



# BALBOA PENINSULA POINT POINTER

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## A Message From The President

In last month's "Pointer" I referred to "change and newness" relative to your Board and those two words can also describe Balboa Village. There is new construction on nearly every street leading to our Peninsula Point community. The City of Newport Beach alone will have expended and invested more than \$8,500,000. in improvements within the Village. This includes the Balboa Pier parking, decorative sidewalks, specimen palm trees on Palm Street, pavement, decorative plazas, the much needed installation of a hydrogen sulfide odor control system, etc. (not including the OSCA pump plant, reconstruction of the pier, restroom projects, etc.). All enhancements, in total, add to the ambience and material appearance of our attractive Balboa community. Next month Pete Palette will focus on the relocation of the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum and other property-use changes.



Dick Barker

Your Board forwarded to the City, by a signed resolution, the selection of the color for the streetlight standards. If the city's budget item next month is passed the standards will be painted by the city exactly the same color as Balboa Island, a gray concrete color with black flecks to resemble granite. I urge you to view them for yourself. This "granite look" will be a further enhancement to our community (from the faded green standards).

We should enjoy these few quiet days before the invasion by visitors beginning on Memorial Day. Memorial Day is not just about being with the family and barbecuing. It's a day to reflect, especially, since we have troops abroad in dangerous settings.

In 1868 Memorial Day (originally Decoration Day) was officially proclaimed by General J.A. Logan ... "as not about division; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all." Memorial Day programs always conclude with the playing of "Taps", and I will conclude with this humbling story on how "Taps" originated.

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**President's message continued...**

The Story of Taps - "Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps"... used every night on military bases and at military funerals was born.

The words are:

1. Day is done... Gone the sun... From the lakes... From the hills... From the sky... All is well... Safely rest... God is nigh...
2. Fading light... Dims the sight... And a star... Gems the sky... Gleaming bright... From afar... Drawing nigh... Falls the night...
3. Thanks and praise... For our days... Neath the sun... Neath the stars... Neath the sky... As we go... This we know... God is nigh ..."

( story: unknown source)

I only hope this brings added meaning to this holiday.  
God Bless America ...

*-Richard Barker*  
President

**City Council Activities**

The city is nearing completion of over two years of public outreach and planning relating to the City of Newport Beach General Plan. Planning Commission and City Council meetings on various aspects of the Updated General Plan have been conducted and will continue into June. You are urged to familiarize yourself with the "General Plan Update" and "General Plan 2006 Update Draft Environmental Impact Report", both of which can be found on the Newport Beach City website homepage under the NB100 Section. They are also available at Newport Beach Public Library. If you have concerns or comments, the city website has the name of the city staff contact point for the plan and dates when you can appear before the Planning Commission on the City Council. Please take this final public discussion period to get your inputs to this Newport Beach 20-year long range plan.

*-Ken Drellishak*  
City Council Liaison

**Membership**

June 1 is the deadline for getting your membership information in so you can be included in the directory. Don't miss out! Also, due to a slight mix-up we have not deposited the checks we've received - they will all be processed on June 1st.

**Summer Fun**

The Tuesday Night Barbecue at the Bay Beach kick-off is June 6 at 6:00 P.M. Please bring your own food and drinks. In addition, everyone is asked to bring a side dish (appetizer, salad, dessert, etc.) that would feed 8-10 people. The BPPA supplies the paper goods and condiments. We all share in the fun. Don't miss out on these great evenings.

**Movies on the Beach**

The Balboa Performing Arts Theater is hosting three evenings of Surf movies at the Balboa Pier. The first "Letting Go" starring Kelly Slater on June 29.

**4th of July Parade**

Planning is already underway for this year's spectacular parade. Contact Renee or Lisa if you want to help out.

*-Lorel Bonar*  
Membership

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Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Peninsula Point Racquet Club and are open to all BPPA members.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
JUNE 8, 2006**

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