



Established 1989

Barber Tract Neighborhood

June 2024

OUR MISSION:

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

Presidents Message

Can you believe we have reached the halfway mark of 2024? Incredible how fast time goes by! It's time for our annual 4th of July celebration and I have some exciting news! This year we have the pleasure of a guest performing artist, Mr. Gregory Page.

Mr. Page is a San Diego resident. He spends most of his time traveling and performing in other areas of the United States and Europe. He is a native of London and moved to the states when he was 14. He began his singing career at the age of 27 and will be going on tour with Jason Mraz later this year, then off to Holland for an extensive tour.

Mr. Page is a folk artist and is excited to bring us patriotic songs for our celebration. Please plan on joining us for his uplifting concert as well as games, face painting for the kids and more. The event will start as usual in front of Max Elliot's home at 7264 Monte Vista Ave at 0900 and will end with our annual patriotic walk through the neighborhood and White Sands. This years event is surely is one you won't want to miss.

We had a successful Spring Clean and filled an extremely large dumpster which EDCO disposal provided for us at a much discounted rate. Special Thanks to past BTNA board member John Vorgeas who made this happen.

Looking to the future we have some great events coming your way, so be sure to look for your copy of the BTNA Times or visit us at barbertract.com for an electronic version of the newsletter and more.

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Pets Corner



Foxtail (Alopecurus)

If you don't know what this deadly weed is, we are going to educate you. Due to our prolific rains this past winter, foxtails are running rampant in our fields, trails and even our beach areas. These weeds can be deadly to our pets. They are most commonly found in your pets paws between their toes. Sometimes you are able to pull them out but its very common that you will have to take your pet to a Veterinarian and have them surgically removed. If your pet inhales them, it often results in death. If you look closely at the photo, you will see that they have many individual seed pods, much like wheat. Each one of the pieces have barbs that cause them to work their way in one direction. They break apart and can travel through the body where they eventually abscess and fester in different areas. . There is no was to remove them once inside and they wreak havoc in the pets body. Our president lost a pet to this very thing years ago and is now struggling with the possibility of losing his dog Max to one of these. Max contracted his in the rocky area of little point where they have grown into the ice plant along the hill down to the beach. They are everywhere so please be very careful and aware of these deadly weeds.

Beach Police Update

The beach police presence has been fantastic this year with very few issues reported from neighbors. While we still have limited police staff, they have been here regularly and we are happy to report, it has not been unruly or violent. We even survived Spring Break! We are hopeful that this calm will continue through the summer. Our only big caveat is that people are burying their left over food in the sand and our pets seem to be finding it. When they eat that food, along with it comes a lot of sand. If they inject too much of it, you will find yourself with an expensive trip to the Veterinarian.

Meet Barber Tract Neighbor Cynthia Chasan

Article by Julia Liu

Cynthia Chasan, our neighbor and former BTNA president has helped to change our neighborhood in many ways. When I started asking her about the Barber Tract, she told me one of the biggest projects she was involved in was getting alcohol and fire rings removed from the beaches.

Cynthia and her family moved here from Los Angeles where alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited on the beach. It came as a big surprise to her when she learned that alcohol was permitted on San Diego beaches. She bought her house in October and when the next summer came, there were massive groups of people drinking on the beach. They were bold enough to have parties on her house deck. Gang violence was also a problem to the point where police helicopters would be dispatched.

Cynthia and her husband asked the BTNA to support them in resolving these issues. In the early 2000's, our beach became a test aerator San Diego to see if we could prevent alcohol combustion there. Ten years later, the City of San Diego said it made a big difference. The ban of alcohol was put on the city wide ballot and the measure passed. The program ran for eight years and changed the culture of our neighborhood and united it for a cause.

In the early 2000's a nationally ranked boogie boarder hit his head while practicing at Marine Street Beach and was killed. At that time, there were no life guards, no emergency access and no emergency telephone to call for help. Cynthia's efforts requested that the curbs be painted red for access along with an emergency telephone.

In the late 1990's fire rings were also removed as bond fires were built high and out of control. This allowed for embers to blow onto some homes with wooden roofs which sparked fires. The neighborhood, lead by Cynthia saw to the removal of the rings. Now only self contained propane fire pits are the only fires permitted.

Around 2012, Marine Street Beach was listed as one of the "top 10 hidden beaches in San Diego". This brought swarms of people to our beaches along with loads of trash. Between the trash and non seagull proof cans, it became overwhelming. The BTNA, lead by Cynthia requested seagull proof cans. Originally, the request was denied. An heir to Samuel Goldwyn Mayer, of MGM Studios purchased the first seagull proof cans for our neighborhood. We were able to show the city the difference these cans made over the city provided ones which caused the city to step and replace all of our cans with seagull proof lids.

Thank you Cynthia for all your efforts in making all of these improvements to our neighborhood.

Barber Tract Neighborhood Association (BTNA)

Join your community of Barber Tract neighbors by making a \$50 membership contribution for 2024

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.

BTNA Membership for January 1 through December 31, 2024

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 \$50 membership contribution. (Make check payable to BTNA or pay with Zelle)

_____ I am/we are willing to volunteer for association activities

_____ Fourth of July Celebration

_____ Beach Cleanup

_____ Holiday Party

_____ Oktoberfest

_____ 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 Tract in 2024:

_____ (Cont. on reverse)

You may mail this membership form with your check (payable to BTNA) to the treasurer: 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 barbertractna@gmail.com