

Around the Block: A wide variety of food and drink by the beach



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(Editor's note: The block section in Pacific Beach bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the west and Garnet Avenue on the north, Pacific Beach Drive on the south and Cass Street on the east is a dense retail area offering a wide variety of food and drink as well as a diverse array of products and services.)

Pacific Beach

Shore Club

At the intersection of Grand Avenue and the sand, Pacific Beach Shore Club is your next classical-styled beach bar. What will be unique about the restaurant is that no matter where you are standing or sitting, you have a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean. Open windows provide the freshest ocean breeze possible. By combining the delicious tastes of the sea with classic Mexican flair, the casual party ambiance fuels the venue's California surf culture. Take a seat at our old school Butcher Block bar, enjoying the biggest, coldest schooner full of beer that the beach can offer. The Pacific Beach Shore Club will provide you with the perfect setting for the ultimate beach dining and drinking experience, bringing back the days when surfing was your job and the beach was your home.

Pacific Beach Shore Club, 4315 Ocean Blvd., (858) 272-7873, pbshoreclub.com.

Noah's Natural Pet Market & Pet Wash

This pet supply store carries an extensive variety of holistic foods and supplements presented by a knowledgeable staff. Offering a large selection of holistic, natural dog and cat food, the RAW food diet, dietary supplements and treats, plus a wide variety of pet necessities, including collars, leashes, shampoos, toys and training equipment, Noah's is your one-stop shop. Noah's also stocks The Virtuous Olive's extra-virgin olive oils direct from southern Italy.

Noah's Natural Pet Market, 4431 Cass St., (858) 270-8161, noahsnaturalpetmarket.com

Filippi's Pizza Grotto

Filippi's has been in San Diego since 1950, which makes it older than most of you. It didn't start out as a pizza restaurant at all. Its origins were in Little Italy, where Vincent dePhilippis and Madeleine Stefani ran a deli grocery — the couple's business savvy fed on itself until Filippi's pizza took hold. Enjoy 15 delicious pizza entries here, with mountains of the traditional toppings, lasagna, ravioli, spaghetti, soups, salads and subs.

Filippi's Pizza Grotto, 962 Garnet Ave., (858) 483-6222, realcheesepizza.com.

Pangaea Outpost

Once upon a time, Pangaea was the center of the world, a colossal land mass that contained anything and everything its inhabitants needed, including trinkets. Pangaea kept the name and spirit alive with all manner of gifts from all over the world. Fancy kitchen utensils, Eastern cultural artifacts, baubles, bangles and even beads: Pangaea's the place to duck into for a look at the world as it was and is.

Pangaea Outpost, 909 Garnet Ave., (858) 581-0555, pangaeaoutpost.com.

Kono's Surf Club Cafe

If you like a little dinner with your breakfast, Kono's is your place. That's because nobody does potatoes like this eatery, with cheese, bell pepper and whatever other topping you can think of to boot. If you like a big view with your morning meal, this is a winner. Cross the boardwalk and sit on the modest patio that overlooks the ocean. And if you like quotes on the wall of your eatery, you're in the right restaurant.

Kono's Surf Club Cafe, 704 Garnet Ave., (858) 483-1669, sdbeachlife.com/kono.htm.

Backyard Kitchen & Tap

As its name suggests, Backyard Kitchen & Tap is a chic yet cozily coastal American eatery and a natural fit for the laid-back Pacific Beach vibe. Outdoor areas are celebrated with three cabanas, live walls, fire pits and an indoor/outdoor bar; with homemade specialties any time of day and an extensive list of craft cocktails and local beers to choose from, Backyard Kitchen & Tap offers the perfect culinary experience for everyone.

Backyard Kitchen & Tap, 832 Garnet Ave., (858) 859-2593, backyardpb.com.

Firehouse American Eatery + Lounge

Firehouse strives to maintain its place as a local legend while entering into a new hemisphere in both design and cuisine. Renowned chef Brian Redzikowski became executive chef of sister restaurant Kettner Exchange upon its opening in 2014 and is also the mastermind behind Devil's Dozen Donuts. Following the Firehouse's million-dollar renovation in 2015, he has elevated the menu while honoring the classics and improving guest favorites. We are thrilled to have Brian overseeing the quality and integrity of our new American menu while working closely with veteran chefs Roberto Martinez and Paul Dalrymple.

Firehouse American Eatery + Lounge, 722 Grand Ave., (858) 274-3100, firehousepb.com.

PB Ale House

Offering micro-brews and macro-tastes, this world-class microbrewery and restaurant is better than ever, stacked with fully remodeled interior and an upper deck that offers views of the ocean. The "new" venue boasts an impressive updated design, but customers can still enjoy an ocean view on the upstairs deck or watch their favorite game from one of the 20 new flatscreens. Along with the remodeling, the establishment is proud to announce a new addition to its team – award-winning head brewer Jonathon Rielly. Meanwhile, the menu remains the same, with unique offerings such as the famous Rattlesnake flatbread, with jalapeno, bacon, chorizo and cheeses.

PB Ale House, 721 Grand Ave., (858) 581-2337, pbalehouse.com.

Spice Lounge

With specialty cocktails, selected Indian beers, spectacular curries and fresh-baked naans, Spice Lounge skillfully translates authentic Indian flavors to the American palate. Signature dishes include samosas stuffed with mozzarella cheese and spices and curry nirvana, made from a mixture of authentic spices with chopped red onions, bell peppers and fresh coconut, with your choice of chicken, lamb, fish or shrimp. Spice Lounge is changing the face of Indian cuisine in Pacific Beach, located just steps from the ocean in always-happening PB.

Spice Lounge, 859 Hornblend St., (858) 272-1600, spice-lounge.com.

Pacific Beach Tuesday Farmers Market

This farmers market invites residents of and visitors to the communities of Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Bird Rock and beyond with incredible fruits, vegetables and farm-fresh eggs and fresh-baked bread and pastries, fish, meat, cheese, fresh flowers, spices, olives and sauces. Meet local farmers, artists and craftspeople, and shop for groceries while enjoying live music and a bite to eat and mingling with your neighbors every Tuesday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Pacific Beach Tuesday Farmers Market, Bayard Street from Garnet to Grand avenues, (619) 233-3901.

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Penny Realty, 4444 Mission Blvd., (858) 272-3900.

Beach Mailbox

and Gifts

Beach Mailbox and Gifts carries on the tradition of friendly, reliable mailbox service at its current location for more than 15 years. Owner Rita Warren and manager Sema Altinyuva encourage you to save time here – no waiting in long post office lines. You can drop off a prepaid package at no charge, make copies, send faxes, print documents, pick up office supplies, receive packages when you're not home, pick out greeting cards, buy stamps and pick out a beach-themed gift. Come on in and have a free cookie or grab a quick snack or beverage; meanwhile, get friendly, knowledgeable service related to mail and shipping.

Beach Mailboxes and Gifts, 864 Grand Ave., (858) 272-8877.

Boardwalk Electric Rides

This is an all-new bike shop located at the Pacific Beach Promenade, 4150 Mission Blvd., Suite 143. It offers a selection of electric bikes for rent or purchase, starting at \$10. It has bikes for the whole family, even trailers for the little ones and pets. It also carries a full line-up of standard pedal bikes. Customers always comment on the compliments they receive while riding our bikes. Why rent the average old, rusty, unsafe cruiser from any shop in town when you can ride a new, fun and stylish bike? Visit the venue and mention this for 20 percent off any rental.

Boardwalk Electric Rides, 4150 Mission Blvd., suite 143, (858) 345-0203, boardwalkelectricrides.com.

Jinya Ramen Bar

Imagine a world wherein eating ramen is an everyday ritual, like ordering pizza or going out for a great burger. This is the daily reality that Jinya Ramen Bar founder Tomonori Takahashi came from when he arrived in the United States in 2010. But when he searched for his favorite Japanese food, he quickly realized that enjoying the traditional taste and flavor of ramen wasn't possible -- unless he made it

himself, with thick, rich broth in perfect balance with handmade noodles. From the water the venue uses to prepare broths to the special aging process that the noodles undergo before they're cooked and served, the place is crazy about ramen and pays meticulous attention to everything that goes into your bowl.

Jinya Ramen Bar, 825 Garnet Ave., (858) 483-0177, jinya-ramenbar.com.

Pacific Urgent Care

and Wellness Center

The medical team at Pacific Urgent Care and Wellness Center wants to get you back to the beach ASAP. Owner and medical director Dr. Joseph Moore is a retired Navy captain who brings over three decades of medical and leadership experience in family and sports medicine, teaching sports medicine at UCSD. Moore and his staff look forward to helping you get and stay healthy in a new state-of-the-art clinic with a uniquely welcoming, neighborhood touch.

Pacific Urgent Care and Wellness Center, 975 Garnet Ave., (858) 230-7770, pacificucwc.com.

Crushed

This place brings an awesome brunch to Pacific Beach wherein you can enjoy a variety of craft beer, unique mimosas and great wine in a neighborhood atmosphere. The killer menu offers selections from American, Mexican and Italian cuisines. Come in at night for mouth-watering tapas and a drink in a cozy hangout. Open every day, 8 a.m. till midnight.

Crushed, 967 Garnet Ave., (858) 230-6567, barcrushed.com.

Surf Monkey

Surf Monkey's bikes range from beach cruisers, trikes and tandems to electric bikes, fat-tire bikes, mountain bikes and road bikes. It also has a few vintage bikes, even bamboo bikes from Africa. Rent all types of bikes here – and for a new adventure, experience an electric bike tour of scenic San Diego. Surf Monkey also provides a full-service shop with a bike mechanic on duty. From flat tires to custom build, no job is too big or too small.

Surf Monkey Bikes, 853 Grand Ave.. (858) 270-6600.

The Truckstop

Hunt, gather grill. Welcome to Pacific Beach's home for farm-fresh, country-style breakfast with all the fixings and a selection of craft beer sure to rev your engine. Our food is larger than your appetite at Truckstop, where we serve up a hearty helping of Southern hospitality. The eatery is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, with dinner starting at 5 p.m.

The Truckstop, 4150 Mission Blvd., (858) 274-8785.

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