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## **PRESERVATION OFFICER TO SPEAK AT NEXT FORUM**

*Catherine Morley*

On Wednesday, April 18th Jan Ostashay, Neighborhood Preservation Officer for the City of Long Beach, will be the guest speaker at our Spring Neighborhood Forum. Jan will update us on topics such as: developing guidelines to further define our Historic Ordinance; explaining the Certificate of Appropriateness process - when it is necessary and how to get it; the role of the Cultural Heritage Commission; the effects of Mansionization in older neighborhoods, and other related topics.

Audience attendees will have an opportunity to ask their questions regarding preservation issues effecting our neighborhood and city.

The meeting will also recognize seven of our neighborhood homeowners who have significantly restored and improved the "street visible" exterior of their property within the previous year. This will be our 7th annual presentation of the Home Beautification Awards. A PowerPoint program will show before and after photos along with details of the improvements made on each of the homes. The Award Ceremony will conclude with Home Beautification Award Plaques

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## **MEETING AGENDA:**

- Welcome
- Long Beach Police Department Report
- Representatives from the 2nd and 3rd District
- Preservation Officer
- Home Beautification Awards
- Upcoming Events/Volunteer!
- Questions and Answers

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# GET THE SCOOP!

Catherine Morley

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood and city which is considered dog friendly. As a relatively new dog parent I enjoy taking walks with my West Highland Terrier, Sophie. It is a great opportunity not only to get exercise but also to check out the neighborhood, chat with neighbors and Sophie gets to make friends with other dogs such as our friend Angie the poodle.

Now that spring is arriving, our neigh-



The writer's dog, Sophie, mugs for the camera

borhood is blooming with flowers, trees have new foliage, and the grass is green. A problem seems to be that some of our neighborhood dog parents do not have waste bags with them when they take their dogs walking. It is not pleasant to come across dog waste in the parkways, not to mention unsanitary. As we do not have wandering loose dogs this waste is not from unaccompanied animals. At our monthly board meetings we have discussed the possibility of installing waist bag stations on each of our neighborhood streets. However, this would be



Bluff Heights' dogs enjoy a walk with a proud owner



Recognizing your responsibility by carrying plastic bags for dog waste

a very costly project as well as the time and effort involved to keep the units filled with bags.

Would it not be more efficient for all of us who love our pets to remember to take a plastic bag along with us on those walks and use them to scoop, then dump in a trash container? Our pets are treasured members of our families, bringing much pleasure but along with the pleasure comes responsibilities.

Sophie and I look forward to meeting you on one of our daily walks. ♦



Bluff Heights resident, Angie, demanded a cookie after this photo

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### 1. Train your dog

Start while the dog is a puppy. Try a class through Long Beach Recreation & Parks web site: <http://www.long-beach.gov/park/recreation/canine.asp>

### 2. Walk on leash

If your dog is on a leash it can't get away and cause problems. Consider using a pinch collar if your dog is a puller while walking.

### 3. Are dogs allowed?

Check with the organizers of walking events you plan to attend. If walking in a park or beach, find out first.

### 4. Carry a pooper scooper

Many carry plastic bags that newspapers sometimes come in. When the bag is placed over the hand you can pick up what you have to, turn the bag inside out, and tie the end closed. Dispose of properly.

### 5. Carry Water on long walks

Water for both you and your pet. You can use your hand as a water dish. Walkers reported using collapsible cups and inflatable watercooler, water dishes, cloth water dishes, ziplock bags.

### 6. Identification

Every dog should have a couple of forms of identification. Name tags and collars get lost. Tattoos and embedded micro-chips will back up the name tag. You should carry a clear photo of the dog, which can aid in recovery.

### 7. Rest Stops

Find a shady spot and take ten. Play

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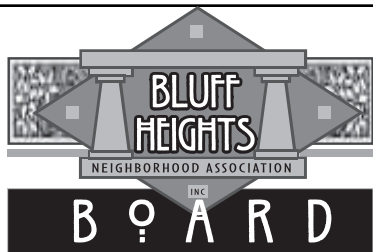
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**Next Three Community Meetings:**

- April 18, 2007
- July 4th Block Party
- September 20, 2007

**Next Three Board Meetings:**

- April 5, 2007
- May 3, 2007
- June 7, 2007

**Presidents' Message**

# 4 ways to spring into action!

*Dale Maul & John Thomas*

A major objective of our Board is resident participation. The Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association is only as successful as we are inclusive. Developing programs and events to encourage residents to engage our wonderful neighborhood continues to be a top priority. There are many ways in which you can contribute to the continued success of the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association.

**1** Membership: Your membership dues provide steady revenue to fund various programs, the newsletter and special events.

**2** Newsletter: In addition to our quarterly Neighborhood Forums, the newsletter is a method to communicate issues, topical handy construction hints, Long Beach City news pertaining to our neighborhood, and a place for

our neighborhood businesses to advertise. Please read our newsletter, support our advertisers and let us know how we can improve the newsletter and distribution.

**3** Volunteering: Many of our residents assist annually in events by volunteering their time or skills. As the BHNA Board continues to develop ideas for fund raising, your spirit and volunteerism will be a critical component to any successful event. In addition to events, the Board is an all-volunteer Board. We are always looking for residents who would like to serve on the BHNA Board and help guide our continued growth.



*Dale Maul (Left) and John Thomas (Right) –Co-Presidents of the BHNA*

**4** Attending Neighborhood Forums: If you have not attended a forum lately, you are not up to date with local and citywide issues that affect your life here in Bluff Heights! Many issues are

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- ◆ Attend a Board Meeting
- ◆ Join a committee
- ◆ Advertise in our newsletter
- ◆ Submit an article in our newsletter

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# WALKING TIPS

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with the dog, talk to other walkers, and cool down a bit. Dogs can't sweat. They keep cool by panting, finding shady spots,



Walking your dog also has health benefits for you too!

walking in water, and drinking lots of water. In warm weather, don't leave your dog in a vehicle unattended.

## 8. Is Your Dog Ready?

Before taking a dog around the neighborhood consider if the dog is healthy enough, has the desire, and is trained enough to walk the distance at your side. You should get an OK from your veterinarian if your pooch has any sort of medical problem, is overweight, etc. Work up to the longer distances with them by doing the shorter distances first. If your dog has any behavioral problems cross the street to avoid neighborhood children who may try to pet your dog.

## 9. Speaking of Crossing

When crossing the street (i.e. Broadway to walk along the bluffs) try to use a signal controlled intersection for the safety of you and your pet.

## 10. Books to Explore

"Running with Your Dog" by John A. Sanford and "On the Trail with Your Canine Companion, Getting the Most out of Hiking and Camping with Your Dog" by Cheryl S. Smith –or check out our local library. ♦

# TOP 5 Places to take Bluff Heights' best friend

## 1. Long Beach Dog Park

Long Beach - Recreation Dog Park, 5201 E. 7th St. at Park Ave. inside Recreation Park. Almost two acres of off-leash play space, including a fenced area just for small dogs. The park is well-lit and open until 10 p.m. daily.

## 2. Huntington Beach Dog Park

At Central Park, Edwards at Inlet; 714/536-5672, 1.5 acres. Separate small dog area for dogs under 25 lbs. & for older or handicapped dogs. Dawn to dusk.

## 3. Seal Beach - Arbor Dog Park

Off Lampson between Valley View and Los Alamitos Blvd. 2.5- acre grass park with several large shade trees. Closed for maintenance on Thursday mornings.

## 4. Long Beach Dog Beach

The city has opened a portion of the beach as an off-leash exercise area in Belmont Shore as part of a one-year pilot project. The Dog Zone encompasses nearly 3 acres at water's edge between



Concerned dogs make sure their owners stay in boundaries

Quincy and Argonne Avenues. Regular hours are currently from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. NOTE: Only one dog per adult. This is the only legal, off-leash dog beach in LA County. Details at [www.DogZone.org](http://www.DogZone.org).

## 5. Huntington Beach Dog Beach

On Pacific Coast Highway between 21st St. and Seapoint St.; 100 Goldenwest St., 92648. Open 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Dogs may be off-leash in the water and on the wet sand -- three quarters of a mile long.

<http://www.dogbeach.org/> ♦

# 'HOT DOG' LINKS

The Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association's "Patriotic Pooch Parade" at the 4th of July Block Party on Vista may seem like the ultimate dog event, but our community has all sorts of events and resources for your dogs. Here are some hot web sites to check out:

## Animal Control:

[http://www.longbeach.gov/health/organization/animal\\_control/default.asp](http://www.longbeach.gov/health/organization/animal_control/default.asp)

## The Long Beach Recreation Dog Park

<http://www.geocities.com/lbdogpark/>

## Haute Dogs Dogs:

<http://www.hautedogs.org/>

## Long Beach Dogs:

<http://long-beach-dogs.com/>

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# OUR NEWSLETTER: YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

*John Thomas*

A strategic objective for 2007 is to increase the reliability our Newsletter distribution. As all of you know, our newsletter continues to be appreciated by residents and our local businesses alike! Each issue has current City neighborhood news, informative articles relating to living in a historic neighborhood, and topical articles designed to help those of you who live in a period home.

Distributing of the newsletter has been accomplished by volunteers walking and delivering the newsletter. Manually distributing the newsletter has been problematic from the very beginning. Depending on volunteers for distribution has been difficult and has not always resulted in timely delivering.

This year, we will begin mailing newsletters to all members and addressable households in the BHNA Historic District! This goal will be supported by your membership dues and advertisements from our neighborhood businesses. Achieving total cost recovery for the mailing distribution method is an ongoing goal and will continue to be reassessed. The BHNA Board supports the mailing of the newsletters as long as you continue to support the



*Finally our newsletter mailing plan is set in stone!*

costs by sustaining your membership. Our local advertisers will play a critical role in funding the mailing costs, so let them know you see their ads in the newsletter as well!

Volunteers will manually deliver to all apartments and condominiums to ensure that all residents, homeowners and renters alike receive our wonderful

newsletter. Soon, after developing a master list of apartments and condominiums by address and unit/alpha, we will begin to mail to those addresses accordingly.

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# Long Beach Art Deco 101

John Thomas - Co-Author of "Long Beach Art Deco"

The term "Art Deco" designates a popular style during the 1920s and 30s, but was not actually coined until the late 1960s. The 1925 Paris Exposition Internationale des Arts Decoratifs et Industriels Modernes launched the new decorative elements in architecture. The discovery of King Tut's Tomb in 1922 also opened the door for the



Exuberant art deco motifs enliven the buildings of Long Beach

use of bold colors, chevrons and zig-zags. The Art Deco style immediately appealed to designers in America in the "roaring 20s." Today we see it as a symbol of decadence and extravagance, qualities their generation embraced. Architecture, jewelry, the movie industry and fashion were all heavily influenced by the "new" style.

Because of the unique factors that shaped the history of Long Beach, the city has many commercial buildings from the 1920s and 1930s. The Zigzag Moderne was the style that grew out of the 1925 Paris Exposition and it can still be seen in buildings in downtown Long Beach. Large or small, many of the buildings have decorative towers and setbacks, ornamented with motifs and reliefs of the period. Another factor that shaped Long Beach architecture was the 1933 earthquake. The Streamline Moderne of the 30s featured sleekly simplified lines and nautical styling influenced by steamships. Many buildings in our city once had Streamlined Moderne façades added to their brick walls after the



Checkerboard and sunburst images grace downtown Long Beach



Art deco splendor aboard our RMS Queen Mary

earthquake. In many cases, only the front of the building crumbled when the earthquake hit, leaving the sides and rear intact and the façade ripe for "modernization." ♦

## SPRING MEETING

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being presented to each of the homeowners. As always, the selection of the awards depends upon the recommendation of either the owners, or neighbors. Also our committee scouts the neighborhood for candidates. If we have missed your home we apologize and want you to know your efforts are appreciated.

We will also have a report from our neighborhood police patrol officers and an update on neighborhood events. A drawing will be held at the end of the meeting for a gift certificate to *OLIVES GOURMET GROCER*. This should be a very interesting and informative meeting for our neighborhood. You will not want to miss this one. ♦



A local Long Beach Police Dept. Officer will update Bluff Heights on 4/18

## CALL TO ACTION!

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reviewed with City leaders, staff and elected officials. By attending our quarterly Neighborhood Forums, you are provided an opportunity to ask questions and get direction or attention to your concerns.


Please consider the many ways you can participate with the association. This is your association, serving our local precious neighborhood. Without your support, energy, input and volunteering, we will never reach our mutual goal of becoming the greatest engaged and productive neighborhood association.—Dale & John ♦

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The resulting garden reflects our local university's continuing interest in international education, and you are invited to share in this educational, cultural, and aesthetic resource.

Ed Lovell, landscape master plan architect for CSULB, traveled to Japan and took inspiration from the Imperial Gardens in Tokyo before designing the garden. At the dedication to the garden, in April 1981, Lovell commented, "The garden will mellow in about 30 years. What we are doing is creating



Kanji for 'garden'

something of beauty and value for people we will perhaps never meet."

The garden is also a popular site for wedding receptions.

### Regular Public Hours:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00a.m to 3:30 p.m, Sunday, Noon to 4:00 p.m. Closed: Saturdays and Mondays.

### Directions:

From Bluff Heights get to Bellflower Blvd. and head north. Continue to Beach Drive and turn right into campus. Turn Left on Earl Warren Drive. At the second



Stop sign turn Right, into Parking Lot 16.

### Parking:

Use metered spaces during the week or you may also purchase a permit from one of the yellow day permit machines (\$3.25) in order to park in one of the student parking lots. Parking on Sunday noon- 4:00 p.m. is free in student spaces except during special events. For more information and to avoid disappointments due to garden closures please call 562-985-8885 ♦

## Be a volunteer for our 4th of July Block Party!

Dennis Snyder

Starting in April we will have monthly planning meetings to organize this year's 4th of July Block Party on Vista. The Sunday afternoon meetings are a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors and help in this fun community project that raises funds for the Bluff Heights area. Email us at: [july4th@bluffheights.org](mailto:july4th@bluffheights.org) ♦



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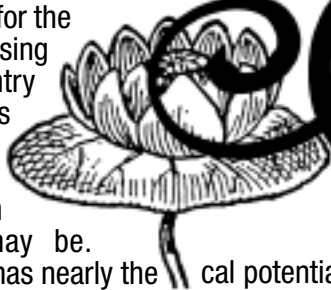
By Kevin Doherty

Each day I give thanks for the ongoing opportunity to sing and play the old Country Blues on my 1920's acoustic guitar. I become transported and soar for hours at home or on stage, as the case may be.

Listening to great music has nearly the same effect, and I am often surprised at the potential of music to promote well-being and enhance our lives in profound ways. It can help alleviate stress and generate great joy. It can make us want to dance the night away or cause us to pause and reflect on things. It can bring us to tears or make us laugh aloud. In short, music says: Yes to life!

Music may be found everywhere and in surprising places and in a myriad of forms if we take time to look for it. Dew drops falling from petals on a foggy morning, wind whistling through trees during a rainstorm, waves washing upon the shore at high tide are but a few examples of nature's ongoing symphony. Urban life offers us musicalities as well. Train whistles, factory machinery, airplanes, autos, cell phones and more all contribute to create the audio backdrop of our busy lives, and famous composers such as John Cage arranged it into modern suites.

Visual artists, architects and designers of all disciplines have long recognized the musi-



cal potentials of their work. Kandinsky rendered the sound of symphonies and musical notation on his canvases and artist Edward Hopper painted the sounds of loneliness and isolation in urban places where no birds sang.

One need not wait for the introductory notes of a symphony within the Disney Center to feel the music present in the spatial aspects of Frank Gehry's rhythmically charged building design in downtown Los Angeles.

The garden arts are an especially ripe and fertile ground upon which to exploit a variety of musicalities. As a designer, I know this well and I exploit a variety of rhythmic potentials in the design process to arrive at vital and alive garden spaces. You too can create a more interesting and satisfying garden for your home through greater awareness and utilization of musical aspects in your garden design layout.

## TUNING UP

Walk out to the middle of your street and take note of the front yards up and down your block. With few exceptions you'll see the pervasive horizontal monotony of lawns and pavement that

has so curiously become the standard for garden design in suburban America! While the tradition of beautiful sprawling lawns has its roots in the large 18th century English manor houses, too much was lost in translation to our small

lots and grid style housing tracts. Tune up and avoid falling flat. A few home owners have and their neighborhoods are more interesting for their efforts.

Music abounds in local gardens available to tour such as The Lummis House,

The Huntington Gardens, The Noguchi Garden and The Getty. Tour these and then take a hike in the Santa Monica Mountains to experience the subtle beauty of our native chaparral. Take a sketchbook and record your impressions. Make drawings and take photos of plants and scenes you enjoy. Visit

Hennessey



"Water-Lily Pond, Symphony in Green" by Claude Monet



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and Engalls Bookstore and purchase a few alternative style garden design books. Visit Fritz Haeg.com and then let all the information and experience stew before embarking on your front yard composition.

## OVERTURE

Make a bold overture and disregard the pressures to bow to the eternal suburban lawn. If you commit to a design premise that involves an atypical hardscape and a lawn substitute with mounding multitiered plantings, you'll be well on your way to achieving a symphony in green! This can be rendered in a variety of styles ranging from Tropical or Native Californian to English Cottage or Japanese and all eclectic styles in between. You could even combine a vegetable garden, a picking flower garden and a Zen garden all in the same space if you plan carefully. Become artistically inspired and let your imagination run! When you're ready to begin the project, hire



a designer who has a feeling for alternative garden design to make the drawings for you.

## UNSUNG SPACES

That small strip of soil you have between the sidewalk and the curb is perhaps the least recognized space with the greatest potential that you'll have the opportunity to include in your garden. Consider it as a prelude, an introduction or lead in to the main body of the symphonic garden by incorporating stepping stones, ground covers and low level plantings. Other unsung spaces are typically found in the narrow strips between houses. Outfit these with paths and plantings that connect the front with the back yard, thereby unifying your property. Even the smallest areas can become tone poems that suggest nature at large.

## LOW NOTES

Hardscape items including boulders, pathways and sculptural additions establish the bass element of your garden. The path to your front door sets the groove. Break away from the straight and narrow and establish one that is offset from center and curves its way through your garden before reaching your front door. Add others that meander through the garden offering places to pause with large flat top boulders on which to sit. Add a rustic water element in a shady location for the soothing sounds it brings.

## HIGH NOTES

A variety of foliage carefully arranged in tiers from low to high will provide fill notes, interludes and crescendos within your garden. Choose plantings that reflect your particular preferences in color, texture, growth habits and ongoing maintenance. Refer to the *Sunset Western Garden Book* in order to make



informed choices and then discuss them with your designer. Include some unusual plantings as accents and conversation pieces and remember to create focal points with both interior and exterior views in mind.

## COUNTERPOINT

Fencing, pergolas, rustic patio furniture, fiber rugs, wind chimes and candle lanterns are among the finishing touches for your symphony in green and provide a desirable counterpoint to your plantings, trees and stones. Always avoid the pedestrian "Big-Box-Store effect" opting instead for quality materials and items that will coalesce well with your home's architecture, withstand the elements and gather a rich patina with age.

## FINALE

From prelude to finale, compose as you like and die happy! Let your front yard sing out with verve and finesse! Challenge the status quo and elevate Bluff Heights to a level befitting its name! Then tiptoe through the tulips....◆

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Christine Votava

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Counseling and student support services are available to Mann School students as needed. This highly qualified staff consists of a school nurse, counselor, and other district resource personnel. These services ensure that students receive support



Horace Mann's 1930's stately facade on Coronado

and guidance to gain maximum benefit from the instructional programs. In addition, numerous programs such as conflict resolution and peer tutoring, Think First, Second Step, and Rainbows, are utilized to enhance students' interpersonal abilities, and their self-reliance and self-esteem. STARVIEW Community Resources provide individual and family counseling to those who qualify.

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## School Happenings

Wanda Oliver

### THE SKILL OF THE WEEK

Horace Mann has a new activity designed to reinforce reading comprehensive skills. The skill of the week is geared toward stu-



Horace Mann students rush off to class

dents in grades 1-5. Each week, grade levels select a comprehensive skill to focus on. Students answer questions during recess, lunch, before and after school. If they answer correctly, their name is entered into a drawing to win prizes.

This program requires important comprehension skills and the academic vocabulary required to become successful readers and writers.

### PENNIES FOR PATIENTS – THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

For the past three years, we have participated in raising funds for Cierra. The children bring their spare change to school and student council collects it each morning. Now that the spring penny drive has ended you can contact the school offices for additional information on how to contribute.

### DRAMA CLUB

The H'Art Works sponsors our school drama club, with the support of Pastor Jane and Tara; our children are learning the skill of acting. To find out their next performance contact the school (439-6897.) Hope to see you there!

### TITLE 1 AWARD RECOGNITION

We are anxiously awaiting the announcement of the winners of the 2007 California Academies Achievement Award. We have won the award since 2003, and are hopeful that we will be recognized by the State Department of Education once again.

### CHESS CLUB

Our after school chess club is a hit! This year, we had over 50 children participating in the club. A second chess session will



Classmates and checkmate!

begin on March 14, 2007. A chess tournament will be held here at Mann on April 27, 2007 at 6:30 pm inside the school cafeteria. Our Mann Chess Club will play against the Chess Club from Los Cerritos Elementary, Holmes Elementary and Carver Elementary Schools. Visitors are welcome to come out and cheer on that date.

### OPEN HOUSE

Open House, will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2007 – 6:00 – 7:30 pm. ♦

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