guide the PBPG Board on various activities and issues 	Rick Turrentine

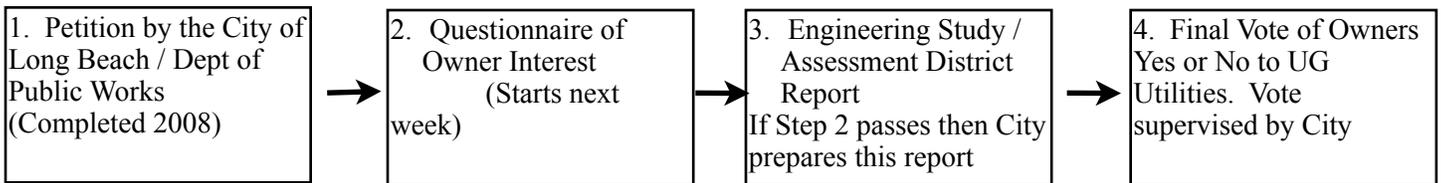
2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is now time to begin our 2011 Membership Drive. We hope very much that you will lend your support to the Peninsulas' neighborhood organization. PBPG is your voice to the City of Long Beach -- the more Peninsula residents that we have as members, the stronger that voice becomes.

And this year of thin budgets means a lot of important things get pushed under the rug unless there is a very strong proponent sponsoring that item. The PBPG works with the City almost daily to ensure Peninsula needs are being addressed. Most of the issues are listed in the Board Table in the previous sheet. But to highlight some of the main points we on the Peninsula have a great deal at stake to ensure that we get our share of City attention. Some of the more important issues include East Beach and Alamitos Bay beach nourishment programs, traffic control, crime control (particularly July 4th), median, bayshore and boardwalk repair and maintenance, underground utilities studies, and many, many more.

The City of Long Beach respects PBPG as a strong neighborhood organization, and responds to our requests. Thus we urge you and your family to join the PBPG. With your support we can achieve success. **Lynne Driscoll** leads our membership efforts. With this newsletter is our Membership Form for Yr2011. Please fill it out and join. You won't regret it. This year the dues are \$25 for single membership and \$40 for family. Also in the membership form there is a chance to contribute to the Peninsula Concerts. Memberships dues are tax deductible as PBPG is a registered tax deductible entity. A Membership envelope accompanies this Pelican. Simply fill it in, enclose a check and mail it or drop it in our drop box at the Laundromat on 62nd Pl.

Update on Undergrounding of Peninsula Utilities



In the Peninsula General Meeting of last November there were questions raised about the work process for this initiative. There is a specific work process which must be followed for this proposal to proceed:

1. A petition prepared by the City of Long Beach / Dept. of Public Works was developed and passed out by the Under-ground Utility Volunteers. This petition was passed in 2008. The process was halted because of the recession.
2. Recently the economic climate has improved and a Questionnaire of Owner Interest in the reinstatement of the Under-grounding Process is being sent to all property owners. This will show their interest to Public Works that the community wants to move forward.
3. If interest is shown in continuing the Under-grounding then the City and the City Council must make the

decision to fund the costs associated with the development of an Engineering Study / Assessment District which in turn will also determine what the price of each individual property will be as it relates to under-grounding the utilities for the Peninsula.

No cost to this point is incurred by the individual homeowners.

4. The final step in this process is the **Mailed Ballot by the City to each Individual registered property owner to get their YES or NO vote for Under-grounding of the Peninsula Utilities. Every owner will have the exact cost of their particular property.**

If the vote passes by 51% of the property owners the Assessment District will be formed. If no, the vote fails.
Linda McCullough

UNDERGROUND UTILITY PROJECT RESUMPTION QUESTIONNAIRE TO ARRIVE SOON TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS. MAILING-JAN., RETURN-FEB 11TH Please read carefully and send in your response. If you do not receive this document for any reason please call 562-433-2376 or pick up a copy at 5900 E. Bayshore Walk.
Linda McCullough

REFLECTIONS ON DECEMBER 2010 -- SANTA ON THE BAY

Many of our Peninsula residents kicked off the Christmas holiday on the evening of December 8th with a visit from Santa. With sirens and lights marking his arrival, over 100 children anxiously awaited to see Santa travel across the bay to 62nd Place in a Long Beach Lifeguard Boat. New Christmas decorations, a newly renovated Santa chair and sweet treats courtesy of PBPG added sparkle to the evening. Electricity is always tricky at the square so we were very fortunate to have a donation of hot coffee and condiments from Tonette Fischer at Starbucks Coffee (store next to Rubios). The Christmas tree was provided courtesy of Moon Valley Nursery and left up until New

Year's day for all to enjoy. The weather cooperated and a great time was had by all. As with all community events, this could not have been successful without the help of the many community members: Stevie and Charlie Anderson, Joanne Trutanich, Lynne Driscoll, Brian, Laine and Tatum Marshall, Christin, Roxy and Charley Snyder, Jill Hogenson, Rick Turrentine, Michael Habib, Phil Osterlind, Bob Chrisman, Susan Phillips, and Virginia Feo. A special thank you Charlie Anderson for his help with Santa, Grant Jeffries and his team from the Long Beach Lifeguards, and PBPG for sponsoring the event. Wishing everyone a great 2011.

Amy Marshall

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