

# SOUTH SHORES VIEW POINT 2015

Welcome to the 50<sup>th</sup> year of publication of the South Shores Homeowners Association's *VIEW POINT* newsletter.

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**THE SOUTH SHORES HOMEOWNERS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES THAT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 AT 7:00 PM AT THE SOUTH SHORES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILED AGENDA**

The 2014 GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD was presented to *JOHN* and *JUNE TYMCZYSZYN* for their on-going efforts in maintaining our beautiful PASEO DEL MAR entry hardscape







**South Shores**

# ***VIEW POINT***

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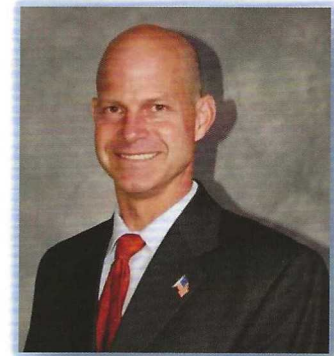
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January 2015

## **PRESIDENT'S POINT**

By *Richard Welsh*, 2014 Association President

What a fantastic year it has been working with my fellow South Shores Homeowners Association board members. The group really comes together to help out with the neighborhood issues at hand and their varied backgrounds have produced a dynamic team. I've truly enjoyed the challenges of serving as the Association's President for the past two years and as Vice President for several years before. I look forward to continuing on the Board as an active member under dynamic new leadership. The nominated slate of Officers and Board members may be found on page 3.



This year, our Annual Members' reception in September was held at the beautiful cliff top home of *John "Tym"* and *June Tymczyszyn*. This event also marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South Shores Homeowners Association. Originally, the event was planned for the Elks Lodge, however the fire on April 15<sup>th</sup> clearly put a glitch into this. Please see page 8 for an update on the plans for a new Elks Club. The Tymczyszyn's graciously stepped in to host for a second time while everyone in attendance raved at the camaraderie, high spirits and stunning setting. If you have never attended one of these gatherings you owe it to yourself to come check it out.

Our Social Chair, *Anita Mannila* did a wonderful job at coordinating the event as she has since starting it along with the Newcomer's Reception back in 2001- **19 events in all**. It is truly this social connection which helps make this neighborhood such a great place to live. Unfortunately, Anita will be leaving the board in 2015 but we'll do our best to try and bring her back for 2016! Her time, dedication and efforts have truly been much appreciated and her assistance will be dearly missed.

While we saw the tragic fire at the Elks Lodge, we also saw a tremendous reduction in the number of break-ins or burglaries and in our neighborhood thanks to our CyberWatch program. In 2013, the South Shores neighborhood witnessed 17 break-ins while through the first 11 months of 2014 there have only been 3! An article on CyberWatch is presented on page 9, including information on how you can join.

I would also like to recognize the efforts and dedication the editor of this fine newsletter has made over the years. Long time Board Member and former Association President *Vern Hall* has once again put together the great publication you see before you. Each year it seems to be bigger, brighter and better than the year before. As a new feature, on the inside back cover (page 11) of the newsletter you will find a handy Community Reference List giving phone numbers for many of our important community offices. Below it is a tear-off for your \$10 annual membership renewal so please be sure to mail it in before time carries it off. Let's all stay more connected and make 2015 greater than ever! I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting at which time I will pass the imaginary gavel to our new President.

## Annual Meeting Announcement

Date: **Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

Venue: **South Shores Magnet School Auditorium**

2060 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street (Thanks again to *Dr. Paul Suzuki*, Principal)

Agenda:

6:30 p.m.	Informal gathering of members.	
7:00 p.m.	Call to Order. Welcoming announcements	<i>Richard Welsh</i>
7:10 p.m.	Election of Officers and Board Members	<i>Jerry Gaines</i>
7:20 p.m.	Announcements/presentations by SSHA Committee Chairs	
7:40 p.m.	Remarks by Congresswoman <i>Janice Hahn</i> and/or staff (invited)	
8:00 p.m.	Remarks by Councilman <i>Joe Buscaino</i> and/or staff (invited)	
8:20 p.m.	Neighborhood Safety discussion, Sr. Lead Officer <i>Eve Wight</i> , LAPD	
8:40 p.m.	Additional Q & A with invited guests and Association Board Members	
8:50 p.m.	Meeting adjourns	
9:00 p.m.	Auditorium Closes	

## Nominees for 2015 Officers and Board of Directors

President: *Richard Scandaliato*

Vice-President: *Julian Jiminez*

Secretary: *Jerry Gaines*

Treasurer: *John Lang*

Corresponding Secretary: *Stan Katten*

Members: *Annette Brodsky* *Bob Genest*

*Joyce Hall* *Vern Hall*

*Geraldine Katten* *David Mc Mullen*

*Mingli Wang* *Richard Welsh*



Some of the 2014 Board Members gathered at the Annual Reception

**Nominations from the floor** to fill additional Board positions will be taken prior to the election at the Annual Meeting. Members of the Board are involved in a wide range of matters that focus on the betterment of the South Shores neighborhood.

In addition to the Annual Meeting and Members' Reception, 10 regular meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. If you are interested and willing to participate, please contact *Jerry Gaines* at 1-310-833-2103 prior to the Annual Meeting.



## Washington Report to South Shores

By Congresswoman *Janice Hahn* (D-CA44) and SSHOA Member

This month as I took my oath of office to begin a new term, I reflected on what an honor it is to represent you in Congress and how much I look forward to continuing to serve.

One of the priorities for our region, and indeed for our nation, is keeping our ports competitive and operating smoothly. Living in the harbor communities, we appreciate that the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are the major hub for imports coming into the United States and therefore a vital economic engine.

An Amendment I introduced to ensure that money collected at our ports goes back to our ports passed the House of Representatives with overwhelming bipartisan support. This meant an increase of almost \$60 million in Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund spending.

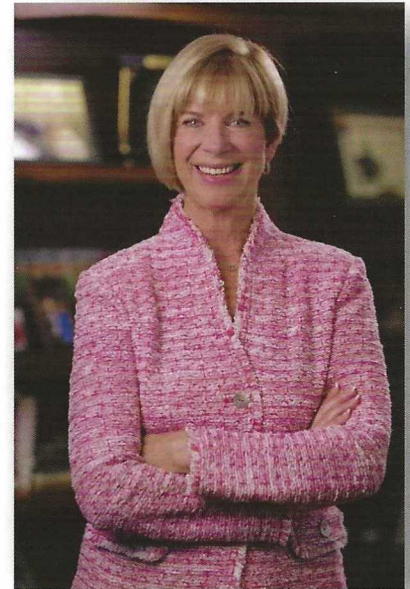
In addition, I introduced The National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2014 (HR 5101) to bolster our nation's ports and infrastructure used to move cargo across the nation. My legislation would create a National Freight Network Trust Fund – without raising taxes or imposing any new fees – that would generate approximately \$2 billion a year to fund vital infrastructure projects.

As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and founder and co-chair of the bipartisan PORTS Caucus, I am a strong advocate in Washington for our ports and infrastructure used to move cargo across the nation.

And whenever I am back at home during a Congressional district work period, I continue these efforts, seeking support from community groups and organizations in our district for my legislation. I am proud that a long, and growing, list of groups representing an array of interests – including business and trade groups, civic organizations and local governments – have endorsed my legislation, providing important momentum in the new Congress.

This year we will be working on a major transportation funding bill, and I will fight to make sure the needs of our ports and our freight transportation network are considered and supported. I am excited about the year ahead and eager to continue working on the important issues that Congress must address to keep America strong and prosperous.

I am grateful for the support and friendship of so many of my South Shores neighbors. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, fulfilling 2015.





## Councilman's Message to South Shores Residents

By Los Angeles 15<sup>th</sup> District Councilman *Joe Buscaino*, SSHA Member



I would like to wish all of my neighbors a happy and prosperous New Year. I am very hopeful that we will see many positive changes to our community in 2015. The issue that has always been most important to me as your Senior Lead Officer and continues to be priority as your Councilman is quality of life. It is the one issue that many agree has the most impact on neighborhoods like ours. I want our neighborhood to be safe, clean and valuable and I want the residents to know each other and experience joy living in one of the nicest places in California.

Recently, several hundred neighbors came together during the first ever Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Watch Flashlight Walk to the Corner Store. The Flashlight Walk served to illustrate that Coastal San Pedro is safe for an evening walk for families and that our neighbors are always out and watching their neighborhood. This event was born in the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Watch Group on Facebook. During the event LAPD Patrol Captain *Jennifer Thomas* announced a new dedicated LAPD "Quality of Life" patrol in the Harbor Division. This patrol will deal with shelter resistant homeless, drinking in public, suspicious behavior, recovery of stolen vehicles and graffiti. The new patrol, along with our vigilant neighbors, sends the message to those that may think about coming into our neighborhoods and causing havoc that they're being watched. I encourage all of you to join our Neighborhood Watch Facebook Group.

The Bureau of Engineering is finalizing the design of the Paseo Del Mar turnaround. The project will: 1) construct a new turnaround at the intersection of Weymouth Avenue, 2) remove existing pavement and fine grade the roadway to facilitate stormwater drainage, 3) partially backfill and grade the anchor bench using the stockpile west of the landslide including connection to the Los Angeles County storm drain, and 4) realign the security fence on Paseo Del Mar on the east and west sides of the landslide area.

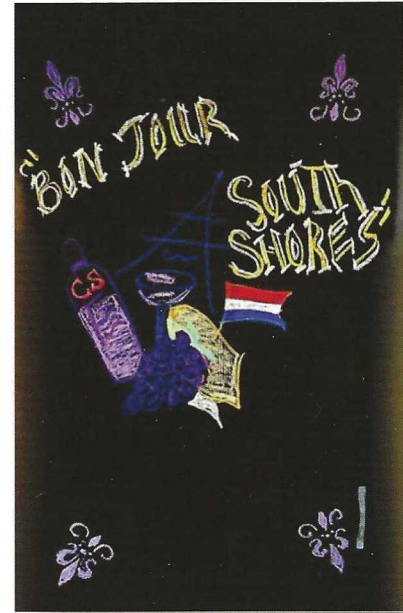
First impressions are everything. If we want to create an environment ripe for investment along our main corridor in San Pedro, then the redesign of Gaffey Street becomes a valuable tool in raising the value of our community. There has been a lot of recent talk about the Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan and most of it has been focused on lane reductions. I would like everyone to know that the plan is still in the workshop phase, which means that the team is investigating all possible options and fielding comments from residents. It is rare that residents have an opportunity to impact design of a main street in their community, creating a new environment for the next generation. With Gaffey Street, we are in that rare window of opportunity. The next workshop will be announced for January and I hope that many of you participate. While my office and the Mayor's office have heard and noted concerns about lane reductions, we are eager to hear more about how you would like Gaffey Street to look when complete. Our goal is to create an environment on Gaffey Street that promotes new investment. In December, we turned on the lights on the pedestrian bridge. That event served as the ceremonial beginning to a new Gaffey Street and the many positive changes we all look forward to in San Pedro.

Every neighborhood in the City has its own issues and energy. I am very inspired by the sense of community coming out of our neighborhood. All of us have been blessed to live in such a magnificent place and it is incumbent on us to collaborate in making our experience together even more valuable. One of my frustrations in my job as your Councilman is that the opportunity to spend time with many of you has diminished. Making myself available to five very different communities and 250,000 residents creates a lot of demands on my schedule and makes me less available to you compared to being your Senior Lead Officer. This is why I encourage the online conversation as my office and I are able to follow and be conscious of your daily concerns.

I look forward to serving as your Councilman in this new year and to seeing you in the neighborhood and at many events throughout the year.



On Sunday, September 28, 2014, 150 guests gathered at the home of **John** and **June Tymczynszyn** to enjoy our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Reception organized by Social Chair, **Anita Mannila**. This year's theme: "**Bon Jour South Shores**" featured French food prepared by Chefs **Michelle Sheridan**, **Joann Scandalianto** and **Geraldine Katten**. Liquid refreshments were served by **Sommeliers Noah Modisett** and **Jerry Gaines**. President, **Richard Welch** and Donor Chair, **Rich Scandalianto** handed out 21 door prizes to lucky winners. Entertainment was provided by **Pamela Clay**, who sang Edith Piaf's favorite French songs.



Food mavens, **Michelle Sheridan** and **June Tymczynszyn** happy at work.

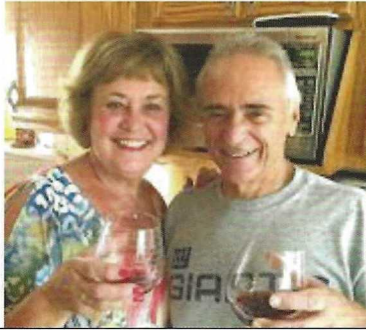


Fromage anyone?



Guests enjoying food, conversation and breathtaking views from the patio.





Bon vivants, **Joann** and **Richard Scandaliato** toasting



Greeters, **Margaret Capalia**, **Joyce Hall** and **Michele Mar** ready for the crowd.



**Anita** and **Dick Mannila** enjoying the moment.



LA Councilman, **Joe Buscaino**, with party hosts, **June** and **Tym**



**Pamela Clay** singing "La Vien Rose"



Association President, **Richard Welsh**, welcoming guests before the door prize drawings.



# Elk's Lodge Fire Aftermath Update

By *Noah Modisett*, SSHA Board Member

Like the *Phoenix* of classical antiquity, the beautiful San Pedro Elk's Lodge is resurrecting itself from the ashes of the structurally devastating fire that occurred in the early morning hours of April 15, 2014. Certainly one of the most dramatic events to happen in our neighborhood in many a year!



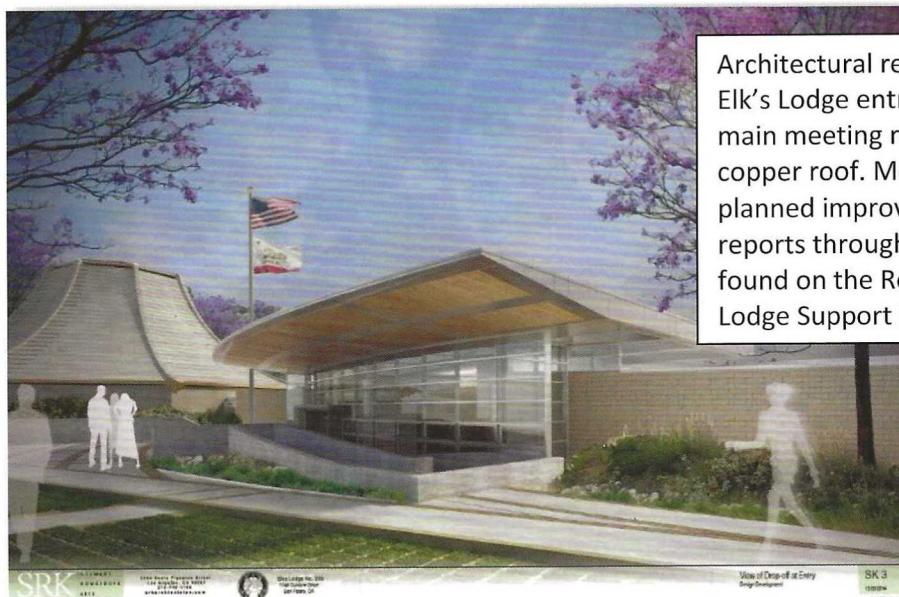
Charred remains of the Lodge entrance



The club house as seen from the pool area

Today, various steps are being taken and more are planned. The bedrock decision taken first was to rebuild on the 50 year old site. Next, the architect was selected. The Los Angeles firm of SRK was chosen. This firm previously did the design work for the Los Angeles Athletic Club. They are currently proceeding with drawing the plans that are due to be completed in early 2015. The second crucial step will be to choose a contractor. Simultaneously, their work will be coordinated with the Los Angeles City Planning Department. This involves guaranteeing that the construction process and end product conforms to the Building Code. An example of a possible required adjustment is to cause the parking lot grade not to exceed 5%.

The current plan is to rebuild on the previous footprint with more efficient allocation of space within the Lodge and, of course, upgrades using today's materials and technologies. The Lodge Trustees and House Committee have been working diligently to move the plans and construction to fruition. Hopefully, next year's VIEW POINT can report that the new phoenix has taken flight in all its glory. The South Shores Homeowners' Association Board still plans to have its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Party at the Elk's Lodge, once it's reopened in 2016.



Architectural rendering of the new Elk's Lodge entrance adjacent to the main meeting room with its iconic copper roof. More renderings of the planned improvements and progress reports throughout the year may be found on the Rebuild San Pedro Elks Lodge Support Page on Facebook.

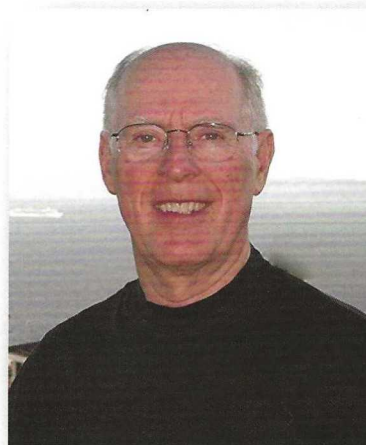


## **CyberWatch 101**

By *Robert Genest*, SSHA Board Member

### **What is CyberWatch?**

CyberWatch's main mission is to prevent home burglaries in South Shores. It does this by bringing the old neighborhood watch system into the digital age. It is not a social media website. It is a responsive email link between us and the LAPD.



CyberWatch was created two years ago in response to a sharp increase in South Shores break-ins. This rise in burglaries resulted from a Federal mandate to reduce prison overcrowding. It soon became clear that South Shores residents had to either adapt to changing times or become the next burglary victims. Since then, CyberWatch has grown steadily through word of mouth, from neighbor to neighbor. Today, over 180 South Shores homes participate in this vital community effort with more residents joining CyberWatch each month.

### **Is CyberWatch making a difference?**

In 2013, there were 17 home burglaries recorded in South Shores. In 2014, there have been only 3 home burglaries as of mid-December. This result would not have been possible without the increased vigilance of CyberWatchers and our strong partnership with the LAPD. Senior Lead Officer Eve Wight and Detective Tom Baran of the Burglary Division have been our highly dedicated and effective LAPD contacts and allies over these past two years.

### **How does CyberWatch work?**

First, all CyberWatch members are notified immediately via email whenever a break-in occurs in South Shores. The information includes important details of the break-in. These details have taught us how burglars operate and how to better protect our homes.

Secondly, CyberWatchers email suspicious activity, individuals and vehicles to the Block Captain. These reports are immediately forwarded to key LAPD contacts for investigation and entry into the Burglary Division's database. Then, license plate numbers are researched for the car's registered owners, addresses and possible criminal records for LAPD follow up. Such reports have paid off several times. Of course, if a CyberWatcher observes a burglary in progress or about to take place, they dial 911.

### **How can I join CyberWatch?**

It's simple. And, it's free. Become a CyberWatch member and join this growing community effort. Just email the following information to **cyberwatch@cox.net**

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

Your personal information will be kept confidential and used for emergency purposes only. It will not be shared with anyone without your permission. More CyberWatch members in our community means a safer South Shores for all of us to enjoy. Again, many thanks to all those CyberWatchers who have helped South Shores into safer harbor in 2014!



## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

By LAPD Senior Lead Officer, *Eve Wight*

Hello to all the wonderful residents of South Shores, I hope your Holiday season was happy and joyful.

First off, I want to say congratulations to you all. It was a great year crime wise in the South Shores area. With a fraction of the home burglaries that we saw in 2013, I would call that a very successful year for crime reduction. I attribute some of that success to some outstanding arrests made by Officer *Tom Baran* and Officer *Matt Vuoso*, but I also attribute A LOT of that success to the power of CyberWatch. CyberWatchers have been active all year, sharing information with each other and with the LAPD, keeping an eye out for the neighborhood, and calling out anything that looks suspicious or questionable. You folks have taken the safety of your neighborhood into your own hands, and done a bang up job. I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks to you. Your diligence and attentiveness have made my job so much easier.



One issue I did want to discuss was a rise in the telephone scams that we saw throughout the year. Anything from “I’m with the IRS and I’m sending the police to your house if you don’t give us money”, to “This is the Gas Company. You need to settle your bill now with a “Green Dot Card” or we will shut off your gas”. A few things these scams have in common: they want the money now; they usually ask you to purchase a “Green Dot” card (or something similar) and load the money on to it; they will frequently threaten or try to verbally intimidate you over the phone; they like to prey on the elderly. The important thing to remember is never give these people money. Hang up right away, and if you are truly concerned that it is the Gas Company, find an old bill and call the Gas Company to confirm. If you feel so inclined you can call the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) and report the incident to them. Most of these crooks are out of state and frequently out of the country. As such, they fall under the jurisdiction of the Federal government, rather than the LAPD. Remember to lock your car doors and windows! I look forward to continued crime reduction in 2015, and the Annual South Shores Homeowner’s Association Meeting! I hope to see you there.

## SSHOA Website Report

By *Dave McMullen*, SSHOA Web Master

The primary purpose of the *VIEW POINT* newsletter is to announce the Association’s Annual Meeting and the nominees for Officers and Board Members (page 3.) It also serves as our primary vehicle for the annual membership campaign (pages 11/12.) Although it contains reports on projects and issues germane to our neighborhood, the best way to stay current is through frequent visits to our expanded homepage at:

[www.SouthShoresHA.org](http://www.SouthShoresHA.org)

Key features of the site are:

- Neighborhood Watch activities and Community Safety information
- Business Directory featuring the services and products provided by South Shores residents and Association members
- List of Board Members and committee chairs
- Agendas and approved minutes of monthly Board meetings
- Access to original CC&R’s
- NEWS links to government offices, the San Pedro Community Plan and San Pedro attractions such as the U.S.S. Iowa and Crafted at the Port of Los Angeles
- Updates on the White Point slide and Ponte Vista projects
- Complete photos from our Annual Reception, Annual Meeting, Board meetings etc.





## COMMUNITY REFERENCE UPDATE

<b>U.S. Congresswoman Janice Hahn's District Office</b> 140 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	1-310-831-1799
<b>U.S. Post Office</b> 839 South Beacon St.	1-310-831-0264
<b>California Department of Motor Vehicles</b>	1-800-777-0133
<b>L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe</b> 302 West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street (Room 204)	1-310-519-6021
<b>L.A. County Animal Care and Control</b>	1-310-523-9566
<b>LOS ANGELES CITYWIDE SERVICES</b>	Dial 311
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	Dial 911
<b>San Pedro City Hall 638 S. Beacon St.</b>	
<b>Mayor Gil Garcetti</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)	1-310-732-4630
<b>Councilman Joe Buscaino</b> (Room 552)	1-310-732-4515
<b>Building and Safety</b> (Room 276)	1-310-732-4545
<b>L.A. Police Department Harbor Area Station</b> 2175 John S. Gibson Blvd.	1-310-726-7700
<b>Sr. Lead Officer Eve Wight</b>	1-310-869-2168
<b>L.A. Fire Department Fire Station 101</b>	1-310-548-7501
<b>L.A. City Recreation and Parks</b>	1-310-548-7675
<b>L.A. Department of Water and Power</b>	1-800-342-5397
<b>Port of Los Angeles 435 S. Palos Verdes St.</b>	1-310-732-7678
<b>San Pedro Chamber of Commerce</b>	1-310-832-7272
<b>Southern California Gas Company</b>	1-800-427-2200

### Notes:

Phone numbers verified as of 12-1-14

For information on local businesses, please see the Business Directory menu on our home page at: [www.SouthShoresHA.org](http://www.SouthShoresHA.org)

### South Shores Homeowners' Association Membership 2015

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**2015 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

Your annual membership fee is now due. Please cut off the form on the reverse (page 11) and mail your check payable to **SSHOA to P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733**. Dues remain at \$10 per household per year or \$200 lifetime membership. All information provided will be held as **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Over 100 members have pre-paid for 2015. If you have any questions regarding your pre-paid or lifetime membership status, please contact **Vern Hall**, Membership Chair at **1-310-832-6807**.