

Residents got their first glimpse at preliminary design plans for a new lifeguard tower planned in North Pacific Beach in the Law Street canyon.

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## A wheel fight is brewing in PB



One of the DecoBike stands on the ocean side of the boardwalk near the Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach.

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## Local leaders, residents and businesses upset with DecoBike sites on boardwalk

By DAVE SCHWAB

Sounds like DecoBike could have a fight on its hands.

Some Pacific Beach business owners and residents are up in arms as the Miami-based company, which has entered into a partnership with the city of San Diego to provide public bike sharing at 180 separate stations citywide, has installed stations along the boardwalk.

"The Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) voted unanimously to adamantly protest the proposed location of DecoBike's stations on the public boardwalk in Pacific Beach,"

**'This is blatant disregard for concerns that were expressed by representation of the business community, residential community and land-use advisory board.'**

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said advisory group chair Brian Curry in a letter to Councilmember Lori Zapf and Mayor Kevin Faulconer. "Our understanding is DecoBike intends to proceed with installation in the near-term, despite opposition from representatives

of the PBPG, Discover PB, PB Town Council, bike shop operators and the public."

Two of the bike rental stands are on the ocean side of the boardwalk – one near the lifeguard station at Grand Avenue and another just a bit north of

that location near Crystal Pier.

"(Deco Bike installed) large bike docking stations along the PB boardwalk, right on the ocean front viewing locations," said Chris Olson, longtime PBPG planner and community activist. "These locations are often used by people in wheelchairs to sit and view the ocean."

Discover Pacific Beach, the community's Business Improvement District (BID), concurred with other community groups in protesting the

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## Historic Plunge pool, building to be razed, rebuilt

By DAVE SCHWAB

Built in the '20s, the deteriorating historic Plunge pool and building in Belmont Park is to be torn down and completely rebuilt with all-new, modern materials.

That's what Dan Hayden, director of engineering for Belmont Park's developers, Pacifica Enterprises Inc. told Mission Beach Precise Planning Board (MBPPB) in July.

Hayden clued the community in on Pacifica's vision for redeveloping the Plunge pool, which has been closed for repairs since March 2014.

"The city owns both the pool itself and the building," said Hayden, noting the pool has been closed

**'The Plunge eventually had to be closed for safety reasons, it was unsafe.'**

**DAN HAYDEN**  
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING  
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four times in the past 90-plus years.

Hayden told the MBPPB, which makes recommendations to the city on land-use and other beachfront issues, that the pool building is structurally unfit and had to be replaced. He noted the situation was so bad, that at one point

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## Staples, PetSmart and Trader Joe's to open in new PB plaza

By DAVE SCHWAB

The long-awaited Staples-anchored strip mall redo at Jewel Street and Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach is on track for completion before summer's end, including a roll out of its six tenants who are presently customizing their individual retail spaces.

"The center should be complete near mid-August," said Vicki Piazza of Carrier Johnson + Culture, project architects. "Most of the tenants have started working on



Businesses should start opening by late August.

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their interior spaces, with staggered openings starting late August.

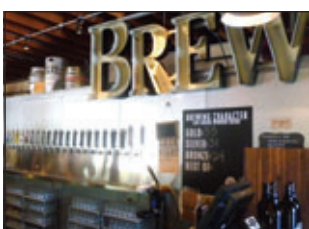
Piazza confirmed that the tenants in the strip

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# Fireworks critics renew opposition about SeaWorld's nightly, noisy summer shows

By DAVE SCHWAB

Opponents of nightly summer fireworks at SeaWorld San Diego insisting the loud noise is harmful to animals and humans, have renewed a petition drive calling upon the marine mammal park to end their pyrotechnic displays and replace them with less disruptive – and costly – laser shows.

Petition organizers, who asked to remain anonymous citing previous harassment, said their objective is to see SeaWorld “have fireworks once a year on the 4th of July – if at all. At least everyone expects and can prepare properly for them, i.e. take animals and young children elsewhere, put protective sound tools in place,” on Independence Day.

SeaWorld fireworks detractors say research shows “noise pollution from nightly fireworks causes harm to humans and other animals. ... Effects of noise pollution to humans include (damage to the) physiological and psychological health of human beings: hypertension, annoyance, high stress levels, aggression, hearing loss, tinnitus, sleep disturbance, etc.”

Fireworks opponents also claim

**‘Nightly fireworks during the summer have been a tradition for SeaWorld and San Diego for nearly 30 years.’**

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fireworks, being composed of toxic combustible chemicals “will never be truly environmentally friendly,” adding “newer technology, such as laser light shows, illuminated night kite shows and holographic fireworks can make the use of fireworks obsolete.”

Previously responding to the online petition drive, SeaWorld has said “Nightly fireworks during the summer have been a tradition for SeaWorld and San Diego for nearly 30 years, and we continue to receive significant positive feedback from visitors and area residents.”

The marine park noted it only uses small fireworks shells in its displays on 66 nights during the summer, adding, “It has long been our policy not to use any shells for the sole purpose to make noise. All of our fireworks displays are conducted in accordance with city of San Diego policy.”

Regarding the impact of noise from fireworks on animals, SeaWorld responded, “Our firework displays do not impact the animals in our park. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service filed a report relating to our animals and fireworks that states that ‘all animals were apparently healthy and there were no aberrant behavioral manifestations noted ... as result of firework activities in the evening

during summer.’”

Regarding the impact of its fireworks, SeaWorld noted, “More than 10 years of analysis consistently demonstrate that our fireworks are not having a detrimental impact on Mission Bay,” while pointing out “Our fireworks displays last only five minutes.”

In their petition, fireworks organizers cite a “20-mile radius” as the significant distance within which animals and humans can be negatively impacted by noise from pyrotechnics. But they added this is a “conservative number. The reality is people from much further away claim they are significantly disturbed.”

Petition organizers note that “Disney, and the City of Monterey have switched to laser shows, the cost of producing is less by hundreds of thousands of dollars (that should matter to a corporation with declining profits) and they are spectacular too. So it’s not an original idea or concept, and other civilized folks all over the world have already made the switch.”

Concerning how SeaWorld’s fireworks policy could be changed, anti-fireworks petition organizers said, “The easiest process is for SeaWorld to take the high road and simply switch over to a less harmful entertainment and make it a positive by creating the best laser show in the west.”

But petition organizers also suggested City Council action might be necessary to provide leverage to create change suggesting the city attorney “ought to read their lease and see what’s in that lease that allows SeaWorld to negatively impact the community with a bombing of fireworks every night, an event that no other group or business could go to the council today and get permission to do such an activity.”



SeaWorld has fireworks shows over Mission Bay every night during the summer.

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mall at 1650 Garnet Ave., which already have signs up around the construction fencing, include: San Diego County Credit Union (SDCCU), Staples and Trader Joe's.

“PetSmart is under construction and will probably open after these first three,” said Piazza adding, “There are two other tenants, that are working through their lease agreements, so they are not final, but I think most people will be pleased with the tenants.”

Piazza noted the initial idea was to keep half of the building space at the Staples mall and rebuild the other half, which had to be aban-

doned because, she said, “The building, built in 1962, just wasn’t equipped to handle modern big-box retail.”

The architect said previously that the new Staples is a “prototype store,” as much as 2,000 feet smaller than its previous space.

Two businesses previously in the mall, Empire Beauty Supply and Salon, and Daisy Cleaners moved across the street to the property that once housed Pacific Coast Bicycles at 1637 Garnet Ave.

Two other businesses formerly in the Staples mall – Little Caesars and Postal Annex – have left and will not be returning.

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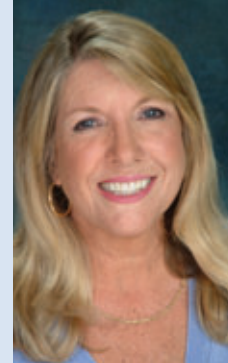
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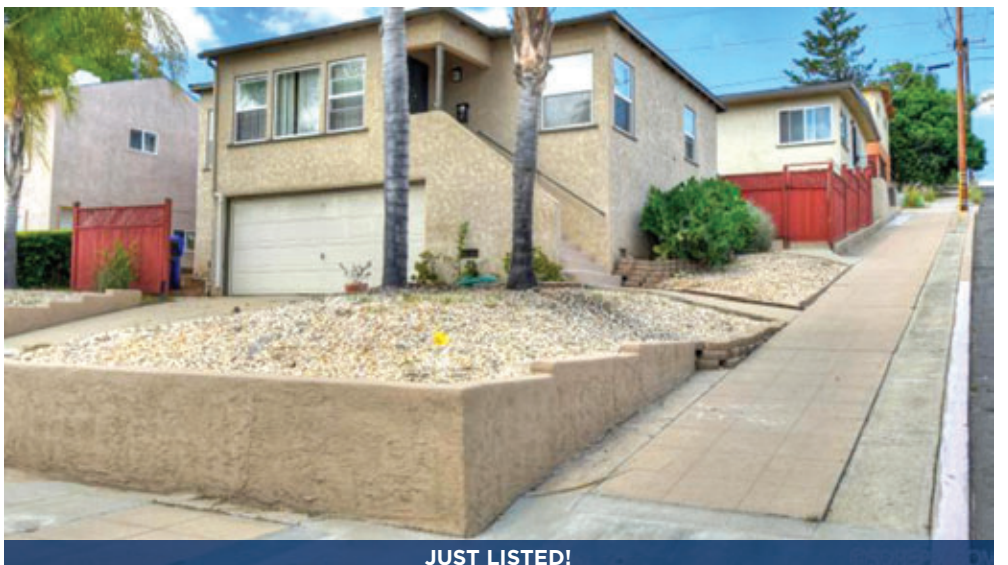
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# Time to start planning for Mission Bay Gateway Project

By DAVE SCHWAB

Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) was told in July they and the entire community ought to begin planning immediately for the Mission Bay Gateway Project, now that the De Anza Cove lawsuit has finally been settled and mobile home owners there will be moving out.

That was the message delivered by Scott Chipman, a longtime Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) member and civic activist, who has been lobbying for years to get public attention redirected back to the long-term redevelopment project.

The Mission Bay Gateway Project seeks to connect and enhance existing facilities, while also expanding and protecting the Mission Bay marshlands and bird sanctuaries. Bike paths and parks could be extended, and new amenities like pools, sports fields, and a restaurant could be added for the community and visitors to enjoy.

The intended result would be creation of an environmental, recreational and educational destination at the heart of Mission Bay.

"I've gotten tired and frustrated waiting for the city to do something about it (project)," said Chipman noting he lives near the area, which he noted is a link to "the important educational and recreational amenities and natural environment of Mission Bay."

Chipman noted the De Anza peninsula is designated as a "spe-

cial study area" within the Mission Bay Master Plan, which is being updated.

"We don't know what we're going to do there," said Chipman adding, "We're going to have to do something about that in the future. And that future is long overdue."

Chipman said one possible improvement could be to enhance marshland in the area, which could help cleanse runoff from Rose Creek.

"We could expand marshland by 50 acres, which could improve water quality by about 50 percent from the Rose Creek outfall, which brings unpurified pollution and sediment into Mission Bay," Chipman said, adding, "We also have the ability to have a nature interpretive center."

Chipman added other public improvements connected with the project could include adding parking, a new aquatic center with an Olympic-size pool and/or creating more bike and walking paths, as well as enhancing tennis and campground facilities — even building a public amphitheater — might all be possible.

"Right now PB doesn't have its own pool and needs more recreation space," Chipman said, adding area bike paths are also presently not connected.

"Those connections are available if we plan properly," he said.

## New PBPG member

Last Tuesday at the Pacific Beach Planning Group's meeting, there was a vacancy for the business owner seat.

The two candidates were residential real estate agent Scott Booth and Tony Franco, president of The Franco Realty Group.

After each candidate gave a speech, Franco was chosen for the planning group's open seat.

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This artist's rendering shows what the new lifeguard station would look like in the Law Street canyon in North Pacific Beach.

## Locals get first look at new lifeguard tower

Station will be located in Law Street canyon in North Pacific Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB

Residents got their first glimpse at preliminary design plans for a new lifeguard tower in North Pacific Beach off Law Street at a July 16 Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) subcommittee meeting.

But some residents nearby continue to insist plans for the new tower are more than the community expected — or needs.

Scott Chipman, chair of the North Pacific Beach lifeguard tower subcommittee, told neighbors there have now been four meetings since 2012 to publicly vet the project.

"We determined two potential sites, and the subcommittee voted to approve the coastal canyon location (off Law Street)," Chipman said, adding the group "provided some design suggestions" and received community input with "almost none in favor of the project."

'Once we received a favorable vote for this location, we took all your input and ideas seriously.'

**JIHAD SLEIMAN**  
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Chipman noted that lifeguards "established the facility's shape, size and type."

Alternative locations on the sand at the beach and further north than the proposed site were considered but rejected.

The subcommittee chair said the purpose of the July 16 meeting was not to debate the need for a lifeguard tower or its location.

"If you are in opposition ... you should be going to Councilwoman Lorie Zapf's office or the City Council's Public Safety or Natural Resources committees," Chipman said.

Jihad Sleiman, an engineer with the city's Public Works Department, led a team of city officials who gave a brief slideshow presentation on the new proposed lifeguard tower.

"Once we received a favorable vote for this location, we took all your input and ideas seriously," said Sleiman.

Subcommittee guests were told by city officials that the building had to be large enough to serve lifeguard's needs, that a storm drain on the site diverting rain runoff from Law Street had to be relocated, and

that there had to be beach access provided from Law Street where the new bathrooms are located.

Project architects noted the new lifeguard building has a second floor and an observation tower. They said the building is to be "tucked into the canyon as much as possible" while attempting to "blend the building's structure in with the rocks and bluffs."

Project architects added everything possible has been done to minimize view impacts from the new building noting the goal is to "make it (building) disappear."

Subcommittee planner Chris Olson suggested more needs to be done, aesthetically and practically, to enhance the entryway from Law Street down to the beach and the new tower. He pointed out this spot is at the end of the boardwalk and is heavily used by people in their cars, riding bikes or walking to the beach.

"That entrance is not very inviting," Olson said. "We could maybe put in some benches, lighting or interpretive signage."

PBPG chair and subcommittee member Brian Curry concurred.

"I like the idea of making the entrance as visible as possible," Curry said.

From the audience, one longtime neighbor commented, "I don't think it's necessary to make this giant place to park vehicles."

It was suggested that story poles be put up on the new station site so that people can actually see how much the view will be affected.

Other neighbors expressed their

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# Junior Lifeguard Foundation proposes building headquarters in Mission Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB

Lifeguards, aspiring lifeguards and their parents turned out at Mission Beach Precise Planning Board's (MBPPB's) July 21 meeting to support presentation of conceptual renderings of a proposed Junior Lifeguard headquarters near Belmont Park, which the group approved unanimously.

Byron Wear, a former city councilman and program manager for the nonprofit San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation (SDJLF), introduced the project's architect, Safdie Rabines.

Wear said the Junior Lifeguard Program currently operates out of Santa Clara Point Recreation Center, which he noted is overcrowded and inadequate for the program's needs.

**'We're committed to raising the funds and building the facility.'**

**COREY McCLELLAND**  
PRESIDENT/CEO OF SAN DIEGO  
JUNIOR LIFEGUARD FOUNDATION

After the July 21 MBPPB meeting, Corey McClelland, president/CEO of the nonprofit SDJLF, said the idea is to make the new headquarters a "world-class facility."

"They work out of a closet right now," said McClelland noting better facilities are needed for the Aquatic Safety and Junior Lifeguard Center, which he noted "is an outreach program for the whole city and county of San Diego."

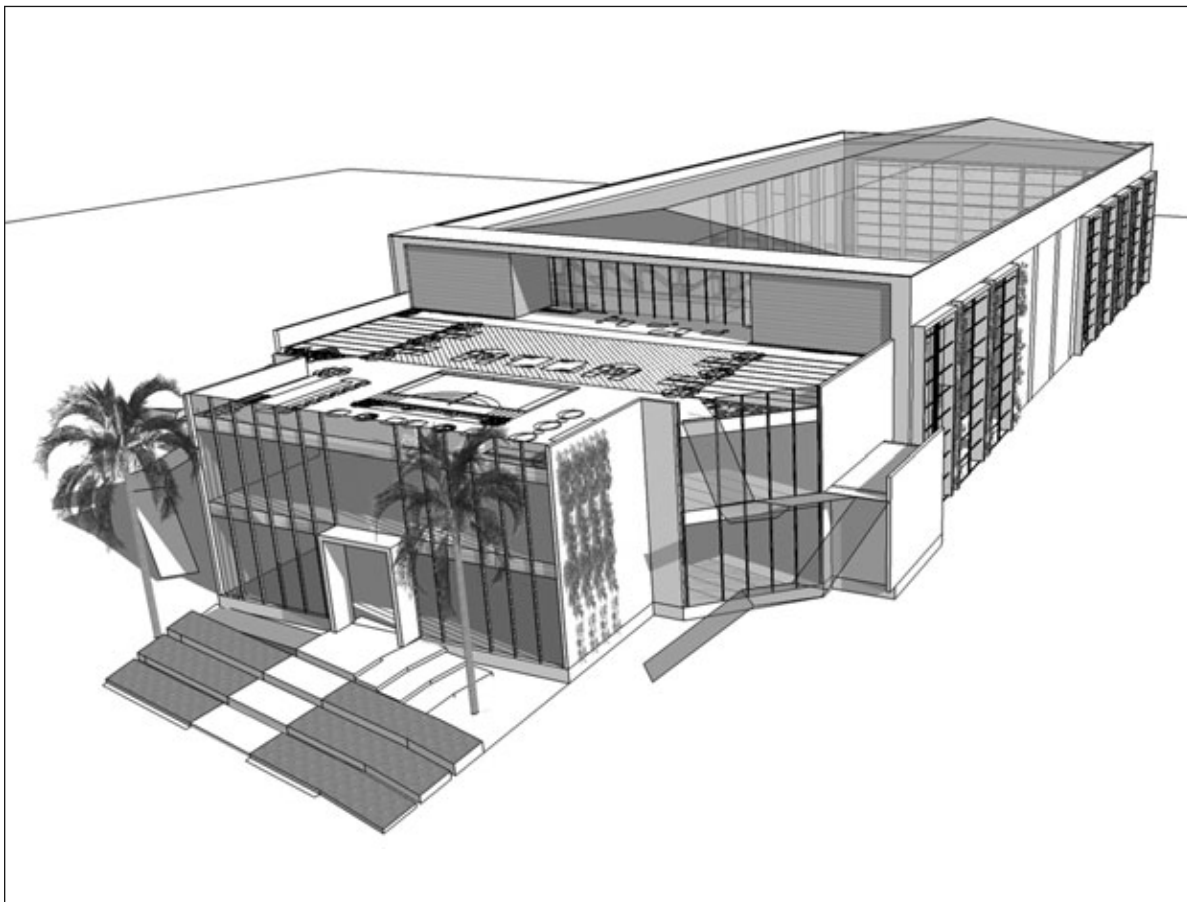
McClelland said the facility is estimated to cost between \$8 million and \$12 million, depending on what the final plans for the facility will be. He said there is an anonymous six-figure donor, whose donation will kick-start fundraising for the new headquarters site.

The SDJLF president said plans are to make the headquarters an energy "sustainable building," using solar panels and the like.

Discussing the project's timetable, McClelland said, "We're hoping that, within three years, it will be complete." He added, "We're committed to raising the funds and building the facility, and then turning the keys over to the city once it's complete."

Wear said the new Junior Life-

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This artist's rendering shows what the rebuilt Plunge pool would look like at Belmont Park in Mission Beach.

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"temporary measures had to be taken to prevent (ceiling) debris from falling into the pool."

The Plunge eventually had to be closed "for safety reasons," said Hayden, adding, "it was unsafe."

Hayden showed artist's renderings of the new pool, which is to have a retractable roof and is to be built with modern technology and materials. He added the Wyland mural, which adorned one of the walls of the old pool structure will be reconstituted in the new one.

"The pool has had to endure a marine environment on the outside, and a humid environment on the inside," said Hayden noting neither condition was favorable to the conventional materials used in the old building, which he said were literally "disintegrating."

The idea in redesigning the Plunge for the modern era is "not to repeat the mistakes of the past," said Hayden, who added the new structure, and its retractable roof, will be made of glass like you typically see in YMCA facilities."

Hayden said the new facility will have a more open-air look and feel. He said the new structure will be alu-

minum, which he said is much more corrosion-resistant than steel. He added the retractable roof will provide better air flow into and out of the pool building, which will prevent moisture from getting into air cavities in the structure of the building and deteriorating it.

Hayden said there is an 18-month timeline for rebuilding the Plunge.

"We want to get the Plunge back in order, and reopened, so you folks can enjoy it as quickly as possible," he said.

MBPPB voted unanimously to write a letter of support endorsing Pacifica's conceptual plans for building an all-new Plunge pool structure.

## Blood drive benefit in Pacific Beach for local girl

A blood drive benefiting a local family whose child has cancer is being held from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 in the parking lot of Big O Tires at 1106 Garnet Ave. in PB.

The blood drive will benefit Big O employee Dave Garmo's family, whose daughter, Julia, recently was diagnosed with cancer. It is the same type her older brother was diagnosed with nine years earlier and has been successfully treated for.

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# Karl Strauss Tasting Room a hidden oasis for beer drinkers in Pacific Beach

By FRANK SABATINI Jr.

It wasn't until signage was installed on the roof several months ago that Karl Strauss Tasting Room & Beer Garden began emerging from obscurity. Though plainly visible from the east side of Interstate 5, just north of the Grand/Garnet exit, the marker doesn't eliminate the mystery of how to reach the attractively designed property on narrow Santa Fe Street.

Visitors in the know access Santa Fe from Damon Avenue, oftentimes making a pit stop at that junction's nearby landmark, In-N-Out Burger.

"We get a lot of people coming in with bags of burgers from there," says Tasting Room manager O'Neill Gelle, noting that in the absence of a kitchen, outside food is allowed, including onsite deliveries from eateries such as Fat Sal's Deli and Woodstock Pizza.

After driving about a mile north on Santa Fe — past sheet metal outlets, a Jaguar dealership and other tucked-away commercial entities — Karl Strauss' two-year-old tasting room greets like an oasis for beer drinkers.

Situated slightly below street level, its glassy façade is fronted by a spacious garden area adorned with mature trees, picnic tables, party lights and beer pong boards. The tasting room, which adjoins the company's main production facility, previously housed offices that have since moved down the street.

"Lots of people are still just learning about us, and everyone really enjoys the space once they get

here," says Gelle.

The spacious interior boasts a sizable bar rigged with 20 taps designated exclusively to the Karl Strauss line. Eight of them feature the core brews, such as Red Trolley Ale and Tower 10 IPA. The others spotlight small-batch "tank taps" produced at Karl Strauss brewery-restaurants located throughout San Diego County and beyond.

Those rotate often, allowing visitors to imbibe on beers such as IPA from La Jolla, Starkey's Request English Bitter from Carlsbad and Saison Plaisant Belgian from Downtown, all without having to zigzag the Karl Strauss landscape.

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The tasting room rises from the northeast fringe of PB.

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## Opoli to add electric cars to fleet in San Diego

Opoli Technologies, the transportation app, announces its new partnership with BYD Motors Inc., a leader in the high-efficiency automobile industry. In efforts to not only reduce traffic congestion through ridesharing in San Diego, BYD will provide 50 of their zero-emissions e6 EVs to the Opoli fleet as part of a green initiative.

The all-electric crossover SUV from BYD will join Opoli's natural gas airport shuttles in late summer. Opoli has been allotted charging spaces at the docking station at the San Diego International Airport. The e6's range exceeds 180 miles on a full charge. Opoli in San Diego will join other cities such as New York, San Francisco and Chicago to use the battery-electric crossover SUV in taxi and municipal fleets.



## Adventures with Helene

## Relaxing fun exploring PB's ocean-view decks

By HELENE GERASIMCHUK

While showing my mom (who was visiting from the Northeast) around Pacific Beach last Sunday evening, I wanted to give her a first-hand tour of the variety of bars and restaurants within walking distance that have decks with amazing views of the boardwalk, beach and ocean.

We started the evening with dinner at **Amplified Ale Works**, a brewpub with a patio offering ocean views, a Mediterranean-style menu, and a robust beer selection. We ordered rice bowls with chicken and shrimp and enjoyed the casual setting of families, friends, and dogs before heading off to another spot.

The next patio we passed was **Lahaina Beach House**, which is more of an upbeat beachfront bar with thumping music, cold beers, and a wide deck for a great view of the sunset. We decided to keep strolling down to the **Baja Beach Café**, which is a hot spot known for its specialty margaritas and lively atmosphere on any given happy hour.

After margaritas, we headed north to check out the **PB Shore Club's** new deck and the long line to get in proved that their outdoor addition and pub grub is a popular



(Top) Amplified Ale Works patio offers guests a view. (Middle) PB Shore Club's new deck has proved popular. (Bottom) Baja Beach Café has a great view of the sunset. (Right) JRDN is a more upscale view of sunsets at Crystal Pier.

PHOTOS BY HELENE GERASIMCHUK

place for beachgoers.

Our next stop was **JRDN** at Tower 23 for a more laid back and refined atmosphere. We sat at the indoor bar, which had breathtaking views of the ocean.

My mom especially loved this spot for people watching as the crowds rolled in for the sunset. After a drink, we walked to the pier to bid farewell to the sun for the night.

Our final visit was to **Woody's** for hot chai tea. There, you can belly up to the boardwalk, relax in the sofa section in the back, or climb up to the second-floor deck that takes the view to the next level.

After an evening of restaurant hopping, I promised my mom I'd take her to breakfast at **Kono's** the following morning as our final ocean-view deck.

Make sure to check out these top spots to watch the surf, the people and the sunset the next time you're venturing around Pacific Beach.

*Helene Gerasimchuk is a freelance writer and group fitness instructor. Her adventures in Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, and Mission Bay will be a continuing feature in the Beach & Bay Press and at sdnews.com. Contact her at healthcoachhelene@gmail.com.*



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## EDUCATION NOTEBOOK >>

### Mission Bay High

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These students have run the academic marathon at MBHS, taking a substantial number of rigorous college-level, weighted classes, completing 150 CAS hours (community, action and service) and completing a 4,000 word research paper on a topic within the math, science, or history field of study.

These students had to score high enough cumulatively in all coursework and essays to receive the full IB diploma. All essays, classwork, and tests are graded by the International Baccalaureate Organization. Recently the IB Organization conducted independent research about the rate of students who earn the full diploma and immediately attend a four-year university. The research boasted that 85 percent of students worldwide who earn the diploma go directly to a four-year college or university.

At MBHS, 100 percent of the students, for the previous two years who attempted the full diploma, went straight to a four-year college or university regardless of whether they received the full IB diploma or not. All of the full diploma candidates earned certificates in all or some of their college-level IB courses.

At Mission Bay High School, over half of all juniors and seniors take one or more IB classes, with the percentage growing every year. With the expansion of AP class offerings as well, students have many opportunities to challenge themselves in areas of interest and enhance their preparation for the higher level IB coursework.

### St. Paul's Lutheran School

■ St. Paul's Lutheran School of Pacific Beach recently announced the addition of Meredith Binnie as their new principal.

A native Southern Californian, Binnie moved to PB from Lamb of God Lutheran in Las Vegas where she served as vice principal and athletic director. She has also taught primary grades and was a finalist for the Pacific Southwest District Educator of the Year.

"I am thrilled to be a part of an amazing school and the St. Paul's family, as well as this wonderful community," Binnie said.

■ St. Paul's is now enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information, visit [stpaulspb.com](http://stpaulspb.com).

### Pacific Beach Elementary

■ Pacific Beach Elementary is on Facebook. This summer the school is featuring PBE families around town and on vacation in their PBE logo wear. Just share your photos with the FOPBE page with the hashtag #PBESummerlove and show what you are up to this summer.



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**North PB Sip 'N' Stroll**

A group of friends has fun at the annual North PB Sip 'N' Stroll held Sunday, July 26, on Cass Street. PHOTO BY JOHN COCOZZA

## Dizzy's keeps its commitment to feature local jazz musicians

By BART MENDOZA

For San Diego jazz buffs, there is no finer establishment than Dizzy's. Helmed by Chuck Perrin, the venue hosts a wide range of acts, with many international artists on their annual calendar. However, what makes them truly special, is Dizzy's commitment to the local jazz community, giving area performers a wonderful stage on which to showcase their music, a crucial part of many local performers' rise to national prominence.

Upcoming concerts include a trio spotlighting San Diego saxophonists, with shows from the Christopher Hollyday Quartet (July 31), The Gerard Nolan Quartet (Aug. 1) and The Nathan Collins Quintet (Aug. 7).

**Dizzy's, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. [www.dizzysjazz.com](http://www.dizzysjazz.com).**

Fans of over the top rock 'n' roll excess won't want to miss Green Jelly, performing at Brick by Brick on July 30. Formed in 1981, the band is touring to promote new album, "Nursery Crimes," but in fact it almost doesn't matter what they play – this is rock spectacle at its finest.

It's all a bit tongue in cheek,

indeed, Green Jelly's best known song is a retelling of "The Three Little Pigs," performed with costumes, effects, fluids and more. Subtle this is not. However, few bands are more fun onstage, Green Jelly takes a comedic approach to hard rock to the extreme.

**Green Jelly: Thursday, July 30, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. [www.brickbybrick.com](http://www.brickbybrick.com).**

Harmonica virtuoso Billy Watson performs at Tio Leo's on July 30. Though Watson's music definitely falls under the blues umbrella, his songs are more expansive than that, with early rock 'n' roll, swing and R&B all in the influences mix. As heard on his latest album, "Nine Lives," his music is classic roadhouse fare, perfect for dancing or soundtracking a night at the bar. Cool as that is, it's Watson's stage presence and patter that sets his gigs apart, with an engaging stage persona that never lets the excitement settle down for a moment.

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## BIKE >> CONT. FROM PG. 1

three boardwalk sites.

"Discover Pacific Beach is supportive of this concept (bikesharing) ... (But) our organization along with the others approved a 'well vetted' list of bike share locations to achieve a successful partnership ... there was adamant objection to two of these locations, not just because of 'obstructed view,' but based on the impact to the businesses and, more importantly, the safety and integrity of the boardwalk which belongs to all San Diegans and visitors alike. ... This is blatant disregard for concerns that were expressed by representation of the business community, residential community and land-use advisory board."

In response, Deco Bike released the following statement:

"DecoBike is committed to enhancing the quality of urban life by providing a convenient, easy-to-use bike sharing program that will provide residents and visitors a healthy, fun alternative way to ride around the city. A significant aspect of the bike sharing implementation is the placement of a network of docking stations providing a 'stop and go' model different from traditional bike shops that allows users to dock bikes at any station, during any given time, which provides flexibility and safety."

"In order to incorporate bike sharing into the region's transportation

plan as a viable alternative transportation option, DecoBike is moving forward with the installation of the sites," continued the bike share company in its public response. "Bike share in Pacific Beach is a key connector to other parts of the city's network. The input of the community has resulted in fewer locations and smaller stations than what was originally requested."

DecoBike touted the benefits of their new interlocking system to the region's economy.

"A bike share system leads riders to spend additional dollars at local retailers, lessens the reliance on automobiles and parking, and improves community livability," said DecoBike, which added the company "looks forward to having a continued dialog with the community of Pacific Beach."

In PBPG's letter to the city protesting the boardwalk bikeshare locations, Curry noted that the coastal community has "multiple bike shop operators and merchants directly on the boardwalk or in close proximity. None of these other private bike shop operators are allowed to occupy public space as is proposed for DecoBike. Further, DecoBike did not address our request to move one location, which is located directly across the street from a bike shop, and adjacent to another bike shop, in the very shopping center in which it is located."

Curry added, "DecoBikes also ignored our request to place stations in North Pacific Beach, primarily at Mission Boulevard and Turquoise

'(The company) looks forward to having a continued dialog with the community of Pacific Beach.'

### FROM DECOBIKE'S STATEMENT

Street, which would help connect the community."

DecoBikes and the city are now ignoring the original intent to work together and identify acceptable station locations. We will continue our strong opposition to the boardwalk locations," Curry said.

The community planner also issued a warning.



A DecoBike stand near the lifeguard station at Grand Avenue. PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

"Given the actions on part of DecoBike and the city, we may also oppose any DecoBike's locations in our community. If stations are installed, we will encourage a comprehensive boycott of any and all DecoBikes in Pacific Beach and other City of San Diego neighborhoods."

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Junior Lifeguards jump off the Ocean Beach Pier earlier this summer as part of their training.

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## Junior Lifeguard Foundation promotes aquatic safety; Willie Calabrese Memorial Run in Mission Beach Aug. 7

On Friday, Aug. 7 at 4:30 p.m. the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Ocean Festival - Willie Calabrese Memorial Run will take place at 699 Ventura Place in Mission Beach. This event showcases the essential skills of endurance and open ocean swimming that Southern California beach lifeguards, watermen and waterwomen are renowned for across the globe.

The run portions of the race take place on the sand between the main lifeguard tower in Mission Beach near Ventura place and the historic Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach at the end of Garnet Avenue. Competitors will run along the sand to the pier, swim a marked course around it and return along the sand back to the finish line at the main lifeguard tower. The race will be chip-timed with categories to include age divisions for both men and women.

The Junior Lifeguard's second Ocean Beach Pier jump will take place Aug. 17, and Hawaii Day will be on Aug. 19.

According to the Center for Disease Control, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for those 14 and under, and you can multiple that by four for children of color. The San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation believes drowning is preventable.

The foundation's Water Proofing San Diego Program reached more than 15,000 people last year through its three-pronged approach to aquatic safety, with free aquatic safety lectures, free swim lessons and a day at the beach for under-served youth.

The San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation also supports the City of San Diego's Junior Lifeguard (JG) program with fund-raising, scholarships and equipment. One of the ways it does this

is by providing a SCUBA experience for the older age group JGs (14 to 17 years old, aka "A" group).

At the Boys and Girls Club swimming pool in Clairemont, on Friday, June 26, more than 100 San Diego Junior Lifeguards participated in a PADI Discover Scuba Diving Program hosted by the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation.

Instructors from Ocean Enterprises took the students through an introductory course in SCUBA. Afterwards, students were introduced to the work of the San Diego Lifeguard Dive Team by lifeguard Brittany Rowe. There will be a second event on July 31 at the same location.

San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation's mission is to promote aquatic safety education and drowning prevention in San Diego. For more information, visit [www.sdjgfoundation.org](http://www.sdjgfoundation.org).

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guard headquarters would be used intensively by the approximately 1,400 students in the program each summer, then will be repurposed for community meeting space the rest of the year. He added the new proposed facility's observational lifeguard tower could be used as an interpretive center to educate the lifeguards in training, and the general public, as to what it means to be a lifeguard, as well as getting information to them about the ocean and how to be safe recreating in it.

From the audience, a couple of local residents questioned the size and cost of the proposed facility, pointing out they

felt both were larger than what is needed to serve junior lifeguards' needs.

Wear said they will return to the advisory group later with more fleshed-out plans for the new junior lifeguard headquarters.

### In other action:

- MBPPB chair Debbie Watkins said a second workshop scheduled for Aug. 18, to discuss preliminary plans for development of park space to go along with the proposed condo conversion of the former Mission Beach Elementary School, has been postponed.

"There was such strong opposition to the developer's proposal to have a land buffer along Mission Boulevard, that they realized that a second workshop wouldn't be productive," Watkins said,

adding, opponents gathered about 600 signatures from local residents opposed to the project as presently construed.

- MBPPB approved plans for a condo conversion at 2719 Bayside Walk, providing developers ensure the building will stick to the 30-foot coastal height limit. Community planners however did bow to local residents, several of whom showed up with "Save The Hummingbird Tree" placards.

The group supported residents' lobbying efforts to save a popular tree on the project site from being destroyed by the redevelopment.

- The community advisory group will be dark in August and will next meet Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in Belmont Park Community Room.

## San Salvador takes a ride, plans to debut on Labor Day weekend

The Maritime Museum of San Diego on Wednesday, July 22, transferred the full-sized, fully functional replica of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo's Spanish ship the San Salvador via barge from Spanish Landing to Marine Group's boatyard in Chula Vista.

The San Salvador is the embodiment of California's origin story. The voyage in 1542, with Cabrillo at the helm, established California as one of the places in America's landscape where citizens can say the country truly began.

Crews transferred the San Salvador onto a self-propelled trailer, donated for the project by Marine Group Boat Works, then placed the ship onto a shallow draft barge Wednesday morning for transit to Marine Group's boatyard. The San Salvador will remain at the boatyard until her debut on Labor Day weekend at the Port of San Diego's 2015 Festival of Sail, hosted by the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

"This is a truly monumental day for the Maritime Museum of San Diego, our dedicated volunteers, generous donors, the San Diego region and the State of California," said Dr. Ray Ashley, CEO of the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

"Re-creating the San Salvador has been years in the making. We have celebrated many milestones along the way, but launching the ship is a moment we've been

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The present-day San Salvador was built at Spanish Landing in San Diego between 2011 and 2015 by the Maritime Museum of San Diego and its legion of approximately 500 volunteers. The vast majority of funds spent during construction were contributed by donors. The Port of San Diego offered use of Spanish Landing Park, allowing thousands of spectators to witness the ship's progress.



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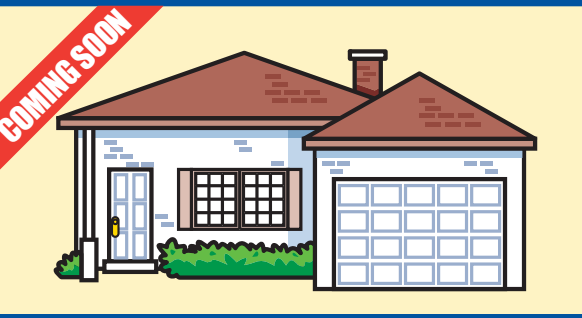


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