



## Next Meeting New Time and Location!

Dear Beach Cities Dems:

The Board is delighted to announce that, starting in April, we will be moving to a new location and starting time! After a long search, our wonderful VP Dency Nelson secured a terrific space for us at the **Hermosa Beach Community Center, located at 710 Pier Ave, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 (Pier & PCH). We'll be upstairs, in Room #4. In addition, meetings will start at 7 PM instead of 7:30.**

### Why the Change?

While we are extremely grateful to member Michael Keegan letting us use his Manhattan Beach Bread & Bagel restaurant for free for several years, we have always kept looking for more traditional meeting space. The new room seats twice as many people, has better acoustics so everyone can hear the speakers, and will allow for multi-media presentations. It is also more centrally located within the beach cities.

### Where will I Park?

There are handicapped accessible parking spaces out front on Pier, directly in front of the Playhouse entrance (same building as the Community Center). Please leave these spaces for those who require them. **From this entrance our room is fully handicapped accessible.**

There is additional parking just behind the complex in a large lot, adjacent to the center's tennis courts. We'll provide signage to our new room from both entrances.

### Will Our Meeting Dates Change?

We will still meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, but we'll get an earlier start, at 7 PM. **Our first meeting at the new location will be Wednesday, April 22, 7 - 9 PM.**

We realize that any change takes getting used to, but we are very excited about the opportunities afforded to us by this new space. Let's invite friends and neighbors and fill our wonderful new room to capacity!

## April Agenda

Our first meeting in the new location will feature a presentation from Marcia Hanscom, Executive Director of the Ballona Institute and eBoard member for the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter. We will hear about simple ways to help sustain the environment.

We will also have an update on the CA Democratic Party bylaws changes to the CDP endorsement process & what it means to us.

- Possible BCD bylaws changes
- Need to update membership dues and get a roster in ASAP

We will also remind everyone of the upcoming Fiesta Hermosa, May 23 - 25! We need volunteers to staff the booth for 3-hour shifts. This year, our booth will be back in the high-traffic area as in years past, so there will be lots of activity! Please consider signing up.

We will also be appointing a Nominating Committee to vet officers for our upcoming BCD elections.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year our monthly meeting falls on Earth Day. Can you believe that it's been 45 years since the first official Earth Day on April 22, 2015?! As [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) reminds us, 1970 brought the death of Jimi Hendrix, the last Beatles album, and the very first Earth Day.



There are so many positive ways that we can influence our earth's health for the better. Do you have an Earth Day resolution for 2015? Here's a few areas that I'm working on personally:

1. Keeping a reusable food container in my car to carry out leftovers after a restaurant meal. Saves one disposable container every week or two. The average person in the U.S. creates 4.4 lbs of trash a day, so every little savings helps.
2. I recently gave up my home delivery newspaper subscription, but continue to pay for a digital subscription. That way I continue to support an independent media while avoiding all the costs in fuel, production and recycling of newspapers.
3. According to [www.wannaveg.com](http://www.wannaveg.com), going vegan one extra day a week means you've saved the planet an astonishing 84,000 gallons of water! I'm still not ready to give up meat 100%, but that big an impact on the earth, not to mention my health, is well worth one more meatless day a week.
4. I can continue to take credit for one

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good habit that I started about two years ago -- carrying my own water bottle with me. Even though I was always scrupulous about recycling my water bottles, not carrying bottled water anymore is saving the manufacturing, transportation and other energy costs associated with my old bottled water habit. I highly recommend my Hydracentials stainless steel water bottle, which also avoids the dangers of drinking water that's been sitting in warm plastic for extended periods of time!

5. Finally, I'm planning to plant some native milkweed shortly to help support the Monarch Butterfly. Many nurseries now carry milkweed. If your local garden center doesn't, you can visit <http://shop.monarchwatch.org> for everything you need.

Happy Earth Day, I'm SO glad you're all on this earth with me!

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## March Recap

President Kathryn Campbell opened the meeting by noting that all of our endorsed candidates and positions won in March! There is still a runoff election for Redondo Beach City Council and Candace Nafissi updated the members present on her campaign.

VP Dency Nelson congratulated all on the record turnout and overwhelming victory for No on O in Hermosa Beach.

The minutes from February were approved.

Treasurer Edna Murphy reported March month of activity: Federal Account, beginning balance \$1812.00, ending balance \$1909.00. State Account, \$370.00, ending balance, \$270.00.



Addressing our March meeting were (left) Candace Nafissi, speaking about her Redondo Beach City Council runoff campaign, and (right) Joey Apodaca, from Congressman Ted Lieu's office

President Campbell welcomed Edna back after her long absence.

President Campbell introduced Joey Apodaca, Field Representative for Congressman Ted Lieu. Congressman Lieu has been appointed to the House Budget Committee and the Committee on Oversight & Government Reform Committees.

Lori Geittmann brought the issue of nursing home reform needing attention, also the homeless issue in Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. Manhattan Beach claims no homeless in their City.

The 66th AD announced a breakfast meeting on Sunday morning at 10 AM, March 29th at Rudy's in Torrance.

Under new business, President Campbell will appoint a nominating committee at our April meeting to create a slate of potential BCD officers by May for our election in June.

Stephanie Solomon visited Selma and gave a heartfelt description of her time there.

Ray Waters expressed being unhappy with the L.A. County Committee with their endorsement nominating process. Councilman Hany Fangary discussed the Brown Act about public meetings rules of local cities.

President Campbell mentioned that she and VP Nelson had researched a new possible location for BCD meetings

at the Hermosa Beach Community Center 710 Pier Avenue, Hermosa Beach. The cost will be \$40 a meeting, but the space is larger, quieter, and will allow for more professional presentations. After some discussion Ray Waters made a motion that we try to the new location, which was seconded and passed.

President Campbell then announced that our next meeting will be at the new location, at 7pm, Wednesday, April 22nd.

The Hermosa Beach Fiesta Fair free speech issue location seems to be resolved per Dency & Ray, thanks guys! We will recruit volunteers to staff our table at the April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Bird, Secretary

## BEACH CITIES GREEN

Dency Nelson

Ok, folks, it's April. April is "Earth Month!" It's actually the 45th Anniversary of the very first "Earth Day" which was on April 22, 1970. I was the Senior Class President of my San Francisco Bay Area high school, and following the directives of the organizers of that first "Earth Day," managed to convince our school's administration to cancel classes for the day and instead hold workshops in Ecology in an all-day "Environmental Teach-In."



45 years later, we are still providing resources to educate our communities in ways to protect our planet and to provide knowledge and tools to mitigate the threat that our Congressman Ted Lieu identifies as "the thing that keeps him up at night," that being Climate Change!

What follows are just two ways for those of us in the Beach Cities to pick up some of those tools.

First, it's the Annual "Earth Day Concert & Celebration" in Polliwog Park, Manhattan Beach, from **11AM to 4PM on Saturday, April 25**. See information on page 4. Second is the schedule for what I believe is the 10th Annual "Environmental Priorities Network's Solar Homes Tour" on Saturday, May 9. It includes the homes of Beach Cities Democrats members Hal Light, Ray & Carol Waters, Ira Lifland & Dr. Alice Villalobos, and yours truly. Please consider attending both events and then take what you learn home with you! Happy Earth Month!

### ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES NETWORK SOLAR HOMES TOUR SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

Self-guided tour. Visit one or all. Free (donations gratefully accepted). EPN is a 501(C)3 organization. Here is the tentative schedule:

**Open: 9 am—1 pm**

**Homeowner:** Mike Garcia

**Address:** 2609 Vargas Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 (Vargas is between Gibson & McBain)

**Features:** Solar on garage, 5000 gal. rain water harvesting system, drip irrigation, organic garden, chicken-friendly pen, waterfalls, fruit trees, tankless water heater

**Open: 9—11 am**

**Homeowner:** Frank Kenny

**Address:** 23445 Evalyn Avenue, Torrance, CA 90505

**Features:** 7 KW solar system. Solar installer will be at the home to answer questions.

**Open: 10—11 am**

**Homeowners:** Robert and Monica Fortunato

**Address:** 1556 Prospect Ave, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

**Features:** The Green Idea House ([www.greenideahouse.com](http://www.greenideahouse.com)) is an award-winning Net Zero Carbon home and is one family's project to affordably harvest as much energy as they use with off-the-shelf technologies. They will do a 45 minute guided tour (exterior only) at 10AM.

**Open: 10 am—12 pm**

**Homeowner:** Hal Light and Susan Stolovy

**Address:** 2909 Gibson Place, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

**Features:** 4.6 KW PV solar panels & hot water solar collectors visible from rooftop deck. View Coda plug-in electric car.

**Open: 11 am—2 pm**

**Homeowners:** Jim Montgomery & April Telles

**Address:** 112 Via El Chico, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**Features:** 4.0 KW Solar PV net-metered system, solar water heating system, 2002 Toyota RAV4 Electric Vehicle, drought tolerant California native landscaping, organic vegetable and fruit garden with drip irrigation system, composter. New this year: 2013 Nissan Leaf, worm bin and 12 additional fruit trees.

**Open: 11 am—2 pm**

**Homeowners:** Paul and Melinda Beswick

**Address:** 1729 Pacific Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Front door is on 18th Street.

**Features:** 20 Solar Panels, Tankless hot water heater, Water saving landscaping with a high-tech drip irrigation system.

**Open: 12 noon—3 pm**

**Homeowners:** Dency & Moira Lerner Nelson

**Address:** 2415 Silverstrand Ave., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

**Features:** Super-efficient passive solar home design, 4.2 KW PV solar system, evacuated tube solar water heater for spa, hot water recirculation system for whole house, drought-tolerant, gray-water irrigated garden, composting, reclaimed wood floors & furniture, dual-flush toilets, plus two plug-in electric vehicles in the garage!

**Open: 1—3 pm**

**Homeowners:** Ray and Carol Waters

**Address:** 615 24th Place, Hermosa Beach

**Features:** 24 solar modules, dual glazed windows, skylights. Permaculture garden and chickens! Nissan Leaf owner!

**Open: 1—4 pm**

**Homeowners:** Al and Mary Shadbourne

**Address:** 2351 W. 235th St., Torrance

**Features:** 2.1 KW PV net metered solar+additional 2 KW net metered solar, active solar hot water heating system, Solatube skylight, solar powered attic fans, whole house circulating/attic fan, enhanced insulation, dual paned windows+ UV/IR blocking window film on S&N facing windows, D-mand hot water circulation, recessed LED lighting in kitchen/ living room; TREX decks, rolling shutters on south and west facing windows, permeable paver driveway, 150+ gallons of rainwater collection/storage, low-water landscaping; Chevrolet Volt w/ 220 charger and 30,348 miles.

**Open: 2—4 pm**

**Homeowner:** Paul and Kim Silva

**Address:** 1321 Curtis Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

**Features:** solar home and Leaf, 100% electric car.

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### Open 3—5 PM

**Homeowners:** Ira Lifland & Dr. Alice Villalobos

**Address:** 1947 Manhattan Ave. Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

**Features:** 11.5 KV PV system powering 3 water features, LED lighting inside and out with accent lighting. Steel roofing, solar attic fans, drought tolerant planting, double pane UV glass throughout. Toyota Rav4 EV charged with solar. Edison time of use.

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City of Manhattan Beach and VOICE Present

**EARTH DAY**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2015, 11AM—4PM**  
**Polliwog Park, Manhattan Beach**  
**Concert & Celebration**  
**Food Trucks • Eco-Friendly • Shopping • Kids' Activities**  
**Live Entertainment • Recycling Information**

10:30 AM / Family Fun Ride at Marine Avenue Park  
12 PM / Live Music for Kids by Lucky Diaz & the Family Jam Band  
1 PM / Environmental Hero Awards  
1:30—4 PM / Live Music by 40 Ounces of Freedom, Ambrosia  
Free Parking Corral provided by SBBC  
Electric Shuttle Rides Provided by Phoenix Motor Cars