



Summer 2014



...at the PLA Annual Dinner!

Join us for a wonderful evening of friendship, camaraderie and neighborly fun at the Point Loma Association dinner! The dinner will be held on Friday (yes, Friday) October 17, at the Liberty Station Conference Center. By popular request, Kristin Keltner and To The Point will once again cater the event.

With Art is the Point as the theme, we will be celebrating the concept of beautiful art, large and small: from table centerpieces made by the uniquely creative PL Artists, to exploring the vision of using more beautiful public art to enhance our Nimitz Grand Entryway. We will also have the pleasure and privilege of welcoming important new community leaders into our neighborhood. Of course, an array of creative awards, as well as live and silent auction items, will round out the evening.

This event is an investment in *your* community. Inform yourself, meet new friends, give us input, support us. Proceeds fund ALL of our year-round Point Loma Association projects that enhance the quality of the neighborhood we so proudly call home.

Get your tickets today! Fill out the enclosed envelope or go to the PLA web site to purchase tickets with a credit card (www.pointlomaassociation.com).



Base for future public art.

Cecilia Carrick Honored



On April 9, 2014, Past PLA Chair Cecilia Carrick was one of 14 honorees at the 49th Annual Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary's Women of Dedication Luncheon and Celebration.

Cecilia was recognized for her work with the PLA — but many of you may not know about Cecilia's other efforts recognized by the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary highlighted Cecilia's work as Chief of Pathology at Alvarado Hospital and as president of the California Society of Pathologists—the first woman to achieve that post. She was also recognized for her work at Rachel's Women's Center and Mama's Kitchen, and for her volunteer service with Pathologists Overseas, where she provided training to future pathologists in Madagascar.

Cecilia also traveled to the Peruvian Amazon with 300 pounds of donated medical equipment to distribute to a hospital serving an impoverished population. While there, she and a colleague trained six laboratory workers to screen PAP smears.

The Auxiliary also noticed Cecilia's eight-year stint as a volunteer respite caretaker at San Diego Hospice, where she took on challenging cases.

Congratulations, Cecilia, for being recognized for your notable work in our community and the global community!



Chairman's Message

Just got back from the Festa and decided to sit down and write my chair's message. PLA has participated in the parade for a hand full of years now. It used to be, people would wonder, "who are these people?" Today, the entire crowd of thousands cheered us on with gratitude. It was the BEST feeling ever! Many thanks to Dinisa and Donald Valadao for putting on a great event. This was the 104th year! Grand tradition here in PL.

Our Town Hall Meeting got off the ground and we had great presentations from the Port (CEO Wayne Darbeau), Airport (Peggy Cooper and Bob Bolton) and Navy Base Point Loma (CAPT. Scott Adams). Councilman Ed Harris swore in our Board members Dianne Reichardt, Clark Burlingame, Chris Jacobs and Ted Kay. Thanks to Nancy Palmtag's persistence, our new memberships soared. Congratulations, Conrad Wear, for winning the \$100 "new membership" prize! Special thanks to Sally Bixler for helping organize, and to the UPSES Hall for hosting the event. Lastly, thank you Byron Wear and Kerri De Rosier for getting the word out.

OB/PL had another get together at Fiddler's Green. The medians along the I-8 east entrance are going to be cleaned up and maintained. Thanks to the OBCDC and Total Green Landscaping for making this a reality. Also, thanks to Steve Rock for hosting our event. We plan to do it again this summer at To The Point.

The Mean Green Team stepped "out of the box" and performed a clean up on Fiesta Island. Councilman Ed Harris also pitched in for the great cause. Thank you to John Cahalin and the team for making this happen.

Our Annual Dinner is coming up on October 17. Please mark your calendar. PLA is anxious to continue improving Nimitz Blvd. Part of this improvement will be a sculpture down towards W. Point Loma Blvd. Please support us by attending. We promise a fun evening.

Congrats to Lorie Zapf on her win and welcome to District 2. We look forward to working with her. See you around PL.

—Robert Jackson

PLA Annual Dinner at a Glance:

5:30: Cocktails, visiting, silent auction browsing!

7:00: Dinner

- Complimentary parking • Business or Cocktail Attire
- Liberty Station Conference Center is located at 2600 Laning Road.

Want to donate a silent auction item? E-mail sally.bixler@ubs.com.

Beautification UPDATE

Palm Trees at entrance to 8-E: So much better! Thanks to Jeff Bruhn at Atlas Tree Service for trimming ten trees!



Bus Benches Thanks to Pete Azar for moving the PLA bus benches from West Marine and Roy's Cleaners, where there was no bus stop; to the gas station on the corner of Rosecrans and Nimitz, where the three benches there are being well utilized by bus patrons! The next locations will be Ralph's parking lot on Nimitz and in the La Playa area, on the corner of Lawrence and Rosecrans.

Graffiti strike force: Unfortunately, there has been a lot of graffiti to contend with, of late. Many thanks to Cathy White, Betty Allman, Pat Buchanan (pictured) and Cecilia Carrick for hitting hard when it happens!



Garden Award

This issue's Garden Award goes to "Jacaranda Janet." Charter Point Loma Village Beautiful member (now PLA) Janet Richards earned her title due to her role in choosing the Jacaranda tree for the first phase of tree planting in the Village over 50 years ago.

"Janet, you plant the trees," is what Janet remembered when asked how she got involved with choosing and planting the first 60 Jacarandas along Rosecrans. The biggest part of Janet's task was dealing with the city — a phenomenon well known to today's PLA do-gooders. "They demanded dimensions of the hole and how it would be framed with concrete," said Janet. "It didn't make sense."

The easier part was choosing the trees. Janet chose Jacarandas because they "offer a splash of color suitable for our small community devoted to the ocean ... and, they're evergreen," said Janet. They were also one of 18 trees on the City's approved tree list.

According to a *San Diego Union* article that covered the tree planting (pictured on the next page from PLA Historian Klonie Kunzel's



Janet in front of her home: note the Jacaranda!

scrapbook), it cost \$31.50 per tree planted in dirt, \$41 for each one planted in blacktop, and \$76 for

a tree planted in concrete.

Janet lives in Point Loma in a home designed by her husband Sim Bruce Richards (a notable Mid-Century Modern architect who studied with Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin).

“Janet is a remarkable 98 year old,” said Klonie Kunzel. “We have Janet to thank for her incredible vision and appreciation for what is important in life.”

The Mean

Green Team

The Mean Green Team has been busy as usual. Here’s a sampling of their work over the last few months:



On May 10, they led a cleanup with 39 volunteers at Fiesta Island — the result of last year’s bid by John Cahalin at the Annual Dinner. That’s Councilman Ed Harris rallying the troops! Council Office staff member Tracy Cambre was also on hand with pickers and a bag!

They trimmed palms in front of Dewey Elementary and cleared out the branches.



They cleaned up yet another homeless encampment.



They sent a delegation to Point Loma Park for the Day of Service sponsored by Point Loma Presbyterian Church. Members cleared out brush and spread mulch around the park — readying the park for the Point Loma Summer Concerts!



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Around Town...

A Taste of Portugal

One of the best kept secrets in Point Loma (well — at least to this editor) is the UPSES Portuguese Market located at the UPSES Hall. In a corner of the Hall on the Shelter Island Drive side, you can find a taste of the Azores and the Portuguese mainland: cheeses, linguisa, wines, bacalhau (dried codfish), oils, chocolates, olives, canned sardines and tuna — even pottery.

The store will celebrate its third year in September. “It was something we had been talking about for a long time,” said Manuel Fernando Leal, a volunteer who helps manage and stock the store. “We already have our resale permit through the bar, and we have a catering permit through the kitchen— so why not a store?”

With a single employee and a host of volunteers, the overhead is low. All proceeds from the sales go back to the UPSES Hall. Low overhead also means they can offer great prices. “We have the cheapest prices in California,” said Manuel.

And people come from all over southern California to get it. “It’s stuff that reminds you of home,” said Manuel. And it’s stuff that’s desired across the generations.

Manuel said that the Hall is considering opening a small cafe in July. If it happens, our readers will be the first to know!

Meet Liz Savage at Tea-Upon-Chatsworth



This September, Elizabeth (Liz) Savage will celebrate two years as the new owner of Tea-Upon-Chatsworth. A former financial analyst who was travelling too much and wanting to spend more time with her teenage daughter, Liz decided to join her husband full time in

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San Diego – and apply her business acumen to her passion for tea.

Her love of tea and tea culture is evident in the changes she's made over the past two years. She sells 75 teas (an increase from 25, and she wants to offer more), and offers 42 different teas during her High Tea service. Her tea room now features a tea sniffing wall and a tea bar where tea lovers without a reservation can sit and enjoy just a scone or "Cream Tea," a pot of tea, a scone, cookie, and fruit.

Speaking of scones, hers are handmade along with her creams and rose petal jam, which you can buy a la carte. "I'm focusing on the food and offering a larger variety of teas during High Tea," said Liz. While the menu features dainty sandwiches, scones, cookies, and fruit, you can also savor shepherd's pie, chicken and vegetable pastys, and vegetable strata.

She's also focusing on selling bulk tea. "We've seen a 386% increase in bulk tea sales," said Liz, ever the financial analyst.

The increase in tea sales is commensurate with the overall worldwide demand in tea sales. "Tea is the number one liquid consumed in the world, except in the U.S.," said Liz. However, U.S. tea consumption is on the rise, which explains the notable purchase of Teavana by Starbuck's. "Tea is a lot like wine," said Liz. She explained that, like wine, the quality and taste depends upon a lot of factors such as when it is harvested, weather, terrain, and climate. "People are starting to learn about tea like they were learning about wine in the 80s," she said. "The customer palette is improving."

And in the U.S., High Tea is becoming less of a women's-only club. "In the British Isles, men, women, families go," said Liz. "Men love tea." She explained that the separation of the sexes began with gender bias in hotels: the men would have their scotch and cigars, while women sat separately with their tea. The hats and boas? Also "an American thing," said Liz. She "manned up" (her words) her tea room with some Old World charm and accents — and is seeing more male tea drinkers!

All of these changes have led to great success. High Tea service is usually sold out on Saturdays and Sundays, and Liz is seeing more walk-in traffic. Her catering business is up as well: you can order a "tea party to go,"

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Mean Green, continued

Finally, the Mean Green Team let it all hang loose at the Festa Parade!



A note of thanks: After the homeless encampment cleanup, there were four large piles of tree trimmings that needed to be disposed of. When asked for a bid for the cleanup, Moises Rodriguez with Total Green Landscaping refused to accept money and indicated that he would chip the branches and spread them along the Barnes outside fence! "We want him to know just how much we appreciate his good work and his support of our work," said Karen Davis.

Art in the Park - Saturday, July 19

Contributed by Shirley Elswick

As mentioned, before, the PLA and the Point Loma Artists Association are teaming up for the Annual Dinner. Lend your support and attend "Art in the Park," their 15th show and sale on the lawn of the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library. The show runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Founded in 1999, the Point Loma Artists Association is a juried arts organization whose 47 members represent many professional and talented artists working in a variety of mediums including oil, watercolor, acrylic, photography, sculpture, wood, papiermache', ceramics, glass, textiles, collage and creative jewelry. These photos are from their most recent Garden Art Tour.

The artists will be there to meet the public and show their work, and some of the artists may do on-site demonstrations.

A percentage of all art sales from the event will be donated to the library in appreciation of their ongoing support of local artists. For more information, go to www.pointlomaartists.com or call (619) 222-9825.



Above: Ann Walker with guests; below: Joe Kennedy, Roberta Dyer, Mary Williams

Enjoying this newsletter and not a member of the PLA?

Joining is easy and affordable (only \$30 annual dues!) — and, while we value our shovel-wielding volunteers, you can be a member with just a few keystrokes on your computer! Memberships are a major source of revenue for funding our many projects.

Go to our website at www.pointlomaassociation.com and follow the prompts to join online. It's easy!

Questions or comments? Call or email Nancy Palmtag at (619) 224-1523 or npalmtag@msn.com. Thank you in advance!

The scoop on...

By Kerri De Rosier

Cecilia Carrick and I toured the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant with Senior Wastewater Operations Supervisor David Huntamer and Plant Operator Linda Childress.

It's right in our back yard, yet it's one of Point Loma's biggest kept secrets: Point Loma's Wastewater Treatment Plant is coming out of the shadows—or gutter, if you want to be more specific. The City of San Diego Department of Public Utilities, Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Division wants everyone to know about the plant's history, operations, challenges, and accomplishments over the past 50 years of continuous operation.

In San Diego's early days, sewage ran directly from downtown gutters to the bay. Then in the early 1900s, outfalls were constructed and the sewage went into pipes—and directly into the bay. By 1940, the pollution was so bad that the Navy started to complain that it was corroding the bottoms of the Navy's ships and causing illness. The Navy asked the City to build a wastewater treatment plant—and the Works Progress Administration (WPA) began construction in 1942 at the intersection of Wabash Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

By the 1950s, it became clear that San Diego's growing population would need a sewage plant with more capacity, so the City of San Diego began working with the Navy to choose an appropriate site. After some back and forth (who would choose to have a sewage treatment plant in their back yard?), the parties settled on Point Loma.

"It's a perfect location," said Senior Wastewater Operations Supervisor, David Huntamer. "No one can see it, there's no chance of urbanization, and we have quiet neighbors." The plant employees have among the best views in California. Sitting atop a bluff over the Pacific, they can see grey whales migrating, and enjoy their very own colony of harbor seals.



Harbor seals congregate in the cove below the plant.

The 43 acre property, down the sweeping hill right before the Cabrillo Monument and past the tide pools, was purchased from the Navy in 1961 for the sum of \$75,000 (yes – THOUSAND). Opened on August 15, 1963, the facility serves a 450 square mile area that runs from Del Mar to the international border, and from the Pacific Ocean all the way to Alpine.

That adds up to an average daily flow of 180 million gallons; of that, 150 million gallons of raw sewage per day is pumped to the plant from Pump Station 2, located just west of Lindberg Field.



Plant Operator Linda Childress shows us what comes from Pump Station 2.

Here's your lesson in wastewater treatment, complete with a wastewater vocabulary lesson. When the wastewater arrives in Point Loma, it is sampled, then goes through giant screens that rake out "rags"— things such as tampons and tampon holders, "flushable" baby wipes, prophylactics, and vegetable matter; stuff that shouldn't be flushed. Next, the water flows to grit removal tanks, where the heavy inor-

ganic particles are removed; stuff that shouldn't go down the garbage disposal, like coffee grounds and eggshells. The "rags" and grit are "dewatered" and trucked off site to a landfill. "If you can't eat it, we can't treat it," said Huntamer. "We deal only with the three p's – pee, poop, and paper." Everything else has to be removed from the system before it goes into the sedimentation basins and digesters, where the organic material is processed.

Think of another thing you might put down the disposal: the fats, oils and grease (what the industry calls "FOG") used during cooking. FOG has to be skimmed off the surface of sedimentation tanks, dewatered and disposed of as well. In the meantime, the remaining organic solids settle to the bottom of sedimentation tanks and at this point, better than 90 – 95% of the



David Huntamer samples the settling organic materials.

total suspended solids in the water are removed for further processing in the anaerobic digesters.

After one more screening and a slight dose of sodium hypochlorite for disinfection purposes, the wastewater is now called "plant effluent," and is ready to be discharged to the ocean through the plant's 4.5 mile long ocean outfall.



Childress and the "effluent." Note the clarity!

The outfall is 12 feet in diameter and ends at 320 feet below the surface. The outfall ends in a T-shape and the effluent is discharged through diffusers, and then over the edge of a 1500-deep



The beginning of the 90-foot drop to the ocean. The outfall produces hydroelectric power.

ocean canyon. “It is the most heavily tested body of water in the world,” said Huntamer. “There is no measurable impact to the environment, and the rocks holding the pipes down serve as a nursery.”

The remaining organic solids are pumped into one of the seven anaerobic digesters on site, which reduces them through a heat and bacterial process much like human digestion—except that the digesters can handle 3.5 million gallons of the stuff. This large scale digestive process produces 4.5 million cubic feet of gas—65%



One of the seven on-site digesters

methane and 35% carbon dioxide. And here’s the cool part: they use the gas to power the plant, making it completely energy self-sufficient. They put what they don’t use right back on the energy grid. As if that wasn’t enough, the

water that drops 90 feet into the outfall produces hydroelectric power that is captured by an on-site hydroelectric plant. The plant also sells that excess energy to SDG&E.

What’s left is digested sludge, which is pumped out to the Metro Biosolids Center by the Miramar landfill. Remember when Fiesta Island had a less than pleasant smell? When the Metro Biosolids Center opened in 1998, Fiesta Island was cleaned up and the sludge was sent there. There, stabilized sludge is dewatered. The water captured during the dewatering process is sent back to Point Loma for treatment. What’s left is called “biosolids,” 20% which are used as soil amendments in non-food fodder crops in Arizona. The remaining 80% is utilized as alternative daily cover at a local landfill, which can increase destruction of landfill material by 30%.

The plant does all of this at a cost of a little less than 1/3000th of a penny per gallon. “At a 90 to 95% removal rate, we exceed the discharge standards as established in the facility’s National Elimination Discharge Permit System (NPDES),” said Huntamer, who is retiring next year. He doesn’t want to take all of his knowledge with him: the plant has begun a public outreach program and Huntamer hopes to expand it to include a high schools. Groups can sign up for plant tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays by contacting Yvette Koshiol, Tour Coordinator, at (619) 221-8755 or ypeak@sandiego.gov.



Kerri De Rosier, David Huntamer and Cecilia Carrick in a 12-foot diameter sewage pipe.

Note: With 95 percent of our water imported from outside our region, water reclamation is a hot topic. “Water is becoming an important commodity,” said Huntamer. An article for another day.

POINT LOMA
SUMMER CONCERTS
2014 *Let there be music!*

Get ready for the 14th Annual Point Loma Summer Concerts! Concerts are at Point Loma Park behind the fire station. 5:30 - Junior stage; 6:30 - Main stage.

July 11 – Mighty Untouchables: *Motown to Classic Rock*
July 18 – Liquid Blue: *America’s Best Dance Band*
July 25 – HELP: *The Beatles Tribute Band*
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August 8 – Detroit Underground: *Smokin’ Motown*

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Forget the picnic! Check out our catering sponsors! Bring cash for raffle tickets! Ticket sales support music education in Point Loma schools. www.plconcerts.org.

Town Hall recap

Following is a recap of the Town Hall in pictures and key points. If you missed it, you'll just have to make sure you come next year! Many thanks to Steve Silva for the excellent photos!



1 Membership Chair Nancy Palmtag with a BIG incentive to join the PLA! Nancy began the evening with a slide show highlighting PLA's many accomplishments.



2 Councilman Ed Harris swears in PLA Board members Ted Kay, Chris Jacobs, Clark Burlingame, and Dianne Reichardt.



3 Bob Bolton with the Airport Authority discusses the North Side Airport Development, which includes a cargo facility, a consolidated on-site rental car center, a new access road and terminal link road, and a new bus lane on Harbor Drive. The number of rental car buses is being reduced from 80 to 20, which, with the rental cars using the terminal link road, will help reduce traffic on Harbor Drive.



4 Port District representatives Ron Powell, Joel Valenzuela (Director, Maritime Operations), CEO Wayne Darbeau, and Randa Coniglio (Executive Vice President, Operations) answer questions about Port projects and operations. Notes of interest: each home port call means \$2 million in tourist dollars; the cargo port in National City imports 383,000 cars per year, and is the 4th largest of the 11 cargo ports in California; Phase I of the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan features pavillion structures (those things that currently look like gas station canopies) that will house a Visitor Information Center and café. It is due to be complete this month.



5 Port CEO Wayne Darbeau presents PLA Chair Robert Jackson with a plaque thanking the PLA for its many contributions to the Point Loma Community.



6 CAPT. Scott Adams of Submarine Base Point Loma said that his stint on the base was the "best job I've had in the Navy," and that working with the PLA was "the richest part of my tour of Point Loma." CAPT. Adams reported that the project replacing the eight leaking fuel tanks is nearly complete; that the bait barges have returned to the Submarine Base; that the fuel pier replacement project has begun with extra attention paid to the project's impacts on wildlife; and that the fuel pipeline replacement project is at the 65% design phase, with a Draft EIR expected by October/November 2014.



7 The Winner! New PLA member Conrad Wear!



The meeting concluded with brief speeches by Council District 2 candidates Jim Morrison, Sarah Boot, Mark Schwartz, and Lorie Zapf.

or she can cater a tea party at your home or business. Check out her web site, where she'll soon be offering online sales of tea and tea accessories, as well as online reservations.

Tea Upon Chatsworth
2180 Chatsworth Blvd., Ste. B
www.TeaUponChatsworth.com

Sometimes, you just have to ask...

Last January, PLA member Zoey Flint saw a jarring scene at the Cabrillo Monument: a gentleman was smoking, then discarded his cigarette into the dry brush. It wasn't the first time Zoey, a regular visitor to the Monument, had seen people openly smoking in the park. She wrote to CAPT. Scott Adams, noting the extreme fire danger (played out in other parts of San Diego later in May) and the lack of signage concerning smoking.

CAPT. Adams got in touch with Park Superintendent Tom Workman, who noted that no smoking signs existed only at the Visitor Center — not anywhere else in the park. Superintendent Workman later reported back to Zoey that the park solicitor approved Cabrillo National Monument becoming a Smoke Free Park. As of May 6, efforts were underway to create signage.

Thank you, Zoey, for your efforts — and for keeping us safe!

Help PLA support America's Finest City Half Marathon!

by *Melanie Nickel*

Sunday, August 17, 2013, 7:00 a.m. until about 8:30 at the corner of Dupont and Albion Streets, in the Wooded Area.

The Point Loma Association sponsors a water station at Mile 3 of this half-marathon every year! We get a lot of credit for it, including our logo on the T-shirt.

Come out and help — it's a blast! Be prepared to get wet. Bring your friends and family! And if you can, bring LARGE CLEAN containers for water (things like ice chests and camp coolers), also leaf rakes or push brooms.

Donuts and juice provided as well as free race T-shirts for all volunteers!

For information, call Melanie Nickel at (619) 225-8705.

That Water Quality App



By County Supervisor
Greg Cox

Summer is here and in San Diego, that means taking advantage of our beaches, bays and waterways.

Next time you take your family to the beach, you will find a new, high-tech way to check the latest updates on the water quality of your favorite swimming spot.

Earlier this year, I joined the County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) in launching a new app that will put beach water quality information in the palm of your hands. DEH began installing new Quick Read, or QR, codes on signs at beaches that we monitor.

Right now, anyone can check to see the water quality at the beach they are visiting by going to the County's Beach Water Quality web page at www.sdbeachinfo.com.

But what if you left the house and forgot to check? You could get frustrated upon arriving the beach and finding that it has been closed or that it has warning signs. That means you'd have to head back home or drive around trying to find a clean beach.

The new QR codes change that. Now, when you get to the beach, you can pull out your smart phone or device and scan the QR code on a sign at the beach. Scanning it takes you to the County's Beach Water Quality Map, which shows you the latest water condition for that beach. If the water isn't clean, the map shows you where the closest clean beach is.

The map shows water quality reports for more than 80 beaches countywide. Simply bookmark the page and next time, you can check the beach conditions before you leave the house.

When it comes to our beaches, one of my top priorities has been protecting the public's health. I've worked for years with regional leaders and environmental groups to protect our popular beach water monitoring program from state budget cuts.

We are always looking for ways to make it easier for residents to interact with the County. These QR codes do that just that.



Welcome, Clark!

We welcome newest PLA Board member Clark Burlingame! If he looks familiar to you, it's because he's been a television news anchor (NBC 7), TV weathercaster (CBS 8) and midday radio host (KFMB-AM) in San Diego for many years. On the air, he used his first and middle names: Clark Anthony.

A little background: Clark is a graduate of Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Following two years of service with the USMC at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California, and a couple of years on the radio in the Bay Area, Clark returned to Southern California.

After his many stints on television and radio, Clark works primarily as a voice talent for commercials, corporate narrations and other applications — including telephony prompts and web audio.

For more than a decade, Clark has hosted programs for San Diego County Instructional Television (ITV), including Ethical, School & Sports Stars and Academic Bowl.

Clark and his wife live in Point Loma. They have two adult sons and three grandchildren. When asked why he wanted to join the PLA Board, Clark said, "My friend Nancy Palmtag suggested I consider the PLA Board. And after living in Point Loma nearly 40 years, I thought it would be good to join a group that is responsible for creating and protecting much of what we treasure in our neighborhoods. My current professional career involves working with people across the country and beyond, but seldom face-to-face. I look forward to getting out of the audio booth and being with people! I know some of the PLA members/volunteers and look forward to making new friends as well."

Update from Council District Two

By Councilmember Ed Harris



On April 7, 2014, I was sworn in as the councilmember for District Two to serve the remaining eight months of Mayor Kevin Faulconer's council term. I was one of 17 individuals considered by the Council for this appointment, and I am honored and humbled having been selected. I have been selected to serve on four of the City's seven committees: Audit, Environment, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, and Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations. I look forward to working with my council colleagues in shaping policy that protects our way of life in San Diego, and provides the City a greater return on investment for each taxpayer dollar spent.

Since taking office, I've been meeting with constituents to hear what's on their minds; what's working well in their neighborhoods, and what isn't. I've been hearing and learning a lot. Many residents in the Morena District need height limitations on new development to help combat density issues. Midway business owners need additional support to address homeless issues. Neighbors in Pacific Beach have asked for the closure of illegal medical marijuana dispensaries. Parents walking their kids to school need increased pedestrian safeguards. Point Lomans need representation regarding airplane issues, and bike commuters need road improvements to ensure their safety.

In June, the Council and Mayor Faulconer approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2015 that calls for increased funding for critical public safety and infrastructure

needs, increased library hours, library books, and additional funding for homeless and youth services. The budget also provides for the hiring of a Sustainability Manager to ensure future generations will be able to enjoy the San Diego we love, and a new Urban Forester to coordinate and implement the pending Citywide Urban Forestry Plan now in the development stage. For Council District Two specifically, there is funding for new street lights, the development of a Coastal Management Plan, and a new fire station for Point Loma. Fire Station 22 opened in December of 1942 and was built for \$7,800. Construction on the new station is expected to commence this November and has an anticipated project cost of \$6.7 million. Fire Station 22 has been on the Capital Improvement Project list for many years. I am very pleased this new station for Point Loma is finally underway.

In July, the new Oversized Vehicle Ordinance is expected to go into effect. A contractor has recently been hired to develop and operate an online registration system through which owners of RVs and motor homes will be able to book specific days that their vehicle may be parked in front of their home for loading or unloading for up to 72 hours at a time. A nominal fee will be charged for this service, and hundreds of signs advising RV and motor home owners of the new ordinance have been made and will be placed at locations throughout the City. The San Diego Police Department is hiring a number of Public Investigative Service Officers who will be specifically charged with enforcing this ordinance. They will be equipped with handheld electronic devices to instantly determine whether a motor home parked on the street overnight (2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.) has been properly registered. As a resident, you will be able to go online and enter a motor home's license plate to see if the vehicle has the requisite permit. Once the ordinance passes, offenders will have a grace period of 30 days in which to comply until fines are issued.

Finally, I have met with City planners regarding the Midway - Pacific Highway Corridor Community Plan Update. I am concerned about traffic and density impacts that approximately 4,000 housing units would have in the Midway District and surrounding areas. To put this into context, 349 residential condominiums and single-family homes were built at Liberty Station. I similarly have concerns about proposed development along Morena Boulevard that would allow for another 5,000 units in that neighborhood and what impact that would have on the neighborhood and our surrounding beach communities.

As your councilmember, my goal is to improve the quality of life for residents in District Two. I welcome and need your input on how we can make our District Two neighborhoods the best they can be. To that end, please email me your concerns and ideas at edharris@sandiego.gov or call my office at (619) 236-6622. I appreciate the opportunity to represent you in the coming months.

Respectfully,

Ed Harris

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events at the Hervey Point Loma Library

Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. **White Gloves and Collards by Helen Kaufman**

Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Point Loma Library Anniversary Celebration with Point Loma Artists and Point Loma Garden Club displays
Point Loma Hervey Branch Library
3701 Voltaire Street (619) 531-1539

Summer at Liberty Station!

Saturday, July 12: Celebrate your pet companions at the **Doggie Street Festival**.
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. doggiestreetfestival.org

San Diego Brew Fest: Enjoy unlimited beer tastings from more than 50 local and international craft brewers, local music, food trucks and other vendors. 3 to 6 p.m. \$40-\$50.
sandiegobeerfest.com

August 1, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Friday Night Liberty:** Enjoy performances, open studios and galleries. Free. www.ntclibertystation.org

August 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Politifest:** At Liberty Station's Ingram Plaza, Voice of San Diego will host this fourth annual day of civic engagement in a family-friendly, festival format. Free admission. politifest.org

August 16, 17: **ArtWalk @NTC 2014:** This fine art festival features more than 150 artists with thousands of pieces for sale and on display, multiple music performers, interactive art activities for children and a variety of food. Free admission. artwalksandiego.org

SAVE THE DATES:

October 17, 2014: **PLA Annual Dinner!**

November 8, 2014: **Ride the Point:** A 10, 25, or 52-mile ride through "The hidden, unriden and forbidden Point Loma." Register at www.ridethepoint.org/

November 15 and 16, 2014: **Art show** at the Point Loma Assembly, including the installation of a former Urban Tree art project.

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

La Playa Trail Association

Meets second Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.
US Bank
1331 Rosecrans St.
Charles Best, 223-3418

Point Loma Association

Meets second Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., Bali Hai
Beautification: First Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
San Diego Yacht Club
Membership: First Friday, 4:00 at US Bank

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