



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

President's Report, by Ken Yonkers - January 2018



Happy New Year! We had another enjoyable holiday party in December. Thank you to **Mary & Patrick Dirk** of the South Bayfront for hosting. Another great job by **Annette Giermann** coordinating the event. We estimate that we had over 100 guests attend. This was an event that went dormant a few years ago and most think it is great that it is back and is wonderful for our Island community. The name tags always help too!

Of course the biggest news for our Little Island last year was the construction of the bridge. It is nice that the project is completed and the construction crews are gone. Thanks to those who live close to the project for your patience and we're sorry for what you had to endure. With the railing going in (more on that later) we're about done. As soon as the railing is installed, we will bring in four of our fancy new trash receptacles for the bridge (the big island will get those soon too by the way).

If you have walked the Little Island you have seen the new trash receptacles. They come with one problem. They show debris more easily than the old ones. We even had to even put a note on one of them asking someone to please stop putting their cigar mess on it. A few residents have approached me to offer to clean them and have put themselves on a weekly cleaning schedule. This is amazing that long-term residents and successful people are willing to do menial tasks for the pride of their community. Thank you **Mary Madison, Phil Smoot, and Joel Holmberg**.

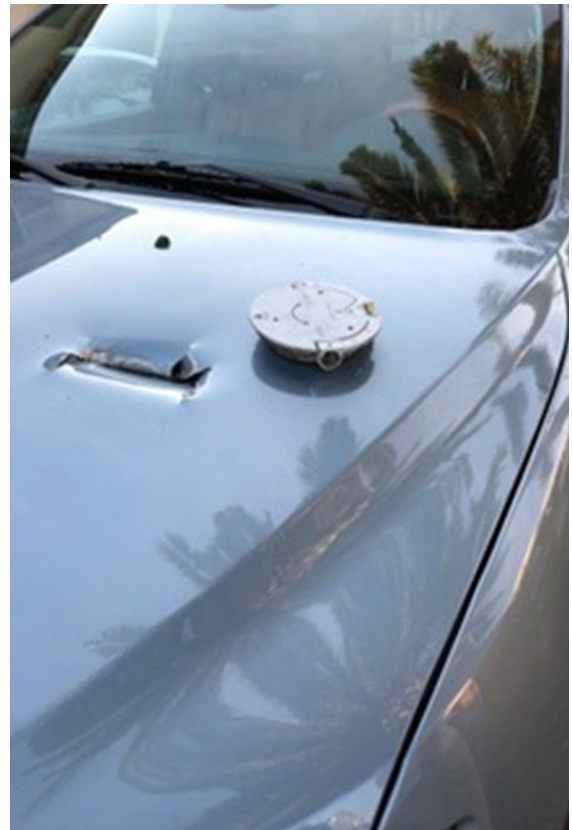
2018 Calendar: At the time of this writing the board has not yet met this year to approve the 2018 Calendar. It will be posted in the next newsletter as well as communicated through our Constant Contact email communications.

Membership: We had 179 paid members this year, just shy of last year's record of 183. Prior to that the record was 173. You may mail a check payable to **LBIPOA, P.O Box 74**, Balboa Island, CA 92662.

Please see the enclosed membership form. Do we have your email address? Do we have your cell phone? We keep all information confidential. We were able to communicate with Little Island residents that have been out of town when something was amiss with their home. We enjoy adding to our small community feel where we watch out for each other. We also make an effort to limit our communications and not use the Constant Contact too much. If we do not have your email, please provide it as you may be missing out on important communications (construction, planned electrical outages, etc.).

Airport: Thank you to Board member **Linda Kensey** for representing our board and attending several meetings on the flight patterns out of John Wayne Airport. She represented us well.

Having served on the Balboa Island Improvement Association (BIIA) board last year, I have heard their discussions as well. Seemingly, everyone seems to think the new flight patterns has the planes flying more directly over their home. Generally this seems to be a “not in my backyard” issue. Linda and the Little Island board do not favor the planes flying closer to the east (Little Island). We were favoring ONE of BIIA's Lee Pearl's favored plans to go over the least amount of residents and open water. This would result in them flying farther west. We thought this may gain some momentum as it was recently reported that an Island resident had a commercial plane's fuel vent cover (about the size of a dinner plate) fall from the air and damage his car on Park Avenue. Luckily this did not injure or kill anyone. It was also recently reported that the City and FAA reached a tentative agreement from the lawsuit filed by the City to move the departure paths at John Wayne Airport closer to the bay.



Balboa Island resident's car damaged from the falling plane part.

Little Island Flag Available soon: I have been designing a flag for the Little Island. I received valuable input from **Irene Yonkers** and **Jon Remy** (Island resident and graphic artist who produces the BIIA's newsletter). It will likely be a 28" x 40" one sided sleeve banner, similar to the Big Island Flag. The nautical letters displayed are LBI (Little Balboa Island) and the coordinates listed are the coordinates from Crab Point on Little Island (similar to the Little Island T-shirts). They should be available soon through the Little Island Store.



Little Island Vandalism: It is rare but it does happen. We had four of our new flag poles on the bridge vandalized, two benches on South Bayfront had slats kicked in (and are now being repaired). Additionally, two pots on the South Bayfront had been kicked or damaged and needed to be replaced. Please keep an eye out and do not hesitate to call the police if you see something that is not right. The BIIA is transitioning to plastic pots to lessen the occurrence of breakage. Long-time Little Island resident **Dottie Lewis** has painted these pots for the BIIA for over 30 years.



Damaged bench on South Bayfront



Dottie Lewis' artwork

New Bridge Decor: Our association invested in new holiday bridge lights and decorations that should last us several years. Thank you to **Bing Girling** who coordinated the project and brought competing bids to the Board. Next year will look even better when we have our permanent bridge rails in and the stairs all open.

Nice Gesture: As many of you know, longtime Little Island resident, **Hanne Parks**, passed away last year. In her honor, her son John and family made a \$1,000 contribution to the association.

Retraction: Last edition we reran a story from 6 years ago on Hanne Parks. In the article it mentioned and eluded that **Jim Jennings** may have felt in his upper years that he owned the station when he did not. This was some misinformation provided to us 6 years ago and apparently a matter of semantics. For years the Parks family owned the property (where the fire station now resides) and Jim owned the business and station on the property and had leases for the land use from Union Oil. Jim was an excellent citizen and a large contributor of Balboa Island's successful history. We apologize to him and his family and regret the error.

Holiday Decorating: Thank you to all of you who decorated your home for the holidays so beautifully. So many of you do such a nice job making our Island look so magical. While many of you were deserving of an award, there is only so many to go around. Congratulations to the following Little Island residents who won awards from the BIIA: **Kristin Curry** and **Meridee & Pat Banas** of Abalone, **Maggie & Scott Brown**, **Bing & Vickie Girling**, **Ken & Irene Yonkers**, of Crystal, and **Barb & Bob Evans**, Balboa Avenue. The following East Bayfront residents won both the BIIA decorating award and the Chamber's Ring of Lights. **Jim & Judy Busby**, **Geof Wickett & Norm Lossard**, and **Bob & Christine Olson**. Great job everyone! Thanks for making our island look so magical for the holidays.

Medians: One of our biggest goals for 2018 is to spruce up our medians. While going through this process, we know a couple things for certain: 1. People are resistant to change. 2. The new look will not appeal to everyone's taste. A spruced up median will look better than poorly manicured and dated roses that are not getting enough nurturing. We also are attempting to be water conscious. At the holiday party we displayed our 2nd proposal from the City and Park West. The process works like this. As soon as the Board votes and approves a proposed design and plant pallet, we make an initial investment (as of now the one we are closest to is approximately \$17,000). The City's Landscape Manager then authorizes Park West (the outside commercial landscaper) to proceed. The current proposal would include clearing all the current plants, weeds, and preparing the soil, amending the current irrigation system and creating a one foot border of decomposed granite. There will be some boulders, color, and land cover, to mix in with the Palm Trees, lighthouses, and electrical boxes. Once it is complete, there will be no extra or ongoing costs to the Association to maintain. Some of the comments from Little Island residents of the proposed design have ranged from: updated, too desert, beautiful, not homey enough, cutting edge, not beachy enough, nice, and needs more shrubbery. If you have strong opinions here, we encourage you to communicate them with us and soon. One thing to keep in mind is these are plants and can be changed and improved over time.



Recent photo of our median's landscaping

License Plate Frames: We had a new order of Little Balboa Island license plate frames come in. These are free to current members of the association. We have plenty. Be sure to get them for your cars and golf carts. Email Ken to get yours at ken_yonkers@ml.com

Bridge Rail: As you know, we now have a new bridge. As with any new and large project, comes controversy. Some of you love the bridge and some say it lacks character. The bridge rails have certainly created some controversy. I am copied on several emails. Some of you like and approve of the bridge rails, some of you despise them, some of you are indifferent and feel changing them again would be a waste of money. As this was a federal project and this is paid for, the project needs to be finished. The next step will be interesting. If they are to be replaced, at the City's expense, it would require a council vote if the expenditure is over \$125,000. **Councilman Herdman** would have to recuse himself for owning property too close to the project. We'll see where this takes us. If you have strong opinions on this I encourage you to communicate with us as we note them. If there will be change, I am told there will be community outreach and input.



The current and controversial bridge rail



Sewer gas vent that holds a flag

It's not a flag pole, it's a gas vent: It was pointed out to me by Big Island resident and longtime BIIA Treasurer **Bill Stewart** (also coordinator of the Island Veterans campaign) that our flag is too small for the length of the flag pole at Park Avenue & East Bayfront. We researched it and learned in flag etiquette the length of the flag should generally be $\frac{1}{4}$ the height of the pole. Then Board member **John Cunningham** called me to give me a little history on it. He said, "This this is not a flag pole. That is a sewer vent with a flag attached". There was originally a 4 x 6 flag and we changed it to a 5 X 8. A while back the City requested we not go any bigger than that and informed us that it was not constructed to be a flag pole and endure the tug of a strong wind and large flag. We are still researching and would love to see a larger flag there if possible.

New Board Member: Congratulations to **Vickie Girling** for being elected to our Board. We'd also like to thank long-time resident **Kathy Parks** for her service on the board. We hear she is moving to Catalina!

Treasurer's Report, By **Donna Hammond.** Our Treasury Balance as of 11/30/17 was \$21,293. Last year's approved budget was approximately \$24,000. Please send in your membership forms.

Balboa Island Real Estate: – Summary of Activity (as of 1/11/2018), By **Bing Girling**
Market Commentary: 2018 is off to a fast start. The stock market continues to set new records and interest rates are still very low, but expected to climb in 2018. Tax reform passed at the end of 2017, and although not as bad as it was when first proposed, it was not positive for homeownership. The result: there are now limitations on state and local tax deductions (capped at \$10,000), and the mortgage interest deduction loan amount was reduced from \$1mm to \$750,000. However, the holding period for capital gains exclusions did remain intact at 2 out of 5 years - a good last minute development.

On Balboa Island and throughout most of Newport Beach, prices continued to increase in general, having appreciated 5% on average since this time last year. Inventory levels remain low, and are expected to remain low for some time. The inventory of homes for sale on Balboa Island was 16 at this writing. Despite the low inventory, 50 homes sold in 2017, the largest amount since 53 sold in 2004.

Lot values (interior 30x85 lots) according to the Balboa Island Price Index ("BIPI") in the fourth quarter of 2017 is \$1,901,864, within 4.9% of peak '07 levels and up over 4.6% since the same period a year ago. While most home values on Balboa Island are at or approaching peak '07 levels, newly constructed homes continue to be in big demand, and have exceeded peak '07 values as measured on a price per square foot basis. Below is a summary of listing and sales activity on Balboa Island.

Current Active Listings (both Islands): 16. -12 Interior Properties: \$1,949,000 to \$4,295,000, - 4 Bay Fronts: 139 NBF - \$3,750,000, 307 NBF - \$4,296,000, 105 NBF - \$4,088,888 (dock) & 333 EBF (dock) - \$5,400,000.

Little Island (4): 121 Jade - \$4,295,000, 1518 Abalone Place - \$2,650,000, 204 Crystal - \$3,795,000 (new construction) & 333 EBF - \$5,400,000.

Interior, New Construction (built 2017): 706 Park - \$3,599,000, 204 Crystal - \$3,795,000, 321 Amethyst - \$3,795,000.

Closed Sales: 2017 (50), **Prior Years:** 2016 (42) 2015 (37) 2014 (36), 2013 (38), 2012 (48), 2011(42), 2010 (39), 53 in 2004 was the highest since 2000.

Active Under Contract: -1 / Pending: - 1: 118 Garnet (duplex)-\$2,650,000, AUC: 118 Sapphire (new)-\$3,895,000.



2017 LBIPOA Membership Roster:**Admiral (\$1,000)**

Abrams, Don/Gwenn
 Dellar, Richard/Renee
 Grimm-Marshall, Barbara/Darcy
 Marshall
 Parks, John
 Scioscia, Mike/Anne

Commodore (\$500)

Brakovich, Gregory/Susan
 Cassell, Ron/Carole
 Dirk, Patrick/Mary
 Munroe, Dorothy
 Olson, Bob/Christine
 Woodhull, Jack/Barbara

Captain (\$250)

Algori, Mark/Pam
 Anderson, Fred/Marilyn
 Bakshi, Bob/Gayle
 Brown, W. Scott/Maggie
 Burch, Jeff
 Dean Larry/Laura
 Doyle, Kelly and WM Barnett
 Eggert, Steven/Pamela
 Grosslight, Steve/Kathleen
 Honig, Ken/Laura
 Karstofsky, Wallis
 Larson, Al/Sunny
 Mariscal, Dan
 McIntire, Deanna
 Muney, Alan/Karen
 O'Neil, Barry/Ann
 Richardson, Walter/Sue
 Rohan, Robert/Darlene
 Tucker, Larry/Jill
 Wondries, Jill

Lieutenant (\$100)

Allen, Dee/Eldrid
 Baker, Bob/Cheryl
 Baron, Rudy/Suzy
 Beshoff, Liza/Ray
 Birdsong, Jacqueline
 Brandow, Peter
 Bromberg, Steven/Ronnie

Busby, James/Judy
 Bussard, Tom/Nancy
 Callahan, Bob/Terry
 Cameron, Karen
 Chase, Suzanne/Ashton
 Clerx, Ben/Kristie
 Culpepper, Patti
 Cunningham, John
 Curci, Kit
 Dorsey, Steve/Anne Dorsey
 Hutton
 Dunlap, Mickey
 Ermatinger, John & Linda Lewis
 Evans, Bob/Barb
 Fickinger, Bob/Karen
 Fleming, John/Janet
 Girling, Bing/Vickie
 Hamilton, Jack/Janice
 Herdman, Jeff/Sally
 Higgins, Mark/Cynthia
 Hunt, Mary Anne
 Hurray, Pat
 Johnson, Greg/Jackie
 Jordan, Cliff/Donna
 Kensey, John/Linda
 Kent, Lorene
 Kruse, Darin/Carolyn
 Lewis, Dee
 MacDonald, Lynne/Bill
 Madison, Jim/Mary
 Manclark, Bill/Darby
 Maron, Mary
 Mays, Dr. Richard/Susan
 Mekjan, Maureen/Mike
 Merle, Ramona
 Mondini, Diane and Joan Hutton
 Nibeel, Bob/Christine
 Nicola, Barbara/Fred
 Northern, Jerry/Deborah
 Osborne, Ryan/Richard
 Peskind, Craig/Barbara
 Piluzza, Gary/Joanne
 Pirkle, Jackie
 Power, John/Mary Ann Power
 Price, Chris/Lisa
 Reno, Pat
 Ricatto, Paul/Lisa

Rydman, Jack/Ruthie
 Selmi, Dan/Ann
 Silk, Steve/Sue
 Sims, Franklin/Christine
 Sloan, Stephen/Vanessa
 Smith, Mike/Lorrie
 Sommers, Bob & Kathleen
 Steele, Tim/Jan
 Stuhlmuller, Carmen/Roger
 Thagard, Kristine
 Watkins, Nancy
 Wickett, Geof/Norm Lessard
 Witt, Basil/Judi
 Yonkers, Ken/Irene
 Zinzer, Frank/Darren

Ensign (\$50)

Anderson, Le
 Arnold, Janet
 Baldoni, Mary & Rudy
 Banas, Patrick/Meridee
 Beauchamp, Pam
 Black, Edward (Ted)/Randi
 Borella, Chris
 Brennan, Lorin
 Bridges, Lois
 Bruce, Steve & Pati
 Buetell, Mike/Sue
 Burton, Dee
 Calkins, Lucile
 Carmichael, David/Beverly
 Cormier, Len/Gloria
 Cushing, Michael R./Jeanette
 DeWitt, Bill/Mary
 Earl, Bob/Nancy
 Egdorf, Rodney/Nicole
 Eusey, Chuck/Barbara
 Farmer, Eric/Aline
 Flamm, Bobbi
 Garrett, Ben/Christi
 Gash, David
 Giermann, Annette
 Godfrey, Paula
 Gordonson, Dr. Jay
 Hammond, Donna
 Hasbrouck, Richard/Carolyn
 Holmberg, Joel

Hurley, Trish
 Jennison, Gary
 Kennedy, Michael/Leslie
 Kinton, Sandy & Doak Hefner
 Kruse, Steven/Valerie
 Lake, Cynthia
 Lancefield, Rob/Rita
 Lewand, Jeanne
 Lewis, Dottie
 Luckey, Brett/Julie
 MacNab, Martha & Larry Warlanmont
 Mangineli, Jolene/Louis
 McGinley, Ted
 Moorad, Jeff
 Musey, Mitchell
 Nagler, James/Gueg & Yoko Shelly
 Nielsen, Barbara
 Oliver, Rich/Pam
 O'Rouke, Leslie
 Parks, Kathy
 Pestor, Randy/JoAnne Speers
 Podany, Sue
 Raney, Michele
 Rovsek, Dave/Anita
 Ruffell, Dave
 Sandberg, Al/Jeanette
 Sims, Susan/Ralph
 Smoot, Phil/Colleen
 Sperber, Pam
 Stone, Dr. Edward
 Stout, Joe
 Tafe, Ted
 Thomas, Bill/Terre
 Thomas, Joanne/Kough, Doran
 Trush, Leslie
 Vander Hulst, Leonard/Robin
 Wakeman, Mark/Jane
 Wendell, Jim/Teresa
 White, Gail
 Wickland, Valerie
 Wilson, Carolyn/David
 Wilson, Daryl
 Wiseman, Edward/Janice
 Wold, Michael
 Wurner, Hart/Anke
 Yount, Roger/Becky

Note: If you do not see your name listed and feel you have sent your 2017 membership dues, please check your records, then contact us. This list is as of December 15. We do make an occasional error, and if we did, please accept our apology and we will immediately correct it. Often times the member has not paid and/or has confused our association with the BIIA. Our contact info is below. Also, if you would like to change your name or nickname from the records we have, please let us know. Thank you! Time to move on to 2018!

Little Island Store: We continue to carry a small inventory of T-shirts and hats. The T-shirts are Hanes Beefy-T, true to size after shrinking up a bit. The GPS coordinates on the back of the shirts are the exact coordinates of Crab Point on Little Island. It has been fun to see the red hats and shirts around the Island. Many Islanders have ordered them for visiting guests. We currently have T-shirt sizes: Youth: M & L. Adult: S, (no M), L, XL & XXL. Email Ken at ken_yonkers@ml.com or call 949-683-7805 to order or reserve shirts. He'll deliver locally on his golf cart with a smile. Shirts are \$20, hats \$10. Checks payable to LBIPOA. We also have a few **Little Balboa Island license plate frames** and **No Soliciting signs** - those are free to members.



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 Parking Control, **949-644-3717**
CR&R (refuse collection), **866-949-9694**

Your Councilman: **Jeff Herdman** jherdman@newportbeachca.gov

Email of the City Council and City Manager Dave Kiff at citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov

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

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Geof Wicket, geofwick@aol.com 714-469-8488

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Weed Eradication: **Joel Holmberg**
Light House Keeper: **Ken Yonkers**
Neighborhood Watch & CERT: **Susan Sims**
Refuse Dispenser Polishing: **Mary Madison, Phil Smoot, Joel Holmberg**



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