On April 20, Mayor Kevin Faulconer announced the City would reopen some neighborhood and community parks the next day for passive individual use only. On April 21, residents ventured out to the open parks to enjoy the sunny-and-70 weather after being cooped up for a month.

On the first day of a reopened Sunset Cliffs, where parking lots are still closed, hundreds of people were walking, running and strolling the linear park throughout the day – although not many were wearing facemasks.

Even though the parks are open, the following regulations must be followed:

- Parks will be open to the public for the purposes of walking, jogging or hiking. Gathering or congregating in any City park remains prohibited until further notice.
- The public should only visit parks located in their neighborhoods that are easy to walk to and should not be driving to parks. Parking lots will continue to remain closed at City parks until further notice.
- Sports fields (basketball courts, baseball fields, tennis courts etc.) will remain closed.

**Bored Surfers Want to Shred**

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Surfers Izzy Poulin and Trevor Borello walk down the Ladera Street stairs at Sunset Cliffs before the beaches were closed.

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- Gather in parks to play organized team sports remains prohibited.

**City opens some parks this week; beaches and boardwalks remain closed**

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The COVID-19 virus has claimed virtually all activities normally associated with the culmination of high school life for Point Loma High School seniors as two of the biggest cling to life.

Members of the PLHS Class of 2020 are heartbroken about the loss of so many traditional senior activities they would normally look forward to but, along with their parents, there are two events they are hoping to resuscitate.

Entering recovery are plans for the school’s senior prom and 95th commencement ceremony over summer.

News of the two events’ continued life comes from Ilia Komasa, president of the PLHS Associated Student Body, who is also the student representative on the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education and heads a committee composed of all ASB presidents at district high schools.

“The only thing that will stop us from having both prom and graduation is if it’s still physically safe for us to go back to large groups,” Komasa said. “I’ve gotten the go-ahead for event planning from the school district applies to graduation at all SDSU/SDS schools which may now have a summer graduation ceremony if they wish.

Komasa added, “Both events might be in late July or August when the majority of students have not yet gone off to college. Komasa noted her work with the school district applies to graduation at all SDSU/SDS schools which may now have a summer graduation ceremony if they wish.

Komasa said her group of ASB leaders developed two alternate graduation plans including one where several smaller groups of students are honored before smaller audiences and a worst-case scenario where the ceremony is virtual.

Komasa plans to major in physics at a University of California campus.

Senior Class President Allison Sykes described the mood of her classmates after the abrupt end to their senior year. “We are all grieving,” said Sykes. “But I think most of us are at the point we are very grateful for the time we had in high school. We’re doing the best we can.” She plans to major in film or visual arts at an East Coast university or DePaul University in Chicago.

News of the revived events comes as good news for parents who were devastated thinking class members might not be together again.

“They had no idea (when they left campus) that would be their last day of school,” said Leigh Burdine, one of a group of parents working on class activities. “Their senior year was just stripped away from them. It’s a very tight-knit group of kids, most of whom have been together since fifth grade.

“We are supportive of our plans,” Komasa added.

Burden, who is also a member of the Community School Council, said she’s grateful parents can gather in large groups.

Graduation, set for early June, will now be held, if shelter-in-place rules are relaxed, in the school’s stadium before students head to college. But several smaller graduations may have to be held if social distancing is in effect.

“We’ve been so frustrating,” said Leigh Burdine, parent of a PLHS senior. “All their lives we (parents) have been able to find solutions but we can’t right now.”

Burdine has already seen community members, including Parent plans, reach out offering help on social media and says “It’s so nice to know that people care about our kids.”

If you wish to help or offer suggestions, email plhseniors@gmail.com.
The Navy continues to move forward with preparing an environmental impact statement for the revitalization of Naval Information Warfare Systems Command facilities at Old Town.

Recently, the Navy signed an agreement with the City and the San Diego Association of Governments to redevelop the 70.5-acre NAVWAR site adjacent to Interstate 5 just blocks from the Old Town Transit Center. The parties have previously discussed what development at NAVWAR would look like: a transit hub with a central terminus for buses and trains, likely with a people-mover or shuttle to the airport.

In exchange for redeveloping a portion of the World War II-era NAVWAR aircraft hangar site into a transit hub, the County would build new facilities to house the thousands of Naval cybersecurity experts and contractors, including NAVWAR personnel, currently on site. Parties also signed a memorandum of understanding in September 2019 to discuss and collaboratively draft a development plan. SANDAG’s board then approved $50 million in initial site-planning funds to be spent over the next five years for NAVWAR’s redevelopment.

The Navy has said the revitalization of NAVWAR’s facilities in San Diego is critical to supporting its mission and is urgently needed. A public scoping summary report is now available on the project website at NAVWAR-Revitalization.com/documents/. During the scoping period, which ran from Jan. 24-Feb. 24, 124 comments were received. Generally, comments were supportive of the Navy, NAVWAR Revitalization, and redevelopment of the site, but concerned with impacts to transportation/traffic and how building heights would impact the character of the area. Comments also related to how redevelopment/revitalization would address: the regional need for affordable housing (including homelessness); availability of parking; bike lanes; transit connections; off-site development; and specific NAVWAR needs such as secure facility space, Navy security on a mixed-use site, space for Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific, and how NAVWAR would minimize impacts to Navy employees during construction. The scope and structure of the project’s future environmental impact statement will address comments received during scoping.

Some highlights of public comments in that scoping report:

- High-density mixed-use development is preferred on the site.
- The project would benefit enhanced transit options and result in a reduction in the use of vehicles.
- The site should be transferred at no cost or should be part of the federal process for the excess property.
- There is a local need for public transit solutions to reduce traffic and commute times, and housing near transit connections to benefit the community.
- Downtown San Diego needs housing opportunities for families, and the Navy deserves an iconic building.
- The NAVWAR location is ideal for centrally located housing.
- Affordable housing is needed for seniors and retired military.

The Navy will continue to solicit comments on the project’s draft environmental impact report. To access the report, visit NAVWAR-Revitalization.com. Comments can be submitted through Nov. 21st.

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- The Navy should design and build facilities in a manner that reduces the use of energy and resources. All buildings should be designed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum certification.
- For more information on the Navy OTC Revitalization Project, visit NAVWAR-Revitalization.com.
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Midway Planning Group supports eliminating 30-foot height requirement

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

In April, Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group unanimously endorsed a proposal from City Council members Dr. Jennifer Campbell and Chris Cate to place the eradication of the 30-foot height requirement for the Midway District and Pechanga Arena San Diego on the November general election ballot.

“I'm happy to see the MPHCPG support the proposal to amend the November general election ballot. It's a more walkable, sustainable and modern Midway that will be a vision for how to build a community moving forward,” said Campbell, whose District 2 includes Bay Ho, Bay Park, Morena, Midway, North Bay, Mission Bay, Mission Beach, Point Loma, Ocean and Pacific beaches.

The 2018 Midway-Pacific Highway Community Plan Update calls for a “vibrant, balanced, and pedestrian-oriented community that provides residential, commercial, office, industrial, institutional, military, and civic uses.” Additionally, the plan update envisions a community that supports active transportation and a mix of employment opportunities and housing types for all ages, incomes and social groups.

“The first step in this process was the recommendation to be heard by the council's rules committee today, but that has been postponed to May 14,” said MPHCPG chair Cathy Kenton, adding, “There are two ways to get on the ballot: by a citizen's initiative petition drive, and by a council initiative, which is much preferred and much less expensive. You don’t have to pay for gathering signatures.”

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Added Kenton: “I feel strongly this is in the best interests of not only the Midway community but the best interests of the City of San Diego. Everybody knows the 30-foot height limit was approved with Prop D back in the ’70s, and it was intended to prevent Miami Beach-type high-rises erected along the waterfront. Midway is certainly not an (ocean) view corridor. What we’re doing here is basically correcting a mistake.”

Midway community planner Mike Anyiwo agreed.

“Not only is this issue critically important to our Midway community, but particularly during this pandemic crisis,” Anyiwo said. “We've got to start thinking bigger picture. This is a good thing for us. I think it’s imperative.”

Planning colleague Judy Holiday concurred.

“Groups that are interested in redeveloping and revitalizing the sports arena portion of the city area, this is part of what they would need,” Holiday said. “We don’t want to see super-duper high-rises. But it’s very important to have the right kind of development happen. We want to see our community plan really transforms our community. It’s critical that we be able to do this with that height limit.”

“The next step for the proposed height-limit elimination ballot measure is the May 13 Rules Committee where, if approved, it will move on in the process to be placed on the November general election ballot.”

“This is what the community was given the same attention as other beach and bay neighborhoods. We are truly listening to their voices and what they want to see. While there are many miles to go before creating that community, having support from groups like the MPHCPG will make it possible.”

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PARKS

Continued from front page 1

- Open trails within open space parks will be available for public use with the exception of Cowles Mountain and Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Trail, which will remain closed.
- Comfort stations at local parks will be open and available for public use.
- Most park amenities, including parking lots, recreation centers, swimming pools, school district joint use areas, dog off-leash areas, bicycle pump tracks, skate parks, visitor centers, nature centers, campgrounds, etc. will remain closed until further notice.
- Patrons visiting City parks must continue to maintain federal, state and local social distancing guidelines (maintain a distance from non-family members of at least six feet).
- Patrons are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while visiting City parks to help reduce potential spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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- Beach Leash-Free Park (also known as Richard Henry Dana Junior High Joint Use) OPEN
- 1st Street Beach Joint Use (also known as Ocean Beach Leash-Free Park) CLOSED
- Liberty Station Park (also known as Naval Training Center Camp Park) OPEN
- Naval Training Center Park (also known as Liberty Station Park) OPEN
- Ocean Beach (Robb Field) Skate Park CLOSED
- Ocean Beach Community Park OPEN
- Ocean Beach Gateway Mini Park OPEN
- Ocean Beach Park – Brighton Street Park CLOSED
- Ocean Beach Park – Saratoga Park CLOSED
- Ocean Beach Pier CLOSED
- Ocean Beach Recreation Center CLOSED
- Point Loma Community Park OPEN
- Point Loma Tennis (SUP) CLOSED
- Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, Shoreline Parks OPEN
- Robb Field Athletic Fields CLOSED
- Robb Field Recreation Center and Jim Howard Hall CLOSED
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Boost your immune system with Ravive Health vitamin-C infusion

By DAVID SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Ravive Health & Vitality holistic wellness center in Point Loma Village at 2907 Shelter Island Drive, open on a limited basis, is now offering immune-boosting supplements to fight the pandemic.

“As we continue to take precautions for the safety of our patients, we understand the importance of social distancing during this time and encourage our patients to take advantage of some of our online services and products that we offer,” said Howard Flamm, clinic director/nutrition coach for Ravive. “We understand that not everyone is able to make it into the clinic for vitamin-C infusion or our immune-boosting injection therapy.”

Products now available on Ravive’s website at ravivevitality.com, include:
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- Immuno Berry Liquid, which provides immune support in a pleasant-tasting liquid. Research provides immune support in a variety of immune-supportive nutrients, including:
- Ravive’s website at ravivevitality.com.
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Of vitamin and mineral supplementation, Flamm said, “The best defense is always a strong immune system, which can be accomplished through eating superfoods, fruits, and vegetables that are full of vitamins and minerals. People want to galvanize their immune systems as best they possibly can.”

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Gloria D. Gray, Chairwoman
Free Wine Delivery for Peninsula Residents

Local Winery Forced to Adapt to “New Normal” During Pandemic

Searching for creative ways to keep his winery afloat during this health crisis, winemaker Keith Rolle of Gianni Buonomo Vintners in Ocean Beach is now offering free wine delivery to residents in the 92106 and 92107 zip codes.

Rolle was quick to clarify, “the delivery is the free part of free wine delivery, not the wine.” The free delivery service allows residents to shop online at the winery’s website, place their order and schedule delivery. There is no minimum order.

“We’re also practicing social distancing and protection of our clients during this time!” Rolle explained.

Wine and wineries play an integral role in the lives of many Californians. In fact, the California wine industry was responsible for $57.6 billion in sales in 2018. Because of the enormous economic and cultural impact on state residents, restrictions for wineries have been eased. They are allowed to remain open but cannot offer tastings or sell glasses of wine in the tasting room.

Rolle continued, “The tasting room is still open for bottle sales and for curbside pick-up for those who want to get out and stretch their legs. We just can’t offer the social atmosphere until we’re on the other side of this epidemic.”

Over the past five years Gianni Buonomo Vintners has relied largely on hospitality, specialty events and foot traffic to drive their business on Newport Avenue. Like most in the volatile food, beverage and hospitality industry, the stay-at-home orders have pressured businesses to adapt and rethink the way they do business.

GIANNI BUONOMO VINTERS: 4836 Newport Ave. www.GBVintners.com
Frustrated surfers want to paddle out, but beaches remain closed

By THOMAS MELVILLE | The Beacon

In early February, surfers, sunbathers, and sightseers swarmed Ocean Beach on a glorious 75-and-sunny weekend that melted the winter weather with a warm Southern California bear hug. On the beach, the annual OB Surf Classic contestants lounged and cheered on their bros as onlookers from the pier stopped their strolls and took in the competition from above the waves.

Less than two months later, everything changed.

On March 23, Mayor Kevin Faulconer closed all City beaches and boardwalks until at least April 30 to further limit public gatherings and slow the spread of COVID-19. “People can still go outdoors, but please go outdoors close to home,” Faulconer said. “This is about protecting each other.”

On April 21, the City opened some parks on a limited basis. While abiding by the six-foot social distancing rules, and with encouragement to wear face masks, residents can still take walks, ride bicycles, and go for runs around their neighborhoods and at some parks to keep active. But for surfers, who surf for their daily exercise and meditation, they have nowhere to go.

“Surfing is social distancing,” said Skyler Scharf, a surfer who resides in North Pacific Beach. “Surfers don’t want to hang out on the beach – we just want to surf and go home.”

Scharf suggests revising the rules of the beach closures to allow for surfing from sunrise to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to sunset. “I’m not against the stay-at-home order – that has really helped – I just want a tweak to the rules to allow surfers. If the police and lifeguards can enforce the emptying of the whole beach, then they can figure out how to monitor a few surfers.”

Lifeguard Chief James Gartland, who is also a surfer, says lifeguard stations are fully staffed and ready to help any member of the public. “You can count on us; we want to count on you as well,” he said. “Everyone has an important part to play in flattening the curve of this virus. Please stay home.”

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COASTAL MAYORS PLAN TO REOPEN BEACHES

In cooperation with public health officials as well as regional coastal agencies and lifeguards, on April 22 Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer joined the mayors of Carlsbad, Encinitas, and Imperial Beach to announce a coordinated, safe and regional plan for the eventual re-opening of local beaches and bays.

Coastal city mayors have been working over the last several days to prepare the tactics – not the timing – for opening shorelines in coordination with public health officials and regional lifeguard agencies. The plan aims to enable access to beaches when public health officials determine the appropriate time, while still maintaining mandated levels of public health and safety in accordance with state and county orders.

The two-phase plan was unanimously approved yesterday by the San Diego Regional Aquatic Lifesaving Emergency Response Taskforce. SDR ALERT is comprised of lifeguard leadership from the region’s coastal cities, Camp Pendleton, Harbor Police, State of California, and United States Coast Guard.

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Revolked in OB releases its new signature skateboard

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

It started as a pact among seven Point Loma High School skateboard enthusiasts. They were going to produce their own signature board. A generation later, it’s finally come to fruition.

Josh Utley, an Ocean Beach web designer, graphic artist, and entrepreneur, has teamed with high school chum Nick Coleman, now a Sacramento HVAC technician and skateboarder, on a recently released model skateboard deck with custom artwork by renowned artist Steve Nazar.

Nazar is responsible for the legendary T&C Surf & Skate characters the Thrilla Krew (Thrilla Gorilla, Joe Cool, and Kool Cat).

“One of the reasons I decided to produce this skateboard was I wanted his (Coleman’s) family to see that he has accomplished his dream, in addition to his focus on supporting his wife and two children,” said Utley. “Nick is a stand-up guy who has always had his priorities in order.”

Utley and his friend’s skate- board odyssey began with them going downtown years ago and filing for a fictitious business name for their future signature skateboard. “We went with the intent of starting our skateboard company, and we didn’t want it to be an unfulfilled promise,” said Utley, noting he got side-tracked working for the surfboard community for a time.

Years later, the idea of creating a signature skateboard resurfaced for Utley once he realized, “We could give, or donate, new skateboards to kids who have old skateboards or maybe can’t afford a skateboard. That was our issue growing up.

Fast-forward to now and Coleman, whom Utley said, “Is skateboarding every day.” has become immersed and recognized in the Sacramento skateboarding community. Utley’s proud of his friend’s old-fashioned approach to the sport, which helped with the design of their new signature skateboard.

“Back in the late ’80s and early ’90s, Nick was skating the old way with Dogtown boards. When most everyone else was skating the new style with the Popside-shaped boards,” said Utley. “Nick, who is big, 6-feet 5-inches tall, went against the mainstream. So what we came out with was an old-school board.”

Transitioning from moving from OB to Sacramento was greatly aided by Coleman’s entry into the skateboarding community there. Coleman added skateboarding is a central focus of his life.

“Every year, the Street Fair features food booths, art, beachfront entertainment, shopping, and more. Entry to the Street Fair is always free. The chili competition features tastings from amateur entrants competing for the titles of Hottest Chili, Judges’ Award, and Grand Prize: People’s Choice Award.”

Last year, by most accounts, the 40th annual OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off was a rousing success. “Phenomenal,” noted Melinda Benitez, DVM, OBMA’s executive director. “We’re not out there trying to make money. We’re out here for the culture, the skateboarding industry. I’m still blown away by the whole process.”

Added Coleman: “We’ve launched the new board through revokedmob.com, and there is a Revoked Mob social media platform as well. I thank Josh Utley for all his work on the company. We couldn’t have done this without him. A special thanks to artist Steve Nazar and his skills that went toward this board. It really shows.”

Ob Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off likely to be postponed

The 41st annual Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Saturday, June 27 will likely be postponed until 2021 due to the ongoing coronavirus crisis, but the final decision has yet to be made, announced event sponsors Ocean Beach MainStreet Association.

“Our board didn’t take any action today (April 23),” said Denny Knox, OBMA’s executive director. “We’re waiting for the City to notify us we have to cancel.”

Knox noted the summertime classic street fair “is one of our special events that make up 80% of our budget that finances all the extra community work we do, all the murals, all the banners. OBMA has laid off four of our employees and we’ve cut our payroll by up to 40%.

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Asked what alternatives might be considered to fill the revenue gap, Knox replied: “We haven’t even had a promotions meeting on that, which will happen the first of May. We’re going to be looking at ideas on just how to sustain the organization since we’re not having any special events. Everything we do, we’re just going to have to re-think how we’re going to manage it, just like every other business is going to have to do.”

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Ocean Beach author pens World War II-era novel

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A. Lee Brown, a retired professor, was inspired by his grandfather, who served in World War II. The author’s new novel, "The Varsity: America’s Underage Warriors, From End Zones to Kill Zones During World War II," tells the story of two teenagers who enlisted to fight the Axis powers.

The subject of Brown’s WWII period piece is the Veterans Underage Military Service (VUMS). Founded in 1991, the organization is comprised of underage veterans, ages 12 to 16, who forged documents so they could fight overseas.

Over 100,000 youths ages 12-16 enlisted illegally to fight the Axis powers in WWII. At war’s end, many veterans went to war by ingesting underage. When they came home, they were ineligible for the GI Bill.

"Many veterans went to war by dropping out of school and enlisting underage. When they came home determined to resume their education they were older and viewed by some educators as troublesome. As Lee shows us, these vets enriched their schools, communities. It’s time they get our appreciation."

The prologue of Brown’s novel is set in 2018 at Ft. Rosecrans Cemetery with the burying of one of the two main protagonists. "The Navy eulogy allowed me to tell the reader the back story," said Brown, adding his novel then jumps back to 1941 and Peninsula (Point Loma) High.

"I had to write a fair amount about how these guys matured, and what lessons the learned: the core values of teamwork, sacrifice and focusing on your job," he said. At the end of Brown’s novel, the two protagonists return to Peninsula High and playing varsity football, where the two best friends, as co-captains, "begin to shape a perennially losing team turning it into a contender for the San Diego County playoffs."

Of his foray into literature, Brown said: “I’m just a kid with deep roots in OB who decided to take a swing at writing a historically accurate novel, and it seems to be getting accepted.”

"It’s basically a straight Homeric Odyssey about youths going away seeking adventure, and discovering a lot of things and bringing them back, some things that help you with the rest of your life," Brown said of his novel’s plot.

One last historical tidbit by Brown: He noted the model for the Pointer sculpture in Point Loma High School’s quad was the grandfather of his current English Setter Pointer mix.

A. Lee Brown with Zippy, Point Loma High’s mascot. Zippy’s grandfather was the first mascot and was the model for Richard Arnold’s sculpture of the Pointer dog.
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