



BALBOA PENINSULA POINT POINTER

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A Message From The President

Hello everyone, Hope you all are doing well during this winter season.

We had a couple of guest speakers at last month's meeting. Bob Rush of the West Newport Beach Association spoke about the increasing number of rehab houses that are springing up in our neighborhoods. According to Mr. Rush there are around 100 to 125 of these in Newport. These rehab houses are not currently regulated by the city because they have only 6 people per unit and allow turnover every 90 days. There has been a committee formed to establish some rules and regulations to help protect our quality of life. We would like to support Mr. Rush and the committee in any way we can.



Sam Aiello

Dayna Pettit also spoke about Mansionization. There are some areas of Newport Beach that have a build-able square footage of 1.5 times their lot size. The Peninsula Point area has a ratio of 2.0 times lot size. This is a concern to some of our residences. Other areas of Newport Beach have had their building codes changed from 2.0 to 1.5. I would like to hear your thoughts on this issue either in an e-mail (saiello@sukut.com) or a quick note.

Ken Drellishak and I met with Councilman Henn the other day. We introduced him to the BPPA and expressed some of our concerns. We had a good meeting and I'm hopeful he will help us out with any issues we might have.

The City is going to send out a postcard vote on Parking Permits. Everyone needs to fill these out so the City will know how the majority of our residences stand on this issue.

The next BPPA meeting is March 8 at 7:00 pm at the Racquet Club. Send any items for the agenda to me at saiello@sukut.com and please attend the meeting.

See you around the neighborhood

Sam

-Sam Aiello
Vice-President

Proliferation of Alcohol & Drug Rehab Properties

Are you aware that there are 25 state licensed facilities and programs in Newport Beach and the majority of them are on the Balboa Peninsula? There are currently at least 3 licensed rehab facilities located within one block of Newport Elementary School. Several new facilities that are trying to be licensed to operate in our neighborhood; one of which would be less than 50 feet from a large existing licensed facility and another also one block away from the school.

While we would like to commend all the people that need help and are truly seeking help by attending such facilities, this over concentration of Alcohol & Drug residential care facilities in our immediate neighborhood is making an impact on and changing the atmosphere of our small residential, family community. We are not saying, "Not in our backyard." We are saying, "Too much in our backyard."

None of these companies, Sober Living by the Sea, Ocean Recovery, Newport Coast Recovery, or Beau Monde is operating as a non-profit. These businesses are profit making enterprises. Recovering residents of the facilities can pay from \$20,000 for a 90 day stay up to \$96,000. per month at Beau Monde. And they are marketing to attract their clientele. The first paragraph of Sober Living by the Sea's web site says, "Located in Newport Beach, one of the most beautiful beach communities in Southern California, Sober Living By the Sea is now one of the largest residential substance abuse treatment facilities in the United States."

Some of the licensed facilities allow individuals to reside in them in lieu of JAIL time. Proposition 36, approved in 2000, allows drug treatment instead of serving prison time for some offenders.

The city of Newport Beach currently has more than enough facilities to accommodate our local needs. If you share our concern for this issue this is how you may learn more and take action to curtail the expansion of these operations.

1) The Newport Beach Neighborhood Alliance has been formed to fight this issue. You can join the cause by registering your support at www.newbna.org or by mail: Newport Beach Neighborhood Alliance, P.O. Box 781, Newport Beach, CA 92661-0781

2) Write a letter to Kathryn Jett, Director of Alcohol & Drug Programs asking her for a moratorium on issuing any new licenses within the city of Newport Beach based on our current supply exceeding our local demand.

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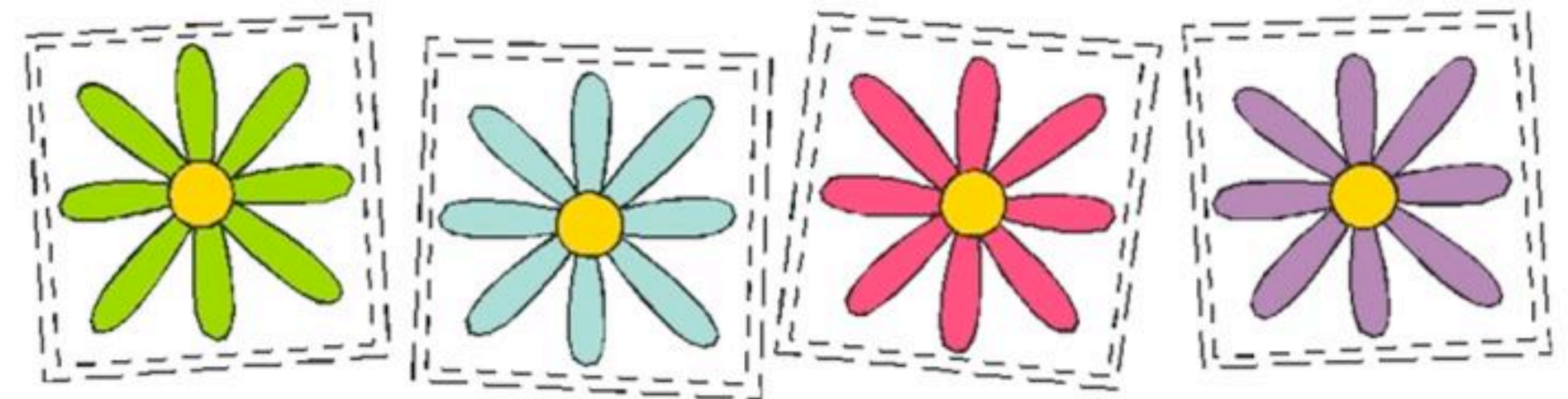
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3) Attend the upcoming public 'Town Hall' meeting regarding the controversial issues surrounding clean and sober living centers and other alcohol and drug recovery facilities in our community and to discuss possible solutions. This meeting is sponsored by State Senator Tom Harman, Assemblywoman Mimi Walters and will feature a panel discussion from Newport's Mayor Steven Rosansky, Newport's Attorney Robin Clauson, a representative from a clean and sober living home, and Consultant Tim Conaghan.

The meeting is on THURSDAY, February 22, 2007 6:00pm – 8:30pm

At the Newport Public Library 1000 Avocado Ave, Newport Beach CA 92660

For more information and to RSVP, please call 714-957-4555



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 7

10:00 AM

At the "L" Street Park

We appreciate any baked goods and/or refreshments

Cookies * Cupcakes * Brownies * Easter Treats

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Jabara @ 673-8673