

# NORTHWEST ADVOCATE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL • MAY 2014

## VOTE MAY 6!

### Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Election at Peck Park from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Yes, there is an election on May 6. It is the election for the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council and we urge you to vote.

The city is measuring voter turnout at neighborhood council elections as an indication of the effectiveness of the councils.

If you like what the council has been doing, please vote to show your support. If not, vote to make a change for the better.

The NWSPNC election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at Peck Park. Polls will be open from 1:30 pm to 7:30 pm. You do not need to be a registered

voter. If you are at least 16 years of age and live, work, own property, participate in a religious organization or a non-governmental agency, or if you or your children attend school in Northwest San Pedro, you are eligible to vote.

**Learn more about the candidates in the accompanying article and by attending one of the two candidate forums, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, and on election day, May 6, at 6:00 p.m. Both forums will be at Peck Park.**

## \$500 Youth Service Award Applications Being Accepted

Each year NWSPNC gives a \$500.00 award to a young person to recognize their outstanding community service. The award is funded by Phillips 66.

To be eligible, youth must be a high school senior or enrolled in a college or vocational/technical school, have at least a 2.5 grade point average, have completed voluntary community service between January 2014 and the present, and live, work, volunteer, or attend school in Northwest San Pedro (see map at [nwsanpedro.org/boundaries](http://nwsanpedro.org/boundaries)). Applications are due June 10, 2014 and can be downloaded from [nwsanpedro.org](http://nwsanpedro.org).

## Who's Running: NWSPNC Candidate Statements

**PETER K. BURMEISTER** (Census Tract 2951) What it means to be to be a board member of the neighborhood council: improving the quality of life in our community, being involved and making a difference, awareness and appreciated our board members and community. I am very grateful for all board members who work so hard to get things done in San Pedro and in our community. Thank you very much.



**MANNY ALVAREZ** (Census Tract 2963) I lived in the Northwest San Pedro neighborhood area for over 20 years, and in San Pedro for over 40 years. I consider getting elected to the board a privilege and also a way for me to give back to this wonderful community. I believe in the board's record of quality representation and service. If elected, I would be committed to doing the best I can to work in a positive way for effective neighborhood representation to ensure the best possible living conditions and safe environment for the community. I would be honored to have your vote.



**DANIEL DIXON** (Census Tract 2963) I am honored to have served on the Northwest Council since 2005. I continue to believe that the neighborhood council system is a powerful tool by which residents can understand city issues, can work to improve their community, and ultimately help city government fulfill its obligations to all residents.



**ABE BAGHERI** (Census Tract 2963) I have lived in the Northwest San Pedro neighborhood for three years and in the South Bay for over 20 years. I value keeping our community safe, ensuring it remains an attractive destination for new residents and their families, and improving the quality of life in our community. As your representative, I will use my training as an attorney to approach each issue with an open, neutral mindset and consider all viewpoints. However, I will also value decisions that have worked well for the community in the past. I would greatly appreciate your vote and look forward to implementing measures that serve our community's best interests. (No photo provided.)

**ERIC LIN** (Census Tract 2963) As a candidate, I believe the following: Safe Community; Open and Honest Communication; Education and Information; Traffic Safety; Quality Economic and Business Development; Physical and Technological Infrastructure; Community and Environment Sustainability.



**ROGER CUEVAS** (Census Tract 2964) I LOVE SAN PEDRO!! What more can I say! Let me introduced myself to you, my name is Roger I have been living in Pedro for 16 years. I work at LAX with airport police as a civilian employee in Security and Traffic Operations for the past 13 years. I'm also a Los Angeles Police reserve officer. So as you can see I live work and play in our LA city. I'm running because I love our town and I want to give back and help keep Pedro a safe and beautiful town that I have known since I moved here in 1998. Please help me keep Pedro safe by electing me as a board member to represent you on the neighborhood council.



**SARAH VALDEZ** (Census Tract 2964) I've been a resident of San Pedro throughout the entirety of my life. In fact, I proudly claim the title of a born and raised "Pedro girl." I love our beautifully diverse port town-we've got a lot going on, and we're always looking to make things better. As a board member of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, I will eagerly dedicate myself to the ongoing enhancement of our community. As your prospective representative I ask, what small changes can we make in our neighborhoods-changes to improve the health, safety, and happiness of our families today, as well as of tomorrow's generations? Together, through open communication, relentless enthusiasm and hard work, we can achieve such changes. Please let me serve you and your family, as your representative on the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. It is an honor and a privilege to ask for your vote. (No photo provided.)

**DARLENE ZAVALNEY** (Census Tract 2970) It is both an honor and a big responsibility to represent San Pedro. As a member of the board, I will do my best to represent the interest of the community stakeholders. I have been a member of the board since last July and have been volunteering with the Youth and Outreach Committee for several years. I am currently on Youth and Outreach Committee; the AdHoc Committee for Pathways to Employment; Community Issues Committee and recently appointed as Chair to the AdHoc Committee on Hydraulic Fracturing. Volunteering is something I have done most of my adult life, whether it was going door to door and collecting for the St. Jude Foundation, sorting colored glass at a recycling location or producing events for Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots. I enjoy giving back. I hope you will vote for me so that I may continue the important work I've only just begun. (No photo provided.)

**CRAIG GOLDFARB** (Business) (No statement or photo provided.)

**CYNTHIA GONYEA** (At-large) I am a present board member and secretary. I serve on the (LA) Port and the Safety and Security Committees. I love San Pedro and want to continue to help it grow as a diverse and safe community! (No photo provided.)

## Ponte Vista Development Update

The Ponte Vista development was approved by the city council for 675-700 units, a significant reduction from the original 2,300 units. There will be a combination of single-family houses and multifamily condominiums (no apartments). You may have noticed work on the site. Before demolition permits can be issued for the existing structures. The developer must meet certain conditions. These conditions, which are part of the project, include opening up the existing structures to ensure that there are no bats inside. This is why some of the structures now have tarps covering the buildings.

Another condition is to take down palm fronds/tree limbs to ensure that the trees are not a nesting habitat. In short, they are doing as much prep work as allowed by the agreement before the demolition permits are issued. They expect demolition permits to be issued within the next 10-14 days. Formal groundbreaking is scheduled for May 8. More details will be posted on our website as we receive them.

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council  
638 South Beacon Street, Box 688  
San Pedro, CA 90731

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## NWSPNC Committees

### Budget and Finance

*Recommends budget, reviews funding requests.*

### Youth and Outreach

*Deals with youth, education, and community engagement.*

### Elections and Bylaws

*Deals with elections and bylaws matters.*

### Community Issues

*Deals with traffic and transportation, parks, community beautification, and other issues not covered by specific committees.*

### Planning and Land Use Committee

*Deals with planning and land use issues.*

### Port Committee

*Deals with port-related issues and advises our representatives on Port Community Advisory Committee.*

### Safety and Security

*Deals with community safety, emergency preparedness, and evacuation planning.*

*If you are interested in being a member of any of these committees, please e-mail your contact information to board@nwsanpedro.org.*

The NWSPNC Governing Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Peck Park Auditorium, 560 North Western Avenue



# Homelessness is Not a Crime

By Connie McOsker

The January 2013 Homeless Count revealed that there were 287 homeless in town. On April 2, 2014 concerned members of the community gathered at the Grand Annex to listen to experts in the field help us think about what we can do to end homelessness in San Pedro.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Michael Brophy, president of Marymount California University. The panelists were Tahia Hyslet, executive director of Harbor Interfaith Services, Jeremy Sidell of PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) and Kerry Morrison, executive director of the Hollywood Property Owner Alliance.

A formerly homeless San Pedro resident, David Sidney, told his life story. He was given back his life by the services he received from Beacon House. He is now employed and a contributing member to our community.

Students from Marymount California University prepared and surveyed the audience before and after the discussion.

Here are the top five facts we learned:

1. There are many reasons for homelessness (mental illness, addiction, job loss, domestic abuse, PTSS) and the problem is complex. Homeless can be youth, singles, families veterans, disabled, seniors, some have pets and some are shelter resistant.
2. Services in Crisis doesn't work long term because these are bandaid solutions: police, fire, emergency room, providing meals, temporary shelters. These are expensive in comparison to

## NWSPNC Board Member Gary Buss Steps Down

*Retiring board member Gary Buss wrote the following to the NWSPNC board:*

Dear Board of NWSPNC,

I have to say that the two years that I have had the privilege to be on the board, I have learned that we have the honor to serve and see the excitement from the stakeholders when we can achieve their requests.

In working on the Safety and Security Committee/Emergency Preparedness Fair we had a lot of representation from the local businesses and city and everyone that attended learned a lot.

Our Pathways to Employment has grown to a great event that helped many students understand what the tools they need to get a job and what they need to study in school to get a better chance for their future, not just a job, but their future goals.

I am sorry that I have to leave the board, but I am a business representative and I have sold my business so I do not qualify to stay on the board.

*Gary Buss*

*The NWSPNC board responded as follows:*

Dear Gary,

We, the members of the board of NWSPNC, are saddened that you must resign and hope that you will continue to be active with us albeit as a non-board member. You have brought a great sense of camaraderie, passion, and involvement to the board and will truly be missed by all of us. Your leadership and dedication were instrumental to the success of the recent Pathways to Employment event. Your passion for young people shows in everything you say and so.

*NWSPNC Board*

Applications are being taken for candidates to fill the business seat being vacated by Gary Buss for a two-year term ending June 30, 2016. To be eligible to run for the business seat, you must be at least 16 years of age and own or work at a licensed business with a business address within the boundaries of Northwest San Pedro. You do not need to be a registered voter and do not need to live in Northwest San Pedro. Applications will be available soon at nwsanpedro.org or by e-mail from board@nwsanpedro.org. This is not part of the May 6 election, but rather will be filled through a board appointment process.

getting people into homes and then assessing and providing for needs. The Housing First Model which is evidence based can have success in San Pedro.

3. Permanent Supportive Housing is implemented by building more housing, rent stabilization, finding funding and donations of land, for the purpose of large facilities, and small group homes, scattered site apartments. Landlords need to be educated, there are benefits to federal funding for rent for example.

4. These homes come with wraparound support services and counseling so that the newly housed person does not fail. We have to work smarter to make progress in San Pedro. We have to learn about various agencies and apply for available funding.

5. The government and business owners need to be a part of this, as do faith based organizations as well as everyone in town. We can all fight stereotypes and encourage respect for the homeless. The homeless should not be anonymous, we should know their names and their stories. Start with eye contact and a simple "hello".

What can we do that is concrete:

1. Attend the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council's ad hoc committee meeting Wednesday April 30 at Rainbow Shelter: 562 West Eighth Street conference room, San Pedro
2. Research South Bay Coalition for the Homeless, sbhomeless.org and get on the email list: contact-SHCH@gmail.com. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at various locations.
3. Take a trip to visit PATH 340 North Madison Avenue, Los Angeles 90004. Contact Megan Colvard for a tour, (323) 644-200, ext. 361, or meganc@epath.org.

## Adult Classes Available

LAUSD's Harbor Service Area (previously Harbor Occupational Center and Bandini Adult School) offers free and low cost academic, English as a Second Language (ESL), math and reading skills remediation, High School Equivalency Test (formerly GED), high school diploma, parent education, and short-term career technical education.

Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The main campus is at 740 North Pacific.

There are programs available for the following: automotive technician/systems, construction worker, desktop publishing, diesel technician, electrician, forklift, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, plumbing, smog technician, welding, health information technician, medical assistant, graphic design/web design, computer repair/A+ certification networking, mobile electronics, and airport operations/travel specialist.

For more information, call (310) 547-5551 or visit www.harboroc.org.

## 'Sharrow' Lane Markings Installed in San Pedro

According to the council office approximately five miles of sharrow lanes will be installed in CD15 this year. These markings warn drivers to share the lane with bicyclists. They are not bicycle only lanes. Bicyclists already have the right to be on the road; these markings are to remind drivers to be aware of bike riders. There will be no loss of parking or reduction of lanes for cars.

Here is the list of streets where these changes are scheduled to occur: 19th Street from Gaffey Street to Crescent Avenue, 19th Street from Western Avenue to Walker Avenue, 13th Street from Alma Street to Beacon Street, Cabrillo Avenue from 12th to 14th Street (southbound only from 12th Street to 13th, Ninth Street from Gaffey Street to Beacon Street, Emily Street from Paseo Del Mar to 37th Street, 37th Street from Emily Street to Alma Street, Alma Street from 37th Street to 17th Street, 26th Street from Alma Street to Patton Avenue, and Patton Avenue from 26th Street to 25th Street.



More than 180 youth from area high schools attended the Pathways to Employment event at the John and Muriel Olguin campus.



James Brown, owner of San Pedro Brewing Company, talks about careers in the restaurant industry.



Representatives of Chase Bank discuss the application process with Pathways to Employment student participants.

## NWSPNC's 'Pathways to Employment' Event Draws Crowd

Bright and early one recent Saturday morning over 175 youth from the Harbor Area gathered at Pathways to Employment to learn how to improve their chances of getting employment and meet employers. The event was sponsored by the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council in conjunction with the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation and the San Pedro Rotary Club.

San Pedro High School student and participant in the event planning Joe Zaaour summed it up as follows, "For me, Pathways was a rich learning experience that was never available to me anywhere else. I was lucky to find a job after attending last year's event and I continue to attend to further enhance my skills in the employment field. I hope that every youth that participated in Pathways benefited as much as I did."

The event offered 22 workshop choices, practice interviews, and the opportunity to speak with 28 employers and employment related organizations. Harbor Commissioner Anthony Pirozzi started the day by relating his own life story and inspiring youth to make the most of their opportunities.

Youth and adults gave the event very high marks with many adults

commenting on what a great opportunity it was for the young people and how much they enjoyed the experience themselves.

Among the most popular workshops were: a panel where employers spoke about what they look for when they conduct an interview, a panel on how to get experience when you don't have experience, and a panel of representatives from various aspects of the entertainment industry. Youth were very enthusiastic about the event finding it very inspiring with excellent information and advice.

Adding to the day were door prizes donated by Prizes were from: Badfish Clothing, San Pedro Brewing Co, Chipotle Grill, Starlight Cinema, and Urban Feet. Urban Feet donated a long skateboard, the winner of which was beyond thrilled and said he never would have been able to buy one himself.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council thanks the following companies, organizations, and individuals for their commitment to the youth of our community in helping make Pathways to Employment such a successful event:

Harbor Community Benefits Foundation  
Rotary Club of San Pedro

Los Angeles Unified School District  
Albertson's Market  
Americorp  
Badfish Clothing  
Boys & Girls Club  
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium  
Chase Bank  
Chipotle Grill  
Doubletree Hotel  
Employment Development Department/Youth Employment Opportunities Program  
Elks Lodge of San Pedro  
Harbor College  
Harbor Community Clinic  
Harbor Service Center  
Harbor YouthSource Center  
Electricians Training Trust  
FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising)  
ION  
LA Conservation Corps  
LA Maritime Institute  
Los Angeles Fire Department  
Phillips 66  
Plumber's Union  
Port Police  
Ports O' Call and Spirit Cruises  
Ralphs Market  
Recreation and Parks Department  
San Pedro Brewing Company  
Spay Neuter Project of LA  
Starlight Cinema  
Urban Feet  
USS IOWA

US Marines  
Youth Build /WINTER  
Anthony Pirozzi  
Arlene Dickey  
Dave Work  
David Crippens  
Herb Zimmer  
Irma Holland  
Ivan Sulic  
Jacob Haik  
John Wentworth  
Katie Marre  
Ken Cornelison  
Leon Carroll  
Linda Klinger  
Liz Harsch  
Michelle Patterson  
Michael Koth  
Michael Taylor  
Miguel Andrade  
Mitch Harmatz  
Octaviano Rios  
Paula Cohn  
Rachel Goad  
Ray Vaudo  
Rica Viola  
Ron Hoppel  
Sanni Wehbi  
Val Hatley  
NWSPNC board members who participated include Bob Bryant, Carolyn Grayson, Darlene Zavalney, Diana Nave, Gary Buss, Laurie Jacobs, Ray Regalado, and Scott Allman.

## WINTER YouthBuild Program Coming to San Pedro

From installing windows to building homes, this isn't your average classroom. Youth in the Wilmington and San Pedro areas now have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma while learning construction-based skills and gaining on-the-job experience as part of WINTER YouthBuild's free alternative high school program. The WINTER YouthBuild graduation rate is 96 percent with the majority of students going on to a job, post secondary education, or a registered apprenticeship.

### How It Works

Out-of-school youth between the ages of 16-24 looking for an individualized high school program are encouraged to apply. YouthBuild students receive job readiness training, leadership development and pre-apprenticeship job training while earning a high school diploma. Project-based learning allows students to gain hands-on experience with social justice issues and become a positive influence on their communities.

### Partners in the Community

With the support of the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation and in partnership with the YWCA, WINTER YouthBuild is expanding to serve San Pedro and Wilmington. Through community partnerships students and their families work to build self-sufficiency and improve their communities.

### Success stories

YouthBuild students become ready for the real world when they leave high school. As one senior student at the Long Beach site says: "Before I came to WINTER YouthBuild I didn't know what was out there for me. I am used to people saying that I won't do anything. Now I know that there are bigger things for me that I can achieve. I see myself as a leader and representative for my community."

### Stay Tuned

WINTER YouthBuild Program is now accepting applications for the session that will start on June 1st. Information sessions are being held every Friday at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the YWCA, 437 West Ninth Street, San Pedro. For more information, call (213) 749-3970, ext. 1006.



## Beware of Phone Scams

Phone calls from individuals who are representing themselves as Sheriff Department employees. The caller usually tells the citizen that there has been a warrant issued for their arrest for failure to appear for jury duty.

The caller will tell the victim that they have to pay a sum of money or deputies will come and arrest them and instructs the victim to either get a money order, conduct a wire transfer, or buy a gift card (usually Green Dot) and send it to "pay the fine."

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department nor any other government agency will NEVER call and solicit money for fines. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department does not solicit warrant information by phone. Sheriff's Department personnel will never go to your home to collect a fee for a warrant.

Phone scammers have also been deceiving LADWP customers into paying non-existent water and power bills with threats of immediate service shut off.

When you receive a call from LADWP, please remember LADWP employees will NEVER ask for personal payment information over the telephone. They will never ask you to purchase pre-paid cash cards from a convenience store to pay your utility bill.

Payment by telephone can ONLY happen through the department's voice automated payment system, not with live employees. LADWP personnel do not accept payment information verbally over the telephone.

No government agency will EVER ask you to get a money order, gift card, or wire transfer. NEVER give your personal information to anyone over the phone. DO NOT give callers information about your bank account, pin numbers, Social Security number or any type of identifying information.

If you receive a call, always verify who the caller is. DO NOT use a phone number they provide you as verification. Usually numbers provided by the thief will go to a voice recording/message. Call LAPD to verify any solicitation.

If you receive a suspicious phone call/solicitation that you believe is not from a real government agency, please contact the Department of Consumer Affairs at (800) 593-8222. You can also file a complaint at dca.lacounty.gov. If you have sent money or believe that you are a victim of a crime, please call the police department and report the incident.

## Tall Ships Festival Set for August 20-24



The Tall Ships Festival returns to the Port of Los Angeles August 20-24 when more than a dozen international and domestic grand Tall Ships will sail into San Pedro from all over the Pacific Ocean.

The Port of Los Angeles is one of three west coast ports bestowed with the honor of welcoming these beautiful vessels to their shores, affording visitors the rare chance to catch a glimpse, step aboard, and even set sail on some of the grandest ships of yore.

In addition, the historic Battleship Iowa and the Victory Ship, S.S. Lane Victory will also be open for tours. Festival tickets are now on sale at [TallShipsFestivalLA.com](http://TallShipsFestivalLA.com), [TicketFly.com](http://TicketFly.com) or at 877-4FLY-TIX and include a variety of purchase options.

Dockside passes include access to educational workshops, entertainment and the festival grounds. In addition to getting up close and personal with Tall Ships, this unique event offers loads of entertainment featuring an eclectic selection of music that includes rock, jazz, sea shanty, Latin, Mexican, big band, country and dance.

A few Tall Ship's sails will be creatively used as gigantic movie screens showing entertaining flicks throughout the festival. Education and children's activities including cannon demonstrations, authentic privateer encampment, real sword fighting with live steel, knot tying, weapon demonstrations and sail training with real tall ship rigging, round out the impressive festival's learning opportunities.

For more information, visit <http://www.tallshipsfestivalla.com/>. Tall Ships Festival LA.

## Briefs

Crime is down and arrests are up, but we still need to be cautious. As summer approaches remember to close and lock your windows when you are away from home and never leave your garage door opener in the car if it is parked in front of your house. The RiteAid parking lot at Fifth and Gaffey has been the site of several recent crimes. Be particularly vigilant in that area both day and night.

The city's Department of Transportation is working with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to finalize the design form modifications designed to improve the intersection of Western and Westmont. The improvements include: (a) reconfiguring the westbound approach to provide more space for cars waiting to turn left, (b) reconfiguring the eastbound approach to provide an exclusive left-turn lane and optional through and right turn lane, (c) modifying the signal phasing to provide "opposing phasing" for Westmont/Delasonde approaches, (d) optimizing signal timing and providing an overlap phasing for westbound right turns, and (e) upgrading the ADA ramps.

Skate Park at Peck Park is about 50-percent complete; completion is anticipated in July. We have been assured that the Channel Street Skate Park will not close until after the Peck Park Skate Park is completed.

## Elks Lodge Blaze

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is saddened by the loss of the Elks Club building. Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Jose Chavez, thanks the community for its support and says, "We will rebuild and continue the great work we are known for."

NWSPNC thanks the first responders for saving the lodge room and all the valuable artifacts, including the Bible used when the lodge was established. What a great job. We offer our support and encourage the community to assist however they can in rebuilding this iconic San Pedro structure.

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church 1648 West Ninth Street COMING EVENTS

May 3, 5 PM - Cinco de Mayo celebration with taco bar, homemade enchiladas, Margaritas, Flamenco, raffle. Adults \$15/ kids \$5. and YWCA World Tots Free Activities (guests welcome)  
May 9, 10 to 10:45 AM - Mother's Day tea party with the children  
June 11, 3 to 4 PM - Father's Game Challenge day with the children  
June 20, 3 to 4 PM - PreK Graduation



## 'Get in the Swim' at Peck Park Pool

Peck Park Swimming Pool is one of 16 year-round pool that serve the citizen of Los Angeles. Peck Pool serves the communities of San Pedro, Rancho Palos Verdes, Harbor City, Wilmington and Lomita. We offer recreational and lap swimming as well as novice swim team, water polo, synchronized swimming and junior lifeguarding. Peck also offers an aqua aerobic program for adults and seniors all year long as well as a learn-to-swim program for people of all ages. The pool is outdoor and heated to a comfortable 82 degrees. Please visit [LAParks.org](http://LAParks.org) for updated pool programs and information on fees, features and programs.

## Sign Up Now for Community Emergency Response Training (CERT); It's Free!

Developed through FEMA, the Community Emergency Response Training (C.E.R.T.) program provides basic training in safety and lifesaving skills for the public.

Following a major disaster, police, fire, and medical personnel may not be able to fully meet the demand. People will have to rely on each other to meet immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. CERT training will increase your chance of recovering from a major disaster.

The classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on three consecutive Saturdays: May 10, May 17, and May 24. For questions and/or registration, please contact Cheryl Dawson: [cheryldawson@cox.net](mailto:cheryldawson@cox.net); telephone: (310) 377-8716

Please include your name, phone number, and email address.

## City Council Enacts Fracking Moratorium

In February the Los Angeles City Council by a vote of 10 to 0, voted to enact a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing, gravel packing, acidizing and other "unconventional" drilling and well-stimulation methods used by oil companies in the Los Angeles area.

In March of 2014 the USGS issued a press release indicating that the 5.7 magnitude earthquake that struck Prague, Oklahoma was unintentionally induced by fracking procedures.

Swarms of over 100 earthquakes have been reported in Oklahoma, an area that had not had seismic activity prior to fracking.

Earthquakes are only one of the several environmental and health related issues surrounding the process of fracking. Each well uses approximately three million of gallons of fresh water. The water is laced with undisclosed toxic chemicals.

Some of the toxic water is removed from the wells while the remainder seeps into the ground and ground water. The chemicals cannot be removed from the water leaving behind an issue of safe disposal.

There are many health, safety and environment questions surrounding this process.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council has formed an ad hoc committee to research and determine what is best for our community. All points of view are welcome.

For further information please contact Darlene Zavalney at [DarleneZavalney@aol.com](mailto:DarleneZavalney@aol.com).

Save the Date!  
**JOB FAIR 2014**  
Thursday, May 8, 2014  
9 am to 12 noon  
**Harbor Occupational Center**  
740 North Pacific Avenue, San Pedro  
(310) 547-5551  
Hearing impaired, call (310) 547-5346 TDD

## Community Events

**Community Fair and Chili Cook-off**  
Saturday, May 17, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Harbor Regional Park

**Free Public Educational Boat Tours**  
Saturday, May 17  
Boats leave from the Los Angeles Maritime Museum dock, Sixth Street and Harbor Boulevard, every hour on the hour, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Last tour leaves at 2:00 p.m. Tour availability is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**D-Day 70th Anniversary Commemoration**  
Friday, June 6 at the Lane Victory

**Opening Ceremonies for Downtown Plaza**  
June 20, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Cars & Stripes Forever**  
Friday, June 27, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Harbor Boulevard and the Vincent Thomas Bridge

**Cabrillo Beach Fireworks Spectacular**  
Friday, July 4  
Fireworks Show at 9:00 p.m.

**Free Movie Night in the Park - "Big"**  
Friday, August 1, 7:00 p.m.  
South of Bloch Field

**Navy Days - San Pedro**  
Tuesday, August 5 to Monday, August 11

**Tall Ships Festival LA 2014**  
Wednesday, August 20 to Sunday, August 24  
See article on this page.

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Bulky item pickup	800-773-2489
City council office	310-732-4515
Graffiti removal	213-978-0228
Illegally-dumped trash	800-974-9794
LAPD Harbor Division	310-726-7700
Parking Enforcement	213-485-4184
Sanitation	800-773-2489
School police	213-625-6631
Shopping cart pickup	800-252-4613
Street Services	800-996-2489