

NORTHWEST ADVOCATE

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Peck Park Canyon Renovations Complete

Ten years ago when the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council was first formed we spent some time prioritizing issues in our community.

One member, Ray Patricio, was very passionate about improving the Peck Park Canyon and convinced the council to tackle this issue.

Ray and I met with the regional superintendent for Recreation and Parks who told us that we needed a master plan.

Ray had a plan, a handwritten plan, signed by hundreds of local residents. But, as you know, it was the city, and a handwritten plan wasn't good enough. So the neighborhood council decided to develop a plan.

Councilwoman Hahn's representative, Caroline Brady-Sinco, recommended that we contract with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI).

We met with them but they needed more funding than our limited budget allowed. Again Caroline helped out and the councilwoman found the additional funds needed.



A committee was formed and a plan developed. Steve Kolette became the committee chair. NWSPNC invested in cleaning up the canyon, obtained a small grant from LANI for the California Conservation Corps to continue the

cleanup, and obtained a Community Beautification Matching Grant from the Department of Public Works to erect fencing to prevent further dumping in one portion of the canyon.

Once the plan was completed, we

began to search for funds to bring our vision into reality. We continued to fund LANI to help seek out funds. We needed an environmental review.

One of our board members, Phil Nicolay, who has expertise in environmental reviews, enlisted Ralph Appy, from the Port of Los Angeles, and they volunteered their time to complete the necessary environmental review.

Eventually three grants were obtained, by far the largest of which was from Proposition O. Now, 10 years later, we are celebrating the completion of the Peck Park Canyon Enhancement Project at a cost of approximately \$7.5 million.

There is more to be done, but this is a wonderful step forward in making this unique urban canyon more accessible, reducing the erosion, and cleaning up the quality of the water before it reaches our harbor.

We hope you will take time to find one of the 11 new trailheads and explore this San Pedro jewel.

It Takes a Village to Raise a School

By Barbara Politz, Principal,
William J. Johnston
Community Day School (CDS)

Johnston CDS, (formerly named Cooper CDS), is a LAUSD school that serves students in grades 7-12 who have had limited success in other educational settings.

History of Johnston CDS

The school was built in 1961 and has undergone a number of changes over the years. Twenty years ago the mornings were dedicated to male students and the afternoons were dedicated to the females. While the type of school has changed, one thing has remained the same, the school has always worked with students at risk. This year our school name changed from James Fenimore Cooper CDS to William J. Johnston CDS.

General Information

The learning community utilizes small classroom settings, individualized, rigorous, standards-based instruction, personalization and consistent behavioral expectations. Through active participation in their own learning, students have an opportunity to succeed academically and socially.

As with all Community Day Schools our emphasis is twofold. We develop students' intellectual skills, self-discipline, responsibility,

as well as, increase behavioral compliance. We operate all year-round.

Our campus is one of the most beautiful in LAUSD. We are located in a beautiful neighborhood with wonderfully landscaped homes just behind the Home Depot in San Pedro. The campus is a calm, serene, beautiful one lined with flowering trees and well manicured lawns.

In addition, students have built planter boxes around the campus and each year add more flowers. This year we plan to add a few fruit trees and begin to teach students the benefits of organic gardening. We are in the process of developing a dedicated computer lab, fully staffed with a credentialed teacher.

Student Demographics

Our students come from more than 15 different inner-city school communities (22-plus zip codes), and ethnically and socioeconomically diverse neighborhoods, but while on our campus, they are learning to put aside their differences.

Students and staff work to shift the focus from the streets to academics. This is one of the biggest reasons that we have a dress code that includes only black pants and a white collared shirt. Keeping gang colors and symbols off campus is an important part of our safety plan.

After coming to our school stu-

dents begin to succeed. One hundred percent of our students have experienced one or more of the following scenarios: failed their other school placements, had 2-5 years of failing grades, have had multiple school placements before reaching us, have come from boot camp and/or juvenile detention or adult jail placements.

Many students are currently on or have been on probation, and/or house arrest. Some students are simply low on high school credits due to many different reasons including: past truancy, lack of motivation, drugs/alcohol, learning challenges, family distractions or trauma, and/or school phobias.

At Johnston CDS, many students begin to experience academic as well as social/behavioral success for the first time in their academic careers. You can help us increase their odds of success.

Our School Needs:

LAUSD is facing a \$404 million dollar deficit for the 2010-2011 school year.

Effects to our school unless the funds are restored:

- We've lost \$66,000 from our budgets so far.
- Two teachers have been cut (we are working with the district to try to restore positions).

- One clerical staff out of two has been cut (decreased contact with parents).
- One campus aide out of two has been cut (decreased campus supervision).
- Increased class size from 21:1 to 27:1 in classrooms.

You can help: write a letter, email, or make a phone call to your state elected officials.

Our Greatest Needs:

1. Computers (we could use financial donations, donated computers, or grant writers!);
2. Tutors and mentors to assist students in science, math, history, English, and computers;
3. A sponsor for Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotic Anonymous chapters at lunchtimes;
4. Counseling groups on growing up healthy, wellness, choices, student concerns;
5. Donations, coupons, and/or gift certificates to purchase reinforcements and prizes for good behavior and success.

If you can help or would like more information about Johnston CDS please call and speak to Barbara Politz, principal at (310) 832-0376. Volunteer to make your community a better place!

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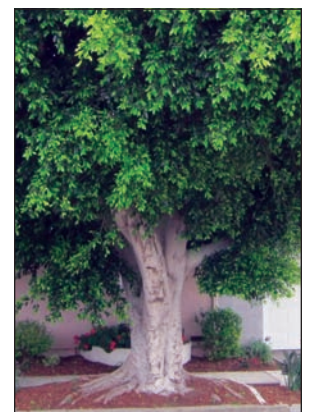
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'DIY' Tree Trimming in the City of Los Angeles

The city has over 700,000 street trees and is considered to be the largest urban forest in the world. Due to limited funds, the city prioritizes the trimming of trees that pose an immediate hazard to the community. If you are willing to trim a tree yourself, you can obtain a no-cost tree trimming permit. Call the Council Office at (310) 732-4515, or apply directly at <http://bsspermits.lacity.org/treeprune>.



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Recommends budget, reviews funding requests.

Community Involvement and Collaboration

Deals with youth, education, and community engagement.

Elections and Bylaws

Deals with elections and bylaws matters.

Community Issues

Deals with traffic and transportation, parks, community beautification, and other issues not covered by specific committees.

Planning and Land Use Committee

Deals with planning and land use issues.

Port Committee

Deals with port-related issues and advises our representatives on Port Community Advisory Committee.

Safety and Security

Deals with community safety, emergency preparedness, and evacuation planning.

If you are interested in being a member of any of these committees, please e-mail your contact information to board@nwsanpedro.org.

**The NWSPNC Governing Board
meets on the second Monday
of each month at 6:00 p.m.
in the Peck Park Auditorium,
560 North Western Avenue**

President's Corner

By Diana Nave, President

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US on the second Monday of each month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. to meet NWSPNC board members and tell us of concerns you may have about neighborhood or citywide issues affecting our area. And you're welcome to stay for the board meeting, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Your Neighborhood Council has been busy on a number of community issues. Recent actions include:

- Registered concerns about the reduction in staffing for the HAZMAT function in San Pedro and requested that the Port pay a larger portion of the costs;
- Requested that large commercial vehicles not be allowed to park along Westmont from Gaffey to Taper Avenue;
- Supported the design of Harbor Boulevard/Sampson Way as a "T" intersection;
- Reiterated our support for green space on top of the proposed parking structures along Sampson Way, rather than solar panels;
- Sponsored educational seminar and barrels for capture and reuse of rainwater;
- Worked with architect to improve visual appearance of storage facility to be built at Gaffey and Basin Street.

What is Coming Up?

- Map Your Neighborhood—training on emergency preparedness June 4;
- Planning and Land Use continues to meet with Ponte Vista developers;
- We will be developing plans for modifications to Harbor Highlands Park, let us know if you want to be part of those discussions;
- Continue to seek ways to relocate or reduce impact of Rancho butane and propane tanks;
- Working with the Port on the plans for beautification of North Harbor/Front Street;
- Working with council office and Target regarding water seeping onto sidewalk and street.

Get Involved

- Join a committee;
- Let us know what is on your mind.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: NWSANPEDRO.ORG
OR EMAIL BOARD@NWSANPEDRO.ORG.



Community Vision Committee

By John M. Mavar, Co-chair

The NWSPNC Community Vision Committee provides an outlet to discuss and solve quality life issues. From streetlights to parks and recreation, and traffic issues, we listen and help improve your connection to the Los Angeles City Hall.

The installation of another stop sign on Capitol Drive and Meyler is being discussed. Many people feel we have enough stop signs. Other stakeholders would like every corner in their immediate neighborhood to have a sign. Please contact us with your comments on this issue or other traffic matters.

The weather is warming up, which makes it a great time to visit our local parks. Your neighborhood council worked hard to improve the trail systems at Peck Park and the pond and grounds at Averill Park. Discussions are underway as to what to do with the Hernandez Ranch portion of Peck Park. It is time to rediscover San Pedro's unique urban landscape spots that provide a peaceful healthy experience.

Our hometown community is unique because of the rich history, work ethic and family values. There is a lot of work to do and we love to hear your concerns and comments. Please join us the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:00pm, San Pedro City Hall Building, fourth floor (bring ID to access building). Agendas are posted at www.nwspnc.org or email johnmmavar@aol.com.

Letter from NWSPNC Board Member Laureen Vivian to the Recreation and Parks Department

Well, the park has gotten intense attention and beautification. The roses beds and the roses are lovely and the anti-skateboarding leaf-shaped stops seem to be a deterrant. The neighbor's and I send you our heartfelt thanks.

Jesse and his crew, and of course the tireless Manny, are doing a fantastic job.

When it is again time to focus on Averill Park, the following concerns remain: selectively restoring/reintroducing lighting back to the allée, lower ponds & bridge, and main path, More substantial graffiti-resistant trash cans and throughout, getting the waterfall in operation, upgrading the 2 drinking fountains, planting acorn or walnut trees for the squirrels and replanting the waterlilies. As there still are about \$100,000 in Quimby Funds available, these items seem within reach.

The Lighting: Sieman's, among others, produces quite nice historic-looking solar light posts which would serve well along the path and are very affordable (I can forward the specs.). The allée lights are crucial and the local patrols are most supportive of this idea. They have indicated on several occasions that this would greatly add to safety and make their job much easier. In addition and not least of all, lighting the allée and/or its royal palms would be beautiful.

The Trash Cans: The current ones are rusting and bent-up if not hazardous, easily tipped over making litter a problem and are solid metal drums making them graffiti-prone. The newly installed trash cans of downtown San Pedro are a good example of what is needed here (but in a matte black).

The Drinking Fountains: As the stream was be-

ing renovated, I forwarded you images of drinking fountains used in Central Park, NYC. They are the nicest one I know and serve both humans and dogs. They are of cast iron in a historical aesthetic that fits this park and have a bronze bowl for humans and a shovel-like doggy bowl that one can empty and refill. They are of lasting quality. The manufacturers are right here in Los Angeles. Replacing the two existing with this model both helps with sanitation and beautifies the park for generations to come.

The Waterfall: It was working after the renovation of the stream but now no longer flows.... It really is the source point for the whole design concept and a tribute to the stream that once flowed down the hills of PV into San Pedro naturally. It is missed.

Planting Acorn or/and a Walnut tree: The park lost a great tree this year and I'd like to see if it could be replaced by a species that will both take the old ones place and feed the resident squirrel population.

The Waterlilies: We have gathered official "volunteers" who have taken their Live Scans and are ready to aid in the replanting and restoration of the waterlilies. As it is spring and the ducks are tending to their ducklings, I would like to propose that this project be scheduled for the end of summer. I am working on the MOU. Will Recreation and Parks fund the plants and soil?

Overall the park is once again be enjoyed and much effort has been put into caring for it. There still remain a few key items as indicated above. Please let me know what you think about the above and how we may proceed.

Peck Park Community Recreation Center: Your Park, Your Summer Destination

By Joseph Stackhouse, Director, Peck Park
Hello again, Northwest San Pedro!

What an amazing spring season we have had here at Peck Park Community Recreation Center. Peck Park CRC had more than 150 people at our Spring Egg Hunt and the May 7 opening of the canyon was a huge success.

This season's Peck Park CRC baseball has more than 11 teams playing and we just started registration for summer basketball and softball. As great as that sounds, here's a preview of what's coming next.

Summer Day Camp—This year starts June 27 and the last day is August 26. That's nine weeks of summer fun. Peck Park will be offering two incredible Summer Day Camp opportunities; Summer Camp and Sports Camp, in two-, three- and five-day formats to fit every budget.

New Classes—Yes, you heard right! Peck Park CRC is rolling out some new classes that the public has been asking for. This summer we will start a new adult basketball league, yoga, pilates, hip hop aerobics, Zumba Fit, teen fitness and beginning cartooning class. For the preschoolers Peck Park CRC will be unveiling a new summer series of classes: Letters and Rhymes, Kid Yoga, Story Time Crafts, Tuck & Roll, and Kitchen Helpers.

Of course, Peck Park Community Recreation Center is still home to one of the City of Los Angeles crown jewels—Peck Park Canyon.

Our recent opening on May 7 at the Elberion Street entrance kicked off this summer's hiking season. With more than 30 acres of refurbished local hiking trails, there is no better time or place to get hooked on nature.

Please keep in mind to be safe on the trails, take plenty of water and for your convenience trash cans have been placed at all trail entrances. See you in the park!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Peck Park at peckpark.recreationcenter@lacity.org or call (310) 548-7580.



Summer Concert Series

Thursdays, June 23, 30, July 14, 21, 28, August 11, 18, 25, September 8
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Concerts are held every Thursday except first Thursday of the month through September 8 at Fanfare Fountain)

Cars & Stripes Forever!

Friday, July 1, 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.
at Harbor Boulevard and the Vincent Thomas Bridge

Navy Week LA

Monday, July 25, through Friday, July 29
Berth 87 and 46

Taste in San Pedro

August 5, 6 and 7
Friday: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday: 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.
Harbor Boulevard promenade and Berth 87

Lobster Festival

Friday, September 16, through
Sunday, September 18
Ports O'Call Village at Sixth and Harbor Drive

Marymount College Partners with Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor

Marymount College welcomes the opportunity to positively affect future generations of students, especially those whose odds of attending institutions of higher learning are limited.

One of the College's long-standing community partnerships is with the Boys and Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor. The Club has a very active and successful College Bound program that has grown the high school graduation rate of participants from 50 percent to 90 percent in the last seven years. In fact, 87 percent of their high school participants from 2008 were attending college in fall 2009.

To foster this program, each year Marymount College welcomes approximately 150 College Bound students to its walk-in registration days. An invitation is extended to the entire group to

bring in their applications and transcripts and get an admission decision the same day. They are also invited to attend presentations on topics such as financial aid and preparation for college.

In early 2010, Marymount's relationship with the Boys and Girls Club grew further through its partnership with the College's lacrosse teams. Every player gives time to the after-school program each week at the Club in exchange for the opportunity to practice on the Club's lighted field.

The opportunity for Marymount students to learn while serving the community increased dramatically when in the fall 2010 the vast majority of Marymount freshmen volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club, providing just under 13,000 hours of service as tutors, mentors and activity coordinators.

Holy Trinity Principal Linda Rogers Wiley Completes Degree

Linda Rogers Wiley, principal of Holy Trinity School, graduated from Loyola Marymount University on May 8, with a doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis on social justice.

Dr. Wiley has been the principal of Holy Trinity School since 1990. She felt it was important to update her knowledge and skills to best meet the needs of the 21st century learner.

Dr. Wiley is excited about creating new opportunities for Holy Trinity's preschool-eighth grade students. She is busy helping her teachers plan for the addition of one hour per week of hands-on science experiments next year.

The school will also add Spanish in preschool through eighth grade. These additions will be accomplished by starting the school day 25 minutes

earlier, at 7:50 a.m.

You are invited to stop by the school, say hello, and check out their summer school program. This academic program will provide students readiness for the grade they will enter in the fall: kindergarten-fifth grade.

Call the school office for a tour, (310) 833-0703. Stop by and pick up a summer school application or visit them on the web: www.holytrinitysp.org.

Free Bulky Item Pickup

Do you want to get rid of a sofa, old carpeting, or extra lumber? Did you know that the city will pick these items up for free? Just call 311 and ask for bulky item pickup to schedule an appointment.

FREE TIRE RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENTS



Properly dispose of used and old tires at this collection event hosted by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25
Harbor District Yard
1400 N. Gaffey Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Each person who brings tires will receive a coupon for 15% off your next purchase of Firestone or Bridgestone tires.

RESTRICTIONS

- City of Los Angeles **RESIDENTS ONLY** – No tires from businesses (To verify residency, bring your current DWP bill and/or California Driver's License)
- A Tire Transport Form must be obtained a week prior to any of the above events from Department of Public Health (626-430-5540) if you transport more than 9 tires per trip
- Passenger and light truck tires only
- Tires on rims will not be accepted

This program is funded by a grant from CalRecycle.



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LAPD Senior Lead Officer Report

By Senior Lead Officer Art Ashcraft,
Los Angeles Police Department

I am Senior Lead Officer Art Ashcraft and I am the senior lead officer for the Northwest San Pedro area. Northwest San Pedro continues to experience property crimes such as residential burglary, burglary/theft from motor vehicles, and grand theft auto.

The burglary and theft from motor vehicle can be stopped rather easily. People are still leaving their personal property in plain view inside their vehicles (purses, I-pods, laptops, garage door openers, personal navigation devices, etc).

We all feel we should be able to leave our belongings inside of our own vehicles, but unfortunately that is not the case anymore. There are people who want to steal our property and we need to remain vigilant against them, and not help them.

Also, lock your vehicles no matter where you park them, including your own driveway, or how long you plan on staying at the location.

In addition to locking your vehicle, we recommend that you use a security device. These devices are a great for preventing auto theft. Thieves walk up and down streets looking into parked vehicles and flipping door handles in an attempt to find an unlocked vehicle without a security device on it.

The device can be a steering wheel lock, an actual vehicle alarm or just a light that flashes on and off as if it were a vehicle alarm. Once a thief sees something that makes it hard to get inside the vehicle, or will draw a lot of attention as they are trying to get inside, they will move on to a easier target. Don't be that easy target.

To prevent residential burglaries, people need to lock and secure their residences, including all windows, when they leave, no matter how long they plan on being gone. Also try to keep your windows clear of brush and tree foliage. This

Healthy Kids and Healthy Families

By Julie Turner Tisue, Executive Director
San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA

Many families in San Pedro will enjoy a LONG vacation when they sign up for a summer membership at the YMCA.

Classes in art, drama, tae kwon do, tumbling, dance and cooking are all included for families with a summer membership. One of the best parts, mothers agree, is that kids can be learning all summer, the toddlers can be in the childwatch and they can get some time to themselves and enjoy the adult fitness classes or just chatting with friends. Some parents use the wifi and finish their work for the day right at the Y! Convenient and very affordable at only \$180 for the summer. Financial aid is also available and based on funds raised in the annual support campaign.

Building leadership skills in youth is a key component of the camping experience. This August, over 200 kids will head to the mountains for a week of resident camping. The results are profound. Lives have been changed year after year through this experience. Eighty youth will spend months leading up to camp learning leadership skills that they will use as counselors in training. Please call the Y if you are interested in sending your child to camp.

Joint Replacement – Stroke – Injury Rehab

Did you know the Y now has a program for adults that are working to stay healthy after challenges like stroke or joint replacements? Our program called, Beyond Rehab enables you to bring in your physical therapist and have a program specially designed for you. Our trained staff can also assist you. In partnership with Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital, this program helps you to stick with the exercises and therapies that you need to continually improve your health. Come on over and try it out! Your satisfaction is guaranteed.

The San Pedro & Peninsula YMCA is located at 301 South Bandini; telephone: (310) 832-4211.

is so the thieves do not have a place to hide or blend into as they are looking into our houses. Good lighting around our properties at night is also important. Motion detectors are a great tool and not expensive.

Juveniles are committing these crimes as well as adults. So if you notice kids walking around and loitering in your neighborhood during school hours, please give Harbor Station (310-726-7700) a call.

There is a huge difference between kids walking to and from school, going to a friend's house and loitering in the area, looking into windows of vehicles and residences, looking over fences etc. If it doesn't look right, then it's probably not right. Go with your gut and call the police.

The Pirate Town Task Force conducted a three-year investigation into narcotics and gun trafficking. In the early morning of April 28, with the assistance of other agencies, they served 92 search warrants, made 85 arrests, recovered \$140,000 and one-and-a-half pounds of cocaine, shut down two marijuana growing houses and five narcotic/RSP gang hangouts. The City Attorney filed an injunction against the Rancho San Pedro (RSP) gang members. This is an ongoing investigation, and arrests are continuing to be made.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding your neighborhood, feel free to contact me at (310) 869-2067 or e-mail me at 34536@lapd.lacity.org.

Harbor Community Clinic

By Anise Goldfarb

The Harbor Community Clinic (HCC) is a Community "safety net" facility located at 593 West Sixth Street in San Pedro. HCC is a medical facility designed to help those in need who are not able to afford medical services.

Since 1970, which is the year the clinic first opened its doors, the clinic has been a place for low income or uninsured patients. With the current recession they are treating more patients whom reside in the San Pedro and Harbor Area.

With increasing unemployment rates and as a consequence of the loss of health plan coverage, the residents in the community rely on HCC for their healthcare needs. HCC provides quality medical care which consists of medical professionals and medical support staff during weekdays.

City Council Supports Legislation to Bring U.S.S. Iowa to San Pedro

Recently, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to support California Join Resolution AJR-8, introduced by State Assembly Member Warren Furutani and Bonnie Lowenthal. The resolution urges the Navy to locate the battleship Iowa in Los Angeles.

For more information, contact Pacific Battleship Center by calling (877) 446-9261 or go online to <http://pacificbattleship.com>.

San Pedro Garden Club

Do you know that we have a local garden club? The San Pedro Garden Club is a member of the California Garden Clubs, Inc., the largest volunteer organization of its type in the world with 200,000 international members 6,300 local clubs in all 50 states.

The San Pedro Club dates back to 1928 and currently has over 100 members participating in 27 different projects such as Flowers for the Library every week, Arbor Day Celebration, Earth Day at Cabrillo Beach, Junior Gardeners at Seventh Street School and other schools with children experiencing gardening first hand, and Pennies for Pines donations to reforestation.

The President's Project for 2010 through 2014 includes the re-landscaping for the fire department Firehouse #112, fireboat station. Maybe you've noticed the beautiful gardens.

The Club also gives a scholarship every year



Sailing Opportunities for Kids in San Pedro

By Bill Schopp

Kids today have far more options to spend their free time than I did growing up in San Pedro and, judging from my kids, it seems like they have less spare time due to the highly competitive atmosphere to attend college. So, kids really need to spend their free time wisely. Growing up, I chose sailing and have never regretted that childhood decision.

Ten years ago, our group of friends who grew up sailing, decided to start a nonprofit youth sailing foundation and called it the Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Club. Our goal was to allow kids to have the same opportunities to sail as we did. Fortunately, the same group that mentored us as we learned to sail, decided to now mentor our youth foundation.

Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club and its members have been extremely supportive with both time and money. The Foundation is also supported by many local San Pedro businesses and residents, and most recently the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council.

The Foundation has 45 sailboats and 10 coach/safety boats for kids aged 8 to 18 to use. Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club has really stepped up by running the sailing programs with US Sailing certified coaches to support the foundations efforts.

Kids now have a wide variety of sailing options. In the summer there are one- or two-week sailing sessions and in the spring and fall there are high school teams Monday through Thursday, middle school sailing on Fridays and clinics and racing on weekends. Kids in the program have had the opportunity to compete locally, nationally, and internationally and many are now competing at the college level. There are endless opportunities and we hope that one day a NWSPNC kid can compete in Olympic sailing.

To get started sailing, contact the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club at (310) 519-1694 or visit the web site at cbyc.org and go to the Junior Sailing section. Costs for the summer sailing are \$125 per week for half day and \$215 per week for full day. Discounts are available through the Club and scholarships are available through the Foundation. Thanks to the NWSPNC for your assistance.

in June for a high school senior who has decided to go into the fields of horticulture, agriculture, environmental, conservation.

The general meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month (no meeting in June, July, and August) at Peck Park and include many informative speakers.

The community is welcome at the meetings. The programs deal with the latest gardening techniques for flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetables along with floral designs.

Conservation and the study of birds, butterflies and beneficial insects and how to attract them have also been discussed.

We are fortunate to have a local chapter helping to beautify our community. If you are interested in learning more about the Club, give Kathy a call at (310) 832-6686.