



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

Welcome New Board Members for 2021!

Gordon Dunfee with past president David Talcott will be serving as Co-President. Gordon and his wife, Maureen(Mo), have five grown children and are long-time residents of the Barber Tract. Gordon works in commercial real estate, is a licensed attorney who surfs frequently at Windansea.

Kurt Kinsey along with current board member Dorie DeFranco will be serving as Co-Vice President. Kurt, a real estate broker, and husband Jason have been living in the Barber Tract for 11 years and have 2 children. Kurt has served on and led boards in the past and is the current President of the Muirlands School Foundation.

Alex Zemeckis will be assuming the role of Secretary. Alex was introduced to the Barber Tract in a previous newsletter.

Bonnie Winn will be serving as a “return” Treasurer and handling membership. She has been a resident of La Jolla since 2001 and is currently semi-retired. Her career has included being an independent controller, bookkeeper and software trainer. She loves to travel, sings in a choir and volunteers for various clubs, including the Garden Club, Newcomers and Club Altura.

We would also like to welcome other board members, Phemie Davis and Susan Comden.

Phemie is the mother of 2 grown children and comes to us with experience in dozens of boards and committees including National Symphony Orchestra, Timken Museum of Art and currently U.C. San Diego Town and Gown. She’s been a realtor in La Jolla for 36 years and a long time Barber Tract Times deliverer.

Susan Comden, a native of San Diego, grew up in La Jolla from age three on and graduated from La Jolla High. She moved to Los Angeles for college, marriage and a career in commercial real estate. She moved back to La Jolla, part time in 2000 and permanently in 2017. She is thrilled to be back permanently.

Our Thanks

Although the energy is high with our new board members it’s also sad to say goodbye to our friends that are leaving. Mike Cole will no longer be president. He has led this association with tireless determination to get things done for our community. Happy to still have you as a board member for another year. Peter and Marie Michetti have been a part of our board for years, and we could always count on the two of them for anything really.

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Gordon Dunfee
and David Talcott
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Co -Presidents

Kurt Kinsey
760-583-3987 and
Dorie DeFranco
Co-Vice Presidents

Alex Zemeckis
Secretary

Bonnie Zoe Winn
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BTT Publisher

Other Board Members

Mike Cole

Susan Comden

Phemie Davis

Lori Greenberg

As vice president and treasurer respectively they have stepped outside their roles on numerous occasions to support our efforts. Jenny Silver, most recently our Secretary, has supported us for years with her background in law and wealth of information about our community. To Tony Harris and Jerri Hunt we are so grateful to have met you and had your support while on the board. Thank you to all of you for the time you spent away from your loved ones to help us make a difference in the Barber Tract.

“Mother”

Having moved to California in 2017 I didn't get the honor of knowing Julie Fitch other than a quick “hello and thank you for having us” moment, at the 2017 Holiday Party. From what I gather, one of her, along with husband Charles' greatest joys, was having their neighbors in their home for this event.



The Barber Tract Times for Dec 1996 opens as follows:

“It was December, 1989 when many of us crowded into the Fitch’s Great Room to talk of organizing the Barber Tract Homeowners Association. While it was not billed as a party, there were lots of good eats brought by those present.”

This is how it all began in 1989. Julie Fitch and her husband Charles welcomed their neighbors into their home and this continued until December 2019. Had it not been for Covid, regardless of her health, she would have wanted to gather once again in 2020. For 30 years they opened their home to all of us for the holiday party.

Her extensive collection of ceramic homes and shops for her Christmas village was offered for all to enjoy as were her tree and decorations. The fireman’s pole in the kitchen was always a hit with the younger partygoers.

Year after year the Barber Tract Times highlighted these gatherings. It was the grand finale in a year spent working to improve the neighborhood, organizing and celebrating with neighbors in the Barber Tract.

Max Elliott (our 4th of July champion) recalls:

“Melissa and I lived next door to the Fitches from 1972 until the present. Life in the Barber Tract was wonderful during those years. There were lots of kids around and their movement from house to house was so active that we never locked our doors. It would have been impossible and in reality it was not necessary. We all felt very safe. With eight children’s lives to manage Julie came to be affectionately known as “mamma Fitch”. We all thought of her as that mother figure, someone to talk to for advice on many matters. Her pantry was renowned, and, as we were next door, we relied on it often. Need a bottle of ketchup? Go over to Julie’s. Friendships developed and remain strong until this day. And she lived up to the reputation as “mother”. She gave us all a lot.”

7231 Monte Vista, fondly referred to as the “Association Club House” is home to amazing memories and times when neighbors all knew each other and their families. Sadly with the passing of Charles in 2018 and Julie’s passing on January 15th of this year we will not be able to add to these memories at this iconic home but instead recall them fondly.

Thank you for the memories. Rest in peace Julie. May the party continue with Charles at your side.

Narcisa Laranjeira
BTT Publisher

Beach Fires Update

Efforts continue to ban wood and charcoal beach fires. In December, a letter to support BTNA was sent to the City from La Jolla Parks and Beaches. They voted to support a change in beach fires to allow “only propane” grills, stoves and fire pits at Marine Street beaches. Smoke from wood and charcoal fires contain fine particulates that get deep into the lungs and are significantly worse than second hand tobacco smoke. The posted City of San Diego beach signs list No Smoking, yet they continue to allow wood bonfires. Propane fires do not take away the beach fire experience, they allow grilling and fireside enjoyment, and propane fuel is currently allowed by the City.



“San Diego Fire Dept. Releases PSA on Beach Fires”

The past year has seen an increase in illegal fires on our community beaches. People are lighting fires that are not enclosed in required fire rings and that contain sharp objects such as nails and glass. Residents are bothered by excessive smoke and noise, and they are calling 911 to report the fires, which pulls SDFD resources away from emergency calls. In response, the SDFD created a public service announcement video to explain why some types of fires create a huge problem for residents and first responders and how to use non-emergency phone numbers to report them. Watch the video now!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRfbsgCY...>”

Use the Non-Emergency Police phone numbers for beach fires at 619-531-2000 or 858-484-3154.

BTNA board member Dorie DeFranco has joined forces with other San Diego City beaches in La Jolla Shores, Mission Bay, and Mission Beach, (waiting for Ocean Beach to weigh in), that are all having similar problems with beach fires. A Task Force has been formed to work together. We met with representatives from Councilpersons in CD1 (La Cava) and CD2 (Campbell) in January. The next step is formulating a consensus proposal and resolution to City officials to change the municipal code for all City beaches. This process will take some time, so look for future updates.

Dorie DeFranco
BTNA Co-President

Barber Tract Traffic Flow and Safety Update



Monte Vista Gridlock



Cyclist Safety Monte Vista



Sea Lane Backup From LJ
BLVD thru Olivetas Intersection

This past year, Ira Parker initiated a project to address issues with peak-period traffic congestion and parking around Monte Vista and Sea Lane and surrounding areas. Ira held a number of Barber Tract community meetings to gather input. He and former BTNA President, Mike Cole, met with the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation board to provide an overview of the problems and potential solutions. The La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board agreed to provide guidance and help enlist assistance from City Traffic engineering to determine options. The BTNA Board has agreed to support Ira in this undertaking where helpful. Once options are identified, the BTNA will conduct a survey of members to help provide guidance on this effort. If you have any questions or concerns on this topic, or would like to assist in finding good solutions, feel free to contact Ira Parker or new BTNA Co-President, David Talcott.

Mike Cole
Board Member

Jewel Award Winner

The 1927 “Florence Palmer Spec house #2”, located at 7154 Olivetas Ave. has been awarded the 2021 “Jewel Award” for excellence in the category of Historic Restoration.

When owners Amy Waterhouse and Ben Reineman purchased the small Tudor Revival home in 2016, significant modifications had been made to the Florence Palmer designed home. These modifications rendered the home unworthy of a historic designation. Through vintage photos of the home, and working with the San Diego Resources board and Historic Researcher Vonn Marie May, they were able to identify original features from it’s history. Working with contractors J C Wilding & Co. and designer April Schug, they demolished non original additions and reconstructed the missing features from the original design. This included removing a sliding glass door and replacing it with a wooden framed window as was indicated by the original photos. This also included roof reconstruction, window replacements and shutter additions.

The reconstruction work showed a dedication by Mr. Reineman and Ms. Waterhouse, to their research, planning, and follow through. They not only helped restore the house to it’s historical glory, but also helped preserve the charm, character and integrity of the Barber Tract neighborhood.

Susan Comden
Board Member

Historical Designations in the Barber Tract

The 1924 Spanish eclectic style home referred to as the “Julia Clark Goodell” house, located at 7112 Monte Vista Ave., La Jolla, has been recently designated historic by the San Diego Historic Resources Board.

The house was the first property built in The Fern Glen subdivision, now a part of the Barber Tract. The house conveys its historic significance with the Spanish eclectic style including a stucco exterior, flat roof with a simple parapet red clay tile, decorative iron work and fenestration including multi lite wooden windows.

The home has an association with David Rinehart, FAI architect, past professor of architecture at UCLA and USC, respectively. He was Design Principal for the Salk Institute East Building, UCSD’S Shiley Eye Institute and the Mingei International Museum of Folk Art. Mr. Rinehart, with his partner, and continuing resident, Tony Rasmussen, resided in the property from 1971 until his passing in 2016.

Susan Comden
Board Member

2021 Calendar of Events

Due to the uncertainty surrounding our community with regards to Covid, many of our events are TBD. Please stay tuned.

Beach Clean Up

Save the Date! The Creek to Bay Clean Up will take place on Saturday April 24th from 9am-12pm. At this point, we are anticipating the event will be virtual again and ask everyone to clean up around their neighborhoods or go down to the beach and clean up. For more information refer to:

[19TH ANNUAL CREEK TO BAY CLEANUP - I Love A Clean San Diego](#)

You may also contact our president David Talcott 949-751-9999.

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, David Talcott, at BarbertractNA@gmail.com.

Barber Tract Neighborhood Association (BTNA)

Join your community of Barber Tract neighbors by making a \$35 membership contribution for 2021

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 and a festive Holiday Party in December. 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, 2021

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 BTNA or pay with Zelle)

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

_____ Fourth of July Celebration

_____ Beach Cleanup

_____ Holiday Party

_____ Helping to deliver the Barber Tract Times or to be a Cub Reporter

_____ 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 2021:

_____ (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

Thank you for supporting our wonderful Barber Tract Neighborhood!