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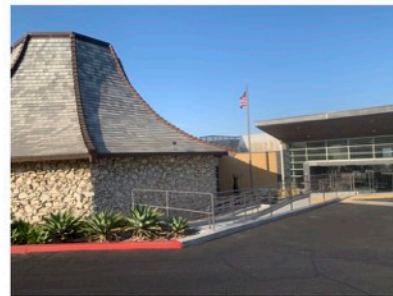
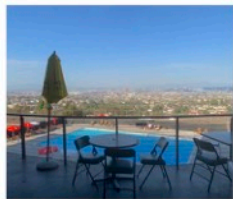
South Shores Community Association Newsletter

Welcome to the annual newsletter where your Community Association brings you the latest information and happenings in the South Shores neighborhood.

We are happy to announce we will be having the 1st In-person meeting in 3 years.

South Shores Community Association Annual Members Meeting

Tuesday March 21st, 2023 7:00pm - 9:00pm



Neighbors helping neighbors for 50 years

Guest Speakers from LAPD, Councilman's Office and the
Clearwater Project

REQUIRED - PLEASE RSVP by March 14, 2023

via our EVITE invitation or call: **562-294-6763**

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The San Pedro Elks Lodge #966

1748 Cumbre Dr., San Pedro, CA 90732

Memberships for 2023 will be accepted at door.

This event is by invitation. Only current paid members will be allow entry. ADULT MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE

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March 21, 2023 @ 7:00pm
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Annual Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 21st
7:00pm - 9:00pm



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

Introduction of Present Board Members

Nominations and Election of Officers
and Board Members

Jerry Gaines

Treasurer's Report

Lori Terzoli

2023 Membership Campaign

Gordon Thomas

LAPD SLO Officer

Melody Shortle

Update on LA Clearwater Project

Glenn Acosta P.E.

City Council Office Q&A

Tim McOske

Supervisor Janet Hahn's Office Q&A

Jennifer LaMarque

Annual Member Reception

Richard Welsh

Good Neighbor and Other Award Presentations

General Discussion (time permitting)

Topics and speakers are subject to change.

Election of Officers & Board of Directors

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.

Officers:

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

Board Members:

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

Nominations will be taken from the floor.



President's Point

by *Richard Scandaliato*, SSCA 2015-2023 President

I hope all is well with you and your respective families. So far, your SSCA has remained relevant through the “pandemic years”. This has been one of our goals over the last three reclusive years. In spite of several



obstacles, continuing to focus and maintain our respective responsibilities to each other and to serve our membership has been, and will remain our continued goal.

Our website continues to undergo changes and expanded appeal. This year 2023, is the first year the **View Point** newsletter will be available only on our website, www.southshoresca.org and not being available in a printed format and mailed to all South Shores residents. Many members have been reluctant to share their respective emails; perhaps with reason, however, going forward this will be the main source of communication between your Board and our Members. Consequently, I encourage **ALL** our members to please provide your email address; as well as, cell numbers to enhance and insure timely communications.

This past September the 50th Anniversary Members Only Reception was held at the Elks Club. It has been labeled “*the best of the best*” most attended reception, hosting 200 members and guests. The agenda was informative, concise and educational. Brief presentations were made by LA County Supervisor **Janice Hahn**, then candidate for LA City Council, **Tim McOsker**, Investor/ realtor **Erwin Bucy** and LAPD Senior Lead Officer **Melody Shortle**.

The year 2022 has seen two sub-groups of the SSCA grow within South Shores. The “**South Shores Sociables**” under the leadership of **Anita Mannila** is growing in popularity and membership. This energetic group of single

adults, meet periodically, socializing, performing activities and enjoying each other’s company. The “**South Shores Sidewalk Brigade**” under the enthusiastic leadership of **Gordon Thomas**, has been sprucing up your neighborhood; enhancing the eye appeal of South Shores. These volunteers have been racking, digging, cutting, trimming sidewalks, viewing spots, vacant lots, or areas in disarray. Although both groups serve different purposes, each fosters neighborhood unity, volunteerism, camaraderie and a coming together of neighbors for the “**good and benefit of others**”.

Bob Genest, with his leadership and communication skills, continues to lead, guide and navigate **Cyber Watch**; a digital version of Neighborhood Watch, to unparalleled success in maintaining South Shores as the safest community in San Pedro. Obviously, without law enforcement, namely our Senior Lead Officer Melody Shortle and LAPD Harbor Division, this achievement could not be attained. It’s unfortunate that LA County Sheriff Captain **James Powers**; who has been instrumental in curbing several issues plaguing Royal Palms, has retired this past January. Hopefully, his replacement will continue our newly formed alliance.

Speaking of replacements, our new Councilman **Tim McOsker**, has inherited several open issues: replanting of trees on Western Ave., sidewalk repair on Palacios Dr., alley repair in lower South Shores, tree trimming in both upper & lower South Shores, street repair at the corner of Vallecito & Mantis, unsightly & illegal “for rent” sign on 25th & Western, etc.

I’m both hopeful and confident that Councilman McOsker and his staff will address these and other issues in South Shores. Keeping in mind, that although our Councilman is a long time South Shores resident, his responsibilities covers the entire 15th District which he serves.

Although I have seen several “mock-up” proposals, for the Smart & Final/Bank of America property at the NW corner of 25th and Western ; to my knowledge, none have been

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President's Point cont.

submitted for approval. I can say, that the Smart & Final is scheduled for a "remodel" this spring/summer of 2023. Please keep watch for my monthly "Presidents Corner"; on our website, for updates as I become aware of them.

This coming March 21, The Annual Members meeting will be held at the Elks Club on Cumbre Drive. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7pm. (See accompanying agenda). In addition, the Annual Members only reception is also scheduled to be held at the Elks Lodge in the fall. By continuing to support the Elks Club, it is hoped that this alliance will forge a stronger, better co-operative place to hold social, family and neighborhood functions.

My "Thank you" goes out to our Board Dave Billings, Vice President; Jerry Gaines, Secretary; Lori Terzoli, Treasurer; Vern Hall, Membership Campaign (retiring from position); Richard Welsh, Social Chair; members at large: Gordon Thomas, Sidewalk Brigade; August Caimi, John Lang and Joyce Hall (retiring). Their support and overwhelming confidence in my leadership has been instrumental in our success. There are many things yet to be done, obstacles to be overcome, alliances to be formed, ideas to be put into action, new Board Members to be recruited.

The SSCA is your organization, in your neighborhood, let's do something together.

I want to be clear; Vern Hall is only giving up his role as Membership Campaign, Gordon Thomas will be succeeding him. However, Joyce Hall is retiring from the Board, following many years of dedication and countless volunteer hours.

Many, if not all of you are aware of the passing of **Noah Modisett**. Noah was a long-time member and former President of the South Shores Homeowners/Community Association. Noah passed on December 22nd. Noah was well known for always picking up garbage and other debris left on Cumbre and

Bogdanovich Park. Noah was a true patriot, retired Colonel US Army. Amongst Noah's many accomplishments, writer, poet, actor, singer, educator, husband, father, grandfather and dear friend. Noah loved my wife's' pasta and homemade limoncello. I and all those who knew Noah, loved him, he will be missed.

I want to thank the many new friends and neighbors our Border Collie and I; Lucca have met on our daily walks. Since my retirement you all make our day brighter and more rewarding each and every day.

In closing, "thank you" for allowing me the honor to continue serving you as President. Thank you for your patience, friendship, caring, contributions, volunteerism and most of all your membership. This year's **goal** for our membership campaign is 500 members. We look forward to 2023 "**the year of the rabbit**" to jump into meeting our goal.

Respectfully
Ricard H. Scandaliato

Postscript

from SSCA Vice-President Dave Billings:

The Internal Revenue Service has recently approved South Shores Community Association's status as a tax exempt social welfare organization under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)4. South Shores Community Association is also recognized by the State of California as a non-profit organization.



CyberWatch

By Robert Genest, CyberWatch Founder and SSCA Vice President Emeritus.

Hi Folks,

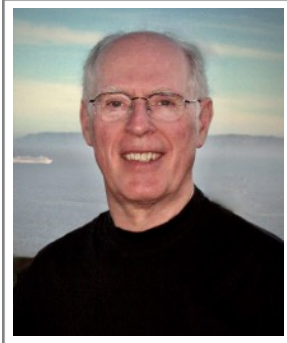
2022 was a record-breaking year for South Shores' CyberWatch.

Last year, Harbor LAPD recorded the lowest number of South Shores home burglaries in CyberWatch's 10 year history. Only 2 break-ins during the entire year. Back in 2013, CyberWatch's first year, 17 home burglaries took place in South Shores.

South Shores now has 618 members in CyberWatch, another record peak for this all-volunteer organization.

Thanks go to the vigilance of CyberWatch members, all South Shores residents. Their efforts were aided by our long standing Harbor LAPD partnership and Senior Lead Officer Melody Shortle. Of course, Covid 19's mixed blessing of more people at home in daylight hours helped this record. Nearly all home burglaries take place during daytime.

With so many new folks now making their home in South Shores, we've received many questions about how CyberWatch works. Here are some of those questions...and answers:



CYBERWATCH FAQs

What is CyberWatch?

CyberWatch is an enhancement of the old fashioned neighborhood watch system. It's major benefit: many more folks "seeing something and saying something".

How is CyberWatch better than neighborhood watch meetings?

There are several advantages to CyberWatch:

- We all live in a time-starved world. Not enough hours to do everything.
- CyberWatch members appreciate the fact that there's no need to attend neighborhood watch meetings at the end of a long, busy day.
- According to the LAPD, the traditional neighborhood watch meeting ranges from 4 to 15 attendees. Most meetings tend toward small turnouts. Such a small group has a seriously limited impact on controlling neighborhood crime.
- Secondly, CyberWatch members appreciate their privacy. They take comfort in reporting suspicious activity confidentially. They know that their identity and

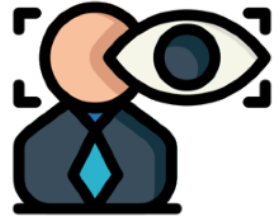
information will be kept confidential from the general population, unless they choose otherwise.

- Thirdly, the benefit of LARGE numbers. CyberWatch's membership consists of over 600 South Shores members. Such a large concentration of active observers and reporters has created a culture of vigilance and reporting activity over the past 10 years. A known fact: the "bad guys" have a network and talk to each other. So, the gang buzz that South Shores seems a riskier target than most neighborhoods appears to have deterred crimes at our local level.
- Finally, Harbor LAPD Burglary Division tells us that CyberWatch reports receive a high priority of attention because they are prescreened for authenticity at the point of entry before reaching them. CyberWatch has made their use of time spent on patrols and investigation more efficient.

How does it work?

CyberWatch members report their observations and video clips of suspicious persons or activity to CyberWatch via confidential email. This information is then reported directly to the Harbor LAPD's Senior Lead Officer and/or the LAPD Burglary Division for possible investigation.

Exception: If it appears that a crime is in the process of being committed, 911 should be called directly. CyberWatch is also notified of the call to ensure follow through.



Quarterly CyberWatch Reports to Members

At the end of each quarter, in April, July, October and January, every CyberWatch member receives an email report detailing all reported crimes in South Shores for the previous quarter. These reports include street location, the date, the time and type of crime committed. These reports often include the methodology of the crime. This information has proven useful in showing us how certain crimes are committed and how we can best avoid becoming a crime victim.

How can I join CyberWatch?

It's simple. And, it's free. Just email the following information to **Bob@CyberWatch22.org**:

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

Your personal information will be kept strictly confidential and used for emergency purposes only. It will not be shared with anyone without your permission.

Not a member yet? Time to join your neighbors in this great community effort. Help keep South Shores one of the safest neighborhoods in the entire South Bay.



2022 Annual Members Reception

By Richard Welsh, SSCA Social Chair.

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Save the Date:
2023 Annual Member Reception
Sunday, Oct 1, 2023



From the Web Master

By Jeniffer McMullen

In this era of rapid technology growth, technology has the ability to divide us but also to bring us together. The South Shores Community Association (SSCA) website, SouthShoresCA.org, is an important tool for connecting the community of South Shores.

The website enables the SSCA to communicate with South Shores residents and business owners – letting them know what is or will be happening in the South Shores neighborhood. The SSCA website has a photographic history library of South Shores and historic neighborhood photos. There are even links to a *Port of L.A. history video series* which tells a wonderful story of the history of San Pedro, Wilmington and how important the Port is to American History.

The website allows SSCA to honor our neighbor's efforts like the Annual Holiday Lights contest. The website brings people together – the Annual Meetings, the Sociables group, and the Sidewalk Brigade. It shares knowledge and safety – CyberWatch, coyote awareness, business directory, and our directory to public resources.

The website is an amalgamation of submissions by the SSCA Board of Directors and volunteers. They are a hard-working group focused on bringing South Shores together and fostering community-mindedness. I hope that you visit our website often. Feel free to offer up ideas, concerns, or your desire to help with the board or join one of our groups.



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Why Join South Shores Sociables?



It's convenient
It's good for your health
Build connections
Make new friends



If you're flying solo, consider joining this group created to connect single members of SSCA. It's not a dating platform! Last year's initial group of ten members has grown to twenty-four. We meet every month in members' backyards, decks, patios, or driveways. A book club and mahjong group are in the works.

If you're interested in joining South Shores Sociables, please include your name, address, phone number, and email address and send to Southshoresociables@outlook.com.

Your personal information will be kept confidential and only shared with other Sociables members.

News, Views and Announcements



The SSCA Sidewalk Brigade continues to grow as a fun way to connect with neighbors, help your neighborhood, and get some exercise. In 2022, energetic volunteers helped spruce up



Cleaning after storm

several areas in the South Shores area notably the "lookout" on the corner of Cumbre & Mantis, areas along Anchovy Ave, Mermaid Ave and Western Ave. Volunteers also stepped up when high winds caused large branches to fall blocking the road. A huge thank you goes out to all who have helped and did their part to keep our sidewalks safe and looking good.

Projects for 2023 will include revisiting areas prone to overgrowth and new areas which are brought to

Home Holiday Decoration Awards

The SSCA Home Holiday Decoration Awards for 2022 was a huge success.



The purpose of this program is to acknowledge homeowners for outstanding holiday displays. This year had more people decorating their homes which made judging even more difficult. Cash awards were given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers.

Thank you to volunteer judges, those who took the time to decorate, and to our winners.

our attention. To get involved, keep an eye out for posts on the SSCA Facebook page and announcement emails. You can also call the SSCA voicemail at 562-294-6763 or submit your interest via the SSCA website contact form.



Before cleanup After cleanup

Keeping Paseo Del Mar Beautiful

For anyone that has lived in South Shores for any amount of time knows that windy days means palm fronds on our streets. SSCA would like to thank all the neighbors who take the time to collect the palm fronds off the street and put into an area where the City can collect them. *This is particularly noticeable along Paseo del Mar in Lower South Shores.* Your efforts are a huge help and we very much appreciate you for helping out this way.



South Shores School Updates

By Dr. Paul Suzuki - School Principal



Over the past recent years, South Shores Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School has been awarded the:

- National Blue Ribbon Award
- California Distinguished School Award
- California School Boards Association Golden Bell Award
- Los Angeles County Music Center Bravo Award

In addition, this past February, at the Disneyland Hotel, South Shores Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School was presented with the California Exemplary Arts Education Award!

Here is a link to the CA Department of Education News Release where it gives recognition to our school for being awarded the California Exemplary Arts Education Award:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr23/yr23relo6.asp>

The California Exemplary Arts Education Award and the other prestigious awards mentioned above, exemplify the outstanding work by our amazing faculty and the awesome support provided by our wonderful staff, administrators, parents, and families in providing our children with an excellent education, where the arts and academics have created the most extraordinary school for our students to experience!

School Construction Update

Regarding the construction project, the new two-story building is scheduled to be completed in about one year from now. All the temporary classrooms on the upper yard will be removed and the teachers who have occupied those temporary classrooms will move into the new two-story building. The upper yard will then be resurfaced with an additional grass area for the children to enjoy.

We want to thank our neighbors for their patience and understanding. We also wish to give a special thank you to the South Shores Community Organization for their kind appreciated support!

We are so very proud to represent South Shores! Winning the California Excellence in Arts Education award was a huge honor for us all!



LA County Sanitation District Clearwater Project Update

For the latest update on this long term project that will effect South Shores in the future, please visit <https://www.clearwater.lacsd.org/>

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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 (Hina Ahmad, SP Field Rep) 222 West 6 th Street, Suite 203	1-310-514-8573
California District 66 Assemblyman	Al Muratsuchi 3424 West Carson St. Suite 450, Torrance CA 90503	1-310-375-0691
Los Angeles County Supervisor	Janice Hahn 302 West 5 th Street #200	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's Office	(Room 301)	1-310-732-4632
Councilman Tim McOsker	(Room 552)	1-310-732-4515
Building and Safety	(Room 276)	1-310-732-4545
L.A. Police Department	2175 John S. Gibson Blvd.	1-310-726-7700
L.A. City Attorney Mediator:	email: mediate@lacity.org	1-213-978-1880
LAPD Senior Lead Officer:	Melody Shortle	37142@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.





BECOME A
MEMBER
JOIN TODAY!

South Shores Community Association

*Helping to foster a community that cares about one another
and nurturing a spirit of neighborliness*

www.southshoresca.org/membership/join

Or mail check to SSCA P.O. Box 922, San Pedro CA 90733

SOUTH SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2023

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

