



LITTLE ISLAND

News

The Little Balboa Island Property Owners' Association is dedicated to maintaining a safe, enjoyable, and harmonious neighborhood while increasing the value of its members' properties.

LITTLE BALBOA ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Remaining 2019 Calendar

Sun. September 8 In-N-Out (Sunday after Labor Day)

Sat. December 7 Holiday Party (first Sat. Evening of Dec.)

President's Report, by Ken Yonkers - August 2019



Thank you to our longtime Secretary and Treasurer **Donna Hammond** for her decades of service to the Little Island Board. After 56 years on the Little Island, she has relocated to Costa Mesa to be near family. She is not exactly sure how long she served on the Little Island Board but it could be 30 years. Her contributions were many and consistent over the years. Thank you Donna, you will be missed!

Annette Giermann will take over the Treasurer responsibilities and I will take over Secretary, for the time being.

We are working several projects for the Little Island. We are looking to **put up-lights on our Palm Trees** in the medians. Additionally we are looking to put **outlets near the trees** so they can be decorated with lights for the holidays. A frequent question that comes up, "Will they be on timers?" The answer is yes, just like our lighthouses, they will turn off at a reasonable hour to not disturb our Park Avenue residents.

We are still looking to add a "**Yard Arm**" **nautical flag pole** to the first median from the bridge as a grand welcoming presence. We are looking for a sponsor or sponsors for the flag pole. \$8,000 buys you sole dedication plaque for the life of the flagpole. If we do not have any \$8,000 takers, we will attempt to do four \$2,000. We already have one \$2,000 commitment. Please reach out to Ken 949-683-7805 if interested, as this will be first come, first serve opportunity. Thanks for your patience. As you can imagine, the permitting aspect of these projects is laborious. We are making progress though! If anyone has any questions or concerns of these projects, we welcome your call.



Donna Hammond, 2nd from left, served on the LBIPOA Board for nearly 30 years.

Thank you to:

Bing Girling for his diligent work with our Little Island Property Owners' roster. Our roster of property owners may be more accurate than ever before. Thanks Bing!

Annette Giermann for all the many things she does for our Board. She recently took over as Treasurer and she is currently spearheading our new Little Balboa Island website project. She also helps me stay on the City and Park West (the City's landscaper) for more water for our beautiful flowers at our median end-caps.

Craig Peskind for taking water to our end-caps when the sprinklers were broken or not getting proper coverage. Geof Wickett & Norm Lessard for putting up and changing out our Little Island Bridge flags.

Linda Kensey for keeping our board informed on important airport issues in which we communicate to you.

Summer Series Meetings: We had two informative meetings. The first meeting with Councilman and neighbor **Jeff Herdman**. Jeff was candid about City's business including their position with the airport.



We also had Newport's new Harbor Master, Kurt Borsting. He request we call his department (number on the last page of this newsletter) for any harbor issue. If they are not the best contact, they will steer you to who is. They aim to be ambassadors of the harbor, make it more visitor friendly and safe.

With regard to moorings, unlike the old rules, you do not need to keep a boat on a mooring to keep it (which can result in neglected boats on moorings). His department may rent it on a short-term basis if vacant, however the demand is very low for the short-term mooring rentals.

Pots for Adoption: A change in family dynamics has made the pots up for adoption on the boardwalk at Balboa & East Bayfront. There are two pots that can be changed out, replanted, and included a dedication sign if you wish. Please let Ken know if you are interested in taking over these two pots and he will put you in touch with the BIIA Adopt-a-pot Coordinator.



Dog Messes: I remember when serving on the Balboa Island Improvement Association (BIIA) we found minutes from a meeting dating back to the 1940s. One of the dilemmas in the 1940s was dog messes. It is still an issue. What progress we've made! I jog both islands a few times a week and I am embarrassed to say, the Little Island is worse than the big island on this issue. Many of you have seen the Poop Fairy signs which aim to raise awareness. I typically pick up one to five messes a day on Little Island alone that are not from my dogs (I know there are others who do this too, thank you!). I also walk the Little Island daily and check the dispensers. We have a great crew filling the dispensers so that is not the problem. If you see someone not address their dog mess, please mention it to them. If you have rentals that allow pets, please make sure your tenants know the law (fines are from \$100 to \$500) and etiquette. Dog

owners are required to carry a container for their dog waste. Perhaps the problem is roaming pets that the owners are not aware of the dog messes. This has to improve!

The BIIA spends roughly \$12,000 annually on these dog pickup bags with no reimbursement from the City. They are supposed to be for dog walkers' emergency, not their convenience. Please take no more than two bags. Please purchase your own bags. I purchase 1,000 bags for roughly \$30 on Amazon and they use less plastic than the bags in the dispensers.

Technological Advancement: We are looking to add a website in the near future where you can check your membership status, renew online, see history, access the calendar of upcoming events, and buy items from the Little Island store. It has been a long time coming. Not to worry, for those who still want to write a check for your membership the old fashion way, we will still reserve that option for you.

If you are on Facebook, please “like” our Little Balboa Island Property Owners' page as we do post photos and announcements which you may enjoy and will help keep you informed.

Balboa Island Yacht Club (BIYC): We just did “racks down” for the BIYC. Another fun year in the books! Our oldest son, Ryan Yonkers (14) will be Commodore next year. This is a fabulous program where kids, ages 4 through 16 (they do not need to be Island residents) enjoy a wonderful 8 week program at the South Bayfront bay beach. Some kids participate just as often as they can or when in town.

Thanks to the generosity of Seymour Beek for allowing BIYC to use his dock and beach in front of his home, there is something magical about the wonderful times spent on that small patch of sand between Turquoise and Topaz on the South Bayfront. These events range from paddleboard races, swimming races, rowing races, stand-up paddleboard races (replaced diving years back allegedly due to shallow water and insurance purposes), sailing lessons and races, picnics, potlucks, movie nights at Agate Park, end-of-year banquet at the Pavilion, and other fun activities. The yacht club's youth members administer each event. The races, for example, are exclusively run by the kids.

This is the nation's only yacht club for kids run by kids. It is a Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) affiliated yacht club, so it's an official club. Ferry Owner, Seymour Beek's parents founded the club. The story has it that his mother Carol Beek, in 1922, had an epiphany. She saw a bunch of teenagers sitting around on a nice summer day. She thought, they need something to do! Hence, BIYC was born.

The club is led by a Commodore and is supported by a Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer and Secretary. Elections are held annually to determine how the club's leadership will play out. Each member pays a \$100 fee upon joining BIYC. The kid sailors start out on the small Sabot boats and graduate into the larger and faster Lasers.

There have been multiple generations of participants. Even the Sabot boats you see on the side of many of our homes have been passed down through the years.

If your child or grandchild would like to participate, or for more information, please contact Commodore **Ryan Yonkers** at BIYC2020@gmail.com. We would like more Little Island families to participate!

Water Quality Report, by Roger Yount

One of the top five things for me about living on the Little Island is that I can walk to the end of the street, jump in the water to cool off, letting the current carry me a couple of beaches before coming out. A common question: Is the water safe? Except for the first three days after a rain, our bay is a great place to get wet. If you ever want to check for yourself, just look at this website <https://ocbeachinfo.com/newport/>.

Water samples are taken weekly with our closest test sites at the end of Park the end of Abalone, and in the Canal by the bridge.

If you'd ever like to know more about the attention given to our beautiful bay, consider sitting in on the monthly meeting of the Newport Beach Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee. The committee meets at 4:00, the first Thursday of every month at the City Hall and is chaired by Jeff Herdman.



2020 BIYC Commodore,
Ryan Yonkers (14)



8 year old Caden Yonkers was awarded
BIYC's 2019 Most Improved Sailor

I take a special interest in the bay as I grew up swimming in it and continue to find it an incredibly accessible and refreshing aspect of life on our Little Island. My parents, grandparents, children, and now grandchildren also have considered it a part of Island living.

Editor's note: Board member **Roger Yount**, gives a quarterly report to the LBIPOA Board on our harbor water quality.

Holiday Party: We typically hold our holiday party on the first Saturday of December (December 7th this year). This usually misses most of your other planned events and is a good way to kick off the holiday season. We are still looking for a host. If you are interested in hosting, please contact event chair **Annette Giermann** at 626-862-0471. We are very appreciative of the Dirk's continued generosity but hope someone else will step up.

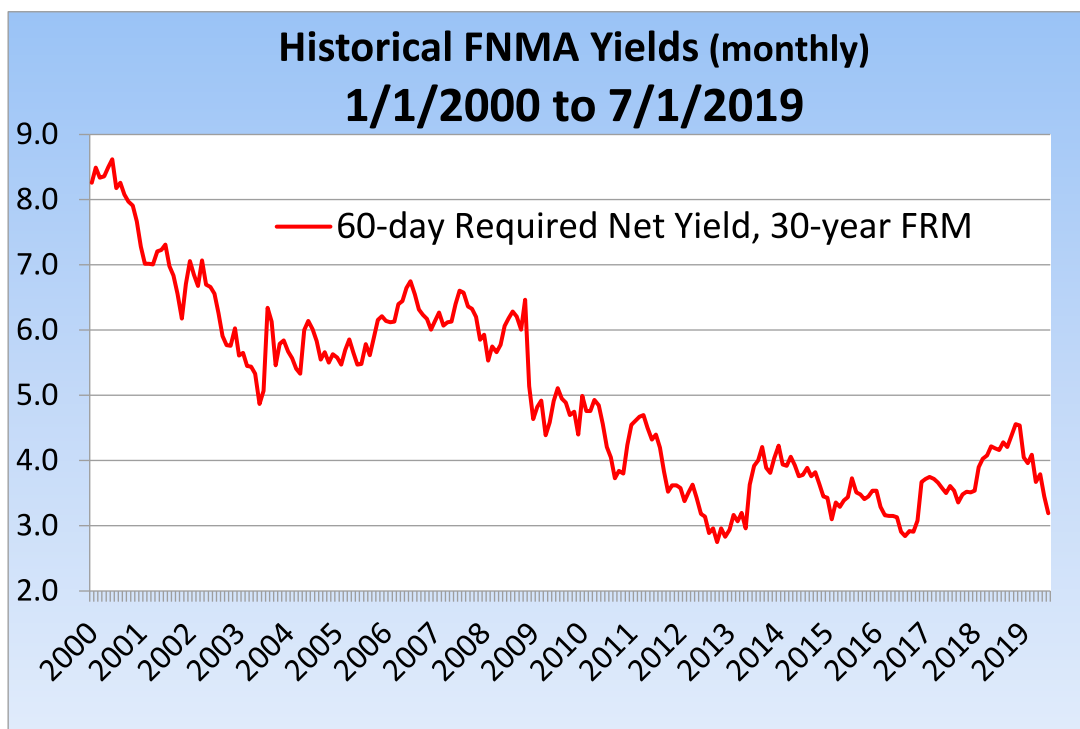
Treasurer's Report, By Annette Giermann: Our Treasury balance is currently \$22,542 (as of 7/31 bank statement). After our remaining budgeted items, we will be looking at an approximate balance of \$3,000. Thank you for your continued generous memberships which allow us to improve and beautify our community.



Balboa Island Real Estate: Real Estate Market Overview of Balboa Island (as of 7-24-19), by Bing Girling

General Market Commentary

Interest rates are within 50 basis points of historical lows which has created an opportunity for some buyers to purchase or refinance their existing mortgages (see below).



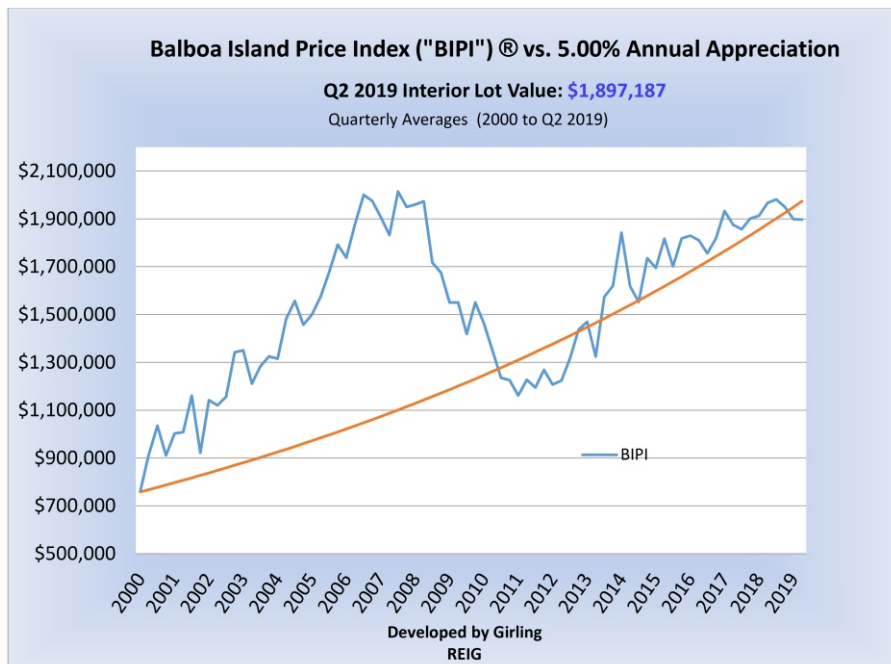
Nationwide, existing homes sales were down 1.7% from the previous month, and 2.2% from the same time a year ago (5.2% in the West) for the 16th consecutive month. Inventories are higher but still tight. And, affordability is still low with only 24% of the people living in Orange County in a position to buy a median priced home of \$842,000 (June).

Many economists are perplexed with the slowdown in the housing market given the low interest rates, higher wages and low unemployment (50-year low).

Balboa Island Real Estate Market Overview (as of 7/24/2019)

Balboa Island active properties for sale stand at 32 with an additional 8 that are pending or under contract. This is double the levels from 18 months ago when there were 14 active listings on 2/12/2018 and 17 on 4/25/2018. Newly built homes have been in big demand, but may be slowing with the rest of market. Newly constructed homes still significantly exceed peak '07 values on a price per square foot basis.

Lot value as measured by The Balboa Island Price Index ("BIPI") for Q2 2019 was \$1,897,187. Interior lots on Balboa Island are within 5.0% of peak levels in 2007, and are down 3.5% year over year (see chart below).



Summary of Current Activity on Balboa Island:

Current Active Listings (both Islands) – 32

Interior Properties for Sale (25): \$1,549,000 - \$4,750,000, 5 under \$2mm

-Bay Fronts for Sale (6): 139 NBF - \$3,650,000 (no dock), 1403 NBF - \$4,575,000 (no dock), 402 SBF - \$4,995,000 (no dock), 603 NBF - \$5,695,000 (private dock), 305 NBF - \$6,095,000 (no dock), 808 SBF - \$7,500,000 (no dock)

-Grand Canal Properties for Sale (1): 126 Grand Canal - \$4,275,000

-Interior, New Construction (4): (109 Onyx, 205 Pearl, 218 Coral, 218 Onyx), Priced at \$1516 to \$1607/ SF.

Active Under Contract / Pending (8): (201 Crystal, 108 Opal (new), 305 Grand Canal, 125 Apolena, 111 Onyx (new), 201 NBF, 706 Park (new), 1502 SBF)

Closed Sales: 2019 to date: 27 (thru 7/24/2019), **-2018: 48, 2017: 50, 2016: 42, 2015: 37, 2014: 36, 2013: 38, 2012: 48, 2011: 42, 2010: 39**



With the economy rolling, we are seeing continued new construction as well as major remodels on Little Island.



In Remembrance: Dick Rivett

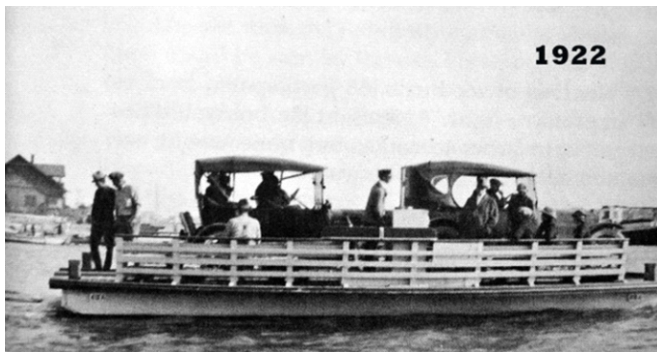
Dick Rivett, a longtime Little Balboa Island resident, war veteran, business man, and mentor to many, passed away on July 13, 2019. He was 90. Dick had lost his wife Carol of 58 years a few years ago. Dick is survived by his three children and grandchildren. Dick was a Veteran of World War II in the Pacific from 1948-49, and the Korean War serving 1951-1952. He had a successful 40 year career with Machinery Sales Company (MASCO), rising from a salesman to CEO, 1959 to 1999.

Dick spent his early years in Huntington Park where he graduated from Huntington Park High School in 1946. There he met Carol and his lifelong 'Club' friends with whom they enjoyed a lifetime of parties, vacations, and annual trips to Yosemite. Dick and Carol raised their family in Whittier, and retired to Balboa Island, California. Dick was happy to help, encourage, and advise people throughout his personal and professional life. He was always positive, calm and thoughtful. Dick loved to have a good party - he was a thoughtful and generous host, concerning himself with all aspects of any event.

He thoroughly embraced Balboa Island life spearheading grounding of the overhead utilities for Little Balboa Island (which we are eternally grateful!) and served on the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee (EQAC) for the City of Newport Beach.

We will miss seeing Dick's smile and enjoying happy hour on his patio on the East Bayfront. Dick was also known for his wit and sense of humor. He would often raise his hand at the end of our Little Island Summer Series meetings and ask the speaker "May I go home now?"

Photos from yesteryear:



Little Balboa Island Pets: We would like to do a feature on Little Balboa Island pets in a future edition. If you would like your pet included, please send a picture and name of your pet to yonkerskenny@gmail.com

Membership: We aim to break a membership record again this year and we are 10 memberships short of that goal. As we have electronic communication through Constant Contact and a Facebook page, we are sending the newsletter less often. The newsletter serves as a useful reminder on your membership status. If you do not see your name listed below (this list is as of 8/14/19), you may mail a check payable to LBIPOA, P.O Box 74, Balboa Island, CA 92662. We do make an occasional error and if we have, we apologize. If you feel you have paid, please check your records and communicate with us. Occasionally people confuse our association with the confused with the BIIA.

We feel our association helps Little Island Property Values (most realtors agree that Little Island standard lots tend to be valued at about \$150k - \$200K premium over the big island). Your voluntary membership dues go to: Little Island beautification projects (like our medians), lighthouse maintenance, holiday party, End of Summer In-N-Out Celebration, this newsletter, CERT emergency supplies, an advocating role with the City of Newport Beach, and more.

Please also ask any new home owner if they are getting our newsletter and let us know if they are not. Thank you for your membership and for your generosity!

Thank you to our 2019 LBIPOA Membership Roster:

Admiral (\$1,000):

Abrams, Don & Gwenn
Dellar, Richard/Renee
Grimm-Marshall, Barbara & Darcy Marshall
Scioscia, Mike & Anne
Stone, Dave & Sandra

Commodore (\$500):

Brakovich, Gregory & Susan
Burch, Jeff
Cassell, Ron & Carole
Dirk, Patrick & Mary
Doyle, Kelly & WM Barnett
Honig, Ken & Laura
Reno, Pat
Tucker, Larry & Jill

Captain (\$250):

Anderson, Fred & Marilyn
Baker, Bob & Cheryl
Bakshi, Bob & Gayle
Bromberg, Steven & Ronnie
Brown, W. Scott & Maggie
Chase, Suzanne & L. Ashton Chase
Dunlap, Mickey
Eggert, Steven & Pamela
Grosslight, Steve & Kathleen
Mapes, John & Carrie
McIntire, Deanna
Moses, Constance
Muney, Alan & Karen
Nicola, Barbara & Fred
Richardson, Sue
Rohan, Robert & Darlene
Sims, Franklin & Christine
Wondries, Jill
Zinzer, Dr. Frank & Darren

Lieutenant (\$100):

Allen, Dee & Eldrid
Beshoff, Liza & Ray
Bill & Kathy Podley
Birdsong, Jacqueline
Black, Ed & Randi
Bourassa, Jerry & Linda
Brandow, Peter
Bue, Randy & Jerry

Buetell, Mike & Sue
Busby, James & Judy
Bussard, Tom & Nancy
Callahan, Bob/Terry
Cameron, Karen Tuppan (Tuppan Family)
Carmichael, David & Beverly
Carmichael, David & Beverly
Clerx, Ben & Kristie
Culpepper, Patti
Curci, Kit
Dean, Larry & Laurie
DeWitt, Bill & Mary
Dorsey, Steve/Anne Dorsey Hutton
Ermatinger, John & Linda Lewis
Evans, Bob & Barb
Evans, Pete/Argi
Fickinger, Bob & Karen
Fleming, John & Jan
Giermann, Annette
Girling, Bing & Vickie
Groves, Geoff/Marilyn
Hamilton, Jack/Janice
Herdman, Jeff & Sally
Hunt, Mary Anne
Hurray, Pat
Johnson, Greg & Jackie
Jordan, Cliff & Donna
Kensey, John & Linda Geller
Kent, Lorene
Kruse, Darin & Carolyn
Kruse, Steven & Valerie
Larronde, Kristeen
Lewis, Dee
Luckey, Brett & Julie
Madison, Jim & Mary
Manclark, Dr. William & /Darby
Mariscal, Dan
Maron, Mary
Mays, Dr. Richard & Susan
Mc Cracken, Robert
Mekjian, Mike & Maureen
Mitchell, Mignon/Richard Anderson
Nibeel, Bob & Christine
Norris, Will & Katy
O'Neill, Barry & Ann
Osborne, Rick & Diana
Peskind, Craig & Barbara

Piluzza, Gary & Joanne
Pirkle, Jackie
Power, John & Sandra Garfield & Mary Ann Power
Price, Chris & Lisa
Randy Pestor & JoAnne Speers
Ricatto, Paul & Lisa
Rydman, Jack & Ruthie
Segal, Peter & Linda
Selmi, Dan & Ann
Silk, Steve & Sue
Smith, Mike & Lorrie
Sommers, Bob & Kathleen
Steele, Tim & Jan
Stuhlmuller, Carmen & Roger
Thagard, Kristine
Thomas, Joanne & Kough, Doran
Torrance, Randy
Turk, George & Roann
Watkins, Nancy
Wendell, Jim & Teresa
Wickett, Geof & Norm Lessard
Witt, Basil & Judi
Wurner, Anke
Yonkers, Ken & Irene
Yount, Roger & Becky

Ensign (\$50):

Arnold, Janet
Baldoni, Mary & Rudy
Banas, Patrick & Meridee
Baron, Rudy & Suzy
Beauchamp, Pam
Berry, Carolyn
Borella, Chris
Bridges, Lois
Bruce, Steve & Pati
Burton, Dea
Cormier, Len & Gloria
Ctvrtlik, Bob & Cosette
Cushing, Michael R. & Jeanette
Earl, Bob & Nancy
Earl, Mary Pat
Eckert, Patricia
Eusey, Chuck & Barbara
Farmer, Eric & Aline
Flamm, Bobbie

Garrett, Ben & Christie
Gash, David
Gordonson, Dr. Jay
Graham Family
Hasbrouck, Richard & Carolyn
Holmberg, Joel
Jennison, Gary
Kinton, Sandi and Doak Hefner
Lancefield, Rob & Rita
Larsen, Patti and Bart Matla
Longo, Blake & Denise
MacDonald, Lynne
MacNab, Martha
Mondini, Diane & Joan Hutton
Moorad, Jeff
Munroe, Dorothy
Musey, Mitchell
Nielsen, Barbara
Oliver, Bliff/Pam
O'Rourke, Leslie
Parker, Nigel & Heather
Peatross, Christine
Podany, Sue
Raney, Michele
Rivett, Richard
Ruffell, Dave
Sandberg, Al & Jeannette
Seat, Bob & Sandy
Sims, Susan & Ralph
Smoot, Phil & Colleen
Sperber, Pam
Stone, Dr. Edward
Stout, Joe & Jeannie
Sullivan, Jim
Thomas, Bill & Terre
Tift, Allison & Wade
Trush, Leslie
Vander Hulst, Leonard & Robin
Wakeman, Mark & Jane
White, Gail
White, Mike & Marilyn
Wilson, Daryl
Wiseman, Edward & Janice
Wold, Michael

Little Island Store: We continue to carry a small inventory of T-shirts and flags. The T-shirts are Hanes Beefy-T, true to size after shrinking up. The GPS coordinates on the back of the shirts are the exact coordinates of Crab Point on Little Island. We currently have T-shirt sizes: Adult: S, M, L, XL & XXL. Youth: M & L. Shirts are \$20. We also have several Little Balboa Island license plate frames and No Soliciting signs - those are free to members. Little Island flags are now available: One sided banner flag (\$40), 2' x 3' double sided flag with grommets with artwork either vertical or horizontal (\$80), double sided burgee 8"x12" (\$50) double sided burgee 12" x 18" (\$60). Our motivation here is simply to promote Little Island spirit. We are selling these items very near our cost. Please email or call Ken at ken_yonkers@ml.com or 949-683-7805 to order or reserve items. He'll deliver locally on his golf cart with a smile.



Please remember the LBIPOA is not a policing organization. We are a voluntary organization with voluntary dues with voluntary leadership. We will gladly provide you with information and contact numbers to help you resolve any issues you may have.

Important Phone Numbers:

- Newport Beach Police (non-emergency), **949-644-3717**
- Newport Beach Code Enforcement, **949-644-3215**
- Newport Beach Harbor Master, **949-270-8159 | VHF Channel 19**
- Newport Beach Parking Control, **949-644-3717**
- Orange County Sherriff Harbor Patrol, **949- 723-1002**
- CR&R (refuse collection), **866-949-9694**

Your Councilman: Jeff Herdman jherdman@newportbeachca.gov

Email of the entire City Council and City Manager Grace Leung at citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov

Here are your current hard working **LBIPOA Board Members** and how to reach them:

- Ken Yonkers**, President, ken_yonkers@ml.com **949-683-7805**
- Linda Kensey**, Vice President, Airport, linda@avacap.com **949-675-0125**
- Annette Giermann**, Treasurer, Holiday Party, BIIA Liaison, balboalover@gmail.com **949-673-5523**
- Vickie Girling**, girling@sbcglobal.net **949-675-0582**
- Bing Girling**, City of NB Rep., Little Island Bridge holiday lighting, girling@sbcglobal.net **949-675-0582**
- MaryAnne Hunt**, maryedhunt@sbcglobal.net **949-675-7072**
- Dan Mariscal**, Sand and Sea Walls, danm@hirsch.com **818-612-1740**
- Dick Mays**, CERT safety Program, rmays206@gmail.com **949-673-5508**
- Craig Peskind**, craig.peskind@sbcglobal.net **818-262-1513**
- Colleen Smoot**, colleensmoot@hotmail.com **949-673-0239**
- Becky Yount**, rly56@sbcglobal.net **714-425-5681**
- Roger Yount**, Harbor water quality, rog.yount@gmail.com **714-269-8765**
- Geof Wickett**, Bridge flags, geofwick@aol.com **714-469-8488**

Other Volunteers:

- Dog Bag Dispenser Replenishment: **Joanne Thomas, Mike & Sue Buetell, Ken Yonkers**
- Light House Keeper: **Ken Yonkers**
- Neighborhood Watch & CERT: **Susan Sims, Dr. Dick Mays**
- Refuse Dispenser Polishing: **Mary Madison, Phil Smoot, Joel Holmberg**
- Little Island Adopt a Pot: **Susan Sims, Trish Hurley, Joanne Thomas**



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