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Question of the Week

Question: Manhattan Beach police officials said 35 alcohol-related arrests were made during the 50th annual Charlie Saikly Six-Man Tournament July 30 and 31. Of those arrests, 23 were for being drunk in public. The other 12 arrests were for carrying an open container of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol and theft.

- *Do you think the Six-Man was a successful event?*

- *Should the city do more to curb the party atmosphere? Or less?*

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Manhattan Beach News

City council bans smoking on the Strand and greenbelt

by Carley Dryden

(Updated: Wednesday, August 3, 2011 6:01 PM PDT)

The loopholes for outdoor smoking in the city of Manhattan Beach have been closed.

City Council approved an ordinance Tuesday night to prohibit smoking on the Strand and along Veterans Parkway (the Valley/Ardmore Greenbelt).

In 2004, City Council banned smoking on the beach, the pier and in recreational facilities such as parks, athletic fields, tennis courts and basketball courts.

"The Strand has become a de facto smoking room because of the no-smoking beach policy," said resident Craig Cadwallader. "The cigarette butt issue is serious. Cigarette butts are thrown into the sand and the gutters and are toxic to ocean life. I see kids put them in their mouth."

Interim City Attorney Christi Hogin said the ordinance was prompted by two big conclusions — secondhand smoke is hazardous, even outside, and cigarette butts are the primary source of litter.

The U.S. Surgeon General said there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke, which is categorized with toxic automotive and industrial air pollutants. Secondhand smoke exposure causes 73,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year in the U.S. and causes lower respiratory tract infections, like pneumonia and bronchitis, in as many as 300,000 children in the U.S. each year.

While the city is ahead of the curve when it comes to low smoking rates, said Lisa Santora, chief medical officer for Beach Cities Health District, more than 11 percent of adults in the city still smoke. The lowest smoking prevalence rate in L.A. County is 5.6 percent, she said.

Smoking is an issue close to a couple council members' hearts. Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Powell, who urged the Council to put the ban on its Work Plan, lost his father at age 52 due to smoking-related illness. He lost his mother, also a smoker who suffered from lung disease, to a stroke.

Councilwoman Amy Howorth said smoking also led to the death of both of her parents — one to esophageal cancer and the other to emphysema.

Councilman David Lesser, while noting the importance of the ban's implementation, questioned if the city would be able to enforce it.

"Quite frankly, the majority of folks recognize where they can and cannot smoke and are very compliant," said Police Chief Eve Irvine.

It will not be mandatory to immediately cite someone, Irvine said,

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especially if the person is from out of town or otherwise unaware of the ordinance.

The first ordinance violation comes with a \$50 fine, doubling to \$100 for the second violation. Additional violations within the same year would each be punishable by a fine of \$250.

Robert Berger, project director of Project Trust, who helped lead the smoke-free beach movement in the city, said the social norm has changed.

"Smokers now have to accommodate nonsmokers. They realize more and more not to do it when they impact others. These policies are self-enforcing," he said.

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- PD wrote on Aug 5, 2011 9:11 AM:
 " Thank you, thank you, oh wise Manhattan Beach City Council, for solving the most serious issues of our day. I'll be on the Strand tonight smoking a Padron 4000 around 8 pm. Come and get me ;-) "
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- VicB3 wrote on Aug 4, 2011 3:28 PM:
 " Ahhh, Manhattan Beach, where the city council is all about form over substance. I wonder how many of them are transplanted West Siders.

 (Anybody looked at the condition of downtown MB lately? Talk about deferred maintenance.)

 Just a thought.

 VicB3 "
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- Mike Morgan wrote on Aug 4, 2011 5:59 AM:
 " Individuals should be able to choose whether to use legal tobacco products, especially outside. Electronic cigarettes are another option. I've tried several brands. "
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- Barry wrote on Aug 4, 2011 3:06 AM:
 " "The U.S. Surgeon General said there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke, which is categorized with toxic automotive and industrial air pollutants."

 Why are cars not banned then? The pollution from vehicle exhausts is everywhere and affects us all - it's worse than cigarette smoke. Electric vehicles only! "

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