Council puts brakes on RV parking hearing

**By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON**

The ordinance that would regulate parking of oversize vehicles was delayed indefinitely Tuesday after members of the San Diego City Council said the $2 million enforcement costs were too high and they wanted to go over the figures again.

Council President Scott Peters and Councilman Jim Madaffer both expressed disappointment that they will not get to vote on it before their terms expire in January 2009.

The proposed ordinance was returned to the mayor’s office with no vote and Councilman Jim Madaffer said it would be heard.

Young said he would not call the ordinance if it had been heard before learning it would not be heard.

As written so far, the ordinance needs more work and it needs to be cost-effective. He questioned whether the $2 million estimate was accurate. Councilman Tony Young said he would not call the delay “a travesty” but it was an issue that had great impact on people.

Peters, Madaffer, Brian Mainschein and Toni Atkins are leaving the council due to term limits, and whoever succeeds them in a new City Council will decide the issue.

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OBMA feted for its service

In a record turnout on Oct. 23, the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) marked its annual awards night and 30th birthday celebration. OBMA executive director, Denny Knox opened the presentation. Thirty years ago we had five members who each went out and got five more,” Knox said. “It was tough going and almost no one we talked to really believed we could make a difference. Today, we have well over 450 members, staff and an office.”

State Sen. Christine Kehoe, a former Ocean Beach resident, shared fond memories of her days as a waitress on Newport Avenue before presenting the OBMA's board of directors with a resolution saluting 30 years of service. “Throughout its history, the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association stood firm in its goal of serving as a leader in the local community,” said Kehoe. “Its positive impact on the businesses and people of Ocean Beach deserves acknowledgment and praise.”

District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer and county Supervisor Greg Campbell presented promotional/marketing material for the OBMA, its board and volunteers. Several volunteer awards went to Chuck Schiele and posthumously to community activist Rich James.

Schiele, of Beach Music Mafia, received the “Outstanding Graphic Design Work” award for talent and for his service on special events and promotional marketing material. The “Spirit of OB” award was presented posthumously to James, who passed away in April. Rich’s brother, Pat, accepted the award in his name.

Several Ocean Beach businesses were also recognized:
- South Beach Bar & Grill — National Spotlight on OB award.
- Hodads — “National Spotlight on OB” award.
- Olive Tree Marketplace — “Shop Local” award for marketing.
- The Black for 40 years of successful business in Ocean Beach.
- Winstons for bringing national entertainment talent to OB.
- OB People’s Food Co-op for “Promoting Healthy Community” award.
- and Noah Tafola for his work in documenting the ongoing history of Ocean Beach.

Design awards went to:
- The Arizona — “Interior and Exterior Historic Renovation” award.
- Pirates Cove Coffee — “Creative Theme Design” award.
- Cottage Antiques — “Most Creative Use of Commercial Space” award.
- and Belle Maison Seacoast Interiors — “Best Interior & Exterior Design.”

The OBMA’s Economic Restructuring Committee presented awards to:
- OB Noodle House — “Best Ethnic Restaurant” award.
- Newport Quik — “Best New Patio Dining” award.
- and The Closet — “Best Major Renovation” award.
- The Clean OB Subcommittee presented awards to:
- Jungle Java — “Pride of Proximity” award.
- Donnas and Alf Kargaard — “Volunteer Clean Up” award.
- and St. Madeline’s Sophie’s Center — “Beach Cleanup Efforts” award.

The OBMA’s Crime Prevention Subcommittee presented San Diego Police Department Officer Gerry Waclawek with an award for “Community Service & Commitment to OB.”

The “Community Partnership Award” was presented to the Point Loma Masonic Center. — Staff and contribution

Schiele honored for continued community contributions in OB

“It’s possible that there are few area music fans who aren’t familiar with Chuck Schiele’s work. With his trademark pork pie-styled hat and cool demeanor, he easily could be one of Ocean Beach’s best-known residents. But on Oct. 23, he was surprised to find recognition of his community service had reached the state senate. At that evening’s Ocean Beach MainStreet Association meeting, Schiele was awarded a certificate of recognition for dedicated service to the community of Ocean Beach by state Sen. Christine Kehoe.

Always ready with a kind word and a smile, Schiele has emerged as one of theynchpins of San Diego’s musical community. His group, The Grams, has drawn the biggest amount of attention to date, having scored San Diego Music Awards for “Best Americana” in 2006 and 2007. He has also become a noted producer with numerous album credits, including music from SDMA nominees Podunk Nowhere and John Millington. But it is his less visible work in the community that is making the biggest impact.

It is clear Schiele loves his community, working tirelessly with the Ocean Beach Merchants Association. From designing graphics for the area’s marketing plan to host- ing music acts at the weekly farmers market, and booking performers at the annual Ocean Beach Street Festival and Chili Cook-Off, Schiele gets involved.

“We just wanted to give Chuck the well-deserved recognition,” said Cordelia Mendoza, head of the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association’s Promotions Committee. “He always volunteers to help out with just about whatever comes up and has so many creative and insightful ideas to promote the area that we thought this was a good way of saying thank you.”

Mendoza cites Schiele’s work in bringing music to Ocean Beach as particularly impressive, but notes Schiele has taken on all manner of tasks on behalf of the community. “So many people volunteer to do things and never follow through,” Mendoza said. “But with Chuck, he gives even more than we expect. He is just great to work with.”

Schiele was genuinely surprised by the recognition. “Shocked is a good word,” he said.

When the presentation was announced, Schiele was sure he had misheard. “It was sort of, ‘Did she just say what I think she said?’,” he said. Asked how he feels about his hometown, Schiele is succinct. “I’ve been around the world through music,” Schiele said. “I could live anywhere. I want to live here. Ocean Beach is the friendliest collection of neighbors you will find anywhere. We have changed a lot down here while remaining loyal to our California surf town heritage, which remains impeccably intact.”

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By MARNY JONES WESTLIN

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While all that sounds pretty good to me, it doesn’t carry the same sense of Obama’s experience in the business world. As he pre-
pares to assume the position of the highest office, Obama appears credibility uninfected with the realities of the car’s engine and features the world’s best, longest, national debt. Even amid his singular idiosyncrasy as a leader, the outgoing President Bush leaves has a Harvard MBA.

Then again, the American economy — or at least the street-

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Assessing the state of the wastewater facility

By JIM GILHOOLY

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The Ocean Beach Town Council (OBTC), in partnership with the Ocean Beach Main Street Association (OBMA), is again sponsoring the annual OB Restaurant Walk as part of the kick-off festivities for the holiday season. The self-guided culinary tour, scheduled for Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, will showcase dozens of local eateries in and around Ocean Beach.

“All profits are going to the Tree Festival and local families that need a little help over the holiday season,” said event spokesperson Dan Allemeier. Participating restaurants include Bravo’s Mexican Bistro & Cantina, Shades Oceanfront Bistro, 3rd Corner Wine Bar, OB Noodle House and Gallagher’s Pub, amongst new projects Schiele is involved. “I’ve been involved with the OB civic system — full-time — for about four years now. What we discuss in the meeting room vs. the progress I see on the street is incredible. I can go on all day about the good culture here.” Amongst new projects Schiele is helming is a compilation album featuring Ocean Beach artists singing songs about OB, set for release at the 2009 street festival and chill-cook-off. In his long career, Schiele has received several awards. But he said this one is special. “It’s a great event that goes into a number of events culminating in our Big Tree Fest and Christmas parade,” said Allemeier. The OB Restaurant Walk goes from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is $15. Tickets can be purchased at various locations around Ocean Beach, including Dog Beach Dog Wash, Lucy’s Tavern, Sunshine Company, Bone Appetite pet supply, Surf ‘N Sea Wetsuits, Indulgence Hair Salon, the OBMA offices and a booth at the OB farmers market held on Newport Avenue on Wednesdays.

The holiday season is a busy time for the OBMA and OBTC, two active local organizations that sponsor several fundraising events that benefit the community. Upcoming holiday events include the Dec. 4 OB Christmas Tree Auction at The Sunshine Company from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., as well as the Dec. 7 “Sandy Claws” doggie holiday party at Dog Beach from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. OB pets and owners can get into the holiday spirit during this particular event, taking pictures with Santa Claus as well as perusing a variety of vendors.

The 29th annual OB Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 6. Preceding the parade, which is scheduled to begin around 5 p.m., a Kids Fun Zone will be set up near the OB Pier parking lot for much of the day. For more information on the restaurant walk and other upcoming holiday events, visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

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Under the terms of his Oct. 23 sentencing, Chula Vista resident Anthony Ray Barrett will be able to go to work if he is confined at night and on weekends.

Barrett was granted three years’ probation and ordered to pay $3,230 for another bank robbery from which the money was not recovered. All of the money taken in the April 9 holdup at the Washington Mutual Bank on Midway Drive was recovered when he was arrested shortly afterward.

Barrett was ordered to complete an anti-theft program, was fined $1,826, among other things.

Barrett now works as a caregiver to disabled people through an agency, according to court records. He remains free on $21,000 bond until he surrenders to the work furlough program on Nov. 18. He was given credit for spending two days in jail following his April 9 arrest.

At Barrett’s preliminary hearing June, teller Carla Braga testified that Barrett told her “to give him what I could” from her register. She said he apologized twice for robbing her. Braga said Barrett did not display a weapon.

On July 24, Barrett pleaded guilty to the Midway Drive robbery and to two other bank robberies in Chula Vista. He faced a maximum sentence of seven years in prison. He had no prior record.

A teller put a hidden dye pack with the money Barrett took in his second robbery. After it exploded, Barrett left all of the money behind near the bank.

When he was interviewed after his arrest, Barrett said he had financial problems and needed money to pay the rent.

News Briefs

5K walk fundraiser to aid officers in home buying

The San Diego Association of Realtors’ Amabassador Foundation will host a 5K walk fundrais- ing event in Point Loma on Sat- urday, Nov. 15 to raise money for the “Everyday Heroes” program.

The program is designed to assist San Diego police officers in buying homes in the communi- ties in which they serve, accord- ing to event organizers.

The walk will take place at NTc Park at Liberty Station beginning at 8 a.m.

KUSH TV’s Joe Lizura, the spokesman for the event, will join police officers, Realtors and supporters on the brisk walk to call attention to the service of police officers and to help them achieve the dream of home own- ership.

Teams and individuals can sign up in advance for $25 per person and can make monetary donations by calling (619) 298-7400 or by visiting www.amabassadorfoundation.org.

Event organizers said four San Diego police officers were helped to purchase their first homes in 2008.

Tree Festival T-shirts, sweatshirts available

The Ocean Beach Christmas Tree Festival Committee has launched its annual T-shirt and sweatshirt drive to benefit local charities.

The items are currently avail- able for purchase at Shades Oceanfront Bistro, 2083 Santa Monica Ave., Surf ‘N Sne, 1874 Bacon St., and Dog Beach Dog Wash, 4933 Voltaire St., Suite C.

For more information about the OB Tree Festival, call (619) 515-4400 or (619) 226-8613.

Free arts exhibit slated for Liberty Station

A celebration of raw art by graduates and current students of San Diego’s Expressive Art Institute will take place Friday, Nov. 7 at Liberty Station.

The free event, dubbed “Arts Express” runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and will take place at the institute, 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite 204 in the NTC Promenade.

The mixed-media show incor- porates the works of more than 40 graduates and current students of the institute.

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Sunset View launches annual boutique, dinner

Sunset View Elementary School will again host its annual holiday boutique and spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 7.

Residents are invited to enjoy a home-cooked meal and browse a variety of goods, including Tupp- erware, party favors, candles, sport jerseys, socks and more.

The event takes place from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Portego Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal.

For more information, call (619) 985-3995.

Cancer Society Discovery Shop to host boutique

The Point Loma American Can- cer Society Discovery Shop is hold- ing its annual Holiday Boutique Sale this Friday.

The shop will be open for cus- tomers on Friday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Items will include holiday cloth- ing and other holiday items.

“Our shop will sparkle and shine with holiday merchandise,” said store manager Stephanie Ripley. “It’s going to be the best holiday sale yet.”

The shop is located at 3609 Mid- way Drive around the corner from Kinkos. For more information, call (619) 224-4336.

Bourns named SDSU extended studies director

SDSU’s College of Extended Studies has named Ocean Beach resident Erica Bourns its new special- sessions director.

Bourns holds a Ph.D. in Interna- tional Studies and an MBA degree from the University of Denver. She served as a faculty member in the Political Science Department at Johns Hopkins in Winter Park, Fla., before joining the College of Extended Studies nearly two years ago as director of the Osher Life- long Learning Institute and more recently the director of the teacher education program at the College.

She lives in Ocean Beach with her husband and two children.

SDSU’s College of Extended Studies reaches out to the greater San Diego community with a wide variety of lifelong learning classes, seminars, and certificate pro- grams.

Career advancement courses are offered in many areas of man- agement, leadership, and quality improvement while self-enrich- ment courses range from astro- nomy to web design. Additionally, the college offers over 35 certificate programs, online courses, and many other learning opportunities.

For more information, call (619) 245-2727 or visit www.extendedlearning.net.

Harris sworn in as KABD-SD vice president

Peninsula-area resident Aman- da Harris, a shareholder of the law firm Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek, was recently sworn in as vice president of the Korean American Bar Association of San Diego (KABA-SD).

KABA-SD was established to provide Korean American attor- neys and law students in the greater San Diego area the oppor- tunity to network and socialize with each other, offer legal, educa- tional, legal, charitable, and other services to the Korean American community and advance Korean Americans in the legal profession.

Harris, who lives in the Point Lua/Ocean Beach area, is chair- person of the firm’s Family Law Practice Group and practices exclusively in the area of family law, with an emphasis on com- plex, legal, charitable, and charitable situations.

She received her B.A., cum laude, from the University of Cali- fornia at Davis in 1992 and her law degree from the University of Hastings, California College of Law in 1993.
High school football should be about more than winning games on Fridays. It should also be an opportunity for the players to grow into men of integrity with hearts for those in need.

A few weeks ago, the Point Loma varsity football squad had one of those opportunities and took full advantage of the chance.

Local team supporter, 3-year-old Tobin Orzel, got his fingers caught between a heavy metal door and the frame, severing two of them. He was rushed to the emergency room at Rady Children’s Hospital, where doctors performed surgery to reattach them. Doctors, however, were not optimistic about a full recovery for Tobin.

When Point Loma High School head football coach Mike Hastings heard about the case, he called the family to offer support. When Hastings told his team, the players decided to invite Tobin to one of their practices. Offering up what they had to give, the players signed a ball and presented it to Tobin, who sleeps with it every night — a reminder of the kindness he was shown by the PLHS football team.

“He was beaming with joy as the team captains talked with him and the whole team gathered around him for pictures,” said Hastings. “It was great for our players to help bring a little relief and joy to Tobin. It was all a part of our credo of giving back to our community and helping to serve others.”

According to Treyla Orzel, Tobin’s mother, the team was incredibly welcoming and very kind to the youngster who had been excited for days, telling all who would listen about his upcoming rendezvous with the Pointers.

“They wished him well and told him how proud they were of his bravery,” said Treyla. “At the end of practice, they again called Tobin to the field and had him break practice, high-five him and put him around on their shoulders. I have never seen such pure joy from my son.”

The team learned from the experience as well, playing a part of the youngsters’ recovery and mental wellbeing. Part of the PLHS football program’s philosophy has been to develop well-rounded young men.

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MOTHER OF INJURED 3-YEAR-OLD

Tobin has shattered the doctors’ initial expectations. According to Treyla, there wasn’t much hope of Tobin regaining feeling or dexterity in the injured fingers. Miraculously, Treyla said Tobin’s recovery is almost complete, with sensation in both digits.

“We feel so blessed. He can hopefully still play football,” said Treyla. “His dream has been to play professional ball. With the recovery going so well, he can stay in the game.”

Hastings may have to keep a spot open on his roster for Tobin in a few years.

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PLHS team reaches out to injured local boy, 3

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The wildfires that raged through San Diego in 2007 may have seemed like a distant memory to some, but much remains to be done for the victims of the catastrophe. Recent reports indicate that only a small percentage of fire-stricken homeowners have rebuilt and many of the affected families are still in need of aid.

In an effort to bring attention to this situation and raise funds, drummer Randy Seol of legendary 1960s psychedelic rockers The Strawberry Alarm Clock has put together a special benefit concert — “Rock for Fire Relief” — at Winston’s on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The music starts at 3 p.m. with a bill topped by the original members of Strawberry Alarm Clock. The group still features five original members, including Steve Bartek, also best known as key tabla player for the band. The group still features five original members, including Steve Bartek, also best known as key tabla player for the band.

“The reasons musicians or artists as a whole are the first in line to help with a cause, is because we are in the trenches and see the bigger picture,” said. “We have the ability to gather people,” Seol said. “Music draws them in and helps spread the message.

David Maldonado considers musicians to be closer to the public than politicians or CEOs. “The reasons musicians or artists as a whole are the first in line to help with a cause, is because we are in the trenches with the people,” Maldonado said. “We are watching everything from the ‘life’ perspective, feel hard pain/happiness for others and see the bigger picture. So we will use whatever we have to help another in need. I choose my best asset, my music.”

Seol points out it’s important to the community as a whole to be involved. “We are depositing money directly into bank accounts,” Seol said. “For him, the idea of gathering musicians to help families is no-brainer.

“Music is so much red tape and bureaucracy in these situations. We will be depositing money directly into bank accounts,” Seol said.

The group is deep into production of a new album for possible springtime release. But for now, Seol is putting his main efforts into these benefits. “It’s the least I can do to give back,” said. “I just wish it was possible to help even more families.”

The Strawberry Alarm Clock and performers will be giving a special benefit concert — “Rock for Fire Relief” — at Winston’s on Saturday, Nov. 8.

“We had no idea we were into these benefits. "These days, you don’t have to burn out of your home to feel the walls closing in a little bit," he said. "You can lose your business or your car or any number of things that are important to you. With this recession, we’re all in the same boat, so anything we can do to help is going to be appreciated."

Though Seol and his group appeared in several classic films of the era, including “Psycho Out” and “Beyond The Valley of the Dolls,” they remain best known for their 1967 hit “Incense Peppermints.”

“We were kids,” he said. Indeed, Bartek, who wrote much of the band’s material, was only 15 at the time and was not allowed by his parents to tour. “We had no idea we were recording a classic,” Seol said. “But a lot of the success of the song was timing. The music industry of the day was changing and we were giving more freedom to talk about things as they really were.”

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COMMUNITY/CIVIC

A Look Ahead

Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to noon, Friends of Famosa Slough host a work party to care for California native plants and remove invasive plant species. Participants are asked to meet at the southeast corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. For more information, call (619) 224-4591 or visit www.famosaslough.org.

Monday, Nov. 10, 1 to 3 p.m., regular meeting of the Peninsula Community Planning Board’s (PCPB) Project Review Committee at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. A copy of the agenda is posted at the library and can be accessed by visiting www.pcbp.net. For more information, call (619) 223-1357.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the American Lung Association of California hosts a “Respiration Rally” to offer hope and help to people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The free event is for people with COPD and their families, caregivers and friends. RSVP to (619) 297-3901 and register online at www.lung.org. For more information, call (619) 224-4591 or visit www.mrsrnv.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1 p.m., the Rock Academy hosts a special Veterans Day ceremony to honor U.S. servicemen and women. The event takes place at the Rock Sanctuary, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, call (619) 483-2699, or visit www.plgc.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 5 p.m., another in a series of monthly forums, “Behind the Scenes at NTC Promenade.” The forums are designed to provide information to and obtain input from interested community groups and individuals regarding NTC Promenade, the civic arts and cultural center at Liberty Station in Point Loma. The event takes place at Weisse Green Room at Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Road. RSVP to info@ntcfoundation.org. For more information, call (619) 573-9300. The next forum is Tuesday, Dec. 9, 5 p.m., NTC Command Center, 2640 Historic Decatur Road.

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts a program “A Family’s Collision with History: Austria 1938.” The free event focuses on a family confusion and fear after being deported in the neighborhoods they protect. The event takes place at NTC Park in Liberty Station. Teams and individuals may sign up in advance for $25 per person and make monetary donations at www.ambassadorsfoundation.org. For information, call (619) 515-4400 or (619) 226-9613.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m., baby sign language workshop with local expert Monta Briant at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 7 to 11 p.m., the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation will host a fundraising dance to benefit historic and scientific research on an 18th century Spanish fort and 19th century fishing and American whaling station. The event takes place at the Building 138 Sylvester Road at Naval Base Point Loma. Participants are encouraged to dress in 1940s-style clothing, uniforms or semi-formal attire as they slow dance to tunes Big Band music. For more information, call (619) 269-3924 or e-mail fort_g@cox.net.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 to 11:30 a.m., the Jenna Druck Foundation hosts a Young Women’s Leadership Forum, “Walking Tall: A Conversation with Peggy O’Neill.” O’Neill, who is less than four feet tall, will share the tragedies and triumphs of her life as a little person. The event takes place at the Marina Village Terrace Room, 1936 Quivira Way. There is a $5 registration fee. For information and registration, visit www.jdfleadership.org.

The Ocean Beach Tree Festival Committee now has festival T-shirts and sweat shirts available for sale. The items may be purchased at Shades Oceanfront Bistro, Surf ‘N Sea and the Dog Beach Dog Wash. For more information, call (619) 515-4400 or (619) 226-9613.

DANA
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• Friday, Nov. 7, Spirit Day.

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• Friday, Nov. 7, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., “Everyone a Reader” tutor program training in audiotorium. For information, call (619) 223-4810 or e-mail christinamf@ntcf.net.
• Monday, Nov. 10, national “Take a Veteran to School Day” sponsored by the History Channel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Making fire safety fun

Children from Sunset View Elementary School were given an education in fire safety at Station 22 on Catalina Boulevard recently. The students from Camille Johnson’s kindergarten class learned about dialing 911, the “stop, drop and roll” technique and how to man a fire hose. The children are pictured with San Diego State University student teacher Dana Owad and station Capt. George Uzdtawinies.

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November A Look Ahead

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The best way to list the beneficiaries is to name an individual or list of individuals. If you have a spouse, you can have a separate IRA. Other individuals can roll over the IRA into their own IRA. Other individuals can roll over the IRA into an IRA, but they will be required to take a yearly minimum distribution. This amount is based on the beneficiaries life expectancy and the financial institution will figure it out for you.

In certain circumstances you can name a trust as a beneficiary and it can get the same rollover treatment. Check with your financial institution and your estate planning attorney. The benefit of a rollover IRA is that the income can continue to have tax deferred treatment. The interest income can get the same rollover treatment. Check with your financial institution

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Polished Concrete has been established in the flooring industry as a LEED friendly system. Polished concrete is a process which enhances the natural beauty of existing concrete by hardening and polishing the concrete to create a glossy finish.

Concrete slabs have an inherent natural beauty, but until recently, residential and retail facilities preferred floor coverings, such as vinyl composite tile, or terrazzo, to make up for the perceived lack luster of concrete. Polishing results in a glossy appearance revealing the stone aggregate within the concrete, environmentally friendly and highly cost effective.

Reasons Polished Concrete is Green

• Rehabilitation of existing old slabs saves the environment
• Contributes to LEED points in many categories
• The few chemicals sometimes used are water-based, VOC-free and environmentally safe
• The exceptional durability of polished concrete greatly reduces long term maintenance

Benefits of Polished Concrete Floors

Elimination of Dusting from Efflorescence - In ordinary unpolished concrete, tiny particles of dust are pushed to the surface through an upward force called efflorescence: this is called dusting, which forces epoxies off of the surface of concrete floors, and can make maintenance a costly priority. Polished concrete also makes a much healthier environment due to this elimination of dusting.

Stain-Resistant - By densifying and sealing the surface, polished concrete transforms a porous concrete floor into a tightened floor that is dense enough to repel water, oil, and other contaminants, preventing them from penetrating the surface.

Improved Reflectivity and Ambient Lighting - The reflective properties of a polished concrete floor increases the lighting. Increased lighting in your facility makes it easier on your lighting bill and magnifies the beauty of the floors. The reflective properties of polished concrete floors also makes a much healthier environment due to this elimination of dusting.

Increased Slip Resistance - Polished concrete, though looks like glass, does not create a slippery floor. In fact, the benefits of mechanically grinding and flattening the floor will increase the coefficient of friction when compared to ordinary concrete. Polished concrete often exceeds OSHA standards for floors and is typically referred to as “high traction.”

Improved Condition - Old floors are now again...just damp mop and your done! The polishing process and the lack of toxic or hazardous chemicals, floors can often be serviced with occupants in place eliminating the inconvenience and cost of vacating.

The bottom line is that you have hidden treasure under your feet, the opportunity to re-purpose your old gray concrete floors into trendy, stunningly beautiful polished stone floors. You choose the degree of polishing to expose the stone aggregate, the degree of lustre, to add color stains or not. You’ll choose the degree of polishing to expose the stone aggregate, the degree of lustre, to add color stains or not. You’ll have floors that look like terrazzo at a fraction of the cost and inconvenience. If that isn't enough, the real bonus is ease of care, never wax your floors again...just damp mop and your done!

For more information and to see samples of polished concrete please contact Polished Concrete Floors 4 U, 858-272-9292, wwwpcf4u.com.