PBPG votes to restrict short term rentals

By MANNY LÓPEZ

It was standing room only as the Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) voted to restrict short-term vacation rentals during a special meeting on March 3 at the Pacific Beach Taylor Library.

The PBPG is a voluntary group created to make recommendations to the City Council, Planning Commission, city staff and other governmental agencies on land use matters. Short-term vacation rentals are single-family residential dwellings rented out for periods of less than 30 days.

“We’re at a tipping point, and this is going to change what happens in Pacific Beach,” said PBPG member Larry Emlaw.

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Owls well when neighbors discuss Canary Island pines

Communication saves trees, owls

By DAVE SCHWAB

A recent incident involving displaced barn owls, huge pine trees threatened with removal and Pacific Beach neighbors concerned for the health of wildlife and their environment apparently turns out to have had a happy ending.

Message lines on Nextdoor.com were lighting up recently with back-and-forth discussions by neighbors about a local property owner’s plans to cut down three Canary Island pine trees on Felspar Street. Those trees, it turns out, harbored a nest of protected owls, who had previously relocated from a nearby trimmed palm tree.

“They’re beautiful trees, healthy; there was no reason to take them down,” contended neighbor Judy Swanick, who noted the owl’s nest found in one of the trees changed the situation entirely.

So Swanick got busy on Nextdoor.com asking neighbors for advice on what government agency to contact to alert them about the task their company had been charged with.

“The man who owns the property couldn’t have done separately,” contended neighbor Judy Swanick said this was a “beautiful example” of neighbors banding together to accomplish something they couldn’t have done separately.

The arborist who trimmed — but did not cut down — the Felspar Street Canary Island trees talked about the task their company had been charged with.

“The man who owns the property remained standing. That’s nature. I can’t do anything about that. Nobody said anything to me about a bird nest up there.” Swanick said this story does in fact have a happy ending because “Both renters and homeowners joined in discussion adding small bits of info that, put together, made it possible to cut through multiple government agencies and related bureaucratic delays so that before 24 hours had passed these trees that were scheduled to be cut down completely remained standing.”

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Adding the appropriate agency turned out to be the California Department of Birds and Wildlife, which intervened to halt the pine trees’ removal.

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“The man who owns the property caused it to lean to one side, and their pinecones falling and landing on a person’s head or car,” said Kim Morlan, who, along with husband John, operates Morlans’ arboricultural consulting, which was engaged by property owner James Tam to remove the pines.

Noting that they “really don’t like removals because historically we have been able to find other solutions,” Kim Morlan said this case was no exception.

“After doing a bit of digging, we discovered the root in question wasn’t from a pine tree at all but rather appeared to belong to a Ficus tree, known for having large roots, which often displace hardscape,” she said.

Morlan added subsequent inspection of Google Earth Pro images revealed remnants of a Ficus tree that used to be in the neighbor’s front yard.

“This root ran alongside the fence, between the trunk of one of the pines and the fence,” Morlan said. “We had to remove it because it would continue to displace the fence as the pine tree’s trunk diameter would enlarge, pushing the root into the fence.”

Morlan said, after the offending root was removed, a material known as BioBarrier was used along the fence to “prevent any further complications.”

Tam said he hired the tree trimmers because tree roots “had pushed the retaining wall to (his) neighbor’s property.”

“I did not do anything to affect nature,” Tam said, adding the problem existed before he bought the property. “That’s nature. I can’t do anything about that. Nobody said anything to me about a bird nest up there.”

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“I see this as a potential motivational story to get individuals to meet with their neighbors through sharing their concern for well-being of both trees and wildlife,” Swanick said.

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Mission Bay Gateway plan may get a financial boost

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI

District 2 Councilwoman Lori Zapf recently requested $300,000 in funding for fiscal year 2015-16 from Mayor Kevin Faulconer’s office in order to fund a study of what to do with the De Anza Cove mobile home site once it becomes unoccupied in 2016.

According to Alex Bell, communications director for Zapf, the budget meeting will be held in May, and if the funds are approved then, they will be available in July.

Pacific Beach Planning Group member Scott Chipman has proposed an idea named the Mission Bay Gateway Project. Part of the gateway’s proposal is to move Campland On The Bay to the De Anza Cove site, once the campground’s lease expires next year, and then turn Campland’s present site into marshlands. The gateway idea has gained traction within the community.

“We’re starting with a brand new slate,” said Pacific Beach Planning Group chair Brian Curry. “Our plan is to bring together all the interested parties such as the San Diego Audubon Society, Campland On The Bay, City Planning, Mission Bay Park, Pacific Beach Town Council and get everyone together in order to collaborate on what we can put at the De Anza site.”

Curry’s main concern, though, is that the process might be too long and could slow down any momentum for the interested parties. “We have an active group of volunteers right now with an infrastructure already in place,” Curry said.

Another proposal for that land is to build a high-rise hotel similar to the Hilton in Mission Bay. But the current height restriction for buildings in Mission Bay is 30 feet, and according to Bell, the height restrictions on the property will remain.

The history of the De Anza mobile home site goes back to 2003, when its lease had expired, but the residents had filed a class action lawsuit that November against the city to prevent them from being moved off that land. Litigation had kept both the residents and city in limbo until early 2014, when the lawsuit had been resolved. De Anza had 509 mobile homes at its park, and just over half of its occupancy remains.

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Birders Bob Miller and Raz Rasmussen participate in the 19th annual San Diego Bird Festival, presented by the San Diego Audubon Society, on Sunday, March 8. The two bird enthusiasts were documenting waterfowl at ‘The Big Sit’ station located at the San Diego River estuary in Mission Beach.

PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

Pacific Beach woman named a finalist for San Diego Woman of the Year honor

By DAVE SCHWAB

A Pacific Beach woman was among three finalists named for San Diego Woman of the Year honors by Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins.

Laura Mustari of Pacific Beach, CEO of Home Start, a 35-year-old organization dedicated to ensuring the well-being of children while focusing on child-abuse treatment in San Diego County, was a runner-up to the eventual winner, Betty Peabody of Point Loma.

Peabody is known for her longtime, high-profile volunteerism benefiting Balboa Park.

Also in the mix for Woman of the Year was Dr. Rommie Amaro of La Jolla, who’s received the nation’s highest honor for young scientists and engineers. In 2011, she was selected by President Obama for the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists & Engineers.

The trio from San Diego beach areas will be recognized in a formal ceremony by the state legislature soon in Sacramento.

“We look forward to recognizing extraordinary women from our communities during our annual Woman of the Year ceremony in Sacramento,” said Atkins.

All three women were nominated for the speaker’s Women of the Year project for Women’s History Month in March.

“Our mission is focused on preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening at-risk families,” said Pacific Beach’s Mustari of her work. She added, “We have a vision that every single child in San Diego should live in a safe and nurturing home supported by a healthy family and community.”

Mustari was “surprised, humbled and very excited” to have been in the running for Woman of the Year honors.

Noting “Parenting is one of the most important jobs that we get the least amount of training and support for.” Mustari said her career goal has been to provide prevention education aimed at “lowering child-abuse rates.”

“The real heroes are these (at-risk) families,” Mustari said, adding high-risk groups like (unplanned) pregnant women ages 18 to 24 and homeless women are being targeted for priority treatment.

“We want to make a difference with this particular population,” she said. “If we can intervene early on offering wrap-around support services and teach skills building parenting, we can stop the cycle of child abuse and neglect and really help these young women change their lives. We want to provide them with everything they need to be independent.”

With more than 25 years’ experience in the nonprofit sector, Mustari was a key member of the steering committee that helped launch a new youth housing project. She also served as the first female president of the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation’s (SDHDF) board of directors.

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“Our goal is to have it up and running at the beaches by the summer,” said Bikeshare spokesman David Silverman.

“We are currently working with the city to finalize a handful of locations before we start installation,” Silverman added.

Silverman said beach areas will be included in the second phase of rollout of the short-term bike rental program, the first phase of which he said “has been going great.

“We currently have 80 stations operational in the downtown/uptown areas and in little over four weeks have had more than 10,000 rides,” said Silverman, who added station installation has not yet begun in the beach areas.

“We are finalizing the downtown area before we start the second phase to the beaches,” Silverman said.

A total of 19 bike stations were originally proposed for PB in DecoBike, San Diego’s bike-share program. Not all those 19 proposed PB locations were initially acceptable to community planners, however.

In July, the Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) unanimously endorsed sending a letter to city officials and DecoBike to ask that the bike-share program not be implemented in PB until issues with some proposed locations were vetted and resolved.

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DAVID SILVERMAN
BIKESHARE SPOKESMAN
PB Alehouse should reopen by summer

Restaurant group moves some employees to other eateries

By DAVE SCHWAB

Pacific Beach Alehouse is closed for repairs the next several weeks in the aftermath of a fire that caused an estimated $1 million damage to the restaurant-bar Feb. 16.

“It was a grease fire, and we’re closed, still assessing the damages,” said Johnny Leal, Alehouse spokesman. “Our goal is to reopen in 60 to 90 days for summer.”

Leal added most of the damage was in the restaurant’s kitchen and restroom, noting, “We’re going to be upgrading while we’re at it.”

“It’s our number one location,” he said of the Alehouse, adding, “There’s been a lot of great support from the community.”

Thanks to the generosity of its owners, many of the establishment’s employees have temporary jobs elsewhere at restaurants in the chain. OMG Hospitality Group, which also owns Union Kitchen and Tap, with locations in Encinitas and downtown’s Gaslamp Quarter.

Referring to the welfare of PB Alehouse’s 80-plus employees, Leal said, “Situations like this, all you can do is the best you can for them. Obviously, we can’t take everyone. But we’d love to take 50 percent of them. We’re doing the best we can.”

OMG also owns Backyard Kitchen & Tap, which is accommodating some of Alehouse’s staff and just recently opened at 832 Garnet Ave. following a remodel. The renovated “coastal American eatery” includes the de rigueur combo of reclaimed wood and a set of garage doors opening onto Garnet Avenue. The eatery’s large outdoor area, flanked by living walls, holds an indoor/outdoor bar, cabanas and fire pits. Plans included regularly scheduled entertainment at the venue, everything from live music to late-night DJs.

Heavy smoke was billowing from the restaurant’s second story about 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16. Firefighters extinguished most of the blaze in about 25 minutes.

San Diego Fire-Rescue Department spokesman Lee Swanson said about 120 people were inside when the fire broke out, and management evacuated the packed building.

Firefighters initially asked for more crews to help with the blaze in case evacuations were needed but later canceled the request.

The fire started in the kitchen and traveled up a stove vent into the attic. Swanson said, “We’re getting really excited about reopening and getting our new restaurant off the ground and their feet under them.” Leal said.

Their original menu was smaller, almost postcard-size, and simpler. A lot has been added, noted Cindy, in terms of offerings — more fish items, soups, salads and bowls, plus Cindy’s patented build-your-own burrito.

Talking about what’s been fun about Taco Surf, Cindy said they sometimes have celebrities, like NFL Pittsburgh Steelers star Troy Polamalu, come in.

But personally, Cindy said she likes making connections with customers the best.

“You really get to know them, and they know all about you and what’s going on in your family,” she said.

Though times — and the landscape — of PB have changed greatly over the last 25 years, Cindy noted those changes have been “pretty positive.”

“I think this town’s really going in a good direction,” she said, adding, “There are really good people here. They take care of their town. The tourists love it.”

The Mclartys’ three children are all working elsewhere now. One son is a chef over at The Fishery on Cass Street. Cindy said they’ve expressed interest in one day taking over the business, adding that perhaps might be in the family’s future.

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We try to keep our prices as low as possible,” said Cindy. “You can come in here and pay $3.50 and be full.”

Comparing Taco Surf’s menu 25 years ago and today, it’s surprising how little things have changed.

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“I think this town’s really going in a good direction,” she said, adding, “There are really good people here. They take care of their town. The tourists love it.”

The Mclartys’ three children are all working elsewhere now. One son is a chef over at The Fishery on Cass Street. Cindy said they’ve expressed interest in one day taking over the business, adding that perhaps might be in the family’s future.

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Mission Bay High

The new MBHS stadium is almost finished, and the MBHS Alumni Association has announced the start of their Engraved Brick Fundraiser. All bricks will be installed in the patio area located on the homeside of the stadium. Donations are tax deductible, and 100 percent of the profits will go back to MBHS. Visit brickorder.com.

Talent show winners: First place: David Nguyen, original hip-hop dance. Second place: Madeline Tandy, original song and guitar. Third place: Ian Waganman, LED poi ball dance.


The judges were Lyndsey Blurton, Rob Tobin, and Jack Conca. The stage manager was Owen Nelson; tech design, lights Mark Armstrong; sound engineer Aaron Wolcott.

PB Elementary

PBE’s Bucking Bull Great Western Auction is set for Friday, April 17, at the Soledad Club. PBE is having an online auction March 16-23, and everyone is welcome to register. Bid at www.pbe.schoolauction.net/auction2015.

Kate Sessions

On Monday, March 2, Kate Sessions celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday with the military personnel from the Point Loma Naval Base. Capt. Warner and his troops were deployed to classrooms wearing red and white Dr. Seuss hats, carrying Dr. Seuss books and then reading aloud to students.

The public is invited to attend Sessions Elementary’s annual auction party, Anchors Aweigh, 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. Eat breakfast while listening to the melodious sounds of IB music director John O’Donnell and his talented student musicians. All proceeds benefit the PBMS IB Music Department.

FOPBSS

Join in on the conversation and learn how you can help PB schools by attending the next Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools meeting 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, in the PBMS library.

Pacific Beach Middle

PBMS IB Music Department annual pancake breakfast takes place 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14. Eat breakfast while listening to the melodious sounds of IB music director John O’Donnell and his talented student musicians. All proceeds benefit the PBMS IB Music Department.

Mission Bay High Surf Team

The Mission Bay High School surf team finished the season competing in their final contest in Ocean Beach on Saturday, March 7. Nicolas Campagna (not pictured) placed second in body board, Kieran Wills placed third in short board, Lucas Monari placed fourth in short board, and Ciara Gray placed fourth in short board and fifth in long board.
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By BART MENDOZA

Music fans who love the rhythmic sounds of salsa and Latin jazz won’t want to miss an appearance from Charlie Chavez y su Afrotruko at Dizzy’s on March 13. A native of Mexico, Chavez will be backed by a 13-piece orchestra for what promises to be one of the most uplifting performances of the year.

Chavez has toured North America and Europe and, with a number of top performers, including Lila Downs, Gilbert Castellanos and the B-Side Players, as well as teaching workshops, he’s a shame Dizzy’s doesn’t have a house band. For all the B-Side Players, as well as teaching workshops, it’s a shame Dizzy’s doesn’t have a house band. Chavez y su Afrotruko is one of the most gifted and prolific Latin jazz acts in the country, and it’s no wonder there are tributes devoted to his music.

MUST HEAR

*Charlie Chavez y su Afrotruko: 8 p.m. Friday, March 13 at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. www.dizzysjazz.com.*

*Lucky Ladies Burlesque / Karma Police: Friday, March 13, at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 8 and 9:30 p.m. www.710bc.com.*

*Missy Anderson: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at Humphrey’s Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. www.humphreysbackstagelive.com.*

*The Distractions: 9 p.m. Friday, March 20 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa Street. www.tioleos.com.*

*Punk Rock Karaoke: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. www.brickbybrick.com.*

On March 13, The 710 Beach Club will be the site of two wildly different shows in one night. From 8 to 9 p.m., clubgoers will be treated to a classic burlesque show courtesy of the Lucky Ladies Burlesque, complete with song and dance routines from the 1940s. The music then fast forwards to the 1990s 30 minutes later, when the club hosts sets from a cover band, Indiana Jones and a Radiohed trib-ute act, Karma Police. There are separate admissions for each event, but if anything shows the healthy diversity of the local music community, its nights like this.

Blues fans have much reason to rejoice these days. Clubs are full of such bands, festivals from Gator by the Bay to the Adams Avenue Street Fair spotlight the music and, best of all new artists are emerging as major forces in local music.

Apparent at Humphrey’s Backstage Live on March 17, singer Missy Anderson is such a talent. Adding a touch of gospel to her blues, Anderson’s soulful vocals are perfectly matched to guitarist Heine Anderson’s fluid fretwork for performances that are intense and inspired. While the blues standards are interesting enough, her recastings of such tunes from “Pump It Up” through to “Every Day I Write the Book,” a show for whom fans of Costello or ‘80s rock in general.

Anyone who ever wanted to front a band but was never able to get things together will want to check out Punk Rock Karaoke at Brick by Brick on March 21. As can be ascertained by the event’s title, this is a night dedicated to punk rock classics, with a twist.

Instead of singing to some cheesy backing track, in this case wannabe rock stars will front a band consisting of members of such legendary groups as The Dickies, Bad Religion, The Circle Jerks and Social Distortion. With this kind of onstage talent, even if a singer turns out to be less than stellar, it should be a great show!
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On Monday, March 9, a couple gardeners who were working on their plots, and who did not want to be named, said they were told the property would be sold as early as June, “but we’ll see if it goes through.”

“I have been reaching out to likely landowners, asking for space to develop gardens,” Ferracco said of her garden quest. Noting a couple of local landowners have offered small side yards or pedestrian strips, Ferracco noted, “A real find is one that would accommodate 20 to 30 gardeners. I still look, call, knock on doors. I am hopeful.”

Ocean Beach Community Garden in Loma Portal is accepting a few of the displaced Pacific Beach Community Planning Group members’ gardens. “Wonderful news for those lucky gardeners,” Ferracco said.

The PBCG with 55 cultivated plots has blossomed largely under the radar at Shasta and Roosevelt in Crown Point. Nearby residents, who didn’t have room to garden at their own homes, waited two years or longer for a chance to till the soil there. The garden’s vegetables, which have included tomatoes, squash, zucchini, beans, peppers and chard, have been its biggest crops. Flowers have also shared many of the 15-foot-by-20-foot and half-size plots.

Garden enthusiasts have been banding together for months, even before the bad news about losing PBCG, under the auspices of PBDCG with a website of the same name.

Grassroots group speaking Andrew Martin has been involved in a related effort to obtain city approval for a prospec-tive community garden/beautification in the Pacific Beach Drive median between Jewel and Kendall streets. But, he admitted, it’s a time-consuming effort.

“We’ve been trying to start a garden there. The city’s raised some concerns about safety with that because of the traffic,” Martin said. “They said we’re going to have to do something to slow down traffic by reworking that intersection on both sides (ends) by putting in roundabouts or stop signs.”

Ultimately, Martin said what gardeners would like to see is every community space available be converted from lean to green. “Residents along the streets who’ve created their own cactus gardens, we’re not interest-ed in tearing those up,” said Martin. “But in the middle of our medians, some of which are pretty barren, gardening is what we’d like to do. Unfortunately, it’s a slow effort.”

Martin said the next step in the city-approval process for setting up a new PB community garden is to “get signatures to support it.”

“We have 20 now and we needed 10,” he said of the garden project’s status.

Ferracco said her open-ended gardening request has already borne fruit.

“A PB neighbor has offered half of his backyard for a community garden,” she said. “We are so grateful. He had more back yard than he could manage, and he has welcomed eight of us to garden the unused section.”

Ferracco added the soil in the new gardening spot, with the help of an arborist, is being prepared pruning trees and clearing weeds with an eye toward planting by late April.

“We assumed all the costs for building the garden,” Ferracco said. “We’ll pay our portion of the water.”

Pacific Beach Community Garden at the intersection of Shasta and Roosevelt streets.
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