

Barber Tract



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Barber Tract Neighborhood Association

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

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BTNA Helps to Eliminate Cigarette Butts

Barber Tract Neighborhood Association is exploring an opportunity to partner with I Love A Clean San Diego & Surfrider Ashcan Installation Program

Did you know that of the seven locations here in the county where this was adopted; there was an average of 59% decrease in cigarette butt litter in the program areas? Ashcans collect 230 cigarette butts per month on average.



Where these were placed in La Jolla in 2010, ashcans collect an average of 31 butts per day! With 11,708 collected from 10 ashcans in 3 months, average of 390 butts collected per month in each ashcan and a 34% decrease in littered cigarette butts in target area.

Initial sites (approximately) we are looking at are as follows:

Marine Street Beach: Quantity 1, at the entrance to Marine Street Beach

Vista de la Playa: Quantity 1, at the entrance to the beach

Windansea Beach: Quantity 1, at the end of Westbourne at Neptune

We will be funding part of this important pilot with neighborhood association dues. Please feel free to reach out to President David Talcott with any questions.

Author: David Talcott, BTNA President

Weak Spots Burglars Look For!

Before making any attempt, burglars look out for your weak spots that can compromise the security of your home. They need to make sure that they can pull off entering and exiting your house successfully, with little to no obstacles in their way.

These weak spots often seem like small details to you, but for a burglar, these are huge advantages that increase his chances of a successful break-in.

Inactivated burglar alarms: Some homeowners forget to set their home security alarms before they go out, or even if they do have one, they rarely arm it. Even if they do sound homeowners and neighbors often assume it's a false alarm. This why it pays to have your alarm monitored

Open doors and windows: Sometimes we forget to close a window or two. But that one time we let our guard down could become a golden opportunity for a burglar. An unsecured door or window is an instant invitation for a burglar to go in and loot.

Evidence of non-occupancy: Burglars always look for indicators that you're out-of-town and the house doesn't have a living occupant. These indicators include newspapers and mail that pile up, curtains that always remain closed, or security lights that are never turned off. Once they make sure that no one's at home, there's nothing to stop them from breaking-in. A common method used by burglars to see if you're home is to knock or ring your doorbell repeatedly and obnoxiously. If you answer the door they will use some made up excuse why they are there. Forward this information to your neighbors ASAP through your preferred network and try to get a description or better yet a picture of them or their vehicle.

No barking dogs: A house with a noisy dog puts a burglar at a disadvantage. They avoid breaking into these houses and just move on. If you don't have a dog at home, or your dog is always tied up, your house is fair game to a burglar.

No vehicles in the driveway: No car parked out in the driveway is another indication that the house occupants are away. Many smart thieves have a simple rule to avoid breaking into homes when there are cars present. If you will be away for more than a couple days ask your neighbor to park one of their cars in your driveway.

No nosy neighbors : Neighbors who are vigilant and watch out for each other as part of a neighborhood watch group puts a burglar at a disadvantage. He'll more likely scour other neighborhoods with less vigilant or less observant neighbors

Author: Notice from La Jolla/San Diego Police

BTNA Holiday Party 2015!



Salli Sachse, Michetti's and Fitch's



Mr & Mrs Claus with wish maker



Marie Michetti & granddaughters



Marie and Peter Michetti

This year's holiday party was another great event hosted by the Fitch's. Marie and Peter Michetti set the benchmark very high by cooking all the mouthwatering food including turkey, ham, homemade cranberry sauce and all the fixings.

Mr and Mrs Claus made an appearance and spoke to the young local neighbor children about their wish lists.

A special thanks to Fitch's and Michetti's for making the holiday party such a success!

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Speed Bump Assessment on Westbourne

At the request of a BTNA resident who offered to fund the program, BTNA President Dave Talcott, contacted the city to conduct a traffic study on Westbourne Street. The study concluded that no speed bumps would be installed based on the results of the test which showed an average speed of 29 mph.

Since the study was done in January, BTNA asked to have it done again during summer months and they are willing to do so mid-summer. Stay tuned for more information on safety in the streets.

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BTNA to Host Creek to Bay Cleanup

Join us April 23, 2016 for this year Annual Creek To Bay Cleanup sponsored by I Love a Clean San Diego. BTNA Board member Mike Cole and BTNA President, Dave Talcott will be the site captains again for the Annual Creek To Bay Cleanup.

Meeting location will be at the end of Westbourne Street and Neptune.



Mike and Dave will assemble the volunteers who will fan out from Marine Street Beach to the end of Windansea for 3 hours of beach and street litter clean up. Over the last 2 events BTNA has hosted, we've collected over 150 pounds of trash from our wonderful beaches.

Celebrate Earth Month by volunteering to beautify our local beaches. Join 6,000 volunteers at 100 sites throughout San Diego County on Saturday, April 23 from 9AM-12PM. Registration opens April 1 at: <http://www.CreekttoBay.org>

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Important Numbers

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR CITY OF SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT:

(619)-531-2000

<http://www.sandiego.gov/police/services/nonemergencies.shtml>

STORM WATER HOTLINE:

If you see someone dumping into the street gutters or drains, report storm water pollution!

(619) 235-1000

<http://www.sandiego.gov/stormwater/index.shtml>

GENERAL PARK AND RECREATION INFORMATION:

(619)-525-8213

<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/>

POTHoles OR STREET REPAIR REQUESTS:

Create a service request for repairs or services on street related issues online. You are given a tracking number so you can check on the status of your request.

<http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/>

2016 Calendar of Events

April 14	6 pm	Board Meeting	363 Westbourne
April 30	8:00-3:00 pm	BTNA Garage Sale	BT Neighborhood
July 4	10 am	4th of July Parade	7200 Monte Vista
October 20	6 pm	Annual Meeting	Fitch's 7231 Monte Vista
December 8	6 pm	Holiday Party	Fitch's 7231 Monte Vista