Loma Portal Lights & Nights
Update
Recently we posted comments and questions about the flickering or dead decorative street lights in this Point Loma neighborhood.

Frustration has simmered for years about the beloved, but unpredictable, vintage lamps. Biggest concern is community safety in darkened areas. Also frustrating is lack of reliable information about the problem and a solution.

We have not solved the puzzle. Nor has the City. But thanks to our Councilmember, we have a better understanding of the situation. District 2 Community Rep. Linus Smith brings us up to date.

“The streetlights in the subject area in question are serviced and comprised of two antiquated/failing series circuits (Chatsworth 1 and 2) that are under regular and consistent maintenance.

We’ve been coordinating with SDG&E to troubleshoot and plan for the undergrounding repairs on Chatsworth 2 (between Goldsmith St. and Lytton St). However, the repairs are contingent on SDG&E equipment and staffing availability to help perform the needed repairs on our side of the circuit. There are no immediate plans to upgrade or convert the series circuit at this time.”

We read that as good news for people who want quaint poles to decorate on holidays. They’re not going away “at this time.”
But “regular and consistent maintenance” is not solving the safety problem, and future major repairs don’t seem to be on anyone’s calendar. We will pass along any further information received.

“I love everything that is old; old friends, old times, old manners, old books, old wines.” Oliver Goldsmith

Ye Old Street Lamps?