City drafts new regulations for vacation rentals

A proposed ordinance under review

By LISA HALVERSTADT
Voice of San Diego

Short-term vacation rentals may soon be legal—and regulated—in San Diego.

City staffers released a memo on Aug. 12 that lays out a potential framework for traditional vacation rentals and for those that have proliferated through sites like Airbnb and VRBO, which connect hosts and visitors.

A proposed ordinance drafted by the city’s Development Services Department would allow up to two paying visitors to stay in a room within a home and full-home rental stays of fewer than 30 days. Hosts who book more than two visitors or multiple

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Beach bike theft drives local man into action and recovery

By DAVE SCHWAB

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BRAD WICKLIFFE
PB RESIDENT

Browse NextDoor social media any given day along the beachfront and, next to mentions of lost dogs and cats, you’ll find notices posted about stolen bicycles.

In recent months, the number of purloined bikes along the coast has gone from commonplace to alarming.

And the San Diego Police Department, presently at historically low staffing levels even with seasonally enhanced summer beach patrols, is having trouble keeping up, which has led some frustrated residents in especially hard-hit areas for bike theft, like Pacific and Mission beaches, to take matters into their own hands in attempting to reclaim their stolen bikes.

Such was the case recently with PB resident Brad Wickliffe.

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Yoga classes offered overlooking the ocean

In recognition of National Yoga Month, Tower 23 Hotel, owned and operated by Eat.Drink.Sleep, has partnered with The One Love Movement to hold a weekly charity yoga series.

Classes will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 15, 22, and 29 on the oceanfront hotel’s Tower Deck. For those seeking to deepen their practice, the evening yoga will be followed immediately by a post-class happy hour at JRDN Restaurant.

“The One Love Movement is a fantastic organization, and we at Tower 23 are thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with them for this series,” said Eat.Drink.Sleep’s CEO Brett Miller. “Their organization is a shining example of ways in which we can work together locally to inspire change globally.”

Registration for classes will close one hour prior to the start time and requires a $10 minimum donation to The One Love Movement. Donations will directly benefit the charity, which seeks to raise awareness for youth issues locally and globally through hosting public yoga events.

For more information, or to submit an online donation, visit www.t23hotel.com/event/warriors-for-kids-charity-yoga.

San Salvador replica to debut at Festival of Sail

The Port of San Diego 2015 Festival of Sail, hosted by the Maritime Museum of San Diego, will transform the North Embarcadero into a nautical theme park Friday to Monday, Sept. 4 to 7, when more than 20 tall ships and other vessels from around the world will visit San Diego.

The festival kicks off with a parade of tall ships on San Diego Bay Sept. 4, led by the new Spanish galleon San Salvador. This will be the first time the public will be able to see the new ship. The parade will begin at 3 p.m. and can be seen from the Embarcadero, Shelter Island, Shelter Island and Coronado.

Festival visitors will be able to tour the ships, have food and drink from dozens of restaurant booths, visit a petting zoo, meet pirates, see cannon battles on the bay, take sunset cruises and shop for one-of-a-kind items among more than 150 festival vendors.

Parade of Sail

The festival will kick off with a grand parade of sail 3 p.m. on San Diego Bay on Friday, Sept. 4. The parade will be led by the recently launched San Salvador, a replica of Juan Cabrillo’s 16th-century galleon. More than a dozen majestic windjammers will sail into San Diego’s harbor in a nautical procession.

The best spots to view from shore include the Maritime Museum, Cabrillo National Monument, local restaurants and businesses on Shelter Island, Harbor Island and the North Embarcadero. Ships should be docked by 6 p.m. at the museum and open for visitation starting 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5. Guests may purchase tickets to sail on the Californian.

Festival Ships

The tall ships festival will include the official tall ship of California, the Californian; the Gaff topsail schooner Bill of Rights; Irving and Exy Johnson, twin ships from San Pedro; and many more. A list of the participating ships can be found at sdmaritime.org. Please note that the list is subject to change.

Cannon battles

Join the crew for a cannon battle at sea and experience naval warfare during the age of sail. Several ships will engage in cannon battle reenactments on San Diego Bay during the festival. Individuals can purchase tickets to be on board for the experience. Tickets are $65 for adults and $40 for children 12 and under. This is not recommended for children under 5. A 2015 tall ships ticket is also required. Tickets are for sale now at sdmaritime.org.

Tall ship tickets

Visitors must purchase a tall ships ticket to tour the festival ships. Each participating ship has its own unique stamp, and guests can get their tickets stamped at each vessel.

Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for children age 3 to 12, seniors 62 and over and military (valid identification required). Tickets are for sale now at sdmaritime.org and also at the festival.
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A former bouncer, Wickliffe had his bike locked up along the beachfront while participating in a yacht-racing event from San Diego to Mission Bay. Afterward, he returned to find his cable-locked bike had been stolen “in broad daylight.” The thieves even took his lock.

A common-enough story, it typically ends with the victim(s) filling a police report or chalking it up to experience and bad luck. But Wickliffe took his recovery efforts one drastic step further. He immediately began searching for his stolen bike on Craigslist, where he eventually tracked down the perpetrator, who was reselling his stolen property.

“My bike was stolen on Sunday morning, and I was checking Craigslist every day until I saw it there Tuesday morning,” Wickliffe said, noting his bike was distinctive – customized. This made its thumb-print description “jump out at you.”

So Wickliffe set up a face-to-face meeting in National City with the alleged perpetrator, whom he said “gave me a big BS story about owning the bike for a year. There was no doubt it was my bike.”

When the time came for Wickliffe to purchase his own stolen bicycle, he managed to sneak up behind the alleged thief and render him unconscious before calling police and turning him in.

“The guy even had a backpack full of lock-picking tools,” Wickliffe said, adding the man he incapacitated “clearly had needle-track marks on his arms.”

Wickliffe said police took him into custody after a background check revealed he had prior warrants out for his arrest.

“The whole NextDoor neighbor thing is really good because the more people know your bike’s been stolen, the more likely you are to get it back,” reflected Wickliffe. He added the incident has caused him to seriously reconsider GPS-enabling his bike so its whereabouts can be more easily tracked.

Wickliffe realizes his personal success story in having successfully recovered his own stolen bike was just a drop in the bucket considering all the bikes never recovered by their owners.

“These guys (thieves) don’t have much to lose,” said Wickliffe. “I’m just hoping incidents like mine will help them to move on.”

For himself, Wickliffe said of the experience, “I enjoyed the vigilante thing. It was less paperwork – more fun.”

“We don’t advise people to confront criminals, because you never know whether or not they’re armed,” said San Diego Police officer Dan Neifer of Northern Division’s beach team, which is involved with the department’s bait bicycle program.

Neifer noted deterring bike theft is extremely difficult for a variety of reasons.

“There is a very small window of time involved with bike theft,” Neifer said. “Within 10 minutes of being stolen, that bike can be in two or three pieces and in a car – or a house.”

Neifer noted crooks can reassemble stolen vehicles, “chop and change them out,” do any number of things to alter and disguise them.

And unlike Wickliffe’s case, many bike thieves are smart enough to store stolen bikes for a period of weeks or months before attempting to resell them on Craigslist or elsewhere.

But the bike bait program the police employ has some proven results. Neifer explained how it works.

“We put GPS on a bait bike that’s locked up in plain view in a public bike parking area,” he said. “When that bike is removed, it sends a text message alerting police.”

Neifer said there’s generally only a four-to-eight-minute interval for police to arrive and interdict the suspected thief. But fortunately for those whose bikes have been stolen, that’s time enough.

What can people do to prevent their bikes from being taken?

Unfortunately, Neifer said, he’s unaware of an absolutely pick-proof or cut-proof bike lock. He also advised against locking bikes in public bike stalls overnight, even well-lighted ones out in the open, noting that “after hours once the bars close there are only cops, cats and crooks out on the streets, which are desolate.”

Neifer said the safest place for a bike, especially an expensive one, is inside your home or locked up on your property. GPS is helpful to have. And it’s always important to record your bike’s serial number to help police track it should it ever be stolen.

Above all else, report a bike theft to police. Neifer added it’s also extremely helpful to have a good photograph of your bike to accompany a detailed description of it, noting any individual markings or details to help distinguish it.

Bikes locked up on the boardwalk at Pacific Beach Drive on a sunny Sunday, Aug. 23. PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

Wheels keep on turning for District 2 cycling advocate Nicole Burgess

By DAVE SCHWAB

Peninsular Nicole Burgess is Council District 2’s bicycling “czar” who leads by example putting up her best pedal forward. District 2 includes Pacific and Mission beaches as well as Ocean Beach.

A native San Diegan from Bonita who’s lived in OB the last 18 years, Burgess had an “epiphany” about six years ago. That happened when she took her love for cycling to the next level by promoting the public benefits of cycling, carrying that message to the motorized masses.

Following is a Q & A Beach & Bay Press held with Burgess, who discussed a wide range of topics associated with promoting bicycling.

Beach & Bay Press: When did cycling come being a hobby and become an avocation for you?

Burgess: My brother got a gift of a tandem bike at age 16 and I started riding with him. My kids went to school in OB, and when they transitioned from elementary to middle school I told them, “I’m not putting you in a car to take you a mile and a half. It’s too far to walk. We’ll start riding our bikes.”

BBP: Was it hard to get other people to follow your example?

Burgess: I (gradually) encouraged more moms and dads to ride with me. I said, “Come join me. I’ll show you the ropes.” I held bike rides from OB Elementary to Dana Middle School.

BBP: Were you recruited, or did you volunteer to be District 2’s bicycling representative for the city?

Burgess: I applied.

BBP: Why did you opt to be in that position?

Burgess: I wanted to get something done at the city level.

BBP: What does being the District 2 bike rep entail?

Burgess: Meetings once a month (with other bike reps) down at the Civic Center downtown.

BBP: What needs to be done to promote bicycling throughout San Diego?

Burgess: We need our city to prioritize biking infrastructure – and fund it.

BBP: Why should we do that?

Burgess: It’s a health and lifestyle issue. In the ’80s, 88 percent of kids walked or rode bikes to school. Obesity rates were very low. Now kids are being driven by their parents to soccer, piano, dance or cetera. Fifty percent of people in the state are obese. This is about $32.5 billion being spent on (fighting) diabetes after the fact. Let’s prevent diabet-

BBP: What’s it going to take to accomplish that objective?

Burgess: Leadership. And money.

BBP: What can parents do to encourage their children to take up cycling?

Burgess: Join them. Get out there and be their escort, ride with them to school.

BBP: What can we do in San Diego to encourage more adult bike ridership?

Burgess: I had a crazy notion: Have a Saturday or Sunday bike ride with Mayor Faulconer. He could invite fami-

BBP: What is San Diego’s overall bike commuter rate?

Burgess: About 1 percent. In Port-

BBP: What’s different about cycling in these places than here?

Burgess: They just accept it as their form of transportation. They learn to dress (appropriately).

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Online petition against DecoBike sites gains signatures

An online petition with almost a thousand signatures, and 2,000 physical signatures, have been collected in Pacific Beach by residents opposed to DecoBike’s placement of two bikeshare stations located directly on the boardwalk.

“The city pushed this company upon the community without first asking if we wanted them,” said Mike Beltran, a member of Pacific Beach Planning Group who chairs that group’s Traffic, Parking and Streets Subcommittee.

“The community needs to organize and express their disdain for these bike corridals on the boardwalk,” he added.

Those opposed to bikeshare stations on the PB boardwalk are urged to contact District 2 Councilwoman Lori Zapf or Mayor Kevin Faulconer and tell them to have the bike corridals removed.
 Hungry? OrderUp app debuts in Pacific Beach

By MICHELLE POVEDA

OrderUp is the latest food-delivery app to hit the San Diego scene. A nationwide app, it launched in the Pacific Beach and San Diego State University neighborhoods in early May. Originally from St. Louis, market owner of OrderUp San Diego Andrew Kootman has lived in San Diego for the past eight years and has high aspirations for his new franchise.

“The ultimate goal is to have all of San Diego County rolled out over the next 12 months,” Kootman said.

Here’s how it works: Download the app to your smartphone, create your account, then search for the foods or restaurants you’re craving. Once you’ve entered your credit card information and selected your desired food items, a driver will pick up your order and deliver it straight to your door. You can track your order on your phone, and even leave a tip.

Additionally, Kootman said, “We have group ordering, which allows customers to text or email out a link to their friends and/or colleagues. Each individual can select what they want and it filters into one cart for checkout. The days of passing around a piece of paper and a take-out menu are gone! We also have advanced ordering for those in a rush or just know when they want to eat.”

Current Pacific Beach restaurant offerings include: Backyard Kitchen & Tap, Bare Back Grill, Kato Sushi, Miller’s Field, Coconut Thai Bistro, Lil’ Orbits Mini Donuts and more. Kootman says the biggest obstacle to getting OrderUp off the ground was “getting restaurants to give us a chance.”

He explained, “We only work with restaurants that we have a partnership with...by creating these partnerships we are significantly faster (30 minutes on average), and there is far less of a chance that the order is messed up since the orders go directly to the restaurant.” He added, “I have created some amazing relationships with restaurant owners because of this, which makes other restaurants a lot more receptive to the idea.”

Over the next three to six months, Kootman will expand operations to the La Jolla, UTC, UCSD, Kennington, Normal Heights and North Park neighborhoods. “We also plan to expand into downtown in the next four to eight months,” he said.

More than 10,000 people have already signed up for OrderUp San Diego. For a full list of food and drink providers, or to learn more about OrderUp, visit www.orderup.com.

It’s a seller’s market for apartments in PB area

The results for the first half of 2015 in and around apartments in 92109 appear to be one of the most sought-after investments. There have been only eight apartment sales in Pacific Beach, amounting to $20 million in transactions.

Among these apartment transactions, the average price per unit was $284,401— an increase of 22 percent compared with 2014’s $233,252 price per unit. The average cap rate is extremely low at 6.5 percent less time than the average on the market is 90 days – 24 percent less time than the average 112 days on the market in 2014.

So what’s going to happen in the second half of 2015? All six of these indicators show that it is a seller’s market. There is a low supply and a high demand for apartments in Pacific Beach, thus prices are skyrocketing.

For the remainder of the year, expect apartments in 92109 to continue to be in a seller’s market, and it might reach 20 completed apartment transactions.

—TONY FRANCO

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Champion-Cain on a mission in Mission Beach; celebration at Luv Surf on Sunday

By JENNIFER GREEN

Mission Beach and Pacific Beach vacationers, residents and their pets are getting some TLC and lots of love, or “luv,” from Gina Champion-Cain. She’s the architect of and facilitator for many of Mission Beach and Pacific Beach’s newest and most popular clothing, eating and drinking establishments.

Champion-Cain is the owner of Luv Surf, which started in Mission Beach in 2011 with Luv Surf Vacation Rentals, a pet-friendly, beach-friendly business. Since then, she’s been steadily growing her brand and her mission to make Mission Beach more beautiful while staying eclectic and funky, just the way she likes it.

Why choose Mission Beach to make her mark? “I love that it’s so eclectic. You can be young, old, rich, poor or right in the middle and enjoy Mission Beach,” says Champion-Cain.

She moved to San Diego in 1987 and has had a love affair with Mission Beach ever since. “Everyone is in a melting pot, all together [in Mission Beach]. I love that.”

After successfully launching her vacation rental business, Champion-Cain expanded her brainchild to include a Mission Beach clothing retail shop that capitalizes on the Luv Surf brand. Since the flagship store’s grand opening in 2012, she has opened two additional apparel stores in Mission and Pacific beaches. These stores are focused on selling locally sourced items in a beach-chic setting.

Chris Kramer, director of Luv Surf, says, “The company team is known for creating beautiful spaces that are design focused.” He regularly receives rave reviews from the retail shops’ neighbors and patrons who pick up on their inclusive attitude, or “party-wave mentality,” as Kramer likes to call it.

Champion-Cain rounded the vacationer/staycationer experience when she launched The Patio Group, which includes The Patio restaurants in Pacific Beach, downtown and Mission Hills along with Fireside, opening soon in Liberty Station. She even co-owns Swell Cafe in Mission Beach.

As if that weren’t enough, Champion-Cain is so committed to the neighborhood that she is launching a community benefits district with Swell co-owner John Valas called Beautiful Mission Beach. Champion-Cain says that tourists and residents, unlike the inland areas of San Diego, frequent the beaches every day.

Champion-Cain says the city has “fallen down” on its commitment to provide resources for maintaining clean communities. Champion-Cain and Valas hope to present a grassroots plan to San Diego City Council in early 2016.
By DAVE SCHWAB

You’ll be astonished by the home-spun cuisine at Mamma Mia, which, like its name, will have you exclaiming, “My goodness!”

Referring to the origin of the title of her Pacific Beach Italian restaurant at 1932 Balboa Ave. near the corner of Grand Avenue and Lamont Street, owner/executive chef Cinzia Mezzetti said, “I wanted a name with a common phrase that Americans use.

“I’m very athletic – and my cuisine is too,” said Mezzetti, a competitive bodybuilder and a mom with two daughters.

Mezzetti started out with a pizza and pasta restaurant in East County in 2002 then moved to Pacific Beach to expand her cuisine – and horizons.

She said it’s important to change with the times.

“In California, everybody is looking for healthy food that’s carb free,” she noted. “They’re looking for a better diet. More protein.”

That dietary “shift” is reflected in Mamma Mia’s menu.

“Before, it was 90 percent pasta,” Mezzetti said. “Now, it’s homemade ravioli, fettucini, seafood, cheeses, sauces and risotto dishes, which are gluten-free. I also added many more appetizers. We do everything from scratch. Things have changed a lot.”

Mezzetti’s cuisine is mostly from northern and central Italy.

“It’s very rustic, very traditional,” she said.

Pizza and pasta remain mainstays of Mamma Mia’s menu.

“We have a special pizza promotion on Wednesday,” said Mezzetti, noting the style of pizza she serves (invented in Naples, Italy) actually takes its name from an English queen.

“Queen Margaret of England loved cheese pizza, and that’s why we call it Margherita,” said Mezzetti, who also hosts pizza-cooking classes.

Mamma Mia’s owner said she keeps prices at her family friendly eatery low. The appetizers are under $10. The restaurant also has special promotional “family days” wherein, for $25 a head, an entire family can be fed.

“You have so much food,” Mezzetti said. “You can also bring your own wine for free on family night.”

Mamma Mia delivers and offers pizza specials and discounts for pick-up orders. One discounted special offers children under age 12 a free 10-inch pizza or small pasta dish.

“You have so much food,” Mezzetti said. “We have ‘bring your own bottle of wine night. There’s no corkage fee.”

“What’s a big specialty of the house?”

“Lobster linguini,” replied Mezzetti, adding she buys the lobsters the same day. She cautioned that patrons need to come in and order it early because “it runs out by early evening.

“We believe in what we do, and we’ll keep doing it the same way,” Mezzetti said, adding, “We have a strong restaurant, a strong family.”

She also has a loyal clientele whom, Mezzetti said, “love my food. They come here (from all over) to eat my food. They remember my food for years and years. It touches me so much.”

The executive chef at Mamma Mia, Mezzetti once worked 18-hour days in the kitchen but has cooks assisting her now.

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**Back to school blues turned to beige at PBES**

**By DAVE SCHWAB**

Would an elementary school by any other color still be as attractive? Not if it’s bright blue, said neighbors of Pacific Beach Elementary School at 1234 Touma-line St.

A “crisis” over color was averted recently when nearby neighbors objected to the choice of blue paint by the school’s recently retired principal. The community, following an early-morning meeting Aug. 17, opted instead for a more neutral — and less conspicuous — beige tone to be used to repaint PBES.

The reaction to the recently unveiled blue hue at the school was immediate.

“A building that large should only be painted in soft neutral tones with ‘no’ separate trim color … not the current garish blue paint color,” stated a recent NextDoor posting. “Residents north of PB Elementary have very nice views and the colors chosen with a lot of trim will only magnify the school and compete with the beautiful landscape of trees, and bay and ocean views. The new color choice (blue) is very inappropriate and not harmonious with the surrounding neighborhood, or with views to the north.”

Heather Worms, PBES Parent Teacher Organization president, praised the community’s compromise solution, as well as citing San Diego Unified School District area superintendent Kimie Lochtefeld for “listening” to the community and helping it achieve a consensus on a more appropriate color choice.

“Most people said it (blue) was too bright, too much,” said Worms. “Only a handful of people didn’t mind it.”

Worms said, with the intervention of SDUSD and Lochtefeld, that the blue paint job “was stopped at the primer phase,” adding their was still time, before the start of the new school year Sept. 8, to “paint it a new color.”

**Pirate Sno-Balls are a sweet, refreshing treat at the beach**

**By DAVE SCHWAB**

Avast, ye swabs. It’s better than sunken treasure — a Big Easy-style sno-ball. And those are to be found on the Pacific Beach boardwalk at Hornblend Street.

“I offer my mateys a refreshing snowlike-texture treat to beat the heat, with more than 15 flavor options to choose from,” said Marcel Pineda, owner-founder of Pirate Sno-Balls, at 4449 Ocean Blvd., the latest beach treat to hit PB’s shores.

Pineda, a New Orleans transplant, said his Southern-style sno-balls are a cut above the rest.

“The process and texture of my sno-balls soaks up the flavor as opposed to more granular shaved ice, ice cubes crunched up, which allows the syrup (flavor) to sink to the bottom,” Pineda said. He added that his confections “lock up the ice as they are put up against a spinning blade” to give them that “snowlike texture.”

Pineda has been operating his Pirate Sno-Balls business from a cart for about the past two months. He had to acquire a health food permit license and a permit for a mobile food cart in order to operate. He’s renting space on the private property of a beachfront hotel.

Pineda originally came to San Diego to work as a consultant on an initial public offering as a certified public accountant. Once that assignment ended, he said he liked San Diego so much that “I decided to leave my consulting company and start my own business bringing to the shores of PB this delicious treat that I enjoyed growing up in New Orleans every day during the summer.”

As a Hurricane Katrina survivor, Pineda has an interesting story to relate about how that catastrophe was life-changing.

“My life changed forever since I woke up the Saturday morning before the hurricane hit New Orleans and had to evacuate my home with no idea that I wouldn’t return home for months,” he said. “My family had to rebuild our house after Katrina because insurance only covered the flood damage and most of our damage was wind damage.”

The powerful hurricane made landfall in Southern Louisiana on Aug. 29, 2005.

“I will be offering a special for customers on the 10-year anniversary of Katrina, with proceeds going back to New Orleans,” noted Pineda.

Pirate Sno-Balls cost $5 for a regular cup and $3 for a kid-size cup.
On Friday, Aug. 28, the Bahia Belle – the area’s most unique location to hear live music – will host original music from The Broken Stems. Music fans will be treated to a mix of indie rock, blues and touches of reggae as they float around Mission Bay. There are some jam band traits to be found here, but the group also has exceptionally strong songs such as “The Only Way” as heard on their latest EP, “We Are Home.” If you are a fan of any of the aforementioned genres, you’ll want to check these guys out, and this Bahia Belle cruise is an unbeatable way to do so.

The Broken Stems: Friday, Aug. 28, at the Bahia Resort, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. 9:30 p.m. 21 and up. $10. catamaranresort.com.

On Friday, Aug. 28, anyone who wants to hear hits circa the 1980s will want to head to the 710 Beach Club for a two-band bill that includes Pretenders tribute band The Contenders and cover band the Pleasure Victims. The latter will feature a full set of crowd-pleasers from the likes of Billy Idol and other era evergreens, but the most interesting band of the night will be openers The Contenders, who channel the energy of their namesakes admirably, with great takes on hits from “Brass in Pocket” to “Back on the Chain Gang.”

The Contenders: Friday, Aug. 28, at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. 710bc.com.

Jazz aficionados won’t want to miss a special show at Dizzy’s on Saturday, August 29, featuring L. A. pianist/composer Josh Nelson in collaboration with New York vibraphonist/composer Tyler Blanton. Nelson is definitely a major talent, but it’s the much less common vibraphone that puts this show a notch above the rest. Blanton is a marvel to watch, his mallets a blur of motion. This is music that’s involved and involving, so music fans are lucky to have a location such as Dizzy’s, which isn’t a bar or restaurant, which makes it the ideal location to hear music with a like-minded audience there to listen rather than socialize.

Josh Nelson & Tyler Blanton: Saturday, Aug. 29, at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. $15. dizzysjazz.com.

Roots rockers The Farmers return to Humphrey’s Backstage Live on Saturday, Aug. 29. For anyone who enjoys rock ‘n’ roll, blues or garage rock, it just doesn’t get any better. Formed in the early 1980s, the band is still helmed by local legend, Jerry Raney playing a great mix of originals and covers that might range from Howlin’ Wolf to The Yardbirds depending on how the mood strikes them. Never giving less than 200 percent, the current lineup of the band also includes such legendary musicians as Chris Sullivan (The Penetrators) and Joel Kmak (The Hitmakers), ensuring a night of great barroom rock ‘n’ roll that will keep the dance floor packed.

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Mission Bay High
- MBHS orientation days are next week, and it is important for all students to attend. The schedule is as follows:
  - Ninth graders – 8 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31 (meeting with principal will begin at 8 a.m. in auditorium)
  - 10th graders – noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31
  - 11th graders – 8 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1
  - 12th graders – noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1

During the orientation times, students will be turning in their registration packets and receiving their text books and lockers. Please bring a lock for your locker. Students will receive a draft of their class schedule and can meet with their counselors for any questions or needed adjustments.

ASB students will have the gear shop open for the purchase of new gear, physical education clothes and locks. Students will be taking their school ID pictures on this day as well.

- Mission Bay High School needs volleyball and football coaches! The Mission Bay High School athletics department is looking for a freshman and junior varsity girls volleyball coaches and a junior varsity varsity football coach. The positions are paid positions, and work begins immediately.

Pacific Beach Middle
- New student orientation at PBMS is 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28 in the auditorium.

- This year, an ambitious group of students piloted the challenging IB Community Project. Students work individually or in teams to research, plan and complete a service project that meets a local, national or international need.

- PB Middle IB students have been recognized for their outstanding service and action by the International Baccalaureate World Magazine online. Please see the students in action: “IB World Middle Schools turn Egypt ‘green’ and San Diego ‘brown’,” online/R/Skill.

- If tweeting, @IBWorldMag.

- PB Middle IB World School has been named a Confucius Institute Classroom School. Confucius classrooms are recognized for their innovation and commitment to Chinese language instruction worldwide. PB Middle IB World School will be one of the first in California to offer a Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Program that also meets the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

In collaboration with the San Diego County Office of Education and the SDUSD Office of Language Acquisition, Pacific Beach Middle has designed a one-of-a-kind curriculum to become the first wave of IB Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion students into the new SDUSD IB MYP Immersion program. The courses include IB MYP Language and Literature, IB individuals and Society (social studies/humanities with a focus on IB arts) all taught (and performed) in Mandarin.

Come to the first Buccaneer football game in the new MBHS stadium 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 against West Hills High School. Go Bucs!

New teachers, programs at Mission Bay Cluster; new school year begins Sept. 8

By DAVE SCHWAB

The 2015-16 school year for Mission Bay Cluster’s six schools – Barnard Asia Pacific Language Academy, Crown Point, Mission Bay High, Pacific Beach Elementary, Pacific Beach Middle and Kate Sessions – looks promising.

“Mission Bay High School (MBHS) is excited for the upcoming school year,” said second-year principal Ernest Remillard at the school, located at 2475 Grand Ave. “Obviously the biggest news is Friday the 28th will mark the first night football game at MBHS, with the varsity game against rival West Hills starting at 6 p.m.”

Remillard introduced new engineering teacher Alex Cannon, whom he described as “amazing.” He noted Cannon “is interested in getting the community involved in the projects he has running in his class. Alex has some ideas for some community connection.”

Margaret Joseph, principal at Kate Sessions Elementary School at 2150 Beryl St., was similarly upbeat.

“In a few days, the hallways and playgrounds will be buzzing with the sounds of students excited for a new school year at Sessions,” she said. “They should be excited – we have lots of wonderful things planned for this school year.”

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ERNEST REMILLARD
MBHS PRINCIPAL

- Officials at Crown Point Junior Music Academy (CPJMA), at 40-13 Ingraham St., are also looking forward to hitting the ground running this year.

- “The elementary school is hosting a Back to School Resource Fair open to the public from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3.”

- At the school fair parents can learn about the school’s “music programs, make new friends, shop vendor booths and enjoy student performances and live entertainment,” said school assistant Catalina Valenzuela. PBMS and MBHS reps will also have their orientation in Crown Point’s library during the same hours.

- New this year, CPJMA has become Partners in Education with the La Jolla Jolla Music Society, said Valenzuela.

- “The education manager from the La Jolla Music Society and CPJMA principal Bartolini will be working together to build student curricular bring professional performances to CPJMA and provide Professional Development for Teachers,” noted Valenzuela.

- Remillard added the high school will also be “growing our Game Design pathway this year. Mr. Corbin has added a new more advanced course to the sequence.”

- “The cluster continues to grow and flourish,” added Remillard.

- “We had 18 students receive the full International Baccalaureate Diploma last school year. These students completed all of the required course work, including extended essay, Community Action and Service (CAS) requirement, and passed college-level exams.”

Remillard noted that “more than half of last year’s juniors and seniors complete IB and Advanced Placement course work.”

- The high school principal said he is “looking forward to see the accomplishments of our kids in the classroom, participating in after school programs and during athletic competitions.”

- Sessions principal Joseph said her school has added a new kindergarten this year, Nancy Peters.

- “She is an experienced teacher coming to us from Nye Elementary School,” Joseph said.

OBITUARY

Charles D. Cromar
Charles Douglas Cromar (Chuck) was a lifelong resident of Pacific Beach. He was born in La Jolla on Sept. 11, 1955 to Charles and Hannah Cromar, Scottish immigrants, who came to San Diego to make a better life for themselves and their children.

He lived with his parents and sisters, Kathleen and Mary, on Emerald Street in an apartment building with other Scottish families. Chuck’s fondest memories were of his father teaching him to fish at an early age. This became Chuck’s number one passion in life. Chuck began by fishing in Mission Bay, off the jetty in South Mission Beach and Crystal Pier.

Later, Chuck became an avid sport fisherman with many trophy catches and fishing trips to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Norwalk, Conn., and the waters off Florida. He carved a little time each day to wet a line, right up until his unexpected death, of an apparent heart attack, on Aug. 10, 2015 at the age of 59.

As a boy, Chuck enjoyed exploring every inch of Pacific Beach with his childhood friends whom he kept close his entire life. He attended Martha Farnam Elementary School and Pacific Beach Middle School and graduated from Mission Bay High School in 1974.

During these years he played Little League, surfed, played tennis, softball and basketball. His athletic abilities were such that his early coaches felt he could have been a professional tennis or basketball player.

By chance he began playing Over The Line (OTL) at age 18 and ended up being the OTL player of all time. His coaches were right. He found his niche and was the top of his game, becoming the best player of the sport, winning 12 OTL Men’s Game World Championships titles in a span of only 22 years.

He was inducted into the Mission Bay High School Hall of Fame for his performance in basketball, but made his mark by fiercely competing on the beaches, playing his heart out, for OTL.

His grace and athleticism made him the most desired player to beat. It was a love/hate relationship, as other players greatly admired him, but desperately wanted to defeat him. At the end of the day, Chuck would be the gentleman and win the game over with his modesty and gentle nature. He was a true professional and all-around great guy.

What made Chuck such a notable person was not just his athletic ability, but also his high moral character. His sister Kathleen stated that he was the perfect baby, the golden child. He was always well-behaved and perfect in every way. As we reminisce, his co-workers and friends characterize him as the most humble, grateful, easy-going person he could be with never a harsh word or judgment of others.

Left to cherish his memory are his son Douglas, daughter Haley, long-time girlfriend and soulmate Diana Urban, sisters Kathleen Cromar and Mary (Joe) Thielien and many nieces and nephews.

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Charles (Chuck) Douglas Cromar

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Kate Sessions
Kate Sessions Elementary new student orientation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4. First session will be from 9 to 10 a.m. for new kindergartner and TK students and parents. A second orientation will be from 11 a.m. to noon for new grade 1-5 students and parents.

Kindergarten and TK students will meet their new teachers, visit classrooms, meet classmates and visit the kinder/TK playground while parents meet with the principal in the auditorium. Grade 1-5 students will tour the school with former Student Council representatives while parents meet the principal in the auditorium. Basic back-to-school information will be discussed and provide all parents a calendar of events for the 2015-16 school year.

CPJMA
Crown Point Junior Music Academy will be having its annual Back to School Resource Fair on Thursday, Sept. 3 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. There will be more than 20 info booths from YMCA Peninsula and La Jolla, PB Town Council, Crown Point Coffee, PB Personalized Chiropractic and VAVI Sports.
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