# **Barber Tract**



# Times

#### **Established 1989**

#### **Barber Tract Neighborhood**

#### November 2022

#### **OUR MISSION:**

To band together to identify, discuss, and deal effectively with neighborhood concerns.

#### **Board and Committee Member Drive**

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Board of Committee Needs: Membership Publisher Event Planner Can you believe we are almost at the end of 2022? It went crazy fast! We hope you have taken the opportunity to partake in some of our events this year from Happy Hours, 4th of July Parade and celebration, scavenger hunt and most recently, our Octoberfest. All of these are designed for us as neighbors to come together. We are here to collectively share in some of our neighborhood challenges as well as providing eyes and ears to deter crime and just be there for each other as neighbors. Our police force has indicated that knowing your neighborhood. That being said, we have functioned with a skeleton crew of just 7 board members this past year and we are looking to expand our board as well as come up with an event committee. We are hosting an open house meeting on Saturday, November 19th at 3:30 PM at 447 Belvedere St, the home of board member Phemie Davis to share what we have done, what we have planned and the need for help in certain areas. If you are interested in serving your neighborhood, please join us! If you would kindly send an RSVP email to BTNA@gmail.com, we would greatly appreciate it. See you then!

#### Scavenger Hunt Success

This past September, we conducted our 2nd Barber Tract Scavenger Hunt. While this years attendance wasn't as great as the last, (my fault for the short notice), those that participated had a great time. We even had a tie for third place and had a rematch on October 10th.



1st Place: Kevin and Sam

2nd Place: Ellie Trevellyan

Caption

We promise a fun, new scavenger hunt next year!

#### Haunts in the Hood

The make up of the neighborhood is starting to change and we are seeing new families with children move it. With that comes holiday spirit and decorations. Check out some of the Barber Tract finds.



Westbourne St



Olivetas St



Monte Vista St.



Belvedere St

#### Clean up in our neighborhood

While I was out walking looking for unique items for our Scavenger Hunt, I met 3 Muirlands Middle Schoolers who were patrolling our neighborhood for trash. Please help me applaud Carson Vincent and Jacob and Emma Fechner who took their free time to help make sure our neighborhood looks pristine. Thank you Kids and thank you to Ms. Lotta at Muirlands for organizing the clean up of our neighborhoods!



#### First Annual Oktoberfest.

This year, we decided to try something new, or maybe rekindle what past board members did at one time by hosting our Oktoberfest celebration. Our event was held on Saturday October 15th from 4-6 PM. Just before the rain. Brats and beers were served and Bavarian music and pretzels were enjoyed by all. We will be adding some vegetarian options next year and more beverage choice. The event was attended by about 50 neighbors and it really was a lot of fun. Special thanks to Bill and Marlsa for staying after to help clean up. We can't wait to make this event even better next year!





#### Meet Neighbor Ron Jones, Interviewed by Julia Liu

Ron Jones has been a resident of La Jolla for over forty years. He is the man who provides the music for the Fourth of July parade and has been doing so for the past 10 years.

J: When and why did you start playing music for the Fourth of July Parade?

R: One decade ago, I was approached by Max Elliott, who asked me if I would consider playing music for the parade. The people come here to be the parade and they come together as a neighborhood as a community and, well, that was spontaneous patriotism. I think that is very important and I liked to see people participate.

J: Which parade do you remember the most?

R: Before the virus hit the crowds were large. There were a lot of people, up to 400 and for me that was very warming. Every one of the parades were special to me because of the people and that makes me happy. But if you want to look for the really special one, the one in 2020 where there was only Max and I handing out lemonade and playing music, that's the one.

J:Which types of music do you use at the parade?

R: I play music of John Phillips Susa, an American composer in the 18-1900's, at the pre-parade. After the parade I try focus on Dixieland, another type of music from the 1800s. The foundation of this country is based on some of that music. It's all upbeat, all fun, all happy and it's atmospheric.

J: Why are you called the Godfather of Disco?

R: It was 1973 when I came to San Diego. I came because there weren't many DJs back then who were playing in nightclubs. Disco or disco tech is a French word for record library and they were playing records in these beautiful clubs. I could get people on the floor by picking the songs that I thought would work for exciting a crowd. I was one of the first to do DJ business so that's why my nickname back then was "*The* 

Godfather of Dísco"

J: What makes a DJ?

R: A DJ is a leader, you have to know a lot of music, and you have to feel the atmosphere. To know which pieces of music work together and mesh them into one to create an atmosphere and to do that for three hours every night; that's the skill.

Let's give Ron Jones a round of applause and thank you for reading this piece!



## **Candy Cane Lane**

Saturday December 10, 2022 3pm - 5pm The home of Phemie Davis 447 Belvedere Street

The Holiday Season is upon us and of course with that means many commitments and gatherings. This year, in lieu of the traditional party, we are going to host a cookie exchange.

Candy Cane Lane will be set up along Phemies long drive way. Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite holiday treats to place on the table and bring a container to gather up 2 dozen more of the confectionary variety of treats you talented people can concoct. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, share your talents and enjoy the difference we all bring to the holiday season.

It you would like to bring an appetizer, or bottle to share, I am sure that we will all enjoy that as well. Most importantly, we can enjoy being together to celebrate the season!! If you are really brave, please wear your most audacious holiday attire!

If you wish to attend but think you will have trouble walking over while carrying items, please let me know and we can make arrangements to bring you and your items over. If you feel the need to sit down, chairs will be provided.

Happiest of Holidays to all and we look forward to seeing you!

PS: We will have a 2023 membership table set up as well if you would like to take care of next years dues.... Thank you!

### THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY...Stay Involved & Renew

The BTNA has been in place for over 3 decades. Please renew your \$35 annual membership to help us continue to sponsor our holiday events and publish the Barber Tract Times. See registration form enclosed in this issue. Please mail or deliver all membership checks to our new Treasurer Bonnie Winn at 444 Marine St. If you have suggestions and/or are interested in volunteering please contact our President, Kurt Iuli-Kinsey, at Lajollasmanabouttown@gmail.com.

### **Barber Tract Neighborhood Association (BTNA)**

# Join your community of Barber Tract neighbors by making a \$35 membership contribution for 2023

#### Why should you join? How will your membership contribution be used?

The BTNA provides a way to continuously improve our community through volunteer work and advocacy with city agencies to address our areas of concern. It also fosters neighborhood friendships through community gatherings with a Fourth of July celebration as well as numerous gatherings throughout the year. An informative Barber Tract Times newsletter and website are published to provide information of interest

Your membership contribution helps to make the Barber Tract a safer, better maintained and more enjoyable place to live.

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BTNA Membership for January 1 through December 31, <b>20</b>	)23
Name(s)	
B.T. Property Address	
B.T. Phone #	
Is there a different mailing address that we should use?	
Email Address	
Enclosed is my/our \$35 membership contribution. (Make check payable to BTN/	A or pay with Zelle)
I am/we are willing to volunteer for association activities	
Fourth of July Celebration	
Beach Cleanup	
Holiday Party	
Octoberfest	
Other – Please identify:	
I am/we are non-resident member(s) that own BT property & wish to receive the	BT Times by email
Please identify any areas of concern you would like to see addressed for the Barber Tra	ct in <b>2023:</b>
	(Cont. on reverse)
You may mail this membership form with your check (payable to BTNA) to the treasure	er: Bonnie Zoe Winn, 444
Marine Street, La Jolla, 92037. You may also pay through Zelle to BTNAmembership	gmail.com. If you pay via

 Zelle then please mail or drop off this membership form to 444 Marine Street. You may also scan the form and send

 to bonniezoe@winnunlimited.com.
 THANK YOU

For any questions regarding the BTNA, contact BTNA@gmail.com