

# 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 2018 Calendar

**Saturday December 1, Little Island Holiday Party @ the Dirk's home, 1808 S. Bayfront from 5 to 8 pm**  
**Sunday, December 2, Holiday Tree Lighting and Snow @ the Fire Station, 4 to 6 pm**  
**Sunday, December 9, The 22nd Annual Holiday Home Tour 11 am to 4 pm (see article below for details)**  
**Friday & Saturday December 14 & 15, Holiday Home Decoration Judging**  
**December 19-23, Boat Parade**

### President's Report, by Ken Yonkers - November 2018



Here we head into the holidays! We all love our summers here but it is magical in the winter too. Many of you do such a nice job decorating for the holidays. Thank you for helping make our Little Island so special.

Board Member Changes: We have had a bit of turnover on the board. We regrettably accepted resignations from longtime Board members **Walt Richardson, John Cunningham, and Mickey Dunlap** (21 years). They have all provided years of service and a steady, guiding hand to the board. Their contributions were many. Health and time were the reasons given. Thank you for the many contributions you have made to our Board and our community over the years!

We would like to welcome **Craig Peskind, Becky Yount, and Roger Yount** (3rd generation property owner!) as new board members.

**Median Update:** We have received several compliments on the improved medians. We also received several inquiries from residents on the big island asking who paid for it! We only wish there was such a thing as non-fading mulch.

The City has assured us that they will hold the City's Commercial Landscaper, Park West, to a higher level of service for our large investment (near \$12,500). We are not naïve to think that Park West and the City would maintain it to a level we need or deserve. We have hired a gardener to supplement what they do to: prune the roses, pick up branches and leaves, remove weeds, palm shoots, and trash and help guide the Jasmine hedge. We are also maintaining our colorful endcaps on the medians as well as the bridge sign entrance area.

Another thank you to **Annette Giermann** for chairing the Median Beautification Committee and all her research. We also thank **Vickie Girling, Maryanne Hunt, and Irene Yonkers** who were on the committee.

We initially hired a high-end local company to do our median end-caps and bridge sign area. We are not entirely pleased with them or their prices and will likely be making a change soon. However, we hope you agree, the medians have come a long way!



**In-N-Out End of Summer Celebration:** We had another fun community event. Thank you to **Dan Mariscal** who always does such a thorough job coordinating the celebration (he assigns all the Board members specific tasks!). **Linda Kinsey** was in charge of the bar and it went very smoothly. Your entire Board worked the event. Thanks to **Irene Yonkers** for coordinating the dessert from **Sugar & Spice** (we enjoy supporting a local company). We served 302 burgers, which was a bit shy of last year's total. We are considering extending the social part a half hour next year to allow you a longer opportunity to visit with your neighbors. Thank you to the **Brown family** who are always so generous allowing us to use their property at 106 Crystal.

**Holiday Party:** **Mary and Patrick Dirk** have again offered their beautiful home at 1808 S. Bayfront for the holiday party. We typically do this on the first Saturday evening of December (Dec. 1 this year). This party is open to current association members and their family guests. Dinner will again be served along with liquid refreshments. The party will be from 5 to 8 pm. Thank you to **Annette Giermann** for AGAIN coordinating this terrific community event.

**Cameras are coming near Marine Avenue Bridge:** Lee Pearl of the BIIA is spearheading a project to install cameras near the Marine Avenue Bridge. The City's attorneys forbid us from putting cameras on their public bridges. We can, however, install cameras on private property near the main Island Bridge. The job is being bid by 3 companies. This one-time expenditure could be near \$8,000 for a top of the line, night-time license recognition cameras and software. This would record cars coming and going over the bridge and down the two alleys near Marine Avenue. The BIIA and the Merchants Association will pay the lion's share. Your Board voted to contribute \$1,000 to the project and it will give our association access to the feed. We feel our investment in this project is consistent with our Mission Statement (see top of first page). We are also letting them do all the leg work and we will consider doing something similar near the Little Island Bridge. We are not sure if crime has been up or social media is better at reporting it. Surprisingly, not everyone is in favor of the cameras.

**Bridge Rail:** We have been told the bridge portion of the rail will be finished in January (after the holidays) and match the existing stair-rail. We know there are several opinions on this, however at least there will soon be only one style of rail on our bridge. They wanted to do it in December and we thought better of it as it will likely be delayed and interfere with our bridge decorating.

**Trick or Treat:** Some of you have expressed disappointment in the amount of kids we get on little Island compared to the big island. Many of you want to see the cute kids in their costumes. Others of you are happy with how quiet it is and some of you were unprepared for the knock on your door. We are sorry to have disrupted you and a couple of you were very courteous to open your door and explain why you were unprepared. We look for residents who appear home (open blinds, porch lights on, etc.). Often on the big island it can be 10 kids deep on the South Bayfront to get candy. The Little Island provides a much more sedate experience for your children and grandchildren.

**Dysfunctional parking space:** A handful of you have inquired about the dysfunctional parking space adjacent to the Little Island Bridge. We met with City officials to see if they could build something both functional and aesthetically pleasing to store our Cert emergency supplies, along with some landscaping. This had to be attractive to not only residents who drive by it every day, but to all the families in direct view of the location. After our meeting and taking an inventory of our vast CERT emergency supplies, it was determined it was not feasible. Our storage needs are just too great. It's too bad the City did not take this into serious consideration when we requested this prior to the design phase of the bridge (they said it was not feasible).

The City plans to create a planter and have it landscaped. They intend to award the contract in late November and begin work soon after. Thank you to the **Abrams family** for offering to provide water to the location. It was a curious design from the get-go, and we are excited that it will soon be something we would enjoy looking at rather than its current blockade cones.

**Where our Newsletter goes:** One of the reasons we include as many photos as we do is many of our property owners are not full-time Little Island residents and they do not see many of the items we are reporting on (bridge, parking space, etc.). In fact, approximately 90 of our property owners list a primary address other than Little Island. We have several property owners who reside locally, and several in Northern California. Not as many of Pasadena or San Marino as we used to. We have property owners who reside in 9 different states. We send this newsletter to: CA, CT, FL, HI, NM, NV, SC, TX, and WA.





**Thank you to: Mary Madison, Phil Smoot, and Joel Holmberg** for their efforts in beautification (keeping our refuse receptacles polished). These little items of attention to detail add up. Please look at our receptacles as opposed to one we saw on the big island.



**Doak Hefner** and **Sandi Kinton** who live adjacent to the bridge sign entrance and allow us to occasionally use their water for our plantings.

**Geof Wickett** and **Norm Lessard** for being in charge of our bridge flags and for engineering a theft deterrent system for our flag poles.

**Brett Lucky** of the South Bayfront for his pride and attention to detail for giving items that need a “spruce up” in our alleyways a fresh coat of paint.

It takes a village! It's the many contributions that add up to make our Little Island so special.

**Flag Pole:** Your board is always looking for ideas to enhance our Little Island beauty and Island spirit. One item that recently came up and we are still considering is an 18 foot flag pole to display our Little Island flag and others. We considered a couple locations and the Board voted on the first median near Abalone Avenue. As you may recall, the flag pole at East Bayfront and Park Avenue is a sewer vent with a flag on it. The flag is typically not visible as you come onto the Little Island.



**Photos from yesteryear:**



Old Photos provided by **Joanne Seuss Thomas** whose father was **Dr. Seuss**, one of the Island's two Dentists in the 1940s & 1950s. Dr. Seuss moved his practice from Los Angeles to Marine Avenue in the late 1940s. His practice was located where the Island Home store now is. Their family bought their lot on Park Avenue (where Joanne now lives) in 1940 and built their home in 1941. First photo from Left to right is Joanne, Aunt Marjorie, and Cousins Diane Riley Linderman and **Patti Riley Culpepper** (of Crystal Ave). The 2nd photo on the Little Island public pier (with no rails), Joanne and sister Doran. Both photos circa 1940s.

**Treasurer's Report**, By **Donna Hammond**. Our Treasury balance is currently \$19,203. This is after our large investment in the medians. Thanks to your generous support we exceeded our budgeted expenditures. After our remaining budgeted items, we will be looking at an approximate balance of \$14,000. Thank you for your continued generous memberships which allow us to improve and beautify our community.

As you may recall, two signatures are required for our association checks and it is our typical custom to circulate a bank statement at our quarterly Board meetings.

**Holiday Home Tour:** The 22nd Annual Balboa Island Holiday Home Walking Tour will be held on Sunday, December 9th, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. One of Orange County's most loved Holiday Home Walking Tours returns with eight uniquely holiday decorated Bayfront and Island homes. These homes are sure to spark holiday cheer! Tickets are \$35.00. You may purchase tickets online at [balboaislandNB.org](http://balboaislandNB.org). They will also be available for purchase after November 1st at the following Balboa Island stores: Crystal Rose, Fresh Produce, Island Home, Sunny Days and Sur Le Mer, all located on Marine Avenue. Will Call Tickets: Tickets will be available to purchase and pick up at the Balboa Island Museum located at 210 Marine Avenue, Balboa Island at 9:30am on the day of the Home Tour. Be sure to visit the shops on Marine and Agate Avenues for your holiday shopping and refreshments! If you have any questions, please call **Annette Giermann 949-673-5523**.

**Summer Series Meetings Recap:** Due to a conflict with the BIIA, we hosted only two Summer Series Meetings this year (which seemed to be fine as we had record attendance). **Councilman Herdman** addressed our membership. It is appreciated that Jeff is always willing to be available, take questions, and be candid with our membership.

Our Second meeting we heard from representatives from the **Harbor Master Department**. Their main message: "We are your ambassadors on the water". Call them for assistance. They feel they can provide better service in helping manage our own Harbor than the County's Harbor Patrol. They are currently thinly staffed (in fact **Councilman Herdman** said it was good for him to hear so he can help them) but trying to make Newport a more safe and friendly boating harbor. One of the key take-aways was derelict boats. There used to be a mandate that if you owned a mooring you had to keep a boat on it which resulted in many unsightly boats on moorings. This is no longer the case! Please spread the word. Although rare, if your mooring is vacant for a period of time, the City can place a short-term rental on it.





**Balboa Island Real Estate:** Summary of Activity (as of 10-24-18), by **Bing Girling**



**Market Commentary:** Higher inventories (active properties for sale), home prices that are increasing but leveling off, still low affordability and higher interest rates characterize the real estate market. Lot value as measured by The Balboa Island Price Index ("BIPI" TM by my son Dave) in Q3 is \$1,981,056. Interior lots on Balboa Island are within 0.95% of peak levels in 2007 and are up 6.72% year over year. Newly constructed homes are far exceeding peak '07 values.

**Current Active Listings (both Islands) - 19**

**15 Interior Properties:** \$2,050,000 - \$4,195,000

**4 Bay Fronts:** 1305 NBF (shared dock) - \$5,000,000, 603 NBF - \$5,995,000 (dock), 1001 NBF - \$7,495,000 (dock), 407 NBF - \$3,895,000 (floating dock)

**Grand Canal / Little Island (1):** 316 Grand Canal - \$2,625,000

**Interior, New Construction:** 706 Park (built 2018) - \$2,990,000 (\$1252/SF), 111 Onyx (built 2018) - \$3,995,000 (\$1686/SF), 109 Onyx (built 2018) - \$4,195,000 (\$1770/SF), 214 Agate (built 2018) - \$3,875,000 (\$1649/SF), 301 Diamond (built 2016) - \$3,800,000 (\$1669/SF)

**Active Under Contract / Pending (7):**

**Pending (5):** 126 Diamond - listed at \$2,950,000, 214 Collins - listed at \$1,895,000, 139 NBF - listed at \$3,600,000, 106 Abalone - listed at \$4,195,000, 400 SBF - listed at \$8,695,000 (double lot, no dock)

**AUC (2):** 213 Grand Canal - listed at \$2,650,000 (dock), 123 Ruby - listed at \$3,375,000

**Closed Sales**

**2018 to date:** 41

**2017:** 50, **2016:** 42, **2015:** 37, **2014:** 36, **2013:** 38, **2012:** 48, **2011:** 42, **2010:** 39, **53 in '04** - highest since 2000.

**A boat ride around Little Balboa Island...**









**Membership:** Memberships are still dripping in. We broke a record this year with 188! Last year we had 179 and the previous record was 183 in 2016. We are thrilled with the record despite sending this newsletter less frequently (due to enhanced electronic communication) which is always a reminder to those who have not yet joined. A special thank you to **Bing Girling** who researches out addresses of lost or new members. If you don't see your name on the membership roster, please send in your check payable to **LBIPOA, P.O Box 74, Balboa Island, CA 92662**. You may send a check for 2018 and 2019. Please ask any new home owner if they are getting our newsletter and let us know if they are not. Thank you!

### Thank you to our 2018 LBIPOA Membership Roster:

#### Admiral (\$1,000)

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

#### Commodore (\$500)

Brakovich, Gregory/Susan  
Cassell, Ron/Carole  
Dirk, Patrick/Mary  
Doykem Jekkt & Wm Barnett  
Eggert, Steven/Pamela  
Ferrari, Pete/Dawn  
Honig, Ken/Laura  
Munroe, Dorothy  
Tucker/ Larry & Jill

#### Captain (\$250)

Adelsberg, Saul/Dawn  
Anderson, Fred & Marilyn  
Bakshi, Bob/Gayle  
Belling, Phil/Shelley  
Brown, W. Scott/Maggie  
Burch, Jeff  
Chase, Suzanne/L Ashton Chase  
Culpepper, Patti  
Grosslight, Steve/Kathleen  
Higgins, Mark/Cynthia  
Hollingsworth, Bill/Maureen  
Larson, Al/Sunny  
Mapes, John/Carrie  
Mariscal, Dan  
McIntire, Deanna  
Muney, Alan/Karen  
Nicola, Barbara/Fred  
O'Neill, Barry/Ann  
Richardson, Walter/Sue  
Rohan, Robert/Darlene  
Sims, Franklin/Christine  
Turk, George/Roann  
Wondries, Jill

#### Lieutenant (\$100)

Allen, Dee/Eldrid  
Allen, William/Carol  
Baker, Bob/Cheryl  
Baron, Rudy/Suzy  
Beshoff, Liza/Ray  
Birdsong, Jacqueline  
Bourassa, Jerry/Linda

Brandow, Peter  
Bromberg, Steven/Ronnie  
Bue, Randy and Jerry  
Buetell, Mike/Sue  
Busby, James/Judy  
Bussard, Tom/Nancy  
Callahan, Bob/Terry  
Cameron, Karen Tuppan (Tuppan Family)  
Carmichael, David/Beverly  
Clerx, Ben/Kristie  
Ctvrlik, Bob and Cosette (Cosy)  
Cunningham, John  
Curci, Kit  
Dean, Larry/Laurie  
DeWitt, Bill/Mary  
Dorsey, Steve/Anne Dorsey Hutton  
Dunlap, Mickey  
Ermatinger, John & Linda Lewis  
Evans, Bob/Barb  
Evans, Pete/Argi  
Fickinger, Bob/Karen  
Fleming, John/Jan  
Gash, David  
Giermann, Annette  
Girling, Bing/Vickie  
Hamilton, Jack/Janice  
Herdman, Jeff/Sally  
Hunt, Mary Anne  
Hurray, Pat  
Johnson, Greg/Jackie  
Jordan, Cliff/Donna  
Kensey, John/Linda  
Kent, Lorene  
Kruse, Darin/Carolyne  
Lewis, Dee  
Luckey, Brett/Julie  
MacDonald, Lynne/Bill  
Madison, Jim/Mary  
Manclark, Bill/Darby  
Maron, Mary  
Mays, Dr. Richard/Susan  
Mekjian, Mike/Maureen  
Mitchell, Mignon  
Neimeister, Steven  
Nibeel, Bob/Christine  
Northern, Jerry/Deborah  
Osborne, J Matthew/Lois  
Osborne, Rick/Diana  
Parks, John/Sheri  
Peskind, Craig/Barbara  
Piluzza, Gary/Joanne

Pirkle, Jackie  
Power, John/Sandra Garfield & Mary Ann  
Power  
Price, Chris/Lisa  
Randy Pector/JoAnne Speers  
Reno, Pat  
Ricatto, Paul/Lisa  
Rovsek, Dave/Anita  
Rydman, Jack/Ruthie  
Sarchet, Dr. Kate /Dr. Jeremy  
Selmi, Dan/Ann  
Silk, Steve/Sue  
Smith, Mike/Lorrie  
Sommers, Bob & Kathleen  
Steele, Tim/Jan  
Stuhlmuller, Carmen/Roger  
Tafe, Ted and Robert Tafe/Sophia Ustick  
Thagard, Kristine  
Torrance, Randy  
Watkins, Nancy  
Wickett, Geof/Norm Lessard  
Wiseman, Edward/Janice  
Witt, Basil/Judi  
Yonkers, Ken/Irene  
Yount, Roger/Becky

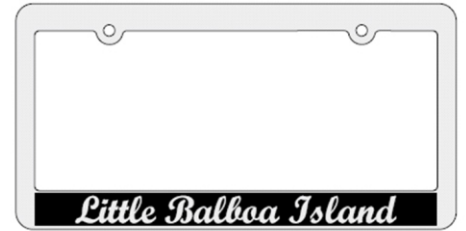
#### Ensign (\$50)

Anderson, Le  
Arnold, Janet  
Baldoni, Mary & Rudy  
Banas, Patrick/Meridee  
Beauchamp, Pam  
Black, Edward(Ted)/Randi  
Borella, Chris  
Bridges, Lois  
Bruce, Steve & Pati  
Burton, Dea  
Cormier, Len/Gloria  
Cushing, Michael R./Jeanette  
Delawter, Trudy  
Earl, Bob/Nancy  
Egdorf, Rodney/Nicole  
Eusey, Chuck/Barbara  
Farmer, Eric/Aline  
Flamm, Bobbie  
Graham, Gary  
Garrett, Ben/Christie  
Godfrey, Paula  
Gordonson, Dr. Jay  
Groves, Geoff/Marilyn  
Hammond, Donna

Hasbrouck, Richard/Carolyn  
Holmberg, Joel  
Hurley, Trish  
Jennison, Gary  
Jones, Frank & Desiree Langager  
Kennedy, Michael/Leslie  
Kinton, Sandi and Doak Hefner  
Lancefield, Rob/Rita  
Larsen, Patti and Bart Matla  
Lewand, Jeanne  
Lewis, Dottie  
Longo, Blake/Denise  
MacNab, Martha  
Mangineli, Jolene/Louis  
Mondini, Diane and Joan Hutton  
Moorad, Jeff  
Musey, Mitchell  
Nielsen, Barbara  
Nilmeier, Katie  
Oliver, Rich/Pam  
O'Rourke, Leslie  
Parker, Nigel/Heather  
Peatross, Christine  
Phelps, William/Andrea  
Podany, Sue  
Raney, Michele  
Rivett, Richard  
Ruffell, Dave  
Sandberg, Al/Jeanette  
Seal, Robert/Sandra  
Sims, Susan/Ralph  
Smoot, Phil/Colleen  
Sperber, Pam  
Stone, Dr. Edward  
Stout, Joe/Jeanne  
Sullivan, Jim  
Thomas, Bill/Terre  
Thomas, Joanne/Kough, Doran  
Vander Hulst, Leonard/Robin  
Wakeman, Mark/Jane  
Wendell, Jim/Teresa  
White, Gail  
Wilson, Carolyn/David  
Wilson, Daryl  
Wold, Michael  
Wurner, Hart/Anke

This list is as of 11-1-2018. If you do not see your name here and you think you have paid, please check your records. In the past people have paid the BIIA and confused them with us. We do make an occasional error. If we did, we sincerely apologize and please communicate with us.

**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 a bit. 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 (\$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 Parking Control, **949-644-3717**  
 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:

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**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**, geofwick@aol.com 714-469-8488

**Other Volunteers:**

Dog Bag Dispenser Replenishment: **Joanne Thomas** (we need another volunteer here).  
 Light House Keeper: **Ken Yonkers**  
 Neighborhood Watch & CERT: **Susan Sims**  
 Refuse Dispenser Polishing: **Mary Madison, Phil Smoot, Joel Holmberg**



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