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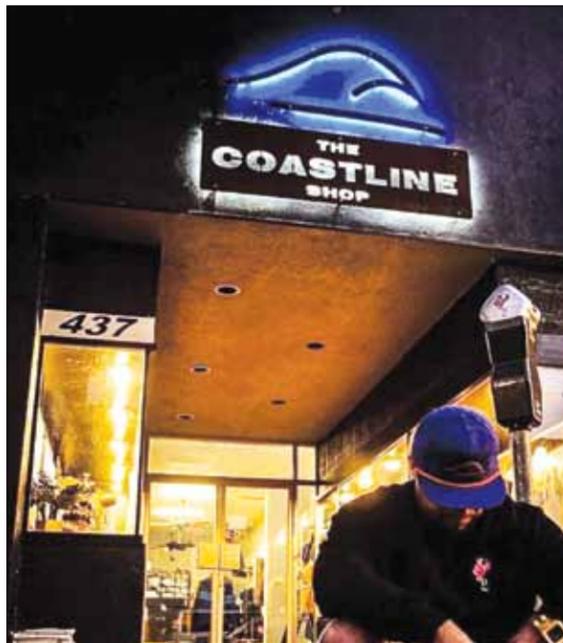
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Upon taking a walk down Sixth Street in San Pedro, I discovered a variety of very unique stores that have recently opened for business alongside some very well-established businesses that have been here for 30-plus years! Following are descriptions of a few of the fun stores to check out in that area.

The future home of Sunken City Books at Mesa and Sixth.

The Coastline Shop

One of the first stores I came across is The Coastline Shop, located at 437 West Sixth Street. This is a clothing and hat store, but what makes it so unique is that it is also a recording and rehearsal studio! Inside is an immaculately clean, new business that sells machine and ordered ball caps and tee shirts! The nice surprise is it has a recording studio in the back! It's kind of exciting that recordings are being made here and that singers and players are coming in to town to do that. One of a few new businesses in the area that give us hope of a Sixth Street revival. This is definitely worth checking out!
www.thecoastlineshop.com



Sunken City Books

There is also a brand new bookstore that is getting ready to open! This is owned by Ben Gunter, the owner of Dave's Olde Nook Store in Redondo Beach, as well as the newest owner of the Sandpiper in Torrance! Ben is a really great gentleman who loves bringing books and art to all! His personal mission statement is "To preserve the institution of the independent bookstore as a community and educational asset, especially in places where bookstores have struggled to thrive in recent years." What a great addition to our downtown neighborhood this will be. I know everyone is looking forward to a new bookstore in town. Ben eventually would like to start a nonprofit to help those less fortunate enjoy books. This is a venture close to his heart. The mission statement of his nonprofit (which he plans to establish in 2022) is "To bridge the gap of accessibility to literatures between the communities of The Los Angeles area, especially through the encouragement of literacy in underserved areas." They are hoping for a grand opening by First Thursday in June! He will be offering new and used books as well as art! Ben has plans on having this be a very up-to-date building with technology access also! Sunken City books will be located at 403 West Sixth Street.
<http://sunkencitybooks.com/>



Rootz Uncharted

The next shop that caught my eye is Rootz Uncharted, located at 418 West Sixth Street. Their motto is, "Life is living. If you're not living, then you're not alive." Live it up! They have some very rare items worth a visit. Owners are Benny and Reyna Rootz.
www.Rootzuncharted.com

Round Trip Collective

Right around the corner from Rootz, at 617 Mesa Street, is Round Trip Collective. This business was opened on the first Thursday of 2020 by Sarah, the founder. This is a boutique that offers refurbished vintage and new clothing along with accessories. This is a great place to check out if you're looking for a little "retail therapy" as it's full of unique and cute items. Their motto is that as you try on new outfits, express yourself and feel good in what you wear because. You are beautiful. You are kind. You are authentic and you are worthy of all your dreams. At Round Trip Collectice, they believe in the power of words and in how we speak to ourselves! They want you to be who you are meant to be!
www.roundtripcollective.com

*Rootz Uncharted (above);
 Round Trip Collective (left)*

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Vintage cars lined up in front of the Warner Grand for the filming of Perry Mason.

Central San Pedro's Leading Role in Film and Television Production

By Linda Alexander

Lights! Camera! Action! Vehicles colliding, people running, vintage costumed extras strolling! San Pedro has long served as a location for film, television, music videos and commercials. Many of our landmarks, streets, businesses, and natural vistas have been deemed perfect for use as Hollywood's back lot.

Some of the many films shot here over the year include classics such as the 1933 *King Kong* at Cabrillo Beach and 1974 *Chinatown* at Point Fermin and Sunken City. This past year, our downtown hosted filming of a new Marvel film with Paul Rudd and TV series such as *Lone Star 911*, *NCIS LA* and *This is Us*.

Filming can be both a blessing and a curse. It can be irritating to have cameras and action limiting traffic. The upside is that the charges incurred for the city permits bring much needed revenue to the City of Los Angeles.

Additionally, in San Pedro, affected businesses receive compensation fees when traffic to their business is negatively impacted. It is also true that many residents and visitors enjoy watching the work as it unfolds and then watch the show to catch a glimpse of San Pedro.

Because of the frequency of filming in our downtown, our "special conditions" includes rules established to minimize any negative impact can be found at film.la.com, click "For Filmmakers, Special Conditions, San Pedro Business District". For additional information, contact the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce's film liaison, Linda Alexander: lalex@cox.net.

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— Message from the President —

By Lou Caravella, President

Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

Happy Spring to San Pedro and our neighbors! Spring is the season of rebirth and this year especially we're excited to welcome back more live events to the Harbor area. First Thursdays are back with the monthly downtown art showcase, live music, and food trucks, and Fleet Week returns this Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-30.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council has been active with neighborhood, Harbor, and citywide issues in Los Angeles. Particularly important to this area is the West Harbor waterfront development and the interconnectivity plan, which will both be taking shape in the coming months.

In April, I joined the Coastal San Pedro, Northwest San Pedro, and Wilmington Neighborhood Councils at the Board of Harbor Commissioners to encourage the Port to make the Port Access Investment Plan permanent and to prioritize neighborhood input into the major development projects underway. Waterfront development and efficient interconnectivity in San Pedro will require cooperation among Harbor area leaders and stakeholders to make local voices heard and incorporated into development plans.

The council also recently voted to allocate neighborhood purpose grants to local nonprofits. Hearing about

our vibrant area civic groups is always a highlight for me and this year we again had a number of stellar applications from various service providers. We ultimately extended grants to Feed and Be Fed, the San Pedro Bay Historical Society, Meals on Wheels, the Grand Vision Foundation, the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District, and WestCal Academy.

Our Parks and Schools Committee is working to finalize plans to renovate Anderson Park and to re-designate the park and building as a family center. The council has also been active in local issues pertaining to environmental concerns, such as cleanup of the Dominguez Channel, and by providing input on environmental impact reports at the Port of Los Angeles. We're also working along with other neighborhood councils and the Port to develop a system to consistently allow comment periods long enough for public input from stakeholders and the Council on major Port initiatives.

For now, we continue to hold meetings virtually via Zoom. Stakeholders are welcome to attend and participate at our committee meetings, and our general board and stakeholder meetings are open to the public on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For Zoom meeting links and the latest news from your Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council, please visit <https://centralsanpedronc.org/>

Central San Pedro NC Awards Grants

Neighborhood purposes grants (NPGs) provide funds for public purpose/public benefit projects or activities benefitting the neighborhood council stakeholders. They are available to 501c3 nonprofit organizations and public schools. Call (310) 918-8650 for more information. Applications were received this spring from eight organizations.

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is pleased to be able to support the following projects of community nonprofits.

Feed and Be Fed (\$2,275)—This as a volunteer run agency. The purpose of this grant is to provide biweekly opportunities for youth from the Port of LA Boys and Girls Club to have experiences in the garden of Feed and Be Fed on Sixth Street. Science, nutrition, and art activities will be woven into the sessions.

Grand Vision Foundation (\$1,500)—The purpose of this grant is to support the continuing "Meet the Music" youth education program. Specifically, the awarded funds will be used to purchase recorders for San Pedro students in the fifth grade component of "Meet the Music".

San Pedro Bay Historical Society (\$1,258)—The archives of the society have a wealth of old photos, negatives, documents and ephemera that have been donated since the founding of the organization in 1974. Some of these are in fragile condition or at risk of loss. The purpose of this fund is to purchase a high-quality scanner to carry out the digitalization of the valuable archival collections.

San Pedro Meals on Wheels (\$1,500)—For the past 50 years, this organization has been supporting house-



San Pedro Waterfront Arts District used grant funds for painting traffic signal controller cabinets.

bound individuals who have no other means of getting food. During 2020 and 2021, emergency funds were available. Those are gone now, and the need is great. Meals on Wheels has been able to move some clients to the subsidized program, but 50 individuals are remaining who are unable to pay for even subsidiarized meals. This grant will support that need.

San Pedro Waterfront Arts District (\$1,500)—The Arts District's painted Los Angeles Department of Transportation traffic signal controller cabinets and public art projects are designed to encourage community pride and beautify our neighborhoods. This grant will pay for one additional LADOT box to be artist painted.

WestCal Academy (\$1,500)—This is a new organization in San Pedro which seeks to educate and mentor students to utilize opportunities for internships. "We will educate the audience on the first steps on how to achieve success..."

Port Schedules Events Through Labor Day

• **Thursday Evening Concerts at the Fountain** – (June 23 through September 8, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.) The Port's first summer outdoor concert series will take place at Gateway Plaza Fanfare Fountain, California's largest and most spectacular waterworks, located at Harbor Boulevard and Swinford Street just south of the Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro. The free series will feature a different band and genre of music each week. Note: Concerts will not be held on San Pedro First Thursdays (July 7, August 4, September 1).

• **Third Annual Cars & Stripes Forever!** – (Friday, July 1, 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.) Kicking off the July 4th weekend, this popular premier classic car show grows in attendance every year. It features hundreds of classic cars and motorcycles, live music, spectacular fountain shows, and a food and beer garden. Taking place at the Gateway Plaza Fanfare Fountain area at the entrance to the World Cruise Center, the event will include a 9:00 p.m. fireworks display to get everyone geared up for the July 4th weekend.

• **L.A. Navy Week** – (Wednesday, July 27 through Sunday, July 31.) This year, three Navy ships – including an aircraft carrier – will be in port and open to the public for tours. Specific tour times will be made avail-

able on www.portofla.org closer to the event dates.

• **Taste in San Pedro at the Port of L.A.** – (Friday, August 5, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, August 6, noon to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, August 7, noon to 7:00 p.m.) For the first time, "Taste in San Pedro" will be held on the L.A. Waterfront at South Harbor Boulevard and West First Street. This popular San Pedro event presented by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce will feature food and fun from 30 local restaurants, wineries, breweries and merchants, as well as live music, craft booths and children's activities.

• **Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival** – (Friday, September 16, 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, September 17, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Sunday, September 18, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) The world's largest lobster festival – with a Guinness World Record to prove it – takes place at Ports O' Call Village in San Pedro. With fresh Maine lobster meals flown in daily, "Lobsterfest" has been a South Bay tradition since 1999. The event includes live music, games, rides, and all kinds of food and fun for the entire family. Look for more details at www.lobsterfest.com.

Periodic updates on all events will be posted at www.portofla.org under the "Summer at the Port" icon.



Anderson Park Improvements in the Works

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Parks and Schools Committee has been focusing our efforts for the past year on utilizing Quimby and other available funds to improve Anderson Park, located at Eighth and Mesa streets.

By working closely with the Anderson Park Advisory Board, we have gotten a \$1.5 million-dollar park improvement commitment from the office of Councilmember Joe Buscaino.

Design for the improvements, which will include lighting, full court basketball, and an exercise equip-

ment circuit, is nearing completion and a community meeting will be held soon to present the plans to the public. We are awaiting the date for this meeting from the councilman's office.

The parks department has also identified extra funds for new playground equipment at Anderson, which will bring a more contemporary and inclusive tone to the playground. The councilman's office says a date for the groundbreaking is forthcoming.

The committee is working with the park advisory board and Downtown San Pedro Business Improvement

District to make this groundbreaking a successful event.

We welcome new neighborhood council board member Dillon Collins to our committee, who will help enhance our involvement with neighborhood schools.

We would also appreciate any and all in our neighborhood to join us at our meetings, which are on the last Monday of every month. At this time, they are still virtual/zoom meetings. The agenda is sent out a few days prior to the actual meeting. Join us as we would love your Input and help. It's all about the community!

Good Neighbors: Army Feth Linderborg

By Barbara St. John

I would like to introduce you to a person who is the epitome of a true, good neighbor. Army Feth Linderborg chairs the Central San Pedro neighborhood Council Park and School Committee, but she is so much more than that!

This young woman not only is helping to revitalize Anderson Park on Eighth and Mesa streets in downtown San Pedro, she is also on the board for San Pedro's Meals On Wheels and the Garden Church, also located in downtown San Pedro.

Army has also set up a walkabout around town as an Airbnb host, bringing families together once a month to pick fruit around the neighborhood and swap it, creating a fun, family friendly experience. Check it out at <https://abnb.me/dPaJiJct2ob>.

Some neighbors have an abundance of various overgrown fruit trees and Army delivers some of the fruit, which would end up decayed and on the ground, to Meals On Wheels. At the Garden Church, she participates in a program called Feed and be Fed, where she also organizes a fruit and vegetable exchange the fourth Sunday of every month.

Lastly, through Quimby funds (money offered in order to offset all of the massive building that is being done in the downtown area to help maintain open space), she is trying to purchase land so that we can have more parks in our downtown area, a much needed commodity.

Army and her wonderfully supportive husband, Joe, moved to San Pedro in 2015 and she just jumped right in and started doing what is needed to be done in order to make this a better, richer community. She is a neighbor that we all need and should each strive to be like. I have come to know her and her wonderful family. She has three beautiful daughters: Nasa, Nala, and her newborn, Nile (pictured with Amy). If you've seen a humongous dog walking a person that would be her amazing 170-pound dog, Sampson, an English mastiff.

Army is not just an activist, mother, and amazing neighbor, she also has a job as a freelance story producer for various shows and documentaries. She just finished a reality show about a candy house. This is a woman who never stops, and as far as I can see, it really makes a difference! Thank you, Army, for all you do for San Pedro. We are all better because of you!



Central's Newest Board Member: Dillon Clark

Recently, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council appointed a new member to fill a vacant spot. It's our pleasure to introduce you to Dillon Clark, a resident of historical Vinegar Hill. Dillon owns a home there with his wife, Katie, and their infant daughter, Ainsley.

Since moving here, he has fallen in love with our vibrant city, local shops and wonderful neighborhood. He is proud to represent our community and San Pedro as an active member of the neighborhood council, and was recently voted in as the council secretary! He is here to advocate for his neighbors and our neighborhood.

Dillon works as an advisor to state and local governments, including multiple port agencies, on financial and accounting matters. He was previously a commissioner on the landlord-tenant commission in Maryland and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group in Washington, D.C.

We want to welcome Dillon, and are looking forward to a great collaboration with him to make this town of San Pedro more remarkable than it already is.

Finally, we still have one vacancy available. If anyone reading is interested, we can use all the help we can get! Go to our website, www.centrialsanpedronc.org, for more information.



Governing board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. For information on this meeting and CeSPNC committee meetings, check our website at www.centrialsanpedronc.org

Shopping in Downtown San Pedro!



The Surplus Guy

Right next to Urban Feet and Skate we have The Surplus Guy, at 321 West Sixth Street. This shop used to be the Union War Surplus, owned by cheerfull Al. Jeff Daquils worked there and when Al retired, Jeff bought the business 12 years ago! I love spending time in Downtown San Pedro. Every one of the shops has a unique twist. The Surplus guy always has that unique item for camping or work needs. He carries every type of accessory you may need, and he says if he doesn't have it he can get it for you! There are many American-made products throughout the store and I highly recommend this shop!

www.thesurplusguy.com



JD Hobbies – Tamiya

Upon walking back up the street you will come across JD's Hobbies Shop. Located at 471 West Sixth Street, this is another fun shop full of surprises. JD Hobbies is the largest Hobby Center in So. Ca with the most unique collectibles and supplies anywhere. JD Hobbies sells many different types of models in both kit and pre-built forms. They offer custom building services and can build dioramas, cases, and plaques for existing models. JD's has a large book library and variety of movie memorabilia. The store is owned by Lewis and Natalie Lee.

<http://jdhobbies.yolasite.com>

Port Committee Takes Action

The Central San Pedro NC Port Committee has been meeting on the First Monday of each month virtually since the beginning of the pandemic. The Port of Los Angeles is the largest industrial port in North America and recently passed a milestone of over 10 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units or containers) over the last twelve months. This was done even while the supply chain congestion backed up more than 100 ships in the San Pedro Bay. This has also exacerbated the heavy truck traffic coming through many neighborhoods around the port and increased diesel air pollution.

The CeSPNC Port Committee continued to discuss, take actions and advise the POLA on many issues related to port pollution, land use and remediation, historic preservation of culturally significant buildings and the Zero Emission technologies being adopted at the harbor to diminish pollution. Yet there are many more issues coming up in the future like the environmental impact



The Zen Den

Right across the street, located at 360 West Sixth Street, we have the Zen Den: a place to feel, heal and be! Suzanne C. is the store owner. She opened her business in 2017 after being at Crafted for many years. She came to downtown San Pedro because she just loves the feel of the area! There's quite a variety in the store from apothecary to creative supplies, mystic and magic, jewelry, gemstones, crystals etc. etc. Suzanne also offers Reiki and Tarot card readings. This is a very charming shop!

<http://www.zendensanpedro.com>



Rustic Charm & Petals

The last, but certainly not least, store that I went into was this amazing space! Located at 410 West Seventh Street, the store is owned by Sandy DeJesus and her three beautiful daughters. Sandy's love for selling began as a small child helping her grandma! She started selling out of her home in 2016 and then she decided to take a leap of faith and open a boutique style shop in downtown San Pedro in May of 2017! She offers workshops for groups learning flower arrangements and she feels truly blessed to be able to sell her beautiful products that support other small businesses and women in business. Sandy has some wonderful items such as home essentials, clothing, hats, jewelry and various gifts! She truly enjoys what she does and is so very thankful that she can share this with her daughters: "do everything in love!"

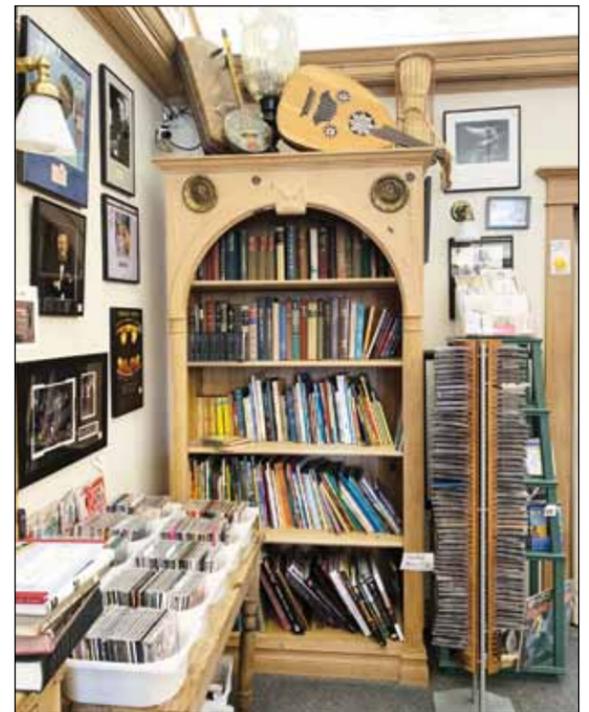
www.rusticcharmandpetals.com



Drop In Gifts

One shop in this area that has been around for decades is Drop In Gifts, which is owned and operated by Darka and located at 385 West Sixth Street. The proprietor, Darka, is a wonderful woman who has a lot of history here in San Pedro, as this store has been open for more than 30 years! This is a little gift shop which has lots of fun things for all. It reminds me of an old-school general store! She offers candles and greeting cards. I must add that the greeting cards she has you will not find in other places! You can also find gifts for any occasion. (Her custom baskets are awesome!) Also, her tee shirts and unique clothing are one of a kind!

www.Yelp.com/biz/drop-in-gifts-San-Pedro



The Grand Emporium

Another hidden gem that I discovered during my walkabout is The Grand Emporium, owned by Chuck Klaus, located at 323 West Seventh Street. He has an eclectic assortment of vinyl, CDs, books, DVDs and movie posters! Chuck also has a great little selection of gifts, smaller vintage toys, greeting cards, bookmarks and other cool odds and ends. It's a store you definitely can spend a lot of time in without realizing it!

<https://recordstores.love>

Urban Feet & Skate Shop

I couldn't write about the shops downtown without including Urban Feet & Skate shop, located at 329 West Sixth Street. This is a family store and skate shop serving clients in the San Pedro area for decades! They offer a wide variety of merchandise, including the latest shoes from the most popular brands. From classic styles to sporty sneakers to work shoes, you're sure to find the shoe you're looking for in this store. This place is a San Pedro staple. Not only do they have shoes and skates, they also carry tee shirts, tanks and hoodies, all at fair prices.

www.Urbanfeetandskate.net

study for the waterfront development, now called West Harbor, or the transportation connectivity plan that will study and propose solutions for traffic, parking and transportation from the Bridge to the Breakwater.

The next few years are going to be critical for the future of San Pedro and all of the communities and businesses surrounding this harbor and it's important that the citizens of this area remain vigilant and informed as to what this independent department of our city is investing in on our behalf.

San Pedro stakeholders are invited to our public meetings and our Brown Act agendas are readily available at <https://centralsanpedronc.org>. All questions and concerns regarding POLA matters can be brought to our attention during any meeting. Check the website for details.

*Submitted by James Preston Allen,
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