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Marsh has been painting since he retired from the Naval Command Control and Ocean Surveillance Center after 38 years. He has lived in Point Loma since 1959. “I paint for my own enjoyment,” he said. “I don’t do it full time.”

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NTC Promenade

by Ron Brooks

Besides the Liberty Station Market Place, the NTC Promenade is really a huge addition to our community. It brings the heart of a cultural center to our doorstep. My family has ordered a commemorative brick and look forward to the dedication day. The Beautification Committee was given a tour of the area a few months ago.

Newsrack update

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San Diego’s fifty-member Newsrack Ordinance Taskforce has been working for nearly five years and has recently completed an exhaustive and labor intensive review. During this time, the “tipping-point” for the proliferation of these newspaper containers has reachedoulndash; pro.

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One of my favorite fall activities is the annual Harbor View Windows, Ed Brasseur; Stump’s Family Market, Dirk Stump; Point Loma Community Bank, Tony Calabrese; and JW De Rosier, DDS, Point Loma Nazarene University, The San Diego Foundation, and The Willis Allen Company (Presenting Sponsor).

There is definitely no time for the waiting game when the autumn weather turns to flame. We have a lot of great feedback from passersby. It’s been a very good experience working with the PLA and trying to decide how to work within the criteria,” said Marsh. “I wouldn’t do it again. I enjoyed doing it, but I couldn’t physically do it again.”

Monetary considerations will be presented to the PLA Board once the regulations are submitted for review by the City Manager, approved by the City Council and ready to be enforced by the Beautification Director. Following the beautification of Carlson Street, the Beautification Committee will focus their sights on the ninety-seven newsstands cluttering Rosecrans.

Rotary Pavilion Update

The Spring Edition of this newsletter stated that groundbreaking for the new Rotary Pavilion on Shelter Island would be on March 31.

Construction of the gazebo has begun with the foundation, footings, and retaining walls. Allan Tait with the Port District hopes that the concrete work will be completed by early to mid winter.

Well — you may have noticed that nothing happens for a long time. Today, the project is back on track after delays due to the original contractor backing out of the deal, which required the Port District to go through the bidding process again.

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**Point Loma Trees**
*By Patti Adams*

Majestic trees are among Point Loma’s most valuable resources. Recent events have underscored the need to raise awareness, not just about their vulnerability, but also about their value as “green infrastructure.” As many of you know, a beloved and much photographed palm tree was lost due to new construction recently on Lucinda Street. Countless postcards of San Diego Bay feature the palm from high on the hill in La Playa.

It is certainly regrettable to lose such an iconic tree; however, private property rights are important, too. Perhaps it is time to review why our community plan calls for preserving “all trees with a caliper of eight inches...other than that lying directly on the building pad of the proposed development,” so we can spread the word and avoid more losses.

In addition to their beauty and the habitat they provide for birds and other creatures, trees do important work for the environment. Their roots filter polluted urban runoff. Their leaves clean the air. And their shade conserves energy. These qualities provided by “green infrastructure” will become increasingly important in coming years, as our city and communities deal with increasing pollution and energy costs. That is why the City of San Diego now offers a Tree Preservation Program for giving public trees conservation status.

Other trees that are currently threatened in Point Loma include several sycamores on Cañon that are in the path of a proposed driveway for a home at the top of the hill on Concord. If you wish to voice concerns about the possible removal of these public trees, contact the Peninsula Community Planning Board at (619) 665-3210.

There is a group of citizens in La Playa working to save the 75-year old ficus trees on McCall at San Gorgonio. Like the sycamores, these are city-owned trees on city-owned property. An adjoining property owner has filed a request to remove the trees. You can voice your concerns with the City by calling Mario Sierra (Deputy Director-Streets Division) at (619) 527-7504. For more information on this project, please call Katheryn Rhodes at (619) 887-9313.

Soon, you may notice the old eucalyptus trees on Anchorage Lane across from San Diego Yacht Club being removed. New condos are being built there with underground parking. The excavation for the parking could possibly create an unstable root system for the trees, leading to an unsafe situation. After much conversation and negotiation in an attempt to save the trees, a compromise was reached. Twenty-one trees are scheduled to be planted to replace the eucalyptus trees. Anchorage Lane will receive palms to mirror those on the SDYC side of the street. Canary Island Pines and street trees will be planted on Shafter Street.

When trees are on parkways, they are public trees, for all to enjoy. It is illegal to prune or remove these trees without a permit. We should all work very hard to make sure property owners realize this.

There is a move afoot to document and protect the beautiful, mature trees of Point Loma. If you have an interest in working on this project, please call me at (619) 887-9313.

-- Patti Adams

**News Briefs**

**Liberty Station Update**

On Wednesday, August 31, Corky McMillin was joined by Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins; Debra Fischle-Faulk, Assistant Executive Director of the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency; Ted Medina, Director of the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department and a large group of Liberty Station homeowners and tenants to officially break complete and open to the public by the end of 2006.

*Corky McMillin suffered a heart attack on September 10 during an off-road race in Las Vegas. He passed away on September 22.*

*Corky McMillin*  
January 14, 1929 - September 22, 2005

**Street Sweeping**

Street sweeping will now be every other month instead of monthly. For more information, call (619) 527-8012.

**The Police storefront will remain open - for now...**

...according to Officer Jim Heppell. No word on HOW LONG - only time and the winds of political change will tell. The storefront’s number is (619) 531-1540.
Kudos to Dan Pantel, owner of the Cabrillo Motor Lodge on Avenida de Portugal, for the fresh paint job!

PLHS Reunion
The Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association invites members of the community to celebrate "POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL - 80 YEARS - PEARLS OF WISDOM," our upcoming 80th Anniversary Gala Celebration and All-Class Reunion to be held November 12, 2005, 6:30 p.m. at the SeaWorld Pavilion.

The party will include a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing, dolphin show, entertainment and fireworks! We will also honor teachers and staff throughout the years. Our goal is to raise funds for arts, athletics, beautification, classroom enrichment, technology, and scholarships for all aspects of Point Loma High School.

For tickets/donations/more information, please call (619) 224-9904 or visit our web site, www.plhsfaa.com.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!

October 22, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
A day of fun for the whole family. Three blocks with 150 vendors selling arts, crafts, merchandise and food. Live music all day featuring Big Time Operator!, Kid's Fun Zone, and an art contest with prizes. Don't miss the Point Loma Artists!

In Point Loma Village on Cañon and Scott Streets, and Avenida de Portugal. For Art Contest applications, go to: www.peninsulachamber.com/cultural_faire For more information, call Maura McHugh, Art Contest Coordinator, at (619) 222-7991.
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