The fight for De Anza Cove
Is Campland in the plans?

By DAVE SCHWAB

Golf, tennis courts and athletic fields are in, but Campland on the Bay could be out in the De Anza Revitalization Plan that will attempt to re-imagine, repurpose and revitalize the massive regional park.

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Mission Bay High School’s Class of 2018 throws their caps in the air to celebrate.

By DALE SCHWAB | Beach & Bay Press

Mission Bay High School’s Class of 2018 paraded into the school’s football stadium on June 13, cheered on by family and friends on a sunny afternoon outdoors. Students Madeline Lynch, Josie La Valle and Piatt Pump sung the national anthem to kick off the commencement ceremony.

Clad in caps and gowns with gold tassels, graduates were handed their diplomas personally by principal Ernest Remillard, who posed for a photograph with each student as their names were called out from the class list.

“We are gathered here today to recognize all 214 of these students for managing to survive and overcome the obstacles faced,” said ASB Council president Cecilia Lopez. “We all know how hard it is to balance both our personal and academic struggles, while juggling work and sports with classes, sometimes sleeping only six hours a night — or pulling an all-nighter to study for a final — and waking up at 5 a.m. to go to school experience.”

“Enjoy the journey,” was the principal’s final piece of advice. “Please remember. Always be respectful. Go Bucs!”

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A prolific thief who took patio furniture from Pacific Beach homes will be sentenced July 5 and the probation department is contacting victims for their input.

Some residents had security cameras in their homes, but the ultimate culprit, Jose Luis Ledesma Manjarrez, 44, during the night as he took patio furniture, umbrellas, and even cactus plants from back yards and porches in a series that started in October 2016. Manjarrez loaded the furniture and items into a green Ford Explorer and sold the goods in Mexico. He may be ordered to pay all the victims back as part of the sentence.

Manjarrez pleaded guilty May 30 to five felony counts of grand theft and 14 charges were dismissed by San Diego Superior Court Judge Timothy Walch. Manjarrez was arrested May 17 by San Diego Police and remains in jail without bail.

Court records say he faces a maximum sentence of five years and eight months in prison. The District Attorney’s office has agreed not to ask for more than 270 days in jail.

Among items taken were a basketball hoop, pillows, a multi-colored hammock, a Martha Stewart wicker loveseat, Sheffield chairs and table, cast iron chairs, Adirondack chairs, and a 5-foot long wooden bench, according to court records.

Manjarrez was seen on video taking off his shoes to lessen noise. He also would put a cardboard box over lighting. One resident noticed his parked SUV with its lights and engine off at 1 a.m. in an alley, and the took a picture of the Baja California license plate.

Probation officials are determining what the total loss is. The streets listed in court records where thefts occurred include Oliver Avenue, Soledad Road, Opal Street, Law Street, Reed Avenue, Beryl Street, Chalcotney Street, Fog Street, Magnolia Avenue, Pendleton Street, Emerald Street and Buena Vista Street.

Police were alerted after Manjarrez crossed the border at 3 a.m. on March 22. He was stopped on Mission Bay Drive. There was no furniture in the SUV, but it had padded blankets, a bag of ratchet straps and the rear seats were folded in a flat position.

Manjarrez has no prior record. Deputy District Attorney Allen VanHorn said June 21 there was a problem with the statute of limitations on some of the thefts because its value was less than $950 and was considered a misdemeanor. Felony grand theft charges were filed where the furniture thefts were greater than $950 and some misdemeanors that occurred within the last year.


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Mini library in Pacific Beach into July

Now until sometime in July, the Pacific Beach Taylor Branch Library, at 4275 Cass St., which has been closed since April 9 for roof and heating/cooling repairs, will be operating a mini library out of its community room.

Interim mini library hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Popular materials are available, such as books for kids, staff will retrieve additional items from the stacks upon request. Holds are also available for pick-up. Library materials may be returned in the book drops.

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Is the mayor’s proposal a compromise or a sell out to the rental industry?

Depending on who you speak to, Mayor Kevin Faulconer’s short-term vacation rentals plan may be viewed as either an impartial workable compromise – or dead on arrival.

“It’s not a compromise at all,” claimed John Thickstun, spokesperson for Save San Diego Neighborhoods, a grassroots group lobbying for tighter short-term rental controls. “Mayor Faulconer’s proposed ordinance is not only ill-conceived and unenforceable, it is also unlawful.”

“The mayor’s draft ordinance is a fair and balanced compromise, which protects a homeowner’s property rights, San Diego’s thriving tourism economy and the right for neighbors to not be negatively impacted,” countered Jonah Mechanic of Sealbreeze Vacation Rentals in La Jolla. “The current code is outdated, ambiguous, and confusing.

Under Faulconer’s proposal, a maximum of two licenses can be issued to a host: one for their primary residence and one additional license for a secondary residence. The primary residence could be rented out for up to six months per year, with the secondary residence available for year-round rental.

Proposed new short-term rental regulations would require a three-night minimum stay for coastal and downtown communities. Units with five or more bedrooms will first be required to obtain a Neighborhood Use Permit from the Development Services Department. Rental owners would also need to register with the City and pay an annual $949 fee, per-year, per rental. Monies collected would be used for enforcement of the rental ordinance.

Ask what would be acceptable to coastal residents in a compromise, Thickstun replied: “The bottom line is that short-term rental are a transient use in the City’s municipal code. Transient uses do not belong in residential zones. What you’re talking about is changing the municipal code to allow these transient uses in every residential zone in San Diego. What [Faulconer’s] doing is really putting one over on San Diegans.”

Crunching the numbers, Thickstun noted the Airbnb industry estimates there are 11,000 to 15,000 short-term vacation rentals in the City of San Diego. “If this is true, that means the majority of these [owners] have short-term vacation rentals. And half of these people don’t live in the City of San Diego,” Thickstun said. “There’s no legal distinction between primary and secondary residences in the mayor’s proposal. That leaves the door open for entities outside the city of San Diego to own secondary residences.”

Defending the mayor’s proposal, Mechanic noted, “As is the case with most compromises, neither side gets everything they want.”

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Mayor Kevin Faulconer

Mayor Kevin Faulconer’s much-anticipated new regulations on short-term vacation rentals, seeking to strike a balance between those who want them out, and the Airbnb industry promoting them, was greeted by both strong support – and vehement disapproval.

“What is being lauded as a compromise is in fact a concession to the short-term vacation rental industry,” said Joe LaCava, former chair of the Community Planners Committee, which oversees the City’s more than 40 citizen advisory groups making land-use recommendations.

“Despite more pressing problems facing our City, the extraordinary city resources proposed to justify these incompatible uses prioritizes short-term vacation rentals over the real needs of San Diegans and our neighborhoods,” LaCava said.

John Thickstun, a spokesperson for Save San Diego Neighborhoods, a single-family neighborhood group formed to lobby for more restrictive short-term rentals, had a list of questions for the mayor to answer about short-term rentals.

Among them: What are the definitions of “primary” and “secondary” residences? Will rentals be limited to property titleholders? Does the proposed ordinance prohibit an individual from purchasing any number of residential dwellings and having others hold title and use the residences as short-term vacation rentals? Are short-term vacation rentals to be limited to “living breathing human beings” as opposed to trusts, associations, corporations? Philip Minardi of the Expedia Group, the parent company of vacation rental platforms HomeAway.com and VRBO.com, had a different take.

“For generations, whole-home vacation rentals have played an important role for San Diego homeowners and for families visiting the City,” said Minardi.

“We applaud Mayor Faulconer and City staff on their efforts to craft a fair and effective policy that addresses community concerns and recognizes San Diego’s vibrant vacation rental community. We look forward to reviewing the proposal when it is released in full and welcome continued collaboration with all local stakeholders,” Minardi said.

Faulconer characterized his new proposal as seeking to “strike a balance between growing the home-sharing industry, enforcement and neighborhood quality of life.”

The mayor’s proposal would:

- Create the City’s first license-based system to manage short-term rentals.
- Charge cost-recoverable fees to administer licenses and enforce code violations.
- Establish a “Good Neighbor” policy to preserve neighborhood quality of life.
- Hire additional staff to respond to complaints about nuisance properties.
- Implement a per-night fee that would generate an estimated $3 million annually for affordable-housing projects.

“This is a balanced approach that establishes clear rules of the road for short-term rental hosts and guests while protecting neighborhood quality of life through increased oversight and enforcement,” Faulconer said. “This is a fair compromise that allows the home-sharing economy and our neighborhoods to co-exist and gives everyone clarity moving forward. I look forward to working with the City Council on passing these proposed regulations.”

Monday, July 16 is the date during which the full City Council will take on Faulconer’s short-term vacation rental proposal.

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JOE LACAVA
FORMER CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNERS COMMITTEE
City Council members float styrofoam ban

There's likely another commonly used petroleum-based product that could join single-use plastic bags in the banned category.

If City Council members Barbara Bry and Chris Ward get their way, polystyrene (styrofoam) food and beverage containers may become the second ocean-polluting, plastic-based item to be prohibited for public use. Bry and Ward are co-sponsoring new legislation to do just that.

"What we have now is a draft ordinance," said Bry, noting the draft contains exceptions for "small businesses for customers requesting plastic utensils."

The impetus for taking action against styrofoam, said Bry, "comes from the realization that this is a major problem." She added environmental groups including San Diego Coastkeeper and the Sierra Club support banning styrofoam.

Reacting to the news that styrofoam use could soon be forbidden, two local restaurateurs said they favor converting to other packaging materials.

John Vallas, executive director of Beautiful MB, a nonprofit dedicated to public enhancement, said many beach businesses are ahead of the environmental-conscious curve shifting away from petroleum-based products.

"As a former restaurant owner that removed all styrofoam from service, replacing with corn fiber and recycled single-use containers, I understand the argument against banning styrofoam by the restaurant lobby," Vallas said. "The alternatives are more expensive. But times change, and people are more educated, and more connected than ever before to the dangers and pitfalls of always looking for the cheapest solution."

"Noting styrofoam’s lightweight nature and its use with food products “make it difficult and expensive to recycle,” Vallas added styrofoam comprises as much as 30 percent of total landfill volume and 20 percent of all litter ending up in waterways.

"As co-founder of Beautiful Mission Beach and organizing monthly beach cleanups … I’ve seen the impact first-hand," said Vallas. "There are bits of styrofoam all over our beaches and communities, and birds and fish can eat the styrofoam, mistaking it for food, ending up in our food chain.

"Polystyrene does not biodegrade, it’s made from fossil fuels and dangerous chemicals, and those chemicals leach into our foods. I’m excited to see polystyrene, or styrofoam, banned in San Diego and across the world," said Vallas.

"Surfrider supports the City’s proposed expanded polystyrene reduction ordinance," said Michael Torti, executive committee chair for Surfrider Foundation San Diego Chapter. "Expanded polystyrene food ware containers and other single-use plastics are damaging the environment and marine life."

San Diego Humane Society to be new animal service provider

As of July 1, San Diego Humane Society will be the new animal service provider for residents of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, San Diego, Santee and Solana Beach. Pet owners will have expanded resources and services available to them and their pets, including:

- Lost and found;
- Licensing;
- Increased adoption services, humane law enforcement and specialty programs like the Kitten Nursery, Behavior Center, PAWS San Diego and community outreach;
- Expanded service hours and coverage seven days a week.

"We couldn’t be more excited about extending our safety net to more of San Diego and we look forward to working with these communities to provide great animal services," said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society.

"This is one of the biggest milestones for animal welfare in San Diego. With our new services, we’ll be able to care for more animals as well as the people who care about them, which translates to more lives saved. Our expanded services will help keep animals with their families, which is where they belong," Weitzman said.

Each City Council voted unanimously to approve a three-year agreement with San Diego Humane Society for animal control services. To learn more about the services available and how to contact San Diego Humane Society, visit sdhumane.org.
Jaquelyn Mitchell, one of the Cannabis girls, said she has heard it all.

"People think we sell from the bus," Mitchell said. "I tell them, 'we don't sell from the bus, but I can take you to where they do, for free.'"

Branded with bold white lettering that reads "Urbn Leaf," the Cannabus is hard to miss if you've spent any time in the beach communities this year. In operation since February, the bus offers free rides to the Urbn Leaf dispensary on Buenos Avenue. Pick-up spots are located on Abbott Street in Ocean Beach during the week and on Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach on the weekend, with added pick-ups in Ocean Beach on some weekends.

"Our OB route is the most popular," Mitchell said.

During the 10-minute drive to the dispensary, riders enjoy cushy bench seats and tables with booths. They can also sync their phones to play their music, enjoy an adult beverage and light up a marijuana joint.

Mitchell said she and the other Cannabis girls check ID's, to make sure people are 21 (if consuming alcohol). A built-in door separates the cabin and the driver, keeping it smoke free in the front seat.

The busses (there are two but only one operates at a time) are part of the Cali Party Bus fleet, Mitchell said. Urbn Leaf contracts with the Cannabis company to be the dispensary drop-off location and for the bus-branding.

Mitchell said she hasn’t had any issues with riders and so far hasn’t had to call the police. The hardest part, she said, is finding parking and not staying in loading zones too long.

On average, there are 20 people riding the bus each day. "Most people hear about us through word of mouth," she said. "Like, people from out of town ask their servers where they can get marijuana, and their servers send them here."

Mitchell said all types of people hop on the bus, from college students to older people who want to look for balm and oils.

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Mitchell said all types of people hop on the bus, from college students to older people who want to look for balm and oils.

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Mitchell said she hasn't had any issues with riders and so far hasn't had to call the police. The hardest part, she said, is finding parking and not staying in loading zones too long.

Once the bus arrives at the dispensary, riders receive a wristband that allows them to skip the line and receive a free lighter. An ID is required to enter the dispensary, where "budtenders" help answer questions about products and fulfill your order.

After the dispensary, riders can choose to get back on the bus for the trip back to the beach or go their own way. People can also hop on the bus from Urbn Leaf. The trip from pick-up to drop-off takes about an hour.

Lynn Walsh is a freelance journalist and an Oceanian. She works to promote trust between journalists and the public through the Trusting News project and teaches at Point Loma Nazarene University. Originally from Ohio, Lynn has grown to love living at the beach and posts way too many San Diego sunset photos on Instagram.
Say hello to Aloha Poke and Pineapple Crush in PB

By Dave Schiavio | Beach & Bay Press

Like a soothing ocean breeze, Aloha Poke Co. has swept into Pacific Beach bringing quality, sushi-grade tuna and a new taste treat, pineapple smoothies.

“It is very trendy because it’s really healthy and its fresh,” said the company’s West Coast executive director McKenzie Kahnweiler of poke, a raw fish salad served as an appetizer, and sometimes as a main course, in Hawaiian cuisine.

Chicago-based Aloha Poke Co. is expanding quickly throughout Southern California, debuting June 27 at 710 Hornblend St. in a brand new building where der Wiener schnitzel once stood.

“The bowls are like pieces of art,” Kahnweiler said, adding, “It’s a build-your-own situation. You pick it out first and then we make your bowl.”

Kahnweiler said Aloha has teamed with Pineapple Crush, which makes smoothies in hollowed-out pineapples, to add some extra pizzazz to their menu. “We have our back counter dedicated to Pineapple Crush smoothies,” she said.

Why eat poke?

“It’s super healthy, full of nutrition,” answered Kahnweiler. “Every single bowl has everything you need for that meal: a protein, a starch and mixed greens. It’s a very flexible way to eat sushi whenever you want it.”

Aloha Poke’s mission is simple: rethink fast food by providing fresh, fast and tasty bowls full of quality, raw ingredients that fuel the day.

Menu highlights include traditional sesame and shoyu-marinated tuna, salmon or tofu and the “Walkin’ Poke” combo of poke + Fritos.

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“I was always an entrepreneur, and I wanted to merge my love for coffee and Brazilian food,” says Goulart. He used his finance and business background, paired with his passion, to open Koffee Kat, the coffee shop that has now become a North PB staple.

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Bringing a diverse selection of savory pastries, desserts, and snacks to the menu was important to Goulart. “Snacking food is a big part of the culture in Brazil,” he explains.

“I wanted to bring that tradition to Pacific Beach.”

Customers can find pastries such as rissolés (a small croquette rolled in bread crumbs, filled with gouda cheese and deep fried), esfiha (stuffed bread pie similar to pizza dough, containing beef, spices, spinach, and ricotta), and their signature Koffee Kat rolls (filled flour bread rolls with combinations such as ham and cheese or bacon, egg, and cheese).

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The coffee shop even has its own Brazilian marketplace in the corner where they sell Brazilian products.

With its fun red, white, and black color scheme, the shop’s curb appeal may be what initially brought the customers in, but it’s the quality of ingredients that keeps them coming back.

“We always use quality syrups, flavors, etc. for our customers. Fresh ingredients are important to us,” says Goulart.

The PB locals’ loyalty over time is evident in the shop’s atmosphere. With a quaint, cozy feel, Koffee Kat has established itself as a neighborhood favorite.

For instance, the coffee bar is now lined with adorables Polaroid pictures of guests coming in to enjoy their coffee and snacks, with their signatures at the bottom. The shop also offers plenty of seating and tables for the community to feel welcome and encouraged to converse.

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**The Benedettis to celebrate Paul McCartney’s birthday at Dizzy’s**

By BART MENDEZ | Beach & Bay Press

In honor of Paul McCartney’s recent 76th birthday, on June 30 Dizzy’s will be hosting a celebration of his music, featuring The Benedettis. On hand will be guitar virtuoso Fred Benedetti with vocalists Regina Moomjean and Julia Picone.

Fans of classic 1960s girl groups won’t want to miss The Corvelles, appearing at Tio Leo’s on June 29. Billed as a Motown Revue, specializing in the songs of The Supremes, the vocal trio features a seven-piece band with a set list full of hit tunes such as “Baby Love.” “You Keep Me Hangin’ On,” and “Where Did Our Love Go?” The Corvelles also include other female-sung soul classics from the likes of Aretha Franklin, and the Exciters, but it’s their turn as the Diana Ross-led Supremes that most impresses, with signature moves, gowns and feather boas to go with the trio’s excellent vocals.

The Benedettis: Sunday, June 30 at Dizzy’s at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 8 p.m. dizzysjazz.com.

The Corvelles: Friday, June 29 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. tileoes.com.

Psychedelic indie pop duo, Inspired & The Sleep perform at the 710 Beach Club on July 6. As heard on their new single “First Time,” the pair excel at modern pop, with songs that combine plenty of melody, rhythm and sing-a-long lyrics. Radio friendly to a fault, Inspired & The Sleep’s songs also include a dance element in such songs as “In My Labyrinth Mind.” making them a band with national potential. A new album is imminent, all they need is a break to hit it big, their music is already there.

**Tribute to Fallen Music Icons:**

Saturday, July 7 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. brickbybrick.com.

Inspired & The Sleep: Friday, July 6 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. 710bc.com.

On July 7, Brick by Brick will host a fundraiser; Tribute to Fallen Music Icons, for the organization, Children of the Night. A night out of great rock ’n’ roll, is also a good deed in this case: All funds raised go to Children of the Night, an organization that helps combat child sex trafficking/prostitution in the United States.

Java Joe’s is best known for its singer-songwriters and folk music, but on July 7 the Old Town-based venue branches out a little with an appearance from San Diego’s first family of jazz, The Spragues. Appearing on the night will be prolific guitarist Peter Sprague, multi-instrumentalist horn player Tripp Sprague and singer, Kate Sprague, mixing originals and covers.

Peter Sprague: Saturday, July 7 at Java Joe’s, 2611 Congress St. 8 p.m. javajoessd.com.

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**Fireworks shows and more for July 4th**

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**SeaWorld fireworks**

The SeaWorld 4th of July fireworks show will be a 15-minute display over Mission Bay set to a musical soundtrack from 9:40 to 9:55 p.m. Park hours that day are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Coronado fireworks**

There are numerous 4th of July events in Coronado from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. beginning with the parade down Orange Ave. There will be live concerts in Speckles Park at 4 p.m. and a fireworks show launched from Glorietta Bay starting at 9 p.m.

**No La Jolla fireworks**

The La Jolla 4th of July fireworks were cancelled for the first time in 32 years as a result of lack of funding.

**San Diego County Fair fireworks**

The 4th of July is the last day of the San Diego County Fair. They offer a patriotic opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. at the O’Brien Gate and a fireworks display, at approximately 9 p.m. at the west end of the race track.

**Old Town**

There will be an Old-Fashioned Celebration in Old Town. This is a free event including a parade around the plaza. They also have a contra dance, 19th-century crafts and games and more. This event runs from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Crowds watch SeaWorld fireworks at Crown Point.  THOMAS MELVILLE / BEACH & BAY PRESS

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Pacific Beach Tennis Club set for busy summer

By DAVE THOMAS | Beach & Bay Press

It would not be summer around the area without a lot of tennis action taking place. With that in mind, look for a fair amount of action in Pacific Beach. The annual Pacific Beach Summer Junior Satellite Tournament runs through the Pacific Beach Tennis Club July 27-29.

According to club manager Steve Adamson, there are usually some 100 participants in the event from all over San Diego. Ages range from 10-18 years old, with players only needing a valid USTA membership to enter. This journey is a Level 6 competition for intermediate-to-advanced-level juniors (boys and girls).

Once the summer is over, the action does not stop there. Among other events scheduled for the PBTC during the year:
- Nov. 3 – Annual PBTC Turkey Tournament.
- Nov. 16-18 – Pacific Beach Fall Junior Satellite Tournament.

Several younger members of the Pacific Beach Tennis Club have been having quite a time of it as of late. One such individual is 15-year-old Pacific Beach resident Zach Svajda.

The son of Tom Svajda, who is a teaching pro at the club, Zach Svajda recently won a tourney by beating one of the top 1,000 ranked players in the world.

The win qualified him for his first professional tournament this September in Los Angeles. Meanwhile, fellow member Siem Wolfea just won the prestigious Southern California Sectional Championships in the Boys 18-and-under division.

Woldeab, who is currently ranked seventh in the United States, and Eshan Talluri, who also attends the Steve Adamson Tennis Academy at the PBTC, won the doubles title as well.

The PBTC is where the best juniors in San Diego come to improve their games with hopes of getting a college scholarship.

The club is currently offering a five-week tennis camp for elementary school kids as a way to give back to the community that has supported the great players who have trained at the club in the past.

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2005 PYSL Blast
The girls 2005 PYSL Blast team recently made it to the Final Four of the Cal South State Cup Governors Division. It is the furthest any Blast team has gone in the annual tournament. The girls outscored opponents 28-0 in seven games before falling to their opponent in the semi-final by a final score of 0-1. It was a heartbreaking loss for a team that was looking to go to Disneyland as promised by their coach if they made it to the final.
The City is in the midst of a three-year process to analyze the 120-acre De Anza Special Study Area in the northeast corner of Mission Bay Park. Serving a diverse group of recreationalists on both land and water, Mission Bay Park includes a City-owned, 18-hole golf course, as well as ball fields and tennis and volleyball courts. Numbered among numerous aquatic park users are boaters, swimmers and kayakers.

Campland on the Bay, which provides RV and tent camping, has furnished lodging for Mission Bay Park users since 1969. The Campland property includes swimming pools, hot tubs, bathrooms and showers, a marina with 124 slips, watercraft and bicycle rentals, a game room, restaurant, market, laundry facilities, and views of adjacent Kendall-Frost marshland and bird sanctuary.

In April 2017, the City Council unanimously approved a lease extension for up to five years for Campland, to enable the campground to continue providing waterfront camping accommodations and recreation on Mission Bay while the city finalizes its De Anza Revitalization Plan.

That extension, however, may ultimately prove to be more a stay of execution than a reprieve for the popular campground.

“The De Anza Cove Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan includes space (approximately 40 acres) for RV camping, cabins or other similar guest housing uses,” said Arzian Collins, City spokesperson. “Specific details on the type of guest housing that will ultimately be at De Anza will be determined following the environmental review.”

Added Collins, “Campland on the Bay is intended to remain at its current location until a plan and associated environmental impact report is completed for the project and approved by the City Council, and subsequently the California Coastal Commission.

The proposed De Anza Revitalization Plan includes the conversion of the area now occupied by Campland into marshland and wetland habitat. “Since the plan has not yet been approved, there is no current timetable for the project,” said Collins.

One of Mission Bay’s original lessees, Campland achieved higher occupancy and revenue in 2017 than in any prior year since 2006. In 2017, Campland accommodated 121,974 site nights worth of reservations, with one of the highest occupancy rates on record.

The average occupancy rate in July 2017 reached 80.3 percent, with virtually no vacancy over the Fourth of July holiday and other busy summer weekends. Campland’s annual visitors include tens of thousands of San Diego families, many of whom book reservations up to two years in advance.

“Campland on the Bay is proud to be an important economic driver for Mission Bay Park and the City of San Diego,” said Jacob Gelfand, Campland’s vice president of operations.

“Campland’s growth in occupancy over the past decade illustrates how the demand for waterfront camping and recreation continues to rise. “We’re seeing more and more millennials investing in both new and vintage RVs, campervans, tents and other forms of camping as an affordable, family-friendly way to access the laid-back fun and natural beauty that makes Mission Bay the jewel of San Diego and an envy of the world.”

“Campland on the Bay is an ideal location for so many of these much-needed public access,” said Sean Schwab, spokesperson for Friends of Campland, said the support group “is disappointed the City’s planning concept would result in a net loss of affordable campsites and dramatically reduce waterfront camping access in northeast Mission Bay.

“This [plan] is unacceptable, especially when the need for more affordable coastal accommodations in San Diego is greater than ever,” Schwab said. “We request these impacts be studied in the environmental review, along with an alternative that retains the 820-plus affordable campsites that exist today.

“It’s critical to preserve the same number of campsites directly overlooking the beach and bay that exist today. Campground should be included further out onto the De Anza peninsula to utilize the beachfront and bay access that already exists and is ideal for camping,” Schwab added.

“De Anza Revitalization has been hijacked by folks with very narrow selfish interests,” argued fellow PB planner Ed Gallagher. “It is a huge plot of land that should be used to provide much-needed community amenities like a skate park, pool, tennis courts, and volleyball courts, high-density affordable housing – all things that would reduce traffic congestion and lower carbon emissions. De Anza would be the ideal location for so many of these much-needed public resources.

“What San Diego needs is more affordable housing and more multi-use public space … not ‘open space’ that’s only open to use by the birds,” Gallagher added.

“Campland is the low-cost opportunity to stay in Mission Bay,” said PB activist Scott Chipman, noting, “You can put two people in a hotel room on Mission Bay for less than $300 a night, or four or more in a campsite for about $100.”

“Between Campland and the camp/RV sites on the northeast side of Rose Creek, there are currently 800 campsites. The city consultant plan will limit ‘guest housing’ to 500 sites. It is ridiculous to do a major land-use project and get less than we have now,” Chipman said.

“What’s worse, is that the consultant plan moves camping and public access away from the shoreline taking more than 30 acres of existing peninsula parkland for marshland,” he said.
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