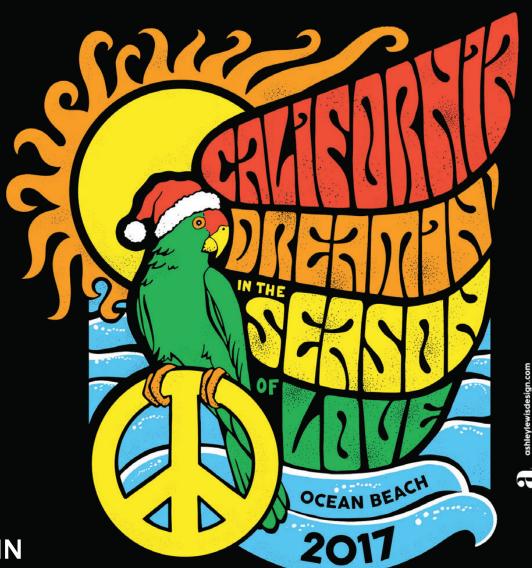
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Don't miss the annual Ocean Beach Holiday Parade and festivities Saturday, December 2. Parade kicks off at 5:05 pm on Newport Avenue. In the spirit of everything OB, this year's theme is 'California Dreaming in the Season of Love'. Be sure to Shop OB local and complete your "Passport Card" to WIN great prizes! Stop by any participating businesses to pick up your card! For more info go to shoplocalOB.com or oceanbeachsandiego.com

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Sebastian Crowley and Jennifer Lucas kiss on Newport Avenue before last year's OB Holiday Parade. (Below) An under-the-sea-themed float from last year's parade.

PHOTOS BY THOMAS MELVILLE (above), MIKE McCARTHY (below)

38TH ANNUAL OB HOLIDAY PARADE CELEBRATES California Dreamin' in the Season of Love

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Last year, the Ocean Beach Holiday Parade featured the wedding float of OB Planning Board chair John Ambert.

By contrast, this year's 38th annual parade is themed "California Dreamin' in the Season of Love." It will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love, which spearheaded the anti-war and free speech movements in California, including OB at that time.

How more OB could it be?

In 2017, there's something new to protest in the beach community. And it is likely that the "No Target In OB" Christmas parade float will be an event highlight.

OB parade volunteer Spencer Higgs hinted that the "No Target" float entry will be something not to miss.

"We've got a really fun concept that's going to engender the classic Ocean Beach vibe, while also spread-



OB HOLIDAY PARADE

When: Saturday, Dec. 2, 5:05 p.m.

Where: The parade will begin at Newport Avenue and Ebers Street, head west to the foot of Newport, then will turn down Abbott ending at lifeguard tower.

ing awareness to help keep Target Express out," said Higgs. "We're going to outfit a pickup for the main piece, surrounded by supporters on foot, walking, dancing, waving, and generally being merry OBecians, encouraging bystanders to join along as they please. Classic, eco-friendly, communal... very OB."

But, added Higgs: "We need help bringing it to life. We would like anyone who's interested in helping out, or being part of the parade, to join us to discuss roles and other creative ways of building off our idea. Spread the word on social media. Do what you can to help us make this a great addition to the parade."

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Local musicians donate North Folk Island Pine for OB's Christmas tree

BY BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

One of Ocean Beach's most beloved traditions, the raising of the annual Christmas tree at the foot of Newport Avenue, proved to be a little more difficult than usual this year. Thankfully, two local musicians, singer-songwriter Kimm Rogers and producer Jeff Berkley, have come to the rescue, donating a 45-foot-tall North Folk Island Pine tree located in their shared back yard.

"It wasn't easy this time out," said Claudia Jack of the Ocean Beach Main Street Association, who has helmed the annual search for a tree for the past 23 years. "We usually have everything taken care of nine months in advance, but a month ago we still didn't have a tree. We called around and of course, something like what we are looking for costs a lot of money."

Luckily, the OBMA put up a bulletin and four trees were offered up quickly, even better, they were in the area, saving on shipping costs. For Rogers, it was fortuitous timing.

"During last winter's storms I became concerned that the tree might fall over as it leans," Rogers said. "I called an arborist for a consult, thinking maybe we could find a way to preserve it and anchor it. However, the and saving on removal costs, Rogers

'This has worked out wonderfully for everyone.'

CLAUDIA JACK OF OCEAN BEACH MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

roots of the tree were undermining the foundation of the adjacent apartment, so he said it needed to come down."

The tree will be cut down, "taken right over the roof of the house and delivered to the foot of Newport Avenue on Nov. 28," said Jack. She notes it's no easy task moving something that large. "There will be some maneuvering to do, but there is a base already at the location to slip the tree into, so that makes that part a little

Decorations will be put up during three days. "We will be putting up 100 ornaments and tons of lights," Jack said. Meanwhile on Nov. 30, local school kids will get to decorate the bottom half of the tree with their own homemade ornaments. The tree will be up through Jan. 3.

While the situation is a win for everyone, with OB getting a free tree arborist was very concerned that the notes it's sad to lose such a big tree.

"The loss of any tree is hard. We need them to breathe. They give life. I will miss it tremendously. However, it will be a good thing for the nearby apple tree. It was in the shade of the pine and now it will do much better," she

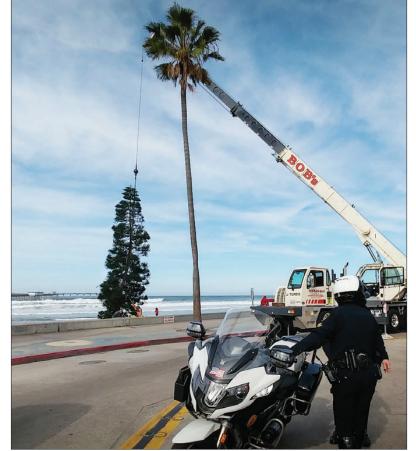
The tree itself was planted in 1997 by previous tenants of the house, CBS News 8 photojournalist Charles Landon and his wife, Sheila Ferris.

"It started out as a four-foot-tall live Christmas tree that we planted following that year's holiday," he said. "We are so pleased that it's going to be repurposed once more for the same use."

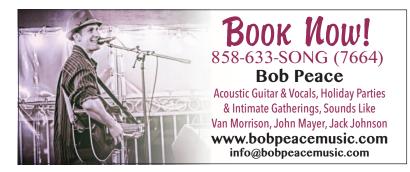
Landon plans to shoot a story on the day. "We will be following the tree's journey and showing it on air. Our family are still OB residents, and this tree was planted before our children were born," Landon said. "We're excited about the whole thing."

"This has worked out wonderfully for everyone," Jack commented. "I'm amazed that we were able to get everything done in such a short amount of time '

For her part, Rogers is proud to be able to donate the tree and in the spirit of Christmas, give back to her community. "In the literal sense, it's the biggest gift we have ever given," she



The 45-foot-tall OB Christmas tree is placed on the beach at the end of Newport Avenue on Tuesday morning.



All Souls' Episcopal Church Annual **Christmas Home Tour and Marketplace**

love to welcome you to its annual Christmas Home Tour and Marketplace. Saturday, December 2, from unique histories, captivating views 10:00-4:00, the Tour can be a whole day of fun in beautiful Point Loma! Organize groups from your neighborhoods — book clubs, church, garden groups, work or service colleagues, family and friends! For the first time, a special reserved ticket price for purchases of ten or more at \$25.00 each makes attend-(\$35.00 on the day of the event).

church grounds, an expanded Marketplace offers delightful opportunities to turn towards festive planning and holiday readiness, with gift or decoration choices that include handmade treasures and homecooked treats to fill Christmas stockings or the feast table! Gourmet food trucks, a coffee cart and local artisans join the event this year, rounding out an already sumptuous tea! Touring the very special James Hubbell stained-glass adorned church, and the newly acquired contemporary abstract pieces from the recent Icons in Transformation exhibit, as well as five uniquely

appealing Point Loma homes are

All Souls' Episcopal Church would highlights of this community celebration.

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All Souls' Episcopal Church Annual Christmas Home Tour & Marketplace Event

Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 10 a.m.-4 pm. 1475 Catalina Blvd., Point Loma (619) 223-6394 office@allsoulspointloma.org

For more information or tickets, allsoulspointloma.org/hometour

Shopping local reduces stress, induces smiles

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Small Business Saturday (Nov. 25) is over, but the spirit of giving it engenders will carry through the entire year-end holidays. And both Peninsula communities, Point Loma and Ocean Beach, have lots going on to attract Yuletide shoppers this year.

With the holiday season already here, the importance of shopping local and supporting neighborhood merchants striving for success in today's ever-evolving marketplace cannot be overstated.

While the information age and the half our nation's working class.

internet are drawing customers away online, there's still huge value — and an entertaining personal experience to be had shopping old-fashioned, with pavement-pounding browsing of brick-and-mortar establishments.

The importance of shopping local is borne out in statistics. According to the federal Small Business Administration, small businesses, so-called "mom and pops," defined in the United States as having fewer than 25 fulltime employees with annual wages below \$50,000, employ more than

la holiday shopping season is Point Loma Village, where small businesses are teaming up to host a Holiday Stroll on Canon Street with guess who: a special guest, Santa.

This holiday season, these three local Point Loma businesses are giving back to their shared community in three unique ways:

Beer-and-Food

• Dec. 13 – Festive Beer-and-Food Speakeasy: Barons Market at 4001 W. Point Loma Blvd. invites craft beer and

good cheer. Guests can mingle among for guests while pups enjoy treats from stockrooms and loading docks a gourmet doggie menu – all for a good to enjoy Black Market Brewing's refreshing craft beer. All of the proceeds from the event will go to food banks in San Diego and Temecula.

Help rescue animals

• Dec. 6, 13, 20, and 27 – Holiday Edition Woofer: Every Wednesday, The Wine Pub at 2907 Shelter Island Drive, donates 10 percent of each City is inviting community members guest's check to Animal Rescuers Without Borders. This year, The Wine

One hot spot in this year's Peninsu- food lovers for an evening filled with Pub serves up gourmet holiday food

Jingle bell fun

• Dec. 9 – Jingle Bell Fun Run: Bay City Brewing Co. will host a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation this month leading up to December's Jingle Bell Fun Run, the nation's largest holiday 5k run fighting arthritis. Bay

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to join them in celebrating the holidays with a cold one in hand.

Passport to OB

As always, Ocean Beach and its tight-knit merchant community is all in on the holiday season. The community's business improvement district, Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA), celebrated Small Business Saturday in a big way with a sand sculpture and other festivities, kicking off its nearly month-long promotional Passport to OB contest to encourage people to shop local.

The almost month-long contest, a centerpiece of OBMA's holiday shopping campaign this year, continues until Wednesday, Dec. 20. A Shop Small OB Passport furnishes customers with a card with the names of 26 participating OB merchants on it, that they can then get punched for a chance at a future drawing.

"The more businesses you visit and get your card punched at, the better your odds are for winning a prize," said Isabel Clark of OBMA. "Then people turn in their cards and the drawing is held. Participating businesses will have gift cards and other really cool things you can win."

Passport participants include: Abbott Street Market, Apple Tree

Supermarket, Arizona Cafe, Beach ing and services offered in our complastic. For more information the bou-Sweets, Bone Appetit, Car's Jars, Crystal Visions, Details SalonSpa, James Gang Printing Company, Lighthouse Ice Cream, OB People's Organic Food Market, Ocean Beach Business Center, Pat's Liquor, Pirate's Cove Tiki Port, Raglan Public House, Reset Float Therapy, Shot From The Hart Photography, South Coast Surf Shop, South Coast Wahines, Sunset Clipps, Swanky Sugar, Synergy, Thistle Garden Floral Home, Tony's, Sunshine Co. Saloon and OBMA.

"Ocean Beach has so many great local shops and restaurants," said Denny Knox, OBMA executive director. "We're really excited to create exposure for the variety of retail, dinmunity to entice people to come to OB tique, visit shopseesawkids.com. to shop small."

"This is the first year we've done this on this scale, really doing a big push," pointed out Clark adding, "Hopefully, it will become an annual thing and we can expand it next year."

Here are a few more Peninsula small businesses and what they're doing special for the holidays:

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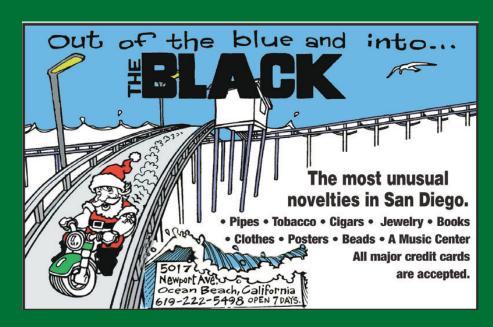
• Wee Gather, 3030 Canon St.: is a stylish event space for (mostly) kidcentered parties, pop-ups, workshops, and community. For more information, visit www.weegather.com.

Healthful pet food

• Good Dog Pet Outfitters, 3034 Canon St.: provides vibrant, humangrade whole foods for your feathered and furred friends. The boutique features products such as health foods for pets, healing supplements for every

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NOVEMBER 11, 25

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NOVEMBER 14

OB Restaurant Walk • 5-9pm

NOVEMBER 18

Toy Drive collection boxes arrive in OB restaurants and businesses

NOVEMBER 25

Shop Small Business Saturday Shop local on November 25 and

see the giant sand sculpture at the beach. Then get your **Shop Small OB Passport** at the OBTC Craft Fair good through December 20th. More info: ShopLocalOB.com

NOVEMBER 28

OB Christmas Tree arrives • 11am NOVEMBER 29

Help decorate the OB Tree • 9am **NOVEMBER 30**

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DECEMBER 1-15

Online voting for **OB Storefront Decoration Contest.** More info: Facebook.com/OBMA92107

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23

Craft Fair at Newport and Abbott St. • 9am-4pm (9am-2pm on 12/2 & 12/23). Featuring Santa from 11am-1pm.

DECEMBER 2

38th Annual OB Holiday Parade on Newport Ave., from Sunset Cliffs Blvd. to the beach. Lighting of the OB Tree will begin the parade. • 5:05pm (OB Time)

DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27 Farmers Market • Starts at 4pm

DECEMBER 11-15

Food and Toy Drive at Masonic Hall, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Volunteer and bring a donation. • 5-9pm

DECEMBER 15

Holiday Homes Decoration Contest

 6pm. The best dressed 92107 holiday homes will be judged. More info: (619) 316.3403 or mikeakev@cox.net

DECEMBER 16

Food and Toy Drive distribution to seniors and families from Masonic Hall, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. • 9am

OB Tree comes down on January 3

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stage of growth and development, items made from organic cotton, wool doggie duds, an assortment of leashes and harnesses for sport and fun, and toys, toys, toys. Visit www.gooddogpetoutfitters.com.

This trio of Village shops are teaming up to throw a holiday block party Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m., for folks to check off their list a couple to-do's while giving back to smaller businesses.

The family-friendly party on the corner of Cañon and Rosecrans streets, will feature Santa Claus arriving from the North Pole and entering Wee Gather with a "Ho, Ho, Ho!" Also, tickets will be available to pur-

Women checks out the deals during Small Business Saturday in Ocean Beach last week.

chase for photos with Santa.

The block party will also offer discounts at the three retail shops, festive face painting, pop-up shops from local crafters, homemade peppermint coffee and more.

The Holiday Stroll on Cañon Street presents an alternative shopping option to bigbox chains and online retail giants. Nothing says "Happy Holidays," like supporting local businesses while mingling with neighbors," say promoters.

"Plus, where else can you get shopping, pictures with Santa and a place to drop your kids off while you shop all in one place?"

Founded in 1978, the Ocean Beach Main-Street Association is comprised of area merchants and professionals dedicated to building a thriving business district that fulfills the needs of the neighboring community and visitors alike. Learn more at www.OceanBeachSanDiego.com or www. shoplocalob.com.



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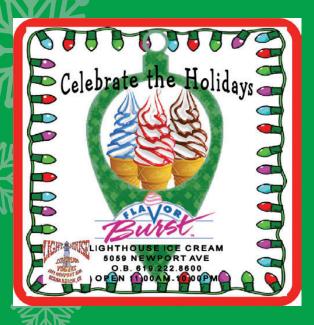


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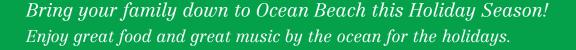
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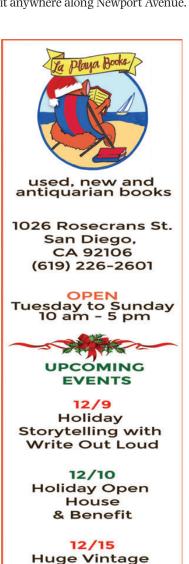
To participate in the Target float, email spencerhiggs@gmail.com.

There will also be a special addition to the parade this year. OB Town Council is honored to have Taylor Winston, the Ocean Beach resident who acted so heroically during the Las Vegas shooting, as the grand marshal of the OB Holiday Parade. Not only did Taylor save lives during the shooting by acting quickly to transport the injured to a hospital, he continues to be a voice for victims by raising money for the Las Vegas Victims Fund.

"The annual OB Holiday Parade is one of the most special events in Ocean Beach. It is the only parade that is 100 percent volunteer-driven, and this year we are honored to host our local hero Taylor Winston as the grand marshal of the parade," said Marcus Turner, OBTC vice president. "Winston exemplifies everything that it means to be a true Obecian, in coming together and celebrating life, family, and peace."

The parade is one of the most unique and colorful Yuletide events in San Diego and will kick off the holiday season in style at 5:05 p.m. The historic Newport Avenue business district will be lined with awe-inspiring floats, a fleet of classic cars, Celtic bagpipers, marching bands, community leaders, and children on unicycles – there is something to entertain everyone.

One of the charms of this parade is that spectators can get a good view of it anywhere along Newport Avenue.



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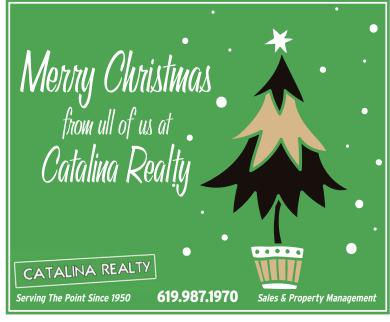
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Liberty Station will "Salute the Season" with an incredible array of festive events including the Local Holiday Bazaar on Sunday Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The curated pop-up market, hosted by Jodie Alonso Jade Spalding, co-founders of The Local Bazaar, will showcase 100 artisan and local retail and specialty businesses.

Artisans and specialty boutiques from the Peninsula will spotlight an eclectic mix of handmade and vintage jewelry, hand-poured candles, home décor, fashion and accessories as well as products "not handmade."

A jam-packed shopper's paradise, featured under one roof, plans to "entertain the entire family" with live music, 'make and take' stations, a free photo booth and a free children's do-it-yourself craft table.

Hosts Alonso and Spalding tout Local Bazaar's successful history of event marketing, including the Holiday Bazaar now in its second year. The idea was born and bred from the English duo "craving" an open market common throughout Europe.

"We craved - and created - a San Diego holiday market similar to what can be found in Europe," said Alonso. "Liberty Station's Holiday Bazaar is a market where you find a bit of everything, and not just handmade or vintage. Local and simply just fabulous items have a spot."

The British team will present "a mix of stylish, fun and creative vendors boasting of special talents." Spalding promises a variety of items to ensure "we're not half full of the same thing." Point Loma favorites include Wild Hearts & Halos designer headbands - and Paper Tales, a craft paper and art supply

"We're so excited to share Paper Tales with Liberty Station's Holiday Bazaar." said Michelle Magarian White, owner of Paper Tales. "The local market will give shoppers a chance to see a mini version of the products sold in our shop."

Paper Tales, a boutique paper and art supply store, is among the many one-stop shopping plots. Designer papers, scrapbooks, journals, tags, charms and vintage furniture and sundries will be among many "perfect gifts." And the do-it-yourself craft store promises its customers the guidance for crafting gifts for those who think "they have the time or the talent."

"Paper Tales will show those who don't believe they have the time or the talent to craft a gift how easy it really is!" continued White. "The Local Holiday Bazaar is a wonderful venue for a small business niche like Paper Tales to reach customers who may not know who we are. The event is an invaluable opportunity

Vendors are handpicked by Alonso and Spalding.

"We work endlessly to hand-pick, support and promote local vendors to build awareness of local brands," added Alonso.

San Diego's Ashley Wagner will perform Christmas holiday classics from the likes of Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. And of course, Santa Claus will be taking gift orders.

The first 160 adult shoppers will receive a free beer from the Tap Truck. Enjoyable edibles will be found on the "Monster Trucks" offering sweets and treats including Meka Coffee, Hey Sugar Cookies, hot chocolate and Italian sodas.

Vendors will showcase their wares at the Corky McMillin Event Center, a stone's throw away from the outdoor ice skating rink.

'Transforming into a holiday spectacle, Liberty Station invites San Diegans to partake in the joy of the season," said Marco LiMandri, executive director of the Liberty Station Community Association.

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