

Barber Tract



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

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Barber Tract and I Love a Clean San Diego

Thank you to Mike Cole and Michelle Munoz-Talcott for stepping in for Dave Talcott as site Captains on September 19. I Love a Clean San Diego's (ILACSD) engaged an estimated 7,500 volunteers at more than 100 cleanup sites at this year's Coastal Cleanup Day.

Here at WindanSea/Marine Street Beach, we had over 70 volunteers and collected over 140 pounds of trash and recyclables.



Volunteers witnessed firsthand the negative effects of litter on the environment and took action to protect it through litter removal and beautification projects. Overall, during this three-hour event, volunteers removed more than 150,000 pounds of trash and pollutants from San Diego's

beloved beaches, bays, canyons and neighborhoods. Through this effort, volunteers also prepared San Diego's waterways to withstand the substantial rainfall that is anticipated for this fall and winter by removing trash and invasive plant material from creeks and channels.

Among the debris collected, there were several notable odd items found today, including a rusted bicycle, a full fish tank, a dragon statue and a MacBook computer.

Thanks to the hard work of thousands of volunteers, San Diegans will be able to enjoy more than 100 clean outdoors spaces.

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Marine Street Update

A big thanks to the SDPD Beach Team for helping out with the drinking and drug problem that was creeping onto Marine Street Beach over the past few summers. The Beach Team, which is comprised of two officers from each of the divisions, works from Memorial Day to Labor Day patrolling all of the beaches in the City of San Diego and on Mission Bay. That equates to 72 miles of beach patrolled by eight to ten officers, with millions of visitors during that time period. Given the ratio of officer:beach, it is amazing that they made it up to this small pocket beach and got it under control.



Author: Cynthia Chasan, Board Member

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This year's Coastal Cleanup Day received attention from several of San Diego's elected officials who visited cleanup sites in their respective districts including State Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez, US Congressman Greg Cox and Dave Roberts, and Council members Sherri Lightner, Todd Scott Peters, County Supervisor's Gloria, Chris Cate, Scott Sherman, Mark Kersey, and Marti Emerald.

The Coastal Cleanup Day in San Diego was part of a statewide and international cleanup effort to restore coastlines across the globe. The effort is coordinated statewide by the California Coastal Commission and internationally by The Ocean Conservancy. While Coastal Cleanup Day is I Love A Clean San Diego's largest cleanup of the year, it is one of hundreds of cleanups hosted by the organization annually. In 2014, ILACSD hosted a total of 232 cleanups that mobilized 29,000 volunteers. For more information to get involved in an upcoming cleanup, please visit www.CleanSD.org. For more information about Coastal Cleanup Day, please visit www.CleanupDay.org.

Author: David Talcott, BTNA President

4th of July Parade 2015!



4th of July Festivities about to start



Max and Melissa Elliott with their granddaughter who sung the National Anthem

Another fantastic 4th of July Parade. Max and Melissa Elliot have been hosting the festivities for over 40 years. This year we had over 300 people attending and supporting the parade. Parade started on Monte Vista as it does every year and heading along Barber Tract neighborhood through it way the White Sands. Residents of White Sands have come to expect and love this annual ritual. Its a great time to celebrate our country's birthday with your neighbors said one resident.

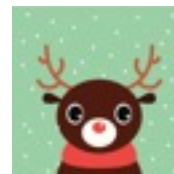
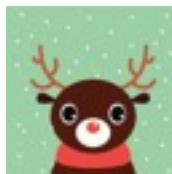
A special thanks to Marie and Peter Michetti for bringing the food, balloons and drinks to the parade. Another Special thanks goes to Barber Tract annual host Max and Melissa Elliott.

Author: Michelle Talcott, BTT Newsletter

La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival!

This years La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival will occur on December 6th at 1:30 pm. Over a 100 entries have registered to participate in the parade. Ann Kerr Bache is event chair and Co-Chairs are Jack McGrory and Peter Kellogg. To learn more about the upcoming festivities <http://www.ljparade.com>

Author: Ann Kerr Bache, Board Member



Seagulls, Barber Tract and a Hawk

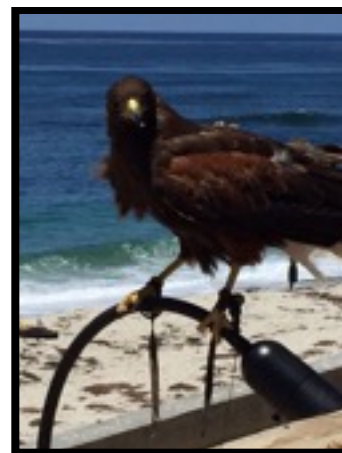
What an interesting spring and summer the northern Barbarians had with the increased seagull population that became residents at the White Sands. In the 22 years living in the Barber Tract we have seen interesting events like the Grunion run or the Langostinos on the beach, but nothing worthy of an Alfred Hitchcock movie.

This year was different. It started in the spring when the seagulls wanted to nest to ensure their species survived. They chose our roof and the White Sand's of La Jolla's roof to lay down their roots. Initially we had two large seagulls, then four, then eight. Finally when our roof capacity reached maximum occupancy, the seagulls moved to our front patio, colonizing our patio furniture and destroying our screens to gain material for their nests. This all happened over a two week period.



Jeff and I quickly got to work deploying deterrents of all varieties, because even though seagulls only weigh 4lbs, they were pecking at our red clay tile roof to break up the tiles and make a softer nest. Incidentally they chose the areas of a roof that meet with the chimney or where two peaks of the roof merge, the exact area you would not want your water proofing pecked at, as it is the area most likely to leak.

As we valiantly fought our battle on a daily basis, manning our deck with water repellent guns to shoo them away as they prepared for decent, we witnessed the population of birds on the roof of the White Sands rapidly increase. We notified the White Sands and found out that they were aware of the issue. They had spend thousands of dollars trying to seagull proof their pool without success; however, there was little they could do because seagulls are a protected species. No traps, no poison, no removal of the eggs. Nothing.



After thousands of birds colonized the White Sands and the babies were born, they hired a hawk to help with the issue, as this is a legal method of moving seagulls to a new area. The hawk patrolled the White Sands and northern Barber Tract area for a month, and the seagulls finally got the message, time to find a new home. Neighbors beware, next spring if your roof or balcony finds itself home to a few seagulls take action immediately, or you will be spending hundreds of dollars on roof and screen repairs, not to mention the countless hours cleaning up after their less than delightful excrement.

Author: Cynthia Chasan, Board Member

2015 Calendar of Events

April 23	7 pm	Board Meeting	363 Westbourne
July 4	10 am	4th of July Parade	7200 Monte Vista
September 27	10-12 pm	Barber Brunch (Canceled)	White Sands
October 21	7 pm	Annual Meeting	Fitch's 7231 Monte Vista
December 3	6 pm	Holiday Party	Fitch's 7231 Monte Vista