



BALBOA PENINSULA POINT POINTER

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A Message From The President

Your BPPA Board hosted officers from the Newport Beach Police Department at this month's Board meeting. This had been planned and arranged by Larry Lerner, our Police and Traffic Liaison. Attending for the department were: Lt. Mike McDermott, Sgt. Bill Hartford, Sgt. Mike Jones and Officer David Miner. Police related concerns had been selected from input from you, the members, and all were addressed. We discussed issues ranging from enforcement of 10:00 PM curfew on the public beach and the resulting noise and neighborhood disruption to hazards from speeding cars and trucks.



Bruce Asper

The police, under Lt. McDermott's (mmcdermott@nbpd.org) direction, are committed to responding to and resolving such complaints. Though they regret that they're not always able to respond immediately, they will respond to all service request calls. They make a sweep of the beach each evening, but are aware they sometimes miss violations. Speeding vehicles were also a concern, and there will be increased patrols, motorcycle postings and employment of the radar trailer (which discourages speeding). The police are working with and cooperating on the evacuation plans, under the direction of the Fire Department, should a tsunami or flood or earthquake threat dictate, enabling us to get off the peninsula in an orderly and safe manner. The officers remained at our meeting for an hour, and those present all felt that productive progress was made. Do your part by calling in to the PD with service requests when you observe violations @ 644-3717.

Also in this issue is information from your Parks, Beach and Recreation Liaison, Bob Yant. We hope you've had an opportunity to see and appreciate the fruits of Bob's work on our behalf, at both the entrance to the peninsula as well as at the G Street traffic island.

My thanks to Dick Barker, our VP and President elect, for filling in for me at the October BPPA meeting, and for writing last month's Pointer. We don't meet in December. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 12. If you have items for the agenda, please email them to me at: balboabruce@aol.com

-Bruce Asper
President

Parks, Beach and Recreation

The BPPA works closely with the City to maintain and improve our community. This is a partial list of Bob Yant's activities this year.

- ◆ Worked with the City on the planter at G Street containing the Balboa Peninsula Point sign. The city was very good to work with - they allowed me to review the landscaping plans and solicited my input. Several residents have commented about the upgraded landscaping at the Y.
- ◆ In 2003 the BPPA paid \$1,400 to the City for two palm trees to be planted in the "parkway" from A to G Street. With Ken Drelleschek's help we reconstructed the paper trail relating to the intended transaction. I sent the paperwork to the city's Parks and Trees Maintenance Supervisor. The two palm trees owed the BPPA were planted by the city in the past two weeks.
- ◆ Responding to a concern by a resident in the 900 block of East Balboa Blvd. revealed the planter in front of the resident's house had not been maintained properly. The soil had sunk in the planter and it was a potential hazard because someone could have broken a foot by miss-stepping in the planter. I contacted the city who got a private landscaping company to repair the planter. The company then went across the street and fixed other planters that needed weeding and care.
- ◆ The landscaping firm contracted by the BPPA to maintain the planters between A and B Street had not been doing an acceptable job and has been released. The BPPA recently executed a contract with Steve Balough Bio-Landscaping for this work.
- ◆ An aside. Everyone asks why we pay for maintenance of the planters between A and B Street. There are two reasons:
 1. A few years ago, the BPPA made a deal with the city. The city would buy and plant over \$20,000 worth of palm trees for our "parkway" (the area between A and G Streets) if the BPPA would maintain the trees and planters. This is considered a very favorable deal for the BPPA.
 2. The planters between A and B Street are largely in front of rental apartment units. Neither the tenants nor the absentee landlords are interested in maintaining the planters.
- ◆ Followed up on a phone call about unsightly weeds at the wedge. By the time the weeds were taken out they were over five feet tall.

-Bob Yant

Parks, Beach & Recreation

Ramp Report

With summer gone everything is quiet at the bay beach. But, the barbeque still works and the view is always magnificent so dress warmly and enjoy your community beach. Don't forget the 97th annual Christmas Boat Parade which runs December 14 through the 18th.

-John Bonar
Ramp Chairman

Membership

We are still collecting dues for the 05-06 year - your membership expires in May. We will begin our 06-07 membership drive early next year. I hope everyone enjoys the holiday season and enjoys some of the kids Christmas activities listed on the insert.

-Lorel Bonar
Membership Chairwoman

In Memoriam

MARTIN F. POST 1916 – 2005

We sadly announce the death of our friend and neighbor, Martin Post, who passed away peacefully at his home on East Ocean Blvd. Martin has lived in the neighborhood for nearly 40 years and was a longtime member of BPPA. He was a retired USAF Colonel who served in the US Army Corps in World War II and subsequently as a local USAF Academy recruiting coordinator and Professor of Business at Orange Coast College.

You may remember him as the ever-pleasant driver of the white Range Rover with USAFA1 license plates as he regularly drove the peninsula to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and Balboa and Lido Village shopping areas. Funeral services were private. RIP Martin!



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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

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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
JANUARY 12, 2006**



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