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Your 2020-2021 BPPA Board



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BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are conducted on the second Thursday of each month, except for August and December when there are no meetings. The meetings are held at 7:00PM at the Peninsula Point Racquet Club.

Meetings are open to all BPPA members

The Pointer is also distributed via email to all BPPA members. If you are not receiving it via email but would like to, please contact Bob Yant at byant@aol.com or 949.673.8474.

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The Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches. Since its inception in the early 1980's, Surfrider has established a powerful activist network not just of surfers and watermen, but has grown to encompass all that recreate in and around our oceans and beaches. In fact, the name originated from protecting a place, the globally iconic Surfrider Beach in Malibu.

Now in its 36th year, Surfrider has evolved into one of the largest environmental non-profit organizations in the world. In the US, Surfrider is comprised of 81 local Chapters, 86 Student Clubs and over one million supporters and volunteers, all serving as local responders to coastal threats. Surfrider's model starts with local awareness and activation to effect policy change at the regional and national levels around 5 key areas: Beach Access, Clean Water, Ocean Protection, Coastal Preservation and Plastic Pollution. So far in 2020, Surfrider has accomplished 26 policy victories with 668 since 2006.



John Wadsworth

Locally, the Newport Beach Chapter of Surfrider is dedicated to protecting the beaches we all love on the Balboa Peninsula. The City of Newport is both blessed and challenged with nearly 8 million visitors each year, most of which make their way to the beach.

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The activities of the Newport Chapter focus largely on the never-ending task of keeping our 10-mile stretch of beaches clean.

Beach trash is not only a result of humanity, but also from marine debris floating in the ocean making its way to the beaches via ocean currents and prevailing on shore winds. Much of the water-borne marine debris flows from the Santa Ana River, the largest watershed in Southern California, stretching 100 miles from the Newport-Huntington border to the San Gabriel Mountains. In 2019, the Newport Chapter and its dedicated volunteers removed over 7,700 pounds of trash from our beaches – remarkable, as most of the trash collected is plastic and Styrofoam which weighs next to nothing.

Plastic ocean pollution has become a global crisis. An estimated 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic are currently floating in the ocean, with an additional 8 million tons of plastic



entering the world's oceans each year. Battling plastic ocean pollution is priority one for the Surfrider Foundation and its network of Chapters and Student Clubs. The Newport Chapter, through its various monthly events and beach cleanups, endeavors to spread awareness and educate the local community as to how we can all make a dent in this issue. Two active members of Surfrider from the Balboa Peninsula Point Neighborhood are **John Wadsworth** (Vice Chair of the Surfrider Newport Beach Chapter) and **Aaron Behle** (Chairman of the Surfrider National BOD). For more information on how to get involved (or to donate!) with the Surfrider Foundation or the Newport Chapter, please reach out to John or Aaron (both are in your BPPA Directories) and John can be reached @ vicechair@newportbeach.surfrider.org.

Look for a future announcement around a joint beach cleanup event between Surfrider and the BPPA!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe it's been six months since we last put out a Pointer, and I know there have been all kinds of challenges in the meantime, but through it all, our neighborhood rose to the occasion. Many wrote letters to our city council keeping them informed of the ever-changing situation on our streets, some took matters into their own hands and cleaned up the trash on our beach (see the Surfrider Foundation story in this issue), others offered to shop and do errands for neighbors that couldn't safely venture out due to health concerns, and a pop-up concert was thrown at M Street park to raise funds for Second Harvest Food Bank and the Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund. Having the ability to speak to many of you through your BPPA membership was instrumental in keeping the lines of communication open, and the feeling of community ever-present.

Now it's time to welcome summer, and while some of our annual events had to be scaled down until the city lifts restrictions on large gatherings, **Kim Gore** will keep coming up with fun and creative ways to make sure the important dates don't go unheralded, as you can see from the pictures of the Easter Bunny's visit in April. The bay beach is back in action and the Board is working toward an end-of-summer event and our annual chili cook-off.

It's time to renew your membership – and it's easy. Please see the included form and contact Angela with questions. If you're not a BPPA member yet, we hope you'll join us now.

Warmly,

Debbie Johnson
BPPA President

