# HARBOR HIGHLIGHTS

A monthly newsletter brought to you by Harbor Island West Marina



Arrive early and present your valid parking permit in order to gain access to the lot.

If you are coming to Harbor Island with a group, consider carpooling.

No guest parking passes will be available over the holiday weekend.

Be kind to our parking lot monitors!



### LABOR DAY WEEKEND September 2nd—5th

## Treasure the last Days of Summer in San Diego

Labor Day Weekend is a time for family, friends, barbecues, and fun times on the water. If you're planning to be around for the holiday, here are a few local ideas to consider.

**Blue Whale Watching Migration Period:** June - September | Blue whales, the largest creatures on earth and thought to be among the most endangered of the great whales, may be found off the coast of San Diego mid-June through September. In fact, the largest group of blue whales in the world, some 2,000 to 3,000, feed off the California coast during the summer months. Since blue whales tend to be found further out to sea than their grey whale cousins, the holiday weekend would be the perfect time to catch a glimpse of these incredible leviathans.

**Point Loma Tide Pools** See snails, crabs, anemone and barnacles in their natural environment at the Cabrillo National Monument tide pools in Point Loma. The tide pools are present year-round, but reach their peak as we come into the fall season.

#### Pool News

Now that summer is bringing the heat we have given our wonderful pool and barbeque area a little bit of a touch-up. Some of you may have already noticed and gotten use out of our sunshiny pool upgrades, but for those who haven't, our pool and bar-





becue area has received a number of additions, including our new grill.

We have also done some refurnishing to the pool zone which includes a plush and comfortable facelift to our pool chairs and more pool toys and games! Come and play with our newest games;

Cornhole, Jenga, Tic Tac Toe, and Connect Four.

### Mark your calendar

#### Saturday, September 3rd - Free Fishing Day

Free Fishing Day is one of two days that California allows anyone to fish without a license. There are many local fishing spots in San Diego and word around the docks is that the fish have been *biting* this summer. Try your luck on free fishing day September, 3rd. Let us know what you catch!

Har "Bee" Island West





We love your furry friends and we know you love them too.

Seeing your chihuahua's and chow chows and hearing them pitter patter around our marina, their paws and doggy nails tip-tapping on our old wooden slats is one of the things that makes summer at the marina, summer at the marina.

Meet Primo! The Luneau family adopted Primo from the pound.

Your adventurous little guys

are always welcome at Harbor Island West, and we want to ensure their safety. Please bring them to our marina but **please pick up after them** and **keep them on a leash**!

Also, cement and asphalt gets hot with the weather and dog paws are ultra sensitive and can burn, just like our skin. A helpful tip; if it is too hot for your bare feet, it is too hot for theirs! Pouring a bit of water on or applying paw balm to your dog's paws from time to time is an easy way to keep your dogs comfortable. Over the years, bees have not been strangers at the marina. Bees have set up "homes" in many different locations around the marina during this time, with buildings and trees as their most common destination. Usually these occurrences are temporary and our friendly pollinators move onto their next destination without much coaxing.

However this spring, a family of bees took a long term lease inside of a tree in the parking lot. They weren't leaving and they weren't paying rent. With that being said, many of you probably took notice of our new residents. Earlier this month we roped off six parking spaces in the parking lot to give them some privacy and negotiate with them. Our chief negotiator, Bee Safe, created a little pseudo-home for them next to the tree, in hopes they would move out of our tree and into said pseudo-home.

The bees and their queen eventually migrated into the home that Bee Safe had created for them and then, they were whisked away to a bee sanctuary to live out there days. This was the ethical and kind approach to our bee problem, though we understand it took more time and inconvenienced some of our boaters. We feel good about our little contribution to the environment and we love our honey bees.

It's also not uncommon for bees to nest on boats, just ask the folks on the 200 dock who got a visit from an absconding bee colony recently. Fortunately those fuzzy insects where just passing through!

Welcome Our New Tenants!

New to Harbor Island West is Legal Field Guide, a law firm serving the estate planning, business, probate, and litigation needs of the waterfront. Those who have been with or around the marina for some time may remember the smiling face of Lisa Field, Legal Field Guide's co-founder, from her days serving guests at the Boathouse where she formed lifelong friendships. What you may not have known is that she was simultaneously pursuing a legal career. She loved the law and learned quickly, but felt traditional firms were failing the average person. She set out to provide a different and better experience.



Legal Field Guide began serving clients in 2019. Lisa Field's practice focused on helping individuals realize their goals through estate planning, probate and trust administration, business counseling and litigation. Legal Field Guide quickly gained a reputation for personable, excellent service. As word spread, Legal Field Guide outgrew its home office. When the opportunity to return to Harbor Island West and open an office there presented itself, it felt right. She moved in and brought on Amy Barton, a certified paralegal with a fabulous disposition. Amy has already proven herself to be an excel-lent addition to the team.

Lisa's husband, Doug Field (formerly of Novare Law), joins her at the new office. His practice focuses on assisting mission-driven businesses and individuals. He brings with him over 16 years of experience advising California businesses and representing their interests in litigation.



The team at Legal Field Guide wants the community to know that they started their own firm because they believe accessible and transparent legal advice can help more individuals. and businesses succeed and that when individuals and businesses succeed, communities flourish. Legal Field Guide is open to address your legal needs and invites you to come by and chat. They are located upstairs in Suite 204.

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."