

# Barber Tract



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Established 1989

Barber Tract Neighborhood Association

**OUR MISSION:**  
To band together to identify, discuss, and deal effectively with neighborhood concerns.

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**The BTNA Board would like to welcome new board members Lori Greenberg and Tony Harris. We are grateful for your talent and enthusiasm.**

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## Newcomer Welcome

A warm Barber Tract welcome to Lisa and Quentin Bylund and their 10 month old daughter, Isla (Vista de La Playa) and Ed and Amanda Esquenazi and their toddler Rafael (Vista Del Mar Avenue).

## Our Voices Were Heard!

Our city leaders heard us loud and clear on May 14, 2019 when the San Diego City Council approved Mayor Faulconer's new proposed ban on people sleeping in their vehicles. The new ban prevents folks from staying in their vehicles where overnight parking isn't allowed. This includes areas outside of businesses, near the beach and on residential streets. In an effort to help those that sleep in their cars the mayor's proposal includes the expansion of designated parking lots.

## BTNA Clean Beach Adoption

BTNA adopted Windansea and Marine Street beaches via the "I Love a Clean San Diego" Adopt-a-Beach program. In doing this, we are committing to 3 beach cleanups per year which will continue to foster community involvement and beautify our neighborhood. The next beach cleanup will be on July 13 at 9 a.m. Meet up at Westbourne and Neptune streets. Please volunteer to help keep our community clean! You can register by calling David Talcott at 949-751-9999

## THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY...GET INVOLVED

The Barber Tract Neighborhood Association only survives because of volunteers. If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer, please contact our President, Mike Cole, at [BarbertractNA@gmail.com](mailto:BarbertractNA@gmail.com). And please become a member of the BTNA, if you haven't already, to help support our neighborhood.

***See membership form enclosed***

## **Barber Tract Beach Cleanup : A Complete Success!**

We held our beach cleanup in April and had 59 volunteers. This tireless group collected 113 lbs of trash and recyclables. Student volunteers accounted for 25% of participants. Great way to earn volunteer hours. Next clean up scheduled for July 13, 2019.

## **Barber Tract Street Improvements**

We are committed to continuing the repair and replacement of old streets within our neighborhood. Next on the list of priorities is Olivetas Ave., Dunemere, Neptune Pl. and Fern Glen. We will be engaging our local government and will be keeping you posted on our progress.

## **Barber Tract Sidewalk Improvements**

Some of our neighbors have gotten seriously injured from tripping over bad spots on our sidewalks. This is a serious problem for our neighborhood. Homeowners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks on their property unless damage is caused by a city planted tree. The city is still offering to share the costs of replacement 50-50 (see <https://www.sandiego.gov/street-div/services/roadways/sidewalk>). Poorly maintained sidewalks are one of the major complaints in our neighborhood. If you have a sidewalk in need of repair or replacement, please get it addressed and help us avoid more injuries. We will be taking steps to contact property owners directly to alert them to this problem where it exists. If you have any suggestions on how else we might get this problem resolved throughout our neighborhood, please email [barbertractna@gmail.com](mailto:barbertractna@gmail.com).

## **Update on Under-grounding Utilities**

Many of us will agree that the utility poles and overhead lines in the Barber Tract are quite an eyesore. San Diego has had a program under way for many years (that we pay for) to relocate these lines underground. Several years ago, the utility poles and lines in Barber Tract from Dunemere north were all under grounded. No further under grounding work has been done south of Dunemere in the Barber Tract since the initial work.

The resident engineer for the San Diego Utilities Under-grounding Program has advised that the remaining utility under ground work is still in preliminary planning for our neighborhood. And it might still be several years before work begins as the schedule currently stands.

The only reason the BT streets were converted previously is because of a strong concerted effort from the neighbors in that area. It was a lot of hard, ongoing work requiring continual inquiry and follow up with the city. The best way to get priority on this work, is to have neighbors that are affected get actively involved to work with the city.

If you're interested in a leadership role to get the utility lines moved under ground on your street, sooner rather than later, please contact me. We've learned that when our neighborhood teams up together to get things accomplished, such as our recent major street repairs, we can get more priority with the city on our concerns.

For more information : <https://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding>

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## **BTNA ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Lifeguards assigned to the beach

Neighborhood Watch program established

Power poles removed and utility lines under-grounded for half of our streets

Supported the ban on alcohol at the beach that was approved by voters

Off-leash dog beach proposal defeated

Helped get law approved prohibiting open beach fires

Helped defeat the proposed Marine Memorial Mall Park at Marine Street

Helped get overnight sleeping in vehicles on residential streets banned

Concrete streets replaced on Belvedere, Westbourne and Vista Del Mar

Participate regularly in I Love a Clean San Diego beach clean-ups

Host ongoing 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Holiday and Membership gatherings

## **2019 Barber Tract Calendar of Events**

<b>July 4</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>4th of July Parade</b>	<b>7200 block MonteVista</b>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Beach Clean up</b>	<b>Westbourne &amp; Neptune</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Beach Clean up</b>	<b>Westbourne &amp; Neptune</b>
<b>September 26</b>		<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Board Members Only</b>
<b>December 5</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>	<b>Fitch's :7231 Monte Vista</b>



## 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY PARADE!!!

Sponsored by the  
Barber Tract Neighborhood Association

**Where:** 7235 Monte Vista Avenue

**When:** Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

**Who:** Barber Tract neighbors & guests

**What:** A short festive parade walk through the Barber Tract Neighborhood. Participants can wear 4<sup>th</sup> of July festive clothes, decorate their bikes, put a ribbon on Fido and celebrate our country's Independence Day!!!!

Musicians of all ages are encouraged to bring their instruments for added entertainment during the parade

**Watermelon, snacks, lemonade & American Flags!**

**Music provided by "The Voice of La Jolla", Ron Jones!**

Consider becoming a member of the BTNA and help us make our community a better place to live. Join today!

Membership form provided as an insert in this newsletter.

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