

VIEW POINT

South Shores Community Association Newsletter



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Welcome to the *VIEW POINT*

As a resident of the South Shores community you are well aware of how unique and beautiful our community is. From the open space areas to the bustling harbor we get to enjoy a viewpoint that is unique to our area. Our community is also unique in that neighbors know one another. This fact shows up in the success of our CyberWatch program and as you walk through the community seeing the smiling faces and saying hello.

In this issue of the *VIEW POINT* we will provide updates on important topics that effect our wonderful community.



New SSCA banner unveiled at December 2017 Board meeting.





Election of Officers & Board of Directors

The SSCA Nominations Committee is recommending to the general membership the following candidates for election to the 2018 Board of Directors at the annual meeting. These nominees have pledged to make the commitment of time and effort to the SSCA through attendance at monthly board meetings and service on various ad hoc committees supporting the SSCA Board of Directors' Strategic Plan.

Officers:

President: Richard Scandaliato
Vice-President: Dave Billings
Secretary: Jerry Gaines
Treasurer: John Lang.

Board Members:

Bob Genest
 Joyce Hall
 Vern Hall
 Mike Harper
 Ed Storti
 Richard Welsh

SSCA Annual Meeting Tuesday, Jan 16th 2018

Doors will open at **6:30 p.m.** at the South Shores Performing Arts Magnet School auditorium **2060 West 35th Street**. Once again, we thank **Dr. Paul Suzuki**, School Principal, for providing the venue for the meeting. A membership sign up table will be available for your convenience. There will also be sign up sheets for CyberWatch membership and volunteering

The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. under the chair of **Richard Scandaliato**, SSCA President. The meeting will include introductions of 2017 Board Members and the new slate of proposed officers and Board Members for 2018. Association members that have volunteered for various events in 2017 will be introduced and acknowledged. Secretary **Jerry Gaines** will then conduct the election of officers.

Our overall theme for 2018 is volunteerism for the benefit of our neighborhood. **Ed Storti** will provide a brief outline of our upcoming Towne Hall meeting. **Rich Scandaliato** will expand on this theme and discuss the Board's Strategic Plan and initiatives for 2018 including re-establishment of the Welcome Wagon for the many new residents moving into South Shores each year.

Bob Genest will provide a Cyber Watch update and introduce new Senior Lead Officer **Paul Winter** or his representative. Our new Web Master, **Jeniffer McMullen**, will also be introduced.

Los Angeles Country Supervisor **Janice Hahn** and 15th District City Councilman **Joe Buscaino**, both long-time SSCA members, have been invited and will have time for brief remarks relative to their efforts to benefit the South Shores neighborhood and the San Pedro community.

At approximately **8:20 p.m.**, the meeting will be opened as a **general discussion forum** focusing on ideas for future Towne Hall informational meetings and other matters that are of interest to the members in attendance.

The auditorium will close promptly at **9:00 p.m.**



President's Point

by *Richard Scandaliato, SSCA 2017 President.*

Dear fellow South Shores residents,

We're hoping your holidays were safe, happy and healthy ones.

In 2018, it is SSCA's goal to listen and build communication with members to effectively serve the South Shores community.

During 2017, SSCA carefully listened to the variety of topics concerning South Shores residents most. In doing so, SSCA's emphasis for the future became clear.

We will continue to focus on projects that serve residents interests in the spheres of:

- Social and informational events that bring our residents together.
- Safety and Security of our homes.
- Advocacy with public officials aimed at preserving and protecting South Shores' quality of life.

Some of these projects are ambitious ones. They can't be carried out by just a small group of Board members. The projects require workers. They require volunteers to carry out the mission.

Because of this, SSCA may occasionally call upon you to devote a small amount of your time to assist with a specific project. It's true that many residents are time-starved. Many have families and careers. However, a small team of volunteers willing to pitch in with an occasional task is our best hope in building and protecting South Shores, this wonderful community we all call home.



Some high spots in 2017:

- **Our first SSCA Towne Hall meeting.** It was very well attended and taught us much about our community's desire to make South Shores an even more secure place to live.
- **Parking lot illumination in Bogdanovich Park was increased from one to seven lights.** Result: increased security and safety of this area. This was achieved through strengthened communication with LA Rec and Park management, bolstered by the community's input on security concerns.
- **Added security to Bogdanovich Park was also achieved through increased community involvement.** These measures include a marked increase in consistent nightly patrols, reconfiguring the parking lot for increased visibility to deter criminal activity and community monitoring of nightly gate closings.
- **A new, more user-friendly SSCA website.** Now nearly completed, this site is slated to bring news, photos and videos of activities relevant to South Shores life. It will be able accessible by clicking on www.southshoresca.org.
- **The best attended annual social event in South Shores history.** Hosted by our very gracious hosts, John and Lucrecia Jacobson, this delightful event brought neighbors together for a truly memorable afternoon of food, beverage and entertainment. The bonus: it was held at one of the most beautifully scenic white water ocean view homes on the bluffs of South Shores. (cont. Pg4)



Some goals for 2018:

- **Increasing membership** in the South Shores Community Association through expanded communication efforts. This year, after no increase in membership dues for decades, SSCA will raise the annual membership dues to a still affordable \$20.00 per year. This increase will help fund many of the projects and efforts that require postage, printing services and materials, rental of equipment for meetings. The major expense has been the food, beverage and entertainment costs of our annual social event each September.
- **SSCA's second Towne Hall** meeting scheduled for the February/March period (date pending at time of this publication). The meeting's topic "Health Fair" is aimed at providing information to keep us all healthy and fit.
- **Establishing a "Welcome Wagon"** to warmly greet new South Shores residents to our community. This is one of the projects where SSCA volunteers can play a meaningful role.
- **Expanding the CyberWatch concept**, already over 500 members strong after 5 years of operation.

Why is the SSCA raising its annual membership dues?

1. Dues have been at \$10.00 for over 15-yrs.
2. The cost for printing and mailing various communications; including the VIEWPOINT continues to increase.
3. Despite the many donations, the cost of the SSCA annual reception for food, beverages, plates, place settings, paper goods, and entertainment has increased.
4. Insurance to cover the annual reception is a necessity to protect both the SSCA and the host.
5. The restart of a neighborhood "**WELCOME WAGON**" requires funding for an appropriate gift; roughly 40 new residents per year.
6. Expansion of **TOWNE HALL** meetings may include mailings, beverages and possible fee for a venue.
7. Recognizing civic leaders for their accomplishments, board members both present and past for their dedicated service and impact on the South Shores community, providing nominal gifts for those hosting the SSCA annual reception all of which require budgetary funding
8. Cost for Web hosting.

SSCA

2017 WALL OF FAME

Entire SSCA Board
 Rose Zatz (Cooking/chef)
 Jim Wellington (stuff envelopes)
 Jo-Ann Scandaliato (cooking/chef)
 Michelle Sheridan (cooking/chef)
 San Pedro Brewing Company (Beer)
 Romero's Food Products
 (Tortilla Wraps & Chips)
 Terry Poste (cooking/chef)
 Jim Poste (stuffing envelopes)
 Anita and Dick Mannila (22nd Street
 Landing Gift Card)
 Motion Industries (Gift Cards)
 Jeniffer McMullen (Web Master)
 John Lang (Chef)
 John and Lucrecia Jacobson
 (beautiful venue/host/Chef)
 International Poly (Gift Cards)
 Annette Brodsky (kept pizza flowing)
 James P. Bennett Insurance (Gift Cards)
 Gordon Thomas (VIEW POINT graphic
 designer)
 MJM Graphics (VIEW POINT printing)

Please come join us to help reach some of your Association's goals for South Shores in the New Year!



2018 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

How To Join:

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

- Fill out the form included on the attached envelope (copy below) and return it with your check by mail to:

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

- Come to the Annual Meeting on January 16, 2018 and pay at the Membership Desk or
- Use PayPal™ by logging on to our website: www.SouthShoresCA.org, going to the "Membership" menu on the homepage and then following the simple two-step process.

Please Note: If you have a Lifetime membership or have pre-paid for 2018 **AND** recently changed your e-mail address or phone number (many of our members are now using their mobile phone as their primary contact number) please check the pre-paid box on the form and mail it to the Association. You may contact **Vern Hall**, Membership Chair, at 1-310-832-6807 to confirm your pre-paid status. As always, all information provided will remain CONFIDENTIAL.

Thank You for Joining

All paid members of the Association for 2017 received a Thank You letter from President **Richard Scandaliato** along with the new South Shores Logo window decal. All new members will receive decals as a thank you for joining the Association in 2018. Additional decals will be available at the Membership Desk during the Annual Meeting and by request during the year.

This year, the Association is confirming its IRS 501 (c) (4) status as a non-profit Social Welfare Organization through the efforts of Vice-President **Dave Billings**. Although contributions, including membership dues, are **not** deductible, if you would like a formal receipt, please so indicate on your return form.

SOUTH SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2018

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: 1-_____ E-Mail _____

☐ Renewal @ \$20 per year

☐ New Member @ \$20 per year

☐ Pre-paid update

☐ Receipt Requested



Neighborhood Safety

CyberWatch...on the Grow!

By Robert Genest, SSCA Board Member

Hi folks,

This month, January 2018, begins CyberWatch's 6th year. Really hard to believe.

To sum up 2017, it's been an interesting year:

The South Shores CyberWatch network has now grown to over 500 members. That's about 100 members more than January of 2017. That's a lot of folks watching out for each other. Their vigilance and reports made the difference in keeping South Shores one of the safest neighborhoods in Los Angeles over the past 5 years.

In the first half of 2017, burglaries were trending upward over previous years...until late July. On July 27, a burglary ring of three ransacked a home in upper South Shores. It was the same ring that targeted RPV homes and, possibly, other South Shores residences early in the year.

The team of burglars was stunned when they found themselves surrounded by patrol cars and arrested less than a week later at the corner of 25th and Moray.

This feat was made possible through very fluid communication between CyberWatch members, RPV neighborhood watch groups and excellent video surveillance. This was capped by highly responsive LAPD patrols under the direction of Harbor LAPD's Captain Michael Oreb.

We've heard that burglary ring members share info with other burglary rings. Hard to tell how much of that applies here, *but after those arrests last summer, there has not been another reported burglary in South Shores as of late-December of 2017, when this issue went to press.*

Much of the credit goes to those informed and vigilant residents who care enough about their community to get involved and report suspicious activities as they happen.

This was not the only CyberWatch success story of 2017, but it was a memorable one.

In the second half of 2017, LAPD's Captain Oreb and his staff reached out to SSCA to ask if we would assist in helping replicate the CyberWatch

concept in Wilmington and Harbor City, as well as other San Pedro neighborhoods, such as Point Fermin, Palisades and Vista del Oro. This resulted in a series of meetings that started in

September with Block Captains from those areas. There seems to be great interest from these communities to try the idea that's working in South Shores. This mentorship is slated to continue into 2018.

Also, CyberWatch has now formed an information sharing link with the Rancho Palos Verdes neighborhoods of Seaview, Ladera Linda and Mediterranean. We expect more RPV neighborhoods will join the link up with CyberWatch in 2018.

CyberWatch has not put an end to thefts in South Shores. Thefts from vehicles will continue to be a

Useful Websites:

www.nextdoor.com

Social media service for local neighborhoods.

www.crimemapping.com

Website that provides valuable information about recent crime activity in their neighborhood.



sad reality. They'll continue so long as folks forget to lock their vehicles or leave items of value in them.

As for home burglaries, things have been quiet for a while. But there will always be a new crop of bad guys wanting our stuff badly enough to enter our homes and take it from us. They're willing to take such risks.

So long as CyberWatchers stay vigilant, we'll keep proving to them their risk isn't worth it. They'll go to jail and things will quiet down again...for awhile.

Time to join. It's easy...and free!

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.



We would like to express thanks to our new Senior Lead Officer Paul Winter. Officer Winter took on his new duties last spring. Since then, this seasoned LAPD professional has been partnering with CyberWatch and providing South

Shores with dedicated and caring response ever since.

And, once again, many thanks to all those caring CyberWatchers who made South Shores a safer place to live in 2017!

Private Security Patrol Research Findings

RECAP

In 2016, at the request South Shores residents, the South Shores Community Association was asked to determine whether a private security patrol program for South Shores could be a feasible and sustainable concept.

SSCA studied a similar private security patrol service operating in a 2,000 home area in Santa Monica since 1984 and subsequently reported its findings to South Shores residences.

WHERE THINGS STAND NOW

To test the potential willingness of South Shores residents to fund the security patrol program through payment of annual dues, Mr. Derek Johnson has formed a group of South Shores volunteers to advance this effort.

Mr. Johnson informs us that the volunteer team is working on a mailer to reach out to the remaining 900 South Shores households and obtain a more complete picture of South Shores willingness to participate.

All further questions about the security patrol program and its future may be directed to Mr. Derek Johnson at southshorespatrol@gmail.com.



2017 Members Reception Recap

By *Richard Welsh*, SSCA Social Chair

This year's Annual Member's Reception held on September 17 was an event to remember with a record turnout of 165 guests. The reception was held at the spectacular cliff top home of **John & Lucretia Jacobson** with perfect sunny weather on tap. The theme was a Taste of Naples and attendees were treated to an assortment of homemade goodies. First, host John Jacobson got together with SSCA Treasurer John Lang to put together a series of custom pizzas baked in a very hot wood fired pizza oven outside.



Both John's had their own recipes and had run through a series of pre-party trials to get the formula just right. The result was simply sensational with some of the best tasting pizza I've ever had! Should these two guys decide to come out of their respective retirements, they could certainly open a very successful pizza parlor (J & J Enterprises?). The food did not end there however, as the remaining volunteer food committee also put together homemade bruschetta, salad and a dessert tray that was straight out of a fine European bakery. Special thanks to *Joann Scandaliato, Michelle Sheridan, Rose Zatz, Terri Poste & Annette Broadsky* for their tremendous effort behind all of the delectable!

Attendees also enjoyed a five piece musical group named **The Rumble**. The group, including two ukulele players put their own fun twist on hits from the 60s, 70s and beyond. Neighbors had a chance to catch up with one another and of course, quite a few walked away with a number of raffle ticket prizes.

The annual member's reception is a great way to meet old neighbors and new ones alike in a very casual, fun atmosphere. If it has been a while since you have last attended or have never been to one, then try to make it a point to check it out—the only requirement for receiving an invitation is that you be a member of the South Shores Community Association so do not forget to send in your renewal membership!



Around San Pedro

Bike sharing in San Pedro

You have probably seen bright lime green & yellow bike parked randomly around our town. Perhaps you have asked yourself, "What are these bikes and why are they here?"

Customers will pay \$1 for every 30 minutes of use. They can fire up LimeBike's mobile app to locate a nearby bike, use a QR code to unlock the bike, then lock it up, freestanding, at their destination. Learn more at: www.limebike.com

AltaSea:

Exploring Blue Technology

The Port of Los Angeles City Dock No. 1, home of the AltaSea campus, was constructed in 1913 and successfully brought the Los Angeles waterfront to the international stage. AltaSea is developing a new model for ocean-related science, business and education – a place where innovators collaborate to develop solutions critical to the survival of the earth and its inhabitants. Companies collaborating in the Research and Business Hub will foster job creation, leading to healthy economies. these businesses will create a marine-based "Silicon Valley" to advance the development of products, services and jobs in areas such as ocean robotics, algae fuels, aquaculture and wave energy. Learn more at: www.altasea.org

LA County Sanitation Clearwater Project

By Jerry Gaines, SSCA Secretary

South Shores residents need to know that in the coming months leading into 2023 there will be much activity in the harbor area associated with construction of a 22 foot in diameter sanitation tunnel coming from

San Pedro Trivia

San Pedro is the 2nd oldest named city in California

Named by Spanish explorer Sebastian Vizcaino, who anchored here on Saint Peter's Day, November 26, 1602. Rancho San Pedro's name was derived from the Bay of San Pedro on which it was bordered.

Point Fermin Park

Named in 1793 by British explorer George Vancouver as a thank you to Father Fermin Francisco de Lasuen for the hospitality he showed Vancouver and his crew at the mission in Carmel.

Bogdanovich Park

Named after Martin Bogdanovich, founder of Star Kist Tuna.

Source: <http://thesanpedrocoast.com/history/names/>

the Harbor/Carson waste treatment plant to Royal Palm Beach. Hearings and workshops have occurred over the past few months outlining the planned activities for the new tunnel. A tunnel boring machine will be placed underground at the Carson site located near the corner of Lomita Blvd. and Figueroa St., removing excavated material as it moves south to Royal Palms Beach. Impact to our area will be at Royal Palms Beach around 2023 where the boring machine is removed and the beach area restored to its original state. There will be temporary walls used to buffer construction activity during that process. The new tunnel will be connected to the current outfall system at Royal Palms Beach. Residents are urged to visit www.lacsd.org or contact the sanitation district as ClearwaterProject@lacsd.org for updates.



SSCA Website Update

In early 2016, the Association's web master, **Dave McMullen**, completed a major update of our website that introduced many new features and provided improved ease of access using any internet capable device. You can now access our site using a desktop or laptop computer as well as tablet or smart phone. But, have you recently tried to log on to the Association's website: www.SouthShoresHA.org?

If you did, you would find that you're automatically transferred to our new home page at

www.southshoresca.org

After changing the name of our Association from "Homeowners" to "Community" for several reasons, previously discussed, it seemed appropriate to change the "**HA**" to "**ca**" in our address. Moreover, as stated by Association President **Rich Scandalianto**:

"This past summer, the South Shores Community Association was hit with the unexpected passing of Dave McMullen. Dave's passing left a void on several fronts. The most obvious was to his family. However, this terrible loss was felt by neighbors, friends, confidants, church leaders as well as our Association.

As web master, Dave designed, orchestrated, upgraded and maintained our website from its inception many years ago. Under Dave's leadership, the "Web" became the most commonly used means of communications between our Board, Association members and the South Shores community at large.

Since Dave's passing, his daughter, **Jeniffer** (yes that's how her name is spelled) has stepped into his role for us. Like her dad, there was a void and need, and Jeniffer jumped into help. She not only helped, but also redesigned our website, making it more user friendly and upgraded ease of access and its appearance. The SSCA website, as it appears today, will continue to grow and keep up with the latest "state of the art" technologies and will become our primary communications vehicle. Be assured that there will be more interactive features, such as video capabilities.

Please join me in welcoming **Jeniffer McMullen** as our new Web Master. She will open new windows for our membership, the South Shores neighborhood and the San Pedro community."

Jeniffer as provided the following statement for *VIEW POINT*:

"My dad, Dave McMullen, was the former webmaster for the South Shores Community Association and he loved being a contributing member of the community. When he passed away in June, I offered to create a new website for the SSCA in honor of my dad and as a thank you to the Association for the friendship they showed him.

I hope you are enjoying the new SSCA website. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me at southshoresca@gmail.com."





South Shores Community Reference

U.S. Post Office	839 South Beacon Street	1-310-831-0264
U.S. 44th District Congresswoman	Nanette Diaz Barragan 302 West 5 th Street #201 Washington D.C. Office	1-310-831-1799 1-202-225-8220
California District 36 State Senator	Steven Bradford 222 West 6 th Street, Suite 320	1-310-514-8573
California District 70 Assemblyman	Patrick O'Donnell 461 West 6 th Street, #209	1-310-549-6420
Los Angeles County Supervisor	Janice Hahn 302 West 5 th Street #204	1-310-519-6021
Los Angeles City Wide Services	Dial 311 (Use 311 to order Special Wednesday Pickups, Street Maintenance and Access to all LA City Departments)	
San Pedro City Hall	638 South Beacon Street	
Mayor Eric Garcetti	(Room 301)	1-310-732-4632
Councilman Joe Buscaino	(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 Paul Winter		32508@lapd.online
LAFD Station 101	1414 West 25 th 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		
President Elise Swanson	390 West 7 th Street	1-310-832-7272
South Shores Performing Arts Magnet School		
Principal Dr. Paul Suzuki	2060 West 35 th Street	1-310-832-6596
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council		1-310-918-8650

For information on neighborhood businesses, please see the Business Directory on our website.





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U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #234
Torrance, CA

South Shores Hardscape Locations

To those astute observers, you have probably seen these markers around our community. These were originally funded in-part from a community beautification grant, designed and constructed by volunteers and are unique features of our South Shores neighborhood.

