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& After Party



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A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett

Sunday, June 2nd

Parade 11:00 - Party Follows

Featuring:

MARK WOOD
and the
PARROT HEAD BAND
Get your Drinks in the Air

2024 Holiday Home Tour



DATE

Sunday, December 8th, 2024
11:00 to 4:00

HOMES NEEDED

As of this printing, we are looking for a few more homes to participate, so please notify us if interested. It's a wonderful event.

DOCENTS NEEDED

Docents are an integral part of the Home Tour, we are now starting to fill these important positions.

There are two shifts:

10:45-1:30pm
1:30-4:00pm

For more info please call:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Abbott



The new year got off to a good start with the quarterly BIIA meeting at the fire station Saturday, February 24, led by **Lee Pearl**. The attendance was one of the biggest (if not THE biggest) ever. Our Newport Beach Public Works Department, led by **Mike Sinacori** updated us on the multiple projects on the Island at this time. The good news is that we are done with the most difficult aspects of the major projects. We still have a ways to go to complete the remaining projects. We will keep you updated (see Constant Contact). Thank you all for your patience!!

Your Board of Directors met at the end of February to discuss the budget and budgetary allocations. At the next



meeting in March, we will be discussing details of the plans and goals for 2024, including ideas for beautification, new activities and work on ongoing programs that the BIIA sponsors on a yearly basis. The annual Island Parade is coming up Sunday, June 2. The theme this year is based on Jimmy Buffett and the Chairpersons are **Jack Callahan** and **Gail Vasterling**. Parade information can be found on the BIIA website at BIIA.org.

The Classical Concert Series began March 5th at St. John Vianney Church featuring the Aviara Trio, followed on May 14 by an acappella choir (Men in Blaque), then a classical jazz group (Westland Trio) in July, with the always

popular Christmas presentation by Block by Block. Tickets are still available at the Balboa Island Museum or on the website (BIIA.org) or on an as available basis at the door on the night of the presentation.



Men in Blaque - May 14th

The Summer Concerts in the Park in August have become so popular that people are setting up their chairs two days in advance! The Island Art Walk and the Memorial Day BBQ are in May with the (free to members) Pancake Breakfast in June. So, there's a lot going on the Island. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss any of these great events.



Summer Concerts in the Park - Every Friday in August



Pancake Breakfast - June 22nd



Memorial Day BBQ - May 27th

I'd love to hear any thoughts you have for additional events as well.

Dan Abbott, President, BIIA
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SHIRLEY PEPYS HONORED BY THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH AND THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

by Ellen Goodman



Councilmember Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Noah Blom, Councilmember Joe Stapleton, Councilmember Brad Avery, Shirley Pepys, Mayor Will O'Neill, Councilmember Robyn Grant, Councilmember Erik Weigand

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, a proclamation was presented by the Honorable Mayor **Will O'Neill** and the Newport Beach City Councilmembers recognizing **Shirley Pepys**, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach. This official announcement honored Pepys for her service to Newport Beach and the County of Orange.

The presentation, which took place in the Council Chambers, was attended by many of the museum board members and supporters. Councilmember **Brad Avery** gave testimony to Pepys' dedication to the museum, and her work to preserve and promote the history and culture of the local communities.

Pepys expressed her appreciation to the Newport Beach City Council for the proclamation, and to all those who work to keep the museum doors open. "You know that creating a museum is not a one woman show. I am blessed to have a very creative family and they have all been involved in some way. I also extend my gratitude to our employees, volunteers, as well as to all of our members for their continued support."

In addition, she paid tribute to the Argyros family. "We owe the **Argyros** Family [a debt of gratitude] for their gift, [allowing us] to be able to stay open." She added, "...that alone will not sustain [us]. The next five years will be major fundraising and we hope the City will be among the supporters."



Museum board members, friends and family attended

The Proclamation, signed by Will O'Neill, Mayor, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Shirley Pepys has brought joy to countless children and children-at-heart with her house on Balboa Island known as "The Penguin House", a home that has been named a Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade Ring of Lights competition winner; and whereas, starting in 1989, Shirley Pepys served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Orangewood Foundation, which is a program that assists foster children and provides community youth services; and

WHEREAS, with a small group, Shirley Pepys helped start the Orangewood Foundation's Advanced Studies Program, which has provided seven-figures worth of scholarships to foster youth, helping over 75 students complete advanced degrees or certificate programs, earning masters and doctorates in a variety of fields, and

WHEREAS, Shirley Pepys has served on the Balboa Island Museum and Historical Society board of directors for over a decade, which included a 5-year stint as President in 2015, and

WHEREAS, Shirley Pepys remains committed to the educational and historic preservation efforts of the museum and regularly helps raise significant donations toward the cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Newport Beach, on behalf of the entire Newport Beach City Council, do hereby recognize SHIRLEY PEPYS As a Helper of education, philanthropy, community, and history preservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I haveunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Newport Beach to be affixed this 27th day of February, 2024.

In addition, Pepys received a California Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition signed by Assemblymember Diane Dixon, 72nd Assembly District.

The certificate is dated February 27, 2024, and reads:

Congratulations on being recognized for your amazing service to Newport Beach and the entire County of Orange. I am grateful to you for establishing The Balboa Island Museum and for your devotion to collecting and preserving local history and culture.

Please support the museum by becoming a member or making a donation. Visit the website at www.balboaislandmuseum.org And be sure to visit soon!



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Balboa Island Museum is located at 210 Marine Ave., Balboa Island
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For more information, visit balboaislandmuseum.org

Exciting Changes Coming to Balboa Island this Summer!

by Ken Yonkers

HELIPAD, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ADVENTURE ZIP LINE, AND DRONE RENTALS ALL ON TRACK FOR SUMMER LAUNCH!

Floating Helipad Shuttle Service:

The first is a floatation helipad in the harbor between Topaz Avenue and the Pavilion, former Councilman, **Stuffy T. Doofy**, (STD), said, “This was one of my pet projects. This is going to be terrific! The harbor is clearly the City’s crown jewel and this just brings more access. This will bring affluent visitors from all over to our harbor.”

There will be a ferry service taking passengers to either Balboa Island or the Peninsula. The permits are in place and are effective June 1, 2024.



The City is working on a compromise to limit the hours of operation. Currently, they are not restricted to any required time restraints. The FAA has authority and is not required to curfew flight patterns. Any curfew would be a voluntary compromise, similar to the OC airport. Initial flight patterns will be limited to midnight on weekdays, and 2:00 a.m. on weekends.

STD went on to say, “We realize there will be noise concerns, however, we have to think of the benefit to the whole City and the thousands of dollars of revenue to the City. The noise will mostly be limited to only residents of Balboa Island and the Balboa Peninsula”.

New Zip Line at the Ferry:

A new zip line will be placed adjacent to the ferry. This is currently in the final stages of offsite construction and will be installed the first week of June. The new zip feature will be sending riders across the bay at approximately 60 miles an hour. Helmets will be required and as the propulsion is gravity driven, an elevated platform will be in place.

On the east side, the zip line will send riders to the Peninsula and the west side will be going from the peninsula to Balboa Island. Fares will be the same as the ferry for non-car passengers.

Traffic Lights coming to Marine Avenue:

The City recently released the implementation of the proposed General Plan update on its traffic report. This list impacts to traffic, parking, access, and other transportation modes, including the new projects within the General Plan. The result of this is three new traffic lights coming to Marine Avenue. One Councilman, who asked to remain anonymous said, “This was not our idea. This is being mandated by Sacramento due to an audit of the level of foot traffic on Balboa island. It was determined our crosswalks were not safe enough due to the magnitude of foot traffic”.

The lights will be located at Marine & the alley off the bridge, Marine & Balboa Ave. & Marine and Park Ave.

City Traffic Engineer, Tony Briner, quoted, “While this was not our choice, we did get them to limit the red light duration to 180 seconds (3 minutes). This is a real win as most lights have a duration limit of 240 seconds.”

The lights are seen as a blessing for Balboa Island businesses. Business District President, **Cynthia Chauffeur** says “Studies have shown that merchants do better when traffic lights hold car passengers in their car for longer periods of time. It’s free advertising for the merchants as drivers look at the signs in their boredom”. The lights will also have advanced license plate recognition cameras installed on them. These cameras will have a live feed to the NBPD and will also be look-



ing for proper licensing of golf carts. There will also be the safety enhancements of flashing light crosswalks, similar to Corona Del Mar and Laguna Beach. The traffic light installation is scheduled for June 15, 2024.

Drone Rental Business:

There will be an exciting new drone rental business on Agate Avenue. Tourists can now rent a drone and fly it over all of Balboa Island and race them down the streets. This will give them a bird’s eye view of the Island without having to physically walk the islands.

The advancements in drone technology have progressed so greatly that beginners can be experts with only 5 minutes of instruction. Gene Aerial, owner and operator of Island Drone, says they already have reservations essentially booking their entire 250 drone fleet the first day of opening in June. Gene was quoted as saying, “I can’t wait to hear the beautiful and majestic sound of 250 drones hovering the Island! It’s going to be fantastic!” Some residents have expressed privacy concerns with drones peering in windows, patios and balconies. This is complicated as air space is currently considered public, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. This includes air space within homes if windows and doors are left open. It’s been reported that some drones have entered residents’ homes. According to Mr. Aerial, these drones are so advanced that they have the ability to enter Island residents’ homes, assuming doors and windows are left open. Their sonar technology prevents crashing in even the tightest of areas. According to the FAA it is considered unlawful and a felony to damage drones, even if you feel it is invading your private space.

Editor’s note: This article was written on April 1st

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BALBOA ISLAND IN PARADISE PARADE & AFTER PARTY

FEATURING

MARK WOOD
and the
PARROT HEAD BAND

Get your Drinks in the Air



A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett

Sunday, June 2nd

Live Music • Children on Bikes • Island Dogs • Decorated Golf Carts • Floats • USC Marching Band
Horses • Decorated/Vintage Cars • Chair Drill Team • Keystone Cops • Drill Teams
School Marching Bands • Local Dignitaries • Stores and Restaurants are Open!

The parade begins on the Balboa Island Bridge and continues down Marine Avenue. The After-Party starts immediately following the parade in front of the Fire Station. Calling all Parrot Heads to come dressed in your favorite Jimmy Buffett attire!

So, grab your fins, parrot, pirate, or cheeseburger hats, flip flops, and island shirts.
Bring your beach chairs and join us for a fun day "Jimmy Buffett - Island Style"

If you would like to be a participant in the parade you may register online at biia.org or pick up parade registration entry forms at the following Balboa Island merchants.

Irvine Ranch Market • Wilma's • Island Market near Ferry

The bridge closes at 10:45am, so get here early!

— Jack and Gail —

Honoring Vietnam Veterans on March 29th

Vietnam War Commemoration at Museum Brings Together Island Vets

By **PETE WEITZNER**, Producer, “Golden Age of Newport Harbor”

Celebrating our war veterans is a priority for the Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach. That reverence is punctuated by Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremonies at the Memorial Day and Veterans Day BBQs at Balboa Island Park and on March 29 at the Museum’s Marine Avenue location.

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 was signed into law by 45th U.S. President **Donald J. Trump**, designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This date was chosen because it was on this day in 1973 when the last 2,500 U.S. troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam, and the last American POWs held in North Vietnam arrived back home.

Bill Stewart, The Museum’s Veterans History Curator signed up the Museum to be a Commemorative Partner designated by the Department of Defense’s United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

Presenting the Lapel Pins in public presentations to living U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period is a lasting memento of the nation’s thanks. There was a good turnout of appreciative museum patrons and Vets on this Vietnam War Veterans Day.

For Veterans, it’s a chance to share their stories “with folks that I have a nice sense of commonality,” Island Resident and Army Major **Dan Abbott** said, “all of us having served with others.” Abbott was a flight surgeon stationed in Nuremburg, 1973-1975. “Some harrowing moments,” Abbott said of his service time, “we were shot at plenty of times.”

The America Vietnam War Commemoration honors all U.S. veterans who served on active duty from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

Like Abbott, Island Resident and Vietnam War Marine Sgt. E-5 **Walter Howard** has been pinned several times. And like Abbott, he’s both humble and proud to have served his country.

“I wasn’t any kind of hero but I was dependable,” Howard said. “My commanding officer would say, ‘you want something done, give it to Howard.’”

Howard did two tours during Vietnam. He was there during the Tet Offensive.

Little Island Resident **Tim Steele** came to the pinning event. Steele was stationed in German 1963-1965, same unit as **Elvis Presley**. “I never thought of myself as someone who was giving up something,” Steele said.

A poignant gesture on this day came in the form of letters written to the Veterans from students at Long Beach Poly High School. The letters were displayed on the Museum’s center table.

Long Beach Teacher **Brent Lavole** suggested his students write letters of thanks to the Vietnam Vets. Lavole arrived too late to last year’s Veteran’s Day BBQ to hand them to the vets at that pinning ceremony. So Lavole and others made sure his students’ touching letters made their way to the March 29 ceremony.

And there’s more to come from the Museum for Island Vets. Certainly, from Stewart, America’s youngest living WW II Vet. Stewart is the director of the Museum’s Veterans Project. It has identified some 300+ veterans on the island, in its efforts to document

and recognize all of them. About 180 Island veterans have shared their history at <https://www.balboaislandmuseum.org/veterans/>.

Criteria are to have lived on the island or have some connection—the nation’s most famous and decorated veteran, **Audie Murphy**, docked his boat here and spent much time on Balboa Island.



March 29 gives vets a chance to share their experiences and “commonality.”



Barbara & Dan Abbott



Bill Stewart got the museum designated as a Vietnam War Commemorative Partner



Museum patrons take in the Veterans Exhibit on National Vietnam War Veterans Day



Long Beach Teacher Brent Lavole organized a letter-writing campaign among his students to thank your Vets

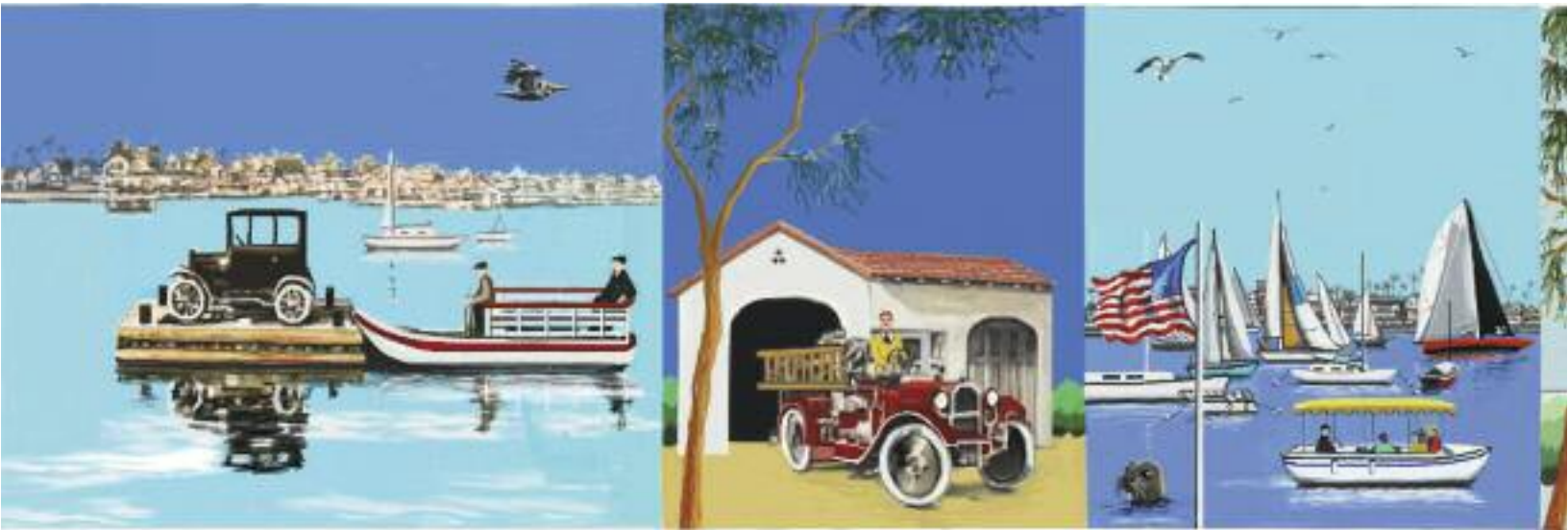


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PARK AVENUE MURAL PROJECT UNDERWAY

Park Avenue Mural Committee



A group of Balboa Island citizens dedicated to preserving the unique heritage of the Island's legacy have been working on an exciting project and are thrilled to announce an upcoming artistic endeavor that promises to transform the corner of Park Ave. and Marine into a canvas of Balboa Island's rich history and charm. The Park Avenue Mural Project, sponsored by the Balboa Island Museum and the Park Avenue Mural Project Committee, is set to bring the island's stories to life on the outside wall of the Irvine Ranch Market, facing the Fire Station.

A 10 feet high by 56 feet long Artistic Mosaic mural made up of thousands of 1/2 inch square brightly colored glass tiles, will be installed on the south facing wall of the Irvine Ranch Market. This Impressive piece of art was created by Local Artist, Barbara Abbott. The glass tile mural will showcase historic scenes of Balboa Island, capturing the essence of our beloved community. From the timeless charm of Marine Avenue to the scenic beauty of the harbor, each mosaic panel will be a celebration of our unique island heritage. This project started about 4 years ago when Lee and Sue Pearl

Mural Art: Barbara Abbott



formed a grassroots committee made up of local residents who were invited because of their specific talents and or knowledge. It's been a long journey with the finish line in sight.

To turn this vision into reality, they are embarking on a fundraising journey. Your support will directly contribute to the creation of this vibrant masterpiece that will serve as a lasting tribute to Balboa Island's past, present, and future.

> **Make a Tax deductible Donation:**

Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to our goal.

> **Spread the Word:**

Share the news with your friends, family, and colleagues. Together, we can build a community of supporters.

> **For more information:**

Contact Lee Pearl. smartpearl1@hotmail.com

Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to support the Park Avenue Mural Project. Together, we'll create a masterpiece that will be a source of pride for our community.



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Springing Up on Balboa Merchant Happenings

Spring has sprung folks, our days are getting longer, and so are the lines of traffic getting on and off our island. While that could be frustrating, I think we need to consider how lucky we are to live in a place that is constantly being improved and upgraded. We are lucky enough to live on an island surrounded by salt water, however this means things erode and need to be taken care of. We have all been lucky enough to enjoy the magic of this island and must continue to improve it structurally and also really support our local businesses so they will be here for our kids, grandkids and generations to come and enjoy.

We are so fortunate to have all we need to survive and thrive right here in our merchant districts on Marine and Agate. So before you sit in traffic, how about you walk or golf cart to **Irvine Ranch Market** or the newly remodeled **Balboa Island Market** by the Ferry for all your grocery staples. Stop by and see Dre and pick up some fabulous produce or chocolate dipped strawberries at **Balboa Island Berries**. Head to **Huskins** or **Todo Santos** for your morning caffeine fix. Grab some breakfast with your family at **Wilma's**, **Crockers** or **Toastique**. Get a cinnamon roll at **Balboa Island Bakery** and a hippo cookie at **Dad's**. Pick up some taffy at **Balboa Island Candy** and get a frozen banana at **Sugar n' Spice**. These are traditions that we must keep going by supporting these local gems. In between all that, stop and shop at our local stores and boutiques. Stop by **Basics** for the latest women's trends or **Crush** for a whole new outfit. No need to leave the island to cut or style your hair as Kelly at **The Hair Lounge** will make you look fabulous. **Gerda Pilates** is happy to welcome you for your next great workout. Go to **Pearls** or **Tropez** for a glamorous outfit or stop by **Snooty Peach** for fab kids fashion. Buy a beautiful piece of art at The **Huse Skelly Gallery** after visiting our award winning **Balboa Island Museum**. Watch your favorite team with a beer at The **Village Inn** or **Snipe Island**. Then in the evening walk to a great dinner at **Basilic** or **Royal Hen** where locals meet and dine. If we make it a point to shop and eat local as much as possible we can do our part to preserve this place we all love to call our home.

BIZ BUZZ

Coterie & Cie



Welcome Coterie & Cie! Please stop by and meet proprietor **Georgia Ingram** at her new studio at 222 Marine. A long time Newport Beach resident, Georgia has a passion for Swedish and French antiques evident in the unique home furnishings and interior advice she offers. She is excited to join the "vibrant ambiance and friendly community" of our Island, and we are happy to have this elevated addition to Marine.

Balboa Island Grille



Come grab a bite at the new Balboa Island Grille by the Ferry! New owner, **Tim Miley** along with GM, **Nic Salazar**, and chef, **Marcella Hernandez** have your favorite items on the all new menu.

Hours:
Wed-Friday 9am-3pm
Sat, Sun 8am-4pm

Extended Summer Hours
Coming Soon!



Happy Spring!

Cynthia Shafer, President
Balboa Island Merchants Assoc.

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INTRODUCING:
MR. & MRS.
LARRY FRIDAY
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After High School **Larry Friday** and **Leslie Myers** went on to eventually marry someone else and start families and careers. About 15 years ago their lives changed and brought them back together and now have a blended family of 5 adult children and 13 grandchildren. They are fortunate to call Balboa Island their home, and so grateful for all the friends they have made along the way.



photos: renee sanders

Wedding on a Dock of a Bay



Ben, Shay, Jane, Kendal, Jude, Bride, Leah, Groom, Jessica, Milo, Mitchell, Mike (officiated wedding)

BIIA MEMBERSHIP

by Larry Kallestad



As I am writing this column in the last third of March, I am somewhat astonished that in a couple of days, the first quarter of 2024 will have already passed. Yikes! Where did it go?

I am a member of the Parade Planning Committee who will present to over 4,000 viewers, the Parade itself, on Sunday June 2, 2024. I am able to witness what a great group of people there is in this endeavor bringing forth another outstanding Parade again this year.

The membership donations the BIIA receives every year becomes the economic backbone that makes sure all the entertaining Island presentations come off. It supports a variety of things that most of us sort of take for granted on the Island, but would wonder what happened to them if they suddenly disappeared. Like the flags on the bridge, the decorations on the poles at Christmas time, the lighted display at the end of Marine, the Holiday Home Tour, the Concerts in the Chapel, and in the Park during the summer, the Tree Lighting and snow for the kids to slide on, and many other aspects that make our Island what we all enjoy about it.

The rush to join the Balboa Island Improvement Association at the beginning of every year, is evident to me of the grateful support the community knows the BIIA needs in order to do its job. I thank each of you who jump right in to make sure we are economically viable.

And because of the support afforded by the membership, volunteers come forward to be Board Members and Officers of the Association, and end up doing the jobs

associated with making the above mentioned projects come to fruition. They are a great group of likable people. And they work hard to accomplish their objectives, and have fun doing it along the way.

Everything the BIIA does for our Island happens because someone volunteers to do it. None of the Board members or Board Officers receive anything for doing their jobs except the satisfaction they receive, when it all comes together, and know what they did makes the community a better place to be, live and visit.

In my last column, I promised to address how our membership outreach to those on the Island who were not members in 2023, resulted. It was not very successful, considering how many to whom we mailed the invitation to join. Only a few responded. And I thank those who did. The Post Office returned a little less than a quarter of the 540 invites we sent out as being undeliverable or not known at the location. We will study why, change it somehow, and try again next year. There really can't be that many hardcore non-joiners, I hope.

I will close by thanking the nearly 600 family memberships who have donated this year to be members and support what the Balboa Island Improvement Association does and stands for. You are so vital in keeping the goal in the middle of our name; what we strive for all the time.

Larry

BIIA Membership as of 3/24/24

\$1,000

Abbott, Dan & Barbara

Abrams Coast Properties

Abrams, Don & Gwen

Allen, Shelley & Kohorst, Bob

Cooper, Kay & Wilfred

Dellar, Rick

Dobbins, Brian & Sue

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Janssen, Terry & Patti

Kohl, Jerry & Terri

Landon, Marvin

Luce, Jim & Gale

Pechuls, Roger & Lori

Quandt, James & Marleen

Silberberg, Marshall & Austin, Soledad

Talbot, Todd & Denise

Van Konyenburg, Mike & Claire

Wondries, Jill

Woodley, Carol & Mike

\$500

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Arnold, Larry & Heather

Becker, Brianna

Blute, Ryan

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2024 BIIA Calendar of Events & Activities



JANUARY

- 17 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
- 23 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)

FEBRUARY

- 14 Wed **Valentine's Day**
- 21 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
- 27 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)



MARCH

- 13 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
- 26 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)

APRIL

- 13 Sat All Island Garage Sale
(Sponsored by Sue Podany)
- 17 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
- 30 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)



MAY

- 12 Sun **Mother's Day**
- 14 Tue 7:00pm Classical Concert
- 15 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
- 19 Sun 9:00am-5:00pm Art Walk**
(Sponsored by Huse Skelly Gallery)
- 22 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
- 27 Mon **Memorial Day** 🇺🇸
- 28 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)
- 29 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)



JUNE

- 1 Sat Parade Security Meeting
& Parade Day Prep
- 2 Sun 2024 Parade & After Party
- 16 Sun **Father's Day**
- 22 Sat Pancake Breakfast in the Park
- 25 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)



JULY

- 4 Thur **Independence Day** 🇺🇸
- 16 Tue 7:00pm Classical Concert
- 27 Sat 8:00am Sandcastle Contest
- 29-Aug 2 Mon-Fri Just Plein Fun**
(Sponsored by Huse Skelly Gallery)
- 30 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)



AUGUST

- 2 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park
- 9 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park
- 16 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park
- 23 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park
- 27 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)
- 30 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park



SEPTEMBER

- 2 Mon **Labor Day**
- 24 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)

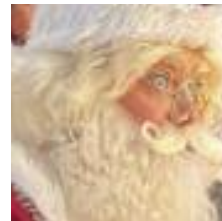
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- 14 Mon **Columbus Day**
- 22 Tue 7:00pm Classical Concert
- 29 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)
- 31 Thur **Halloween**



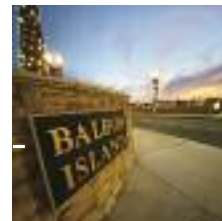
NOVEMBER

- 9 Sat 12:00pm **Veteran's Day BBQ** 🇺🇸
- 19 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting
- TBD Christmas Tree Delivery
- TBD Decorate Tree
- 28 Thur **Thanksgiving Day**



DECEMBER

- 1 Sun Tree Lighting & Snow Day
- 8 Sun Balboa Island Holiday Home Tour
- 10 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)
- 12-14 Thur Christmas Decoration Judging
- 18-22 Wed Christmas Boat Parade
- 25 Wed **Christmas Day**



JANUARY 2025

- 5 Sun Christmas Decorations Takedown
- 28 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)

**Event not sponsored by the BIIA

*General Meetings are held at the Fire Station



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Please contact the Chairperson and ask how you can volunteer

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