



BALBOA PENINSULA POINT POINTER

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A Message From The President

The beautiful weather, along with nice long days serves to remind us how very lucky we are to live in such a great area. We're also reminded that the non-residents are also coming to our Point in increasing numbers, drawn by the same beauty we enjoy. Be careful of your parking, for tickets are also on the rise this time of the year. Relief is on the way for fellow residents along East Ocean Blvd. that have been living with restrained alley access for some time now. The city estimates completion of the alley resurfacing by the middle of June.



Bruce Asper

Summer activities are beginning, with the Tuesday evening barbecues starting in early June. Ralph Bernard and his 4th of July Committee are already planning another great parade and L Street picnic. The hospitality co-chairs, Lisa and Julee, appreciate any volunteer help you can provide them, as they prepare to make this another super 4th of July celebration on our Peninsula Point. Take the initiative to call them and volunteer! Its not too early for you to start to plan your entry for judging in the parade. Get those floats, bikes, scooters, etc decorated. Become a contender for a prize!

Your Board continues to represent you in local political and property matters. The enclosed flyer, on the AirFair, is for your consideration and support. Your Board voted, unanimously, to support the goals of the AirFair in limiting further expansion at John Wayne Airport. Please contact Pete Palette, our Airport Liaison, with any feedback on this subject. The Marina Park's future use is still undetermined. The city continues to meet on a regular basis on this subject, and we are ably represented by Geoff Davis as our BPPA voice to those meetings. Geoff has a note on this in this Pointer, which I encourage you, as an interested and involved citizen, to take to heart and action.

Our next BPPA meeting is Thursday, June 9th. Please attend. If you have items for the agenda, please email them to me at: balboabruce@aol.com

-Bruce Asper



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Holiday Fun

NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Holiday crafts at Balboa branch

Dec 5 - 23

Holiday Puppet Show

@ Central branch

Dec 3

@ 1:00 and 2:00 pm

@ Mariners branch

Dec 3

@ 3:30 pm

Holiday Open House

@ Corona del Mar branch

Dec 4

@ 12:00 and 4:00 pm

www.newportbeachlibrary.org

NEWPORT HARBOR BOAT PARADE

The 97th Annual Newport Harbor Christmas Boat Parade has been hailed as "one of the top ten holiday happenings in the Nation"

Dec 14 - 18

www.christmasboatparade.com/

NEWPORT BEACH ROSE PARADE FLOAT

The city of Newport Beach is looking for volunteers to help decorate the City of Newport Beach Rose Parade Float!! For \$10 you will receive transportation, lunch and a t-shirt. The only thing you will need to bring is a pair of scissors. This is a opportunity for family involvement, neighbors, clubs. Youth 12-17 must have adult supervision and will be required to supply that person's name online when signing up.

Dec 17 - 30

www.newportbeach100.com/events/decorate_the_city_float.asp

WINTER WONDERLAND at Bonita Creek Park

45 tons of snow, carnival games, crafts, and Santa

Dec 10 @ 10:30 - 1 pm

www.recreation.city.newport-beach.ca.us/specialevents.asp

FASHION ISLAND

Christmas Tree Lighting

Nov. 18 - 19 @ 6:00pm

Strolling Christmas Carolers

Dec. 19 - 24

www.shopfashionisland.com

SOUTH COAST PLAZA

Santa arrives

Nov 18 @ 4:00 pm

www.southcoastplaza.com

Marinapark Planning

The committee to discuss options for Marinapark property will meet Tuesday June 21 at 4:00 at the City Hall Council Chambers. I am on that committee and urge all interested residents to attend. There is some talk of putting a boat launching facility and other commercial activities on the site. If you have any suggestions for the usage of this bayfront property, please attend the meetings and read the Register or Daily Pilot for updates. You may contact me at my email address and I will be happy to present your written opinions at the next meeting.

-Geoff Davis
cgsandcastle@sbcglobal.net

Membership

There is still time to send your membership dues in for 2005-2006 and get your name in the directory. This year's membership cards will be distributed by May 31.

-Lorel Bonar
Membership Chair

Ramp Report

The Tuesday Night Barbecue kick-off date is June 7 at 6:00pm. Please bring your own food and drinks. In addition, everyone is asked to bring a side dish (appetizer, salad, dessert, etc.) that would feed 8-10 people. The BPPA supplies the paper goods and condiments. We all share in the fun. Don't miss out on these great evenings.

The Swim Float is in the water in time for Memorial Day weekend. Special thanks to Tom Swift, Sam Aeillo and Ed Kusby for all your help.

We still need a beach attendant for the summer. Beginning Memorial Day weekend and Saturdays and Sundays through the summer. The pay is \$7/hr. Anyone interested can call me at 566-9005.

-John Bonar
Ramp Chairman

City News

The City of Newport Beach's Senior Animal Control Officer, Eric Metz, has asked that the enclosed information be shared with our BPPA membership:

Should Wild Animals Be Kept as Pets?

As a principle, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) strongly opposes the keeping of exotic and non domestic animals (wild animals) as pets.

Appropriate care for wild animals requires considerable expertise, specialized facilities, and total dedication to the animals' needs. When wild animals are kept as pets, their lives are likely to be filled with misery. Often they languish in a cramped backyard cage or circle aimlessly in a cat carrier or aquarium. Their suffering may begin with capture. Every year millions of birds and reptiles suffer and die on the journey from their habitat to the pet store.

With few exceptions, wild animals are difficult or impossible to care for. They often grow to be larger, stronger and more dangerous than owners expect or can manage. They can even pose a danger to human health and safety through disease and parasites.

Wild animals are not domesticated simply by being captive-born or hand-raised by a human. It's a different story with cats and dogs, who were domesticated thousands of years ago. These special animal companions depend on humans for food, shelter, veterinary care and affection. Wild animals, by nature self sufficient, fare best without our interference. As any animal matures, the need for a mother ends and the instinctual behavior of the adult animal replaces the dependent behavior of the baby or juvenile. Inevitably, the cuddly baby wild animal becomes an aggressive biter or displays destructive behavior without provocation or warning. Such an animal has become a problem and is either neglected, passed from owner to owner, or disposed of in other ways.

Owning an animal means being responsible for providing appropriate and humane care. Where wild animals are concerned, meeting this responsibility is usually impossible. Invariably, it is the animals who suffer.

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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
JUNE 9, 2005**



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