

Join us for a FREE family event with two programs at Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center on Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The park is located at 1805 West Ninth Street in San Pedro. A convenient "park and ride" will be at the Elks Lodge parking lot at 1748 Cumbre Drive.

Wildfest

L.A. County Park's Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center and the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council invite everyone for a day of outdoor fun at WildFest – a FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL that celebrates the animals that live amongst us in our "urban forest," and the pets that love us in our homes.

It's a day filled with bug and animal discoveries, a special story time, crafts, chalk drawing. Over 30 exhibitors will provide information, rebates and demonstrations on electric bicycles, recycling, home gardening, native plants and pollinators, pet adoption.

Bring a picnic or hike trails overlooking San Pedro's beautiful ocean, mountain and harbor. Simple changes in your day-to-day life can reduce your environmental footprint and help protect the planet for future generations. Don't forget to bring your dog, which features a natural history exhibit, and educational adult and children's programs.

Emergency Preparedness

In California we experience natural disasters such as flooding. Is your family well prepared for these situations?

Talking about being prepared for disasters is fun and in fact can be a bit scary. Being well prepared can reduce fear and stress that accompany disaster. Emergency preparedness is at home or at work – and everyone needs to be for the unexpected. When disaster strikes, you'll be able to survive on your own. You'll have access to power, food, water, and communication.

Attend this free event with experts in this field about what you need. Learn about the kits in your home, workplace,

**Wildfest, the
Emergency
Preparedness Expo,
and Pathways to
Employment are
CANCELLED
due to the ongoing
coronavirus health
emergency.**

ment' Opportunity

The Council is proud to announce that, the Los Angeles City award and career guidance for youth April 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles Harbor in San Pedro. Organizations will provide valuable resources, internships and volunteer opportunities to assist our youth in being best prepared for life after high school.

The day provides workshops on topics such as creating an effective resume, interview skills, professional business etiquette, developing network relationships, and social media best practices.

Representatives from about 25 organizations will discuss specific career paths as well as employment, internship and volunteer prospects. In addition, youth have an opportunity to participate in practice interviews to develop confidence and hone their skills.

The free event includes lunch, backpack and notebook. Online registration is now live at nwsanpedro.org/pathways. Questions can be addressed to us via email at Board@NWSanPedro.org.

org.

The Northwest San Pedro
Boys & Girls Clubs

Pathways

Employment Preparation
for YOUTH Ages 16 to 24

Saturday April 18 8:30 to 3:30

Boys & Girls Club, 1200 S. Cabrillo Ave, San Pedro

A day of Workshops and Opportunities from over 25 Organizations
Interview Skills - Resume Writing - Networking - Business Etiquette - Internships

FREE Admission * Lunch * Backpack * Notebook



Testimonials from previous attendees

"Taught me new things I had no idea about"

"Very impactful and helpful"

"Gave me tips for my future career!"

"Great and informational"

"Grateful for this opportunity"

Parents, Don't let your student miss this opportunity!

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY
nwsanpedro.org/pathways

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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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NWSPNC Committees

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Recommends budget, reviews funding requests

BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS

Elections and bylaws matters

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Traffic and transportation, parks, community beautification, and other issues not covered by specific committees

PLANNING AND LAND USE

Planning and land use issues

PORT

Port-related issues

PUBLIC SAFETY

Community safety, emergency preparedness, and evacuation planning

SUSTAINABILITY

Environmental issues

YOUTH AND OUTREACH

Youth, education, and community engagement

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

Receive up-to-date information in Northwest San Pedro through our Email blasts. Sign up at nwsanpedro.org. And let us know what issues are of interest to you by emailing Board@nwsanpedro.org.

President's Corner

Neighborhood Councils

By Ray Regalado, President

Recently I was approached by a community member asking if I could sit with him so he could advise me of some of the initiatives important to the organization he was representing. I was appreciative of his desire to discuss issues important to our community of San Pedro. He finished his overview by expressing his gratitude of me listening and hoped our council would support the items he covered.

We then started a conversation regarding work his group was engaged in around the homeless issue. He stated this group was joined by various city representatives, community groups and individuals who were making decisions that concentrated on how our community is "handling" the issue of homelessness.

I asked why no neighborhood councils were part of this gathering? His response was, "This is an action group. If neighborhood councils wanted to be included in this group we should educate ourselves on the subject to be able to act on the issue." I was amazed at his response. Additionally, he stated, "Why do you think city leadership does not take the NCs serious?"

To say the least I was bothered by his comments. I reflected on the conversation over the next few days and found a pattern was in place as we conducted our business for stakeholders. City leaders and agencies would come to our meeting and bring news and announcements then leave. Maybe, on occasion, ask for the input on an item.

We, neighborhood councils, would be instructed to follow the rules in place, however, rarely are we included in the development of those rules. We are requested to follow instructions with limited information and when asked to help us understand why we are to obey the request we are given vague



Pathways to Employment Workshop Request for Professional Clothing

The upcoming April 18 Pathways to Employment Event will include a workshop on how to look professional on a budget. A selection of interview appropriate clothes will be available to try on and keep for the attending youth who will learn that good business etiquette includes dressing appropriately for each job site and interview.

If you have any "gently used" professional clothes, please drop off (Tuesday through Saturday) at the Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI), Berth 73, Suite 2, San Pedro (same building as Utro's Café). April 14 is the last day clothes will be accepted. For more information, please contact Alice Taylor at (310) 833-6055. Thank you!

Increased Penalties for Illegal Dumping

Dumping waste, materials, packaging, and equipment on the street, sidewalk, and alley or in a public bin is a crime. Fines range from \$200 to \$25,000 and/or jail time. The city is cracking down. Surveillance cameras have been installed throughout the city and undercover officers have been deployed in an effort to catch illegal dumping. If you witness illegal dumping please report it using the MyLA311 app.



or limited information that leaves more questions than answers.

Neighborhood councils are a body of engaged members instilled with the spirit of involvement. Each person approaches their duty differently, but the result is the same. We ask questions, process the information and come up with answers that encompass the collective thoughts of the body.

Isn't that what the NC concept promotes? Community engagement, so we can advise our community leaders? We may all apply this function differently, maybe not to the satisfaction of our intended audience, but we do the work in the spirit of making a difference. Citizen warriors of the political process. Civic engagement at its best.

For those who minimize the role of Neighborhood Councils, who think we are not worthy of participating in assisting local city leadership in determining community direction, perhaps, it is you that needs to be educated in what civic engagement is really all about. The collective determining the best direction for action.

Planning Update

San Pedro continues to be a choice location for developers. 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.

Work continues at Ponte Vista with the next phase being the construction of the recreation center for future residents. Landscaping the median strip on Western should also begin shortly.

Two new projects are proposed for North Gaffey. A self-storage facility has been proposed at 2115 North Gaffey currently Guadenti Landscaping. Guadenti has outgrown this facility and will be moving. The proposal is for a three-story, building with approximately 1,000 storage units of various sizes. There will be no outdoor storage of any kind. The front and side of the building will be landscaped and a sidewalk built along the front. The project is currently awaiting hearing by the city. For more information, go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/San-Pedro-PLUM-Deck-101619.pdf>.

The second project involves the 7-Eleven store at 1515 North Gaffey. They are proposing to tear down the existing building and replace it with a new building that would be located on the corner of Gaffey and Capitol with six gas pumps that would be on the DMV side of the property. This also will require a hearing by the zoning administrator. For more information, go to <http://nwsanpedro.org/seven-eleven-1515-n-gaffey/>.

Bids for use of the Navy's DFSP on North Gaffey were due last Friday, so we may soon have more information about the future of this property. In the meantime soil remediation work continues on the property.

Elsewhere, the port broke ground on the promenade and town-square at the end of Sixth Street, work that is necessary before the Public Market can be built. They plan to enter into an agreement in March with the Public Market scheduled to break ground in June.

The Port selected Bellweather Marine to develop the boatyard and the marina and will be soliciting bids for a new cruise terminal in the outer harbor. We anticipate that the staff recommendations regarding the Public Access Infrastructure Funds will be released February 28. There will then be a two-month period for review and comment. This will be an agenda item at the next planning committee meeting.

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, the third Wednesday of every month.

Congratulations to Our 2020 NPG Recipients

Each year our neighborhood council has the opportunity to award neighborhood purpose grants to support projects and organizations serving our community.

We are honored to announce that seven worthy organizations applied and were awarded such grants this year. Articles highlighting their programs and accomplishments are included in this issue.

Please take the time to read not only about their good works, but also about how our community can join their continued efforts to improve the quality of life for our neighborhoods through support and volunteerism. Congratulations to:

Assistance League of San Pedro – South Bay
Feed and Be Fed
International Bird Rescue
Kiwanis Literacy Club
Los Angeles Maritime Institute
Meals on Wheels
Palos Verdes Land Conservancy



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Treasurer Melanie Labrecque (right) presents checks to this year's neighborhood purpose grant recipients during the February 10 board meeting.

Assistance League of San Pedro South Bay

The Assistance League of San Pedro-South Bay's Operation School Bell program provides low-income, extremely low-income, and homeless kindergarten to 12th grade children with new, clean, and properly fitted school-appropriate clothing. Dressing appropriately for the climate and fitting in with peers makes school attendance easier for children who know their families lack resources. Because of their low-income or homeless status, these children often become vulnerable to teasing and bullying, in addition to being vulnerable to the weather.

Specially scheduled shopping days are conducted at partnering Target stores throughout the South Bay area. Target stores offer a broad range of affordable items that may be needed, including versatile clothes that layer well, outer garments for a range of weather, shoes and critically needed undergarments and socks, which are not available at thrift stores for reasons of hygiene.

The most powerful words showing the importance of this program come from the children themselves. Ms. Shirley Tyler, longtime volunteer and board member shared, "I attended seven shopping days last year. I have personally had children say to me, 'I'm so happy, now I won't be cold anymore' after selecting a heavy jacket. And, 'now my feet won't hurt' after adding shoes to their selection."

The awarded funds from the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council will provide 10 Northwest San Pedro students with \$100 each of new, clean, school-appropriate clothing at the next scheduled shopping day on March 4, 2020. For more information on this organization, go to sanpedrosouthbay.assistanceleague.org.

International Bird Rescue

International Bird Rescue's mission is to inspire people to act toward balance with the natural world by rescuing waterbirds in crisis. We dream of a world in which every person, every day, takes action to protect the natural home of wildlife and ourselves.

We are on the front lines of the global crisis facing sea- and shorebirds. We work to restore ocean and coastal ecosystems to their natural state through the rescue and rehabilitation of wild birds negatively impacted by human activity.

Our goals are to: minimize and mitigate human impact on wildlife, conserve biological diversity, and inspire environmental stewardship.

Millions of birds die every year due to urban wildlife conflicts such as injury from fishing (hooks, nets, and lines); human cruelty; illegal shootings; habitat disruption; starvation; pollution; and climate change-induced hazards including algae bloom toxicity.

Our two, specialty veterinary hospitals (one here in San Pedro serving southern California, the other serving the San Francisco Bay-Delta region) give second chances to approximately 4,000 local, native aquatic birds each year, and release them back into the wild. In doing so, we play an important role in maintaining healthy coastal ecosystems throughout Los Angeles County, and provides Northwest San Pedro residents with a solution for injured wildlife, at no cost to local residents.

We are grateful for the support of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council! Please visit our website at <https://www.bird-rescue.org/> for more information, or to join us.

Feed and Be Fed: The Green Revolution Gets Personal

In 1964, Canadian philosopher Marshall McLuhan declared that the "medium is the message" meaning that the way information is delivered colors and even determines how that information is received.

Feed and Be Fed relies on its urban farm in downtown San Pedro to eloquently deliver earth saving messages: locally grown food is healthier and has a small carbon footprint, holistic values can lead to agricultural practices that are sustainable, and food waste reduction can save carbon, space in landfills and, as compost, recharge the soil without relying on petroleum based fertilizers.

There are other benefits provided by our greenspace as it works its magic on the thousands of locals and out-of-town visitors who enter the garden each year. Planting, harvesting or just relaxing among the rows of kale, lettuce, tomatoes and onions, is a proven stress reliever. The opportunity to meet and share the experience with neighbors is a community building bonus.

Thanks to several neighborhood purpose grants, we are now on the verge of expanding our programs and influence. Central and Coastal San Pedro Council grants will allow us to expand our Little Sprouts program aimed at preschoolers and their caregivers and a grant from the Northwest Council means that our plan to cultivate and run a neighborhood compost program at the recently revived San Pedro Science Center will become a reality.

Please watch this newsletter for updates, or go to feedandbefed.org, or call (310) 408-3888 for more information.

Kiwanis Literacy Club

Since 2015, our mission and focus has been to unlock the power of reading for children everywhere. We do this through our Be A Book Hero program. This program is focused on getting books into the hands of children in low-income and underserved communities.

Whether through our custom book boxes and/or book distributions, we are unlocking the power of books for children. With our one-of-a-kind book boxes, we build them to inspire and each is filled with new books.

The book boxes are installed in locations throughout Southern California creating accessing books for children in these communities by bringing the books directly to them.

We work with community organizations to bring our Be A Book Hero Mobile Book Depot to events distributing free books to every child. The trailer theme is "Reading is a super power." Children walk through, take a book, then dress up as a Book Hero.

We are excited to partner with Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council and Kiwanis Literacy Club of South Bay to bring this program to your community.

To date The Literacy Club has installed over 140 book boxes and given away over 150,000 new books to children in our communities.

Our team never grows tired of seeing the excitement from children when they are gifted a brand-new book, sometimes it's their first new book or their only book they will have at home.

We believe that each of those moments creates a long-lasting positive impact for the children we serve.

For more information about The Literacy Club and our Be A Book Hero Program, go to theliteracyclub.org or email Jean Chadwick, jean@theliteracyclub.org.

IF YOU NEED TO CALL 911, BUT ARE SCARED TO BECAUSE OF SOMEONE IN THE ROOM, dial and ask for a pepperoni pizza. They will ask if you know you're calling 911. Say "yes" and continue pretending you're making an order. They'll ask if there's someone in the room. You can ask how long it will take for the pizza to get to you, and they will tell you how far away a patrol unit is. Share this to save a life! Dispatchers are trained to ask specific yes or no questions. Don't hang up!

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get MyLA311 app (info at
www.myla311.lacity.org)

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to City Hall **311**



NWSPNC 2020 Neighborhood Purpose Grant Recipients

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Los Angeles Maritime Institute

The Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering youth to discover their greater potential through extraordinary at-sea experiences aboard educational sailing vessels built to train and equip young people with 21st century leadership skills, and inspire maritime and STEM career paths.

LAMI takes youth from San Pedro and the port community at large out on traditionally designed “tall ships,” to engage them in a number of academic topics and useful skills in a real world situation, inspiring them to do better in school and expanding their personal horizons. Participants have to work together to raise the sails by hand, and then participate in activities like climbing in the rigging and driving the boat, as well as STEM or history lessons.

The core of what makes LAMI special is the ability of our programs to inspire passion and a genuine connection with the world and the environment. Discovering the microscopic world in samples taken right out of the ocean is particularly effective at accomplishing this connection, but conditions at sea make traditional microscopes challenging and limit sharing this experience.

With the generous support of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, LAMI will upgrade to electronic screen microscopes which will allow many more kids to participate and further enable them to learn collaboratively and share their exciting experiences together.

If you'd like to know more about LAMI's programs and mission, please visit www.lamitopsail.org or call us at (310) 833-6055.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy appreciates the support for the Third Grade Junior Naturalist Program and other educational programs for youth at the White Point Nature Education Center and Preserve. With the mission “to preserve land and restore habitat for the education and enjoyment of all” in the past 30 years the Conservancy has preserved over 1,600 acres including the 102-acre White Point Nature Preserve, restored native coastal sage scrub habitats and connected people to nature through an array of educational and outreach activities.

In Northwest San Pedro, the Conservancy has successfully provided nature-based educational experiences to Third Grade students for the past two decades. Keyed to California state science standards for environmental education the program reaches school children from 24 LA County schools a year including 5 elementary schools in San Pedro. Our program includes a series of four “hands-on” classroom sessions; culminating in a visit to a nearby natural area where students apply the lessons they've studied.

The Conservancy also provides programs for other grade levels and schools as well as mentors Gold & Eagle Scout candidates. Students have many opportunities to remain engaged through activities like Adopt-A-Plot, outdoor volunteer Team Leaders and film presentations. Students can also participate at the Conservancy's native plant nursery at the Defense Fuel Support Point in Northwest San Pedro—home to the last wild population of the Palos Verdes blue butterfly— which produces more than 23,000 native plants each year for Conservancy habitat restoration efforts and for other sites such as Friendship Park and Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

The Conservancy sends its heartfelt thanks to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council for your support!

Learn more about volunteer opportunities at our website: <https://pvplc.org/>.

San Pedro Meals on Wheels, Inc.

San Pedro Meals on Wheels is a 501c3 organization made up of exceptionally caring volunteers. Our purpose is to supply nourishing meals at a minimum cost to people who are unable to cook, drive, shop, leave their home for temporary or longer periods of time and for a variety of reasons such as a long term disability, chronic illness or recovering from a hospitalization.

For many of our clients the Meals on Wheels deliverer is the only person they come in contact with that day. Since 1972 we have delivered a sack lunch and a hot meal, mid day, five days a week, all year.

We are funded by donations and grants, and the current cost to those to whom we deliver is only \$7.50 a day. Food is purchased from wholesale suppliers and local markets, bringing fresh vegetables and USDA certified meat and poultry.

We have regular kitchen inspections, only receiving an “A” rating and we always provide high quality and healthy food. Meals are packaged immediately after being cooked and are delivered promptly to homes by volunteers using their own cars.

We recently spent over \$2,000 on repairs to our three door, industrial freezer and three door industrial refrigerator which are both decades old and in dire need of replacement. We are extremely thankful for your generous donation toward this purchase.

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sanpedromealsonwheels>.

If you know someone who needs our food services or if you want to volunteer, contact us Monday-Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon at <http://www.sanpedromealsonwheels.org/contact-us>.

See our inspirational video clip on our website: www.sanpedromealsonwheels.org.

Park Schedules

Bogdanovich Recreation Center

1920 Cumbre Drive, San Pedro / (310) 548-7590

<https://www.laparks.org/reccenter/martin-j-bogdanovich>

- For spring season, we are now taking registrations for coed baseball, ages 5-15, and girls' volleyball, ages 6-15. The fee for both sports is \$140 per child. Evaluation for baseball for ages 9 and up is on February 29. Evaluations for volleyball for ages 9 and up is on February 28. Registration ends before February 28. Season begins early March until May.
- Volunteer coaches are needed for all sports.
- Spring event will be on April 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be an egg hunt, candy, games and prizes.
- For summer season, we offer summer camp for kid's ages 5-12. We also will take registrations for summer basketball for kid's ages 5-15.

Peck Park Community Center

560 N. Western Avenue, San Pedro / (310) 548-7580

<https://www.laparks.org/reccenter/peck-community>

Peck Park Community Center will be offering the following programs in the spring:

CLASSES BEGIN APRIL 13

- Fit Forever (GPLA), girls ages 8-12, Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., \$10
- Fit Forever (GPLA), girls ages 13-15, Thursday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., \$10
- Fit Forever, teen and adult ages 16 and up, Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., \$25
- Mixed Martial Arts, ages 8-13, Monday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., \$25
- Mixed Martial Arts, ages 14-18, Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., \$25
- Chair Aerobics, ages: 50-plus, Friday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., \$10
- Tennis, ages, 6-adult, 10-week session, \$75

TAKING REGISTRATIONS NOW

- Softball (GPLA), girls ages 8-15, \$25
- Baseball, ages 4-15, \$130
- Spring Camp, ages 5-12, April 6-10, full week \$160, partial week (three days) \$110
- Summer Camp: information will be available April 20
- Please join us for our annual Spring Community Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 11, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.



Maritime Museum Reaches Out to Community During Waterfront Construction

The Los Angeles Maritime Museum will be closed for the next 18 or so months while major construction occurs around the building. San Pedro's new “Town Square” and waterfront promenade are in the preliminary stages of work which will involve tearing up the area in front of, and adjacent to, the building, rendering it inaccessible to visitors.

Typically, the museum gets about 50,000 visitors each year, many of whom are school kids or tourists from the cruise ships stopping at the Port of Los Angeles. Even though the building is closed to visitors, museum staff will continue to work there, maintaining the museum's website, planning future exhibits, digitizing the photo collection, participating in community events, and staffing the library, which will remain open to researchers.

During the closure, the museum will offer exhibits at offsite locations. Opening August 1 at the Banning Residence Museum will be an exhibit on the history of the Wilmington Transportation Company. On April 25, the museum's popular Lego shipbuilding contest will be held at the Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse. The event is free and lots of fun.

The museum's website offers online exhibits and many of the museum's thousands of photographs featuring historic views of the Los Angeles harbor. For more information, visit lamaritimemuseum.org or call (310) 548-7618.

