



## Join us at the Annual Point Loma Association Event at Coasterra on Harbor Island on October 6th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy cocktails, entertainment, a special community program and gourmet food presented by Chef Deborah Scott, Executive Chef of the Cohn Group of restaurants. Last year's event sold out well in advance so get your tickets now.

Go to [PointLoma.org](http://PointLoma.org) for tickets. Or for more info call 619-222-7859

### EAT. DRINK. CHAT. GIVE.

Support your neighborhood and join us at a cocktail party, our Annual Event, benefitting the Point Loma Association. Enjoy gourmet food by Chef Deborah Scott.

October 6, 2016 | 5:30 - 8 p.m. | Coasterra on Harbor Island  
880 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

#### purchase your tickets

Tickets are \$100 per person. To purchase tickets, mail a check payable to Point Loma Association (P.O. Box 60212, San Diego, CA 92166-0212) or go to [www.pointloma.org](http://www.pointloma.org) and click "Visions of Point Loma."

**questions** Contact Cecilia at [carrick@cox.net](mailto:carrick@cox.net) or Linda at [lbienhoff@cox.net](mailto:lbienhoff@cox.net).

**reservations** There will be ample seating. For information, contact Pam Kelly at (619) 222-7859 or [maluhia@cox.net](mailto:maluhia@cox.net). Reserved tables for 8 are available for Pride of the Pacific sponsorship (\$2,500).

**sponsorships** Support our neighborhood through sponsorship opportunities. For more information, visit [www.pointloma.org](http://www.pointloma.org).



## Evergreen/Emerson St. Building Height Dispute Update

Height questions about this building that is located at the corner of Evergreen and Emerson have riled the community and led to a stop work order by the City. The order came after neighbors protested in the street in front of the building and the PLA and PCPB (Peninsula Community Planning Board) joined forces with neighbors to get some answers about the permitted height of the building.

After an investigation by the Mayor's Office staff, the city proposed a solution to address the concerns about the height.

The zoning in this Point Loma area will be amended to 30 feet by making a change to the zoning ordinance. All construction will be required to comply with the zoning ordinance calculations of height, which designates existing or finished grade, whichever is lower.

This solution is pending approval by the City Planning Commission and a vote of the City Council. The measure could take effect as early as October of this year.





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# Chairman's Message

## TWO-WAY RADIO

Once upon a time I hosted a radio show. It was so long ago that we played records and delivered news. Our reporters called in local news stories over a "two-way" radio, which was like a cell phone, but the voice quality was much better, and you couldn't text and drive. Back then, the actual radio program was not very "two-way". It was broadcasting. We talked. Listeners listened, and sometimes called in to win stuff. ("You're caller nine. Hang up and try again.")

These days, with social media in the palms of our hands, and popular radio programs that are not even on the radio, most all communication is "two-way" – or more!

Two-way communication is one of my goals for PLA! Using our much improved website, PointLoma.org, plus Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, Outdoor, Downtown, Uptown and AllAroundTheTown (I just made up some of those), I want our organization to host a true dialogue among our members, our donors, the PLA Board, other community organizations, news

media, civic leaders, elected officials and law enforcement. (I did not make up any of those but probably left out some I should have mentioned.) Our website has an email address: Info@PointLoma.org. We have a voicemail number: 619 736-1752. And if you know how to use those other media, do that! Let us hear from you... questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, ideas, photos, news articles – whatever you'd like to share. I promise we will respond. As we push more and more important news your way, we will also rely on you to be our eyes and ears in the community – our reporters – using the "two-way radio" tools of this century to keep in touch. A wise person once said, "You can do anything, but not everything." PLA does a lot! Other folks do everything else. Let's work together to continue to beautify our environment and maintain and improve the quality of life on the Peninsula, for ourselves, our neighbors and our guests.

Clark Anthony Burlingame

## More Streetside Artwork Thanks to PLA

The PLA's commitment to beautifying the Peninsula recently added to its roster of artist painted utility boxes. PLA sponsored artists created their works of art on two more utility boxes in the neighborhood.

PointLoma.org  
PLA's website has the latest posting about what's happening on the Peninsula.



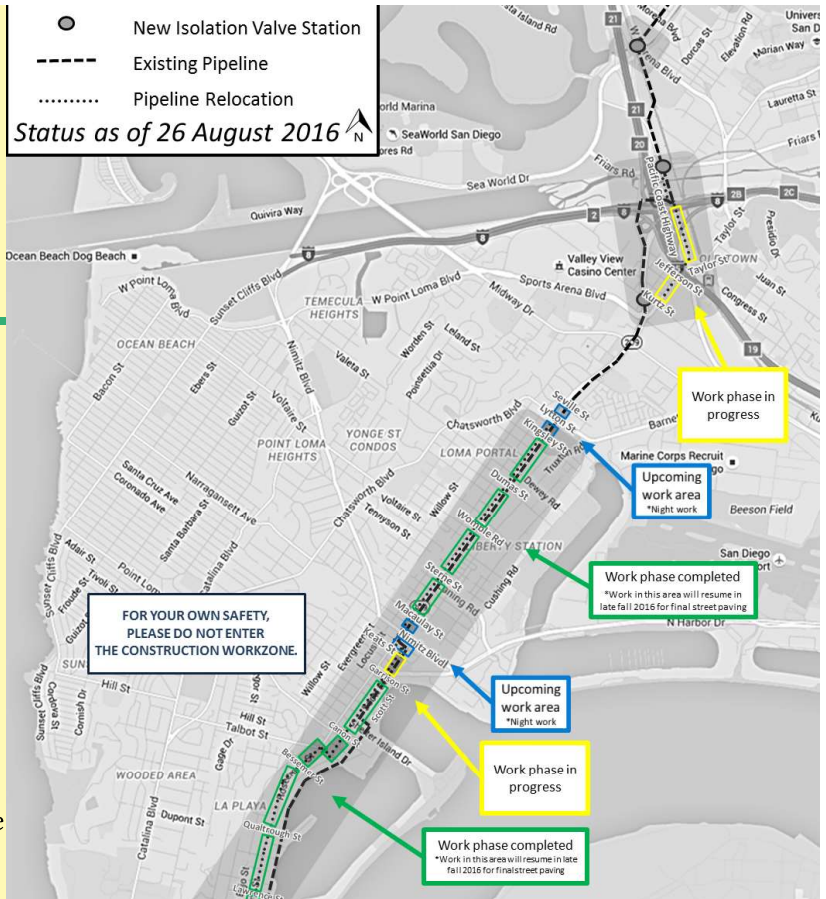
A pelican graces the utility box at Emerson near Rosecrans painted by artist Kiana Acosta.



Artists Bill Maddox and Linda Shapiro work on the utility box at Shelter Island Drive and Rosecrans.

# Update on the Navy/Miramar Pipeline Replacement along the La Playa Bayside Trail

Many of you have asked about how La Playa's bayside path will be affected by the current pipe replacement. A portion of the pipe runs under the path. According to a navy spokesperson, temporary closure of specific portions of the La Playa Bayside Trail may be necessary during pipeline removal activities. Signs will be posted when the trail will be closed. Work is scheduled to begin mid-October. Once the pipeline is completed on Scott Street and Rosecrans to replace the trail portion of the pipe, it will be disconnected and either removed in some places or left underground and filled with concrete. Approximately 1,175 feet of pipe within the La Playa Bayside Trail (between Qualtrough Street and Talbot Street) will be removed. Work on the pipeline along the bayside path will include excavation to remove the pipe, backfilling with native material after the pipe is removed, surface restoration and planting of native plants appropriate to the waterfront environment, and installation of a temporary irrigation system to make sure the plants take hold and grow. The ground surface will be restored to maintain the original pathway condition. Slope areas will be planted with native plants.



## FYI: NIGHTTIME CLOSURES (8PM TO 6AM)

- \*Rosecrans Street and Lytton Street (currently in construction)
- \*Rosecrans Street and Nimitz Blvd (starting 9/6/16)
- \*Camino Del Rio West and Kurtz Street (planned for Oct)
- \*Rosecrans Street and Jefferson Street (planned for Oct)
- \*Taylor Street and Pacific Highway (planned for Nov)

## PLANNING BEGINS FOR LITTLE PORTUGAL IN POINT LOMA



Planning has officially begun for the creation of a "Little Portugal" district along Avenida de Portugal in the La Playa area of Point Loma. The effort is being spearheaded by the United Portuguese Organization (UPSES).

The district would include the current social hall, historical church, a museum, businesses along the Avenida de Portugal, the church and parish center at the far end of the street, and eventually a pocket park. Initially, the plan is to create a Little Portugal Community Benefit District (CBD), a non-profit organization that administers the funds to attract new businesses, improve the appearance of the neighborhood, and create and coordinate events in the neighborhood. According to the UPSES, the process of creating a CBD takes about two

years. Once created any assessment would be subject to an assessment ballot. Estimated initial cost to create the district is approximately \$80,000. For more information go to the UPSES website at [upses.com](http://upses.com)

## LATEST WORK FROM THE MEAN GREEN TEAM



Karen Davis and Vickie Lareau load up the PLA truck with cuttings from Pride of Madeira.



Albert, Becky, Stan and Dan working in triangle median (West Point Loma and Nimitz).



Jim Southerland weeding in triangle median (West Point Loma and Nimitz).



Our beautiful utility box across from Ralphs is restored after graffiti vandalism.

### ABOUT THE MEAN GREEN TEAM

Since 2008, the PLA has initiated, managed and paid for numerous median projects. With membership dues, donations from Point Loma families, and grants – those medians were transformed from weed-infested pavement to beautiful entry ways to our community. The projects require months of fundraising, planning, pulling permits, and execution. Every Friday, over 20 volunteers on the Mean Green Team donate two hours of their time on behalf of the community. That's 2080 hours donated to our community last year. To date, the Mean Green Team maintains 18 sites throughout the community on a rotating basis. Since 1964, the PLA has planted over 800 trees and continues to maintain them.

## Point Loma Openings New Businesses Bring Their Craft to Point Loma



**Sushi Lounge** is here and opened the beginning of September. Wonderful atmosphere, inside/outside seating, super sushi and TV, too. Owners are new members of the PLA and Point Loma natives.



**Westside Tap House** on the corner of Rosecrans and Canon opened in early September. The Tap House has a full menu, \$3 Happy Hour, and according to early reports, is a fun gathering spot. Beer garden coming soon.



Adjacent to Sushi Lounge on Dickens, **Tech Outfitters** is three shops in one. Have a cup of San Diego grown coffee and pastries, get your phone or tech device repaired, or browse through an electronic retail store showroom.... or do all three. There will be inside/outside seating. Two of the owners are Point Lomans.



Point Loma residents' grassroots efforts to get a new grocery store to take over the spot vacated by Fresh and Easy, on Catalina near Talbot, got the attention of **Jensen's**. The store is working hard to have a fall opening.

# OB Celebrates Two Anniversaries

## Pier is 50 Years Old

The Ocean Beach pier which opened July 2, 1966, recently marked its 50th anniversary. The Ocean Beach Main Street Association invited the public to events to celebrate.



This photo, taken by the PLA Vice-Chair Dan Dennison, won the OB Historical Society Award, held for the 50th anniversary.



PLA Board Member Robert Tripp Jackson volunteers in a pier jump event benefiting Junior Lifeguards.

## Library is 100 Years Old



The original Ocean Beach Branch Library opened on Abbott St. at Santa Monica Ave, in 1916. It was a one-room storefront location. Margaret Rankin became the Librarian at the Ocean Beach Branch in 1921. She headed a campaign to fund a new and larger branch.



The current library building, located at the corner of Santa Monica Ave. and Sunset Cliffs Blvd., was completed in 1928. It won an award from the American Institute of Architects as an outstanding example of civic architecture. Miss Rankin continued to manage the Ocean Beach Library until 1959. Changes were made in 1961, to become the current OB Library.

## Finally Complete after 13 Years

### Ocean Beach Community Plan

The Ocean Beach Community Plan update has taken 13 years to complete. It began in 2002 with the major theme to maintain and enhance the existing development pattern and “small-scale” character of Ocean Beach. The first draft plan was completed in 2006. In 2014 the City approved the drafted updated plan. This year the community Plan was approved by the California Coastal Commission.

Presently seven of the 52 Community Plan updates are officially in process including the Midway district. The Peninsula Community Plan was created in 1987 and updated in 1989 and 1999. The Peninsula Planning Board is currently working with the city to update its plan. For the Point Loma Peninsula there is a very close relationship among the three planning areas, and the three community plans will be stronger with coordinated consistency.

## Midway Planning Group Update

The community plan update is now in its 8th year. The Planning Department expects to complete the Environment Impact Report and public reviews and have it to the Planning Commission and City Council by late 2017.

According to the Planning Group Chair, the two biggest issues are traffic and the Sports Arena site, where the ground lease is expiring in 2020.

Other major adjacent city-owned parcels expire from 2020 through 2028. The Community Plan will be in place when those leases expire and will be the document used for possible redevelopment.

Traffic is critical not only for circulation within the community but also as it relates to adjacent communities. The Mobility Study has just been updated and contains recommendations but no significant improvements to our circulation issues.

As with the rest of the Peninsula, homeless issues are prominent, and need on-going attention.

# Community Issues Update

## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT...

### *The Billboards on Rosecrans*

PLA has worked long and hard to eliminate billboards on Rosecrans, South of Nimitz. There are only two left. We had an agreement with the owner of one to remove it several years ago, but he has not. Talks continue, and we are still hopeful. When there's more to tell, we will!

### *The Voltaire Bridge Project*

The city is retrofitting the Voltaire Bridge over Nimitz Blvd. Plans call for a new railing along the walkway, to be topped by a square, chain-link fence. A group of community members is proposing more visually appealing options, since the bridge is a prominent feature of the entrance to The Point. The city is receptive, but time is running out! Options are being explored.

### *The Airport Flight Path and Noise Issue*

The Federal Aviation Administration has issued a decision on airport flight path changes that could potentially reduce flight noise over local neighborhoods, according to County Supervisor Greg Cox, a member of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

The FAA's decision was published on September 3rd, as part of a national air traffic rerouting plan. Last year, the FAA SoCal Metroplex Project proposed changing flight paths at the airport, which would have potentially increased the flights that travel through the center of Point Loma and increase the noise that affects residents.

The decision released on the 3rd eliminates last year's proposal. "This doesn't solve all the problems related to flight noise for residents but it's something the community and elected officials have been working together to achieve," said Cox.

In their Environmental Assessment published on the 3rd, the FAA said: "Residents were concerned that without a similar waypoint, the proposed design for the (old route) would lead to more aircraft flying over Point Loma more frequently than under existing conditions."

The new departure flight path, to be implemented in November, routes planes well south of Point Loma, away from most neighborhoods.

The FAA report is more than 1,000 pages long and is available at: [http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/socal\\_metroplex/socal\\_docs.html](http://www.metroplexenvironmental.com/socal_metroplex/socal_docs.html)



POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR 13TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL. THIS COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ADMISSION IS FREE.



### **Three New Hotels Set for Harbor Dr.**

For thirteen years, WallyPark offered reasonable rates for parking near the San Diego Airport. Located on North Harbor Drive opposite Spanish Landing, it was especially convenient for Point Lomans.

So how come it vanished a couple of years back? Did Wally get rich and retire? Hardly. The fifteen acres of park-n-fly are becoming places for visitors to park and stay.

The Corky McMullin Companies and Intermountain Management are developing three new hotels with 650 rooms. By next summer, the name "Wally" will be replaced by Hilton and Marriott. And the convenience of parking our cars when we leave town, will be replaced by the convenience of parking our out-of-town guests there when they arrive.

September is National Preparedness Month. Learn what you and your family need to do *now* to be prepared for a major catastrophe.

- Tuesday, September 27, at 7pm at Portuguese Hall
- Wednesday, September 28th at 4pm at The San Diego Foundation

## IT MAKES GOOD SENSE TO JOIN THE PLA!

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP IMPROVE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WITH A YEARLY MEMBERSHIP.

TO JOIN GO TO OUR WEBSITE [POINTLOMA.ORG](http://POINTLOMA.ORG) AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS, OR CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN ROBERT TRIPP JACKSON AT 619-222-5956, OR [RTRIPPJ@AOL.COM](mailto:RTRIPPJ@AOL.COM). YOU CAN ALSO LEAVE A VOICE MAIL AT 619-736-1752.

### **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](mailto:jimmusgrove@mac.com)

### **Point Loma Assembly**

Meets second Thursday, 4:00 p.m. (dark July/August)  
Point Loma Assembly  
3035 Talbot St.  
(619) 887-9313  
[www.plassembly.org](http://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 Board**

Meets second Wednesday, 7:30 a.m., Bali Hai  
**Beautification:** First Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.  
San Diego Yacht Club  
**Membership:** Last Tuesday, 3:00 at US Bank

## WHAT'S NEW AT ARTS DISTRICT LIBERTY STATION



In the past 10 years, ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station has grown to have the largest collection of galleries, museums, dance groups, artists and music organizations anywhere in San Diego outside Balboa Park, making Point Loma a new cultural destination for residents and visitors.

What can we look forward to over the next few months?

### New Photography Gallery

Michelle Ballantyne and Kelsey Nordal invite the community to the opening of their new photography gallery on **Friday, October 7** starting at 5pm. Located in 1700 sq ft on the first floor of Barracks 17 at 2710 Historic Decatur Road (behind Chi Chocolat), MK Envision Galleries will feature the work of fine art photographers from San Diego and around the world. Their tagline is "capturing the wonders of nature and life." The photography displayed is carefully selected to represent what they stand for: Bringing nature indoors. <http://www.mkenvision.com>

### New Artists

Victoria Hanlon is now in residence in Barracks 19, Studio 207 at 2690 Historic Decatur Road. Her art ranges from flowers to Holsteins. <http://www.victoriahanlon.com/>

WabiSabi Weaving is a fiber arts and weaving business founded by Suzanne Persons based on the idea of bringing the benefits and joys of Saori-style weaving to more people in San Diego. Located in Barracks 14, Studio 213 at 2770 Historic Decatur Road.

### Fantasy on Ice Returns November 17

Sharpen your ice skates, Fantasy on Ice returns to the ARTS DISTRICT on November 17 through January 2. <http://fantasyonicesd.com/>

You can stay up to date on Events, Classes, Festivals and other ARTS DISTRICT news at [www.LibertyStation.com/ARTSDISTRICT](http://www.LibertyStation.com/ARTSDISTRICT)

## Arts-Focused Hotel Slated for Liberty Station

Set to debut as San Diego's new 'arts hotel,' The Barracks Hotel will build on the success of Liberty Station's newly branded ARTS DISTRICT to create an ambitious union of art and hospitality.

The multi-million dollar build out of The Barracks Hotel will restore eight of the ten remaining buildings slated for historic preservation within the Liberty Station neighborhood. Construction on four barracks buildings, three officer's quarters and a former steam pump house will begin mid 2017 with a projected completion date in late 2018.

With art as the primary focus, The Barracks Hotel will give visitors an encounter with art, throughout the buildings. From the lobby to the gardens, the pool deck to the guest rooms, both curated and site-specific works will surround the property.

The Barracks Hotel will be located at the corner of Truxtun Rd. and Dewey Rd. For more information about The Barracks Hotel, visit [www.barrackshotel.com](http://www.barrackshotel.com).

## What's Going on AROUND TOWN?

First Friday of the Month, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Friday Night at Liberty Station  
Meet artists and performers; visit museums

Sept. 19 and October 25, 6-10 pm

Moments from Classical Music  
Point Loma Assembly  
Assembly Hall  
3035 Talbot Street  
Explores the realm of classical music, featuring a variety of visual samples, stories, historical contexts, anecdotes and an introduction of recognized conductors, ensembles and musicians.

Nov. 4th-5th

6th Annual San Diego 24 Experiment  
Point Loma Playhouse  
3035 Talbot Street (at Assembly Hall)  
619-800-5497  
Participants will write, direct and perform six plays in 24 hours.

Nov. 12

The 4th annual Jim Krause Memorial charity bike ride supports pancreatic cancer research.  
It's a great opportunity to have some fun while supporting a great cause. They are still looking for riders and volunteers to support this great cause. To register or for more information, visit: <http://ridethepoint.org/>





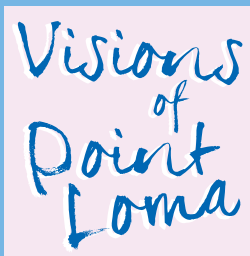
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