

**A Warm Welcome to the Romney's
and a history lesson for new Barberians continued.....**

The homes would have sat in the state they were built in for life. Even our neighbor, the famous Ellen Reville, who was an ardent supporter and donator to the Historical Society, felt that the individual homeowner should have the choice of this designation being placed on their private property. So the Barber Tract Neighborhood Association was formed. We "band together and dealt with the concern". We were successful in our efforts and while we have many beautiful homes in our neighborhood that are designated historical, there are many homes that remain with antiquated floor plans and benefit from the remodeling and reconstruction that occurs. Certainly, a two bedroom oceanfront home will eventually be remodeled, if not by the Romney's, by someone who wants to make good functional use of the space. New construction of homes in the Barber Tract fall within the guidelines of the City of San Diego. Views are not protected, unless of course, you bought on the oceanfront. While it may be fun for one to banter with their neighbor about their construction, if the construction is inside the "envelope" it is legal, and the property owner has the right to proceed.

In summary, while you may have different political beliefs or feel inconvenienced by the secret service, protecting a man and his family who has decided to run for the most difficult job on the planet, please think before you make statements nationally that may reflect on our neighborhood as a whole. The BTNA welcomes the Romney's and supports any redevelopment of private property that stays within the City guidelines. After all, this was the mission of BTNA's founding fathers.

Would the person who initiated the article in the New York Times have done the same if it was their political candidate sitting in 311 Dunemere? If they would say yes, please remember all those who have put their life on the line as the President of the United States of America, the most powerful nation on earth, and suffered a great personal consequence because they were not protected well enough. Remember the ultimate scarifies of: Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, and John F. Kennedy; and the attempted assassinations of: Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama; and finally lets not forget George Wallace, who spent the rest of his life in a wheel chair. Yes, Republicans and Democrats alike make this list, so Governor Romney and his family can not be too careful, and as neighbors, we should respect his need for security and allow him the peace and tranquility he seeks while visiting his home in our beautiful neighborhood. After all when asked by his neighbors, he did move the motor home off of the public street to a private drive.

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2012 July 4th Parade

7200 Monte Vista Ave - 10 am

Thanks to the volunteers who stepped up to help out with the annual July 4th Parade, we will once again be gathering in front of the Elliot's home on the 7200 block of Monte Vista Ave to celebrate our nations independence. This year, in the spirit of community, Von's in La Jolla has agreed to donate all of the cookies, watermelon, water, ice and peanuts. A big thanks to volunteer James Geiger for his monumental effort on behalf of the neighborhood in securing our post parade treats.

We will follow our usual parade route, with patriotic music, through the White Sands of La Jolla's property to bring holiday spirit to our lovely retired neighbors. Decorate yourself, your bikes, scooters, skate boards, golf carts and convertibles, we love it all!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who are making this event possible for all of us to enjoy, including our fearless President, Judy Cole, who keeps our spirits high, Mary Durham who secured our permit and no parking signs, Dean, Jeanne and Maureen who are procuring all of the food, drinks, and serving pieces, and last but absolutely not least, Jenny Silver, who chaired this event and made it all possible for us to enjoy. Once again, the Barber Tract is deeply grateful to the Elliot's for hosting the event and bringing Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty to the festivities.

The Beach Brunch Is Back!

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Cliff Douglas and Marie Michetti, the Beach Brunch is back, and better than ever! Gone are the freezing cold windy grey days of May that we gathered for our neighborhood brunch. We have a new plan and the board of trustees thinks you will be very pleased. *Continued on page 2*

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There have been so many changes to the Beach Brunch that we may have to come up with a new name for the event if it is successful. First, gone are the days of the cold windy weather. We have moved the date to September, when we pretty much have glorious weather every day! **The new date is: Sunday September 16th from 10 am to 1pm.** Second, we have decided not to drag everyone, tables, chairs, and grills down to the beach this year. Now we are going to sit civilized, **behind the wind break of the White Sands of La Jolla.** If Mother Nature does not cooperate with our date change and kicks up some wind, this year we will be protected and enjoy the world class view! Best of all for some of our most famous volunteers, Ira Parker, Jack Clausen, Jack Defranco, and Bob Skelton, the grills will be eliminated! Yes, we invite you to come enjoy relax and enjoy the **catered experience of Eggs Benedict, Pancakes, and pastries** all catered by the White Sands of La Jolla. So with a new date, location and food service, we have eliminated all the external factors that played a part in making this event difficult to enjoy. So save the date now on your calendar: September 16th, 10 am.



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Recently our little neighborhood hit the big time with an article in the New York Times. The article suggested with lines such as, "On Dunemere Drive, it seems as if just about everyone has a gripe against the owners of No. 311," that our whole neighborhood is up in arms about the Romney's building project and desire to live in the Barber Tract. While there may be a few people who have connections in high places and want to be vocal about building and development in this neighborhood, they certainly do not speak for the neighborhood as a whole, and the Barber Tract welcomes people from all races, religions, professions, political parties, and personal lifestyles.

As an association, we find it necessary at this time to educate the residents of the Barber Tract on when and why our association was started and to inform all those in our neighborhood about the missions statement, "To band together to identify, discuss, and deal effectively with neighborhood concerns".

Over 20 years ago the San Diego Historical Society decided the Barber Tract should be deemed a "**Historical Neighborhood**". This designation, while it may sound inviting to some people, was not at all the desire of the majority of the neighbors. If the designation had gone through, not a single one of us would have been able to alter the outside of our homes.



A few examples of redevelopment projects that would not have occurred if the BTNA had not "band together to address neighborhood concerns".

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