

## Silvergate project is a go!

After being put on hold in August due to lack of funds, the PLA Beautification Committee has secured a donor to cover the unfunded portion of the proposed landscaping at Silvergate School along Catalina Boulevard.

The project includes a new sign and artwork depicting silhouettes of children playing at the Catalina entry, replacing the 55-year-old irrigation system, and planting on the slope.



The Silvergate Catalina entry today



Plans for landscape improvements



## We Want You: To SAVE THE DATE!

The Point Loma Association Annual Dinner will be held at the NTC/Liberty Station Historical Library on **May 23, 2006**. The WWII theme party will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Cocktail Reception and a Silent Auction. The Dinner and Awards Ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. Auction items and donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Dinner Chairman, Windie Knoth at (619) 222-8751.

## Where is this utility box?

It's worth a \$10 Starbucks gift certificate if you're the first to tell Patti Adams where it is. Send your guess to [chair@plaweb.org](mailto:chair@plaweb.org).



The PLA hopes to continue the next phase of the utility box project very soon. If you would like to donate to the project, or would like to fund the painting of a utility box near your business, call Patti Adams at (619) 887-9313.

This box was painted by William Marsh, one of the Point Loma Artists. Which came first, the picture in the frame? or the picture on the box?

"The picture in the frame came first," said Marsh. "I was looking for something that represented Shelter Island and the Bay. I had to come up with something that had the same view all around."



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Patti Adams, 2005-2006 President*

*Oh, it's a long, long while from  
May to December*

*but the days grow short when you  
reach September*

*when the autumn weather turns  
the leaves to flame*

*one hasn't got time for the waiting game...*



There is definitely no time for the waiting game in our little corner of the world this fall. Many of our citizens are busy trying to decide if there is any possible way the powers that be could destroy the old neighborhood of Loma Portal, the new neighborhood of Liberty Station, and the Midway/Sports Arena area to expand Lindbergh Field and create the airport San Diego needs for the next century. The option is on the table as we go to press, so please keep yourself well informed on this important subject.

Best of luck to the newly-formed La Playa Trail Association as they seek to preserve and enhance the historical markers and sites of the La Playa Trail between Ballast Point and Mission San Diego. I hope to see the marker in the median on Rosecrans at Midway restored soon. Watch for information about this new organization and their fund raising activities.

Your Board is busy planning the always popular Annual Dinner. It is set for May 23rd next year and there is much excitement about the new venue. Windie Knoth and her committee are planning quite the gala at the newly-restored Library on the former Naval Training Station.

You're invited to join the Board for a tour of the former NTC after our Board meeting on October 12. We plan to board the bus at 9:30 at the Bali Hai and return around 11:00. Seats are very limited so call me right away (619-887-9313) if you would like to reserve one.

One of my favorite fall activities is the annual Moon Walk of the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation. It's open to members and guests of the Foundation, and will be held on October 17th. It's a rare chance to hike the bayside trail under a full moon and really appreciate our beautiful city. Call the Foundation at (619) 222-4747 for more information.

In closing, thank you for your patience while we changed our membership renewal system this year. We were a little late on getting the renewals out to everyone. I hope you will take advantage of the ability to purchase a gift membership for friends and family near and far. As we move into the season of Thanksgiving, I want to thank you for your support of the Point Loma Association.

*(Marsh, cont.)*

He also had to come up with a plan for laying out the painting. His solution: making mini cardboard models of the boxes. Before he started, the Alpha Project cleaned and primed the boxes.

What was it like working with a metal box as a canvas? "Painting something that close to the ground is difficult for someone my age," laughed Marsh. "And the paints are different. I use oil paints. For this project, we used metal paints, which dry much faster."

For about a week and a half, Marsh found himself on the ground, paintbrushes in hand. He worked a few hours each day, and, like the other artists, got a lot of great feedback from passersby. "I heard nothing but positive comments," said Marsh. "People liked the whole set."

Marsh has been painting since he retired from the Naval Command Control and Ocean Surveillance Center after 38 years. He has lived in Point Loma since 1959. "I paint for my own enjoyment," he said. "I don't do it full time."

Would he paint a utility box again? "It was a very good experience working with the PLA and trying to decide how to work within the criteria," said Marsh. "I wouldn't do it again. I enjoyed doing it, but I couldn't physically do it again."

## NTC Promenade

*by Ron Brooks*



Besides the Liberty Station Market Place, the NTC Promenade is really a huge addition to our community. It brings the heart of a cultural center to our doorstep. My family has ordered a commemorative brick and look forward to the dedication day. The Beautification Committee was given a tour of the area a few months ago.

## Newsrack update

*by Ron Brooks*

San Diego's fifty-member Newsrack Ordinance Taskforce has been working for nearly five years and has recently completed an exhaustive and labor intensive review. During this time, the "tipping-point" for the proliferation of these newspaper containers has reached outlandish proportions. The Point Loma representatives on this committee are anxiously waiting to take action. They will focus first on the site of our Village Post Office, starting with the removal of at least ten newsracks that will not meet the new code stipulations. We hope this will be followed by the installation of newspaper corrals, benches, bike racks, trash receptacles and plant containers.



**The Beautification Committee is considering the use of Newsrack Corrals as one of the possible solutions for curing the blight in front of our Village Post Office.**

*(Newsracks, cont.)*

Monetary considerations will be presented to the PLA Board once the regulations are submitted for review by the City Manager, approved by the City Council and ready to be enforced by the Ordinance Director. Following the beautification of Cañon Street, the Beautification Committee will focus their sights on the ninety-seven newsracks cluttering Rosecrans.

## Rotary Pavillion Update

The Spring Edition of this newsletter stated that groundbreaking for the new Rotary Pavillion on Shelter Island would be on March 31.

Well - you may have noticed that nothing happened for a long time. Today, the project is back on track after delays due to the original contractor backing out of the deal, which required the Port District to go through the bidding process again.

Construction of the gazebo has begun with the foundation, footings, and retaining walls. Allan Tait with the Port District hopes that the concrete work will be completed by late December, and said that the mosaic tilework and art work by James Hubbell will be completed by early to mid winter.

Unfortunately, project delays usually mean budget increases, and this project is no exception. The changes in contractors and recent increases in construction material costs increased the Phase I budget by \$27,000. The Point Loma Rotary Club stepped in with a \$10,000 donation, but the Port needs an additional \$17,000 to complete the trellis, a major architectural element in Phase I.

Phase I includes the gazebo with mosaic tile in the ceiling, a trellis, landscaping, and mosaic tile paving. For Phase II, the Port is hoping that the Rotary Club will raise funds and get in-kind donations for a bronze sculpture, lighting, nine palm trees, and additional landscaping.

James Hubbell, the artist and sculptor, is looking for donations to complete the trellis. Contact Mr. Hubbell at (760) 765-0171. For project information, call Allan Tait at (619) 686-7247.

## Fifth Annual Summer Concerts

*By Lee Lipsey*

The 2005 Point Loma Summer Concerts attracted record crowds - the audience was estimated at more than 2,000 for ROCKOLA's August 19 performance. If you weren't there, you missed a great party! Look for your friends and neighbors in the event photos, posted online at [www.plconcerts.org](http://www.plconcerts.org).

New Concert Sponsors for 2005 were: Harbor View Windows, Ed Brasseur; Stump's Family Market, Dirk Stump; Point Loma Community Bank, Tony Calabrese; and JW Tumbles, Tiffany and Tyler Sherer. Sponsors returning from past years were: Dick and Dorothea Laub, Wear Community Fund, The Corky McMillin Companies, Point Loma Association, David De Rosier, DDS, Point Loma Nazarene University, The San Diego Foundation, and The Willis Allen Company (Presenting Sponsor).

Other sources of funding are public and private grants and donations of dollars and services by businesses and individuals. All concert contributors are listed on the web site, and their generous gifts are much appreciated.

The concerts are a project of Point Loma Association, produced by Point Loma Concert Series Committee. Co-chairs Pat Baker and Lee Lipsey invite your comments and your participation in planning for the 2006 concert season. Please call Lee, 523-6626, or Pat, 223-9363.



The Gazebo as of September 25.

## Community Calendar

**The Point Loma Garden Club** has monthly meetings and workshops at the Masonic Center on the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by workshops at 12:00. For meeting topics, go to [www.plgc.org](http://www.plgc.org), or call (619) 276-0209.

**Workshops:** October 12 - Oriental Design for Beginners; November 9 - Succulent Wreaths (no workshop in December).

**October 9, 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Pier Pancake Breakfast - OB Pier**  
Sponsored by the OB Tree Festival Committee, a subcommittee of the OB Town Council.

**October 11, 6:30 p.m. District 2 City Council Candidate Debate**  
At Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene University. Sponsored by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

**October 22, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Point Loma Village Cultural Faire: Art in the Village** (see insert)

**November 5, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 24th-annual Holiday Express Bazaar**  
3720 Warner Street. Unusual gifts, decorations, toys and keepsakes for the holidays. For information, call (619) 223-1333.

**November 8, 5:00 p.m. Taste of OB Restaurant Walk**  
Sponsored by the OB Tree Festival Committee.

**December 3, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. OB Christmas Tree Craft Faire**  
Sponsored by the OB Tree Festival Committee. For Craft Faire applications, call Claudia Jack at (619) 226-8613.

**December 3, 5:05 p.m. OB Holiday Parade**

## Point Loma Trees

By Patti Adams

Majestic trees are among Point Loma's most valuable resources. Recent events have underscored the need to raise awareness, not just about their vulnerability, but also about their value as "green infrastructure." As many of you know, a beloved and much photographed palm tree was lost due to new construction recently on Lucinda Street. Countless postcards of San Diego Bay feature the palm from high on the hill in La Playa.



**Ficus Trees on McCall**

It is certainly regrettable to lose such an iconic tree; however, private property rights are important, too. Perhaps it is time to review why our community plan calls for preserving "all trees with a caliper of eight inches...other than that lying directly on the building pad of the proposed development," so we can spread the word and avoid more losses.

In addition to their beauty and the habitat they provide for birds and other creatures, trees do important work for the environment. Their roots filter polluted urban runoff. Their leaves clean the air. And their shade conserves energy. These qualities provided by "green infrastructure" will become increasingly important in coming years, as our city and communities deal with increasing pollution and energy costs. That is why the City of San Diego now offers a Tree Preservation Program for giving public trees conservation status.

Other trees that are currently threatened in Point Loma include several sycamores on Cañon that are in the path of a proposed driveway for a home at the top of the hill on Concord. If you wish to voice concerns about the possible removal of these public trees, contact the Peninsula Community Planning Board at (619) 665-3210.

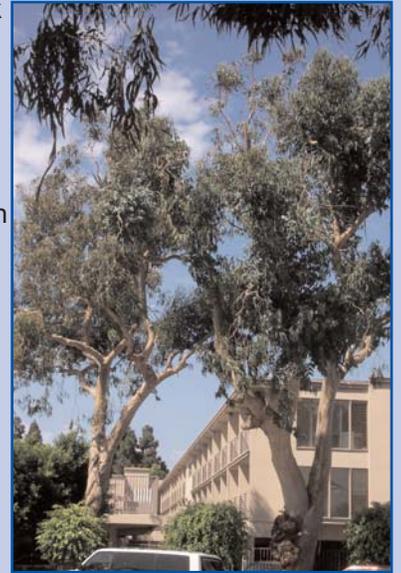
There is a group of citizens in La Playa working to save the 75-year old ficus trees on McCall at San Geronio. Like the sycamores, these are city-owned trees on city owned property. An adjoining property owner has filed a request to

remove the trees. You can voice your concerns with the City by calling Mario Sierra (Deputy Director-Streets Division) at (619) 527-7504. For more information on this project, please call Katheryn Rhodes at (619) 523-4350.

Soon, you may notice the old eucalyptus trees on Anchorage Lane across from San Diego Yacht Club being removed. New condos are being built there with underground parking. The excavation for the parking could possibly create an unstable root system for the trees, leading to an unsafe situation. After much conversation and negotiation in an attempt to save the trees, a compromise was reached. Twenty-one trees are scheduled to be planted to replace the eucalyptus trees. Anchorage Lane will receive palms to mirror those on the SDYC side of the street. Canary Island Pines and street trees will be planted on Shafter Street.

When trees are on parkways, they are public trees, for all to enjoy. It is illegal to prune or remove these trees without a permit. We should all work very hard to make sure property owners realize this.

There is a move afoot to document and protect the beautiful, mature trees of Point Loma. If you have an interest in working on this project, please call me at (619) 887-9313.



**Eucalyptus trees on Anchorage Lane, across from the San Diego Yacht Club.**

## News Briefs

### Liberty Station Update

On Wednesday, August 31, Corky McMillin was joined by Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins; Debra Fischle-Faulk, Assistant Executive Director of the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency; Ted Medina, Director of the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department and a large group of Liberty Station homeowners and tenants to officially break ground on the first phase of NTC Park.

NTC Park will include ball fields, basketball courts, tot lots, picnic areas, walking and riding trails and

much more. Hazard Construction is expected to begin major work in the next couple weeks, and the first 18 acres of the park are expected to be complete and open to the public by the end of 2006.

*Corky McMillin suffered a heart attack on September 10 during an off-road race in Las Vegas.*

*He passed away on September 22.*

**Corky McMillin**

January, 14, 1929 - September 22, 2005

### Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will now be every other month instead of monthly. For more information, call (619) 527-8012.

### The Police storefront will remain open - for now...

...according to Officer Jim Heppell. No word on HOW LONG - only time and the winds of political change will tell. The storefront's number is (619) 531-1540.

### Point Loma Association

Meets second Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.  
Bali Ha'i Restaurant  
2230 Shelter Island Dr.  
Patti Adams, 887-9313

### Peninsula Community Planning Board

Meets third Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Pt. Loma Library  
3701 Voltaire Street  
Cynthia Conger,  
665-3210

### North Bay Redevelopment PAC

Meets quarterly on first Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.  
Peninsula Community Service Center  
3740 Sports Arena Blvd.  
Lydia Goularte-Ruiz  
533-5170

### Midway Planning Advisory Committee

Meets second Wednesday, 2 p.m.  
Peninsula Community Service Center  
3740 Sports Arena Blvd.  
Tom Traver, 295-5551

### Ocean Beach Town Council

Fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Ocean Beach Recreation Center  
4726 Santa Monica Ave.  
Dave Martin, 515-4400

### Ocean Beach Planning Board

Third Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Ocean Beach Recreation Center  
4726 Santa Monica Ave.  
Marc Snelling 819-0287;  
chair@obpb.org.



welcomes our newest members!

**General Members:**

- Richard Albrecht*
- Tom and Kathy Ashworth*
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- Cielo Foth*
- Ken Frederick*
- Andy & Karen Hewitt*
- John W. Hilton*
- C A and Susan Pantaleoni*
- Shelter Island Veterinary Clinic*
- Craig Whitwer*

**\$250 membership level:**

- Coldwell Banker*

**PLHS Reunion**

The Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association invites members of the community to celebrate "POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL - 80 YEARS - PEARLS OF WISDOM," our upcoming 80th Anniversary Gala Celebration and All-Class Reunion to be held November 12, 2005, 6:30 p.m. at the SeaWorld Pavilion.

The party will include a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing, dolphin show, entertainment and fire-works! We will also honor teachers and staff throughout the years. Our goal is to raise funds for arts, athletics, beautification, classroom enrichment, technology, and scholarships for all aspects of Point Loma High School.

For tickets/donations/more information, please call (619) 224- 9904 or visit our web site, [www.plhsfaa.com](http://www.plhsfaa.com).

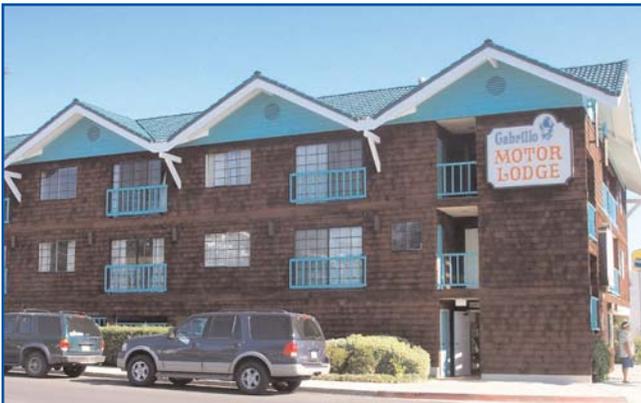
**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!**



**October 22, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

A day of fun for the whole family. Three blocks with 150 vendors selling arts, crafts, merchandise and food. Live music all day featuring Big Time Operator!, Kid's Fun Zone, and an art contest with prizes. Don't miss the Point Loma Artists!

In Point Loma Village on Cañon and Scott Streets, and Avenida de Portugal. For Art Contest applications, go to: [www.peninsulachamber.com/cultural\\_faure](http://www.peninsulachamber.com/cultural_faure) For more information, call Maura McHugh, Art Contest Coordinator, at (619) 222-7991.



**Kudos to Dan Pantel, owner of the Cabrillo Motor Lodge on Avenida de Portugal, for the fresh paint job!**



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**Our Mission:**  
PLA is an organization of residents and local businesses committed to improving the quality of life of Point Loma through beautification, education, charitable activities and civic collaboration.