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Your 2021-2022 BPPA Board



(Back Row: Julie Lewis-Grenz, Lou Enriquez, Craig Caliger, Mark Johnson, Middle Row: Allison Root, Ken Drellishak, Fred Scalzo, Bill Miller Front Row: Tara Shapiro, Pam Scalzo, Bob Yant, Mary Miller, Christy Ruppert, Not Pictured: Alan Guenther, LaVonne Voit)

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Mayberry at the beach." That is how our retiring BPPA President, Debbie Johnson, referred to our Balboa Peninsula Point community as she passed her position on to me. And boy did she nail it! We live in a most wonderfully unique community, the bay on one side, sandy beach on the other, and a tightly knit community of friends in between.

The BPPA is the catalyst that pulls us all together. How great is it to enjoy Easter egg hunts for the kids, Fourth of July parades, potluck with friends at our bay beach, launching a small boat or Kayak at the ramp, or simply tipping a beverage with friends on the beach to watch the sun sizzle into the horizon? As a BPPA member, it's not likely that you can walk or bike a block without stopping a time or two to visit with friends.

Although Covid-19 has hindered our events this past year, the restrictions are beginning to lift, and the BPPA is ready to roll full steam ahead. We have a strong board, and a lot of enthusiastic people working with us. I personally have two objectives; to work to enhance the lifestyles of our BPPA member residents, and to have a lot of fun doing it.

As we head into this new BPPA season I want to express our sincere appreciation to Debbie, Johnson, Kim Gore, Nick Rosenthal, Angela Caliger and Gloria Oakes for their work on behalf of the BPPA as they step away from the board.

The best way to take full advantage of this wonderful community in which we live is to be a member of the Balboa Peninsula Point Association.

Be well and be happy.

Fred Scalzo

We're well into spring, and the Easter bunny made his annual visit to lots of peninsula point houses. It was great to be able to put on one of our annual traditions, and lots of kids and their families had a really happy time. Your new BPPA hospitality chair, Christy Ruppert, is already making plans for our summer kickoff event (tentatively set for Friday, June 18th), and is also in contact with the city in an effort to get permits for the 4th of July parade. The city isn't issuing permits for large events yet, but they're hopeful that will begin in May. Cross your fingers!



SECURITY AND SAFETY ON THE POINT

As you may be aware, our sister community organization, **The Community Foundation**, has been sponsoring the summer security patrol for many years through proceeds received by Foundation donors. The Foundation Board decided in late summer that given the increase in visitors during the pandemic the Foundation would extend the security patrol on weekends through the fall and that service was subsequently extended to March 31, 2021.



While we all have received good feedback on the patrol, they are not present seven days a week and as such the Foundation has reached out to the Newport Beach Police Department to learn more about other tactics communities have taken to help secure their neighborhoods and deter undesirable behavior. Through discussions with the Crime Prevention Specialist the Foundation was able to gain access to monthly information published to Neighborhood Watch coordinators about crime on the Peninsula and recommended tips on how to make your home/neighborhood more secure. The BPPA recently sent out one of those tip sheets to BPPA members. In addition to the Neighborhood Watch information, the Foundation inquired about the use of license plate readers as a way to both deter undesirable behavior but also act as an investigative tool for police to follow up on crimes attempted or accomplished. They learned that the Balboa Island Association has used this technology and is very satisfied to date with the decision to install the license plate readers.

As a result of this positive feedback, the Foundation is pursuing discussions with the City about potentially installing a license plate reader at a location owned by the City which would allow good viewing of autos coming on and off the Peninsula Point. In addition, the Foundation has met with the Police Lieutenant responsible for the Point to ensure that if the Foundation was able to move forward and acquire this technology, that the police would access and use the data as part of any investigation into unwanted activity. The Foundation hopes to know more in the coming months about how the City responds to the property use request and therefore the viability of this effort.

We hope that you will support this effort for our neighborhood's safety by donating to the Foundation.

Non-emergency police dispatch 949.644.3717
24 Hour Recorded Crime Tip Hotline 800.550.6273

PENINSULA POINT CERT COMMITTEE WINS CERT NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR- AGAIN!



On January 27th, the Newport Beach Fire Department held its annual Awards Presentation (via zoom). The Peninsula Point CERT Committee was awarded the Neighborhood of the Year. The award was given to the group for better preparing the neighborhood for any unexpected emergencies. This was the second time the

Committee has received this award. The Committee acknowledges that without the hard work of its team and the assistance of the Block Captains, we would not have been able to achieve this goal.



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IN MEMORIUM

We're so sorry to say goodbye to: Sandy Asper Joan Christensen Sharon Bridges
Barbara Clark Shelly Ervin Mary Espenschied Betty Richards Anna Pistole
Steve Royce Jim Whitehead

Dear Neighbors, please contact Cathy Enriquez when a neighbor of ours has passed.
He or she will be honored in the next Pointer. 949.673.1987

We have several unsung heroes in our midst, and we think it's time to sing their praises. A big thank you to Ed Kusby, who's been launching, maintaining, and removing our bay beach dive platform for years. And have you noticed the new hose house by the boat ramp? It was lovingly crafted by our own Carl Brighton and Neil Hansen. Any builder in the neighborhood would be proud to put their name on this architectural beauty.



Ed Kusby, Alan Guenther, Neil Hansen, Carl Brighton, Lou Enriquez

Thanks to Ed, Carl and Neil for their hard work, and to those who helped to launch and/or remove the dive platform...it's a heavy job.



Carl Brighton, Neil Hansen

