



# BALBOA PENINSULA POINT POINTER

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## **A Message From The Vice President** (Bruce is vacationing)

### **Parade and Picnic**

July 4, 2005, was celebrated by BPPA as John Adams had envisioned! In 1776 he wrote to his wife, putting the celebration into perspective, "... The Second Day of 1776, will be the most memorable in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance.... It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows,... sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forever...."

Well, 229 years later we are still observing the celebration! This is another example that history does not belong to the antiqued past but to the pulse of today. It is crucial to recognize today... the lessons we have learned from the past.

The parade and picnic were a great success... thanks to Lisa Jabara, Ralph Bernard, Ken Drellishak and a host of others. A hearty congratulations from all of us... to those who worked so hard. And again... one resounding... thanks... to Ralph Bernard, who from a concept seven years ago has developed this parade into an event which encompasses hundreds of participants. John Adams would have been proud of our festival.

### **Other Points Of Interest**

Your Ramp Chairman, John Bonar, has transformed our beach to a most attractive area. Please check it out... you will be impressed.

On July 14 your board heard a proposal given by Protect Our Parks, "Window to the Bay", one of the proposals being considered, regarding the future development of Marina Park on the peninsula (see Geoff's report). The traffic and parking implications continue to be a concern. Take the time to learn more about these proposals and let your views be known by attending the next meeting or by contacting the city or Geoff. As of press time the date for their next meeting had not been set.

Our next BPPA meeting is Thursday September 8.  
Please attend. If you have items for the agenda,  
please email them to Bruce at:  
balboabruce@aol.com

*-Dick Barker*  
Vice President

## MARINA PARK USAGE COMMITTEE

At the meeting held 7/19/05 the following summation was made. Three viable plan concepts have been presented:

1. A 900 ft. dock with 1/3 of the park area excavated for marina boat docks and facilities for boat maintenance and crane. A soccer field has also been presented in this plan.
2. The Protect our Parks "Windows To The Bay" concept (presented at our last BPPA meeting) which would include some dockage for visiting boats, ramp for hand-launching of kayaks, canoes, etc. Updated Girl Scout and Tot Lot areas.
3. A passive, open beach area with Girl Scout and Community Center left intact.

Please make an effort to attend the next (probably last) meeting of this committee. Check the Newport City website or contact me for the date and time.

[www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/](http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/)

-Geoffrey Davis  
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## Membership

Enjoy the new membership book.

-Lorel Bonar  
Membership Chairman

## Ramp Report

What a great success!!! The renovation is done and ready to enjoy. First off, I have met so many great neighbors in doing this project - thank you all! We could not have been successful without all your support, help and contributions. Your generosity has been quite astounding. The BPPA supplied the huge Viking barbeque (with side burners) and paid for the lighting, landscaping, sprinklers and barbeque/planter masonry work. Thanks to Erik & Samantha Anderson for building the beautiful brick wall between their house and the beach and providing all the bricks for the barbeque and planters. Thanks to John & Kim Bibb for donating 10 truckloads of sand and a Bobcat tractor to push it around. Thanks to Ron & Char Norton for donating a banquet table and serving up some tasty lunches. And an extra special thanks to Mike & Tara Shapiro for the incredible donation of all the teak furniture. Thanks to the Toohy family and designer Kit Lascala for donating the teak bench, all of the chair pads and for coordinating the furniture layout. And special thanks go to Joe, Debbie & Monty Thompson for your hard work and always being there to help. It has been a fun and rewarding project.

See you at the beach!

-John Bonar  
Ramp Chairman



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Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Peninsula Point Racquet Club and are open to all BPPA members.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**

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