

The Peninsula Pelican

The Official Newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula Community since 1966"



President's Message

Hello Peninsula residents. A busy agenda lies before us. Our 2012 membership drive has been successful to date but I'd like to encourage all residents of the Peninsula, whether tenant or owner, to join the PBPG. We need your participation and input so we can better represent you! You will find sign up information inside this newsletter.

Neighborhood Meeting -- Wednesday April 18th

Next order of business is our first of two annual General Residents meeting at ABYC. Social and refreshments start at 6:30 pm, the meeting begins at 7:00PM. We have a very busy agenda planned with honored guests and interesting topics. These are:

- **Michael Beckman, Commander of the East Division of the Long Beach Police Department** will be here to discuss area crime problems, and Police Department plans for July 4th. He will be open for questions and concerns.
- **Long Beach Chief Traffic Engineer, David Roseman**, will be here to talk about traffic on the Peninsula, and his thoughts about reducing speeding on Ocean Blvd.
- **Eric Lopez, Public Works Special Projects** will display architectural plans for remodeling and upgrading the Leeway Sailing center. Last year a plan was presented for a complete redesign based on a Cape Cod style, but residents

did not particularly care for this design. The City took a second look at the project. The current rebuild will essentially replicate what is already there, but add new and updated facilities, and provide some minor floor plan adjustments to make the facility more useable.

- **Marine Department Manager Mark Sandoval** will be here to update us on Peninsula Beach Restoration and Re-nourishment. This will include answers to your questions about the current Peninsula (East) Beach nourishment program. He will also update us about different methods under study which could lead to a more permanent solution.
- **Councilman Gary DeLong** will be here to update us on the latest happenings and developments affecting our Council District 3.
- **Susan Phillips**, along with **Peter and Jill Hogenson**, will have our new 2012 **Peninsula T Shirts and sweatshirts** on display and for sale. Be sure to come early and buy your favorites. Only one order this year so when they are gone, they are gone! We have a great new design for 2012.

This promises to be a lively and informative community meeting with topics that concern all of us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Phil Osterlind, President
PBPG Board of Directors

Save The Dates!

- ➔ **General Meeting**
April 18th - ABYC
6:30PM Social
7:00PM Meeting
- ➔ **CERT Drill**
April 28th @ 9AM
62nd & Bayshore
- ➔ **Summer Concert**
June 24th 5:30PM
Squeeze Box Band

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KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING...

Dust off your LOW BACK beach chairs and get ready for another Summer of six great bands. The dates for our Summer Concert Series are:

- ✓ **June 24** To kick off our Summer Series we will have our local band **Squeeze Box**. Everyone knows and loves Steve Harder's band. What a better way to start our summer.
- ✓ **July 8** **Flight 442** a returning band, once called Slyde
- ✓ **July 15** **RamFunkshus** . A great band.
- ✓ **July 29** **Gregg Young and the 2nd Street Band**. We had this band a few years ago.
- ✓ **August 12** **The Elm St. Band** is back!
- ✓ **August 26** Our barbeque and concert. The band is **Retro Station**. I am sure you will remember them when you see and hear them. They are great.

The dates are all Sundays. The times for the first five concerts are from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. For our last concert the Firefighters will start serving Hot Dogs and Bratwurst at 4:30 and the concert will start at 5:30pm. I am looking forward to this Summer and seeing everyone again.

Stevie Anderson

Security Blotter

Home Burglaries -- You may have noticed how many recent home burglars have been caught by the calling of alert neighbors to 911 when they noticed suspicious activity in or around near-by homes. Remember, we are the first line of defense for our homes and neighborhood. If you see persons acting suspiciously, call 911 and let LBPd determine whether it is a problem or not. When you do call, try to give an accurate description of the activity and people involved.

Ocean Blvd Speeding - Due to the concern expressed through personal contact and periodic Peninsula surveys, the PBPG has been working with the 3rd District Council Office and the City Traffic Engineer to introduce a traffic calming experiment in the right hand lane only along a limited area of Ocean Blvd. This procedure has been described in prior newsletters and involves the use of speed tables which do not require braking when driving at speeds up to 25 MPH. We have not had much support from the City on this, but have a chance to find out why at the April 18th General Meeting. We encourage you to attend as both the Councilman and Traffic Engineer will be available to answer questions.

Peter Hogenson, CERT/Security Director

Community Improvement

- ✓ Damaged trash barrels or recycling barrels? Call Environmental Service Bureau 570-2876 to have them replaced at no cost.
- ✓ A request for more doggie bag dispensers on the Peninsula has been received. I called the City, but they said it is not now part of the current work orders so you will have to continue to carry your own disposal bags.
- ✓ The Department of Parks, Rec, and Marine take care of our Medians. We are grateful for their rapid response to calls from me and/or other community members to address maintenance issues relating to the medians/ Peninsula. They have recently added about 18 boulders to the medians to enhance the planting. This addition will also make it much harder for cars and trucks to drive over the medians.
- ✓ If a sprinkler is broken or a light timer is out of sync be sure to call either the Parks Department Maintenance Division 570-2700 ext.3 or the Water Department 570-2300.

If you have issues concerning the Peninsula that you would like addressed please contact one of the Board Members that represent your area of concern. For more information check out the web site and join us as a member of PBPG. Support your community!

Linda McCullough

Peninsula CERT

Community Emergency Response Team

Peninsula CERT will hold a drill to practice our response procedures to an emergency, generally representative of a severe earthquake. We will meet at 9AM at 62nd and Bayshore Walk and will finish before 11AM. During the drill, we will practice radio communication procedures and then will react to a simulated emergency which will be defined by the Drill Leaders. The objectives are to: 1) refresh our radio procedures; 2) think about how we would approach an individual disaster situation (partially collapsed building, downed power line, gas smell, etc.); and 3) develop a plan to solve the problem. You don't have to be a CERT member to attend the drill, in fact we would like non-members to come. Remember, these are all Peninsula neighbors and the more aware we all are when a disaster strikes, the better off we all will be.

CERT Disaster Tip: Make sure you have at least one week's supply of critical medication in your emergency kit in case you lose access to your regular supply due to fire or building collapse.

Peter Hogenson, CERT/Security Director

Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

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Peninsula Beach Preservation Group (PBPG)

Not a member? It's not too late to join.

Be part of our organization, to strengthen our Peninsula neighborhood. The PBPG is a tax deductible organization.

Membership Renewal Annual Dues: \$25 per person or \$50 Per Family - Concert Donation (as you wish)

Names (Please Print): _____

Address, City and Zip; Telephone & Email: _____

Membership Amount: _____ Concert Donation: _____

Complete and detach this form with check and mail to PBPG, PO Box 3535, Long Beach CA 90803, or they may be directly dropped at our drop box at the 62nd Place Laundromat.

Some Words about our Finances:

We try and make PBPG is your voice to the City of Long Beach -- the more Peninsula resident members we have, the stronger that voice becomes. Working together, we make considerable progress in preserving and improving the Peninsula as a wonderful and unique place to live. We want to ensure that you know how your tax-deductible membership dues do support Peninsula activities. Highlighted below are some of our activities inclusive of representative cost figures:

- PBPG works closely with the City to ensure that our beaches, streets, and sidewalks are properly maintained (in normal budgeted LB funds).
- On-going communications with the Long Beach Police Department to keep them aware of safety and security concerns of all of our residents (in LB PD funds)
- Our extremely popular Summer Concerts (by the time one adds in band costs, park permits, insurance, temporary power & other costs this hits approx \$11,000/yr)
- Monitoring the upkeep of our newly landscaped median (by City funds)
- Publication of our newsletter The Pelican (runs around \$3,500/yr)
- Hosting of our community website www.lbpeninsula.org. (about \$400/yr)

- Support of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) (about \$300/yr)
- Sponsoring Santa at 62nd each December (about \$600/yr)
- Peninsula's Christmas Trees-in-the-Bay (PBPG pays the City of LB \$2,700 for this)
- Following up on currently Long Beach funded programs including the Leeway Sailing Clubhouse rebuild and modernizations to the 62nd street laboratory.
- Working with the Long Beach Marine Department to ensure the Peninsula Beach is well nourished, and that new systems of beach preservation be considered (budgeted with LB funds).

For your information, all of our officers are Peninsula residents are elected by the members, and receive no compensation. 100% of your membership dues support our Peninsula. Our budgets and costs are in the process of being updated to be posted on our website. This will be soon

With your continued support – both joining and volunteering – to work with a cooperative spirit, we can achieve a common goal –PRESERVE AND IMPROVE OUR PENINSULA. Your membership and involvement do make a difference! ***Thanking you. Phil Osterlind - President, PBPG Board of Directors***

PENINSULA PEOPLE

I would be willing to bet that most of you don't know Dottie Ricketts-at least the way that I know Dottie. This diminutive powerhouse, maybe 80 lbs soaking wet, has lived in Naples, worked in Belmont Shore and lived on the Peninsula since 1939.

Brave as only an eleven year old can be she ignored the "Condemned-Keep Out" signs and climbed through ocean front houses leaning into the surf on the Peninsula after a big storm.

She remembers sailing from Naples to the beach at the Public Library in Belmont Shore to walk to the Bakery she worked at in the building now housing Legends Sports Bar. That was a summer job for her while attending the University of California at Santa Barbara. It was at work there one day when she met who was to become the love of her entire life, Jim Ricketts, then having just graduated from USC.

Jim's parents, as many of the first to visit the Peninsula, lived in Alhambra and would summer on the Peninsula. After another of those devastating storms Dottie's in-laws to be, purchased a house on Seaside Walk that had been

severely damaged by ocean waves for the princely sum of \$5,600 and moved it to an empty lot they owned on 64th Place. As kismet would have it she became the resident there on Jim's parents passing and my neighbor some 13 years ago when we bought our house on the Peninsula.

I asked Dottie what has changed the most in her time visiting and living on the Peninsula. She told me that there are more people and fewer of the old beach houses. This is good and bad-good for property values bad for the congestion.

What she said has remained the same though is the families that still live here-only different generations. Oh, and another thing that has changed for the better she says is that everyone is more social now than before, especially her neighbors on 64th Place. I can't argue with her on that point.

If you don't know Dottie take a look at the Garden Club Roster for a picture of her and be sure to stop and say hello to her the next time you see her around.

from Vice President PBPG- Rick Brizendine

About Doggies:

The PBPG is often approached by members, both pro or con (a 50/50 issue), to various dog on the beach issues. These range from adding more dog enforcement, adding more dog signs, adding more doggie clean up bag posts, etc. Certain we will support whatever works best; but we are not enforcers. That is the role of LB Animal Control at (562) 570-7387. However, we will lend support, wherever we can, any animal control effort which is in accordance with the LB Ordinances now in effect. We love our dogs, but on occasion we must refresh our memories relative to beach regulations which apply to our friendly critters. Please remember that dogs are not allowed on peninsula beaches at any time, and the fine

can be up to \$300 (Ordinance 6.16.090). Further there are also strict regulations in regard to the defecations, and removal thereof, of our canine friends (Ordinance 6.16.200). If your dog is a confirmed beach lover, the answer is close by. The only exception in the entire City of Long Beach is the Dogs Beach located at the halfway point between Argonne and St. Joseph Avenues (the eastern boundary) and the halfway point between Roycroft and Quincy Avenues (the eastern boundary) (Ordinance 6.16.310). ***Many residents object to dogs on the beach, so please be a considerate, responsible dog owner.***

Thank you to all Peninsula Beach Preservation Group Members

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