

# Ocean Beach MainStreet Association

# October 2012 Newsletter

# **OBMA ANNUAL REPORT**



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Celebrate the OB Business community at this great event . . .

It's fun, free and delicious! Enjoy a light buffet provided by local OB eateries.

OBMA Members & their employees please...

# Save the Date

the annual

# **OBMA Awards Celebration & Annual Meeting**

Thursday - 0ct 25, 2012 6pm - 8pm

Pt. Loma Masonic Center 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

Major Sponsors: Union Bank, **Brown Marketing Strategies & OBREL** 

# A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

# To all our members and friends . . .

I have been so honored to serve as your president this past year - which has gone by so quickly! Your active involvement with the OB MainStreet Association has given us the very successes we have experienced.

This year's Annual Report enumerates those accomplishments for your review. As many of you know, this Association has grown and matured in its 34 years of existence. Our successes are the product of the hard work by our many committee members who continuously tackle a

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# October Meeting Calendar

Tues Oct 2 8:30am **Design Committee** Fri Oct 5 8:30am **Promotion Committee** Wed Oct 10 8:30am **Finance Committee** Noon Wed Oct 10 **ER Committee** Thur Oct 11 **Board of Directors** Noon 8:30am Crime Prevention Comm. Tues Oct 16 Meetings held at OBMA office unless otherwise noted Next OBREL meeting will be Nov. 6 at 2pm

And please don't miss our Awards Celebration: Thur Oct. 25 6pm-8pm Annual OBMA Awards

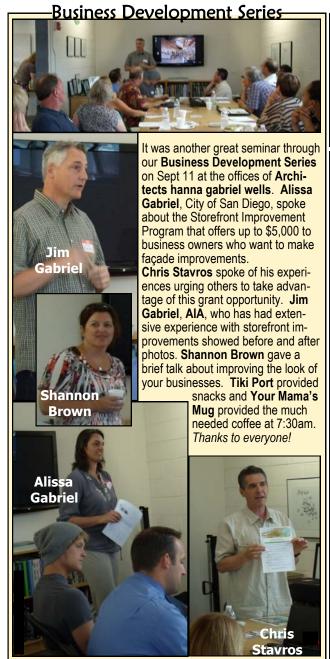
OB OKTOBERFEST

It's a fundraiser! Ocean Beach Veteran's Plaza Sign up online at obbrattrot.org

Cost \$20 🕴 per runner

See more info pg 2





# SB1186 . . . What took so long?

Governor Brown signed SB1186 a new law that will help stop abusive ADA lawsuits. We started working on this issue about 8 years ago and are relieved to see something being done to protect our small businesses from predatory intimidation and lawsuits. Read more about this at OceanBeachSanDiego.com/

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multitude of issues – some are new and many are part of our long-term planning. Committee members along with the 14 members of our board of Directors volunteer hundreds of hours per month to make sure that the most important projects, programs and events are funded, properly staffed and stay true to our mission. If you haven't had the time to join one of our many committees, we urge you to get involved and participate in the future of OB.

Much of the work of the Association is not very glamorous; emptying trash, cleaning our ashcans, replacing broken street signs, painting over graffiti, and cleaning the sidewalks. If we had a million dollars we would could keep OB spotless but of course, that isn't realistic. We stretch the dollars we do have as far as we possibly can because of all the help we get from volunteers.

Other work includes an ever expanding promotion and marketing campaign for our business district. As our businesses find success, all things improve in the community - including employment opportunities, storefront improvements and the overall quality of life in OB. Our well-known special events have put Ocean Beach on the map, brought visitors to our unique and always interesting community, and spawned many new businesses.

I'm especially proud of our Business Development Series launched last January. We learned a lot about what our merchants need and what types of business and marketing strategies would be most effective.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. Thanks again for being a part of this terrific association.

All my best,

Barbara lacometti, President, OBMA



2 Music Stages Mr. & Ms. Oktoberfest, and all other the contests you know & love. Imported German beers & local microbrews.

On **Saturday Oct. 13th** . . . Start celebrating the **OB Oktoberfest** by participating in the *1st Annual* **Brat Trot Beach Run**. All ages are welcome and it's sponsored by the OB Community Foundation (they are raising funds for youth sports in OB).

Check out our great merchandise and food booths at Veterans Plaza sponsored by OB MainStreet and enjoy the all ages stage area. Music, competitions and fun all day!

If you are 21 and up, for only \$3 you can head into the **Beer Garden** for all kinds of great music and entertainment.

See schedule on the back page.

# OBMA ANNUAL REPORT



Our Mission is to find a unique balance of economic development within a neighborhood setting and, through special events, to contribute to the health, wealth and pride of our coastal community!

# A Year in Review July 2011-June 2012

Again, we've compiled a list of all the accomplishments during the past year for you to peruse. With such enthusiasm from our volunteer committee members and special events helpers, even in a slow economy OB continues to make huge strides to maintain and improve the business districts while effectively marketing our local businesses and events. Each committee is unique and participates in the overall success of the OBMA.

# ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE Keeping it All Together

Chair - Barbara Iacometti Meets as needed

- Hosted 74 regularly scheduled meetings and 17 more special event meetings
- Staff attended 37 meetings with groups including BID Council & City of San Diego
- Continued ConVis (Convention and Visitors) membership to expand our visitor outreach
- Member in good standing of California Main Street Alliance
- Member in good standing of National Main Street
- Welcomed 3 new members to the Board of Directors
- Current members: 198 Associate members and 326 BID members

# PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Marketing our Business
District with wild abandon

Chair - Tevia Oskin Meets 1st Friday of month -8:30am in OBMA Office.

- Continued to distribute OB Local Business directories and distributed throughout the community
- Printed 500 Historical and Mural Plaque Brochures distributed from our office to visitors and residents alike.
- Hosted Decorate with Lights contest for the holidays.
- Facilitated OBREL advertising over 154 restaurant ads in various papers with feature stories and listings of restaurants, entertainment and lodging in the area.
- Placed 32 inserts from local merchants in monthly printed and online newsletters
- 58 Member Announcements posted in monthly and online Newsletters
- Mailed 4,800 monthly Newsletters & emailed 2,400

- Sold \$24,000 worth of promotional items and developed new items for the 125th Anniversary of OB including beer glasses, t-shirts, stickers and a poster to support beautification and marketing efforts in OB.
- Distributed 30,000 rack cards throughout Southern California at visitor based businesses and outlets.
- Co-hosted 5 OBMA Sundowners with area merchants.
- Improved the OBMA website, added local web ads, coupons and videos.
- · Mobilized OBMA website
- Provided content and promoted 2011-12 OB Map
- Financed the web camera, OB Cam, located atop the OB Hotel
- Hosted 1st ever Annual Marketing Breakfast as part of the 2012 Businesss Development Series (BDS) with over 75 members in attendance.
- Hosted "Fundamentals of Achieving Success in OB" Seminar as part of the BDS.
- Worked with Pizza Port to make a special edition beer for the 125th Anniversary - the Anniversary Pale Ale - Mayor Sanders spoke at the unveiling party.

# ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE

Securing a strong future

Chair: Gary Gilmore Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at OBMA office.

- Managed 23 PROW permits (Café Ordinance)
- Managed the MAD- maintenance along Newport Avenue
- Managed the Storefront Improvement Program, PROW and helped establish the new Revitalization Project
- Compiled surveys, one by SDSU students and the other was an online survey of three zip codes in the area.
- Increased parking in the district
- Produced the behind the scenes work for Restaurant Walk, and managed the Annual Awards Celebration from set up to clean up.
- Organized to help the "Save Our Events" coalition.



The Watchdog!

Chair: Julie Klein Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30am at the OBMA Office and often at other local businesses.

- Discussed issues related to crime and the prevention of crime in Ocean Beach.
- Established "Respect OB" and held large gathering.
- Started a "Quality of Life" detail unit with SDPD, Lifeguards, churches, and fire/rescue.
- Launched the "Make it Right" campaign on the OBMA website helping merchants report problems more easily.
- Organized efforts to work with SDPD and City Attorney's Office to target work on specific criminal activities.
- Distributed over 500 Police Authorization Forms
- Reported on graffiti throughout the community



PHOTO BY JOE EWING

# DESIGN COMMITTEE

Chair: Mike Akey Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 8:30am at OBMA Making us all look good! Office.

- Finished Tile Phase 17 installation
- Put up and took down over 125 street pole decorations for the holidays with the help of Sunset Cliffs Surfing Assoc.
- Put up and took down 3 across street holiday swags
- Touched up 32 Trash Cans on Newport Avenue
- · Managed the design elements of the MAD
- Installed the 2004 Community Mural on James Gang building, 2011 Community Mural on Mallory's Furniture, and refurbished and reinstalled the mural on OB Surf & Skate
- Ordered new 125th Anniversary Banners and installed them on Sunset Cliffs Blvd and on Newport Ave. (mostly paid by CPPS Grant through Councilman Faulconer)
- Trimmed palm trees on side streets twice
- Organized and funded painting of 14 electrical boxes in OB.
- Hosted San Diego Coastkeeper's Sign of the Tides Low Impact Development meeting
- Refurbished mural on OBMA Office façade
- Assisted Pt Loma High School by collecting \$500 worth of recycled cell phones and cartridges so that a \$500 scholarship could be awarded
- Installed 4 more historic plaques
- Hosted meetings with other community groups about cleaning up the waterfront area.

# It's all about the Destination

Co-chairs: Dave Martin & Kevin Alsobrook Met the 1st Tuesday of each month at 2pm OBMA Office.

- With the help of Brown Marketing Strategies and the Beacon, organized and advertised in monthly publications to market OB as a destination for dining, entertainment and lodging
- Participated in special events to promote the area.

Maintenance Assessment District - Newport Ave.

The property owners are assessed to insure these tasks are done on a regular basis throughout the year:

- Replaced 25 damaged trash can lids, moved 2 trash cans by merchant request
- Had the City repair all street lamp electrical outlets at base
- Steam Cleaned 22,000 linear feet of sidewalks (every other month)
- Emptied trash cans 5200 times and cigarette butt cylinders 4000 times, replaced 22 galvanized trash can liners
- Replaced 16 plants in planter boxes, repaired 4 leaks in irrigation system, Repaired/replaced 22 tiles, and weeded, trimmed and fertilized planters 445 times.

It just makes "cents" to analyze the numbers

Chair: Mike Stifano Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:30am at the OBMA Office.

- The name says it all . . . They reviewed all financials, guided Board to make fiscally sound budgets, reinvested funds to improve OB and worked to make financials understandable
- Reviewed and commented on our annual outside audit
- Assisted staff with financial issues and unexpected expenditures/challenges.

# SPECIAL **EVENTS**

They're fun and festive!

Special Event Committee meetings are held as needed. Volunteers are always appreciated and needed.

- Sponsored 52 Farmers Markets
- Sponsored OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off Festival and raised \$12,000 for the Fireworks Celebration
- Co-Sponsored OB Oktoberfest, OB Beach Ball, OB Music & Art Festival
- Gave 155 bands/performers the opportunity to perform at events
- Produced TWO Community Murals to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Ocean Beach
- Organized and produced all the information for the OB Tree Committee's Restaurant Walk
- Sponsored (along with Union Bank) and organized Annual OBMA Awards Celebration.







# Ocean Beach MainStreet Association STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES July 2011- June 2012

#### **INCOME**

BID Assessments	\$25,095
Grant Income	69,150
MAD Assessments	44,776
Contributions	18,959
Special Events Income	377,607
Memberships, PROW	10,972
Promo/Marketing	52,981
Interest Income	50
TOTAL REVENUE	599,590

#### **EXPENSES**

Organization	80,085
Capital Imp/Repair/Projects	57,584
Promotion	123,678
MAD Expenses	44,776
Farmers Market	89,067
Fireworks	26,156
Street Fair	119,088
Other Events	44,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	585,034
NET ORDINARY INCOME	14,556
OTHER EXPENSES	

Depreciation -2,892 \$11,664 **NET INCOME** 

Draft pending annual audit



# Mark your calendars! Upcoming OB events:

Sat. Oct 12 & 13, 2012 OB Oktoberfest - OB Pier parking lot & Veterans Plaza - Info: OBOktoberfest.com

**Tue. Nov. 13th 2012 OB Restaurant Walk -** Throughout Ocean Beach. info: 619-224-4906.

Thur. Nov 29 2012 OB Tree Auction- Sunshine Co. Saloon. Info: 619-515-4400.

Sat. Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012 OB Craft Fair - Veteran's Plaza
 Sat. Dec. 1, 2012 OB Christmas Parade - 5:05pm Along Newport Avenue. Parade @obtowncouncil.org

For more information, www.OceanBeachSanDiego.com

# Ocean Beach MainStreet Association STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2012

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Cash	\$ 20,404
Cash - Board designated	63,715
Accounts & Grants Receivable	52,615
Inventory Asset	5,843
Prepaids & Undeposited funds	<u>5,532</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$148,109
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	
Equipment & Furniture	27,412
Website	1,300
Leasehold Improvements	2,742
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-18,680</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	\$ 12,774
OTHER ASSETS	
Security Deposits	<u>600</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$161,483</u>
LIABILITY AND NET ASSETS	
Accounts Payable	6,455
Credit Card Payable	<u>2,924</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,379
EQUITY	
Unrestricted net assets	105,316
Temporarily restricted net assets	35,123
Net Income	11,665
TOTAL NET ASSETS	
	\$152,104

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# MEMBER BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT

# Welcome New OBMA Members

# **Aprils Massage Sanctuary**

4967 Newport Ave. #12

619-246-8240 aprilsmassagesanctuary.com

Massage Therapy, Spa Services, Alternative Health Care

# The Chameleon Hair Lounge & Boutique

4728 Voltaire St. 619-223-7006 ChameleonLounge@hotmail.com Hair Salon, Boutique, Gift Shop

# Finest City Improv

619-243-4533

4944 Newport Ave, Suite J

www.finestcityimprov.org

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----- NEW ADDRESS -----

# The Law Offices of Ronson J. Shamoun, APC.

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## Dear OBMA Members & Friends,

In celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Ocean Beach, we are also thankful for the sense of "community" that is so evident every day. A huge thank you to our community partners – The OB Town Council, OB Community Foundation, OB Planning Board, OB Historical Society, OBCDC, Sunset Cliffs Surf Association, OB Woman's Club, Peninsula Lions Club, Surfrider San Diego and OB Kiwanis – whose members have worked with the OBMA on more issues than I can name here. It's amazing what we can accomplish when we work together as a team to improve our community. The last 10 years have been a real testament to the strength of our beach town.

Of course, I want to give a special note of thanks to our hardworking and devoted staff at the office – Claudia Jack, Liz Greene, and our Farmers Market Manager – David Klaman and his team: Tony, Carlos, Kimberly and Josh. They keep the doors open and our projects and programs on track.

We're also proud to be a member of the San Diego Business Improvement District Council (BIDC), a member of ConVis, and to be designated as one of the National Mainstreet Programs by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the California Main Street Alliance (CAMSA). OBMA manages our BID (Business Improvement District) and the Newport Avenue Maintenance Assessment District and has consistently done more with less funding than most small communities. We continue to raise funds through grants, special events, and programs to help fund our marketing programs, the mural projects along with their maintenance, the Historical Plaque projects, the Tile Program, and much more. In fact, the BID fees have never increased since 1989 when we established the BID. Members can be certain that their investment through their membership fees provides a great return by reinvesting in Ocean Beach. Hey, that's a great return! Remember, we're here to help you. We may sometimes feel helpless about what's happening around us, but we can always do something positive for our community. It's easy . . . join in and help make a difference. Have a great year and continue to celebrate Ocean Beach!

Thanks again for all your support,

Denny Knox

Executive Director



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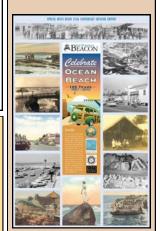
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Many thanks to the Beacon - Kevin McKay, Julie Hoisington, Mike Fahey, & Patricia Walsh for the fabulous job they did on the Special 125th Edition of the Beacon on September 20th, 2012 A big thank you to the OB Historical Society for their assistance!







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The Devastators
Blackout Party
The Electric Waste Band
Jetwest

The Oktoberfest Band

★ Emcee Jose Sinatra presides ★ with a special tribute to Bavarian culture

Lobster Bob (Seaside stage)

Mr. & Ms. Oktoberfest

Brat Trot Beach Run

Saturday 10 a.m. details online Benefits OBCF Youth Sports Fund





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