

COMPASS



Summer 2025

**The Compass is an annual newsletter of the
Community Foundation of Balboa Peninsula Point (CFBPP).**

President's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Summer to all and thank you in advance for taking the time to peruse the annual publication of the Community Foundation of Balboa Peninsula Point. The Compass newsletter is intended to educate our neighbors about the existence of the CFBPP, inform them of its purpose and finally solicit financial support to allow CFBPP to continue its mission of improving the quality of life in our neighborhood.



This year's edition covers a number of security related topics; an article that encapsulates the activities and interventions of our nightly security patrol and a presentation from the Newport Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Specialist that summarizes key crime prevention tips for our neighbors as we navigate the increased traffic of the summer and how best to manage leaving our homes unattended for a period of time. We have included an article that summarizes key investments CFBPP has made in our community: art installations, landscape investments, park enhancements, etc. We are hoping the article might initiate some new ideas that we can consider investing in, over and above our annual expenditure for security patrol. Finally, we have included a side-by-side comparison that highlights the differences between the Balboa Peninsula Point Association (BPPA) and CFBPP. We often get questions about the two organizations and felt that including this piece helps to bring understanding of the differences between the two. The BPPA is a membership-based organizations which is funded by annual dues. CFBPP is a not-for-profit organization funded solely by voluntary donations.

The final pages provide a financial summary of how our money gets spent. We are striving to sustain an annual donation level of \$120,000 to allow us to continue sponsoring the year-round security patrol. We have seen significant improvement in support over the last 4 years, and we are hopeful that we can continue to gain participation across the 800 family homes that make up Peninsula Point. The individuals/families that are listed on the last two pages make up this year's source of income for CFBPP! **THANK YOU!!** We are capturing about 35% of our total available family homes so our mantra continues to be: **For those existing donors, please continue to donate and if you have not yet contributed, please consider donating to the Community Foundation of Balboa Peninsula Point (CFBPP). Donation envelopes are enclosed, or you can donate via Zelle to cfbpp11@gmail.com.**

We appreciate your time in reviewing and thank you in advance for your support. Look forward to seeing you around the Point! Cheers to a joyous and safe summer!

Warm regards,

Bill Mathies

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Russ Doll, Ken Drellishak, Brigid O'Connor, Tara Shapiro and Bob Yant

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While We Are Sleeping.... the Security Patrol is Awake Amidst the Crazy

When we head to bed the KMA security patrol is still up handling the good, the bad and the ugly in our neighborhood. Reading through patrol reports weaves an intriguing and often concerning story of people with no legitimate business on the Point in the dead of the night. This is why the Community Foundation of Balboa Peninsula Point (CFBPP) funds the security patrol with your donations.

From a car going the wrong way on Miramar that needed to be turned around at 12:45 am, to a man claiming to be arriving for work at 2:30 am to an address he “can’t” share. Or a group of people at 2:25 am claiming to be visiting “someone on ocean front alley” but unable to get specific. The patrol moves all these people along sometimes escorting them off the Point.

The reports have plenty of references to people moved along due to “lewd activity.” And bonfires at L and G Streets seem to be a thing. Often the reports cite speeding cars, one going over 60 mph at 2:54 am. Its five occupants were stopped and asked to slow down. A lot of profanity ensued but the group departed reluctantly.

Cooperation isn’t a constant. Just before 12:00 am, the patrolman observed a car hit another car parked on Channel Road. An attempt to gather info led to a confrontation and a speedy getaway that was thwarted by the patrol calling 911. The police were able to stop the culprit and take it from there. And another night at 12:15 am: “I noticed a small group of people at the G Street beach entrance. When I drove closer I saw two people on the restoration area. As I attempted to illuminate the area with my flashlight a female slapped my hand that held my flashlight and a male confronted me in a hostile manner. I took a defensive position and told them to leave, they drove away fast and in a reckless manner.”

Often, it’s a whole lot of alcohol that leads to late night shenanigans. For instance, the time the patrol noticed an unfamiliar truck parked near the M Street beach entrance at 1:14 am and upon investigating found a swimming drunk guy. Or the innumerable large groups of drunk teens partying hard all over the place: at the Wedge, at G Street, at Bay Beach – all sent on their way.

Except when they are too out of it to move: “At 1:05 am I heard a loud female voice near the I Street beach entrance, when I walked closer to her voice, I observed a male laying down on the sand near the I Street walkway, the female said that she called his father and he is coming to pick him up. The father arrived at 1:09 am and he placed his son in the back of a white van and drove away.” Some don’t drive away but just sleep it off before the Patrol moves them along including a couple sleeping in a vehicle near the Wedge at 2:58 am. Or the man who was woken up and escorted off the Point from the kids’ play area at Miramar and Balboa Blvd at 1:11 am.

And then there are the people that do belong here after dark. For instance, the US Customs officer encountered in his car surveilling the fishing piers who readily offered his identification when asked. And the US Coast Guardsman who arrived to check the jetty at 1:00 am.

Sure, sometimes Sean Toomay or David Sierras, our current KMA patrolmen, report that all they are doing is “patrolling streets and parks, checking on homes under construction, observing vehicle and pedestrian movement.”

But other times the story is not so serene.

You too can delve into the security reports. Visit cfbpp.org and click the “Security Patrol” tab. If you need KMA to swing by and check on something call dispatch: 888-562-1988 or the patrol mobile: 714-332-7420 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. seven days a week.



NBPD Partnership

Excerpts from Recent Neighborhood Watch Meetings by Sara Verschueren Residential Burglaries

TRENDS + PATTERNS

- Day of the Week: Daily, mostly Friday + Saturday
- Time of Day: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Empty homes targeted
- Dinnertime/early evening hours (shortly after sunset)
- Entry Points:
 - Sides of house/backyards
 - Shattering glass doors/windows
 - 2nd story balconies
- Master Bedroom targeted
 - Master closet

HOME SECURITY:

- Create the appearance that someone is home
- Reduce or eliminate areas of concealment
- Receive immediate notifications of a possible intruder
- Secure valuables

Check out NBPD's [Crime Prevention page](#) and the [Home Security Checklist](#) for the more tips.

Summer Crime Prevention Reminders:

Going on vacation?

- Have a home security plan before you head out the door.
- Utilize NBPD's FREE vacation check service or plan to have a house sitter.



At the beach or out on the trails?

- Don't leave belongings in your car if at all possible.
- Hide valuables before arriving to your destination.

Getting around on your bike?

- Have a high quality lock with you & utilize it whenever you walk away from your bike.
- Register your bike with [Project529](#).



Resource Reminder

For Emergencies:
9-1-1

NBPD Non-Emergency Number:
949-644-3717
"Save as a favorite in your phone contacts"

NBPD Calls for Service:
<https://www.nbpd.org/what-we-do/information/calls-for-service>

Newport Notified:
<https://www.nbpd.org/what-s-new/newport-notified>



Text 9-1-1

You can contact Dispatchers by sending a text message to 9-1-1. While texting 9-1-1 can be a valuable tool in certain circumstances, calling 9-1-1 is still the preferred method of reporting an emergency.



CFBPP: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Almost twenty years ago, members of the Peninsula Point neighborhood created the Community Foundation (CFBPP). The CFBPP's goal was (and is) to improve the quality of life for you and your neighbors. The Foundation's 501(c)(3) designation allows more latitude to do this as compared with BPPA's more restrictive 501(c)(7). Have you seen the mural on Main Street in Balboa Village and the one on the wall of the Pump Station at A Street? Those were CFBPP projects.

Did you know that once upon a time the Balboa Peninsula Point sign at G Street and Balboa Blvd was not lit at night? Or that initially the median at E. Balboa Blvd and I Street was planned without landscaping? Capitalizing on these opportunities to enhance our neighborhood was a CFBPP focus. As was the Tot Lot's creation at the corner of E. Balboa Blvd and Miramar Street. It was donated to the City, and they have upkeep responsibility. Back in the day we organized traffic sensors across E. Balboa Blvd between L and I Streets to document traffic density and speeding. We used the resulting data to lobby NBPD for more patrols. The CFBPP also supported the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

More recently we installed a License Plate Reader (LPR) on the Balboa Realty building at the entrance to the Point. We are not privy to the data gathered, but we do know it has been collected and utilized by both NBPD and Homeland Security representatives.

Currently, the CFBPP's focus is on fundraising to support the cost of the security patrol. This started as a BPPA program during the July 4 festivities around L Street Park. It was so popular that CFBPP funded extensions to the end of summer, then added the Boat Parade dates and eventually supported the patrol to its current year-round 7pm to 3am status. NBPD is supportive of the program, and we are pleased to report that the city's Neighborhood Watch Program shows the Point as the lowest property crime of any beach neighborhood area in the City.

We are very interested in continuing to invest in our community and would enjoy receiving feedback about current and potential future projects. If you have thoughts on either, please feel free to email us at info@cfbpp.org.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Balboa Peninsula Point



From L to R: Bill Mathies, Brigid O'Connor, Bob Yant, Ken Drellishak (back), Tara Shapiro and Russ Doll



*The residents have two outstanding organizations supporting the community. The **Balboa Peninsula Point Association** and the **Community Foundation of Balboa Peninsula Point**. The organizations are complementary and work in tandem to bring support to our community. On occasion we receive questions about the roles and focus of each. We have articulated the primary distinctions below.*



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

The BPPA is a 501(c)(7) organization.

BPPA is a non-profit organization focused on social and recreational events benefiting its members.

Revenue is derived from membership dues and are not tax deductible.

Here's What the BPPA Does:

- Sponsors various events including:
4th of July Parade, Easter Egg Hunt
Chili Cook Off, Christmas Parade Party, Bay Beach Barbeques and Potlucks
- Operates the Bay Beach and Boat Ramp
- Publishes an Annual Membership Directory
- Monitors City Council, Airport, Police and Public Works for issues that affect the Peninsula Point
- Supports Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Publishes the periodical – POINTER

Additional information can be found at: bppa-nb.com

The CFBPP is a 501(c)(3) organization.

CFBPP is a philanthropic organization focused on improving the quality of life in the community.

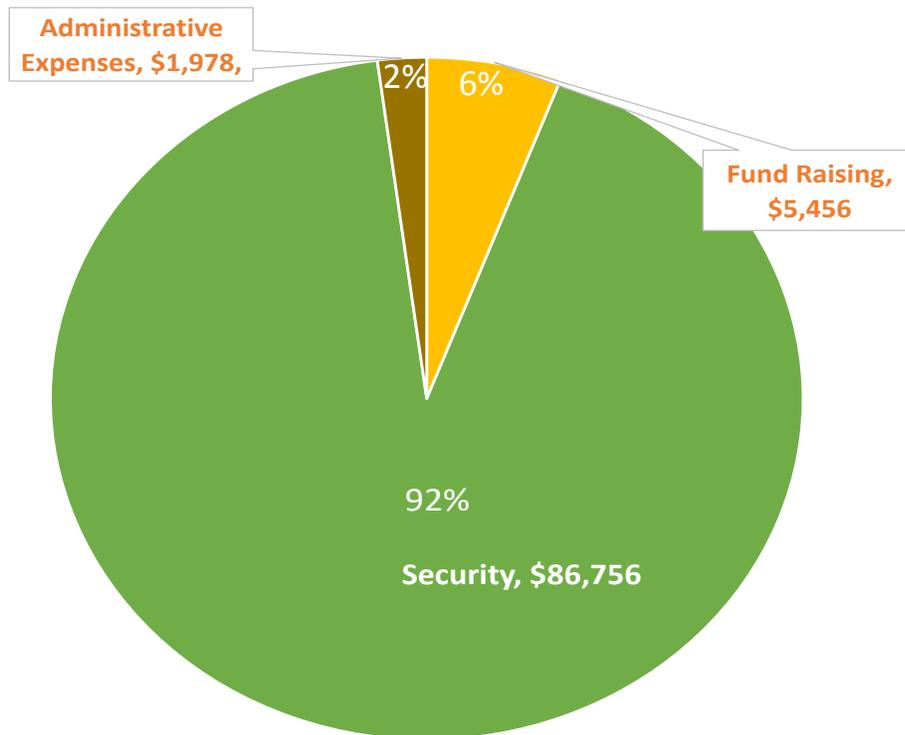
Revenue is derived from donations and are tax deductible.

Here's What the CFBPP Does:

- For over 16 years has funded the security patrol costs, currently \$100,000/ year
- Funded landscaping of island at I Street
- Installed the Tot Lot at Miramar and G Street lighting
- Commissioned the mural at Main Street and East Bay Avenue
- Commissioned artwork on the pump station at East Balboa Blvd and A Street
- Supports Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Publishes the periodical – COMPASS

Additional information can be found at: cfbpp.org

Community Foundation of Balboa Peninsula Point (CFBPP) Program Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2024



As summarized above, for the year ended December 31, 2024, CFBPP had total Program Expenses of \$94,190, including seven days a week security patrols for the entire year. This is the second consecutive year that CFBPP has been able to fund a year-round security patrol program contracted through KMA Security & Patrol. In addition, CFBPP continued to fund the annual hosting and monitoring costs of the license plate reader (LPR) technology installed at the end of calendar year 2021. The daily security patrols and LPR technology comprise CFBPP's Security Programs and represent 92% of 2024 Total Program Expenses. CFBPP's ability to sustain the Security Programs reflects the increasing support from our friends and neighbors in the Peninsula Point Community.

While Security Programs represent the primary focus of the current mission, CFBPP continues to support community related beautification efforts including local public art, landscape, and family-oriented enhancements to the neighborhood. Since CFBPP's founding over 15 years ago, its volunteer Board of Directors has been committed to putting your generous support directly back into our community based on the highest priorities identified by our donors to benefit all residents. Consistent with previous years, CFBPP spent over 90% of its Program Expenses directly on furthering this mission. In 2024, Fund-Raising and Administrative Expenses accounted for 8% of total expenses representing the costs necessary to communicate with residents and comply with Federal and State non-profit legal requirements.

The dedicated support received from our friends and neighbors has allowed CFBPP to enter 2025 with sufficient financial resources to, once again, continue the Security Program for the entire year. As we have communicated previously, CFBPP is striving to sustain annual Community support of \$120,000, based on current cost levels, to sustain our daily, year-round, Security Patrol and other Community Programs while also funding the modest administrative costs required to manage CFBPP's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

As always, we thank our Peninsula Point residents for supporting CFBPP. We appreciate your feedback and ideas on how CFBPP's mission can evolve to best support and enhance the safety and quality of life for all of us.

Wishing all of you a wonderful summer and enjoyable 2025!



IN APPRECIATION

The following donors have contributed to improve the lives of people on the Balboa Peninsula Point. Donations below are from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. Donations made after May 31, 2025 will be listed in the next Compass.

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