

South Shores *VIEW POINT*

ANNOUNCING:
South Shores Homeowners' Association
2009 ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 27th
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



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SOUTH SHORES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2009

VENUE: South Shores Magnet School Auditorium
2060 West 35th Street

AGENDA:

6:30 p.m.	Light Refreshments
7:00 p.m.	Meeting Convenes, Announcements
7:10 p.m.	Election of Officers and Board Members (See below)
7:20 p.m.	Informational Presentations
7:45 p.m.	Interaction with Invitees*
8:30 p.m.	Meeting Adjourns, Informal discussions
9:00 p.m.	Auditorium Closes

***INVITEES:** 15th District Councilwoman **Janice Hahn** and Staff
Mayor's San Pedro Representative: **Ricardo Hong**
Port of Los Angeles Executive Director: **Dr. Geraldine Knatz**
LAPD Neighborhood Watch Senior Lead Officer **Joe Buscaino**
LAFD Battalion 6 Commander and Fire Station 101 Captain
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council President: **June Smith**
Chamber of Commerce CEO: **Camilla Townsend**

This is your chance to hear what's going on and to ask questions directly to the City officials, agency representatives and community-based organizations that impact our quality of life in South Shores. Don't miss the opportunity!

Thanks once again to **Dr. Paul Suzuki**, Principal, South Shores Magnet School for the meeting venue.

NOMINEES FOR 2009 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Fred Burkholder	
Vice-President:	Richard Welsh	
Secretary:	Christine Danella	
Treasurer:	Emma Reinie	
Members:	Christine Braganza	Georgia Cordero
	Jerry Gaines	Bob Genest
	Joyce Hall	Stephanie Jordan
	Steve Jordan	Geraldine Katten
	Stan Katten	John Lang
	Anita Mannila	Dave McMullen
	Noah Modisett	

Nominations from the floor will also be taken prior to the Election.
New Board members are always welcome. All that's required is a willingness to participate and contribute to the betterment of our neighborhood.



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PRESIDENT'S POINT by Association President Noah Modisett

Your view of our Association may be on two levels: what is visible and apparent, and what is not obvious and widely known.

You see the sign at 25th and Western indicating our support of the Adopt-a-Highway Program on Western from Summerland to 25th Street. That involves **Caltrans** and **Clean San Pedro** in the never-ending task of trash removal and vegetation trimming. (You can take an active part in this, see Pg.5.)

Two hardscapes identifying South Shores are now in view: one at Western and Paseo del Mar and the newer one at 25th and Western. Board members and others constructed them and now maintain them.

Each year members are invited to a sun-baked, convivial reception at a special South Shores home with a view. (Pg.4.) This party, let alone the fellowship itself, is worth multiples of the annual membership dues.

Your computer gives you a view of our website: www.SouthShoresHA.org, containing current information about South Shores and links to San Pedro and beyond. This venue is as candid and transparent as possible in presenting the operations of the Association and the opportunities for social and psychic involvement in the community.

On the website you may see in general terms the work of the Architectural Committee. (Now we venture into an area not widely seen.) The committee of three residents counsel with homeowners in the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R) Tracts, who are planning outside alterations on their house. This involves extensive "honest brokering" with the owner and the neighbors to come to a plan that respects both parties. Most of the work is seen by a few.

At an even more unseen level, members of the Board labored to protect the R-1 zoning requirements of our beautiful neighborhood. This involved opposing zone variances and supporting Coastal Commission rules.

If you recreate in our parks you have seen little trash and only short lived graffiti. That's because of our personal relationships with park personnel and our immediate use of 3-1-1 for graffiti removal. (By the way, you can call 3-1-1 yourself for these and other problems. See Pgs 8 & 9.)

This approach also works for allegedly non-compliant residences (unkempt, unsafe, unhealthy). More than one owner, when told how others see their property, has changed their view.

Some residents let us know that their view was reduced by parked oversized vehicles. We wrote the Councilwoman, asking to be included in a pilot program to restrict parking of such vehicles in the late night/early morning hours. This program has been expanded where needed and requested.

Finally, we have quietly watched the ebb and flow of the Ponte Vista development on North Western Avenue. The issue is relevant because of the effect it might have on traffic mobility to and from South Shores. Now that the Planning Department recommended disapproval of the 1950 home proposal, we saw our way to support their recommendations. (See Pg. 5.)

Like a ship at sea, what is unseen may be as significant as what is visible. At least, that is my view.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEMBER'S RECEPTION

It was a gorgeous day in September when the Association sponsored its Annual Members' Reception. This year, it was hosted by **Terry and Anci Katnic** at their beautiful home overlooking Royal Palms Beach Park. What a view!



The event was attended by 108 lucky South Shores residents. Once again, a fine beverage service was hosted by Board Treasurer, **Richard Welsh**, wearing his custom "South Shores" black apron.

The afternoon reception also featured a lot of delicious food from a professional Taco Bar as can be seen from the folks lined up below.



Door prizes were also awarded: aprons and gift certificates for the **22nd Street Landing** restaurant in San Pedro. Once again, the reception was a huge success.

Hope to see you in 2009!

See Pgs. 11&12 for Membership Info.

PONTE VISTA UPDATE

By **Jerry Gaines**, SSHOA Vice-President,
Member, Ponte Vista Citizens Advisory
Committee

The proposed 1,950-home Ponte Vista housing development proposal (planned for the former Navy housing site on North Western Avenue in San Pedro) by developer Bob Bisno received a negative report from the City of Los Angeles Planning Department in November, 2008. The Planning Department recommended disapproval of the project as proposed by the developer. This action was based on their findings that the proposed plan is inconsistent with the City's General Plan.

Concerns about density, traffic and neighborhood character were cited in the disapproval recommendation. Special concern was noted in the proposed senior housing portion of the development. The proposed location on the former Navy housing site's distance from commercial services and lack of adequate alternative public transportation were concerns of the City planners.

The City planners suggested that a modest project of mixed use multiple-family housing similar to housing located in "The Gardens" nearby would be more suitable. Some 700 to 1,100 units with adequate open space could address future housing needs for the area and would be more in keeping with the City's General Plan and the existing Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan.

After reviewing the findings and recommendations in the report from the City Planning Department, the South Shores Homeowners Association sent a letter to the City Planning Commission indicating support for their recommendations. In the judgment of the SSHOA Board of Directors, the construction of a housing project of 1,950 homes as proposed by the developer would create potentially severe stress on the movement of traffic along Western Avenue.

City planners agreed with our concerns in recommending rejection of the project.

The proposed housing project is now scheduled to go before the City Planning Commission during the month of February, 2009. A comment only hearing by the Harbor Area Planning Commission was held on December 2, 2008. The complete report and current status is available on our website: www.SouthshoresHA.org

WESTERN AVENUE UPDATE

By **Joyce Hall**, SSHOA Board Member,
Adopt-A-Highway Chair

At its November 2008 meeting, the SSHOA Board of Directors voted to re-apply to the State Highways Department to maintain our role under the Adopt-A-Highway program. We are responsible for litter removal along 1.99 miles of Western Avenue from Summerland Avenue to 25th Street. Keeping this street clean is a continuous problem, particularly along the western slope of the hillside between 9th and 19th Streets. The biggest problem is that drivers tend to use this stretch as an impromptu trash can and dump site. If you see illegal dumping, please call 311 (see page 10.)

As the Association's representative for this important Program, I have been reluctant to ask South Shores residents to volunteer to don the orange vests and pick up the trash on a regular basis. My concern is primarily one of safety because of its curves and the fact that many drivers exceed the posted 40 mph speed limit. Instead, I have asked City and State street maintenance officials to have the work performed either by staff or by folks required to perform community service. During the past months, we have been successful in having the City notify property owners abutting the highway that they are responsible for their vegetation and CALTRANS has trimmed many of the trees along the eastern side. During 2009, the City will be improving the west side of the street from 9th to 19th by creating a continuous no-parking zone. Kudos also to **Steve Kleinjan** and his crew from Clean San Pedro, Inc. for their help in bagging and removing the trash along this highway that serves as a major entry into South Shores.

SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY ISSUES

By **Vern Hall**, SSHA Board Member

In addition to the controversial Ponte Vista project, the Association continues to monitor key issues and developments in the San Pedro community. Members of our Board attend and/or participate in Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council, San Pedro & Peninsula Homeowners' Coalition and Port of Los Angeles meetings and hearings throughout the year. Many South Shores residents also serve on community boards and other citizen's groups. Of course, one of our Association members sits on the City Council: the Honorable **Janice Hahn**.

The **Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CSPNC)** governing board meets on the third Monday of each month at the Cabrillo Marina Community Center under the leadership of President **June Smith**. Community concerns are discussed at Council meetings and communicated directly to City officials. The CSPNC also publishes the "Coastal Currents" quarterly newsletter and maintains a comprehensive website at: www.coastalsanpedro.org.

The biggest issue in the geographical area of Coastal San Pedro continues to be the proposed new LAUSD high school at the Angels Gate. In support of the grass-roots organization NOISE (Neighbors Organized and Involved to Support Education), the Council strongly voted to oppose construction of this new high school that is planned to serve as an annex to the existing San Pedro High School. Compelling arguments have been developed on all sides of the issue. NOISE has expressed serious concerns about the condition of the existing school and feels that the \$102.5 million budget would be better spent in upgrading its campus facilities. In addition, it has concerns about the impacts of traffic that will be generated by the construction and operations of the proposed campus at the Upper Reservation of Fort MacArthur. Differing opinions in the community believe that school bond money is available and "earmarked" for new construction and that San Pedro certainly "deserves" a new facility. The SSHA Board has remained neutral on this matter.

The **San Pedro and Peninsula Homeowners' Coalition** is long-standing community

organization that meets on the 4th Monday of the month with **Andrew Mardesich** serving as President. Among its past accomplishments are: initiating the successful China Shipping lawsuit and creating the Port Community Advisory Committee. The Coalition represents 15 homeowner or resident associations covering San Pedro and the eastern slope of the Palos Verdes hills. They're agenda focuses on such important issues as: air quality concerns associated with Port developments and operations; the Ponte Vista project; emergency preparedness; downtown San Pedro developments; the LPG terminal on North Gaffey Street; recreational facilities in San Pedro and the impacts of group housing throughout our community. The Coalition regularly comments on Environmental documents and supports positions taken by its member organizations. Its meetings are open to all and are announced in the Daily Breeze and various community websites.

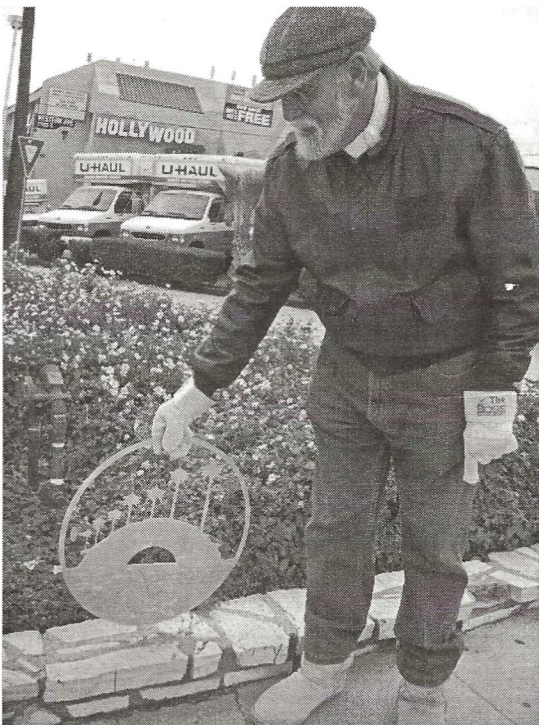
The **Port of Los Angeles** continues to dominate much of the news in and around San Pedro. It has implemented several air quality mitigation measures such as Alternative Marine Power for some ships at berth and the Clean Truck Program. Details of these industry-leading programs can be found on the Port's extensive and very informative website: www.portoflosangeles.org. One thing missing in this material is appropriate credit for the community organizations (mentioned herein) that "pushed" Port officials, managers and staff into accepting responsibility for protecting the human environment while expanding the Port's facilities and operations.

Recent news from the Port includes approval of the Final Environmental Documents for the Pier 400 Marine Oil Terminal project and release of the Draft EIS/EIR for the San Pedro Waterfront Project that covers the area from the Cruise Center to Cabrillo Beach. This long-awaited and ambitious program remains both highly desired by the community as well as controversial. The most controversial element is the component that would build one or two new cruise ship terminals in the Port's outer harbor area near Cabrillo Beach.

Port construction news includes completion of the Gateway Plaza Fairfare Fountain in 2008 and start of the second phase of the Cabrillo Marina in 2009. For more on these projects and many others, check the Daily Breeze and the Port's website.

NEW HARDSCAPE CONSTRUCTED

The City of Los Angeles' Department of Neighborhood Beautification awarded a grant to the South Shores Homeowners' Association to place a second entry sign "hardscape" at a key location in the neighborhood: the intersection of Western Avenue and 25th Street. In late summer 2008, we finally received permission from City's Department of Public Works and Transportation to install the signage at the recently landscaped "triangle" median.



Project Engineer and SSHOA Board Member, **John Lang**, is shown here with the Association's logo that he had fabricated from stainless steel and is ready to install in the existing stonework. Upon completion of the project, a dedication ceremony will be held during January 2009. Check our website and the Daily Breeze for details.

DINING AND DANCING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

John Lang has also taken the lead in establishing one of the social programs sponsored by the Association. He reports that: "We have a unique treasure in South Shores, the San Pedro Elks Club. With its spectacular views of the harbor and downtown Los Angeles, its ballroom dance floor and its excellent kitchen, the Club attracts people from all over the City. The Elks have graciously opened their doors to our South Shores neighbors so that we can attend some of their dance nights. Dinner is served buffet style with a wide selection of salads, meat and fish entrees and desserts. The current cost, including dancing to a live band, is about \$ 18 per person, arguably one of the best entertainment deals in LA.

Our next event is scheduled for **Friday, February 20, 2009**. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by e-mail to johnslang2@cs.com or phone John or Annette at 1-310-547-5223. **Singles are always welcome.** Hope to see you there."



Your One Call to City Hall!

City government agencies, including the Los Angeles Fire Department have worked together to develop a...

Citywide Services Directory

...and a single toll-free phone number to contact City of Los Angeles officials for any **non-emergency** public service:

3-1-1

We encourage you to visit, become familiar with and bookmark the Citywide Services Directory. We also welcome local residents, visitors and businesses to call **3-1-1** whenever they need assistance with routine and non-emergency City Services, including those offered by the Los Angeles Fire Department.

**CALL 9-1-1 to request EMERGENCY HELP
from Police, Firefighters and Paramedics!**

The phone number to report emergencies (**9-1-1**) has not changed. Nor have the direct dial phone numbers for contacting City Department officials. There is now however, a convenient way for you to get in touch with the City of Los Angeles for all routine matters: **3-1-1**.

In Los Angeles, **3-1-1** Ambassadors are trained to answer questions, process service requests or assist you in contacting any City agency, local Elected Official or Commission Member. They'll even put you in direct touch with your Neighborhood Fire Station or Community Police Station when you have a routine question or concern that can be handled over the phone.

3-1-1 is your simple way to contact any City of Los Angeles staff member, service desk or hotline. It is not however, a method for reporting "little" emergencies. There is no such thing as a little emergency in Los Angeles. Be aware that **3-1-1** may function differently in other communities.

PLEASE REMEMBER

ANY situation that directly endangers human life or property, and demands IMMEDIATE attention is an EMERGENCY and should be reported directly to 9-1-1.

Make sure your family, friends and neighbors know about **3-1-1** in Los Angeles.

Around-the-clock, every day of the year, the City of Los Angeles **3-1-1** system is truly **Your One Call to City Hall**. We welcome your call today!

In the City of Los Angeles...

- For routine City business and non-emergency services: **Call 3-1-1**

Outside the City of Los Angeles...

- Within the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura, contact the City of Los Angeles 3-1-1 Center toll-free at: **1-866-4LACITY**
- From anywhere outside the above mentioned areas, please call the City of Los Angeles 3-1-1 Center at: **(213) 473-3231**

Anywhere in California...

- **To report an EMERGENCY, always dial 9-1-1**
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NOTE: The information on Pages 8-9 is presented as a service to the residents of South Shores. Association Board members (and others) have had many successful experiences using the 3-1-1 call in dealing with everyday “problems” such as: graffiti removal, dead animal removal, overnight parking violations and clean up of illegal dumping. The service is also available as a link on our website: www.SouthShoresHA.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Our website also contains information on the subject of Emergency Preparedness due the fact that we are located on a peninsula with limited highway access, in a high seismic zone and adjacent to the large industrial complex associated with the Port of LA. Currently, the most comprehensive material can be found under QUICK LINKS-USEFUL SITES: **COPSS**.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH & LAPD ALERTS

By **Georgia Cordero**, SSHA Board Member

The **Neighborhood Watch** meetings for all of South Shores are held on a bi-monthly basis at the South Shores Elementary School auditorium. These meetings are highly informational and instructive and are headed by LAPD Senior Lead Officer **Joe Buscaino**. In addition to the Association's Annual Meeting [Pg. 2], the Neighborhood Watch meetings are an excellent opportunity to raise questions of immediate concern to you and your neighbors and to get the latest information on such important matters as: home security, crime prevention and emergency preparedness. Meetings are posted in advance on our website: www.SouthShoresHA.org and announced by flyers that **Jeanine Kennedy** and I distribute to individual homes.

As occasions arise, OfficeR Buscaino issues alerts to the neighborhood that can be found on the website. In recent months, we have "published" alerts on illegal **Door-to-Door Solicitations**, **Identification Theft** and a **Phony Accident Scam**.

Senior Lead Officer Joe Buscaino
San Pedro Basic Car Area 5A85
1-310-869-2168

LAPD TEXT-A-TIP

In response to demand from the public for **secure and anonymous** ways to submit crime tips to the authorities, the Los Angeles Police Department has developed two new anonymous tip services. They are:



1. Text-a-tip Service:

The user types "LAPD" plus their tip on their cell phone or PDA and texts it to "**CRIMES**" (274637). The text message is encrypted and

an alias is generated, masking the identity of the sender from the police. The police have no way of determining the user's identity.

2. New Web Tip link

Users go to www.lapdonline.org and follow the link for "Anonymous Web Tips." The user then fills in a form and submits it via the Internet. The tip goes through a secure server. Again the identity of the sender is masked from the detectives receiving the Web tip.

These new crime tip services are for non-emergency investigative information only and **will not** generate a radio call or summon the police to your location.

For your safety, you should always delete all text messages to and from "CRIMES" (27463) from your in box and your out box. The LAPD notes that the program is available on most, but not all major wireless carriers, therefore they cannot guarantee that this program will work for all participants. Although the program is complimentary to participants, standard text messaging rates may apply. Check with your carrier and wireless plan for details.

You will not be asked to reveal your identity to the Police in order to provide information about a violent crime and the Police will not be able to trace the text message in any way. A special computer server will encrypt your message and mask your identity before sending your tip to the Police. This service is truly anonymous.

The LAPD wants information on every type of crime, not just those covered in the media. The text tip line is not traced, and they are not interested in the user's identity. They believe these new anonymous forms of providing tips to the Police offer a way for callers to rid their neighborhoods of crime **SAFELY**. For more information on this new program, please visit LAPD's website: www.lapdonline.org

YOUR \$10 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION DUES JUST BECAME A BIGGER, BETTER BARGAIN THAN EVER BEFORE!

ANNOUNCING A WONDERFUL NEW BENEFIT FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, THE.....

SOUTH SHORES ON-LINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Business Owners

If you are an Association member who owns a business, sells a product, or provides a service, here is a no-cost opportunity to share that information with your fellow Association members and others who visit our website: www.SouthShoresHA.org. Beginning in 2009, a **members-only Business Directory** will be featured on this website. This is an additional benefit of membership in the Association and is included in the \$10 annual membership fee! If you would like your business, product or service listed in the directory, **just complete the form below and include it in the envelope with your Association dues.** (If you have pre-paid for 2009, please clip the form and return it in the envelope.). You will receive advertising for the entire year! The form will also be posted on the website in early 2009.

Non-Business Owners

Looking for a restaurant or a plumber or a babysitter? Wouldn't you rather support your neighbors rather than faceless corporations? We urge you to consult your Association's Business Directory first – before you look in the yellow pages. You can search by category or by business name to find locally owned products and services that you can trust.

This service will be established with your responses and maintained by Association Board Secretary **Christine Danella** and Web Master **Dave McMullen**.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS BUSINESS DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ **Website or E-Mail:** _____

Product(s) or Services Provided: _____

Contact: _____



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Permit No. 172

Dear South Shores Homeowner:
It's time to renew your \$10.00 annual membership in
the South Shores Homeowners' Association

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR PAYMENT IN THE ENCLOSED
ENVELOPE TODAY! MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
SOUTH SHORES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.**

Thanks to the support of you and your neighbors, you help ensure that South Shores continues to be an attractive and safe place to live. Here's what your dues helped the SSHOA accomplish in 2008:

- Linked with Councilwoman Hahn's office and other agencies to restrict parking of oversized vehicles, improve traffic safety, reduce traffic noise and ensure removal of graffiti throughout your neighborhood as quickly as it appears.
- Received Los Angeles city approval and constructed a South Shores welcome monument at 25th and Western. [Page 7]
- Improved our colorful South Shores website: www.SouthShoresHA.org to make sure you get the latest information on events in your community. It's worth visiting. Give it a click! [See Page 11 for details on a new opportunity for Members to advertise.]
- Focused on air quality concerns through liaison with other local neighborhood groups and the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council. [Page 6]
- Hosted neighborhood social events such as the annual Members' Reception [Page 4] and dinner dances at the Elk's Club. [Page 7] What a fun way to meet your neighbors!

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT