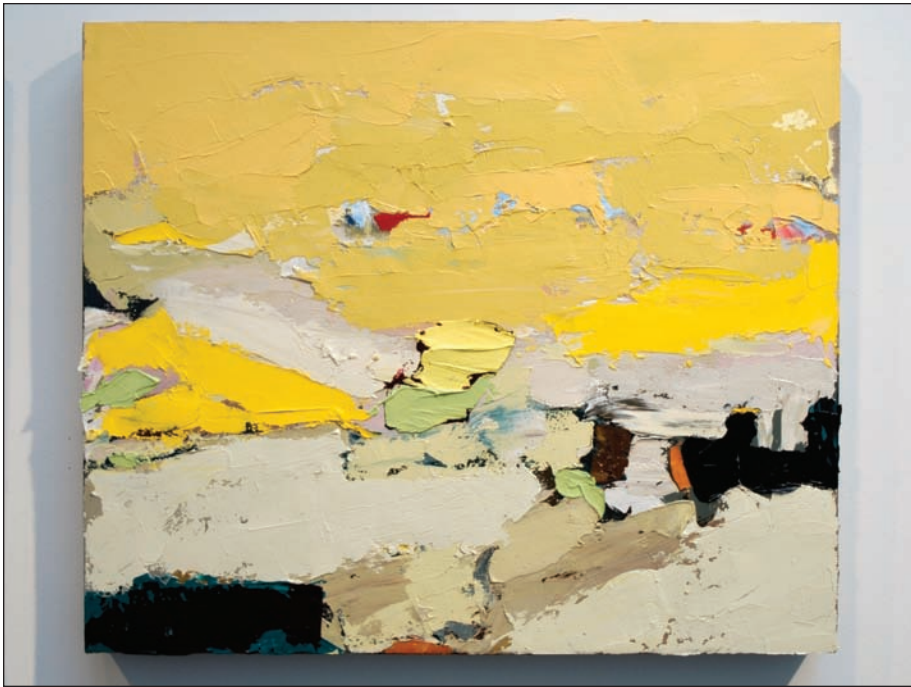


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Newsletter of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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"Landscape Reponse 2009", oil on linen by Ruth Trotter. Trotter lives and works in Rancho Palos Verdes and is a professor of art at the University of La-Verne. Her work will be featured at Neuartig Gallery, 366 West Seventh Street, San Pedro, in June and July.

Recent Additions to San Pedro's Growing Arts District

San Pedro is unique with its working port adjoining an active arts district. Things are always changing but the vitality remains. New galleries have been opened recently and are bringing beautiful images and artworks to the public. Beate Kimse at Neuartig Gallery opened last year and has established herself in the community. Works by Ruth Trotter will be featured in June and July at the gallery at 366 West Seventh Street.

National Watercolor Society

The National Watercolor Society recently opened their headquarters on Pacific Avenue. NWS has nationwide membership and a few international members. Their 2011 All Member Exhibition runs from May 15 to June 12. This show has 93 paintings selected from over 340 submitted by their membership. The juror is Marciano Martinez, who has been teaching art at Fullerton College for over 40 years. All paintings in this very diverse show must be predominately watermedia on paper, but for NWS, watermedia includes acrylic and gouache.

Pacific Avenue is becoming a more active part of the arts district. The National Watercolor Society has joined other arts organizations.

First Thursday Artwalk

The First Thursday Artwalk is a great way to get acquainted with the Downtown Art District. Galleries and studios are open, there's music in the streets, and June 2 will bring a trial run of adding gourmet food trucks to the fun. Some of the favorites have agreed to come, including Nom Nom, the Grilled Cheese Truck and Lobsta Truck.

If you're not familiar with the Downtown Artwalk, join the free one-hour tour, leaving the Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p.m. The June 2 tour will head toward Pacific Avenue and see the National Watercolor Society Show and other Pacific Avenue art venues.



The Grilled Cheese Truck, Nom Nom, and Lobsta Truck will be in Downtown San Pedro for the June 2 First Thursday Artwalk.



Lalit K. Masih, Ramp Café, one of the paintings selected for the National Watercolor Society's 2011 All Member Exhibition.

San Pedro Chamber Takes 23rd Annual 'Taste in San Pedro' to the Port of Los Angeles Waterfront

The celebrated "Taste in San Pedro," in its 23rd year, moves to the Port of Los Angeles Waterfront this August 5-7. The event, which typically draws more than 10,000, will be centered on the Harbor Boulevard parkway, between First Street and Sixth Street, in San Pedro.

Just steps from downtown, Taste in San Pedro will feature live entertainment, food and beverages from restaurants around the South Bay, park-and-ride convenience with shuttles and the Waterfront Red Car Line service, merchandise, and a children's activities area that includes a Ferris wheel, art

displays and plenty of fun for the entire family.

"We're very excited to bring the Taste in San Pedro to the Los Angeles Waterfront," said Anthony Pirozzi, chairman of the San Pedro Chamber Board of Directors. "As waterfront development in San Pedro and Wilmington continues to shape a must-see destination for locals and visitors to enjoy, bringing the Taste in San Pedro to the waterfront this August will be another wonderful opportunity for Southern Californians to come down to the L.A. harbor, have fun and enjoy a great event at a great location."

"The Port is excited to sponsor this year's Taste in San Pedro along the Main Channel of the L.A. Waterfront," added Port Senior Director of Communications Arley Baker. "We have staged several very successful events along the Waterfront Promenade, so we know what a great venue it is for family events against the backdrop of our working port in action."

Taste in San Pedro schedule: Friday, August 5, evening concert 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, August 6, 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, August 7, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

For more information, www.tasteinsanpedro.com.

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You Are Central!

Welcome to the fourth issue of Grand Central, the newsletter of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. We would like to know what you think. Do you have any issues you would like to see addressed? Would you like to contribute an article? A photo? Artwork?

Come to a stakeholder meeting and let us know. We meet every second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 West Fifth Street. From 6:00 p.m., board members and stakeholders talk informally over a light dinner provided by a local restaurant. There is no cost to come early and share a bite to eat.

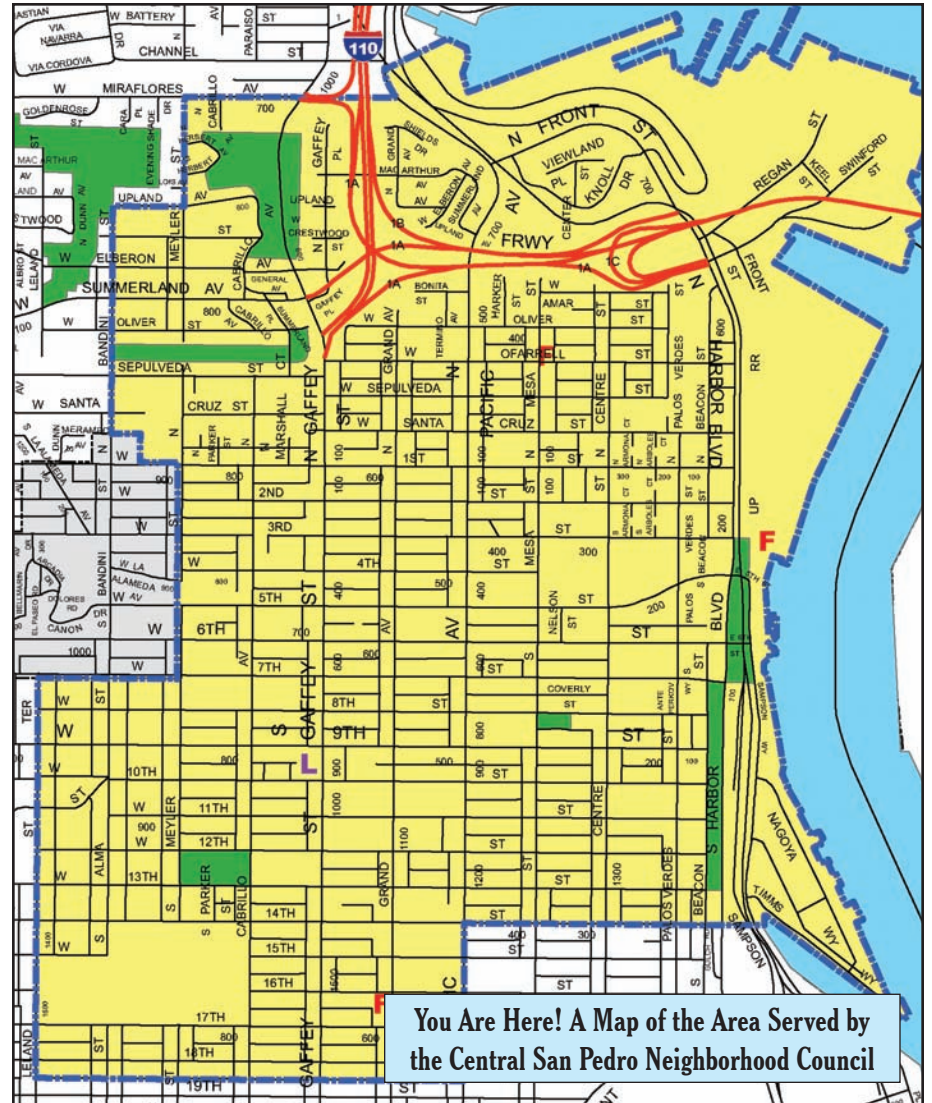
What's the council? It's local people elected to represent the neighborhood's interests in city government—everything from repairing sidewalks to reducing crime, constructing new buildings, redeveloping the waterfront, fighting air pollution, creating new parks and much more.

Central is building on a long and proud history of neighborhood council strength here in our hometown. The very first councils in the entire city were formed by Harbor Area residents in San Pedro and Wilmington in 2001. Today, there are 93 chartered councils in LA.

The council is an official City of Los Angeles government agency. Through an elected board, the council takes action on the issues, concerns and goals of the people and organizations in the district. The council brings city government closer to the people, making it easier for communities to get the information and services they need to improve their quality of life and make their neighborhoods more livable. In short, the council is the voice of the neighborhood—your voice in your city.

If you live, work, own property or have some other connection to this area, you are represented by Central. In official terms, you are a "stakeholder" or constituent of the council. As a stakeholder, you can attend meetings, propose projects, serve on committees and run for office.

Meeting notices and other information are posted on the council website, www.sanpedrocity.org and are physically posted at five sites in the district. Subscribe to our email list for the most up-to-date information using the sign-up form on the home page. And, look for us on Facebook.



You Are Here! A Map of the Area Served by the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

36th Congressional District Election Tuesday, May 17

There will be a Special Election May 17 to fill the vacant seat of Congressional District 36 which covers Central San Pedro. There are 16 candidates whose names will appear on the ballot. Should no one receive over 50 percent of the vote, a runoff election will be held July 12. The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has not endorsed any candidates, but being an elected body, we always encourage stakeholders to exercise your right to vote.

Please see your Voter Information Guide or visit the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/Special/cd36/> for further a description of the candidates.

Are You Registered to Vote?

You may register to vote in California if:

- You are a United States citizen;
- You are a resident of California;
- You will be at least 18 years of age by the date of the next election;
- You are not in prison or on parole for a felony conviction;
- You have not been judged by a court to be mentally incompetent.



How you can register: You can pick up a voter registration form at the library or post office. You can also download a voter registration form at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/nvrc/fedform/>. Print it, sign it, and mail it directly to the L.A. County Registrar.

When to re-register: You will need to re-register to vote when: you move to a new permanent residence, you change your name, or you change your political party choice.

The Secretary of State provides multilingual voter materials and services at their website http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_multi.htm

Find your polling place: Your polling place will be listed on the back cover of your sample ballot booklet. You may also locate your polling place and view your sample ballot at the L.A. County Registrar's website: <http://www.lavote.net/LOCATOR/>.

Provisional ballots: If your name does not appear on the voter list at your polling place you have the right to cast a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are counted after the county elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote and did not vote elsewhere in that same election.



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Central Issues Progress Report

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is working with Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office to move forward on certain issues the Central San Pedro Council has identified as important to the District. Here is the progress report.

DATE communicated	Description	Progress Report/Anticipated Completion Date
January 3, 2011	1a. CRA / Push the CRA to quickly complete initiatives including façade improvement south side, 300 block Seventh Street	Façade program is bidding out all projects and should have contractor selected by May 2. CRA expects work to begin by June and should be completed by the end of summer.
January 3, 2011	1b. CRA / Complete placement of street furniture, ordered and received	CRA Phase I: 18 benches, 21 trashcans: completed CRA Phase II: Seventh Street: 11 benches, 5 trashcans: completed PBID: Phase III: 17 benches, 42 trashcans: to be completed by May 15, 2011
January 3, 2011	1c. CRA / CRA and city to move on blight caused by the abandoned Blue Engravers Building	Meeting with CRA, property owner and architect 4-15 to discuss renovations and timeline.
January 3, 2011	1d. CRA / Abandoned property at southeast corner of Eighth and Centre	Turned into lot cleaning again 4-7-11, Bureau of Street Services contacted 4-11-11 for sidewalk issues. Clean SP cleaned parkstrip 4-9-11
January 3, 2011	1e. CRA / Unfinished building on Eighth Street next to the Bank "Vaults"	New owners 11-1-10, construction resumed 3-15-11
January 3, 2011	2. Allow dedicated Arts & Entertainment District to adopt its own guidelines for sidewalk furniture	CD-15 will introduce motion to reduce sidewalk dining width requirement from seven feet to four feet. Funding in place from PBID and CRA for revocable permits
January 3, 2011	3. Action to find tenants for Northrop-Grumman building	CRA has met with the broker for the Northrop Grumman Building. The company is actively working the listing but at this time they have not had much positive response. CRA is hoping to organize a breakfast event promoting San Pedro and leasable space to brokers, developers, and retailers in the summer of 2011.
January 3, 2011	4. Enhance the park by Anderson Center	Anderson Center Improvements: 1. Interior ventilation system being replaced with Quimby funds. 2. A/C: Awaiting vendor to schedule installation. 3. Roof: Will start work within two weeks by RAP roofing crew 4. Tile floor in lobby: Abatement contracts still not in place, cannot proceed until asbestos abatement is done. 5. Wall Repairs: Two sections done, two more sections to be scheduled. 6. Auditorium ceiling: Partially completed, will finish after roofing is completed. 7. Auditorium floor: New floor to be done by vendor after roofing is completed. 8. Locks and hardware: Completed 9. Kitchen: Cabinets refinished, floor refinishing to be done with auditorium floor. CD-15 will work with CSPNC of list of other desired improvements to park space.
January 3, 2011	5. Look for opportunities to gain land for more park space.	CRA is making two Prop. 84 grants for Eighth and Centre and 420 West Ninth Street. Also, CRA has money for Gaffey exit park.
January 3, 2011	6a. Provide website link to NC websites,	Completed 3/1/11
January 3, 2011	6b. include news of NC projects	NC can send items that you wanted highlighted to elise.swanson@lacity.org and we will post on our website. We can also include items in our weekly newsletter.
January 3, 2011	7. Establish evacuation plan for residents and businesses of San Pedro	March 31, held first meeting with NC leadership and first responders. We are discussing evacuation and emergency planning and how to partner with NC's to disseminate information to the community.
April 5, 2011	8. Check on progress: permitting process for sidewalk furniture, 300 block of Seventh Street	Council office is checking on the process.



Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Meeting Notice

Central San Pedro Board and Stakeholder meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at POLA High School, 250 West Fifth Street, San Pedro, 90731. The agenda is posted on the website (www.sanpedrocity.org) prior to the meeting so you can see what topics are being discussed.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services please make your request at least three business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at (213) 485-4608.

Por favor vengan a nuestras juntas y déjenos saber si podemos ayudarles con problemas que tengan con el gobierno de la ciudad. Estos asuntos pueden ser de nuestras calles, banquetas o conductas criminales también. Nuestras juntas son cada segundo martes del mes a las 6:30 pm, en el Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 West Fifth Street, San Pedro, CA. Refrescos para todos serán disponibles a las 6 pm. Servicios de traducción son disponibles, por favor contacten City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Empowerment (213) 485-4608 por lo menos tres días (72 horas) antes de la junta.

Harbor Occupational Center: Best Kept Secret in Our District

“Harbor Occ” offers low-cost technical training for adults and youth. You won’t find a better bargain for job training programs anywhere.

By Carrie Scoville, CSPNC Board Member

I had the pleasure of interviewing Assistant Principal Gail Florence, Teacher Advisor Elena Schrank, and Perkins Advisor Enrique Moreno for this article. Afterwards I was able to join a campus tour with a busload of high school students who had just arrived from South Gate. Now, although I’ve lived only a block away for over ten years, I was completely surprised by the scope of what they have to offer.

The Harbor Occupational Center is located at 740 North Pacific Avenue, snug between Knoll Hill and the Vincent Thomas Bridge offramp. You can’t miss it. The school offers two tracks of programs: an academic track for GED completion and academic remediation classes for jobs or college entry; and a track in career technical courses.

Academic Track

Currently enrolled high school students, including minors, may take GED prep courses along with technical courses to enable them to graduate with a high school diploma and job training already under their belt. This is important since technical courses like shop have all but disappeared in our high school curriculum. Since this is a LAUSD facility, minors can attend tuition free.

Technical Track

The career technical courses have mainly adult students, including those with EDD/Trade Adjustment Act support for retraining when companies leave the area—like Del Monte/Starkist. The emphasis is on short-term job training to get folks out the door and into new careers as soon as possible. Each level offers a certificate of completion that a student can hang on the wall at their new job. A full graduation ceremony is held at course completion.

Forty classes per semester are offered in areas like photovoltaics, security officer training or pharmacy technician. Other courses are diesel mechanics, auto repair, computers, upholstery, welding and forklift operators. The most



popular courses are: welding, which is not offered anywhere but at Harbor Occ in San Pedro and Wilmington; the pharmacy technician, where you can get a certificate in as little as six months; and graphic design/digital imaging where state-of-the-art equipment is provided.

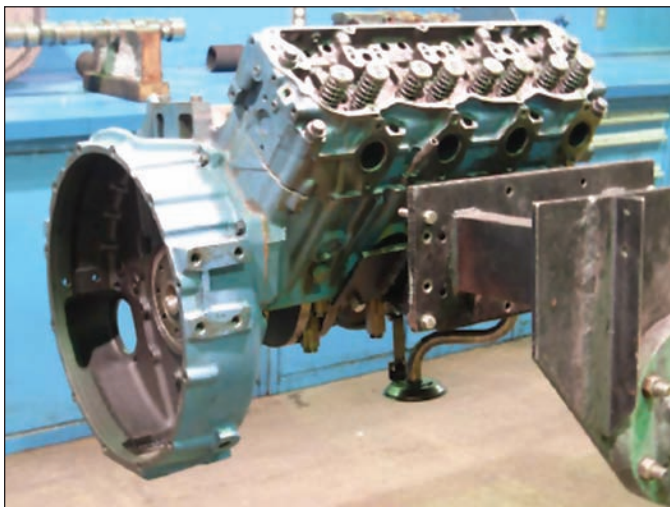
But How Much Does it Cost?

This is the most unbelievable part. A pharmacy technician can graduate for only \$300-\$400 for the entire program. A private school would charge \$10,000-\$12,000 for the same training. Not to mention the money made on the student loans you would need to take out. Different trades have different expenses, of course, but all are very reasonable.

Training Programs

- The Business Education department offers entry level courses for administrative assistants, business math, computer training and desktop publishing.
- The Automotive Technology program matriculates to El Camino College. Students may bring their own cars to work on. An ASE certified automotive technician has international recognition. Once certified, a job can be obtained anywhere in the world.
- The Graphic Design program has all new Macs with Adobe CS5 software. It starts with fundamentals in Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, iDesign and Dreamweaver. Students design their own letterhead, logos, posters, ads, and a webpage. A full electronic portfolio is produced by the end of the program.
- Students in the upholstery program can bring in their own furniture for refinishing.
- In the diesel mechanics program, students work on tractor-trailers, marine engines, transmissions and a whole host of Detroit Diesels.
- Forklift driving is an accelerated program. Students must be at least 18 years of age to enroll in these courses for safety reasons, and the requirement of a valid California driver’s license.
- Photovoltaics will train you in installation of solar panels on rooftops and towers. Students graduate at the cutting edge of the renewable energy industry with truly “green” jobs.

Disassembled diesel used to teach Harbor Occupational Center students. Diesel mechanics is one of the many training programs offered by the school.



Display outside building housing mechanics program at Harbor Occupational Center.

San Pedro Unemployment Support Group

This recession, which has cut deep and wide into our local economy, not only negatively effects the financial health of the unemployed and underemployed, but can become a constant source of stress to them and to others who fear unemployment—and to those who are self-employed and see their client base being reduced drastically. SPUSG participants vary from month-to-month and represent a wide spectrum of the employment market. Attendees appreciate having a place share experiences, concerns, and suggestions.

Anyone in the community who has a need for support is invited to join SPUSG. Meetings are held monthly, generally the second Saturday of the month, at 10:00 a.m. Hosted by the United Methodist Church, the group is open to all faiths. Coffee, cookies and conversation at 580 West Sixth Street, at Sixth and Grand. Enter on Grand. The group meets in the downstairs chapel. Call (310) 548-1001 or email sanpedroumc@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Job Fair

Every year in June Harbor Occ hosts a Job Fair which is open to the public. Last year, 26 employers participated and there were 500 participants. This year, 35-40 employers are expected. The Job Fair will be held June 2 to coincide with commencement. Come on by!

For more information, contact Harbor Occupational Center at (310) 547-5551, www.harboroc.org, or just stop by.

Help LAPD Stop Crime

San Pedro has seen an increase in property crimes such as burglaries from motor vehicles, residential burglaries, vandalism, graffiti and grand theft auto. Panhandlers have been in the area, possibly casing locations for future burglaries. It is recommended not to buy things from people selling door-to-door, and specifically do not give any of your personal information to them.

As far as residential burglaries, remember to always lock and secure your windows and doors. Report any unusual activity in and around your home and neighbors residences. LAPD believes that a lot of the burglaries are being done by juveniles ditching school.

If school is in session and you see a group of children out during school hours, please call Harbor Station, (310) 726-7700, and report them. Our Harbor Division senior lead officers have organized task forces to concentrate on the areas that have been hit hard with crimes.

They make numerous arrests, but we won't be able to arrest ourselves out of this problem. Let's not be easy targets. We need to remain vigilant, and constantly be aware of our surroundings.

What You Can Do

Work together in being better neighbors and look out for one another. Remember criminals have all day and night to think about doing bad deeds, and just have to get lucky once. We have to remain vigilant 24/7. Consider becoming a block captain and forming a Neighborhood Watch program. Block captain training sessions are available for any community member upon request.

If you have any questions please contact our primary Senior Lead Officer, Maligi A. (Junior) Nua, 31681@lapd.lacity.org, (310) 869-2138. Some parts of our district are in different SLO areas.

To report narcotic activity in San Pedro, please call the Harbor Station narcotics detectives at (310) 726-7840. You can make the call anonymously.

To report gang activity in San Pedro, please call the Harbor Area Gang Enforcement Detail at (310) 726-7891.

To report graffiti in San Pedro, email Officer Roger Reynoso at 32025@lapd.lacity.org. If possible include a photo of the graffiti as well as the location.

Prevention for Car Burglaries and Vehicle Thefts

- Avoid leaving your car running with the doors unlocked and windows down.
- Avoid leaving valuables in plain view of passing pedestrians.
- Install anti-theft devices such as, alarm systems and ignition cutoff switches.
- Park in well lighted areas.
- Consider the installation of a portable steering wheel lock.
- Avoid leaving hidden spare keys where suspects can easily find them.
- Make sure to lock your vehicle.
- Report all suspicious activity to police immediately.
- Consider starting a neighborhood watch program.

Street Robberies

- Remember criminals prey on easy targets.
- Keep your valuables out of sight.
- Avoid displaying money in public.
- Avoid giving rides to strangers.
- Shop and walk in pairs whenever possible.
- Report all suspicious activity to police immediately.

For a complete list of home and business crime prevention tips, go to www.lapdonline.org

(Thanks to the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council for permitting us to use this article from their newsletter.)

Lt. Charles Hearn New Patrol Captain at LAPD Harbor Division

Please join us in welcoming Lt. Charles Hearn, the new LAPD Patrol Captain at Harbor Station. Lt Hearn is married, with three children, and resides in Valencia California. He has a B.A. in psychology from CSUN and a M.A. from CSUDH and is a 21-year veteran of the LAPD.

He started in 1989 with five years patrol in West L.A. and then worked Foothill, West Valley, North Hollywood divisions. After attaining the rank of Detective he worked at West L.A. and at Central Division as a night watch detective and gang detective. He promoted to field sergeant and worked in West L.A. and served as assistant watch commander at Van Nuys. He also worked as a commander's aid at OVB, assistant watch commander Devonshire Division, and a criminal investigator for IAG.

Lt. Hearn earned the rank of lieutenant watch commander at West Valley Division and Lieutenant II at the Gang Support Division and Narcotic Division, where he was the officer in charge. Just prior to coming to the Harbor, he was commanding officer of the Criminal Intelligence Division.



Lt. Charles Hearn

YWCA of the Harbor Area and South Bay Hosts Eighth Annual YWCA Women's Health and Safety Awareness Fair May 20

On Friday, May 20, the YWCA of the Harbor Area and South Bay, along with many area participating organizations, will hold the Eighth Annual YWCA Women's Health & Safety Awareness Fair. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the YWCA of the Harbor Area & South Bay (inside the auditorium), 437 West Ninth Street, San Pedro. Free refreshments will be provided and door prizes are awarded all day.

Free screenings will be provided for osteoporosis (bone density test), asthma, blood pressure and diabetes. Free weight and height tests, cholesterol testing, HIV testing, hearing and eye screening will also be offered to attendees.

Participating organizations offering services and information include: The American Cancer Association, American Heart Association, American Red Cross, American Diabetes Association, Los Angeles Port Police (offering fingerprinting), California Highway Patrol, Little Company of Mary Providence, Asian Physicians Group, Los Angeles Fire Department, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Toberman Center, National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence (NCADD), Catholic Charities, Palos Verdes Peninsula Lions Club, and more!

Many community members utilize this event for important health information they would not otherwise have access to. The event provides useful information on topics such as domestic violence, child abuse, healthy families, diabetes, car seat safety, mental health, sexual assault, crisis, disaster preparedness, HIV, information on family and cosmetic dentistry and much more.

The mission of the YWCA is eliminating racism and empowering women. To achieve these goals, the YWCA provides many programs and services to women, children, and teens in the community. These include:

- operation of two childcare centers;
- breast cancer screening for uninsured women;
- clothing and baby items for low-income new and expectant mothers;
- afterschool teen center and pregnancy prevention program for teenage girls.

UTR Plus Repowers Million Mile Diesel Truck with Clean Propane

By Pat Carroll

Port Tech LA's latest client, UTR Plus, provides a cleaner air solution for independent truckers driving diesel drayage trucks serving the Port and intermodal railyards. UTR Plus repowers diesel trucks with a propane engine that is CARB Verified, and meets the emission requirements of the California Air Resources Board, South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

UTR Plus repowered a diesel truck that had run on diesel fuel for just under one million miles with a clean propane engine. That truck now has an Exempt Sticker and is ready to return to work in the Port of Los Angeles.

The total cost to repower is just \$50,000. UTR Plus will assist customers in obtaining financing. Repowering a diesel truck that has two or more years of on-road commercial use in California with propane, may qualify the owner for a \$30,000 grant—if application is made before April 29. For information on financing, contact Sharon Banks from Cascade Sierra Solutions at sbanks@cascadesierrasolutions.org.

The benefits and savings include the fact that propane fuel is about half the price of diesel, propane engines are easily maintained, keep the air cleaner, and will qualify for Port access under the Clean Trucks Program. UTR Plus is based in Wilmington, California, convenient for after-sale service and support.

For information on repowering your vehicle, contact Gilbert Gallahar at 310-684-8365 or GallaharSR@gmail.com. PortTechLA is a nonprofit technology commercialization center and incubator. For more information on Port-TechLA, contact John Salcedo at (310) 832-0028.

Report Animal Abuse

If you know about an animal that you feel is being abused or neglected or have any information regarding a possible dog fighting situation call the L.A. City Animal Cruelty Task Force at 213-486-0450. Calls can be made anonymously. The Animal Cruelty Task Force is an alliance of L.A. Animal Control and LAPD.

Port of Los Angeles 'Plugs In' Three Cruise Lines to Shoreside Electrical Power

Versatility of New "AMP Mobile" Technology Allows for Multiple Vessel Types and Simultaneous AMP Connections at L.A.'s World Cruise Center

The Port of Los Angeles this month became the first port worldwide to provide Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) to three separate cruise lines. In recent weeks, ships from Disney Cruise Line, Princess Cruises and Norwegian Cruise Line have all taken advantage of unique "AMP Mobile" technology developed specifically for the World Cruise Center.

"The use of AMP at our World Cruise Center reduces emissions not just at the Port but improves the quality of air throughout the Los Angeles region," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "The ability to adapt this technology to multiple cruise lines eliminates significant ship exhaust when cruise ships are at berth, and the AMP Mobile is another innovation that demonstrates our commitment to developing cutting-edge technology that can benefit port communities everywhere."

"As the State of California recognizes the environmental impacts of operations at California's major seaports, this program in particular deserves credit for its ability to sharply reduce ship emissions," added 55th District Assemblymember Warren T. Furutani (D-South Los Angeles County), who encourages state funding measures to help ports install and deploy costly shore-side electric power infrastructure. "I'm committed to advocating in the Legislature to streamline regulations and funding so that we can clean our air and keep our ports competitive."

"I'm particularly pleased that Port engineers were the first worldwide who came up with a way to handle the challenges of adapting to the unique needs of multiple cruise lines with different power requirements at one cruise terminal," said Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "This is another important tool we are using to grow in a diverse and environmentally responsible manner."

The Port of Los Angeles has three AMP Mobiles, which were designed for the World Cruise Center by Port engineers and Cavotec, a global engineering firm. With 100 feet of lateral movement capability and a remote-controlled arm to adjust the cable crane arm to changing tides and the location of power connections on cruise ships, the AMP Mobile versatility allows for a variety of cruise ship configurations.

The World Cruise Center is also the only port where two cruise ships can be connected simultaneously. Cruise ships utilize either 6.6 kilovolts (kV) or 11 kV electrical power distribution systems to plug into shore side power; the Port of Los Angeles can now accommodate either. Currently the power demand of the cruise ships calling the Port of Los Angeles is anywhere between 8 to 13



Disney cruise liner departs Port of Los Angeles following stop where AMP mobile unit (foreground) provided shoreside power.

megawatts of power. A seven megawatt load is equivalent to producing enough electricity for approximately 1,000 homes.

The Port's AMP system installed at the World Cruise Center is capable of delivering up to 40 megawatts of power, with 20 megawatts of power delivery capacity to each of the two different ships.

In 2004, the Port of Los Angeles was the first in the world to use AMP technology for in-service container ships. Three major container terminals currently have AMP capabilities and more are coming on line later this year.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port and has a strong commitment to developing innovative strategic and sustainable operations that benefit the economy as well as the quality of life for the region and the nation it serves. As the leading seaport in North America in terms of shipping container volume and cargo value, the Port generates 919,000 regional jobs and \$39.1 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. A proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, the Port is self-supporting and does not receive taxpayer dollars.

Social Networking Privacy Tips



The Daily Breeze recently published these tips for using social networking from the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse (www.privacyrights.org). The PRC offers a very complete fact sheet "Social Networking Privacy: How to Be Safe, Secure and Social." Topics include what type of information is public, who can access information, reading a privacy policy and fraud. Some of the tips on the fact sheet:

- Become familiar with the privacy setting available on any social network you use. Stay aware of changes to a social network's terms of service and privacy policy.
- Don't share your birthdate, age or place of birth, your address, phone number, email address, vacation plans (especially the dates you'll be travelling) or daily routine.
- Be careful when you click on URL links. Consider getting a URL expander to examine URLs before clicking on them.
- Delete cookies, including flash cookies, every time you leave a social networking site.
- Remember that whatever goes on a network might eventually be seen by people not in the intended audience. Be especially cautious of photos of you, even if someone else placed them. Don't be afraid to untag photos of yourself and to ask to have content removed.



Lane Victory Cruise Dates Announced

The Lane Victory will set sail for day-long cruises this year on July 23, August 27, and September 24. Tickets are now available. For information, call (310) 519-9545 or visit www.lanevictory.org. Built in 1945, here in Los Angeles, CA, the S.S. Lane Victory served with distinction during World War II, The Korean War, and the Vietnam War as well as in times of peace as part of the merchant fleet. After years of deterioration in mothballs, it took countless hours of restoration to put her back into her original condition by volunteers of the United States Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II. A nationally recognized historic landmark, the S.S. Lane Victory now serves as a living museum and memorial to the service and sacrifices of all Merchant Marine sailors and Navy Armed Guardsmen. Several times each summer she sails into the past on one of her "Victory At Sea" cruises where "old salts" can reminisce, about adventures past, and younger generations can catch a glimpse of bygone times.

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L.A. Harbor Animal Care Center Needs Your Help

The Harbor Animal Care Center is located at 957 North Gaffey Street. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

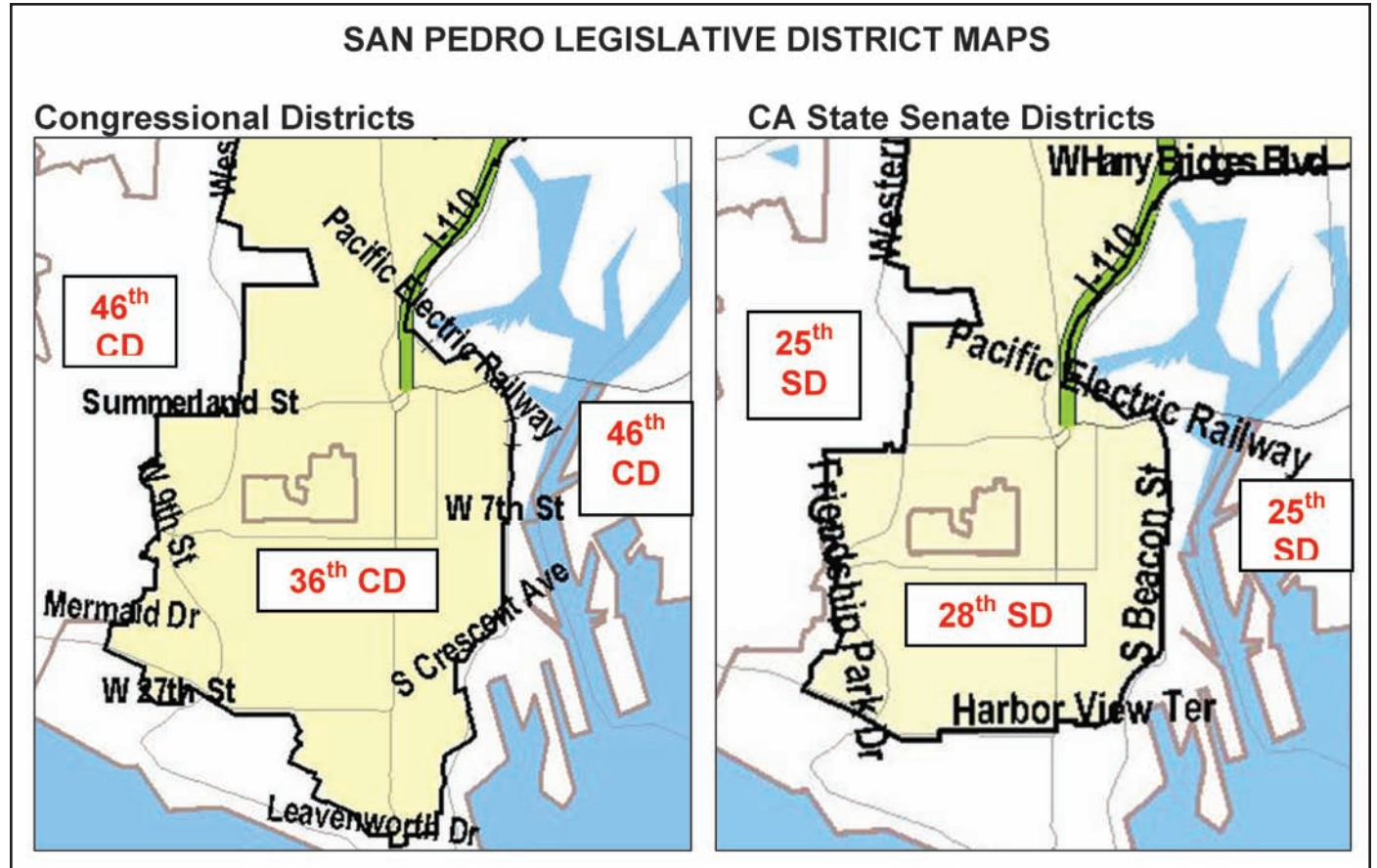
Volunteers are always needed for everything from office help to dog bathing. Download a volunteer application form at: http://www.laanimalservices.com/PDF/volunteer/volunteer_application.pdf

Cash donations are welcome, or you can participate in the Adopt a Kennel Program. For \$300, an engraved plaque will be placed on a dog kennel, cat cage, or small animal cage for one year. All donations are tax deductible.

In-kind donations of blankets, newspapers, food for the animals, cat toys, gallon jugs of white vinegar and other items are welcome. A complete "wish list" is posted on the Harbor Animal Care Center's website: http://www.laanimalservices.com/har_carecenter_wishlist.htm.

Please don't give an animal as a holiday gift. Consider giving a Department of Animal Services Gift Certificate instead. This lets your loved one select their own pet from any of the six L.A. Animal Care Centers. Gift certificates are available for the cost of adopting a pet, or for any dollar amount.

Most of all, come by and adopt a pet! All L.A. Animal Care Centers are overcrowded with cats and dogs needing homes. As of this writing there were 100 cats and 73 adorable dogs available, which is well over capacity for the Center.



Redistricting is Coming; What Does It Mean to You?

California voters recently approved founding a citizen's commission for oversight of redrawing our legislative districts. Every 10 years, based on national census figures, state and federal legislative districts are redrawn to better represent the population. Until now, the boundaries have been determined by elected officials.

The Citizen's Redistricting Commission is holding public hearings throughout the state to obtain local input for assistance in determining the boundaries for state and federal legislative districts.

Why does this matter to you? The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council district has been divided for decades. We have lacked a singular point of contact in Congress or the State Senate to represent our interests.

The way the lines are currently drawn the waterfront is separated from the rest of the district. That affects policies like port security and community emergency response capabilities, or downtown San Pedro integration with the waterfront planning process. Your voice could help bring unified representation for San Pedro in the State Legislature and the House of Representatives.

The first hearings were held in April and May. The initial draft maps will be released in June. Final district maps must be certified by the Commission and presented to the Secretary of State by August 15, 2011. For more information visit the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website at: <http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov/>, telephone (866) 356-5217, or email votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov.

Community Funding Support

So far this fiscal year the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has committed over \$12,000 in council funds directly for projects in the community. This year's project priorities have focused on helping the youth of our district.

<u>Event/Item</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dia de los Muertos 10/31/10 event publicity	Findings Art Center	\$1,000
Food for 12/11/10 Holiday Celebration at the shelter	Harbor Interfaith Services	\$1,000
Graffiti abatement, building clean-up, landscaping	Little Fish Theater	\$500
SP Holiday Parade 12/5/10	SP Chamber	\$500
Dance class at POLA HS for 35 Students	SP City Ballet	\$1,000
Youth Street Scenes event (April 5, 2011)	Beacon House	\$1,000
Ceiling mounted projector	POLA High School	\$1,000
Landscaping, tree wells and planters in district	Clean San Pedro	\$1,000
Set of sails	Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Program	\$1,000
Artists in the Classrooms program	Angels Gate Cultural Center	\$1,000
Video camera for student documentary film program	San Pedro High School / Docs Roc	\$1,000
Cabrillo Beach Fireworks	Cabrillo Beach Boosters	\$1,000
Food for Volunteer Appreciation event , May 2011	Harbor Interfaith Shelter	\$750
Music appreciation for 75 children at the Boys & Girls Club	Grand Vision Foundation / Meet the Music	\$1,000
TOTAL CSPNC FY10/11 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS		\$12,750

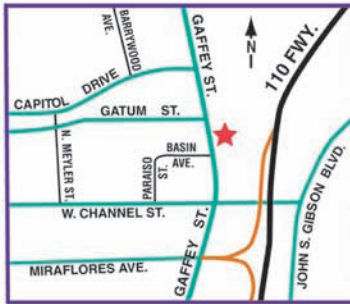
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Spay or Neuter Your Pet—It's the Law!

Clinico offers spay and neuter services, vaccination and surgeries at the Harbor Animal Care Center, 957 North Gaffey Street. Discounts are available for pet owners with an annual income of under \$40,000. Appointments are available Sunday, Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 310-241-0768 or 888-WE-SPAY-LA.

Other spay and neuter services are offered by:

- Sam Simon Foundation Mobile Veterinary Clinic—Free spay and neuter service for pets belonging to a family with an annual income under \$40,000. Free surgeries for sterilized pets of households with annual income under \$40,000. Telephone (323) 549-5300, email clinic@sam-simonfoundation.org, website www.samsimonfoundation.com.
- The Amanda Foundation Spaymobile—Free services for pets of City of L.A. residents meeting certain qualifications. No feral or wild cats. Telephone 888-FIX-PETT, website laanimalservices.com.

Feral Cat Assistance Groups



- FixNation—Free spay-neuter services in Burbank for homeless, stray and feral cats. Telephone 818-524-CATS, website www.fixnation.org
- Best Friends Catnippers—Free clinic and funding for feral cat spay/neuter and TNR training. Telephone (818) 377-9700, website www.bestfriends.org/la
- Stray Cat Alliance—Hotline, traps and more. Telephone (310) 281-6973, email info@straycatalliance.org, website www.straycatalliance.org
- Feral Cat Caretaker's Coalition—Free feral cat caretaking information packets. Telephone (310) 820-4122, email feralcatcenter@yahoo.com, website www.feralcat-caretakers.org
- Heaven on Earth Society for Animals—Free transportation of cats to/from Fixnation (Burbank). Telephone (818) 474-2700, ext. 6, email spay@heavenlypets.org, website www.heavenlypets.org
- California Wildlife Center Hospital—Help for injured wildlife. Telephone 818-591-WILD (9453), website www.californiawildlifecenter.org



"Two Spirits" tells the story of hate-crime victim Fred Martinez, who was only 16 when he was killed.

Film 'Two Spirits' at Warner Grand June 3

The Grand Vision Foundation closes out its year-long series of free documentary films at the Warner Grand Theatre on Friday, June 3, 8:00 p.m., with the award-winning "Two Spirits" by Lydia Nibley. The story is about Fred Martinez, who was one of the youngest hate-crime victims in modern history when he was murdered at 16. Two Spirits explores the life and death of a boy who was also a girl, and the spiritual nature of gender. Community Cinema selected films from PBS' Independent Lens series.

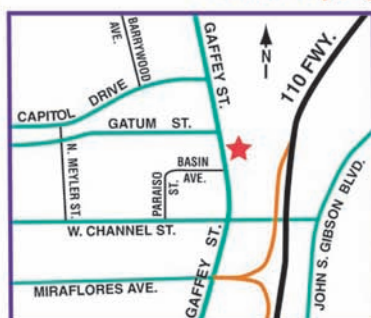
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