Trees in the Bay

In 1949, a local resident floated a Christmas tree on a barge in the bay. In 1953, that one tree became nine wooden frames decorated with colorful lights. The City accepted responsibility until 1978 when funds were cut off. At that time, a committee was formed to continue this festive tradition and that is still in place today.

It was in 1997, that the ABBPG decided to approach the City for their consent to expand the project. The ABBPG project raised the necessary $1700 per tree for the 18 trees necessary to span from the original group along Bayshore to the East end of the Peninsula. Contributions came from 210 people and organizations that contributed over $52,000.

The ABBPG continues to support the maintenance of these trees and the City of Long Beach provides the electricity as well as the set up and take down each year.

Each year the trees are lighted at 5:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day.