



From The Desk of Councilman Dee Andrews

Welcome to the month of January, A NEW YEAR!

As the clock counts down to the end of the 2009-year, I look back at the many accomplishments we have achieved throughout the passing year. I would like to share a partial list of the 2009 accomplishments that we, as a community, created in the 6th District.

Jobs

- **380** 6th District Youth got hired for the "*Hire a Youth Program*" by attending the 6th District Youth Job Fair
- Job training and placement **Construction:** 113 **Oil Refineries:** 26
- Annual 6th District Job Fair- over 325 attendee's and 150 applications accepted for employment
- We sent weekly email blasts with over 100 employment notices to the residents in the 6th District

Safety

- Advocated for the Long Beach Police Department to begin collaborating with Crime Stoppers to establish a partnership that could give investigators the upper hand in the fight against crime. Crime Stoppers provides a bridge between the community, law enforcement and the media, and with no cost to taxpayers
- Proposed Solutions to Restore Funding for 21 Sworn Fire Dept Employee Positions

Seniors

- Opening of Long Beach Senior Housing units to low-income seniors, 59% Long Beach residents
- Quarterly Senior Assembly Meetings that educate our seniors, a total of 24 yearly
- Got approval and found funding for the traffic signal in front of St. Mary Medical Center, increasing the safety of our the senior members of the community

Youth

- Sponsored 6th District Youth Empowerment Summit with over 200 youth in attendance
- Summer Swim Program for Disadvantaged Youth
- Presented Early Childhood Education Awareness at City Council
- Helped Sponsor a Youth to Visit Washing, D.C.
- Sponsored a youth to be at the 10th Annual Job Shadow Day

Housing

- Long Beach and Burnett Apartments Groundbreaking providing affordable housing
- Olive Court Neighborhood Improvement that offered low to moderate-income families an opportunity to own homes totaling 66 affordable units.
- Councilman Andrews was the leading role in providing the 2009 – 2010 Winter Shelter, without his guidance Long Beach could have lost this years shelter

Redevelopment

- Demolition of Azteca Bar and Almo Motel site
- Broke ground for the new MacArthur Park Arts Theatre
- Poly High School Gateway and right-hand turn on Atlantic Avenue
- Grand Opening of "Phnom Pich Center"
- Wrigley Streetscape Improvements, on Pacific Avenue. The Redevelopment Agency Board adopted budget included a \$500K allocation for Wrigley Village Improvements. To date construction costs for the 2 medians total: \$149,996. The FY10 Board Approved budget also allocates \$500K toward Wrigley Village. We are currently working on two additional projects for the Wrigley Village Neighborhood that include finishing the median improvements on Pacific Avenue all the way to Willow Street (an additional 7 median islands) and adding Pedestrian Lights on Pacific Avenue from PCH to Hill Street. The carryover from FY09 will go toward funding these two projects as well.

Legislation

- Veterans Tax Credit Card
- Parking Space Increases on Pine Avenue and on 20th Street, off of Orange Avenue
- Adoption of the 3 Strategies to Address Homelessness/ Sleeping In Cars
- Renamed Queen Mary Special Events Park In Honor Of Harry Bridges
- Recommended the Long Beach Gas & Oil Rebate Program
- Summer Swim Program for Disadvantaged Youth
- Antioch Church of Long Beach for the use of the City-owned parking lot located at 1401 east Anaheim Street
- Update the Long Beach Victim Resource Guide
- Adoption of the Moratorium of New Electronic Billboards
- Assisted in the creation of the Henderson Community Garden

Community

- Sponsored over 25 Free Community Events to Empower, Educate & Involve the Community that included the Annual Thanksgiving "Giving With A Thankful Heart" that serves over 1,200 people and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace and Unity Parade Celebration with over 20,000 attendee's
- Hosted over 10 Neighborhood Clean-ups
- Hosted 3 Food Bank that fed over 500 people
- Over 1,000 Graffiti Sites Painted Over
- Over 250 Potholes Filled
- Over 4-miles Sidewalk Repair
- Over 500 Code Enforcement Cases

As you can see it has been a busy year for the 6th District office and this is only a partial list of accomplishments. We will continue to grow together in 2010. As my mother would always say, "Every end is a new beginning and each beginning is a promise of a new adventure".
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Together we serve,



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This month I would like to invite you attend the following events....

You are invited to participate in the City of Long Beach's celebration of **Peace Week**. I created the vision of Peace Week to instill a peaceful environment and to raise the consciousness of the community utilizing the teachings of Dr. King. This weeklong celebration is being held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's nonviolent Civil Rights movement and kicks-off January 9, 2010 with a number of events that includes an evening candlelight Peace March. Join community leaders from all over the city, as they march in unity for nonviolence and peace.

Peace Week is co-sponsored by the City of Long Beach Human Dignity Program and The Long Beach Weed & Seed Program. There will be a number of community events Held throughout the week, which will lead to the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace & Unity Parade Celebration on January 16th.

You can participate in **Peace Week** by attending one of the City of Long Beach sponsored events that highlights the aspect of peace and nonviolence, such as those expressed by Martin Luther King, Jr. **Peace Week** provides us with an opportunity to encourage self-reflection, bridge-building among our neighbors, and provides valuable educational opportunities for our community. It is vital that we share the message of peace and nonviolence in our city, particularly with our youth today. We urge you to participate in some way.

Please stay connected by visiting www.longbeach.gov/district6. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 562.570.6816 or dee.andrews@longbeach.gov. If you would like to receive the 6th District Newsletter, or updates, per email, contact Tonya Martin at tonya.martin@longbeach.gov.

Peace Week *EVENTS*

Saturday, January 9th

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Pre-Parade Mega Clean up of MLK Ave
Ernest S. Mc Bride Sr. Park
1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave

8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Pre-Celebration King Park Clean Up
Martin Luther King Jr. Park
1950 Lemon Ave

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
The Gift
Washington Middle School
1450 Cedar Avenue

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm
**Ground Breaking of the Martin Luther King, Jr.
Community Peace Garden**
Martin Luther King Jr. Park
1950 Lemon Ave

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
3rd Annual Peace March
Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue

Tuesday, January 12th

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Presentation & Peace Maker Awards
Honorees are: PeaceBuilders, Pastor Wayne Chaney Jr. and Mr. Walter Neil
Long Beach City Council Meeting, City Hall, 333 West Ocean Blvd

Wednesday, January 13th

4:30 pm- 7:00 pm
PART I
Youth & Police Dialogue
Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue

Thursday, January 14th

4:30 pm- 7:00 pm
PART II
Youth & Police Dialogue
Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue

Friday, January 15th

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
**1st Annual Martin Luther King Jr.
Minister's Luncheon**
Martin Luther King Jr. Park

5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Dreamland Youth & Teen Opening
Martin Luther King Jr. Park
1950 Lemon Avenue

Saturday, January 16th

10:30 am - 5:00 pm
**22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr.
Peace & Unity Parade Celebration**
"Strength To Love"

Sunday, January 17, 2010

3:00 p m
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Celebration,
Gospel Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1480 Atlantic Ave