

# VIEW POINT

## South Shores Community Association Newsletter

Welcome to the annual newsletter where your Community Association brings you the latest information and happenings in the South Shores neighborhood. This years edition includes some unique historical photos of the South Shores area dating back to the early 1900's.



South Shores Circa 1972 - Provided by Mr. John Cameron

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### DID YOU KNOW...

**1602** – Sebastian Vizcaino named the community San Pedro in honor of St. Peter. San Pedro is the second oldest named town in California – just ten days after San Diego was named.

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**1909** – San Pedro consolidated with Los Angeles.

**1925** – The completion of Western Avenue to San Pedro.

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## Annual Meeting Announcement:

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2022 Annual Meeting will, once again, be held virtually using ZOOM on Tuesday, March 15th with sign-in starting at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starting promptly at 7:00 p.m.**

The specific link to the meeting will be posted on our website: [www.southshoresca.org](http://www.southshoresca.org) on the Monday prior to the meeting. Neighbors with current e-mail addresses in our data base will also receive a direct invite. Phone numbers for non-computer users will also be available by calling 310-832-6807 prior to the meeting. The meeting will be hosted on ZOOM by our webmaster: Jeniffer McMullen and SSCA member Monica Capalia. There will be security measures in place to prevent unwelcome disruptions. The meeting will be recorded and subsequently made available on our website. **Please sign in as early as it is convenient**

### Election of Officers & Board of Directors

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The SSCA Nominating Committee is recommending to the general membership the following candidates. The nominees have pledged to make the commitment of time and effort to the Association through attendance at monthly Board meetings and service on various ad-hoc committees.  
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#### Officers:

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President: Richard Scandaliato  
Vice-President: Dave Billings  
Secretary: Jerry Gaines  
Treasurer: Lori Terzoli  
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#### Board Members:

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Membership: Joyce Hall  
Vern Hall  
John Lang  
August Caimi  
VIEW POINT: Gordon Thomas  
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Social Programs: Richard Welsh

**Nominations will be taken from the floor.**

## Meeting Agenda

Call to Order and President's Welcome President *Rich Scandaliato*

Introduction of Present Board Members

Nominations and Election of Officers and Board Members

Secretary *Jerry Gaines*

Treasurer's Report

*Lori Terzoli*

2020 Membership Campaign

*Vern Hall*

Status of 2022 Members' Reception

*Richard Welsh*

South Shores Sociables(new)

*Anita Mannila*

Sidewalk Brigade (new)

*Gordon Thomas*

Cyber Watch Report

*Bob Genest*

Councilman Joe Buscaino's Office Q&A

*Ryan Ferguson*

Supervisor Janet Hahn's Office Q&A

*Erika Velazquez*

Good Neighbor and Other Award Presentations

General Discussion (time permitting)

## President's Point

by *Richard Scandaliato*, SSCA 2015-2022 President

Hope all of you had a great Holiday Season with perhaps a little down time. The primary goal for 2021 was to **"remain relevant, continue with our responsibilities to the Association, each other and to serve our membership."** Our motto became **"Improvise, adopt and overcome."** For the second year in a row, COVID has pervaded the scene. The pandemic with all its many derivatives has put a dent in the simple pleasure of socializing with family, friends and neighbors. It has changed our way of life on so many levels.



## President's Point - continued

**O**ne **good** change: seeing many of our neighbors find new ways to volunteer and uplift their spirits and the spirits of others. Many have stepped up to contribute their talents and ideas for the benefit of our South Shores neighbors.

Hopefully, you all have noticed the changes in our expanded **SSCA** website...[www.southshoresca.org](http://www.southshoresca.org). Board members Richard Welsh and Gordon Thomas have teamed up and brought to life many historical photos and stories of early South Shores. Richard and Gordon traveled through South Shores to scout out exceptionally well-decorated homes this holiday season. These homes were photographed, pictures presented to the SSCA Board members for nominations to the best decorated homes of the season.

Gordon Thomas will be spearheading a sidewalk and street clean-up brigade aided by an all-South Shore neighbor volunteer group. (More information will follow on the SSCA website).



In 2021, with the help of Dave Billings, Vern Hall, Monica Capalia, SSCA held two well attended neighborhood-wide **ZOOM** meetings, in addition to the regular monthly Board meetings. The Board has determined that this years Annual Meeting will be another **ZOOM** event.

Speaking of socializing, Anita Mannila is stepping out of retirement to create "**South Shores Sociables**". This will be a way for single adults in South Shores to become more active in our community and come together to respectfully enjoy each other's company. (Additional information can be found on the SSCA website).



Bob Genest is continuing his leadership of CyberWatch, a digital update of the neighborhood watch he created in 2013. Now entering its 10<sup>th</sup> year, CyberWatch's 609 vigilant members have helped South Shores to the distinction of having one of the lowest crime rates in the entire South Bay. Added by a valued partnership with Harbor LAPD, **2021 saw the lowest burglary and overall crime rate in Cyber Watch's 9 years of crime reporting in our community.**

Helped by the assistance of Ryan Ferguson of Councilman Buscaino's office, SSCA was able to achieve some neighborhood accomplishments. Including "no turn on red" sign installed at 19<sup>th</sup> street and Western Ave., removal of dead trees on Mantis Ave. and a stretch of sidewalk repair on Cumbre Drive at the DWP facility. The Councilman's office is currently working with LA Conservation Corps and CalTrans to replace several dead trees with new ones on the median strip approach to South Shores. After several delays, we're advised that this task, begun in July, 2020, is nearing completion in the coming weeks.

Thanks go to Rose and David Zatz, Taylor Sullivan, Terry Katnic who brought to our attention several of the aforementioned issues, and also Andrea Dowdell, Ron Roemer to name just a few, for prompting Rec and Parks to remove graffiti in Bogdanovich Park and stop sign alert painted on Cumbre and Mantis. With the coalition of **United Neighbors**, we voiced opposition to SB-9 and SB-10; unfortunately, both measures passed, but we were in the fight till the end.

Also, thanks to our LAPD Senior Lead Officer Melody Shortle for promptly dispatching patrol cars to Royal Palms to curb late night partying and disturbance of the peace issues. Melody will be replacing our long service SLO Paul Winter who is entering retirement following extensive medical leave. We all send Paul our best wishes. We also extend a hearty welcome and best wishes to SLO Melody as we continue our South Shores cherished partnership with her and the LAPD.

We'd like to thank John Lang, retiring as SSCA's long-tenured Treasurer for his many years of dedicated service. John will be turning reins over to Lori Terzoli. Ed Storti has also retired from our Board, but will remain as a valued ear and voice to the Association. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to August Caimi, an amazing and valued contributor to SSCA.

At this point, it appears 2022 will be another challenging year. But, "life is what we make it". Together, we can get through just about anything thrown at us. By helping each other, we can defy math. One plus one is **not** two...but three or more.

Volunteering your talents, voicing your ideas, respectfully presenting your disagreements or dissent from "the norm" can alter lives, make things better and ease tensions. It can create enthusiasm, raise expectations and solve problems. Ultimately, it can create an air of hope and a ray of sunshine for South Shores and for all those whose lives we touch.

God willing, we hope to see you in the near future at the Elks Club for our gala **50 Year Annual Reception** celebration. Stay tuned for date and time.

Finally, "**thank you**" for allowing me to serve as your President. Thank you for your patience, caring and contribution of your membership. We look forward to 2022 as "**the year of the tiger**".

One final request; **please** drive at appropriate speed, stop signs, mean **STOP**, this is not merely a suggestion. Drive as though your family, neighbors and their children live here; because they do!!!!

Respectfully,

**Richard Scandaliato**





## South Shores History Project - Part 2

### South Shores - The Early Days



1920's Aerial View of South Shores showing golf course



Royal Palms Hot Springs - Circa 1911

As part of our South Shores history photo project, we were blessed this year to come across our neighbor John Cameron, who has a fabulous collection of historic photos of San Pedro and the port area. John was gracious enough to share some of these gems from his collection, many of which are featured in this issue. It is truly amazing to see how things have changed through the years. Please visit the South Shores Community Association's website ([www.southshoresca.org](http://www.southshoresca.org)) to view other historical photos. We are uploading many of them to the website so please take a look when you get a chance.

John also has many of the photos printed/matted for sale down at the Ace Hardware on 25th and Western Ave.

— Richard Welsh



Photo from 1959



South Shores 1966







Abalone Fisherman at Royal Palms - Circa 1905



Family Home - Royal Palms - circa 1950s



Material from this structure can still be seen today



Anchovy Ave - Upper South Shores - Early Construction

**BUY or BUILD your HOME in "SOUTHSHORES" LOS ANGELES' LAST Residential Development**

**Majestic Location . . .**  
 "Southshores" is situated on gently rolling lands, directly overlooking the famous Catalina Channel, at the southern terminus of Western Avenue. . . . It is all within the City of Los Angeles and has the benefit of complete city services including Fire and Police Protection, City Schools, Sanitary Sewers, Public Utilities, etc., etc.

Nowhere closer to the East are so many building materials districts and the quiet year-round harbor of San Pedro. . . . Just beyond is the great Los Angeles Harbor, second largest port in the nation.

Adjoining "Southshores" on the Northwest are the beautiful Palms Estate with winding views.

To the North, along the main of Western Avenue, verdant, wooded hills offer an exciting and exhilarating drive on the way to Hollywood, Los Angeles, Long Beach, South Bay cities, Beverly Hills and Hollywood.

**Scarcity Creates Values . . .**  
 Based on the experience of other great cities of the world, it is proven beyond doubt that residential property located beside great bodies of water and enjoying expansive "Marine Views," represents the choicest residential sections of the world.

**As Against** the never ending supply of new home lots, there is an absolute deficit in the supply of OCEAN FRONTAGE. . . . and it is coming into greater and greater demand with proportionate advancement in real estate values. . . .

There is unlimited supply of "land" but the scarcity of property located within close proximity to the ocean will create a continued and volume rise in values. . . .

**The Past encroachment** on our shoreline by two industrial and commercial projects, marked by piers, docks and oil tanks, and by the other beach cities where the environment is characterized by high-bred "hardy" type of development has, unfortunately, spoiled the end of nearly all desirable ocean residential beach properties in the Los Angeles area.

This very scarcity emphasizes the importance of "Southshores" ocean frontage development today . . . which will, in the immediate future, be increased in EVER INCREASING DESIRABILITY AND TRENDING ADVANCING VALUES . . .

**Above map depicts** the unparalleled location of "Southshores" for your permanent home today — or as a site for your future dwelling. Families here may enjoy the greatest unobstructed panorama of ships at sea, the face of yachts, anchored in quiet San Pedro Harbor, the fine esthetic of the beach, control of the case of the Royal Palm, the most unique of the shore line, the peaceful isolated hills, the majesty of Catalina Island and the drama of colorful sunsets, profound, ever-changing, and inspirational . . .

**"MARINELAND of the P.A. LORRIS" enterprise**, developed an "SOUTHSHORES" which include two 1.5 million, administrative buildings and a 65 acre project for thousands of homes, swimming pools, facilities and more. Also shown where is location of the working, now building Sunday Services.

Marlow &amp; Co. 1950 real estate sales brochure



1700 block Grenadier Dr looking west - Circa 1961





## News, Views and Announcements

### WHY JOIN SOUTH SHORES SOCIABLES?



- ✓ It's in the neighborhood
- ✓ You make new friends
- ✓ You build connections
- ✓ You follow your interests

So, if you're flying solo, consider joining this new group formed to build connections among single SSCA members. This group isn't a dating platform; instead it's focused on creating friendships.



In January, ten people attended the first gathering, "Drinks on the Driveway." A book club and mahjong group are in the planning stage. Other activities under consideration are: walking, hiking, happy hour, lunch, dinner gatherings, and pet sitting exchanges. If you're interested in joining South Shores Sociables, please email your name, address and phone number to [sociablesgroup@outlook.com](mailto:sociablesgroup@outlook.com). Your personal information will be kept confidential and only shared with other Sociables members. Looking forward to hearing from you. -**Anita**



### Home Holiday Decoration Awards

The SSCA is proud to announce the a new program in 2021 called the Home Holiday Decoration Awards. The purpose is to acknowledge homeowners for outstanding holiday displays. It was a very close vote as many homes displayed a festive and jolly presentations. We would like to congratulate this years 1st Place winner, Dr. Robert Autore at 2803 S. Anchovy Ave. We look forward to seeing what the 2022 holiday season brings.



**SouthShores**  
Sidewalk Brigade



Greetings to all our friends and neighbors in the South Shores community,

We would like to introduce you all to a new volunteer program that you may be interested in. It is called the **South Shores Sidewalk Brigade**.

The goal of this program is to help improve the curb appeal of our neighborhood streets and sidewalks and to foster neighborhood friendships along the way.

These are family friendly events and all ages are welcome to participate.

**W**e recently kicked off our program by tackling the overgrown grass that has developed at the top of Mermaid Drive in upper South Shores. This particular area was selected because the sidewalk is basically unusable due to the overgrowth.

Here are some before and after photos



The scope of work is limited to public spaces such as sidewalks, the public easement side of sidewalk (with homeowner approval) and the slope side of various streets in the South Shores area.

If you are interested in learning more about this program or would like to participate, please go to <https://www.southshoresca.org> and keep an eye out for email notifications.

### South Shores Hardscape Restored

Recently the sidewalk at the intersection of 25th St and Western Ave. was upgraded to provide wheelchair access. During the construction the existing hardscape went missing. We are happy to report that the sign has been re-installed and looks great. Thank you to all who made sure this local treasure was not lost in the name of progress and to our city leaders who helped make our sidewalks safer for all our citizens. Special thanks to Shane Weaver from Assemblyman O'Donnell's office.



## South Shores Community Reference

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| <b>U.S. Post Office</b>   | 839 South Beacon Street   | 1-310-831-0264                                     |
| <b>U.S. 44<sup>th</sup> District Congresswoman</b>  | <b>Nanette Diaz Barragan</b><br>302 West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street #201<br>Washington D.C. Office  | 1-310-831-1799<br>1-202-225-8220                   |
| <b>California District 36 State Senator</b>   | <b>Steven Bradford (Hina Ahmad, SP Field Rep)</b><br>222 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 203 | 1-310-514-8573                                     |
| <b>California District 70 Assemblyman</b>   | <b>Patrick O'Donnell</b><br>461 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, #209                               | 1-310-548-6420                                     |
| <b>Los Angeles County Supervisor</b>  | <b>Janice Hahn</b><br>302 West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street #200                                      | 1-310-519-6021                                     |
| <b>Los Angeles City Wide Services</b><br>(Use 311 to order Special Wednesday Pickups, Street Maintenance and Access to all LA City Departments) |   | Dial 311   |
| <b>San Pedro City Hall</b><br>Mayor's Office<br>Councilman <b>Joe Buscaino</b><br>Building and Safety   | 638 South Beacon Street<br>(Room 301)<br>(Room 552)<br>(Room 276)                               | 1-310-732-4632<br>1-310-732-4515<br>1-310-732-4545 |
| <b>L.A. Police Department</b>   | 2175 John S. Gibson Blvd.   | 1-310-726-7700                                     |
| <b>L.A. City Attorney Mediator:</b>   | email: mediate@lacity.org   | 1-213-978-1880                                     |
| <b>LAPD Senior Lead Officer:</b>  | <b>Melody Shortle</b>   | 37142@lapd.online                                  |
| <b>LAFD Station 101</b>   | 1414 West 25 <sup>th</sup> Street   | 1-310-548-7501                                     |
| <b>L.A. City Recreation and Parks</b>   |   | 1-310-548-7675                                     |
| Bogdanovich Park Office   | 1920 Cumbre Drive   | 1-310-548-7590                                     |
| <b>Harbor Animal Care Center</b>  | 957 North Gaffey Street   | 1-888-452-7381                                     |
| <b>Port of Los Angeles</b>  | 435 South Palos Verdes Street   | 1-310-732-7678                                     |
| <b>L.A. Department of Water &amp; Power</b>   |   | 1-800-342-5397                                     |
| <b>Southern California Gas Company</b>  |   | 1-800-427-2200                                     |
| <b>San Pedro Chamber of Commerce</b><br>President <b>Elise Swanson</b>  | 390 West 7 <sup>th</sup> Street   | 1-310-832-7272                                     |
| <b>South Shores Performing Arts Magnet School</b><br>Principal <b>Dr. Paul Suzuki</b>   | 2060 West 35 <sup>th</sup> Street   | 1-310-832-6596                                     |
| <b>Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council</b>   |   | 1-310-918-8650                                     |

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





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## 2022 Membership Campaign

As of December 2021, the SSCA had **446 paid members** including over 300 that were extended from 2020 due to the impacts of the COVID pandemic policies on our Annual Meeting, Towne Hall meetings and Annual Members' Reception. With renewed optimism for the years ahead, the SSCA Board, at its September 21, 2021 meeting, decided to reinstate the annual membership "dues" for 2022. This decision was necessary to cover the costs of maintaining our web site, publishing and distributing this **VIEWPOINT** newsletter and (hopefully) having an in-person Members' Reception this Fall. We continue to strive to increase membership, participation and volunteerism from our current and former members as well those households that are **new to the South Shores**

**neighborhood.** The South Shores Community Association is by far the largest and most active of any such volunteer organizations in San Pedro and quite possibly, the entire City of Los Angeles. To join, or re-new for 2022, just fill out the form below and return it with a check for \$20.00 payable to the South Shores Community Association and mail it to **SSCA, P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733.** SSCA Membership decals are available on request featuring our full-color logo.

In the past, for the convenience of our members, the Board decided to allow Lifetime memberships and pre-payments for future years. We currently have 122 memberships that fit these categories. For accounting reasons, we have decided to discontinue this practice. These pre-paid members will be notified and requested not to submit payment for 2022.



### SOUTH SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2022

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Member @ \$20 per year

☐ Former Member Renewal @ \$ 20 per year

All information provided will be held as CONFIDENTIAL

