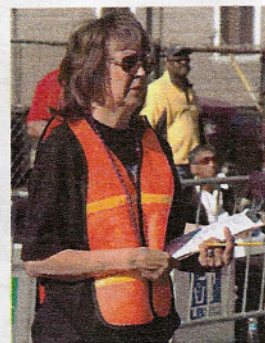


2009 MLK Parade and Celebration

Several WANA volunteers showed up early to help with set up and then marched with various groups to the celebration in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. At right, is WANA President **Jill Hill** with orange pom-poms on the Community Development Advisory Commission float.



WANA Vice President & Parade Pro Extraordinaire **Maria Norvell** with clipboard in hand, directs Parade past the Charter Communications broadcast crew.



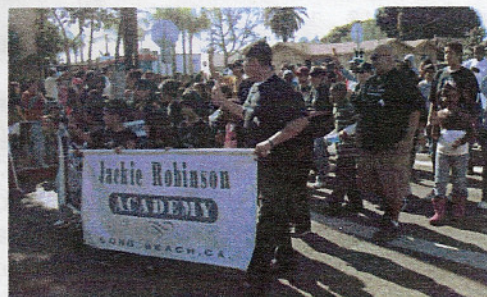
WANA member **Nancy Risch** chats with **Fourth District County Supervisor** while keeping a eye on her post at 10th and MLK Avenue.



Joan Greenwood greets another WANA member — Our 37th District Congresswoman, who served as one of nine Grand Marshalls.

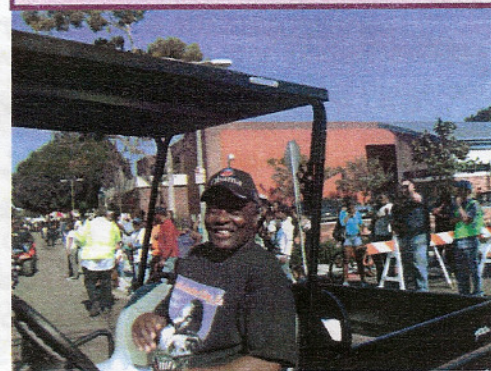


WANA member **Victoria Reynafarje** socializes with motorcycle policeman while waiting for her next assignment.



United by our shared commitment to freedom!

WANA salutes our Sixth District Councilman, his staff and all the volunteers for keeping Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy of caring and sharing alive!



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Urge to Serve? A Wrigley Tradition

By Joan Greenwood

High impact? Low commitment? Something after work? On a weekend? With your friends? With your family? Helping kids? Promoting arts? Promoting Wrigley? Feed the hungry? Protect the environment? Foster education? Change lives for the better? Lead or follow? Start your own neighborhood traditions with WANA's help?



Healthy neighborhoods depend on volunteers - like you! Right now, we're all concerned about the current economic crisis and the impact it is having on our City's finances.

I, for one, agree with the Mayor that Long Beach has the will, talent and leadership to weather the storm and come back stronger than ever. We did it once before in Wrigley -- back in the mid-1980s when neighborhood leaders arose and lobbied elected officials for the resources to rejuvenate our community.

Volunteering reduces the burden on government spending. It also will build a more cohesive Wrigley community by fostering greater trust between citizens of different cultures and developing norms of solidarity and reciprocity that are essential to stable neighborhoods. *Social capital* represented by volunteering plays a key role in economic regeneration and providing wholesome activities for our youth.

Find your passion! There is something for everyone in Wrigley. If you are willing to commit as little as an hour a month or 3 to 4 hours on a Saturday every once and awhile, contact Jill at (562) 599-1822 or Maria at (562) 427-5021. **Start with the WANA Quarterly Clean Up on Valentine's Day!**

Imagine the Possibilities It's up to us!

by Joan Greenwood, Environmental Committee Chair

Now that the Holidays are over, WANA's Wrigley 2030 Visioning Task Force is once again ramping up to focus on the Long Beach 2030 public workshops and the air quality impacts of the proposed rail yard modernization and expansion projects in West Long. (See page 6 for related announcement on rail yard expansion scoping meeting to gather public input on February 11.)



Just Imagine what living in Wrigley could be like in 2030. With your participation and input, the Long Beach 2030 plan will protect the things we cherish most about Wrigley while planning thoughtful, positive changes that will improve our lives and property values. Next month, I will report on the January 26 Long Beach 2030 Plan meeting held at Veterans Park.

For those of you that haven't heard about the plan, the Long Beach 2030 Plan is a comprehensive approach to long range planning and represents a new way of thinking about accommodating growth in the city. For more information on the process of creating this plan, contact the Long Beach 2030 Hotline at (562) 570-7526 or go to <www.longbeach2030.org>

If you would like to be part of the Wrigley 2030 Visioning Task Force, contact me at (562) 599-0812 or send an email to wrigleyalliance@msn.com. I'll notify you of upcoming public workshops and the March task force discussion.

WANTED

WANA Volunteers Needed

If you like to play in the dirt and love the outdoors, consider helping out at the landscape project on Saturdays. Call **Ken Gore** at 595-5650 for details.

OR

Committee Positions to be filled:

- Finance
- Program
- Governance
- Public Relations
- Newsletter

If you have a little time, we have the need! For more information about any of these committees, please call Joan at 599-0812, or Jill at 599-1822.

Welcome New Member

Nancy A. King

WANA wants to recognize you too in our Welcome New Member column. Fill out the form on the back and send it in.



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February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4	5 WANA Monthly Meeting 7:00 P.M. Public welcome & it's free See page 1.	6	7
8	9	10 Don't forget WANA needs Valentine cookies for seniors See page 3.	11 Public Scoping Meeting Rail Yard Impacts See below or call Joan at 599-0812	12 Lincoln's Birthday 	13	14 WANA Clean Up 9 TO Noon 20th & Pacific See inserted flyer.
15	16 President's Day Holiday	17	18 Public Crime Prevention Meeting with Chief Batts See page 7.	19	20	21 Rancho Winter Lecture Series See page 7.
22 Washington's Birthday 	23	24 Spay Day USA 	25 Ash Wednesday 	26	27	28

**Public Scoping Meeting: Notice of Preparation
EIR for the ICTF Rail Yard Expansion Project**

**February 11, 6 to 9 p.m.
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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETINGS...

Are held the **third Wednesday** of every month. The next one is scheduled for **February 18** at 7:00 p.m. Location is the **Long Beach Water Treatment Plant** located at **2950 Redondo Avenue** just south of Spring Street. Please bring a neighbor. These are very informative and a great opportunity to learn more about ways we can work with police to make our neighborhoods safer.

At this upcoming meeting, **Long Beach Police Chief Tony Batts** will present his **Annual Report** to the community. For more information or to carpool, contact **Maria Norvell** at **427-5021**. She is our **Wrigley Neighborhood Watch (NHW)** Representative and will help you start a NHW group on your block.

Crime Reporting Website Now on the Internet

By Jill Hill

For you WANA members who attended our meeting last year with Chief Batts as our guest speaker, you may recall him talking about a site on the internet where you can view what crimes have taken place where you live. Well, that site is up and running and appropriately named: www.crimereports.com. On it you can see what offenses, ranging from burglaries and thefts to assaults and homicides, have been committed in more than 40 states. I logged onto it, typed in my address, and sure enough, up popped all the information. Try it, you'll see how simple it is.

February is National Litter Prevention Month

WANA salutes **Friends of Long Beach Animals (FOLBA)** for its many accomplishments. The organization is run entirely by volunteers. All program costs are raised through dues, donations, fundraising events, grants, gifts and bequests.



In 1998, FOLBA recognized the importance of sponsoring a public awareness campaign to stop pet overpopulation and introduced the City's first Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP). FOLBA's program offers low cost and/or free vouchers to local residents requiring financial assistance. Thus far, the SNIP program has resulted in more than 13,057 animals being spayed or neutered since the program began.

FOLBA began offering humane education classes at local parks. In 2001, these classes were approved by and are currently held in the Long Beach Unified School District, at no cost to the schools. Additionally, FOLBA pays certain veterinarian bills for stray animals in the care of Long Beach Animal Services on a case-by-case basis. FOLBA also accepts donations for toys for the dogs and cats sheltered by the Long Beach Animal Care Services at the P.D. Pitchford Animal Shelter. Donations to FOLBA's Shelter Animal Toy Program go towards purchase of KONG Classic dog toys and Kitty Woofer balls. For more information, call FOLBA at (562) 988-7647, or go to: www.friendsoflongbeachanimals.org



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**Winter Lecture Series Con-
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and Plant Sale**

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Starts at 10 a.m. Mike Evans, proponent of natural landscapes, will talk about the nuts and bolts of getting your California native plants to thrive.

Call **Rancho Los Cerritos** at 570-1755. Advanced reservations required. Entrance opens at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 21.

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