

The Peninsula Pelican

The official newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula community since 1966"



Dear Peninsula Neighbors,

The fast approaching holidays serve to remind us 2008 is coming to an end. My term as president will also be over. As I consider the last two years, I have found them to be rewarding but also exhausting at times and frustrating at other times. I'm certain most of the board members have much the same thoughts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board members. Each worked very diligently throughout the year and devoted countless hours to making our neighborhood so special. If we had a record of the total hours spent on improving the peninsula by these individuals, I'm certain it would number in the high hundreds.

Rick Turrentine who served as VP was always willing to step in as needed, was responsive and able to handle the issues when I was unavailable. His ideas and guidance were invaluable.

Jo Anne Arthur served as Treasurer. It is a time consuming job and Jo Anne does it competently and professionally. She also was my confidant and advisor and helped keep things in perspective.

Randy Peck served as Secretary keeping our minutes and records in order in addition to responding to all issues in a timely and very helpful manner.

Stevie Anderson does an outstanding job planning and implementing our concert season and wiener roast. I believe we have the best summer concert season in the City!

Rob Bellevue does a diligent and commendable job of keeping us apprised of zoning issues and Code Enforcement and working with the Board and City on those issues.

Rick Brizendine continues to work on beach maintenance issues, monitoring the breakwater situation and Co-Chairs the Peninsula Improvement Committee (PIC) which meets quarterly with City staff to monitor these and other issues relevant to the Peninsula.

Lynne Driscoll has managed the membership very ably for several years. It is a very time consuming job and requires a lot of effort and attention to detail which Lynne handled with dedication and expertise.

Peter Hogenson has been the mainstay on the

Security Committee working with the City and LBPB on our needs and requirements and the special circumstances we face here on the peninsula.

Linda McCullough is Co-Chair of the PIC Committee as well as Chairman of the Median Divider and the Undergrounding of Utilities. She has worked endlessly to complete these projects.

Phil Osterlind does a fantastic job of putting together our newsletter and maintaining the website. It was his idea to mail the newsletter to gain better distribution. The website continues to be outstanding.

Sharon Kemmer was in charge of the wonderful, sold-out t-shirts we had this year and is working on presenting Santa in December.

Christie Peck works very diligently with Peter Hogenson to facilitate the CERT committee and to help prepare the peninsula for any disaster we may face.

A great-big thank you to all of you who have joined PBPG. And special thanks to our members and neighbors who have attended committee meetings, made donations and participated in many other ways.

To the owners of the Laundromat on 62nd Place, thank you for allowing the PBPG Suggestion Box.

I would also like to thank our Councilperson, Gary DeLong and his staff for assisting, advising and supporting PBPG and the Peninsula with the City.

Several Board members and Peninsula residents attended a meeting with Chief Batts to discuss the ticketing issues. Thanks to Peter Hogenson, Jo Anne Arthur, Rick Brizendine, Cyndi Seibert, Kendall Chase and Bob Senke for making time in their busy schedules to attend this meeting. Read more about the outcome of this meeting elsewhere in this issue.

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Jeanne Muench
President, PBPG
Contact@aol.com



Or drop your ideas at the PBPG Box located at the Laundromat on 62nd Place.

Upcoming Events:

Santa Claus

December 3rd 6:00PM
62nd Street Landing

PBPG Elections

(for 2008 dues paying members)
Ballots due 15 Dec

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The **Alamitos Bay Garden Club** and the **Peninsula Beach Preservation Group** are jointly sponsoring a **Holiday Decorating Contest** to run December 15-20th. Peninsula residents are invited to compete in three categories: 1) Door Decoration; 2) House Decoration; and 3) End of Street Decoration. The prizes are fine wine (donated) for each category. Judging will be shared by the two groups, but residents are welcome to nominate locations to the PBPG Board, c/o Sharon Kemmer, 6009 E. Seaside Walk #1, L.B., CA 90803. This is just for fun, so ... decorate, walk around, help the PBPG to find some likely winners. And, enjoy the season! Pick up a flyer with the Decorating Details at another community event, **December 3** when the **PBPG** will again welcome **Santa on the Peninsula**. **California Union Bank** will provide refreshments and the real Santa will arrive by boat at the **62nd Street Landing, 6p.m. Everyone welcome!** See you there, Sharon Kemmer, PBPG Community Relations

Community Improvements:

RECOGNITION PLAQUE:

Finally installed near the cut through near 72nd Place. Go take a look as you can't miss it in the Median. A final THANK YOU to all the people and organizations who contributed to make the median refurbishment a success. Everyone who contributed \$500 or more is listed on the plaque. There were many others who also contributed to this wonderful project even though their names are not on the plaque – Thank You.

MEDIAN MAINTENANCE:

Plants that have expired during the last few years will be replaced this fall by the City. The Peninsula is very fortunate to be within the area that benefits from tidal funds that permits the City to help with the maintenance of our median. *Palms that have had problems will also be replaced but not until next spring. Pesticides, fungicides, fertilizers and soil sampling have all be done to determine why some*

palms have flourished and other have faltered. Palms will be replaced but not until all these issues have been adequately addressed!

UTILITY UNDERGROUND PROJECT:

All the signatures gathered from property owners on the Peninsula were turned into the City Department of Public Works on September 19th. At the request of Councilman Gary DeLong I have been assured that they are in the process of counting and reconciling all the signatures. I sent a letter to both the City Engineer and Sue Castillo, who is in charge of the counting, that I wanted to see all discounted signatures if that might amount to our campaign being disqualified. We gathered more signatures than needed to make sure we could at least proceed to the next and final vote. Sue assured me that what might appear to be an improper signature might not actually disqualify the signature due to many credible reasons such as trustee signatures, spouses with different names, etc. We are waiting to hear the final tabulation results and hope to receive them before the holidays.

Linda McCullough

3rd District Council Office Update:

On September 10th a community meeting was held at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club to discuss Police issues and parking problems on the Peninsula. Representing City management was City Manager Pat West, Police Chief Tony Batts and City Traffic Engineer Dave Roseman. One of the items discussed was the elimination of parking at 72nd Place. Overnight parking was restricted during the Summer of 2006, which did assist in reducing the number of people who were visiting the beach late at

night and causing disturbances for local residents. However, this action also reduced the availability of parking for residents. In response to this concern regarding the reduction of useful parking at the end of the Peninsula, the City will open up the parking lot at 72nd Street for overnight parking. A gate arm will be installed and monthly parking passes will be available at a cost of \$30 monthly. We expect to have the gate arm installed in 1st Quarter 2009.

Gary DeLong Councilmember, 3rd District

Parking Concerns

“Wrong Way” Parking

PBPG President Jeanne Muench and Board members have been communicating by e-mail and meetings with City officials including Councilman DeLong, City Attorney Robert Shannon, LBPD Chief Anthony Batts, LBPD East Division Commander Renaud and others in an attempt to resolve the problem of random ticketing of cars parked the wrong way on our side streets. As you can see from the letter from Mr. Shannon included in this issue, the law prohibits “wrong way” parking but there is room for officer discretion. Chief Batts visited the Peninsula in order to understand better our situation and, although he would not issue a written directive to his officers to ignore wrong way Peninsula parking, he has discussed our unique case with them and has urged them to use their discretion when patrolling our streets. The PD position is that most ticketing starts as a result of a complaint by a resident and when the officers ar-

rive and see several cars parked the wrong way, they often will ticket others on the same street. We welcome the effort by Chief Batts and Commander Renaud to review this situation with their patrol officers and feel that will help reduce our concern on this matter. However, several things to keep in mind; 1) wrong way parking is still illegal and the PD will respond and ticket based on a resident’s complaint; 2) officers are rotated throughout the City in January and it may take some time to advise new ones that come to the East Division; and 3) there are no exceptions in ticketing for wrong way (and right way) parking that blocks the wheel chair access ramp at the end of each block.

For a longer term, and permanent, solution to the problem we are working with City and State representatives to obtain a change to the State Vehicle Code which will permit wrong way parking in unique areas like ours. That will take a while to accomplish so in the meantime remember that occasional ticketing will occur in isolated cases but hopefully not over a large area as in the past.

Driveway Parking

Resident parking across driveways is prevalent in parking impacted areas of Long Beach mostly in Council Districts 2 and 3 including the Peninsula. At the request of Councilmembers in those districts, the City Traffic Engineer has been meeting with resident’s groups in order to formulate a common solution. We have provided input to him based on our recent resident surveys. We will continue to meet with him and will report status on this and the following issue in the January Pelican.

Based on a resident’s complaint of poor visibility when backing out of an alley, the City installed “no parking/tow-away” signs at driveways adjacent to the alley. The Traffic Engineer is responsible for safety on City streets as well as parking definition. We will meet with him and Councilman DeLong on this issue as well as working to open up some red zones at street ends to provide additional parking and will report on progress in the January Pelican.

Peter Hogenson
PBPG Security Director

	City of Long Beach <i>Working Together to Serve</i>	Memorandum
	Office of the City Attorney	SEP 8 2008
DATE:	August 15, 2008	
TO:	Pat West, City Manager	
FROM:	Robert-E. Shannon, City Attorney <i>RES</i>	
SUBJECT:	Parking Enforcement Practices in the Peninsula	
<p>At the request of the Police Department, my office and the City Traffic Engineer have reviewed our parking enforcement practices in the Peninsula area, as they relate to Vehicle Code Section 22502 (prohibiting “wrong way” parking on a two-way street).</p> <p>Initially it should be noted that while the streets in the Peninsula are unusually narrow and typically “dead end,” the Vehicle Code makes no exception for such circumstances. Further, unfortunately, state law does not permit local agencies to create limited exceptions to the prohibition. Therefore, individuals who park the “wrong way” on the Peninsula streets do so in violation of the Vehicle Code. In addition, it is neither legal nor appropriate to direct a law enforcement officer not to enforce the law, or worse, not to enforce the law in certain sections of the City.</p> <p>However, given the unique characteristics of the area and the streets, the Police Department may, in its discretion, choose to formulate a policy which directs its officers to only cite for a violation of this provision of the Vehicle Code in response to a citizen’s complaint.</p> <p>If such a policy is enacted, those who choose to park on the wrong side of the street would remain in violation of the law and therefore do so at their own risk. It should also be understood that upon receipt of a complaint as to violation, officers would be justified in ticketing all violators observed in the immediate area.</p> <p>RES:kdh cc: Anthony Batts, Chief of Police</p> <p>#A08-02485</p>		

Safety

LBPDP has reported an increase in auto burglaries in the East Division and also a couple (man and woman) who approach a homeowner and while one diverts the homeowner's attention, the other burglarizes the residence. Please help your community by observing and reporting any unusual persons or events in your neighborhood. You can call 911 or non-emergency 435-6711 for LBPDP. Remember to use the 435 number with your cell.



CERT

Peninsula CERT participated in the "Great Shakeout Drill" at 10 AM on November 13th. Our FRS radio communication control was up and several members checked in with simulated reports. In addition, Dr. Ed Shackeroff, our Earthquake Coordinator, held meetings with Naples School administration, teachers and parents prior to the event. Based on his training of them in the use of FRS radios, Peninsula CERT communicated with Naples during the drill. We will include a report on the joint drill on the PBPG website, www.lbpeninsula.org.
Christie Peck, PBPG CERT Director
Peter Hogenson, Peninsula CERT

Many, many thanks to **Mail Boxes Etc.**

Marsha and her team, located at the corner of Pomona and E. 2nd St. in the Shore (987-4777) help the PBPG Board in many ways. They offer a wide range of office and Postal services. One can never go wrong if they go to Marsha's for help.

2009 Elections

The last Pelican issue gave information about how to nominate candidates to serve for the coming two years on the next PBPG Board. To be nominated requires that the candidate is a member in good status of the PBPG. Following those nominations the nominating committee have issued to all members of good standing ballots for the election of the coming two years. If you a member of good standing and did not receive voting forms please contact Linda McCullough. Those who would like to vote in the future 2010 elections, must join the PBPG in the coming year. Our membership drive for 2009 will begin in January. The PBPG serves Peninsula residents interests in many areas. If you are not already a member we would encourage you to join, and in the coming year you will be able to vote for the 2010 Board.

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All the comments I have heard have lead me to believe the Summer Concerts were a big success. The turnouts were wonderful, and the camaraderie among our neighbors and friends was outstanding. Our last concert was a good indication that the Peninsula residents didn't want the Summer to come to an end. The last band, Big Box of Men, played till almost 8:30 and everyone was still wanting more.

As I have said at every concert, none of this could take place without your support.

To all of you who mailed in donations and to those of you who donated at the concerts, I can not thank you enough. Please keep up your support.

Sincerely,
Stevie

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| Tom & Kathy Allan | Kevin Davis | Janet Lichtenhan | Scott Schaidle |
| Wes & Jan Alston | Virginia DeZell | Bud & Audrey Linden | Moe & Debbie Shahbani |
| Merle & Kelly Asper | Nanci & Michael Donahoe | Charles & Diane Lindeman | Marc McKonic & |
| Shirley Autrey | George Dominique | David MacLeod | Jodi Simmons |
| Larraine Barbian | Craig Dougherty, in memory of | Donna Mannella | Bob & Carol Senske |
| Sally & Gary Bates | Carolyn Nissen Rathbun | Jerry & Henrietta Marks | Meliss Hankin & Sheldon War- |
| Maureen Bell | Larry Funk | Tom McCloskey | ren, in memory of Sheree Swetin |
| Lynn & Larry Boren | Hal & Carole Gaba | Linda & Bill McCullough | Bob & Stephanie Siemer |
| Jerry Borisy | Jean Egan & Geof Garth | Ruth McGree, in memory of | Pres & Nancy Smith |
| Sally & Bill Boyne | Brad Erlanson | Dick McGree | Bill Smitheran |
| Tish & Sam Bluth | Bob & Debbie Fults | Nancy & Chas Merrill | Ed Spotskey |
| Mary Alice & Bob Braly | Kathy & Gerry Turner | Bob & Vivian Meyers | Marilyn B. Stansbury |
| Rick & Shannon | Lorraine Gibson | Jeanne & Jerry Muench | Al & Marilyn Sykes |
| Brizendine | Julie Hamlin | Donald & Jacqueline Murray | Clayton Todd |
| Don & Greta Budai | Ted & Karen Hammond | Raymond A. Novell | Walter Truce |
| Rita Cain | Chuck & Nita Hardin | Luther & Ginger Nussbaum | Craig & Debora VanDuren |
| Debby & Russ Caldarella | Pat Harder | William & Beverly O'Neill | Bobbi Vial |
| Beth Campbell | David & Linda Herrera | Phil & Sue Osterlind | Mary Wangsness |
| Phil & Debbie Carr | Jim & Cynthia Harris | Christie Peck | Bay Wash |
| Lucy & Don Crumrine | Francis & Nancy Hertzog | Ruth Peck | Bev Weed |
| Joan Dean | Russ & Avalon Hill | Braden & Susan Phillips | Joe Wegrocki & Carol Charron |
| Polly & Brad Clark | Sandi & Randy Hill | Vince Plodzien | Sherry Weismann |
| Jennifer & Tim Cameron | Arthur & Deborah Hale | Suzanne & Dennis Poulsen | |
| Bob Chrisman & | Peter & Jill Hogenson | Shelley Reid | |
| Sarah Rogers | Edith Hu & James Johnson | Mary & Joe Riddick | |
| John & Cynthia Camp | Rachel Kehrberg | Laura Roskelly | |
| August Cigliano, | Mary Kiddie | Ron & Mary Jane Salk | |
| Sharon Kemmer & family | Jason Kravetz | Beverly & William Sawrey | |
| Marion & Bill Cummings | | | |

Peninsula Improvement Committee

The Breakwater Reconnaissance Study continues. The goal of the study is to determine if there is good cause to reconfigure the breakwater. If so then a study as to how to reconfigure it will be undertaken, if funding can be obtained.

Strong support of a removal, removal of portions or a removal of the top to below the low tide line at certain locations is being applied by the Surfrider Foundation. The PBPG is taking the position that the removal of the entire breakwater is unacceptable as dangerous to our life and property. The removal to at or below low tide is also a danger to recreational boating and navigation. The removal of the western portion though is interesting as it would not affect the Peninsula beach but would still likely cause damage to the Bluff area.

Pres Smith prepared an impressive presentation for the Anaheim Street Business Association meeting on this subject matter. It showed photos of the beach prior to the breakwater and believe

me it was not a picture that would draw tourists nor make our members feel safe.

By your receipt of this Pelican the final study group will have met and Moffat and Nichols will be preparing their findings for later distribution. We will keep you informed.

Rick Brizendine



**Check out our Website
at
www.lbpeninsula.org**

KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING

SUMMER CONCERTS 2008

The turnout for our 2008 Summer Concerts was better than ever. From the comments I have heard, you thoroughly enjoyed the bands. We have a great list of bands to draw from, and we only have six concerts. That is why I would like to conduct a survey to let me know which bands you would like to see back, or if you have a favorite band you would like me to look into.

The concerts are for your enjoyment, your input is very important to me.

Rate a band by circling a number from One to Five

ONE = least desirable

FIVE = most desirable

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | The Emperors – June 8th |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Elm Street Band – June 22nd |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Flight 6875 – July 6th |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | RamFunkshus - July 20th |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Flight – August 3rd |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Big box of Men – August 24th |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | King Salmon - 2007 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Gregg Young & The 2 nd St. Band - 2007 |

Name or names of your favorite band you would like me to look into. Please give contact information:

Please drop off your survey or mail it to me: Stevie Anderson, 55-63rd. Pl.