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THE POINTER



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 13th 5:00pm



This year we again offer our convenient online membership renewal process! It's simple and efficient!

To renew or join: Use the QR code to access the online Membership Form or visit https://bppa-nb.com and select the blue "Application/Payment" button in upper right corner. If you have any questions or are having any issues submitting online, please contact Shannon Wadsworth at 949-300-5216.

The last date to sign up is July 4th!

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONOF BALBOA PENINSULA POINT

CFBPP, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation formed in 2006, supports quality-of-life projects for Peninsula Point that fall outside the more limited scope of BPPA's 501(c)(7) status. The CFBPP's focus now is to raise enough money every year to fund a year-round security patrol program.

Please consider supporting the Foundation when you renew your BPPA dues.

More information can be found at https://cfbpp.org

welcome 2025 BPPA board!

2025-2026 BPPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BPPA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025 Children's Easter Egg Hunt 19th L Street Park Host BPPA Membership Drive & Kick-Off to Summer 13th Bay Beach Host BPPA Junior Guard Send-Off Tradition 17th L Street Park June 20th-Friday Nights at the Bay Bay Beach No Host-Potlock June 21st July 1st Summer Movies L Street Park Host BPPA ~7:45pm 4th of July Parade & TK Burger 4th L Street Park Host BPPA 11am *4th of July week of family fun events coming soon. Thank you, First Responders Event 5th Bay Beach Host BPPA October Chili Cook-Off 25th L Street Park Host BPPA 12pm Toy Drive & Boat Parade Viewing 18th Bay Beach Host BPPA Dates & times subject to change, check website for latest information bppa-nb.com

Board meetings are conducted on the second Tuesday of each month, except for August and December when there are no meetings.

The meetings are held at 6:00 P.M. at the Peninsula Point Racquet Club.

Meetings are open to all BPPA members.

Board Member contact information can be found in the BPPA Directory or email our board at bppa-newportbeach@gmail.com





must be a member of the BPPA in order to reserve

On behalf of our Peninsula Point Community, we extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for your incredible service and commitment to the following retiring board members:

Bob Yant

Resident for 54 years. Served as BPPA President, Vice President, Parks Beach and Recreation, Secretary, and Webmaster for the past 28 years.

By far his favorite part of being part of the Peninsula Point community is the people who live here.

Ken Drellishek

Resident since 1999. Served on BPPA board for beginning in 1999, serving as President for 2004-05; Foundation Founding member 2006, & BPPA Liaison, in addition to other City activities (lead EQAC, coordination of City permits) Ken says moving here with his wife, who passed in 2010, was the best decision they ever made; this is a great, friendly community! His fond memories will include all of the Peninsula Point volunteer activity that he has been involved in and the positive neighbors' reactions to it!

Fred Scalzo

Resident since 1975. BPPA Board member for 4 years, serving as President for 3 years, then as City Liaison. Fred's favorite part of being a part of the Peninsula Point is the community atmosphere. Many of us know it as "Mayberry at the Beach," that small town feeling where you can't drive, walk, or ride your bike more than half a block without waving and saying hello to two or three neighbors. The beach on one side, the bay on the other, the Wedge in the middle, and a whole lot of friends in between - what a wonderful place to live!

Alan Guenther

Resident for 30 years. He served on BPPA 4 years as City Aviation Liaison. As a Peninsula Point resident, Alan most enjoys the many good people that are his neighbors.

Lou Enriquez

Resident for nearly 38 years. BPPA Board member for 10 years, serving as President (2016-2017) and overseeing the Bay Beach boat ramp for 9 years Lou enjoys the casual vibe and friendliness of his Peninsula Point neighbors, and shares their love of our beach/ocean surroundings and the pride/commitment to our Peninsula Point community.

Special thanks to **Michelle Miller** for serving on the 2024-2025 Board as Pointer information collector!

BPPA MEMBER EVENTS







Please join us for some family-friendly fun this summer! If you're interested in helping with any of these events, contact: christyruppert@gmail.com

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For our most current information, check out bppa-nb.com Don't forget to follow us on

Instagram @b_p_p_a

JUNE 21 STARTS AT JULY 1 SUNSET (7:45PM)

AT L STREET PARK . BPPA WILL PROVIDE POPCORN . BRING CHAIRS & BLANKETS



PENINSULA POINT IS BECOMING AN OCEAN FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD (OFN)!

The Balboa Peninsula Point Association (BPPA) is taking significant steps to become Newport Beach's first Ocean Friendly Neighborhood (OFN), partnering with the Surfrider Foundation to lead local efforts in reducing plastic pollution and protecting marine ecosystems.

Bordered by Newport Harbor and the Pacific Ocean, Peninsula Point is in a key position to set an example of sustainability for the entire city.

The OFN initiative addresses the urgent global issue of plastic waste. In 2021, U.S. households generated 51 million tons of plastic—only 5% was recycled. Approximately 11 million tons enter the ocean each year, equivalent to one truckload per minute. If this trend continues, plastic will outweigh fish in the ocean by 2050. Microplastics are now present throughout the food chain, with humans unknowingly consuming the equivalent of a credit card in plastic each week.

To reduce its plastic footprint, BPPA will implement new guidelines for all community events. Prohibited items include plastic utensils, cups, plates, bowls, Styrofoam, plastic clamshells, straws, single-use plastic water bottles, and bioplastic food ware. Instead, residents are encouraged to use reusable or compostable alternatives made from wood, bamboo, or paper. Water refill stations have already been installed at L Street Park and Bay Beach to support reusable bottle use.



The OFN plan also includes quarterly community beach cleanups and regular education and outreach through the Balboa Peninsula Point Association.

Longtime resident and national Surfrider Foundation board member John Wadsworth will serve as BPPA's environmental liaison, helping guide the initiative.

With this bold move, the BPPA aims not only to protect the local environment but also to inspire broader community change throughout Newport Beach.

For questions or comments, contact John at jwadsworth@northoc.surfrider.org or 714.299.5842. For further details, access complete letter on our BPPA website.

Pointer Distribution Team

{left to right}

Alan Guenther, Gloria Oaks, Mary Miller, Bill Miller, Kim Gore, Sarah Donovan, Christy Fisher, Roberta Schmidt, Cathy Enriquez. Not pictured: Mark Johnson. We are grateful for your MANY miles + hours to faithfully deliver the Pointer!



Neighbors, family, + dogs gathered in remembrance of Sally O'Neill at the L St. Park, where she walked daily & was known to generously give dogs treats!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CERT

{community emergency response team}
The CERT program is vital in preparing the Peninsula
Point community for disasters by training residents to
assist themselves, their families, and neighbors when
emergency services are overwhelmed.
CERT volunteers learn essential skills, such as basic
medical care, small fire suppression, search & rescue,
and community coordination, promoting safety
readiness.

The Newport Beach Fire Department offers free CERT training to residents, schools, and businesses, led by local firefighters and lifeguards. For more information and class schedules, visit the City of Newport Beach CERT website. Watch for a coming invitation to learn more about being part of CERT on the Point!



We hope you have enjoyed this printed copy of the Pointer! To further our conservations efforts as an environmentally friendly neighborhood & make the best use of your contributions, the BPPA will only provide printed copies of the POINTER once per year.

Digital copies will be provided via email to BPPA members.



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We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have recently passed from our community

Sally O'Neill Jim Owen

if you are aware of residents who have passed, please call Cathy Enriquez at 949.673.1987



THANK YOU Christy Ruppert + the many volunteers who made our Easter Egg event so special! We cannot do these without support, both with volunteer work and funds, so we are grateful for the faithful members and volunteers in the community!