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South Shores VIEW POINT

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This New Year's edition of your South Shores neighborhood newsletter contains the Annual Meeting announcement, President's Point, nominations for 2017 Officers and Board members, Annual Membership Campaign information, updated Neighborhood Reference list, CyberWatch report and much more. Please read it thoroughly and keep it handy to supplement the Association's interactive website: www.SouthShoresHA.org



Annual Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Venue: South Shores Magnet School, 2060 West 35th Street
(Thanks as usual to our host: **Dr. Paul Suzuki**, Principal)

Agenda:

6:30 p.m.	Auditorium opens Membership Table available for payment of Annual Dues
7:00 p.m.	Welcome and Call to Order: President Richard Scandaliato
7:10 p.m.	Election of Officers and Directors (see below): Jerry Gaines
7:20 p.m.	Vote on Revised By-Laws (see page 6): Annette Brodsky
7:30 p.m.	Good Neighbor Award and Special Presentation: Lisa Jimenez, Noah Modisett
7:40 p.m.	Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report: Shannon Ross
7:50 p.m.	Cyber Watch and Security Patrol update: Bob Genest
8:10 p.m.	LAPD Lead Officer introduction and remarks: Elliot Rubright
8:20 p.m.	General discussion, Q & A among meeting attendees, Board members and Invitees (LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn and LA City Councilman Joe Buscaino)
8:50 p.m.	Meeting adjournment
9:00 p.m.	Auditorium closes.

Nominees for 2017 Officers and Directors

President: **Richard Scandaliato**¹

Vice-President: **Bob Genest**

Secretary: **Jerry Gaines**¹

Treasurer: **John Lang**¹

Board of Director Members:

Dave Billings

Annette Brodsky

Joyce Hall

Vern Hall

Mike Harper²

Joe Lomento

Shannon Ross²

Ed Stort

Mingli Wang

Richard Welsh

David Zatz

¹ Incumbent

² New Member

Please note: Nominations from the Floor will also be taken prior to voting on the Officers and Directors by Association members in attendance.

Cover photos of South Shores hardscapes: top: Paseo Del Mar near Western Avenue, decorated by the **Tymczyszyn**'s; middle: 25th & Western; bottom: 25th Street and Mermaid. This edition of **VIEW POINT** was edited by **Vern Hall** with graphic design and publication by **Amy Regnier**.



President's Point

By **Richard Scandalio**, 2016 Association President

Over the last two years as President of the South Shores Home Owners Association (SSHOA) I have made a commitment to carry out my duties with passion, integrity and excitement. To that end, I feel I am on track.

Before I continue with this year's report, I would like to acknowledge and pay respects to **Julian Jimenez** who served as the SSHOA Vice President until his untimely passing this past year. Julian was a doer, motivator and one of the most unselfish persons I have ever had the pleasure and honor of working with. Coming from New York as I have, we all had a "go to guy" when it came to getting things done. Julian was "my guy". He will be forever missed.

Also, in 2017 one of our most senior Board members is stepping down. **Noah Modisett** has served as a Board Member for 40 plus years and Association President on several occasions. He has been one of my most inspirational leaders. Noah always kept track of time at our Board meetings. He was the unofficial time keeper and sometimes referee. Long time Board member, **Dave McMullen** is also leaving the Board in 2017. Dave will continue to serve the Association in his role as Web Master as we keep our website up-to-date and more interactive.

Being part of and leading the SSHOA has been a very interesting and rewarding experience. I have had the pleasure to work alongside in South Shores some of the brightest individuals. Through the efforts of the SSHOA Board (past and present) there have been several accomplishments:

- Tree trimming in upper/lower South Shores
- Support LAPD Harbor Division jail opening
- Increased membership to over 500 residents, over 40% of the homes in South Shores
- Removal of a vagrancy encampment from the then empty **Haggens** store location
- Removal of the eye-sore recycling center at 25th & Western
- Upgraded to a more user friendly website
- Installing three hardscapes identifying our neighborhood (see front cover)

Items that are in process:

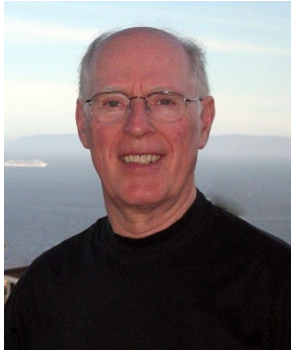
- Lobbying for a signal light at the 25th and Moray intersection
- Evaluating feasibility of networking neighborhood services
- Active participation and representation for CC& R's
- Keeping neighborhood apprised of potential utility cost saving ideas
- Locking the gate at Bogdanovich Park after hours
- Supporting CyberWatch (see page 4)
- Revised By-Laws (see page 5)
- Renaming the Association from "Homeowners" to "Residents" to more accurately reflect its mission and activities with particular outreach to long time renters or lessees in the neighborhood (see page 5)

Future Plans:

- Evaluating feasibility of affordable Private Security for South Shores (see page 4)
- Evaluating feasibility of an interactive website
- Establishing a conduit for outreach
- Continue pursuing increased police presence in South Shores
- Restoring the "Welcome Wagon"
- Developing a mentor or apprentice program

Although we have a very successful and entertaining Member's Reception every year, as you can hopefully see, this is NOT just a social group. Your Board is a group of dedicated men and women who work for the interest of all of the South Shores community. There are many other things that can be accomplished, but to do so requires "hands on participation" i.e. VOLUNTEERS. Just like Uncle Sam said in the 40's and 50's: "WE NEED YOU". Part of my business mantra are the five most important ingredients to accomplish success: PASSION, PRODUCT, PROMISE, PRICE (in our case, a \$10 per year membership) and PEOPLE.

Please come join me and your neighbors to implement your ideas and mold the South Shores Residents Association into what you, our members, want it to be.



Cyber Watch Update

By **Robert Genest**, SSHOA Vice President

Hi folks, It's hard to believe, but January 2017 begins CyberWatch's 5th year of reducing home burglaries and property thefts in South Shores.

For you newcomers to South Shores, CyberWatch is the old "Neighborhood Watch" idea brought into the digital age. Using the CyberWatch email network, neighbors' reports and observations are funneled through the CyberWatch Captain directly to the Harbor LAPD's "war room". This information then receives the personal attention of Senior Lead Officer, **Elliot Rubright** and Harbor LAPD Captain **Michael Oreb**. In turn, CyberWatch members receive information about criminal activity updates through this same network.

Increasing membership has resulted in stepped up vigilance and crime reduction. In Cyber Watch's first year, 17 home burglaries occurred in South Shores. Each year since has averaged 3 to 4 burglaries per year.

CyberWatch is not a social media website. Its members do not have to attend meetings. All observations and reports are kept confidential by the CyberWatch Captain and CyberWatch's contacts at the Harbor LAPD.

CyberWatch membership (it's free!) has grown from 8 members to over 400 households in upper and lower South Shores. New members are joining at the rate of 2 to 5 per week.

If you would like to learn more about CyberWatch and how it works, just visit the South Shores Association's website at **SouthShoresHA.org** and click on **CyberWatch 101**. You can also join the CyberWatch network directly. Just email the following information to: **cyberwatch23@gmail.com**

- Your name
- Address
- Emergency telephone number
- Email address

Your personal information will be kept strictly confidential and shared with no one without your permission.

Again, many thanks to all those CyberWatchers who helped make South Shores a safer place in 2016!

Researching a Security Patrol Service for South Shores

Last spring and summer, a number of South Shores residents expressed a strong interest in a private security patrol for South Shores. Some reached out to the South Shores Homeowners Association for help in researching the concept to determine its feasibility and affordability for our residents.

Your Association responded by forming an ad hoc committee* to conduct the research which is now nearly complete. An ongoing progress report of findings can be viewed on the Association's website at: **SouthShoresHA.org**. Updated findings will also be presented at the Association's Annual Meeting on January 17, 2017 (see Agenda on page 2.)

Sometime during the first quarter of 2017, a questionnaire will be distributed to all South Shores residents. This questionnaire will seek to learn each resident's desire for such a service and the degree of willingness to financially support it. Ultimately, that feedback will determine the next step for this research project. This information will then be published on the South Shores Homeowners Association website.

*Neither the SSHOA nor its ad hoc committee promotes, supports or advocates the implementation of a private security patrol service. Rather, it is performing impartial and objective due diligence research and cost analysis in response to requests made by South Shores residents. Ultimately, the decision of whether to hire a security patrol service will rest with the residents of South Shores.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

By **Annette Brodsky**, ad hoc By-Laws Committee Chair

The following is a summary of the changes to the Association's By-Laws. Approval of the changes is scheduled to be presented and voted on at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Changes the name of the organization to “**South Shores Residents Association**”. This reflects that membership is inclusive of all dues paying adults who reside in the South Shores area bounded by Western Avenue, Cumbre Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes and the Pacific Ocean.

See below for detailed proposal.

The Corresponding Secretary position is eliminated as communications will be accomplished by a Communications Committee charged with all print and electronic communications. This is now a combination of the old Website committee and *VIEW POINT* publication.

The Architectural Committee's charge is to **review, not oversee** CC&Rs of South Shores.

The Finance Committee shall propose an Annual Budget and report on the year's expenditures.

All committees shall submit an annual report for the Annual Membership meeting in January,

Ad hoc committees can be added by the President, as needed, to temporarily take on current, specific projects such as community events like tournaments or safety mechanisms. The President appoints the Chair and the Chair selects the members.

All terms of officers are for one year and re-electable each January. All terms for standing committee Chairs are for one year and are renewable each January by the Board.

Note: A copy of the complete existing By-Laws may be found on our website. The revised By-Laws will be posted on the website following approval at the Annual Meeting.

Why a Name Change?

New Name... Same Fine People.

After more than half a century, your **South Shores Homeowners Association**, (SSHOA) is proposing to change its name to one more descriptive of its mission, its purpose and the times.

Back in the 1950s and 1960s, before the expansion of condominiums and town homes, the term “Homeowners Association” conveyed a much broader definition than the legal entity it describes today. Also, today our membership base is made up of renters, as well as homeowners.

So, to adapt to our changing times and membership, beginning in 2017, and by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting, your Association will be known as the:

South Shores Residents Association (SSRA)

Photos From Our 2016 Events



Above: President **Rich Scandaliato** and Association Board members with **Anita Mannila** and her Good Neighbor award.



Social Chair **Richard Welsh** and his “Pink Ladies” at the 2016 Annual Member’s Reception, a 60’s themed party at the Upper South Shores home of **John and Noelle Munn**.



South Shores Home Owners Association Reception 2016 Wall of Fame

Gift Cards

Anita and Dick Mannilla
Motion Industries
International Poly
James P. Bennett Insurance

Decorations

Michele Mar

Venue

John and Noelle Munn

Food and Drinks

San Pedro Brewing Company
Romero’s Food Products

Chefs

Michelle Sheridan
Jo-Ann Scandaliato
Annette Brodsky
Rose Zatz
Terry Poste
John Lang

South Shores Homeowners' Association Membership 2017

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

☐ Pre-paid

☐ Lifetime

2017 Member Information

Membership Report

In 2016, our paid membership reached **545**, slightly less than the previous year but representing 42% of the homes in South Shores. In 2017, we hope to continue growing our membership by doing much more for the neighborhood as well as urging those residents that are renting or leasing homes, condos and apartments in South Shores to join and participate in the **Homeowners Residents Association** (see President's Point on page 3.)

Although the Board is considering a dues increase for the first time in 15 years, this year's membership will remain at **\$10.00** per household per year or **\$200.00** for Lifetime Membership status.

How To Join

There are three convenient ways of renewing your membership, re-joining if you have missed a year or more, or, hopefully, joining for the first time.

1. Cut out or copy and return the form above with your check by mail to:

South Shores Residents Association P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733

Note: If you are already a Lifetime member or pre-paid for 2017 and you have recently changed your e-mail address, please return the form or notify the Membership Chair at vernche@gmail.com so that our South Shores e-mail updates can reach you on a regular basis.

2. Come to the Annual Meeting on January 17, 2017 and pay at the Membership Desk
3. Use PayPal™ by logging on to our website: SouthShoresHA.org, going to the "Membership" menu on the homepage and then following the simple two-step process.

As always, all information provided will remain CONFIDENTIAL.

New South Shores Decals!

To acknowledge the Association's name change this year, all paid members (including Lifetime and pre-paid) will receive logo decals or a similar gift of appreciation shortly after the Annual Meeting.





SOUTH SHORES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733

PRSRT-STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #234
Torrance, CA

Neighborhood Reference

U.S. Post Office	839 South Beacon Street	1-310-831-0264
U.S. 44 th District Congresswoman <i>Nanette Barragan</i>		(to be determined)
California District 36 State Senator <i>Steven Bradford</i>	222 West 6th Street, Suite 320	1-310-514-8573
California District 70 Assemblyman <i>Patrick O'Donnell</i>	461 West 6th Street, #209	1-310-549-6420
Los Angeles County Supervisor <i>Janice Hahn</i>	302 West 5th Street #204	1-310-519-6021
Los Angeles City Wide Services		Dial 311*
Emergency		Dial 911
San Pedro City Hall	638 South Beacon Street	
Mayor <i>Eric Garcetti</i>	(Room 301)	1-310-732-4632
Councilman <i>Joe Buscaino</i>	(Room 552)	1-310-732-4515
Building and Safety	(Room 276)	1-310-732-4545
Business Licenses	(Room 211)	1-310-732-4537
L.A. Police Department	2175 John S. Gibson Blvd.	1-310-726-7700
LAPD Senior Lead Officer <i>Elliot Rubright</i>		1-310-726-7925
LAFD Station 101	1414 West 25th Street	1-310-548-7501
L.A. City Recreation and Parks		1-310-548-7675
Bogdanovich Park Office	1920 Cumbre Drive	1-310-548-7590
Harbor Animal Care Center	957 North Gaffey Street	1-888-452-7381
Port of Los Angeles	435 South Palos Verdes Street	1-310-732-7678
L.A. Department of Water & Power		1-800-342-5397
Southern California Gas Company		1-800-427-2200
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce		1-310-832-7272
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council		1-310-918-8650

*Use 311 to order Special Pickups (Wednesdays) Street Maintenance and Access to all LA City Departments.

For information on neighborhood businesses, please see the
Business Directory on our website: **www.SouthShoresHA.org**