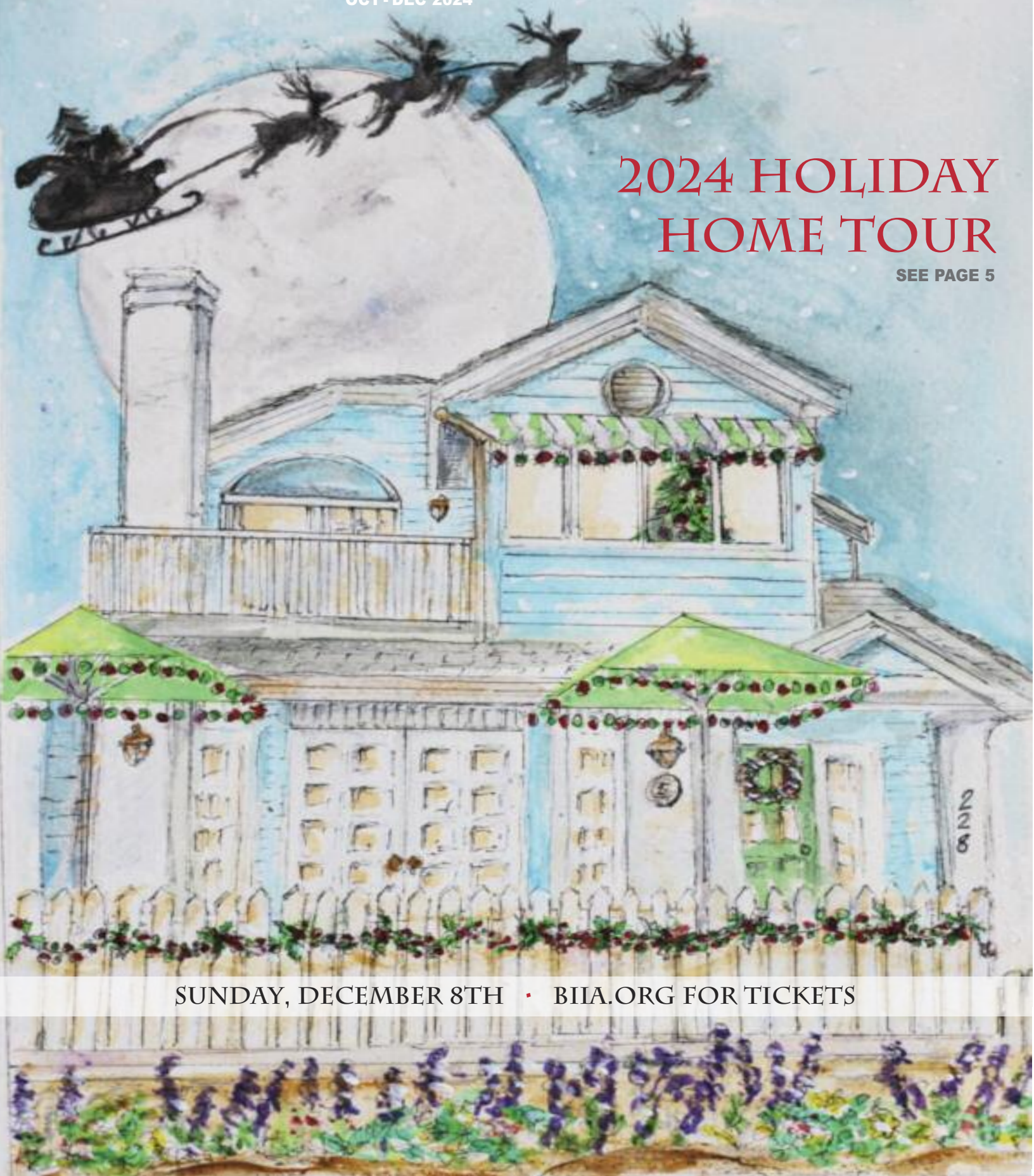


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Abbott



As the summer mercifully comes to a scorching end, we are all seeking a spot of air conditioning to get some relief. During this year your Board of Directors has been scorching hot in working for the general improvement of our Island lives.

We are working on multiple issues, including increasing awareness of what the BIIA actually does for us all, working with the City to address bicycle safety, developing mechanisms to promote leadership continuity, acting on emergency response through the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program, developing technology to streamline multiple BIIA internal tasks (billing, membership, record keeping, etc.)

Of course, we continue to put on the best local parade in the nation, each year surpassing previous attendance records. Our **Classical Concerts** in St. Vianney Chapel and the **Summer Concerts in the Park** are wildly popular. Our annual free **Pancake Breakfast** provides even more opportunity for Islanders to get together. December is especially busy with our well-attended **Holiday Home Tour**, the **Christmas Tree Lighting and Snow Day**. The list goes on.

Most importantly, if any of these or other relevant issues interests you, please go to BIIA.org and become a member. If you are interested in becoming more active, please contact me or any Board member and make us aware of your further interest.

In accordance with the BIIA Bylaws, a nominating committee composed of long-serving Board members met recently to present a slate of nominees to replace and to potentially re-elect current Board members for a two year term beginning January 1, 2025. This slate will be sent to the current Directors for a vote. Then, a special meeting of the membership will be called to make the final vote on the composition of next year's Board of Directors. Watch for the notice of the meeting in Constant Contact.

Have a safe and enjoyable start of Fall and end of 2024, and don't forget to enjoy the beautiful, fresh flowers on the bridge.



BIIA Summer Concerts in the Park were a huge hit once again, we can only create these great events with your continued support, please join the BIIA today!



The 26th Annual Holiday Home Tour is December 8th, go to BIIA.ORG for tickets!



Santa, Snow Day, Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 1st!



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by Cynthia Shafer
President, Balboa Island Merchant's Association

Fall is in the air, and we on Marine watch as our crowds switch from summer tourists to our locals coming back to everyday life. People always ask me how to help support Marine and keep and attract good merchants here. It is simple, support these shops and restaurants and the people who own them and they will be here when you need them. I was recently reminded how lucky we are to have all these gems and the people who own them.

In the last few weeks alone, due to events at **The Royal Hen**, I needed last minute items to decorate or complete events. We have bought ice from **Irvine Ranch Market** more often than I'd like to admit, called Tiffany at the **Balboa Island Museum** for cups for a party and to borrow chairs. Ran into **Pearls** and **Just Basics** for a shirt and table runner for a customer's birthday party. Liz at **Blue Atlas** went above and beyond to look for cups for a Wedding Rehearsal dinner and Diane from **Crush** provided me with some gorgeous decor and candles and even printed menus for me when my printer broke.

I found an awesome Newport Beach pillow from Shirley at **Shirley's Heart** for our outside fire pit table. Kelly at **Blue Canoe** searched for just the right lamp shades and pillows for me. And I have had amazing conversations with Ray at **Accent Interior** while finding the perfect mirror at his store. This has all been fueled by Green Mango iced tea from **Huskin's** on my many times walking by. I have had Lisa from **Huse Skelly Gallery** hang gorgeous paintings to spruce up The Hen for a party and I have stopped by **Coldwell Banker's** office to discuss the Marine rental market with Georgie Fenton many times. Sherry was happy to get a group of five in for me at on a busy day as well. And locals have been happy to donate for Reindeers again at this year's holiday event. I even came home from a wedding and found a Hippo cookie from **Dad's** as the only item in my purse. We are a community, and as we live and shop this holiday season please stop in and say hello to and support your local shop owners who do so much to make this community even better.

UPDATE

by Lee Pearl



PARK AVENUE MURAL

The installation has begun on the stunning 10 feet high by 56 feet long Mosaic mural made up of 337,963 half inch square brightly colored glass tiles that will bring this project to a reality.

The much-anticipated unveiling will be late October. Visit our website parkavenuemural.com to learn more about the project where you can read QR codes that will be below each of the seven art panels.

A heartfelt thank you to our 240+ generous donors whose contributions have made this project possible.

Please review the draft of the donor list that has been posted on the website and the wall on the side of Irvine Ranch Market to make sure your name is correct.

There is still time to be a part of this lasting legacy—consider adding your name or honoring a loved one on the donor plaque! For more information, please reach out to:

Lee Pearl, smartpearl1@hotmail.com
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Let's celebrate this community milestone together!

BALBOA ISLAND

26TH

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

2024

The Balboa Island Holiday Home Walking Tour, our annual event presented by the Balboa Island Improvement Association, returns on Sunday, December 8th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This year we are celebrating 26 years and this event marks the perfect start to your holiday season on our picturesque island, occurring on the second Sunday in December. Explore eight beautifully decorated bay-front, island homes and cottages at your own pace, all surely to spark holiday cheer!

Tickets are \$40.00 online at **biia.org**. They also will be available for purchase November 1st at the following Balboa Island stores: **Crush Clothing** and **Sunny Days** both located on Marine Avenue. Off Island tickets can be purchased at **Bliss Home Design** on Pacific Coast Highway in CDM, **Blue Springs Home** on 17th Street in Costa Mesa and **Seaside Gallery & Goods** on Tustin Avenue in Newport Beach.

Will Call Tickets will be available to purchase and pick up at the Balboa Island Fire Station located at 124 Marine Avenue from 9:30am until 1:00pm on the day of the Home Tour. You may also purchase tickets from 10:00am until 1:00pm.

Be sure to visit all our shops on Marine and Agate Avenues for your holiday shopping and refreshments! Again, this year the Holiday Market will return to the Royal Hen on Marine Avenue from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

To be a Home Tour Sponsor please visit our website at biia.org. To be a Docent please call 626-862-0471.



Sunday, December 8th

11:00am-4:00pm

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at 9:30am on the morning of the Home Tour.

Balboa Island Biz Buzz



Welcome Maysa Tran:
An interview with the owner
of The Golden Rabbit by
Georgie Fenton.

G: Maysa, everyone is so excited to have you and the Golden Rabbit on Balboa Island. So how did you decide to come here and open a restaurant?

M: Eight years ago my husband, Khe and I started walking around Balboa Island to relieve the stress. And every time after the walk, I felt like I want to have some snack. But as you know the Island only has big restaurants, and we don't want a whole meal, we just want good snack. We couldn't find anything similar like that. It was one day when we walked by and he saw the toy store. They were closing and leasing the space. So I asked my husband and I was just joking, why don't we open something like that, something fun with Asian food. And he looked at me and said why not. One day we will.

G: Tell me about the history of the Golden Rabbit.



M: I owned a restaurant before in Vietnam, but not in America. I was a pharmacist before. My parents wanted this for me but when I finished school to do that, I decide I did not want to work with medicine. What I found is I love cooking and serving people. So I started cooking for my family and for my friends. So every single event, I ask if I can cook for it. It is just something that I love to do. And then every single time I cook for people and I see them enjoy my food, I'm very happy. That's why I decided that my dream was one day I will own a restaurant.

G: So what about the menu? It seems like it started small but now it's evolving over time and you're offering new things all the time?

M: Yes, instead of everything all at once, I start with a very small menu with six items. The reason is I wanted all the food, every plate to come out of my kitchen has to be right and done right. That's why we take the time and are slowing working on every dish. Since June when we opened with 6 items now my new menu is up to almost 16 items. We hope that every item is really strong, with flavor, really tasty. I do put my heart in to it.

I have a very good friend since I decided to come to this space and met Georgie Fenton and she's great and I couldn't be here without her help and I have a lot of good friends on the Island since the day we opened. I treat everyone like my family, my friends and then they feel that the respect and then the nice thing that I give them that's why they treat me like family and friends.

G: The nice service and the good food yes.

M: We hope to provide good food, nice service and friendly atmosphere. I'm open to conversation with customers like a friend, instead of a someone that just comes in orders and leaves.



Come visit Maysa at 217 Marine Avenue

G: I know you have been on social media and also sent out some mailings to the community. Everyone seems to be very excited to have you here. And I think you have made some friends along the way.

M: When I moved to America, I just decided to open my own place and serve small plates with good food to good people. Thank you!



IT'S TIME TO ORGANIZE OUR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM ("CERT")

by Kristine Taft



All this may seem difficult to think about when times are great. But, circumstances change and we need to be ready!

We are looking for Block Captains to volunteer their time to add valuable teamwork for our Island(s) for CERT. This involves attending the CERT training sessions as well.

The Fall Class Schedule commences as follows:

October 2024

Tuesday Oct. 15 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Thursday Oct. 17 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday Oct. 19 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Tuesday Oct. 22 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Thursday Oct. 24 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

The CERT Program is being revamped under the direction of the new Coordinator for Newport Beach Fire Department, **David Gibson** and myself as Captain for Balboa Island.. **CERT IS ALL ABOUT A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**, and I want to leverage this to raise awareness and build awareness to build a more resilient community. Success will come through partnership and collaboration amongst our neighbors.

We have special challenges on our beautiful islands. For example, many residents are not "in residence" full time. Also, we have limited access to our island from outside resources. This means a lot of our emergency response needs to be local to our island blocks. Also, for example, if a "triage" area is required, we need to have a plan to provide it, and it needs to be mobile, because emergencies can leave only certain areas accessible.

**"Always plan ahead.
It wasn't raining when
Noah built the ark."**

— *Richard Cushing*



I encourage all residents to get involved, get trained in this incomparable safety program. If you are interested in signing up for a session you can do so through the nbcert@mbfd.net website or, please feel free to contact me email: ktaft1018@yahoo.com

Balboa Island Museum Exhibit



On September 13th, a 130-foot-long gallery exhibition tracing the 100 plus year history of Newport Beach was unveiled mounted on a long corridor wall in Terminal C at John Wayne Airport, Orange County. Created by Balboa Island Museum (BIM) Executive Director **Tiffany Pepys Hoey** and her staff of historian-archivists, the exhibit will run through the 2024 holiday season, closing January 27, 2025.

Heather Bowling, curator for John Wayne Airport, Orange County has worked with Hoey and staff for more than a year to bring this project to the public. Previous to joining the Arts Program at John Wayne Airport, Bowling was director and curator at Brea Gallery. Her passion is “to make art accessible to all creating inviting, engaging experiences for visitors of all backgrounds.”

The Balboa Island Museum Exhibit will take the public on a century long journey through much of the history of coastal Orange County. Scenes on display will be the Balboa Island Ferry, Boy Scout Jamboree, Marine Avenue shops, kids at the museum, the Irvine Family, along with so many other contributors to Orange County culture including many important citizens whose deeds made an impact on life at the beach. The museum exhibit follows two recent curated exhibitions by Bowling; “No Touching”, and “Endless Summer”, both at John Wayne Airport.

Art at the airport is overseen by the John Wayne Airport Arts Commission comprised of five board members appointed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. They represent various districts and are led by Ms. **Kim Le**, chair (3rd

Opens at John Wayne Airport

John Wayne Airport, Orange County, showcases the history of Newport Beach in a massive gallery display in the terminal curated by Balboa Island Museum



District). Others include **Victor Payan** (2nd District), **Christine Hernandez** (1st District), **Susan Petrolla** (4th District), and **Mary Christine Surgailla** (5th District). Bowling added, "We are currently focusing on re-imagining the Arts Program at the airport. We will endeavor to provide opportunities for emerging and marginalized artists."



The Balboa Island Museum exhibit offers an often nostalgic and emotional glimpse into both the glory and the growth of coastal Orange County along with its challenges over the development of one of American's most recognized

communities. Hoey and her team have curated the photo gallery and editorial copy placed in black frames lining the 130-foot wall in the terminal for thousands of travelers to examine. Since its inception some 10 years ago, Balboa

Island Museum has welcomed some 350,000 visitors through its doors at 210 Marine Avenue, free to the public, on iconic Balboa Island. Many of the visitors have come by way of arrival at John Wayne Airport, Orange County.



To learn more about the Balboa Island Museum, please visit balboaislandmuseum.org



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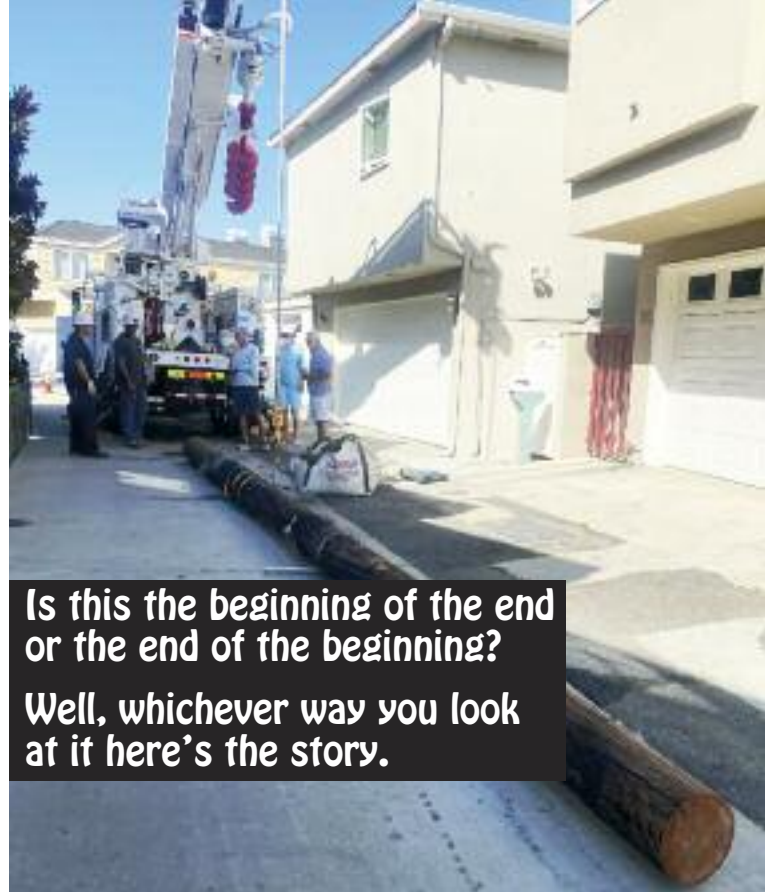
by Terry Janssen

In late 2009 I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Balboa Island Improvement Association. At one of the first Board Meetings two gentlemen, **Jack Northrop** and **Bill Willis**, attended our meeting and pitched the idea of establishing an Underground Utility District on the West End of the big Island (200+ homes). As low man on the totem poll I was invited to co-chair a committee to determine if this effort was even possible. The first step was to set up a meeting with the City to explain the concept. We were not well received because only a few years prior, the City had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars designing an all Island underground district that failed by only a few votes. **Ryan Gunderson** joined our committee and we began working on a realistic plan to obtain a positive vote for underground utilities. Shortly after that, the City warmed up to the idea and we were off and running with **Mike Sinacori**, Assistant City Engineer helping us. **Lee Pearl**, who was a new Island homeowner back then, and **Jim Kelly**, retired Senior Vice President with Southern California Edison joined the Committee.

I stepped down as co-chair, because my homes were not in the New West end District, and handed the reins to **Bill Willis**, retired Southern California Edison Engineer. Bill formed a team on the West End to lead the charge. The effort won by a landslide with well over sixty percent of the residents voting YES for underground utilities for the 200+ homes, with very little opposition.

Fast forward to the present. The poles on the West End are down. Soon the contractor will begin replacing the alleys with new concrete the West End alleys will look like the alleys on the Little Island that the residents have enjoyed for years.

So what about the rest of the Island. I'm told that the project is over half finished. I'm sure we'll get a complete update from Co-Chairs **Sue** and **Lee Pearl** soon.



Is this the beginning of the end or the end of the beginning?

Well, whichever way you look at it here's the story.

Just think, if it wasn't for the opposition of a small group of residents, the whole Big Island would have been underground about five years ago and mostly paid off at about half the cost. It only took fourteen years to see this end...Just like fine wine, it takes time.

Terry Janssen
BIIA President, Retired



Bill Willis, Terry Janssen, Lee Pearl

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

by Larry Kallestad



Yay Cinde!

Earlier this summer, Cinde Darnell of Phoenix (right) was walking over the bridge while Larry & Pam Kallestad with Larry Friday were mounting the bridge flags. Noticing that Larry Friday had a bad arm, she asked if she could help. Cinde spent a good part of her day helping these complete strangers out. Thank you Cinde for your act of kindness!

owners/employees, or visitors, the many pleasurable functions the BIIA presents to us all to enjoy.

For the last couple of years, summertime in August has included Concerts in the Balboa Island Park on Agate near the Ferry. Again, put on free of charge by the Balboa Island Improvement Association, just like it does with the Annual Parade in early June each year.

The quality of the multiple summer Concerts in the Park and the Parade itself, happen because the BIIA pays for them, mostly utilizing, the funds coming from yearly donations toward Membership. Even the Snow Day with Santa, enjoyed by so many in the latter part of the year, is another BIIA free event.

As the Director of Membership, I would like to thank all of those who choose to join and donate to being a member, enabling these and other projects to come about. Because of your generosity, you make these events possible. Thank you!

When I wrote this column in the beginning of September, the Membership roll numbered 648, and the funds generated directly from the donations toward membership totaled \$126,556.00.

While there are over 1400 properties on Balboa Island, just having 648 family memberships seems to be a low number. But it has remained a very constant number almost year after year. Maybe your neighbor isn't a member. Encourage them to join you and the rest of us!

Larry

Boy, did that summer go quick! But it was one in which the members of the BIIA and their friends, along with the many summertime Island visitors were once again able to experience the pleasures of being on Balboa Island. Because of its uniqueness, you who are members, know how lucky we are to have found it and grasped at the opportunity to make it a part of our lives.

Part of the reason the Island is the way it is, can be attributed directly to the organization of the Balboa Island Improvement Association which has been here since 1919. But an organization is only as good as those who volunteer their time and efforts to bring forth to all Islanders, whether they be owners, renters, business



ALL ABOARD!



This summer, a couple dozen Islanders (more like a mob!), organized by Leslie & Larry Friday, rode the FREE Newport Trolley to some favorite peninsula watering holes: Balboa Saloon, Class of '47, American Legion, and the Elks Lodge. Good friends spending a few hours touring Newport for free, this outing is sure to become an annual event.

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by Betty Christy

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Amethyst Ave. & North Bay Front



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2024 BIIA Calendar of Events & Activities



JANUARY

17 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
23 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)

FEBRUARY

14 Wed **Valentine's Day**
21 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
27 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)



MARCH

13 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
26 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)

APRIL

13 Sat All Island Garage Sale
(Sponsored by Sue Podany)
17 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
30 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)



MAY

12 Sun **Mother's Day**
14 Tue 7:00pm Classical Concert
15 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
19 Sun 9:00am-5:00pm Art Walk**
(Sponsored by Huse Skelly Gallery)
22 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)
27 Mon **Memorial Day**
28 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)
29 Wed 6:30pm Parade Meeting (Wilma's)



JUNE

1 Sat Parade Security Meeting
& Parade Day Prep
2 Sun 2024 Parade & After Party
16 Sun **Father's Day**
22 Sat Pancake Breakfast in the Park
25 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)



JULY

4 Thur **Independence Day**
16 Tue 7:00pm Classical Concert
27 Sat 8:00am Sandcastle Contest
29-Aug 2 Mon-Fri Just Plein Fun**
(Sponsored by Huse Skelly Gallery)
30 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)



AUGUST

2 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park
9 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park
16 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park
23 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park
27 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)
30 Fri 6:00pm Summer Concert in the Park



SEPTEMBER

2 Mon **Labor Day**
24 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)

OCTOBER

14 Mon **Columbus Day**
22 Tue 7:00pm Classical Concert
29 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)
31 Thur **Halloween**



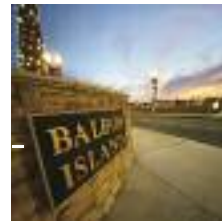
NOVEMBER

9 Sat 12:00pm **Veteran's Day BBQ**
19 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting
TBD Christmas Tree Delivery
TBD Decorate Tree
28 Thur **Thanksgiving Day**



DECEMBER

1 Sun Tree Lighting & Snow Day
8 Sun Balboa Island Holiday Home Tour
10 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)
12-14 Thur Christmas Decoration Judging
17 Tue 7:00pm Holiday Classical Concert
18-22 Wed Christmas Boat Parade
25 Wed **Christmas Day**



JANUARY 2025

5 Sun Christmas Decorations Takedown
28 Tue 6:30pm Board Meeting (Beek)

**Event not sponsored by the BIIA

*General Meetings are held at the Fire Station



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BALBOA ISLAND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

PLEASE JOIN US, IT'S A GREAT WAY TO HAVE FUN AND MAKE YOUR ISLAND EVEN BETTER!

Please contact the Chairperson and ask how you can volunteer

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Tree Lighting/Snow Day	Jack Callahan / Scott Mehlberger	949-887-7756 / 714-371-7711
Island Decorating	Joe Des Roches	949-220-4209
Holiday Decorations Contest	Larry & Leslie Friday	760-220-2751 / 714-454-7378
Holiday Home Tour	Annette Giermann	949-673-5523
Event Sponsorships	Georgie Fenton	208-720-6203
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Bridge Flag Displays	Larry & Pam Kallestad / Larry Friday	310-938-0810 / 760-220-2751
Pancake Breakfast	Dan Abbott / Scott Mehlberger	949-633-5715 / 714-371-7711
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Sand Castle Contest	Chris Crosson	949-200-1148
Little Island Liaison	Annette Giermann	949-673-5523
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