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The OB Christmas tree has leaned to the left since it was installed on the beach last month. After a weekend of wind and rain, the tree is drooping even more and may need some Christmas magic to make it through December.

PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

Holiday spirit bends, but does not break in OB

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JAN BRUMMETT
VISITOR ON SUNSET CLIFFS BOULEVARD

Retired Point Loma surgeon Dr. Ryan found out just how much his community loves and appreciates him after the 90-year-old’s tricycle was stolen — as friends, family and the OB community chipped in to buy him a new one.

“It was me who noticed first, because when I’m here, I really enjoy seeing (Ryan) riding,” said Jan Brummett, visiting from Colorado in Ryan’s oceanside neighborhood off Sunset Cliffs Boulevard near the corner of Osprey Street. “I saw him riding on Friday, and then Sunday he was walking. I asked him and he said, ‘Somebody came and stole it out of my backyard,’” said Brummett. So Brummett posted notice in Facebook on the OB crime watch site. “They (Obecians) immediately wanted to fund a new bicycle,” said Brummett. “They were outraged that someone stole a 90-year-old’s tricycle.”

Brummett said it took all of three hours on GoFundMe.com to raise the donations needed to buy Ryan a beautiful new blue tricycle with a custom license plate, pinwheels and a basket on the back. It was all wrapped up with a big red bow for his tree that read: “For Doc Ryan. We care. Love from your OB community. Bike on!”

Discussing her motivation, Brummett said she’s been disturbed about “all the hate that’s going on” following the November presidential election.

“My mission now is to see that love trumps hate,” said Brummett, noting she belongs to a not-
Climate Action Campaign issues report cards on SD cities’ climate plans

Climate Action Campaign unveiled the inaugural edition of their Climate Plan Report Card earlier this month, which grades the climate action plans, or lack thereof, of all 19 San Diego municipalities in the region.

Only the City of San Diego – who received national accolades when it adopted a binding 100 percent clean energy Climate Action Plan last year – earned a gold designation. Zero cities earned a silver grade, while Del Mar, San Marcos and Carlsbad all took home the bronze designation for their climate action plans. Read the full Climate Action Plan Report Card at www.climateactioncampaign.org.

“The City of San Diego continues to lead the way with its groundbreaking Climate Action Plan and is honored to be recognized as the new standard for other cities to follow,” said Cody Hooven, chief sustainability officer at the City of San Diego. “In the year since the plan was formally adopted, we’ve already begun to make significant investments that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a cleaner tomorrow for our neighborhoods.”

Climate Action Campaign published the report card to serve as a tool for cities, advocates, and the public to understand the best practices for protecting families’ futures from climate change. By enhancing transparency and accountability, the report card seeks to incentivize local cities to take action through friendly competition and collaboration.

“In the face of a new president threatening to dismantle federal progress on climate and clean energy, leadership from local governments is more important than ever,” said Nicole Capretz, executive director of Climate Action Campaign. “We hope our report card will inform the public about what their city is doing to slash carbon pollution and protect their kids’ future. There are 19 local governments in our region, yet only seven had gradable climate plans. Our goal is to spur even more cities to take action to safeguard our quality of life.”

The first edition of the Climate Plan Report Card assigns points and gives grades based on the goals and strategies contained in each plan. As CAPs become a mainstay throughout our region, future editions of the report card will measure how effectively local governments are actually implementing their plans.

“Even if we stop emitting greenhouse gasses tomorrow, there will still be significant Sea Level Rise (SLR) affecting our region over the next several decades. It is imperative that we address and prepare for those changes in ways that preserve our quality of life and the very resources that draw us to San Diego, like our beaches and waves. The earlier we start planning, the more options there will be. The challenges are real and we hope that cities will address them proactively and responsibly though robust Climate Action Plans,” said Julia Chunn, Surfrider San Diego.
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It was the year of the pier in 2016, and Obecians and Point Lomans alike had a lot to celebrate in the Peninsula. Newswise, it was a busy time all year long.

The following is a month-by-month account of what transpired on the news front throughout the Peninsula:

**JANUARY**
- This year marked the 50th anniversary of Ocean Beach Municipal Pier, and the community celebrated year-long. Ocean Beach Main-Street Association (OBMA), the beach community’s Business Improvement District (BID), had a “Flerbook,” where people shared their enduring memories of the iconic structure.
- "July was the 50th anniversary of the pier, which opened the weekend of July 2-4 in 1966," said Isabel Clark, OBMA’s program director. “People have gotten married on the pier, had their first kiss there or been parents sharing special moments with their children or grandchildren there. It’s just a special, awe-inspiring place.”

**FEBRUARY**
- It came down to a question of having a mom-and-pop, or a corporate shop? Given that choice, most Peninsula preferred an independent grocer over a food rate shop?
- “Fresh & Easy at 955 Catalina Blvd. is just a special, awesome place.”

**MARCH**
- "It was a very good year for taking a leap of faith. We opened a sizable split beneath Point Loma before SDPD and OBMA’s annual town hall forum and got an update from city officials on Sports Arena Boulevard leases.”

**APRIL**
- "The battle over a controversal lot split proposed on a Point Loma historic property proved to be far from over, as a grass-roots group support- ed the City Council's decision to appeal a judge's reversal of its previ- ously denying the subdivision pro- ject. San Diego City Council voted 6-3 on Feb. 9, 2015 to deny the Point Loma Summit project. The project is a subdivision proposal that calls for splitting the old Joseph Jessop Estate at 414 La Crescenta Drive into three units, including the Tudor-styled home built in 1926 by Joseph and Mabel Jessop."

**MAY**
- There was a changing of the guard at Point Loma Association's (PLA's) annual town hall forum and election May 24 at the Portuguese Hall at 2818 Avenida de Portugal. Outgoing PLA president Robert (Tripp) Jackson passed the gavel to Clark Anthony Burlingame (known as Clark Anthony). A quiet street straddling Point Loma and Ocean Beach planning areas became a battleground over a developer's plans to build two homes on a split lot some neighbors consider- ed to be undersized for the project. The city planning commission heard an appeal May 26 of the city's Planning Group's approval of a Coastal Development Permit to demolish a single-family home at 2257 Froude St. and replace it with two new, 1,814 square-foot homes each over a 1,073 square-foot basement/two-car garage on two legal lots.
Fourth District Councilmember Myrtle Cole was elected City Council president Monday in a 6-3 vote, edging out Eighth District Councilmember David Alvarez. She becomes the city’s first female black president.

The vote came after numerous speakers sought to persuade councilmembers to vote for Cole or Alvarez, who are both Democrats.

The four Republicans on the Council voted for Cole along with First District Councilmember Barbara Bry and Cole herself. The motion was brought by Mark Kersey, who represents the Fifth District and was seconded by Bry, who noted it was her first vote after being sworn in earlier Monday.

Voting against Cole were Alvarez, Third District Councilmember Christopher Ward, and Ninth District Councilmember Georgette Gomez.

Cole elected City Council president

Bike

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so-secret Facebook site called “pantsuit nation.” There are almost four million members since the elections, people of all backgrounds, who are concerned that there is going to be hate, and they tell stories of overcoming that,” Brummett said.

Brummett added she wears a safety pin denoting that “I’m a safe place, I’m approachable for people.”

Doc “Papa” Ryan’s wife, daughter and his grandson were present on an early December Sunday afternoon to give the retired surgeon, who’s lived in Point Loma for 45 years, his new ride. It was especially important since Papa has mostly lost his eyesight, except for some peripheral vision.

Doc Ryan almost couldn’t believe his good fortune.

“I am very touched and extremely grateful,” he said. “I just can’t believe all this kindness. I want to thank everybody involved.”

Doc Ryan also asked everyone to pray for his son, John, whom he said was “extremely ill.”

“I wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year,” said Ryan, who noted he rides his bike twice daily, in the morning and afternoon, along the three blocks between his home and St. Peter’s Church.

Ryan said he’s turning 91 on April 3. He then invited everyone in attendance to be a part of that landmark celebration.

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Sunset View students care, help homeless

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Sunset View Elementary School in Point Loma cares. So much so, that when fourth-grade teacher Kristen Dennis’ 23-student class studied about the homeless – learning just wasn’t enough.

“It was the whole class’ idea to create ‘Blessing Bags’ to hand out to our local homeless,” said Dennis. “The kids just wanted to do more. They wanted to give back.”

“We’re giving bags to the homeless with little things like (food) bars and toothpaste, brushes and socks that we made in our Christmas party on Friday,” said student Langston Delding.

“Even Sunset’s fourth-grade class therapy dog Sadie joined the kids and their teacher, who convened around the left-leaning Ocean Beach Christmas tree planted firmly in the beach.

This year, Sunset View Elementary started something new called Sunset View Elementary Cares.

“The purpose was to empower students and have them feel the gift of giving,” said Dennis. “Each grade level is doing something different for the community.”

Sunset View’s fourth-grade class kicked off the program in October with Soctober, wherein students collected socks for the homeless community. All students were encouraged to participate by doing a few chores around the house to earn some money to purchase the socks.

“We ended up getting more than 700 pairs of socks that were donated to the Episcopal Church Center on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard,” said Dennis.

The school’s third grade is organizing this month’s Sunset View Elementary Cares Winter Jacket Drive. They are collecting gently used jackets for an orphanage in Mexico. The students also wrote cards in Spanish to go with the jackets.

“We have had class discussions on different ways we could help others, and how a small act of kindness can make a big difference,” said Dennis, noting parents donated the items “kids put together, each in a couple dozen bags containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues, water, protein bar and socks, along with a personal note of encouragement.

Will donating to OB’s homeless become a school or class tradition for Sunset View Elementary?

“Maybe,” said instructor Dennis. “It’s a great idea.”

Sunset View Elementary students hand out Blessing Bags in OB.

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Homeless encampment removed from neighborhood

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

In Pacific Beach, Dec. 8 was a red-letter day many in the beach community would like to see repeated: The city’s successful eviction of a homeless encampment from a neighbor’s backyard.

After months of living next to a home at 2724 Hornblend St., where as many as 25 people lived without water, power or sewage, neighbors were elated to learn the City of San Diego, working through the judicial process, was able to put the property into receivership and vacate.

The action was long overdue in the view of at least one neighbor.

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Young Pointers to play up-tempo basketball

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

His players may be young and lack experience, but Point Loma High School's new basketball head coach is thrilled as he begins his first season at the reins of a varsity program.

Josh Aros, 28, has waited for 10 years to coach Pointer players. This opportunity finally came about as he rose through the ranks of Pointer hoops, awaiting the day when he would take control.

And that day officially arrived last Friday afternoon as Aros sent his squad onto the hardwood for their season opener, a game against Patrick Henry as part of the Sweetwater tournament in the South Bay.

Aros became familiar with his returning players when he served as a varsity assistant last year on a team that finished 12-15 overall and 5-7 (fifth place) in the Central League.

"This year, we'll have a young team with only two seniors," Aros said after dismissing his team after a pre-season practice session.

"We'll play an up-tempo game," Aros said, “utilizing our athleticism, our length and speed to get up and down the court. We'll press a lot defensively, get in (our opponent's) face. It will be a fast-paced game that fans should enjoy.”

"We're skilled with and without the ball," Aros said, "with our players ranging from 5-foot-9 inches tall to 6-foot-7 inches in height. Our goal will always be to win (Central league),” he said. "After that, we want to go as far as we can in the playoffs.”

Aros will be counting on leadership from his two seniors.

The first, Darnell Johnson (6’5” guard/point guard) is "one of the top shooting guards and ranked as the 15th best player in the county," Aros said. "Collin Cretain (5’10” guard/point guard) returns after missing last season with a broken arm.

"I'm looking forward to both of them to be leaders on our young varsity team," said Aros.

Point Loma baseball to hold breakfast fundraiser on Jan. 7

What goes better on a cold January morning than pancakes and hot coffee for breakfast?

Point Loma High’s baseball team is getting a head start on funding its regular season that begins in early March by serving up just such a treat. Team boosters are hoping you’ll stop by the St. Agnes Church Hall, 1145 Evergreen St. on Jan. 7 from 7:30 to 10 a.m. for pancakes and to socialize while helping the Pointers get ready for their season.

For a $5 donation, each person will receive pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. There will also be a hot cocoa and doughnut bar for an additional charge. Tickets for the event can be purchased from PLHS baseball team members or at the door.

On Jan. 21, Pointer boosters will stage the second annual PLHS Baseball Boosters golf tournament at the Loma Club in Liberty Station.

To register, contact Mitch Shirts at Mitch@theMulch.com or call 858-248-0414.

Point Loma professor takes on CMT’s ‘Broken Skull Ranch’

BY BLAKE BUNCH | THE BEACON

It’s one thing to teach others about exercise health in the classroom, but completely another to put it to practice. Recently, Point Loma Nazarene University assistant professor of kinesiology, Josh Dexheimer, was featured on the CMT challenge, “Stone Cold’s Broken Skull Ranch.”

Although Dexheimer was ultimately eliminated from the challenge, missing out on the $10,000 prize, he seems to have learned a minor feat. Despite being sent home from the competition, Dexheimer is taking it in stride.

"I contacted the CMT representatives, and was surprised at how quickly they got back to me," said Dexheimer. "I’m looking forward to both of them to be leaders on our young varsity team," he noted.

Aros also understands his role as a basketball coach is an opportunity for him to teach much more to his players than running plays and learning defenses. “I want to give the community a program it can be proud of, to teach kids about basketball but also about life and how to grow up and become a good person,” he said.

"I’m also here to mentor these kids about being on time, being accountable, learning how to work with other people and filling roles so that when they graduate they are able to work with a team of people and communicate well,” he noted.

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2016 Holiday Storefront Winners

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) sponsored its popular Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest in Ocean Beach’s shopping, dining, and business districts. Thirty-two merchants competed for three Judging Committee awards (Most Festive Inside, Most Festive Outside, Best Use of This Year’s Theme [The Year of the Pier with Holiday Cheer]), and the coveted People’s Choice Award, chosen by Facebook likes and loves. Of course, the best way to experience Ocean Beach’s holiday atmosphere is to come in person to see the decorations and lights, but you can get a taste of the festivities on the OBMA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OBMA92107) or on the OBMA website (www.OceanBeachSanDiego.com). Congratulations to the winners and all those who decorated!

People’s Choice Award: South Coast Surf Shop

Best Use of Theme: Seams To Me

Most Festive Inside: Raglan Public House

Most Festive Outside: Camellia Wedding Flowers

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Home decoration winners
The OB Christmas Holiday Home Decoration Contest winners are: Best Use of Lighting – Chris, Bill Pickering, 4843 Santa Cruz Ave. (top left); Most Original Decoration – Gavin Fleming, 4593 Coronado Ave. (left); Judges Choice – Val, Bill Peters, 4987 Longbranch Ave. (top right); and (above) a home on Garrison Street in Point Loma (because, why not).

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for months against the EIR’s stadium proposal. Some neighbors of the high school, who pleaded with the district to reconsider its May 24 approval of the EIR for the stadium, cited concerns, the city planning commission director said.

Addressing the board, PLHS neighbors’ attorney Robert P. Ottile noted he had represented 17 individuals who’ve filed a lawsuit against SDUSD alleging illegal conduct in its handling of the stadium lawsuit.

- **July**: In July, Midway Community Planning Group discussed homelessness, as well as forming a subcommittee to explore creating a Maintenance Assessment District/Business Improvement District, while continuing dialogue on its ongoing community plan update.

Community planners also reiterated their staunch opposition to a state-managed proposal to have the Midway District designated as a potential site for an emergency homeless shelter.

State law now requires cities to identify an area within their jurisdictions where an emergency homeless shelter could be erected without substantial additional planning review.

The city of San Diego noted Midway was a prime spot for such an emergency shelter given its largely industrial/commercial character.

- **August**: The long-awaited installation of 10 night vision-capable police security cameras from the Ocean Beach Pier to Dog Beach became a fait accompli. Supporters claimed the cameras were essential for solving and preventing crime. Others argued they were intrusive. On July 21, the city of San Diego held a press conference at the intersection of Newport Avenue and Abbott
Singer-songwriter and SD native Jeff Berkley now calls OB home

Dr. Bart Mendez / The Beacon

It’s true that Jeff Berkley is known as one of the finest singer-songwriters San Diego has ever produced. He has a warm, melodic voice and a way with song hooks that’s second to none, as heard in his solo performances and as a part of the duo, Berkley Hart, alongside fellow tunesmith Calman Hart. But that’s just one side of his musical career, with work as a sideman and as a producer just as prominent on his resume.

A recent transplant to Ocean Beach, Berkley is that rare find – a native San Diegan. “Yes, I was born at Sharp Hospital,” he said with a smile. Now a veteran of the music community, Berkley has long wanted to live in OB but has only now found the right spot. I have been trying to find a spot to live in OB since I moved out from my folk’s house,” he said. “It’s dear to my heart for several reasons. Living here is different than visiting here. I love the people and the attitude here. I love being able to hear the sea and walk out to see it anytime. I miss OB when I’m not here.”

For Berkley it’s been a life immersed in music since he began performing at age 14. “I started in church with my dad but was playing in bands and clubs by 15. I didn’t get into it, it got in to me!” he said. “I couldn’t help myself. Gigs were just the eventual end to a deep passion for music through music that still drives me today. Great songs inspire me, and that’s been a constant.”

As a producer, songwriter and performer, he wears many hats, but he maintains that there is no favorite aspect of his career. “They all feed off each other. The truth is that I’d go insane just doing one or the other,” he said. “My dad produced records, wrote and performed and I was in on that early on. I’ve always been around all of the hats you mentioned. It’s my nature to do those things.”

He considers himself lucky to be in the music business on every level. “I’m blessed every day by peoples trust,” he remarked. “Sometimes they’re trusting me to produce their album, which is the most important thing in their world at that moment. Sometimes they trust me with their hard-earned money and come to see me play. Sometimes they trust me with their heart. I am blown away every day by that.” Speaking of the former, Berkley recently opened a new studio in Kearny Mesa. “The space was built in the ‘70s and is an amazing, groovy sounding space.”

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Street in Ocean Beach to officially dedicate new security system. The request for the new cameras was made by the San Diego Police Department with the blessing of Ocean Beach Town Council.

- Despite a similar state measure on the ballot, the Ocean Beach City Council voted 6-3 on July 19 to approve a Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance. San Diego’s new plastic bag reduction ordinance includes a ban on all single-use carryout plastic bags at select point-of-sale retail locations and a 10-cent charge for paper bags.

The ordinance has exemptions for restaurants, newspaper delivery and bags for transporting produce, meat, poultry and dry-cleaning or laundry.

“San Diego can now take a leadership role in limiting plastic bag use and reducing plastic pollution,” said Sherri Lightner, First District Council person and council president who proposed the measure. “As we can see from other cities, the benefits are real.”

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**SEPTEMBER**

- It was announced in September that Point Lomans want to create a Community Benefit District (CBD) in the heart of the Peninsula along Avenida de Portugal.

> “However, we can’t do it without your support,” said Daniel Silva, UPSES president.

Silva noted CBDs “strive to improve the overall quality of life in targeted commercial districts and mixed-use neighborhoods through partnership between the city and local communities.”

CBD’s require local property owners to be levied a special assessment to fund improvements to their neighborhood. They work to attract businesses in vacant buildings, improve signage, dispose of trash, trim trees, enhance street lighting, act as a public forum and city liaison, and coordinate programming like street fairs and farmers markets.

Jon Linney, chair of Peninsula Community Planning Board, noted formation of a new geographically centered historical district is a worthwhile suggestion.

“Avenida de Portugal has been the heart of the Portuguese community in Point Loma since the 1880s,” Linney said. “This CBD will tie so much in Point Loma since the 1880s,” Linney said. “This CBD will tie so much in Point Loma since the 1880s,” Linney said. “This CBD will tie so much in Point Loma since the 1880s,” Linney said. “This CBD will tie so much in Point Loma since the 1880s,”

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plex proposal, said that “replacing the LOWMA waypoint (latitude-longitude navigational guide) with a new waypoint 1.8 miles south of LOWMA was a very significant victory for San Diego’s treasured assets on the Point, and for residents on the Peninsula. We prevailed on our goal of ‘LOWMA or better,’” (meaning) Peninsula fliers will not increase by 45,000 flights per year.

- A familiar face to many students was selected for an open vice principal position at Point Loma High School. Eric Brown, who has been teaching mathematics at nearby Correia Middle School, took the post of former vice principal Kevin Gormly, who died from brain cancer in June.

Brown has also taught and been an administrator at Mt. Empire School District in East County. He is currently a Ph.D candidate at USD. A graduate of La Jolla High School, Brown played football at both West Point and USD.

- A former “perpetual remodel” on Plum Street in Point Loma was finally completed – and sold – but machinations of the new owner had some neighbors worried and questioning the veracity of the sale.

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- Also in September, users of Dusty Rhodes Dog Park in Ocean Beach complained about it being, well, too dusty. “It basically looks like a rodeo ground,” said Mike Ryan, former vice chair of Peninsula Community Planning Board, who is a frequent user, along with dog Maggie. “Many of us who use the park are fed up with the lack of watering. The city says the watering was cut back due to the drought. Funny thing is, San Diego is always in a drought.”

The bottom line, in Ryan’s view, is that, “We already have a sandy dog beach. We need a grassy dog park.”

- Midway Community Planning Group in September got updates on a renewed effort to re-establish a business improvement district (BID), as well as agreeing to support closure of Moore Street at a troublesome intersection.

- Peninsula Community Planning Board adopted a preferred alternative for bicycle improvements on Wabaska Drive, as well as getting an update on San Diego International Airport redevelopment.

- Construction on the Terminal 2 Parking Plaza building began as nearly 100 elected officials, Airport Authority board members, business and community leaders, and members of the construction team celebrated the groundbreaking.

- The Ocean Beach Library celebrated its 100th birthday on Sept. 10, with a party at the library itself. The fun included a dice jockey playing oldies, beer and wine, and light refreshments. Various OII organizations and businesses had tables in the library proper, educating party goers on their history as well as their current activities.

- Continuing the Conversation (CTC), a Peninsula group formed in 2013 whose vision is “a racism-free society through transformed hearts and minds,” held a series of “Talk Race and the Arts” forums in Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church.

- Construction began on the long-awaited and controversial stadium lights at Point Loma High School. Crews located trailers and other equipment on the school grounds as the first phase of a three-phase stadium upgrade project that addresses only the lighting and public address systems with other upgrades to come in future years.

- Opponents of Point Loma High School’s newly-approved stadium lights changed legal representation while preparation is apparently under way to install those lights.

- A judge set a double murder trial for Jan. 31, 2017 for a Point Loma man accused of killing his parents in 2014. Peter Haynes, 24, pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity in the Nov. 28, 2014, deaths of his parents, David and Lisa Haynes, who were shot to death around 3 a.m., a few hours after Thanksgiving Day.

- Point Loma Association’s (PLA)’s 2016 Visions of Point Loma event Oct. 6, delivered on its promise of continued community improvement while raising close to $35,000 for future neighborhood projects.

The event drew more than 300 friends, neighbors and Peninsula supporters to chat, drink and eat.

- In what’s become an annual tradition, The Wine Pub in Point Loma awarded Peninsulans for their public service labeling them “homegrown community heroes.” The awards went to: Obecian Devon Lantry, for trailblazing a web of community gardens where he works and lives; Obecian Nicole Burgess, for her commitment to making the community a bike and pedestrian haven; Obecian Stasi McAteer, for opening her home and building relationships with everyone around her; Point Loman Tony Jeffreys, for dedicating his life to keeping Point Loma safe, having spent decades working for the San Diego Fire Department in Point Loma at Station 22.

- A motion by City Council President Sherri Lightner, which some feel would have largely banned short-term vacation rentals in single-family neighborhoods, was defeated by a 7-2 vote Nov. 1.

- An alternative motion brought by Councilmember Todd Gloria was then passed by the same 7-2 margin. Lightner of Council District 1 and Lorie Zapf of Council District 2 cast the dissenting votes on both motions.

- Formerly known as the San Diego Sports Arena and the iPayOne Center, the iconic Valley View Center San Diego is poised to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening. Located on Sports Arena

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