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Community News

Changes Coming to Lunada Bay Blufftop

Modifications to the Lunada Bay blufftop are scheduled to be completed by September 2026. They will include habitat restoration involving removal of invasive species such as bamboo and installing native plants. There will also be new rocks for sitting, trails, a drinking fountain, and signage to make the area more inviting. The figure provides an overview.

The project grew out of a lawsuit and subsequent settlement requiring the city to institute blufftop improvements and maintain them for at least 10 years to remedy past harassment and surfing localism. The City Council approved the conceptual plan (with some minor changes) on March 11, 2025.

Required improvements include:

- Maintained and defined trail on top of the bluff.
- Trail composed of decomposed granite or similar natural stone-like material for hikers, runners, dog walkers, anglers, surfers, etc.
- Landscaping of drought-tolerant native plants designed to remove invasive species such as mustard and fennel and include native Southern California plant species.
- Landscaping shall be professionally designed and have a “natural appearance” but will also “direct” visitors to the south trail to ensure that shoreline access via the south trail is identified.
- Landscaping shall be planted in a manner that directs visitors away from the cliffs and false trails to the shoreline, and “directs” visitors to the south trail.
- Landscaping will be designed and maintained to not permanently block any current residential views.
- Minimum of two Lunada Bay welcome signs.
- Trail marker sign at south trail and sign at “Goat Trail.”
- Dispersed seating throughout the blufftop, which may be benches or seating with a natural appearance, e.g. “rock seating.”
- There shall be at least four benches.
- An interpretive sign.
- Drinking fountain for people and dogs near the Paseo Del Mar and Avenida Mirola intersection.



The city must make the improvements to its parkland within 24 months of the Effective Date (the Effective Date was not specified in the City Council report).

Community Events We Sponsor

Harvest Festival a Great Success

This unique local tradition saw participation by numerous new families this year, as evidenced by almost 80 pumpkins entered in the race. The beautiful day was supported by many local businesses, a LBHOA sponsored trackless train, and special musical performances by a local School of Rock youth band plus headliner Big Heart Band. Congratulations to the pumpkin race winners: 1st: Zion Telyatnikov, 2nd: Ari Telyatnikov, 3rd: Zoey and Emmyloo Laffoon, with Best Decorated Pumpkin going to Elle Masi.



Figure 1. Trackless train tooting along.



Figure 2. Prepping decorated pumpkins for the race (left); Getting ready to roll (center); Pumpkin on its way (right).

Santa in the Park

As the photos show, this year's "Santa in the Park" event sponsored by the Lunada Bay Homeowners Association was a great success. The December 18 event was held in Lunada Bay Plaza and attracted several hundred kids from our community to enjoy throwing foam "snowballs" in the Snow Globe (photo on the left), playing in the imported "snow", and of course, visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Photos: (Left) Kids in Snow Globe; (Center) Snow on the ground; (Right) Enjoying(?) a visit with Santa.

If you are interested in getting involved in organizing any of these community events, please reach out to info@lbhoa.org.

It truly takes a village.

Volunteer Opportunities & Activities

Callie's Community Cleanup



Photos: Left--Shiloh Hu, Gillian Armstrong, Addy Starr. Right--Volunteers (photos courtesy of Merlin David).

Roughly 25 people came together on December 14 to collect trash along a 1.2-mile route. Addy Starr, organizer of the event, reported that “over a span of 2 hours, we collected more than 20 trash bags of trash. Overall, we saved around 12-pounds of trash from littering our streets and going into the ocean, polluting the waters and harming marine life.”

Callie's Community Clean-Up club was founded at Palos Verdes High School to honor Addy's dog Callie, that passed away. “Callie inspired the clean-ups, as we would notice all the trash around the neighborhood while walking her,” said Addy. She estimates that to date, Callie's Community Cleanup volunteers have picked up over 60 pounds of trash.

Addy expects the next clean-up will be in February, will start at Lunada Bay and head north. LBHOA will provide details when available.

There's a Fresh Fragrance in the Air!

Recent rains are awakening the locally native, drought-tolerant plants at the 2-acre Beautify Lunada Bay (BLB) site across from Lunada Bay Elementary School. Sages and Artemisia (cowboy cologne) are sprouting their new season of leaves and releasing a delicious scent, and small leafy patches of annuals such as the California Poppy and Achillea are emerging and will bloom in early Spring.

The BLB project is an LBHOA effort initiated in 2014 to show how the appearance of areas in Lunada Bay that have suffered from benign neglect over the years might be improved. Since that time, volunteers have designed, funded, planted, and cared for the site for at no cost to the city.

Many of the plants on the site were grown from local seed stock and provided by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC), and the conservancy partners with LBHOA on monthly volunteer days to maintain the site.



Photos: Left—Dry plants and volunteers pre-rain; Right—Happy plants after rain...

The Volunteer Days this winter are at **9:00 to 11:00 AM on January 10, February 7, March 7**. If you'd like to participate, just show up across the street from Lunada Bay Elementary School or sign up at <https://pvplc.volunteerhub.com/vv2/> and bring work gloves, garden clippers or weed pullers.

And of course, the site is a great place for a walk anytime. With its wide, decomposed granite paths, BLB is one of the few parkland areas where you can walk without getting muddy shoes!

Not yet a member of LBHOA?
Join us at <https://www.lbhoa.org/member/>

Lunada Bay Homeowners Association

The Lunada Bay Homeowners Association (LBHOA) was founded in 1999 to:

- *Maintain and improve the quality of life in Lunada Bay and foster projects to achieve that goal,*
- *Promote and encourage participation of residents in community activities and civic affairs, and*
- *Bring to the attention of elected officials matters that are important to our residents and offer suggested resolutions.*

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