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Surf Garden improvements

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DIAMOND STREET BOLLARDS OUT

After a public outcry protesting the viability of the orange bollards creating a slow street on Diamond, Mayor Todd Gloria and District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava representing Pacific Beach have agreed to removing the bollards. Pacific Beach Planning Group unanimously voted to send a letter to both the mayor and LaCava asking for the bollards removal after public meetings, during which the majority of PB citizens reiterated their view that the bollards were obstructing proper traffic flow in their neighborhood.

PERNICANO'S REDEVELOPMENT

The old Pernicano's property at 711 Turquoise St. was sold and is in the process of being redeveloped, reports Tony Franco, president of Franco Realty Group in Pacific Beach. "Mike Turk with KD Development took a construction loan out in the amount of \$12,817,837," said Franco, of the property with a lot size of 0.34 acres or 14,810 square feet. "The three-story project is going to total 28,550 square feet over subterranean parking totaling 17,629 square feet," Franco said. Franco noted 12 for-rent residential units are proposed on the first floor, 16 for-rent residential units are proposed on the second floor and 16 for-rent residential units are proposed for the third floor. In all, a total of 44 dwelling units. Franco added the site is in the CC-4-2 zone and is within the Coastal Overlay Zone.

E-WASTE RECYCLING

Pacific Beach Middle School at 4676 Ingraham St. is hosting an eWaste Recycling event on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot on Felspar Street. Anyone from the community can donate their old electronics for free to the school to be recycled or disposed of responsibly. Proceeds from the event contribute to PBMS' Sixth Grade Camp fundraiser.

BLOCK FOR SALE

Franco Realty Group said almost the entire block on Garnet Avenue and Mission Boulevard is up for sale. The total land square footage is 112,500 and the asking price is \$55 million. Or someone can just buy the seacoast square for \$31 million.

VFW FUNDRAISER

A wine-tasting fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project, will be Saturday, Oct. 12 from 2-5 p.m. at VFW Post 5985, 853 Turquoise St. in Pacific Beach. Admission is \$30 per person. There will be a door prize, raffle items, a 50/50 drawing, a silent auction and wine appetizer.

Visit americanlegion552.org for tickets.



OFF AND RUNNING

Hundreds of runners kicked off the 25th annual Pacific BeachFest at its inaugural Pacific Beach Half Marathon at 6:30 a.m. and 10th annual 5K at 10 a.m. on Oct. 5. Thousands of festival-goers visited PB to listen to live music, shop from local artisans, and judge the 10th annual 'Best of the Beach Fish Taco Contest' last Saturday. The Sandbar Sports Grill in Mission Beach defended its fish taco title, again. PHOTO BY STEVE SIDELL

Annual PAESAN honors first responders in Pacific Beach

This year's 44th annual Police And Emergency Services Appreciation Night (PAESAN), held on Sept. 25 at Crown Point Shores Rotary Club Pavilion and sponsored by Pacific Beach Town Council, was deemed "The Year of Our Northern Division Police Officers."

The community barbecue honors a rotating group of first responders including police officers, firefighters, lifeguards, and City park rangers. It is an annual community give-back tradition in Pacific Beach dating back over 40 years. The dinner is capped by an awards ceremony at Crown Point Park honoring all first responders.

The 2024 fundraising event featured honorees from the San Diego Police Department, SD Fire & Rescue, lifeguards, and park rangers, along with over 300 PB Town Council members, City, County, and



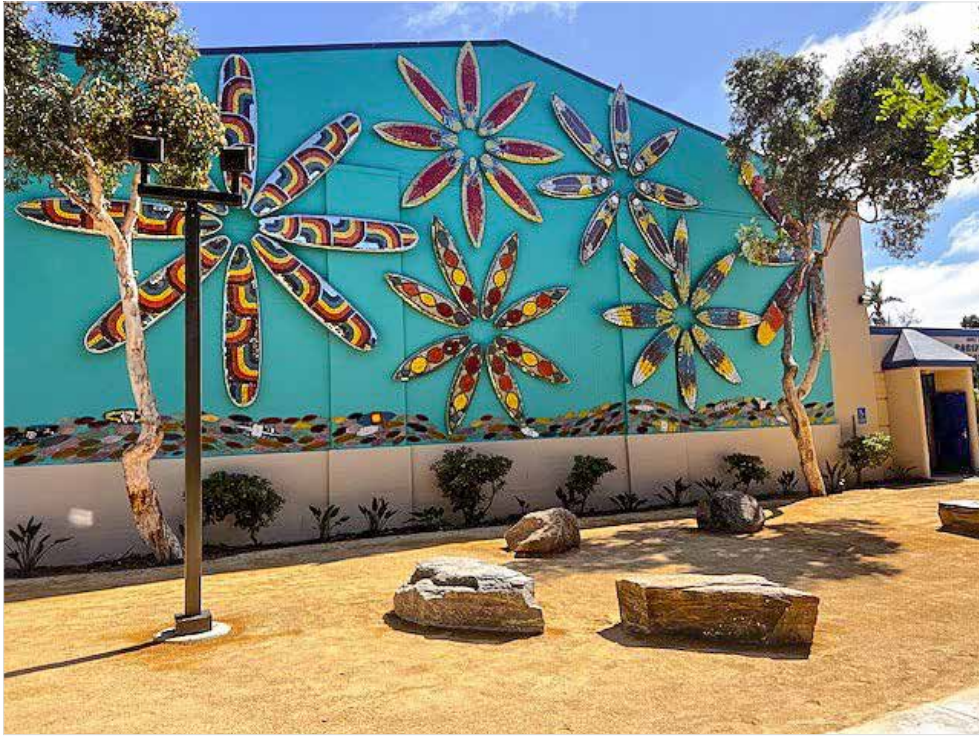
Officer Jessicamarie Thrift, community resource officer of the Northern Division, was selected as the 2024 PAESAN honoree for the SDPD.

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State officials, and community members. "Ask anyone who lives in Pacific Beach and they will tell you that they love the first responders who keep them safe," said PBTC

representatives about PAESAN. "The hard-working police officers, firefighters, lifeguards, and park rangers are a big part of what makes PB a great place to live and to visit. The PB Town Council raises money to support the first responders who serve their community, capping off their fundraising with PAESAN."

Each year during the event, individual police officers, lifeguards, firefighters, and park rangers are recognized, and certificates are awarded. "This year we featured our Northern Division officers who serve the coastal communities of Pacific Beach, La Jolla, and Mission Beach, as well as Clairemont," said PBTC representatives. "As a result of the immense community support for our officers, we were able to successfully fundraise over \$66,000 to completely renovate the Beach



PB SURF GARDEN

A new addition has been added to the Pacific Beach Community Surf Garden (above) at PB Rec Center at 1405 Diamond St. Phase I was the design, approval, and installation of the large mosaic on the north wall. Phase II was the design, approval and installation of new lighting, ground cover, and boulders/seating area in front of the north wall installation as well as finishing painting the south wall mural. "A mosaic was originally proposed for the south wall but due to structural issues, a painted mural was the best course of action," said Brian Curry who spearheaded the public art project. "The lighting illuminates the surfboard tile mosaics at night and it is well worth the time to take an evening and enjoy the beautiful artwork which has been incorporated into the City of San Diego civic art collection."

The Pacific Beach Community Surf Garden was sponsored by the Pacific Beach Town Council in coordination with the artist, Rob Tobin, and funded by beach area donations from individuals, families, and local businesses. "We were also fortunate to receive a County of San Diego Community Enhancement Grant via the support and assistance of San Diego County District 3 Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and her staff," added Curry.

PB LIBRARY VOTING

There are two ways for you to vote at the PB Library, 4275 Cass St., for this year's Presidential General Election on Nov. 5: Mail Ballot Drop-Off beginning Tuesday, Oct. 8, drop off your mail ballot in the MBDO box located on the Cass Street Plaza. Accessible 24 hours a day, until 8 p.m. on Nov. 5. Drop off your mail ballot or vote in-person in the PB Library's Community Room. Staffed by poll workers from the SD Registrar of Voters from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday Oct. 26 to Monday Nov. 4. Extended hours on Election Day: 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Enter from the Cass Street Plaza, as the Vote Center opens before the PB Library's usual service hours. Check out the SD Registrar of Voters for more info about how to vote in this election: sdvote.com.

MISSION BAY PARK EIR

The City is holding a public scoping meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Ave. This is an opportunity to comment on city-proposed capital improvement projects in Mission Bay Park. The City has specifically listed the Fiesta Island causeway and the northern least tern preserve area, for example, but there are no projects proposed in the off-leash area used by Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO).

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to take public input on the plan, which includes asking for items to be added. FIDO plans to ask the City to add capital improvement projects in the off-leash area, including stairways from the berm to the beach (a proposed FIDO project), that will provide safer coastal access. FIDO supports two sets of stairs to access the shoreline. The proposed program may also include amendments to the Mission Bay Park Masterplan and Local Coastal Program, which could affect the off-leash area. This is FIDO's chance to see if it can get capital improvements inside the dog park, such as the stairways, added to the plan.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

City Tacos at 4516 Mission Blvd, Suite E, in Pacific Beach is honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October with the Pretty in Pink Taco as its Taco of the Month. Founder Gerry Torres will donate 10% of the taco's total sales from the month to Keep A Breast Foundation. The taco features a pink beet-infused corn tortilla filled with spicy grilled shrimp over melted asadero cheese and topped with beat pearls, pico de gallo, micro greens, tortilla crisps, and hibiscus and lime aioli sauces.

ART SHOW

La Jolla artist Peggy Hinaekian is inviting guests over to drink wine and view her art on her patio on Friday, Oct. 11 from 3-6 p.m. at 2279 Caminito Preciosa Norte. "This month's theme is Blue, I shall only exhibit blue paintings on canvas and paper and also some etchings and prints," she said. "Prices will be negotiable." RSVP by calling 954-952-2210.

NO LIMITS WALK

On Saturday, Oct. 26, United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego County will be staging its 42nd annual No Limits Walk at De Anza Cove on Mission Bay at 8:30 a.m. in an effort to raise needed funds to support a number of programs. Visit <https://fundraise.ucpsd.org/event/no-limits-walk-2024/e589284> for more information.

BELMONT BEERFEST

Enjoy a day of brews, tunes and fun at Belmont Park's brand-new BeerFest on Sunday, Oct. 20 from noon-4 p.m. This free festival will feature live music, hilarious gourd games, and a variety of beer pop-ups from local breweries. Enjoy a sunny beachside fall afternoon in the park sipping sudsy brews from some of the best local breweries including Latitude 33, Mike Hess, Modern Times Beer, Pizza Port Brewing Co., and more.

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