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Balboa Island Parade & After Party

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Abbott



The BIIA has begun the year with the first quarterly all-Island meeting at the Fire Station with the purpose of discussing emergency procedures on Balboa Island. **Lee Pearl** led the meeting with speakers including **Mayor Joe Stapleton**, city council members,

and fire department officials as well as police and city officials all adding their expertise to the discussion. If you missed the meeting it is available to watch on YouTube. There's lots of exciting activities scheduled this year by the BIIA. We still have one remaining Classical Concert in this season's series on May 20 at 7pm held at St. John Vianney Church. Next season's Classical Concert Series begins on Tuesday, July 22 at 7pm, followed by another one on Tuesday, September 23 at 7pm. We thank **Penny Rodheim** for finding the excellent musicians for this series.

Jack Callahan, **Gail Vasterling** and the Parade Committee are already busy working on this year's parade, which will be held on Sunday, June 1st, with a theme of "Celebrating 30 years on Balboa Island - A Tribute to our First Responders". Is this timely or what? We are all still recovering from the tragedies of the devastating fires that have affected so many of our Southland neighbors. Our Parade will show our support and admiration for the dedication of our first responders.

The annual Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, at 8 am in the Park. **Chairman Scott Mehlberger** will again be in charge of this year's breakfast. This feast of a breakfast is free for BIIA members.

We have added one additional concert to the always popular Summer Concert in the Park series, so get your dancing shoes on and join us in the Balboa Island Park. The first concert is July 25th, with additional concerts every Friday in August at 6 pm. The annual Snow Day and Tree Lighting is Sunday, December 7, at 4pm in front of the fire station.

As you can see, your BIIA Board of Directors remains busy, providing lots of fun and entertaining events for you to enjoy on our Island paradise! These events require time, effort and money. Thanks to all who have worked year around to make these activities possible. If you are not already a BIIA member, please help us support these events by going to biia.org and signing up.

— Dan Abbott, President, BIIA

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Balboa Island Parade

Fire Station No. 4 Celebrating 30 years on Balboa Island
— A Tribute to Our First Responders”

After-Party concert featuring - “M Street Band”

Sunday, June 1st at 11:00am

by Gail Vasterling



Please join us this year in celebrating our Fire Station #4 opening, 30 years ago. Whether you are a participant or a spectator, we want to see all your “Island” spirit helping us thank our firefighters, police, paramedics, harbor patrol and lifeguards that keep us safe on Balboa Island. Wear your red, white, and blue, grab your beach chairs and come to the parade and stay for the party!

The parade is filled with Children on Bikes, Island Dogs, Decorated Golf Carts and Floats, Horses, Decorated Cars, Keystone Cops, Drill Teams, USC Marching Band, School Bands, Local Dignitaries and much more! It begins on the Balboa Island Bridge and continues down Marine Avenue. The After-Party concert starts immediately following the parade in front of the Fire Station.

If you would like to be a participant in the parade you may register online at biia.org, click EVENTS, click PARADE, or pick up parade registration entry forms at the following Balboa Island merchants, Irvine Ranch Market and Wilma’s. Registration closes on May 16th. To **volunteer** or help **sponsor** the parade also visit our website at biia.org.

**Registration is now open to be
in the Parade.**

The bridge closes at 10:45 am, so get here early!





Welcome!

To the 30th Balboa Island Parade!

by NB Fire Chief Jeff Boyles

GRAND MARSHAL MESSAGE



It's an honor to serve as this year's Grand Marshal and celebrate our incredible community together. As we enjoy the festivities, it's also a great time to reflect on our local history. Nearly 30 years ago, the Balboa Island Fire Station (Station Four) relocated from its longtime home on Marine Avenue to a modern facility at the opposite end of the street.

For over 75 years, Station Four was a cornerstone of fire protection on the island, evolving from a small garage in 1927 to a dedicated station built in 1931. Staffed by paid-call firefighters and even volunteer high school students in its early years, the station played a crucial role in safeguarding the island.

Though the original building gained historical landmark status, its fire engines did not survive. However, a beautifully restored 1920 American LaFrance engine now stands as a tribute to Newport Beach's rich firefighting history. Today, we celebrate both our vibrant community and the legacy of those who have protected it for generations. **Enjoy the parade!**



Original Balboa Island NB Fire Station #4 & NB Police Sub-Station #2 (Circa 1931)



Present day Balboa Island Fire Station No. 4



Fully Restored 1920 American LaFrance Engine housed in Station No. 4

BALBOA ISLAND TO IMPLEMENT DAILY STREET SWEEPING STARTING JUNE 1ST

by Ken Yonkers



In an unexpected move that is sure to sweep islanders off their feet, the Newport Beach City Council has announced that street sweeping will now occur daily, Monday through Saturday, starting this June.

The California Coastal Commission (CCC) has been monitoring and measuring waste going to the harbor. They have determined too much waste and debris is entering our waterways. They have mandated more frequent street sweeping and threatened Newport Beach with hefty fines. To help ameliorate the situation, the City has mandated street sweeping every day except Sundays.

The current street sweeping schedule, which takes place once a week, will be replaced by a rigorous daily sweeping. Beginning June 1st, residents and visitors alike will be required to move their vehicles for street sweeping every weekday morning between 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the east side of the street. Then in the afternoons, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m., the west side will be clear for street sweeping. The sweeping will occur regardless of weather conditions.

“Our hands are tied on this one,” said **Mayor Joe Staplegun**. “The CCC is a powerful commission.” “We’re viewing this as a potential win-win. The streets and waterways will be clean and it could be a nice fundraiser for the City.”

The City’s newly mandated street sweeping initiative was approved by a unanimous vote from the California Coastal Commission. If the City does not reduce waste entering the waterways, it will face a staggering fine of \$500,000 per month.

To ensure compliance, the fine for failing to move a car has been tripled from \$70 to \$210 per violation. Additionally, repeat offenders may be required to perform community service, including personally serving on an auxiliary street vacuuming crew. Special reflective, orange safety vests will be provided for these crews.

“I understand the desire for cleanliness, but this is going to be a huge headache,” said Island resident **Millie Vanilli**. “I work from home, and I’m already juggling a million things. Now, I have to remember to move my car, possibly twice, every day? This is a lot.”

Other residents have expressed concerns over the lack of parking on busy summer days and Saturdays. To address parking shortages, the City is encouraging residents to make better use of their garages. “We know that many garages on Balboa Island have been converted into home gyms, work areas, and ‘man caves.’ We anticipate many residents clearing out their garages so they can finally park their cars in them,” Mayor Staplegun noted.

For those without a garage or access to off-street parking, the City Council suggests “embracing a more nomadic lifestyle” and driving around town for a few hours a day, or relocating their cars to Bayside Drive, or taking a scenic ferry ride.

Councilmember Noah Bloom attempted to soften the blow by negotiating with local restaurants: “If anyone gets a ticket, just bring a copy of it to any Island restaurant for a 5% discount on your meal.” We’re calling this the ‘Sweeper’s Special’, Bloom continued.

To help offset the increased costs of street sweeping, the City has invested in 20 outdoor Roomba-style vacuums, nicknamed “The Island Sweepers.” These autonomous devices will work alongside traditional street sweepers, ensuring even the smallest debris items are eradicated.

If the Roomba-style vacuums prove effective, the City has hinted at assisting parking enforcement officers by adding AI-powered drones that will scan license plates and issue tickets electronically and by mail.

While some residents hope this is the peak of the City’s street-cleaning ambitions, sources within the council suggest even more stringent measures could be on the horizon. Early discussions include implementing 24-hour rolling street sweeping and requiring residents to personally wash the roads in front of their homes with biodegradable soap every Sunday.

Editor’s note: This article was intended to be read on April 1st

The Path to Island Life

by Bridge Staff

For **Clint, Kristen, Camryn, Colette, and Cash Burns**, Balboa Island had always been a special place. Over the years, they frequently visited for staycations, dinners, and beach outings. But when the pandemic hit, their connection to the island deepened, as they found themselves making the trip three to five times a week. Then, one day, they had a realization: *Why not just live here?* With that decision, they committed to a major life change. They prepared to sell their Yorba Linda, California home of 17 years, downsizing their belongings and embracing a new chapter on the island. At the time, Camryn and Colette were away at college, focused on finishing their studies, while Cash was home, completing his 7th-grade year online due to the pandemic. In December 2020, the Burns family moved into a vacation rental on Topaz Avenue, intending to stay for just three months while searching for their dream home. However, securing the perfect home on Balboa Island often feels like a mix of patience, luck, and perfect timing. In the meantime, they quickly fell in love with island life and became part of the close-knit community.

During their time on Topaz Avenue, Clint found a unique way to connect with his new neighbors by adopting Topaz Beach. On weekends, he would head out with his rake in hand, helping to clear the beach of seaweed and debris. It was during these early morning clean-ups that he met fellow rakers **Larry Friday** and **John Vallely**, along with many other island residents who would stop to chat. This simple routine became an unexpected and rewarding part of his island experience, solidifying friendships and deepening his appreciation for the community. While their days on Topaz were filled with new friendships, their home search proved more challenging. They extended their rental for another three months, hoping to find the right house.

Finally, they found a home on Apolena Avenue that fit their vision, entered escrow, and began planning their future. However, as luck would have it, their journey wasn't quite that simple. With their rental already booked for the summer, they had to find another temporary place to stay. They secured a back unit on Agate

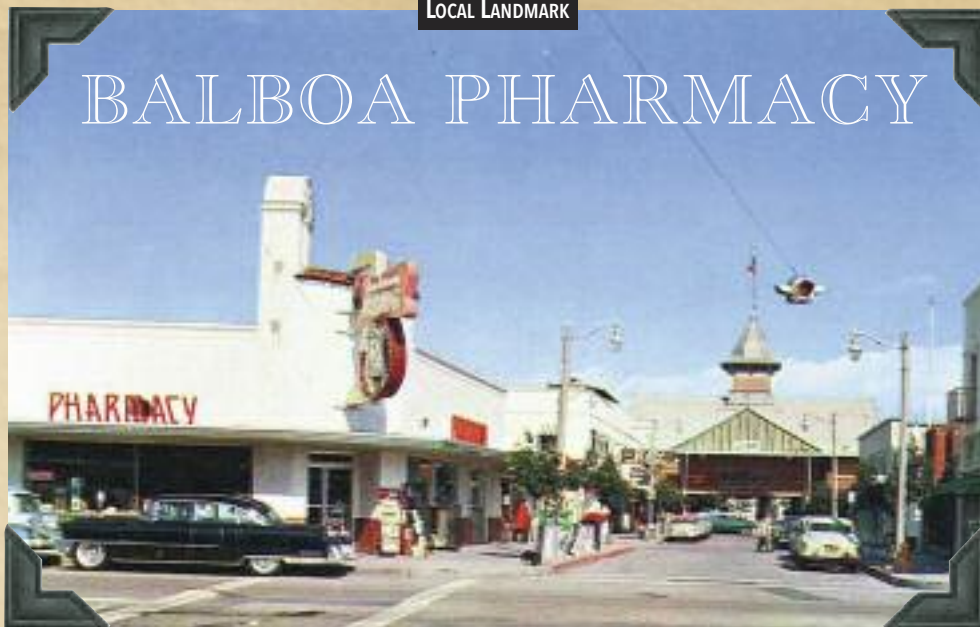
Avenue, but there was a 10-day gap before it became available. With summer in full swing and limited housing options, they packed their bags once again and checked into the Hyatt for those in-between days. Once they closed on their Apolena Avenue home, they faced another big decision: renovate or rebuild? After much consideration, they decided on a full rebuild to create their ideal island home. They brought in architect **Ian Harrison** and partnered with **Dennis Vitarelli Construction** to bring their vision to life. But with construction on the horizon, they needed yet another place to live. A fortunate opportunity came when a home on Little Island became available on Balboa Avenue, providing them with a stable residence during the lengthy permitting and construction process. What was supposed to be a temporary stay turned into two and a half years, as they patiently navigated the many steps of building their dream home.



Clint & Kristen Burns

Burns' Style

Throughout their time on Little Island, the Burns family continued to immerse themselves in island life. Whether it was morning walks around the island, neighborhood gatherings, or taking in the sunsets, they cherished the experience of living in different parts of the island. Each move introduced them to new friends and new perspectives on the island. Finally, in May 2024, after years of moving, waiting, and dreaming, the Burns family moved into their newly completed home. The journey wasn't always easy, but looking back, they wouldn't change a thing. "Moving so many times around the island wasn't easy, but we are grateful for the experience. It allowed us to meet so many wonderful people and truly feel like part of the Balboa Island community," they shared. Now, as they settle into their forever home, the Burns family looks forward to creating new memories, giving back to the community, and fully embracing island life right where they belong.



Courtesy of the Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach

100 YEARS ON THE PENINSULA

Coca-Cola, J.C. Penney, Harley-Davidson, Kellogg's, Colgate, Macy's, and Balboa Pharmacy. What do these businesses have in common? They are all over 100 years old!

On June 1, 1924, the ad (below) appeared in the *Anaheim Bulletin*, announcing the grand opening of Balboa Pharmacy No. 2. (Eastlack had another pharmacy that opened in 1923, but this location was closed.) Not only has the name never changed, but neither have the attributes that are essential to keep a business open for over 100 years.



Anaheim Bulletin (Anaheim, California) Sun, Jun 1, 1924 Page 16

These qualities start with the core values of a business, and in the case of Balboa Pharmacy, those values have remained the same. They include delivering excellent service to the community, taking good care of the employees, and continuing to learn new things and stay on top of new technologies.



The Register (Santa Ana, California) Thu, Sep 8, 1927 Page 21

Through the years, Balboa Pharmacy has been a beacon in the neighborhood, providing outstanding services as a pharmacy and store. Even King C. Gillette, the "Razor King," bought his razors at Balboa Pharmacy!

"Celebrating a century of service, we're excited for the future and grateful for the past," says Balboa Pharmacy manager Kim Dengerly. "Our heartfelt thanks to our loyal customers and dedicated staff for making this milestone possible. We're honored to have served our community for over a century and look forward to continuing this journey together."

The history of this iconic establishment is on display in the pharmacy, so be sure to stop by and learn more about its incredible and enduring past. And while you're there, do some shopping, too!

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A Long-Awaited Homecoming

by Bridge Staff



*Polina Dvorkin, Moose, Spencer, Marisa, Tom Neal
(a.k.a. Topaz Tom, by Island residents)*

After living in Dover Shores for 27 years, moving to Balboa Island was always the dream for **Tom** and **Marisa Neal**, given their deep family roots on the island. Tom's great-grandfather was one of the original owners of a house on Turquoise Avenue, and would frequently treat his island dental patients in his garage. His grandmother lived on Abalone Avenue for over 47 years. Tom not only grew up on the island, but so did his parents, both of whom are now 86 years old. So, when Tom and Marisa recently completed building their home on Topaz Avenue, it was the culmination of a lifelong connection to this special place — essentially a long-awaited homecoming. Tom and Marisa first met at USC, both graduates of the Marshall School of Business, class of 1989. Tom was a member of Phi Delta Theta, while Marisa was involved with Alpha Phi. The family owns Santa Monica Seafood, a supplier of seafood to restaurants and grocery stores. For them, it was simply a matter of living long enough to settle into this final chapter.

This new chapter brings with it the unique social community, island culture, beach life, and yes, plenty of golf cart rides that make life on Balboa Island so special.

They chose Balboa Island for its unique and special lifestyle. This historic island offers a vibrant community and a peaceful, charming environment that feels both timeless and contemporary. Surrounded by scenic views, friendly neighbors, and a close-knit atmosphere, Balboa Island provides the perfect backdrop for them to enjoy the next chapter of our lives. The combination of rich history and relaxed coastal living makes it the ideal place to settle in and create lasting memories. We look forward to living here and being part of this extraordinary island community.

Having now lived in their new construction home for five months, they've had the privilege of getting to know so many wonderful residents in such a short period of time. "It truly speaks to the humble, inviting, and welcoming nature of the people here on the island", Tom said. "Everyone has been so kind and hospitable." They feel incredibly fortunate to have already met so many lifelong friends. They are deeply appreciative and thankful for the blessing of being part of this unique and special place they now call Paradise.

Tom is excited to share that he's recently become a BIIA Board member. "It's a fantastic opportunity to be involved in such a great community organization. I've come to realize just how dedicated the BIIA is in providing support for activities, events, and outreach programs that benefit both the community and visitors. The annual Parade, Christmas Tree Lighting & Snow Day, Home Tour, Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast, and those incredible weekly Friday Summer Concerts in the Park are just a few examples of the amazing things this group of volunteers makes possible.

What a life we all get to live here, and we are so happy to have become a part of this incredible Balboa Island community."

When out and about, Please don't hesitate in saying hi, to our Family Tom, Marisa, Spencer, Polina (Son's girlfriend), and sons dog, Moose!!

Happy Easter!

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Parade After-Party



B I I A M E M B E R S H I P

by Larry Kallestad



The first quarter of the year has already passed, so the activities the Balboa Island Improvement Association does for the community are well underway and ramping up toward the summer, with the Parade being less than two months away. The Parade doesn't just happen. It takes a great deal of planning and financial outlay to bring this delightful extravaganza to fruition on June 1st.

It is not only the Parade that utilizes significant financial resources coming from the BIIA coffers. The mid-summer concerts at the Park on the Island are fully paid for by the Association. The overflow attendance to them bespeaks how popular they are. Those two summer events are paid for almost entirely with the funds secured when those in the Island community donate toward Membership in the Association. I want to thank all of you who continue to support the BIIA every year by rejoining at the various levels to underwrite the various projects we do to make the Island the great place it is year after year. But I also would invite those of you who are new to the Island to join and support these, and the other activities throughout the year. Almost every home and business receives the quarterly Island Bridge Newsletter delivered to their door. You can read about what is happening and what will be on our agenda in keeping you informed.

I want to encourage those of you who have not taken the time to re-join this year, to grab the envelope in this

edition of the Bridge and do it. Or go to BIIA.org and do it there. I am not purposely leaving out those of you that haven't been members before. You can join now too.

You all know you enjoy what we do for this wonderful place.

Support it by joining at whichever level you are comfortable with and also see if volunteering to make things happen is something you would like to do. It is personally satisfying to see your efforts make things come out the best they can be.

We are on a calendar year membership which is why we invite you to start joining in November. It drives our Treasurer crazy because the funds are for 2025 memberships but are coming in in 2024. Which pile should they go in? Not my problem. The number of Memberships generated for 2025 as of March 6th, which is the date the publisher of the Island Bridge Newsletter, Jon Remy, forced me to submit the total so he could get them in this Island Bridge, is 494. The funds generated so far are \$100,592.00.

I want to thank all of you who have joined and continue to support our "Not for Profit" Association of members and volunteers, that continue to make our Island the unparalleled place you could ever find to live or visit.

— *Larry*

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THANK YOU!



MUSEUM TO RAFFLE OFF THE LAST BUOY

You've seen them all over the Island as a door stop, yard art, or just as patio decor. If you wondered where they came from, here's the scoop. The buoys were the idea of ex-shop teacher, **Doug Sloan**. Over the last two years Doug and Island friend **Walter Howard** have produced over 200 buoys of various sizes. But all good things must come to an end, and in October they had to shut down their shop.

The last buoy will be raffled off at the Balboa Island Museum. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the Museum now.

The drawing will be held on Monday, May 5, and all the proceeds will be donated to the Museum by Doug and Walter. You do not need to be present to win.

The lucky winner will have a piece of Balboa history!



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For general questions, suggestions or to volunteer, please call: BIIA President, **Dan Abbott** (949-633-5715)

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