Rehabilitating Ocean Beach Pier could cost $50M

By DAVE SCHWARZ | THE BEACON

The end may be near for the Ocean Beach Pier. At least, that’s what a recently released report commissioned by the City on the beach community’s iconic pier suggests about the 55-year-old promenade that’s become increasingly prone to structural damage – and closure – due to seasonal winter storms.

Excerpts from the report done by Moffatt & Nichol conclude that: “The Ocean Beach Fishing Pier has reached the end of its service life. The pier was inspected above and below water and concrete cores were taken for analysis. Corrosion in the reinforcing steel has initiated and the structure will continue to degrade unless corrective action is taken.

“To ensure the continued use of the structure, deficiencies must be addressed. Three options for remediation are repair of the structure, rehabilitation, and replacement. There are economic, environmental, and historical issues associated with each option.”

The Ocean Beach Pier has been locked since January when a storm damaged the structure. (CHRIS MANNERINO/ PENINSULA BEACON)

Will the Sun Set on the Pier?
Report says its service life has ended

The sun sets next to the Ocean Beach Pier in August from last year. (CHRIS MANNIRINO/ PENINSULA BEACON)
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As a native of Point Loma/Ocean Beach, and having raised my family here, I know this community and the city of San Diego well! I have done business in many different areas of San Diego County. I am active in several civic and charitable groups in my community and am proud that Willis Allen promotes giving back to our communities. I started in the real estate industry almost 40 years ago in the title and escrow fields. This has given me an incredible education and experience well beyond what many agents ever learn! I pride myself in the ability to not only negotiate the best deal for you, but to then work harmoniously with all parties to a transaction in order to arrive at a successful close!
New ‘Celebrate the OB Vibe’ event will take place in June
By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Uncertainty over COVID crowd restrictions has caused the can-
celation once again this year of two live cornerstone community
events: Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cookoff in June and OB Fourth of July fireworks.

But a more community-centric event titled “Celebrate the OB Vibe” promoting the mom-and-pop business district will be substituted for the Street Fair on Saturday, June 26 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

“We don’t have any clear direc-
tion from the City on the Street Fair in terms of crowd size,” said Denny Knox, executive direc-
tor of Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, the business im-
provement district that holds both traditional events. “What we do know is they would have required counting people in and out, and that’s unworkable for such a large event.”

“If we hadn’t been shooting them off the pier, we might have thought about it,” added Knox of holding annual Fourth of July pyrotechnics. “But we don’t even of holding annual Fourth of July pyrotechnics. “But we don’t even

thought about it,” added Knox.

Of the event replacing the Street Fair, Knox commented: “It’s not what we wanted, but it’s something. It’s a tricky situ-

ation for us to be in. [OBMA] lost a lot of money last year. We really can’t do that again be-
cause we have a lot of needs in the community.”

Needs the community can’t do without include preserving com-
munity murals and keeping ban-
ers and advertising up while promoting OBMA’s website.

Knox said the Vibe replace-
ment event will be fun and rep-
resentative of OB, just pared
down considerably from the Street Fair. “The streets won’t be closed and there’s not going to be a beer garden,” she pointed out.

“We’ll have artisans and craft areas with booths in the pier parking lot and in the grassy ar-
ea at Veterans Plaza. We’ll have a children’s and families area in Saratoga Park.

“We’ll take over the commu-
nity’s parking lots to do some art-centered projects and dance. We’re going to go door-to-door with all our merchants and tell them to decorate and just cele-
brate on June 26.”

OB Vibe will be all about “bringing business to small OB businesses,” said Knox noting the back-to-basics event will be a much-needed shot in the arm to OB merchants after the trials and tribulations of the past year.

A fun run is also being planned now as part of OB Vibe that will include giveaways of T-shirts and medallions, as well as pho-
to ops at the foot of Newport Avenue for participants.

“We’re just doing what we can within the parameters we’ve been given,” assured Knox. “We’ll have an opportunity for merchants to bring some prod-
uct out and put their best foot forward. We think it can be really fun, and not be as big a
footprint on the community.

“Visit your local businesses and support them on the 26th,” Knox said. “We have great plans for 2022 to bring the Street Fair roaring back, including the chilli cook-off, which has already gen-
erated a lot of interest.”

There might be one positive note about the fair and fireworks cancellations this year. “Maybe, every once in a while, if you can’t do something you love, it really makes you realize how much you appreciate it,” Knox said.
San Diegans hope Ocean Beach Pier does not fade away

By DAVID SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Quintessentially OB, the community’s 55-year-old pier has always served as a magnet drawing a diverse crowd of locals, staycationers, and visitors alike together in a spirit of peace and collegiality. Whether they like to fish, sight-see or just hang out, the local landmark – the longest concrete pier in the world and second-longest pier on the West Coast – remains a beacon community hub and significant symbol.

Now that the pier, presently closed for repairs, is showing its age from the ravages of recurrent structural damage during winter storms and high tides, a recently released report has shed doubt on whether OB Pier should be repaired, rehabilitated, or replaced. That was the conclusion drawn by the 34-page report on the pier’s deteriorating condition done by the advisory firm of Moffatt & Nichol. Here’s what civic leaders had to say:

“I’m honestly hoping we can put a working group together of representatives from OB and the Peninsula to work with the City and keep pushing [pier repairs] forward,” said Denny Knox, executive director of Ocean Beach MainStreet Association. “I think it’s salvageable, though what the best path is to do that I don’t think has been totally determined yet. We’ve got a lot to pour over.”

Knox has contacted the son of the pier’s builder to solicit his perspective on what could, and should, be done to restore it. Robert Jackson, a Point Loma Realtor and past president of the Point Loma Association grew up with the pier.

“The pier came before I was born, but my mom enjoyed pushing my stroller down the 1,971-foot pier weekly,” he said recalling, “We would look for a family friend surf- ing down below.”

Of the pier’s current status, Jackson said: “I know the mayor’s office seems committed to vetting the pier and condition. It has been beat up over the years with weather and high-surf activity. Can it be fixed or a total rebuild? I understand that’s a big question now and a lot of speculation.

“I’m confident that whatever the City can’t do, the community will,” continued Jackson. “It’s too important of an icon to let go. Between private foundations and community involvement, we will continue to have the best pier in 92107.”

“My personal opinion is that the OB Pier is a San Diego landmark, and it is one of the landmarks that make San Diego special,” said Fred Kosmo, current chair of Point Loma Community Planning Board. “I have walked the pier hundreds of times. It’s fun and inspirational. I strongly believe the OB Pier should be repaired so that both San Diego residents and visitors can enjoy the pier for many years.”

Andrea Schlageter, Ocean Beach Planning Board chair, is convinced the pier is can be saved.

“As harshly impacted as the whole community is by the long closure of the pier, there have been interesting developments at both the state and federal level that makes this a good time for a large project,” she said. "With President Biden’s new climate-focused infrastructure plan and the state money set aside for climate resiliency projects, the pier could be rebuilt and built back better.

“I have brought up the possibility of rebuilding the pier to capture the power of the waves for renewable green energy,” Schlageter continued. “If the waves are strong enough to knock out our pier every other year, then we should be trying to capture that energy. The political capital is there for a project like this and now is the time to move forward. I don’t want to be disappointed if our elected officials aren’t doing everything they can to bring about a project like this.”

Richard Conrad “Cappy” Campbell
October 23, 1934 - April 14th, 2021

Richard Conrad “Cappy” Campbell, beloved father, grandfather and inspiration to countless, passed away surrounded by his family on April 14th, 2021. His home was full of love, laughter and song at the time of his crossing, and we are blessed to have the memory of this day with him and with each other.

Cappy was born in Whiting, Indiana on October 23, 1934. Straight out of ROTC, he joined the Air Force, where he flew an F-100 Super Sabre, attended the 1960 Olympics in Italy with Chuck Yeager, and earned the loving nickname "Squatty Body". After his duty, he became an American Airlines captain. He always said “I can’t believe they paid me to fly!” It was with this attitude of humility, optimism, abundance and a steadfast trust in the divine that Cappy moved through the world.

He had a deep and individual connection with everyone he loved, and always the time, patience, understanding and wisdom to see through any hardship, or to celebrate with us any great joy. He taught us all how to stand up for each other, and to go voraciously into the world in search of knowledge, experience and mystery. He insisted in us an innate curiosity, and taught us how to love truly. He was all of our favorite person to talk to, and also the kind with whom you could sit in complete silence, with comfort and delight.

Cappy’s other love in life was his friends. He spoke cheerfully of friends from high school, college, Air Force service mates and his fellow American Airlines pilots. His neighborhood friends became just as special, and we

Richard Campbell is survived by his children: Caren (Campbell) Kamanisci; Conni Campbell; Rick Campbell; grandchildren: Brady Truesdale (deceased), Kelli Truesdale, Cole Cintas, Tennessee Kamanisci, Jason Campbell, Ryan Campbell, in-laws: Dave Ellison (husband to Conni), Paul Kamanisci (husband to Caren), Keller Campbell (wife to Rick).

OB PIER FACTS
– At 1,971 feet, OB Pier is the second-longest pier on the West Coast and the longest concrete pier in the world.

The Ocean Beach Municipal Pier was officially christened and introduced to San Diegans on July 2, 1966. California Gov. Edmund G. “Pat” Brown cut the ribbon.

– Fiers are traditionally built from the ocean inward. But due to Ocean Beach’s rough surf, its pier was built from the shore out. To accommodate future large waves, a slight vertical incline was added to the pier’s original profile.

– The pier owes its asymmetrical design to residents, who liked the project so much they raised an additional $100,000 while it was still under construction, extending the south bank by 107 feet.

– Although the pier quickly became a popular destination for locals and tourists, its original purpose was for fishing. Local Ocean Beach fishermen needed somewhere to park their two-foot-wide floats, and lines and tures from getting tangled in kelp near the shore. Since the construction of the OB Pier, anglers are able to fish in 25-30 feet of water, avoiding most of the shoreline kelp and enabling them to catch species of fish that live in deeper waters.

– Ocean Beach Pier was originally named the San Diego Fishing Pier. The original plaque is still there.

– The pier has more than 500,000 visitors per year.

– Currently, no fishing license is required on the pier.

– The most common fish you will witness being caught on the pier are herring (often called queenfish). There is no limit on them.
New Point Loma High classroom building nears completion

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Workers are putting the final touches on a new multi-million dollar building on the 96-year-old Point Loma High School campus. The project began in 2019 with the demolition of an outdated two-story building that housed the school’s telephone and computer systems in the new and replacement of the telephone and computer systems in the new building.

When completed, the 38,000 square-foot structure will house 20 state-of-the-art classrooms including the school’s fledgling engineering program. The ground floor will feature a technology-rich media center and library. Workers are currently preparing forms before pouring concrete that will form the school’s new central quad. Other features of this project include the installation of bus turn-outs on Chatsworth Boulevard, landscape and hardscape improvements, and a new campus security entrance off Cleve Street that will also provide some additional on-campus parking.

The project was slated for completion in January of 2022 but may be completed before that date since work has continued uninterrupted while students have been restricted to online learning for the past year. Also as part of the campus’ Whole Site Modernization Project, all remaining classrooms have been upgraded to include the latest technology and the 200 and 300 buildings have been renovated. In addition, another new classroom building was dedicated in 2010.

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SeaWorld fireworks reignite noise complaints from Point Loma residents

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

The resumption of fireworks this spring at the recently reopened SeaWorld has resurrected longtime opposition to the pyrotechnic displays, which opponents insist can be harmful to both animals (especially dogs) and people.

SeaWorld, which reopened most rides and exhibits on April 12, restarted nightly fireworks on March 26 through April 11. The fireworks shows, which had been on a long hiatus, will continue on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through May 10. That action has prompted a new petition drive launched by a San Diego resident on Change.org. The petition, which was started a couple of weeks ago and has 3,536 signatures as of April 21, states: “The fireworks at SeaWorld constitute animal cruelty. Dogs, cats, and other companion animals don’t understand that the terrifying loud bangs are a celebration. SeaWorld claims to be an organization based on animal conservation and education, yet it launches nightly fireworks terrifying and tormenting tens of thousands of animals in the San Diego area.”

“Dogs, cats, and all animals live in terror every night for miles around,” continues the petition. “Can you imagine what the terrifying booming does to its own animals directly under the thunderous sounds in small tanks reverberating the noises? It is beyond irresponsible for an animal conservation group to inflict the noises in small tanks reverberating the noises on their own animals. SeaWorld is notorious for its abuse and neglect of its own animals. It’s not surprising they are completely ignorant to this as well. It’s a disgusting display of ignorance and a complete disregard to animal welfare.”

Reacting to the petition’s allegations, SeaWorld spokesperson Tracy Spahr answered: “We have always conducted our fireworks, which have been a San Diego spring and summer tradition for more than 25 years, in accordance with City of San Diego noise ordinance (San Diego policy 500-06) that regulates such demonstrations. We try to be mindful of our neighbors and their pets by making sure the program is concluded by 9 or 10 p.m., and always communicate the dates and times of our fireworks presentations.

“We do understand that atmospheric conditions can cause sound to travel farther distances,” continued SeaWorld’s response. “But we have no way of telling if those conditions have been different now than from previous years. We’ve also used the same fireworks shells for the past decade and as part of our policy, we don’t use any fireworks shells for the sole purpose of making noise (these are called salutes), but limit the shells to the smaller version that result in the colorful bursts people can see. From our observations and noise studies, animals are said to be used to the various sounds and different noises in their environment, and are quite desensitized to them.”

Regarding the impact of noise from fireworks on its marine park animals, SeaWorld previously asserted: “Our firework displays do not impact the animals in our park. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service filed a report relating to our animals and the noises. From our observations and noise studies, our park. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service filed a report relating to our animals and the noises. From our observations and noise studies, our animals are said to be used to the various sounds and different noises in their environment, and are quite desensitized to them.”

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Create aquatic art and underwater gardening with Hakkai-Aquascape Design Gallery

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Visit Hakkai-Aquascape Design Gallery in Liberty Station for an underwater adventure.

Colorful tanks showcasing the latest designs in underwater landscaping, reptiles with plants, tiny fish, and crustaceans greet guests at Hakkai in the Liberty Station Arts District at 2690 Historic Decatur Road, Suite 104.

“We are a local fish store (Pet Zone Tropical Fish) expanding to something more aquascapе-focused with nano-fish and very pretty aquarium tanks,” said Priscilla Chan of Hakkai-Aquascaping. “This is more like underwater gardening. It actually can be aquatic art if you balance them (tanks) well. It’s like creating your own mini-world and bonding with nature that way.”

Added Chan. “The focus right now is to promote the hobby to a new audience and bonding with nature. It’s like creating your own mini-aquarium tanks,” said Priscilla Chan of Hakkai-Aquascaping. “This is more like underwater gardening. It actually can be aquatic art if you balance them (tanks) well. It’s like creating your own mini-world and bonding with nature that way.”

Chan gives a quick tour of display tanks featuring different underwater aquascape design styles. “This one is our biotope-style tank made to mimic the natural Amazon riverbed with hardrock and driftwood,” she said, pointing to one of several lighted tanks resembling miniature kelp beds. She added those tanks are for sale and exhibit, noting patrons can also buy kits used to re-create aquascape designs. “You can use a QR code (phone-readable bar code) to link to a blog and website to see the creation of the aquascape style from the beginning,” Chan said.

Another Hakkai tank features a Dutch-style enhanced with bubbling carbon dioxide feeding aquatic plants. Chan described another jungle-style tank noting its composition has “a lot of things going on, a lot of tall leaves, a lot of plants, but limited open space.” Can you mix and match tank styles and be creative?” Of course,” replied Chan. “It’s your tank, your rule, your world. There’s no rule it’s just more of a reference.”

Hakkai carries all the accessories needed to create and maintain aquarium-design tanks. They also carry mini tanks for downsizing into smaller office space or living room areas.

Chan said Hakkai hosts monthly workshops on a step-by-step, how-to-build-your-own aquascape tank on the Liberty Station lawn.

Hakkai and its sister companies developed by co-creator and CEO Roger Ma, strive to be a global resource for the aquascapes community.

On the website, Ma noted Hakkai “started out as a team of passionate planted-tank junkies that saw the need for a collective resource community for aquascapers. We strive to bring in aquatic plants and aquascaping supplies from partners worldwide who share the same natural aquarium approach as we do.”

Aquascaping can be done in enclosures other than aquariums, such as terrariums. Hakkai will consult with people on how to get started. “An hour ago a couple came in and they wanted to set up something for their birthday,” Chan said. “They asked, ‘Can we scope it at this spot?’ And I said, ‘That’s what our shop is here for. So they handpicked a few things, and I showed them how to do it (tank landscaping).’

Of aquascaping Chan concluded: “It’s a good marriage between fishkeeping and underwater gardening.”

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Golden State Greens gives back to Midway community

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Punning off negative stereotypes, Midway cannabis dispensary Golden State Greens distinguished itself early on by promoting trust in its products, and by giving back to the community.

Golden State Greens at 3452 Hancock St. established its accountability by branding its products as “Cannabis You Can Trust,” while creating an exceptional customer experience.

“At Golden State Greens, we have a Nordstrom’s approach to the industry,” said owner/operator Adam Knopf. “We want to be recognized as being the best, so we make sure we’re offering the best products and aligning ourselves with the best brands.”

Before the pandemic pause, the retail dispensary was also heavily involved in community events. It’s a tradition it intends to resume this year as more COVID restrictions are lifted.

Currently, Golden State Greens’ storefront is gearing up to re-energize the community with beach clean-ups and an annual surfboard drive this summer.

In the past, Golden State Greens has involved itself in the community by contributing during the holiday season to the Ronald McDonald House Charities, matching whatever is raised. It also advocates for the homeless and partners with local businesses for the greater good.

“We’re a community-based dispensary, and with COVID, it’s been hard to have community events like we’re used to,” acknowledged Knopf.

“This past year, a lot of people have been pent up and cooped up, and we want to do what we can to bring everyone together,” noted Golden State Greens’ chief marketing officer Alex Leon. “The majority of us are surfers or parents, and we have lived long enough to understand the plant does a lot of good for people and the planet. For us, it just seems very natural to want to give back through beach cleanups and helping out donating to local charities.”

Pointing out there’s “no true median age” for its clientele, which ranges from age 21 into the 80s, Leon noted the dispensary’s message is “focused on educating our customers and treating them like family,” while keeping up with the latest developments in technology and products.

Since the beginning of COVID, Golden State Greens has complied with all laws and operated in the safest manner possible while still providing superb customer service.

“We’re trying to expand our business to provide better, more effective service to our customers while remaining safe,” Leon said. “As business owners, we’re in the throes of change with this pandemic.”

Golden State Greens exemplifies a business constantly striving to improve itself and maintain its brand integrity.

“It’s so important for us to stay community-driven,” Leon said. “As part of that mindset, we’re always trying to evolve.”

Golden State Green’s dispensary specializes in medical and recreational marijuana, CBD, and cannabis delivery in the Midway District.

Portuguese-themed Monsaraz Hotel set to open in May

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Monsaraz Hotel, with a full-service restaurant-bar, garden courtyard, and community meeting space will debut soon in Point Loma Village.

Named for one of the oldest settlements of southern Portugal, a little fishing village occupied since pre-history, Monsaraz replaces The Dolphin Motel at 2912 Garrison St. on the corner of Rosecrans.

Monsaraz is a 49.150-square-foot, 92-unit, three-story hotel constructed over a basement garage on the 0.57-acre site.

The project to demolish the old Dolphin Hotel’s four buildings and build a new hotel in its place with a modern coastal-flair style, was unanimously approved three years ago by Peninsula Community Planning Board.

“We’re probably a couple of weeks out from completing the project,” said Greg LaMarca, president of project developer Alliance Development Services Inc. “What’s happening inside now is we’re installing the hotel’s whole software system, which takes a few weeks. We want to open by the end of April. But we may push into May a little bit.”

Portuguese-themed Monsaraz Hotel replaces The Dolphin Motel at 2912 Garrison St. By DAVE SCHWAB | PENINSULA BEACON

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Winston David Martin died Friday, April 9, 2021, after a valiant fight against cancer. He is survived by a village comprised of his loving wife, family, friends, and the community that he cared so much for. David participated in too many projects, both large and small to mention, but he regretted greatly his inability to shepherd one of his most personally meaningful projects to fruition. The Ocean Beach Veterans Memorial.

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HOTEL
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The Monsaraz San Diego is part of the Tapestry Collection, a “soft brand” of Hilton Hotels.

Delayed somewhat by the pandemic, La Marca noted the new hotel “hasn’t changed from the plans we presented to the community which were geared toward what we heard from them, which was that people wanted a gathering place with community meeting space and a very homey kind of vibe.”

Cameron Lamming, Monsaraz’s chief operating officer, described its amenities, including those provided by its restaurant to be named Westerly Public House.

“It will have a California-Australia vibe serving a lot of nice comfort and delicious, fresh healthy food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner,” said Lamming. “The idea was to engage the local community that wanted a place to gather. We’re putting in stylings, tiles and murals through all the rooms, with everything geared around the rich Portuguese heritage.”

LaMarca described Monsaraz as “an autonomous, purpose driven hotel.” He added, “It’s for travelers to San Diego who want a little bit of Portuguese nautical theme. We expect to get a little bit of business travel, but it’s primarily a nice luxury hotel for someone who wants to experience all of San Diego, from Balboa Park and the zoo to the quietness and quaintness of Point Loma.”

LaMarca said rooms in Monsaraz will likely rent in the $200 to $260 per-day range. “We’ve put together a fun place for locals and out-of-town guests,” he added.

Lamming said Monsaraz will have a coffee shop serving a local brand, Dark Horse.

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Point Loma Summer Concerts rescheduled for 2022

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

After initially planning to host Point Loma Summer Concerts this year, the group’s board has postponed the music series for a second consecutive season.

So the 20th anniversary of the series, which would have been last year, along with the same bands lined up to play for it, has now been rescheduled for summer 2022.

“With a heavy heart, directors met virtually on March 25 and voted to not hold live concerts at Point Loma Park as scheduled this summer,” said concert chair Kerri De Rosier. “The board agreed that we don’t want to be placed into a position of turning fans away from a community concert where all are welcome. The idea of turning people away is just not what we’re about. There is no guidance about proof of vaccinations, testing, etc. Also in public parks, there’s no way to limit attendance.”

De Rosier said the board vote was near-unanimous, with one board member wanting to hold off longer hoping for more rules clarification before announcing event cancellation.

Though Gov. Gavin Newsom has announced the elimination of California’s color-coded tier system on June 15, De Rosier pointed out the state’s “blueprint” for conducting live events has not, and still does not, address outdoor gatherings like Point Loma Summer Concerts. She added it only addresses events at venues in controlled environments with capacity limits, such as arenas, where event attendance can be limited to a certain percentage of capacity.

“The bright side, we are discussing some form of musical outreach to the community, whether it’s a virtual concert or daytime concert in early fall to support our mission of music education,” added De Rosier.

The concert series was founded 21 years ago by Bridget Cantu Wear, wife of former City Council member Byron Wear of Point Loma. In its inaugural season, the Point Loma Summer Concerts series was sponsored by the community’s then-chamber of commerce. The Point Loma Association picked up sponsorship of the event the following year.

The 2022 Friday Point Loma Summer Concert season will feature July 8, The Mighty Untouchables; July 15, Cassie B’s 90s Remix; July 22, Elton – The Early Years; July 29, 24K Magic: Tribute to Bruno Mars; and Aug. 5, Pine Mountain Logs.

“The same five bands are really excited about returning next year,” said De Rosier. “We have confidence, that was lacking this year, that we will hold the concerts again in 2022, along with a blueprint for safety considerations for holding an outdoor concert.”

De Rosier noted the price tag is more than $100,000 to stage five concerts, factoring in costs for setting up and breaking down the stage, sound and light systems, etc. “It adds up very quickly,” she pointed out adding, “It’s just too much of a chance to take with that kind of money. We’ve also lost a lot of our sponsors because of their businesses suffering during the pandemic. The funding is a big piece for us. It’s a pivot to say, ‘We’re going to do this.’ We do have reserves. But we don’t want to use up all our reserves to host five concerts when it’s not going to be feasible.”

Attendees of Point Loma Summer Concerts dance in 2019.

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BERMUDA STAIRS REPAIRS
The City Council on April 7 approved long-sought-after repairs to the Bermuda Stairs in Ocean Beach. “Thanks to my colleagues for voting unanimously to approve allocations and permits necessary for the reconstruction of the Bermuda Avenue stairs,” said Council President and District 2 Councilor Becky Bendell. “The Bermuda Avenue access point means so much to this community and to visitors who come to enjoy our coastline. Today’s action gets us one step closer to fully repairing and reopening this access point and I hope that this repair will afford coastal access for years to come.”

The Bermuda staircase/seawall, which provides the only access to a pocket beach below, was damaged during winter storms in 2015-16. Subsequently, City staff closed the stairwell due to tidal action that eroded the lower stairway foundation causing the lower stairs to collapse. The community was told then by the City that staff was working through the design and environment process, and that a request had been made for construction funding for the Bermuda repair project from the Regional Park Improvement Fund.

PLHS SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS
Point Loma High School’s Senior Scholarships are now open. Click here for details. The application will take some time to complete and some scholarships need additional information like letters of recommendation and community service logs. The deadline for the application and additional materials is Friday, April 23 at 5 p.m.
Questions? Contact Mr. Compagnone at bcompagnone@sdusd.net.

BEACH-USERS SHOULD BEWARE
The recent Ocean Beach MainStreet’s Community Clean Up was successful. Rest & Relax Real Estate, and some others such as offices, buckets, gloves, trash bags, and donuts for the event. Business owners and workers along with community members of Beach picked up trash throughout the business districts, which included Newport Avenue, Point Loma, and the mesa. In a matter of hours, 40 plus volunteers picked up enough trash to fill 18 large bags.

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Urban sophistication meets So Cal casual in this mid-century modern gem. Perched high on the hill in La Playa, this 3 level stunner features 2.5 Ba, end of windows with electric blinds, 5 sets of Fleetwood sliders, a retro Malm pass-through, multiple dedicated storage spaces, Painstakingly updated kitchen w/Cafe appliances, quartz counters & updated bath that shine but keep all the vintage character intact. The family room features a full bar & slide to a private patio. Fantastic downtown, bay & city views. This is the perfect family and entertainer's home!

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Bay Ho – 4 BD, 2.5 BA + FAMILY RM, 1926 SQFT  $1,195,000
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Rolando Village – 2 BD, 1 BA + OFFICE, 946 SQFT $595,000
Super charming Rolando Village home! Move-in ready with fresh paint throughout, original hardwood flooring, bonus office/family room, screened front porch & sitting area, 1 car attached garage, laundry & plenty of storage! Private, fully fenced, tiered lot offers extensive hardscaping, patio & garden areas! Walkable neighborhood with schools, shopping, SDSU & Kroc Center close by. Great central San Diego location with easy access to freeways!

Point Loma – 1 BD, 547 SQFT $339,000
Beautifully remodeled, move-in ready, single level, top floor condo with no one above you! Tasteful finishes throughout. Bright, open floor plan! The kitchen offers new cabinetry, stone counters, stainless steel appliances & a spacious island with storage & breakfast bar! The master bedroom features a separate walk-in closet & Master bath! Large balcony! Walking distance to great beaches & Point Loma! Pet friendly, lushly landscaped complex with resort style pool, spa, Koi Pond, tennis courts & more!

Mission Valley – 1 BD, 734 SQFT $335,000
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