Get Prepared. Get Ready L.A.

A guide to emergency preparedness in the City of Los Angeles from L.A. Controller Ron Galperin; an online resource with map of emergency services and programs funded by the city of LA; visit https://emergency.lacity.org/get-prepared-get-ready-la

Prepared, Not Scared!

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote local emergency planning. Earthquakes, fires, floods and other major disasters are an unfortunate reality in a large metropolis like Los Angeles—and they can strike without warning. But there are several ways that Angelenos can and should prepare for them.

As part of a larger goal to use data, technology and innovation to connect the public with city resources, L.A. Controller Ron Galperin presents a resource map of services and programs to help families and communities prepare for a disaster. Discover what the city invests in to ensure that its neighborhoods are ready in the event of an emergency and find out where to turn when disaster strikes.

Individual and Family Readiness: Where will you be when disaster strikes? The City of Los Angeles is spread over 470 square miles and its terrain is subject to mudslides, brush fires, HazMat spills, earthquakes and tsunamis. Are you prepared if any of those disasters strike your neighborhood? Find out what can happen, and more importantly, what you can do about it using the Comprehensive Guide to Family and Home Preparedness: https://emergency.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph496/f/Family_ Prep_Brochure_April%202016_10.pdf

Dependents and Those Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs: Emergencies and disasters are challenging enough for most of us. So what happens to people that have bigger challenges? Learn about helping children, the elderly, people with disabilities and access and functional needs and view the guide for helping people with disabilities link: https://emergency.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph496/f/Disability%20Planning%20Guide%20final%2012-15-16.pdf

Business and Industry Preparedness: The safety and security of our citizens is our highest priority. However, emergencies and disasters continue to take a toll after the smoke has cleared. Learn how to prepare your business and your employees to respond and recover from disasters. Visit ready.la.org for more information.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Take your preparedness to the next level. CERT training will teach you skills that can keep you and your family safe. Reinforce your preparedness and awareness.

Tsunami Preparedness: A tsunami is a series of waves, usually caused by an earthquake. The first wave may not be the largest and the timing between them may vary from minutes to several hours apart. In Los Angeles, the impact of a tsunami will vary based on the terrain. Learn more at: https://www.tsunamizone.org/resources/

Homeland Security: Motivated by the tragedy of September 11, 2001, the government has enhanced domestic security by combining and streamlining several protection agencies into the Department of Homeland Security. Visit: https://www.dhs.gov/ to learn more about what’s being done at the national level to keep us safe.

Now Accepting Applications for Projects Benefiting Northwest San Pedro Area

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is pleased to announce the release of grant applications that benefit the Northwest San Pedro community. There is approximately $3,000 available for this initiative with a $1,000 maximum per grant. Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or a PUBLIC school. Priority will be given to projects within or benefitting Northwest San Pedro.

Applications must be received no later December 16, 2019. Decisions will be announced on January 13, 2020.

Application Process
1. Individuals/organizations interested in applying for these funds should review the above stated requirements.
2. Prepare a brief proposal (2 to 3 pages) providing the following information:
   a. Name and contact information of person submitting proposal. Include phone number, email address, and physical address.
   b. Describe the project to be considered. Where it will take place and how will it benefit the community of Northwest San Pedro.
   c. What is the time frame? When will the project begin and end?
   d. Provide a detailed budget – the total amount requested and a breakdown of what the funds will be used for (as specific as possible). Are there other funds needed to complete the project? If so, where will you get them?
   e. Obtain a cover letter on sponsoring organization’s letterhead with their Federal Tax Identification Number, contact name, business address, e-mail address and phone number and a commitment to be responsible for receiving and administering the funds.
3. Submit a formal Application for Neighborhood Purposes Grant including proof of 501(c)(3) or public school status and Business Tax Registration Certificate (BRTC). Public schools need to have school principal fill out form, no one else can. Those forms can be found online at https://clerk.lacity.org/neighborhood-council-funding/documents-and-forms.
4. Submit the proposal and cover letter by e-mail to Melanie.labrecque@yahoo.com or by mail to: Budget and Finance Committee, 638 South Beacon Street, San Pedro, CA 90731.
5. If selected as a finalist, you may be asked to present your program to the committee that will make the recommendations to the NWSPNC Board.
6. If chosen you may be requested to present your project at the full Board of Directors meeting after completion.
7. E-mail questions to melanie.labrecque@yahoo.com. Please include your phone number.

ECOFEST 2019

These Girl Scouts had fun learning about nature at the annual San Pedro ECOFEST, sponsored by the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council. And photos on the back page.

San Pedro’s small town main street transforms this Friday night into Candy Cane Lane, a magical and fun event for the whole family. Come visit our Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council booth. Meet our board members. Holiday crafts for the kids.

Weymouth Corners CORNER OF 8TH & WEYMOUTH - SAN PEDRO

CANDY CANE LANE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6 • 5 PM TO 9 PM

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
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Attn: POSTAL PATRON
President’s Corner

Being Prepared: What It Means to Me
By Ray Regalado, President

Over the last few months it seems I have been inundated with warnings, messages that say “BE PREPARED” and others that say “BE ON THE LOOKOUT.” It’s easy to become overwhelmed with all that is going on in the world and in my back yard.
It caused me to sit and think about what’s important to me. It led me to reflect on the importance my family, friends and community play within my life. And at that moment it hit me. I realized how lucky I am to have family, friends and surrounded by a fantastic community.
I realized part of being prepared is knowing what is important to me. For me, it’s family. Everything influences how my family is taken care of.
Being prepared gives me peace of mind. I want to know should an earthquake strike we have the necessary supplies stored to wait out assistance by our first responders.

Welcome to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council’s Newest Governing Board Members

Rock Ashfield
Business Representative Seat

As an 18-year resident of San Pedro, I have been a supporter of development including the effort at the waterfront and downtown – and thankfully, we are seeing results. Over 3,500 new units are being constructed or developed as we speak. And as a local real estate professional, I inform out-of-area visitors that we are the most affordable coastal living in all of Southern California. As my “new” adopted hometown, I promote San Pedro every day—and that’s why I wanted to be on the council—to become involved so I could better support our special corner of the world.

John Barbera
Non-government Organization Seat

I joined the neighborhood council because I have the ability to listen respectfully and weigh differing opinions. My determination is to look at what’s best for the community rather than what’s best for a friend or neighbor, and not just one item. I have the willingness to devote my time for the community. I want to build strong relationships and encourage our local stakeholders to make their views known through engaging with our council.

Sofia Scanlon
Youth Representative

Contributing to my community has always been important to me. My dad introduced me to activism and the 60s, which shaped me into the person I am today. The two concepts taught me to be not be afraid and push for what I believe in. Being part of the NWSPNC is the beginning of hopefully a long journey of me not only contributing to my community, but changing it for the better.

GOVERNMENT AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

If you’re in search of help, the following information may be of use.

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Environmental issues

Youth, education, and community engagement

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NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 638 S. Beacon Street, Box 688 San Pedro, CA 90731 (310) 918-8650 board@nwsanpedro.org

The NWSPNC Governing Board and stakeholder meeting is on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Peck Park Auditorium, 560 North Western Avenue, San Pedro.

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Requires budget, reviews funding requests

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Elections and bylaws matters

COMMUNITY ISSUES
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PLANNING AND LAND USE
Planning and land use issues

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Port-related issues

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Bureau of Street Services: 800-996-2489
City services: call 311 or get MyLA311 app (info at www.myla311.lacity.org)
Landlord/Tenant Disputes: 213-974-6600
LAPD Harbor Division front desk: 310-726-7700
LAPD Harbor Division Community Relations: 310-726-7920
LAPD Jail Division: 213-356-3400
Department of Water & Power: 800-342-5397
Graffiti removal 213-978-0228
Jail information (Los Angeles County): 213-473-6100
Los Angeles County Information: 2-1-1
Los Angeles County Information: 2-1-1
Neighborhood Prosecutor: 213-978-7878
Transportation (parking violations): 866-561-9742
Transportation (abandoned vehicles): 1-800-222-6366
Dispute Resolution Program (free mediation of non-criminal civil disputes—legal advice is not provided): 213-978-1880
Bulky item pick up: 800-773-2489
15th District Council Office: 310-732-4515
Illegal dumped trash: 800-974-9734
Mental Health Triage: 213-798-6318
Quality of Life Car: 310-726-6920
Parking Enforcement: 213-485-4184

One Call to City Hall

Los Angeles County Information: 2-1-1

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The Public Market at the Port of Los Angeles

The Port is still working on the infrastructure for the Public Market including the extension of the promenade to the south end of the development area. The developers are scheduled to take possession of the property in March and expect to begin construction this spring with an estimated completion for the first phase by the end of 2021. A copy of their latest renderings can be viewed at http://nwapsanpedro.org/planning-and-land-use-committee/. The first phase of the development will include a 60,000 square foot waterfront dining and platforms built over the water.

Ponte Vista Update

Work at Ponte Vista, a 662 for-sale housing development on the 61.5-acre site, is proceeding. West Avenue has been widened with new roads into the project have been completed. The developer is hoping to be able to open the road to Mary Star by mid-2019.

They anticipate that the permanent traffic lights will be installed at the two entrance roads at about the same time. Western southbound at the entrance to Mary Star will have a green arrow to facilitate arriving student traffic. Once the new road is opened, all Mary Star arriving and departing students will be required to use the entrance road.

Landscaping on the Western Avenue median should begin by early December along with the plantings of the new road as part of the overall development. The developer is now working on the internal road system; the park has been landscaped but the parking lot has not yet been built. The project is being prepared for the open space plan check process and they anticipate beginning construction on them in 2-3 months.

Ponte Vista is divided into six planning areas, each with specific design guidelines. The developer is currently marketing these areas to potential builders. Each builder will have flexibility to further refine the plans within the previously approved specific plan requirements.


A New Look at the Wilmington Fault

By Allen Franz

The recently re-studied Wilmington Fault—previously disregarded as inactive—adds an additional risk factor for assessing the seismic safety of the harbor area. A little historical context helps make sense of the situation.

Many believe the greatest seismic danger is the San Andreas fault, but the most destructive real-world expression of the harbor area’s seismic risk has been the magnitude 6.4 Long Beach earthquake of 1933—a rupture along the Newport-Inglewood Fault that caused 115 deaths and damaged thousands of structures, mostly in low-lying areas like Long Beach and Compton.

The damage was most severe in communities built atop geologically-recent, loosely-consolidated sedimentary soils with fairly well-saturated water tables—which during earthquake ground shaking, through the process of liquefaction.

At the time of the Long Beach earthquake, San Pedro’s populace was concentrated closer to the waterfront, where the near-surface geology is less well-consolidated sedimentary material—more like Long Beach than locations further up the hill away from the waterfront. Although the damage in San Pedro was nowhere near as severe as in Long Beach because of greater distance from the epicenter, nonetheless a number of buildings in San Pedro were damaged.

Largely as a result of oil field exploration, we’ve known a fair amount about Southern California’s subsurface geology for decades. The distribution of oil deposits has been found to be largely determined by the distribution of faults and their associated sedimentary materials—which can be warped and tilted by the pressure, causing fluids to drain downward.

Not all faults are equally detectable. Most of the faults we know best—the San Andreas’ main trace, or related Southern California fractures like the Newport-Inglewood fault—are either “reverse” faults that are reason- ably close to being vertically aligned, and active frequently enough that their presence can be deciphered in the landscape by a wake of realigned features along the surface.

The Wilmington Fault, however, is a rarely active, low angle thrust fault that has left very few near-surface expressions for geologists to study. As a result, the fault wasn’t identified until 1987, and even then wasn’t systematically examined because of its apparent long-time inactivity.

How do geologists “know” anything about underground faulting, if they can only directly observe and measure surface features? Most of what we know about subsurface geology is based on how vibrations travel through rock, which can be measured with sensors at the surface or positioned in wells and bore holes.

By analyzing the ways in which seismic signals are modified, geologists can interpret key properties of the material the seismic signals passed through—such as how ultrasound vibrations can be processed to create a sonogram that provides images and other information about a pregnancy or internal organs in a body.

Natural earthquakes provide one source of vibrations, but since we can’t currently control their location and timing, geologists often generate vibrations with explosives or powerful mechanical devices called seismic vibrators.

Oilfield studies—focused primarily on older, deeper strata where oil and gas are concentrat- ed—registered little evidence of seismic activity on the Wilmington Fault. The more recent study, in contrast, looked more closely at younger, shal- lower strata—and found tell-tale signs of a series of “crumpling” events over the last half million years. The evidence suggests that the Wilmington Fault moves at only about 1/250th of the rate of the San Andreas—and only builds sufficient pressure to trigger ruptures every 4,000 years or so—compared to roughly every 150 years along the San Andreas Fault.

The fact that the Wilmington Fault hasn’t been less active than a number of other local faults doesn’t mean that it can’t be reactivated at virtually any moment; and interconnections with other faults creates the potential—albeit remote—for an earthquake significantly more powerful than the 1953 Long Beach quake. If a seismic rupture occurs, each property will be affected in proportion to its distance from the epicenter and stability of its underlying geology.

Verdades Fault, which presents a more immediate threat to Northwest San Pedro and the San Pedro waterfront.

For residents and property owners in Northwest San Pedro, perhaps the two most important facets to keep in mind regarding seismic risk are modified, geologically-recent sedimentary strata with a higher risk of liquefaction than most parts of San Pedro (notably, those areas whose color codes on the map are positioned lower on the column to the right of the map are expected to be more stable than color codes listed higher on the column).

Unfortunately, the current state of earthquake science is better at identifying evidence of past ruptures than at providing precise predictions of future events. Nonetheless, there are steps that we can take—from seismic retrofitting and strengthening of structures to securing major public infrastructure and stocking emergency supplies, including one of the many earthquake warning apps, ShakeAlert LA or MyShake (both available for Android and iOS devices), and, ideally, purchasing earthquake insurance. Most critically, in anticipation of quakes, every household and other organization should develop and rehearse evacuation strategies including duck-cover-and-hold tactics and building evacuation procedures.

For tips, check out earthquake preparedness websites like http://www.osha.gov/dis/earthquakes/preparedness.html.
Feed and Be Fed Seeks to Partner with Christensen Science Center

Feed and Be Fed, a local nonprofit, is partnering with LAUSD to help revitalize the Christensen Science Center which has been closed and neglected for several years. They are in the process of finalizing a memorandum of understanding. You may be familiar with Feed & Be Fed as the curator of the garden at 429 West Sixth Street. Their goal is to nourish the whole person using healthy food, educational programs, and creating a natural sanctuary in the heart of our urban community.

At a recent meeting at Taper, community members expressed strong support for bringing back the Science Center. Feed and Be Fed feels this is a good sign that their volunteer model will bring crops to the community. In addition to cultivating the land, they will be cultivating our youth working initially with K-5 students and special education students from Willenberg. They look forward to sharing the joys of working in the soil, growing food, and contributing to good health and sustainability with our community. See www.feedandbefed.org for more information.

If you are interested in volunteering, send a message to amanda@gardenchurchsp.org.

Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus: What to Do and Who to Call

We have all noticed an increase in those nasty mosquitoes and other biting and stinging insects in our community. These can be dangerous so it is important to know how to get rid of them and who to call when you have problems.

Positive West Nile Mosquitoes have been reported in LA County. West Nile virus is a “bird virus” that is primarily transmitted between birds by mosquitoes. The virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of a mosquito infected with West Nile virus. People who get West Nile virus cannot transmit it to other people.

Since mosquitoes breed in standing water, you can help stop the mosquito life cycle and West Nile virus transmission by eliminating standing water on your property. Eliminate standing water by dumping or draining water in neglected swimming pools, ponds, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, or anything containing water capable of holding water for more than a few days.

The California West Nile Virus website is a great resource for tracking WNV activity in the state: http://westnile.ca.gov/

You can significantly contribute to the fight against West Nile virus by following these simple actions. Remember, if they can’t breed, they can’t bite.

- Avoid activity at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active
- Apply mosquito repellent containing the active ingredient DEET when outdoors
- Wear protective clothing (loose, light colored, long sleeve shirts and pants)
- Apply a tick repellent when outdoors
- Conduct frequent tick checks
- Proper tick removal: Use tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull the tick straight out away from skin. (Do not jerk, twist or burn the tick.)
- Avoid tick infested areas
- Inspect property for colonies
- Call 911 if attacked
- Seek medical attention for allergic reactions
- If attacked, call 911
- Contact local vector control agency to report problems and request assistance. Find your local vector control agency to report problems and request assistance. Find yours at socalmosquito.org or contact our local organization: Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District: 562.944.9650 www.glacvcd.org

Open garden times are every Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sundays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The garden is also open for First Thursday from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Planning Update

Change is in the wind. San Pedro is seeing a tremendous increase in development. Currently there are over 3,400 new housing units in some stage of the development process. Most of these units are in downtown San Pedro. The main exceptions are Ponte Vista (see accompanying article) and a project proposed at 2111 South Pacific.

Most of the new development comprises apartments over first floor commercial with approximately 10 percent of the units designated for low or very low-income individuals/families.

There are several factors contributing to this development including the designation of downtown San Pedro as an Opportunity Zone that brings significant tax incentives for investment. In addition to new housing and commercial spaces, the Public Market and Alta Sea are progressing (see articles in this newsletter).

The Port continues to invest in development. Construction should start in early 2020 on the “town square” at the end of Sixth Street with its public boat dock and connection to the Public Market.

The port is completing negotiations for a $20 million privately funded boatyard and reviewing proposals for other commercial development in the Marina. They will be soliciting bids for a new cruise terminal in the outer harbor.

The land swap between the Port of LA and the Port of Long Beach is nearly complete, clearing the way to go out to bid for beautification projects on North Harbor, Front, North Pacific, and North Gaffey.

For more information on these and other development projects go to http://nwsanpedro.org/planning-and-land-use-committee/ or attend our Planning and Land Use Committee meetings at San Pedro City Hall on the third Wednesday of every month.