

The Peninsula Pelican

The official newsletter of the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group

"Serving the Peninsula Community since 1966"



President's Message: Sept/Oct 2009

Have you ever thought you might like to get involved with the Peninsula Beach Preservation Group? In this issue, you'll find our "call for nominations" which is information you need to nominate yourself or someone you think would be a good representative on our board of directors. Please give it some thought. Elections will be coming up before the end of this year.

Our next general meeting will be a special meeting on November 4th at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Gary DeLong, our 3rd District Council Member, will enlighten us about the goings-on of local government, particularly as it affects the Peninsula. There will also be a presentation about the History of the Breakwater. It will be very informative. You won't want to miss this one. Check in this newsletter for further details on the meeting.

We're crossing our fingers for the signing of AB 213. This piece of legislation seeks to amend the California Vehicle Code to allow us to park on either side of the street on the peninsula. Most of us do it already because of the difficulty turning around on these narrow streets. But, as

you know, it isn't legal presently and there are occasions where citations are issued. Assemblyperson Bonnie Lowenthal carried this piece of legislation. She was encouraged to do so at the request of Gary DeLong on behalf of the PBPG. Thanks to Bonnie and Gary, this legislation has passed the California Senate and Assembly unanimously and awaits the Governor's signature. We'll keep you posted on this legislation.

Other actions taken by the board include the continuance of the "Santa Comes to the Peninsula" program. Santa will arrive on Wednesday, December 2. We will continue to provide Polaroid photos of the little ones as they tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

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!



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Peninsula Residents General Meeting

Welcome to all residents of the Peninsula to our next General Meeting to be held Wednesday November 04 at ABYC. Social with the neighbors and some delicious hors d'oeuvres will start at 6:30PM followed by the meeting at 7:00PM. First section of the meeting will be an update of our Long Beach City Council and items affecting the Peninsula to be presented by our 3rd District Council Member Mr. Gary DeLong. Following that we will have a special historical presentation about the Peninsula, how it was formed and the elements of its life including subsidence, beach movement, addition of the breakwater and other information. We are confident you will find the presentation very interesting and informative. See you there!!

Upcoming Events:

Peninsula Residents

General Meeting

Wednesday November 4th

ABYC: 6:30PM Social
7:00 PM General Meeting

CERT Great California

ShakeOut

October 15 at 10:15AM
Santa at the 62nd St

Landing

Wednesday December 02

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PENINSULA IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Good Day Neighbors! Another day safe behind our breakwater. Another day hidden behind our berms! Summer is past and the best days of summer are ahead of us. And what an active summer it has been.

The sinking the breakwater attempts are beaten back for now with the study resulting inconclusively allowing for the breakwater to remain intact. The study by Moffit & Nichols was officially presented to the City Council Study Session on the 27th of July. Your PBPG Board was an active participant to ensure that the view of Peninsula residents was heard. The PBPG Board is registered in the final study as an interested party (along with the Navy, the Port Authorities and others on a big long list). So far this was a victory for the safety of the Peninsula. You can follow developments of this issue on the Long Beach City website and search for "breakwater".

We have had two pilot projects this summer as well. Though some residents did not appreciate the Porta Poties at their street ends, the general consensus is that they were successful in directing the 4th of July revelers away from our yards and alleys. We will repeat this next year but adjust their locations.

The other pilot project was the placement of recycle bins on the bay side beach. We found a lot of trash in the bins but next summer the City will work to make it more obvious that these bins are for recycle only.

Oh those berms. What we learned, but suspected already, was that the City has no written procedure to instruct the ever rotating Supervisor of Beach Maintenance on the when, where and how of the berms. Luckily Philip Lopez, current Supervisor of Beach Maintenance, is interested in constructing just such a procedure. We are looking for lower/wider berms and to have them remain in place for shorter periods of time. Remember though the cost of constructing and removing them is so prohibitive that they will be in place at some times when they are not necessary for the protection of your homes.



Finally, some good news for the immediate future. The City has recently obtained two new machines which will be available to clean Bay Shore Walk.

Mr. Lopez informs us that he is hopeful of a weekly washing of the walk. As always please feel free to stop me on my bike ride to work or at any other time to let me know your concerns.

Rick Brizendine, Chair Peninsula Improvement Committee

Friendly REMINDER: Code Violation Issues for the Peninsula:

GARAGE PARKING:

Use of Residential garages in parking impacted areas are for the primary use of parking automobiles. Using garages for other primary purposes other than parking automobiles is a Code Violation in the City of Long Beach and open to fines.

HOME BUSINESS OPERATION:

No one can conduct business in a residential dwelling other than a maximum of two residents of that dwelling. No blocking of residential parking by business vehicles nor blocking of the residential use of parking by business storage. Code Violation of the City of Long Beach (21.51.235) and open to fines.

Linda McCullough, Director Peninsula Maintenance & Improvement

2009 Elections for 2010 and 2011 Service

Enclosed with this issue is the form PBPG Board of Directors Call for Nominations for 2010. The PBPG Board represents the collective neighborhood voice of the Peninsula Community. The PBPG Board of Directors works closely with the City of Long Beach to ensure that our beaches, streets, median and sidewalks are properly maintained. Directors also have on-going communications with the Long Beach Police Department and Marine Patrol. The Board has been an active participant to ensure our Peninsula voices are heard both for Breakwater studies and for Beach nourishment. Your Board also supports the CERT to help us be safer in the event of severe earthquake or emergency. And the Board also sponsors such fun things such as Christmas Trees-in-the-Bay, hosting of our community website, sponsoring Santa Claus at 62nd Place, and helping to provide for our popular Summer Concerts. If you are interested in serving on the Board, to be nominated requires that the candidate is a member in good standing of the PBPG. Complete the nomination form enclosed, and mail it to our post office box, or by hand to Rick Turrentine, Christie Peck or Randy Peck, our PBPG Nominations Committee. They will certify the eligible nominees. Following that will be an election of the new board members. Those who would like to vote in the future 2010 elections, must join the PBPG in the coming year. Our membership drive for 2010 will begin in January. 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 2011 Board.



Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 19th at ABYC. This program was presented by the American Red Cross highlighting the importance of preparing for an earthquake, and how to do so. Reminders of this preparedness presentation can be seen at the Red Cross Web Site. The Red Cross also sells earthquake preparedness supply kits if one goes to their website. The presenters demonstrated they are experts in how to prepare ourselves for this eventuality should it occur. Remember, the Long

Beach Fire Department has already advised that they may not be able get to the Peninsula in a minimum of 3 days and maybe more. Therefore we need to provide for ourselves. In addition Christy Peck provided information about Emergency Radio operation, and Braden Phillips, our Peninsula Spokesperson on the Long Beach Police Department. Also Dr. Ed Shackeroff presented latest information with CalTech and the preparation for the Great California Shakeout drill to be held statewide on October 15. We urge you to familiarize yourself to this drill and participate. It may save you, or your family's life. Information about this program can be obtained on the website at shakeout.org. Also we urge you to get involved and participate in the ongoing activities of the CERT team.



Reminder

Rumor is that Santa Claus will be wandering around 62nd Landing on December 02. 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.

Security: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. The City has 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. The MP has been effective in helping control illicit and illegal activity at 72nd as well as our beaches, especially at night. If you have concerns regarding this elimination of service, please contact our Councilman Gary DeLong at gary.delong@longbeach.gov.

Ocean Blvd. Safety

Responses to the article on the use of speed tables on the outside lane of Ocean Blvd. in order to divert traffic to the inner (median) lane expressed concern that we are encouraging speeding above the posted 25MPH. The recommendation of the Board to propose this solution was based on the recognition that some drivers, residents and others, will exceed 25MPH and the need to get them away from the more dangerous (to pedestrians and those exiting from alleys and garages onto Ocean) outer lane. We believe that everyone would be safer if all drivers drove at 25MPH or less and used the inner lane primarily but since that probably won't happen, a partial solution will be diversion of faster traffic to the inner lane. This question will be included in the next Peninsula survey.

Peter Hogenson, PBPG Security Chairman

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