

Point Loma ASSOCIATION



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Spring 2013

YOU'RE INVITED!

Find out what's happening in your neighborhood by attending the
Annual PLA Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, May 29 at the UPSES Hall

EAT FIRST AND MINGLE!

The evening begins at 5:00 with Happy Hour featuring delectable creations from Deborah Scott's "Chop Soo-ey" food truck. Serving up BBQ pork sliders, Vietnamese rice paper wrapped prawns, and Polish sausage hot dogs.

THEN GET INFORMED!

PLA is proud to host our governmental representatives and notable community members in this information-filled meeting. Here's the agenda:

5:55-6:00: Welcome remarks by PLA board member Jana Mickova Will, including the introduction of event host and former PLA Chair, Tony Calabrese.

6:00-6:10: PLA annual business meeting including swearing in of new PLA Board of Directors by County Supervisor Ron Roberts and recognition of outgoing board members.

6:10-6:25: PLA's presentation of past and recent beautification projects, and a preview of potential future projects.

6:25-6:40: Councilmember Kevin Faulconer on District 2 issues.

6:40-6:55: Congressman Scott Peters presents local issues at the federal level.

6:55-7:05: Airport Authority Peggy Cooper's update on north airport development.

7:05-7:20: U.S. Border Patrol Agent Rubach talks about drug smuggling and maritime criminal activity along our coastline.

7:20-7:35: District 2 Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee member Nicole Burgess' vision for creating a bike and pedestrian friendly community, including improvements to Nimitz Boulevard.

7:35-7:50: Mayor Bob Filner discusses City-wide issues.

7:50-8:00: Military update by Captain Scott Adams.

8:00-8:30: PLA raffle awards and opportunity for guests to visit informational tables and ask questions of guest speakers.



We thank County Supervisor Ron Roberts for stopping by the February PLA meeting to give us a mini "State of the County" presentation. Supervisor Roberts talked about the county's stellar credit rating, the upgraded

County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa, and showed renderings of the park planned adjacent to the County Administration Building on Harbor Drive. And - there's an app for that. During an emergency, you can get up-to-date information on your phone by going to sdcountyemergency.com. We look forward to hearing more from Supervisor Roberts at the Town Hall Meeting.

Save the Date!

On Thursday, October 3, the Annual Dinner moves to a new venue and format.

The theme is "Celebrate Point Loma," and will feature the various ways the PLA actively celebrates Point Loma through service to our community.

The evening will also celebrate Music on the Point, with musical ensembles from our local schools and Point Loma Nazarene University.

We're moving to the newly renovated Liberty Station Conference Center, and you will enjoy culinary creations from To the Point Catering.

Questions? Contact Sally Bixler at sally.bixler@ubs.com.

Note: Nominations for Beautification Awards are being accepted now. Deadline: July 31. Find the nomination form at www.plaweb.org.

Chairman's Message



Dare to dream: **PLA Enhancement of Nimitz Greenbelt Parkway**

Nimitz Blvd. is an important 2.2 mile north-south arterial that connects North Harbor Drive and Sunset Cliffs Blvd./I- 8. It extends from the ocean basin of the San Diego River to the San Diego Bay. Along its course, it abuts in the north to Robb Field Skate Park, Dusty Rhodes Park, Bill Cleator Park, Barnes Tennis Center and the Peninsula YMCA. Then it merges into beautiful N. Harbor Drive with easy, direct access to Harbor Island, Shelter Island and downtown San Diego. Correia and Dana Middle Schools, Point Loma High School and High Tech High are all within a mile of Nimitz Blvd.

In 1999, the Point Loma Association started the first phase of Nimitz Blvd. beautification by planting pines and bougainvillea along a segment of the median. The second phase is a near-term project that will initiate the grand enhancement of the Nimitz Greenbelt Parkway. Our project includes replacing 11,200 square feet of asphalt from the Famosa bridge to W. Pt. Loma Blvd. with colored stamped concrete and median plantings.

We envision Nimitz Blvd as a beautiful, transformative gateway enticing hundreds of thousands of north-south bound commuters, school children and tourists to safely bike, walk and drive through our Point Loma neighborhood. Safe Class 1 bike lanes, attractive median plantings and art work with traffic calming features and well placed pedestrian cross walks with a bridge would connect schools and residential neighborhoods with scenic miles of already existing bicycle paths, several parks, tennis courts and stunning water fronts. This would encourage more biking/walking exercise to and from schools, outdoor activity by residents, increased park utilization and tourism.

Nicole Burgess, Chair of the District 2 Bike/Pedestrian Advisory, has submitted

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Garden Award

By Betty Allman and Judy Garrett

Welcome to one of the gardens featured in the 12th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk. It's located at 4312 Del Monte Avenue near Venice. On April 27, the Dana Auxiliary of Rady Children's Hospital is showcasing the gardens of Point Loma Heights. Ann and Walt Desmond should have their rose garden in full bloom by then! Make sure to stop by! See page 5 for more information about the walk.



Beautification UPDATE

W. Point Loma/Nimitz and Dewey Elementary School Median: You may have noticed that these areas have been readied for spring!

Restoration of Barnes Tennis Center along Nimitz Blvd: The Beautification Committee has been working with Michael Patton of Councilman Kevin Faulconer's office to begin work on mowing grass, trimming and lifting trees. It is hoped that this work will discourage more homeless encampments in the area.

Point Loma Assembly Garden Maintenance: We thank PLA member Dottie Laub for all of her work creating and updating the Assembly Garden! She is grateful for the help of the Mean Green Team, who has pledged to help maintain the garden every other Friday.

Point Loma Library Display Window: Make sure to stop by and see the new PLA display!

Barnett/Pacific Highway Cleanup: After months of working with the City of San Diego, the PLA Mean Green Team has successfully convinced them to clean up Pacific Highway where it joins Barnett! This is an important entryway into Point Loma. Many thanks to Councilman Kevin Faulconer and Michael Patton for their support.



PROGRESS! On the right, City workers paint the railing on the bridge shown in the back of the top left photo. Thanks to Urban Corps for performing some of the work. Due to safety and liability issues, the City of San Diego has turned down volunteer participation. Thank you, Michael Patton, for your persistence in getting this project done!

Point Loma's Outdoor Art Gallery

Betty Allman and Judy Garrett have been busy working with artists to transform drab utility boxes into objets d'art!



More creations by artist Lee Sie. Left and middle: located at Plumosa and Hyacinth. Lee stands proudly by this box at the entry into Ocean Beach.

Below: It's catching on! Jade Fabares painted this beautiful box in front of two new homes on Froude and Point Loma Avenue; Girl Scout Troop 3636 painted this box in front of Silver Gate Elementary with the help of Young at Art Children's Creative Center.



a Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Proposal for Nimitz Blvd. (see the article on page 4 for details).

With the collaboration of Caltrans as well as the City and County of San Diego, the grand vision of a beautiful, protected bike path and vehicle roadway will become the Point Loma entrance Greenbelt Parkway. Dare to dream! In the years to come, we and our children will be the beneficiaries of this grand vision.

Finally, a caffeinated thank you again to Geoff and the gang at Peet's Coffee & Tea on Catalina for choosing PLA to receive Peet's Annual Holiday Donation! They donated \$1759.34! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



--Cecilia Carrick
Chair, PLA



Around Town...

There's so much to do right here!



From April 5 to 21, the new White Box, San Diego's newest live arts space, will come alive with 13 evenings of live

arts presented by San Diego Dance Theater in collaboration with White Box Collective, a group of local emerging choreographers. The first annual Live Arts Fest promises access to all types of live art including dance, puppetry, theater, music, light installations and more. Located at White Box Space at NTC @ Liberty Station, 2590 Truxton Road, Studio 205.

For the schedule, go to sandiegodancetheater.org/whitebox/live_arts_festival.html.

12th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk

The 12th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., showcasing ten private gardens in a quaint Point Loma neighborhood.

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The Point Loma Garden Walk is presented by the Dana Unit of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary. All proceeds benefit Craniofacial Services at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego. The very popular Garden Boutique will showcase local artisans in addition to the whimsical and unusual planted pieces that are a trademark of the boutique.

For the second year, there is a Diamond Tour available for 20 patrons with a delicious lunch served in a beautiful Point Loma home not on the regular tour; guests will have door-to-door exclusive shuttling to the homes on the tour and to the boutique. Tickets for the Diamond Tour are \$150 and limited to 20 people.

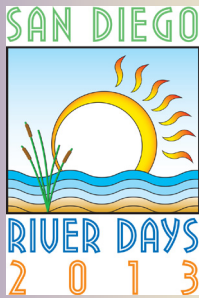
Tickets for the Point Loma Garden Walk are \$25. To purchase tickets and for more information, go to pointlomagardenwalk.com.

Celebrate National Train Day!

The San Diego S Gauge Model Train Club is hosting a free, kid-friendly, event with Amtrak on **Saturday, May 11**.

They'll be running their model trains on two layouts featuring interactive accessories for kids of all ages at their clubhouse from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Located at Liberty Station Clubhouse, 12445 Truxtun Road at Liberty Station. For more information about National Train Day, go to www.nationaltrainday.com/s/.



The San Diego River Park Foundation is hosting San Diego River Days over two weekends on **May 11-19**, featuring 40 events along the entire length of the River, from Santa Ysabel to Ocean Beach.

Events range from hikes, nature walks, bike rides, trail building projects, gardening, community service projects and more. This year, River Days will kick off with the 3rd Annual Youth Day of Service on May 11, engaging 1,000 kids and their families in meaningful service projects at 12 sites along the River. Everyone is welcome.

River Days showcases and celebrates the unique cultural, ecological, and recreational

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IMAGINE...

- * A tree-lined path stretching from Mission Bay to San Diego Bay...
- * Snarled automobile traffic replaced by healthy bicyclists riding smog-free bicycles...
- * Safe passage for Point Loma children from local schools to local parks...
- * A stunning bridge serving as a gateway to Point Loma...

NOW imagine that the tree-lined path is Nimitz Boulevard, and that those healthy bicyclists are helping to unsnarl traffic on Nimitz, Catalina, Rosecrans, and Harbor Drive.

There are two groups here in Point Loma who are working hard to turn imaginings into reality. A PLA subcommittee has draft plans for the "Enhancement of Nimitz Greenbelt and Parkway;" Nicole Burgess with the District 2 Bike/Ped Advisory Committee is riding all over Point Loma to make her pitch for safe bike lanes and crossings for Point Loma school children, commuters and residents.

You may have seen Nicole around Point Loma. Every day, she herds a gaggle of bicyclists to school, ensuring safe passage. Her vision? Safe passage for students and residents across Point Loma. According to Nicole, there are 9,000 students in Point Loma who don't have a safe route to our schools and local parks, including schools and parks at Liberty Station.



According to CalTrans, a Class I Bikeway "provides a completely separated right of way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with crossflow by motorists minimized."

Nicole is currently working with the City of San Diego to apply for a \$300,000 CalTrans Planning Grant, which would fund public outreach and planning documents for her vision, which also includes:

- * A pedestrian/bike bridge connecting Dusty Rhodes Park and Robb Field
- * A Class I Bikeway running northbound and southbound on Nimitz Blvd.
- * A connection to the San Diego River Trail along Interstate 8
- * Safe north/south connections for bikes from Downtown to Mission Bay
- * Encouraging service members to exchange their single-occupancy cars for bicycles and increasing overall bicycle ridership by 20%



- * Creating an “urban park” through the Peninsula, which would provide traffic calming
- * Decreasing pedestrian and bicycle accidents by 8%, and decreasing accidents in all modes of transportation by 5%.
- * Increasing local business sales by 25% due to increased appreciation for our beautiful community.

The CalTrans application is due in April; Nicole hopes to hear good news by the end of this year. Patience will have to prevail, as the road from plans to paths will be a steep one. Nicole is hopeful for support from the community. Her subcommittee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Saint Peters by the Sea in Sunset Cliffs.

The PLA subcommittee is hoping for a faster turn-around for its tree-lined path along Nimitz. The subcommittee met on March 19 to get an overview of the project and projected costs. The first phase stretches about 2,600 feet from West Point Loma to the Famosa Bridge. (In 1997, the PLA, under the direction of Hugh Story and Karen Davis, planted pine trees and groundcover beyond the bridge heading south.)

The plans, a collaboration of Dick Lareau Architects and Ned Daugherty of H2O Futures, call for multi-colored stamped concrete, plantings, and sculptures along the 2,600 -foot span. The biggest obstacle for the PLA is not CalTrans bureaucracy: it’s cost and traffic control.

The estimated cost is currently \$133,000. This includes concrete and asphalt removal, new stamped concrete, plantings, traffic control fees, and possible permit fees. Many thanks to Dick, Ned and traffic engineer Jim Federhart for their hard work on obtaining bids, and to local real estate broker Dan Dennison for heading up the project.

You’ll have a chance to see both of these projects up close and ask questions at the Town Hall Meeting on May 29. The PLA is encouraging tax-deductible donations for the Nimitz Median project through the Point Loma Foundation. Contact Martha Phillips at mjpsandiego@cox.net for more information.

resources of the River. There are many activities taking place in and near Point Loma, including an open house and native edible plant demonstration at the Point Loma Native Plant Garden, a guided nature walk and service projects at the River Mouth in Ocean Beach, and a birding walk at Famosa Slough.

Visit www.sdriverdays.org for a complete event listing.

OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off Festival Saturday June 22, 10 AM to 8 PM

It’s Wonderland’s 100th anniversary! Join more than 70,000 visitors throughout the day for tasty festival treats, art, beachfront entertainment, shopping and more. The chili competition will feature more than two dozen tastings from amateur entrants competing for the titles of Hottest Chili, Judges’ Award and the grand prize, People’s Choice Award.

Help celebrate by buying a square for the community mural, which will be installed on the outside north wall of architects hanna gabriel wells building.



Read a book!

Have you seen the Little Free Library at 3343 Harbor View Drive? It was built and sponsored by Carl Scragg and Patt Seitas (spouses) and also supported by Richard and Caroline Glasner (neighbors).

There is already active use of the library by local neighbors and walkers in the neighborhood. For more information about the project, go to www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Save the Date! ARTWALK San Diego is moving to Liberty Station!

The event, formerly known as ArtWalk on the Bay, has a new name, new dates and a new home! On **August 24 and 25, 2013**, the 8th Annual ArtWalk San Diego at Liberty Station will be at NTC Promenade’s Ingram Plaza. For more information, go to: <http://www.artwalksandiego.org/ntc/>.



PROJECT ENLARGEMENT



PLA Board Nominees

Many thanks to Martha Phillips and Maureen Maringer for their service to the board!

Following are the nominees for the Point Loma Association Board of Directors. The vote will take place at the Town Hall Meeting on May 29.

Dan Dennison is an Associate Broker with Keller Williams Real Estate. He recently moved back to California after working in Florida, Texas, Colorado and New Mexico. Dan has an active interest in becoming involved in community activities and enjoys gardening, native landscaping, hiking, photography, and travel.

Nancy Palmtag is a former educator and education consultant who has lived and volunteered in our community for many years. Among her many volunteer roles, Nancy served as the PLHS PTSA president, chaired Point Loma 2000, and served on the Peninsula Community Planning and SD County Noise Control Hearing Boards.

THE PLAQUE PROJECT LIVES ON!

Honor a loved one with a plaque by a tree! \$350 for a 7 x 5 plaque commemorating your loved one at your chosen tree location. For information, call Robert Jackson at (619) 987-1970.

Mark your Calendars for the 13th Annual

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SUMMER CONCERTS



The Point Loma Summer Concerts have a great lineup again this year! All concerts are FREE and on Fridays starting at 5:30 p.m.

7/12 Jumping Jack Flash

7/19 Cashed Out With Special Guest "June Carter"

7/26 Back To The Garden Tribute to Woodstock with special guests Eve Selis and Mattie Mills

8/2 Left4Dead brings back the 80s

8/9 The Bayou Brothers with special guest Sue Palmer

Due to the success of last year's raffle ticket sales, the Summer Concerts Board of Directors is proud to announce their continued support for music education in Point Loma schools with a \$5000 donation to Point Loma High School's Instrumental Music Program. "We thank Miss Match in Ocean Beach for their raffle donation and are looking for additional raffle sponsors for this year," said PL Summer Concerts Board Chair, Martha Phillips.

Be a sponsor!

The concerts are looking for band co-sponsors at \$1725 per concert. The following sponsorship opportunities are also available: stage sponsor (\$1000); catering (\$1000); raffle (\$4500); emergency support (\$2000). If you're interested in being a sponsor, contact Martha Phillips at (619) 300-1961 or e-mail mjpsandiego@cox.net. For more information, go to: www.plconcerts.org/2013sponsors.pdf.

Audition for the Junior Stage!

On Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. auditions are being held for anyone interested in:

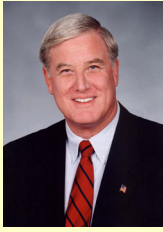
- ♫ Singing a patriotic song to kick off the concert
- ♫ Playing on the Junior Stage (high school age and under)
- ♫ Junior Stage emcee (high school age and under)

Auditions are at the Pt. Loma Assembly Hall (across the street from Cabrillo Elementary on Talbot St.).

The only requirement is that participants work, live or go to school in Point Loma. For those in a band, there will be a backline provided. To schedule an audition time, contact Junior Stage Manager, Ellen Scott, at erumpunch@gmail.com or call 619.269.1309.

PL Concerts Fundraiser with Temple of the Dad!

Another way to support the concerts! Dance the night away with local band, Temple of the Dad, on Saturday, June 22, 7:00 - 10:00 at the Point Loma Assembly. Tickets: \$12.



Guest article:

San Diego's "Blue Economy" Catalyst for Region

By San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox

The San Diego region is no stranger to innovation. With our growing bio-tech, high-tech and defense sectors, along with our port and border, our region is perfectly positioned to be one of the great economies of the Pacific Rim.

One of our lesser-known assets is our "Blue Economy" – a fast-growing cluster of maritime companies and organizations that already generate over \$14 billion in annual economic impact to our region. In fact, San Diego's maritime industry and related economic activity comprise the regional "Blue Economy" that was recognized in the 2012 San Diego Maritime Industry Report as an economic powerhouse with more than 1,400 companies producing over \$14 billion of direct sales and a workforce of almost 46,000 spread across an array of traditional and technology-oriented sectors.

I highlighted this "Blue Economy" at my State of the County Address in February. I also declared it the year of the "Blue Economy" by presenting a proclamation for OceanSTEM 2013, an initiative that calls for numerous events throughout the year in the region to celebrate the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to the maritime community and the public.

The initiative will include interactive and hands-on activities, and link elementary, middle and high school students with nonprofits, academia, industry, research institutions, entrepreneurs and inventors.

San Diego is the perfect place for this initiative. We have maritime cities located at the strategic "pivot point" for the Pacific. The fast growing maritime technology – the largest such concentrated cluster in the country and probably in the world – represents the "Next Big Thing" for our region and we will be actively supporting its development. It gives us one of the most unique regional economies in the world and can be a catalyst to create new jobs in San Diego. That's everything from shipbuilding to underwater robotics, aquaculture and desalination technology.

It is one of the next big things for San Diego and with my own supervisorial district surrounded by San Diego Bay, I am committed to firing up this economic engine.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every week: Point Loma Farmer's Market: Sundays, 9:30 - 2:30: On the first Sunday of each month, look for the PLA booth! Bring a friend! On Cañon between Rosecrans and Scott.

**Friday Night Liberty
April 5, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Enjoy eight new exhibitions, live music at the Recreational Music Center, and celebrate four Grand Openings of artists studios/galleries. Stop by Yellow Book Road for Pajama Story Time with UT San Diego's cartoonist Steve Breen as he reads Pug and Doug - kids be sure to wear your PJs! You can enter to win jewelry at Anneville Studios, sign up for art classes at Bravo School of Art, or relax and stroll the galleries and shops.

**La Playa Trail Association Lectures
May 21, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

Iris Engstrand, USD Professor, discusses Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo.

June 18, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Murray Lee on the First Anniversary of the Chinese Fishermen's Monument.

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3035 Talbot Street \$10 donation suggested. Complimentary wine and snacks available.

**Peninsula Singers in Concert
May 22, 7:00**

Hervey Point Loma Library; sponsored by Friends of the Library.

June 8, 7:00 p.m.

Liberty Station's North Chapel.

**Cabrillo National Monument
Centennial Events**

April 22-26: National Parks week (entrance fee waived)

April 27: Junior Ranger Day

May 11: Cabrillo Bird Festival

June 8: Parks and Open Spaces Day

<http://www.cabrillocentennial.org/>

Peninsula Community Planning Board

Meets third Thursday,
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Point Loma Library
3701 Voltaire Street

Ocean Beach Town Council

Meets fourth Wednesday,
7:00 p.m.

Masonic Center
1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.
jimmusgrove@mac.com

Point Loma Assembly

Meets second Thursday,
4:00 p.m.

Point Loma Assembly
3035 Talbot St.
(619) 887-9313
www.plassembly.org

La Playa Trail Association

Meets second Tuesday,
2:30 p.m.

US Bank
1331 Rosecrans St.
Charles Best, 223-3418

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Meets second Wednesday,
7:30 a.m., Bali Hai

Beautification: First
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

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Friday, 4:00 at US Bank

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