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Message from the President



As usual WANA had another busy month! There was the Mother's Day See's candy fundraiser, the Dominguez Gap Wetlands tours, Takin' it to the Streets clean-up, and the Northwest Wrigley tree planting. I'd like to thank everyone who took some time

out and participated in any of the events that took place. Coming up: in June, we will have as our guest speaker former **Mayor Beverley O'Neill** and in **July, our current Long Beach Mayor**. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from these two great leaders! Also, mark your calendars now for August 16 when WANA will host a **Family Safety Bike Rodeo**. Riding bikes is fun for the whole family but parents and children, do you really know the "rules of the road" and how to safely ride your bike? You will learn this and more. Details will be forthcoming in the next two newsletters.

WANA's annual meeting will be in September and WANA **Board elections will be in October**. Keep that in mind and consider a run for the board. I will let you know how many openings there are, and what you will need to do if you decide to run. So stay tuned!

Our business advertising is working really well for us thus far. You will see who is supporting us by their posted ads in this newsletter issue. Please patronize these businesses when there is something you need that they offer. Through the rates that advertiser's pay, WANA is able to send the newsletter to a printer instead of having to go to the Neighborhood Resource Center and take as many as 7 days to make the same number of copies. With that said, **WANA News & Views** will be distributed to 3,500 residents every other month. However, if you are a member, you will receive one in the mail every month. If you aren't already, become a member today so that you can continue to be up on what is happening here in Wrigley.

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More great NEWS – WANA's website (wanalb.org) is being constructed as I write this and will be open for your viewing very soon. Once it is, you will be able to read minutes from meetings, our bylaws, newsletters and Wrigley related stories, activities, and events; view pictures, become a member online and/or make a donation to a program; and a meet your neighbor section. (In some cases, members only will be able to view some of the aforementioned information.) I am very excited about this and hope that you will be too!

Yours in Service,
Jill

Next Public WANA Meeting

Thursday, June 5th at 7 PM

Jackie Robinson Academy
2750 Pine Avenue
(Across from Veterans Park on 28th Street)

Guest Speaker:
Former Mayor Beverly O'Neill

Say hello to your friends and meet your neighbors. Beginning at 6:45 p.m., enjoy a cup of **STARBUCKS** coffee and refreshments provided by WANA volunteers. Childcare and parking are free.



Under Construction — wanalb.org
Check it out in June, and mark it as a favorite!

WANA

Christmas Tree Lane Report

Maria Norvell, CTL Chair
(562) 427-5021

I hope you will go and see **Jim Trout's new Memorial Tree** for his daughter. It is just beautiful! The City took the vandalized tree out on Friday, May 9th and planted a replacement. The new tree is 10 feet tall, not quite as high as the one it replaced. Jim put a protective fence around it. Hopefully, the person or persons who damaged the other tree will leave this one alone. I am asking all of you who live on Daisy Avenue to please keep an eye on the trees. Branches won't grow back on this species. Call the police if you see any one doing anything suspicious or harmful to any of the trees. Jim's tree is the second one on the Lane just north of PCH. You can also call me.



We're getting started on redoing the gingerbread people. Didn't have time last year. I contacted Long Beach Plywood to inquire about the price of the MDO sheets of plywood. Guess what? It hasn't changed from last year. They have always tried to give me the best price. During the week of May 19th, **Jim Trout** and I will buy three 4'x8' sheets. Jim will cut out the gingerbread people. I will trace the patterns onto the plywood. After the cutouts are primed and painted with the main color, I'll call the volunteers to see if they can help with the painting. If you would like to get involved with the 2008 Lane preparations, please call me.

UNTIL NEXT TIME...

COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETINGS...

Are held the third Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is on **June 18** at 7:00 p.m. Location is the **Long Beach Water Department**, 1800 East Wardlow. Please bring a neighbor. These are very informative meetings. To start a **NEIGHBORHOOD, PARK or APARTMENT WATCH** on your block, call **Maria Norvell**, NHW Wrigley Representative, at 427-5021.



Operation Kids Update



At the May meeting, **Debbie and Tom Hennessy** gave a brief presentation on the heart-felt gratitude of the Iraqi people. In a letter, Tom's son wrote "**The children of Iraq are its future. The way they play, the way they smile and the way they act toward us when we give them your sweet simple presents is as helpful to them as it is to us.**" Tom explained that as a result of this gift-giving by our soldiers, parents started coming out of their homes to give our troops information on where the insurgents were hiding.

WANA has collected 10 boxes of gifts and almost \$65 in cash to help with shipping charges. If you want to help, bring small, individually-wrapped **sugar-based hard candy** (no chocolate), pocket-sized **stuffed animals**, brightly-colored **school supplies**, fun **T-shirts** (especially ones with city names imprinted on them) and small toys like , **yo-yos and super balls** to the June 5th meeting or call **Joan Pizzato** at 427-2372 to arrange a pick-up.



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New California Cell Phone Laws Effective July 1, 2008

When driving in California, motorists had better think twice before using their cellular phones — unless it's for emergency purposes or a driver over the age of 18 is using a hands-free device. Starting July 1, 2008, California law will prohibit all drivers from talking while holding a wireless telephone. **Drivers under 18 may not use a cell phone while driving even with a hands free-device.** The law applies to everyone even if they are from another state where the practice is allowed.

The new laws, which apply only to the person driving the vehicle, **carry fines of \$20 for a first offense and \$50 for subsequent infractions.** With the addition of penalty assessments, the cost for ignoring this new law goes up. Based on the Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule, a first offense would increase to \$76 and a second offense to \$190. Convictions will appear on the violator's driving record but will not result in a point on the driver's license.

Exceptions will be granted to:

- Motorists making 911 calls
- Emergency response personnel
- Until July 1, 2011, commercial vehicle drivers using a wireless push-to-talk phone
- Motorists operating a vehicle on private property

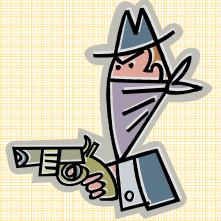


Using a hand-held wireless telephone while driving is considered a "primary" violation, meaning law enforcement officers can stop drivers solely for this

infraction. If you have any questions or need further information, please call **Fran Clader** of the Highway Patrol's Media Relations Office at (916) 657-7202.

The Bubble Effect... Be Alert, Be Aware!

At our May WANA meeting, **Champaigne Young** reported several serious successful and unsuccessful armed robbery attempts of residents near Birney School and other areas north of Willow Street. In addition, two Willow Street businesses have been broken into and robbed. As police crack down on crime in targeted areas, criminals bubble up in others. The time to organize a Neighborhood Watch is **NOW!** Call **Maria Norvell** at (562) 427-5021 for help. Come to the June WANA meeting and report suspicious activities to Sergeant Kevin Coy, our community patrol liaison, or call him at 570-3413.



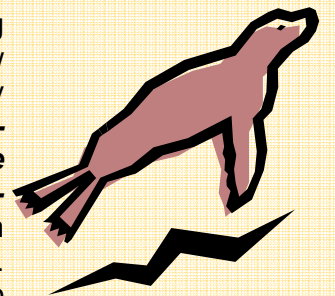
Congratulations! Join the Celebration!



Frank Buono, owner of Buono's Pizza, has been selected as a Neighborhoods USA Notable Winner! A Potluck Mixer honoring him and the **North Long Beach Community Action Group**, a 2008 Neighborhood of the Year award winner, will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center located at 425 Atlantic Avenue on Monday, June 2nd at 6 p.m. RSVP by calling 570-1010 or sending an email to <Sharron_Hinke@longbeach.gov>.

Wrigley Tidelands Newest Residents!

WANA member **Ador Raquael** reported seeing sea lions in the Willow Street Estuary, and we saw them, too, during the LA River Cleanup on May 17th. (Pictures next month.) ***So, does this sighting of marine mammals make Wrigley eligible for Tidelands Trust Funds, which are now restricted to areas south of Ocean Blvd.?*** John Morris, owner of Smooth's downtown, thinks so. Come to WANA's August 7th public meeting to learn more about his idea to direct money from Port operations to the Westside of the City.



WANA Members and Friends came through — 80 boxes of **SEE's Candy** were ordered and delivered — totaling over \$1,000 in sales and netting almost \$300 for Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane administrative expenses. Everyone can feel proud they're a part of WANA. Thirty four people "sweetened" the pot with their orders and as our first **See's Fund Raiser** success, we'll be prepared to offer this savings again at holiday time. Thanks to all you "sweet" people and especially **Joan Pizzato** for her dedication and hard work to keep Christmas Tree Lane a Wrigley neighborhood tradition!

Takin' it to the Streets

By Jill Hill

On Saturday, May 10th, SAF volunteers and a handful of local residents showed up ready for work to clean up streets and alleys in the vicinity of 20th Street and Chestnut. Everyone did an awesome job. I want to thank **Arthur Romo** for bringing out his SAF group. As always, the **Neighborhood Services** and **Public Works** staff were there for WANA. In addition to manpower and tools, they brought water and snacks. WANA appreciates their help and the City programs that make them available to us. A total of **3.6 tons of trash, litter and dumped items** were collected from streets and alleys.



Unfortunately, we can keep doing these clean-ups until the cows come home and still have a littering problem. As we all know, litter adversely impacts the appearance of our neighborhoods and creates health issues (terrible odor, bugs, flies, rodents, you name it). As good neighbors and residents, let's pick up litter when we see it. Better yet, make sure that kids and friends don't throw it on the ground in the first place. There is a lot of pride in Wrigley! Let's do our part and work



together to stop litter from destroying the beauty of our neighborhoods and

Report Graffiti Whenever and Wherever You See It!

LA County River Trail and Greenways: Call (800) 675-4357 or go online to <http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

City of Long Beach: Call (562) 570-2773

Do you know how to report stray shopping carts?

Call the retrieval service at (800) 252-4613

WANA NEWS

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Share Your Home Grown Fruits, Vegetables and Herbs!

If you have any fruits, vegetables or herbs that you would like to share with your neighbors bring them to the public meeting on June 5th or post what you have to offer in the July Newsletter. Please send your name, phone number and list of items to: wrigleyalliance@msn.com or call Jill at (562) 599-1822. **Here's what's available :**



Avocados

Joan, (562) 599-0812

Lemons

Jennifer, (562) 591-7951

Grapefruits

Jill, (562) 599-1822

Lemons, rosemary and mint

Vivian, (562) 427-4625

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WANA Habitat Restoration and Water Conservation Education Program

Bring the PV Blue Butterfly to Wrigley Campaign!

In 1983, the Palos Verdes Blue Butterfly (*Glaucopsyche lygdamus paloverdesensis*) was thought to have been driven to extinction due to development of its habitat (Mattoni 1995). However, in 1994, the butterfly was re-discovered on the northern side of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. This new population lays eggs on a different food plant (common deerweed, *Lotus scoparius*), but shares physical and behavioral characteristics with the other now-extinct populations.



The **Youth Environmental Leaders (YEL) Team** is a **Long Beach Organic** Program. The WANA Chapter will work with volunteers **Ken Gore, Nancy Risch and Edie Pearl** to extend the Wrigley Landscape Project north of 19th Street with re-introduction of the Palos Verdes Blue in mind.

WANA has raised almost \$500 to purchase plants and supplies for restoration of this site in southwest Wrigley. For more information, contact Joan Greenwood by phone at (562) 599-0812 or by e-mail at wrigleyalliance@msn.com. She is also looking for **Wrigley kids and young adults ages 12 to 22** interested in participating in this program. Time commitment would be two hours, one or more Saturdays a month.



There's Still Time ...

to drop off your old cell phones in the collection box at the June meeting or at one of the following businesses:

Buono's Pizzeria
401 W. Willow Street

Pacific Nutrition
2049 Pacific Avenue



Your donation will help **Interval House**, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

COMING TO WANA'S JULY 10TH PUBLIC MEETING

Special Guest: Our Long Beach Mayor

Note change of meeting date from first to second Thursday due to July 4th Holiday. **Mark your calendars** so you won't forget! Members will receive a reminder and more details in the July Newsletter.

WANA PICNIC AT LOS CERRITOS PARK

No meeting on July 3rd. Instead, join your friends and neighbors on **Wednesday, July 2nd at 6 p.m.** for a group picnic and Municipal Band concert celebrating the Fourth of July. If you need transportation or directions, contact Joan Greenwood at 599-0812 or email wrigleyalliance@msn.com. More details next month.

AQUARIUM PRESENTATION

At the May 3rd meeting, the audience was treated to a special presentation focusing on some of the more exotic species found at the Aquarium and unique family programs like sleep-overs. Mr. Tibor shared the joy he gets from volunteering and made us all realize what a treasure we have just a few miles away! Go to www.aquariumofpacific.org to learn more.

NORTHWEST WRIGLEY TREE PLANTING

On April 26th, volunteers met at **Birney School** to plant 60 trees nearby. The event was sponsored by the **Seventh District Council Office** and organized by the **Neighborhood Services Bureau**. Long Beach has met the qualifications and is now officially part of the "Tree City USA" movement.



Wrigley's Pet Spaw









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1 	2 Potluck Honoring Frank Buono 6-7:30 pm See pg 3 or call 570-1010	3 Primary Election 	4 Fund-Raising Basics Workshop 6-8 pm Call 570-1010	5 WANA Public Meeting 7-9 PM See pg 1.	6	7 Wrigley River Run 
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day 
15  Father's Day	16 City Summer Aquatic Camps Begin Call staff at 570-1888	17	18 LBPD Crime Prevention Meeting 7 PM See pg 2.	Juneteenth 	20 Summer Begins 	21
22	23	24	25 Summer Municipal Band Concert Series at Los Cerritos Park Begins	26	27	28 
29	30 Tenant Rights Workshop 6-8 pm Call 570-1010	1	2 WANA Picnic and Band Concert at Los Cerritos Park 6 pm See pg. 5	3 WANA Meeting Moved to July 10th See pg 5.	Be Water-wise! Irrigation of landscaping is legal only on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays before 9 a.m. and after 4 p.m. Re-set your automated systems. Otherwise, you're breaking the law!	

Also on June 18th: Wrigley residents are invited to attend a special reception with readings and signings from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the **Alpert Jewish Community Center**, 3801 East Willow St. **Slater Barron** will read from her book "Remembering is Forgetting" about her parents' Alzheimer's disease. Her exhibit "LIFE CYCLES: Dryer Lint Food and Poetic Collages" will be on display at the Center from **May 19 - June 30**, Monday - Thu., 6 am - 10 pm; Friday, 6 am - 8 pm; and Sat and Sun, 8 am-6 pm. More about Slater and her work can be found at: <www.slaterbarron.com>.

Submitted by Kathy Parsons

Special Events: Put them on Your Calendar!

1st Annual WANA Picnic & Band Concert at Los Cerritos Park in Bixby Knolls: July 2nd (See page 5.)

Long Beach Mayor : July 10th (Federal rules on use of public funds prohibit WANA from mentioning names of elected officials if the Newsletter is distributed to more than 199 address per month.)

WANA Quarterly Clean Up: August 9th

Family Safety Bike Rodeo : August 16th

State of the Neighborhood Address: September 4th



Dominguez Gap Restoration: Another Step in Creating a Los Angeles River Greenway from the Mountains to the Sea

Could a similar project be our vision for Wrigley Heights?

"One of our most challenging restoration efforts ever, the Dominguez Gap Wetlands will return important ecological functions of water quality improvement, wildlife habitat, and aquifer recharge to the urban lower Los Angeles River," says CH2M HILL Principal Scientist Jim Bays. "By encompassing the restoration within an attractive community park, the project will be certain to become an exciting destination for birdwatchers, hikers, bicyclists and the interested public."

(Photo Courtesy of Diana Lejins)



Construction is complete on the County's new 50-acre storm water and urban-runoff containment facility and spreading grounds in Dominguez Gap. Bio-engineered to treat polluted runoff with riparian habitat before it reaches Long Beach shores and beaches, the Wetlands is considered one of the top-five demonstration projects of the Los Angeles River Master Plan. Entrance gate is located on Del Amo Boulevard at Oregon Avenue east of the I-710 in North Long Beach. The Dominguez Gap Wetlands is a project of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. For more information, contact Linda Tacconelli at (626) 458-4335 or visit the County website at <<http://dpw.lacounty.gov>>.

Our Thanks to ...

Those Special Friends of WANA Who Helped Raise \$247 for Our Habitat and Water Conservation Education Program!

Volunteer guides **Joe Linton**, author of *Down by the Los Angeles River*, **Ken Gore**, chief steward of the Wrigley Landscape Project, and brothers **David and Bob Sundstrom**, native plant enthusiasts, led more than 40 people on three separate tours of this recently completed "first of its kind in the nation" project. WANA is developing a field guide for this site. Birds spotted in the area included a Golden Eagle, Double-crested Cormorants, Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds, Great Blue and Green Herons, Teals, Mallards, Killdeer, Terns and Swallows.



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Pacific Baptist Church Plans Expansion

At the May WANA meeting, attendees were given a heads up on plans for expanding the Church's campus located at 3332 Magnolia Avenue south of Wardlow Road. A **gymnasium** will be built, and accommodations for seniors will be enhanced. Arrangements for satellite parking with shuttles will minimize parking impacts on local residents when events are scheduled in the new facilities and during the Church's **Harvest Festival**.



A **public information meeting** will be held soon. To make sure you are notified or for more information, call **Steve Meyers** at 424-7714, ext 305.



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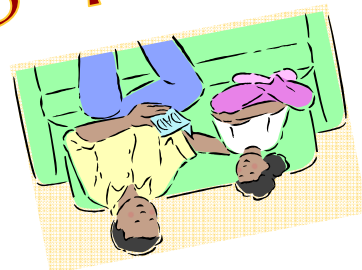
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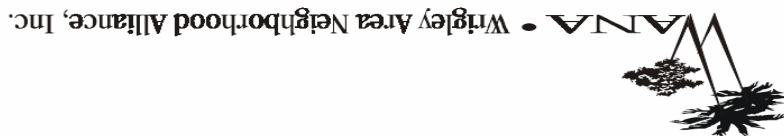
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