



# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Message from the President

Greetings everyone! Alas, another month has passed. Before I get into May's events, I'd like to talk about April.

WANA had an awesome turnout for our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt!!! The weather was perfect and there were so many adults and kids enjoying themselves. See Page 4 for further details. I'd just like to THANK ALL the volunteers who helped out—all 20 some and we couldn't have done it without them. The Bake Sale also went over with a bang!! Delicious desserts, from cupcakes to cookies to cakes were donated and not a single item went unsold! Thank You also to all our bakers. WANA made a little over \$350!!!

For the nature lovers, you missed the guided tour of the Dominguez Gap Wetlands. Now, the weather wasn't as cooperative as the Egg Hunt as it turned out to be the hottest day of the year! It still didn't stop 20 people from enjoying the breeze, flowers, birds and peacefulness of the wetlands. See article on Page 7.

Now, back to May.....

Please read through the newsletter and check the calendar on Page 6 for upcoming events. A couple things I'd like to point out:

**Cinco de Mayo Potluck Mixer, Thursday, May 7th.** In lieu of our regular public meeting. Time for some fun!!

**Long Beach Gay Pride Festival (LBGPF) Sat/Sun, May 16th and 17th.** WANA has an opportunity to financially benefit by helping LBGPF secure volunteers for their signature community event. LBGPF is looking for volunteers to staff its two day festival and will donate to WANA \$6 for every hour volunteered!! **Contact me for an application** or contact **Nicole Brown** at (562) 833-7253, email her at [info@longbeachpride.com](mailto:info@longbeachpride.com) or stop by LBLGP offices at 1017 Obispo Ave. anytime Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00 to select a volunteer position. Positions are available in Parade, Booth & Vendor, V.I.P., Volunteer Check In, Main Stage, Dance Stage, Security, etc. What a great way to raise some \$\$ for WANA!!

**Bike Safety Rodeo, Saturday, May 30th.** WANA is in need of 10 volunteers. If you can help anytime from 9AM until 3PM give me a call or send us an e-mail (contact info on Page 7).

Lastly, it's Census time and the Mayor's office is seeking one volunteer from WANA to represent us on the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee (CCC) by attending CCC meetings (held quarterly now but eventually becoming monthly as April, 2010 approaches). Call **Stacy Toda** in the Mayor's office at (562)570-5027 with any questions. But if you're interested, let me know. An accurate account is important because it directly translates into \$\$ for our city.

Yours in Service, Jill



**A WANA Meeting the Whole Family  
Will Enjoy!**

## CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

### Pot Luck Mixer

**Bring a Dish to Share and a neighbor or friend!**

**Thursday, May 7**

**6:30 to 8:30 PM**

**Jackie Robinson Academy  
2750 Pine Avenue**

**Across from Veterans Park on 28th Street**

**Call Jill at 599-1822 to volunteer for set up.**

**Free Parking in school lot.**



# WANA

## Councilman Dee Andrews 6<sup>th</sup> District Update

Hello everyone...

I hope that everyone is enjoying springtime. At 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 26, I will be hosting a Town Hall meeting, at McArthur Park, the topic will be "**Credit Repair and Personal Finances**". I have a few updates for you this month on an upcoming City Council Agenda items and Public Works activities in the Wrigley area of my District. On April 15, 2009 we sworn in a new 6<sup>th</sup> District Youth and Children Commissioner, her name is Olina Wibroe-Benson, daughter of Lisa Wibroe. For more information, please call my office at (562) 570-6816.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda, I will have an agenda item in regards to the parking on Pine Ave between Willow and PCH. It may be possible to have diagonal parking that could add more parking spaces. I am requesting that the City Manager examine the area and get the communities input.

### Major Streets Repair:

Long Beach Blvd from Hill to Willow: 90% designed. Part of stimulus funding

**Street Construction to Start This Summer:** Golden Avenue from PCH to 20th Street

**Sidewalks:** Construction started in March with completion end of April

### Wrigley Village Streetscape:

- Design complete
- Bid specifications complete
- Proposed release of RFP: April 24
- Proposed contractor selection: the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Start of construction: July 27
- End of construction: October 30

**Wrigley Neighborhood Clean up:** 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, on Saturday, May 9, at 3029 Daisy Avenue

I hope that you have a great month of May and a great Memorial Day!



## Critters corner

## Be Kind to Animals Week

May 3-9 2009

### Microchip & License Clinic

Animal Care Services

7700 E. Spring Street

Sunday, May 3, 2009

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

This year, we will be celebrating with a number of events that create awareness about responsible pet ownership starting with on Sunday, May 3, 2009 Microchip Your Dog Day at the spcaLA P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village (Village)," said **John P. Keisler**, Bureau Manager at Animal Care Services. To promote responsible pet ownership and animal safety, **AVID Microchips will be offered for only \$10 per animal**, including registration. This special discount is for one day only. Other costs include:

\$20 dog licenses (altered animals)

\$90 dog licenses (unaltered animals)

The American Humane Association created Be Kind to Animals Week in 1915 to encourage compassion toward animals. Every year, animal shelters throughout the country hold special events during this time-honored week to raise awareness about animals in our homes and communities and to celebrate the unique bond between humans and animals.

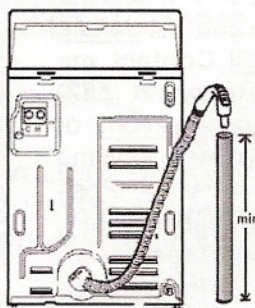
"Kindness toward animals is a building block of a humane and compassionate society," said Marie Belew Wheatley, president and CEO of American Humane. "We celebrate and encourage that all year long."

For more information, call 570-PETS or go to: [www.longbeach.gov/acs](http://www.longbeach.gov/acs)

Submitted by John Keisler

## PLUMBING TIP FROM KID ROOTER PLUMBING

A good way to prevent lint and other clothing from entering into your drain line system and causing a blockage is to tie a nylon sock on the end of the washing machine drain hose. Once you do that, simply put the hose into the stand pipe which is located directly behind the washing machine. About once a month, remove the sock and clean all the lint and clothing that has been caught in the sock. Then once again, put that sock on that hose and continue to save money.





# WORKS

## Hey Neighbor!

### Share Your Home Grown Food!

The food exchange is something that anyone can participate in. Whether you are giving or taking, it's a great way meet a neighbor and know that good food is being enjoyed by others. If you have any fruits, vegetables or herbs that you would like to share, you can bring them to any public meeting or have it posted in the Newsletter. Please send your name, phone number and list of items to:

[wrigleyalliance@msn.com](mailto:wrigleyalliance@msn.com) or call Jill at (562) 599-1822. Tomato and zucchini season will be here before you know it.

Here's what's available:

Lemons  
Jill  
(562) 599-1822

We know you have some great fruits or vegetables to share.



### PARENTS:

## Are Your Teens bored?

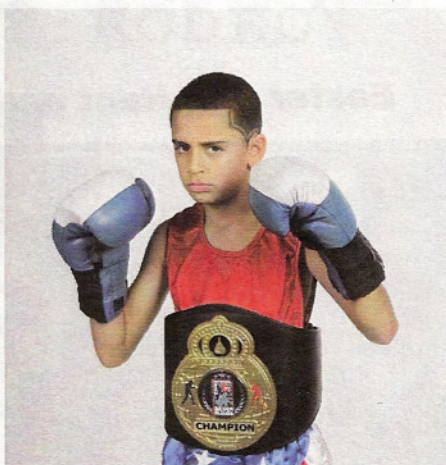
Or, do you have any high schoolers who need community service hours? WANA can help. We need kids ages 12 to 18 to become members of the WANA Youth Corps to help out during special events on Daisy and with our Habitat Restoration and Water Conservation Education Programs. Contact Joan at 599-0812 or send an email to:

[wrigleyalliance@msn.com](mailto:wrigleyalliance@msn.com).

## THERE IS GOLD IN WRIGLEY

Many boxing experts are saying he is the next "Golden Boy" of boxing. He does have aspirations of winning the boxing gold medal in the 2016 Olympics, and he already has a golden smile. So, it would only be natural for **Moises "Mighty Mo" Orozco** to live on Golden Ave in Wrigley.

This twelve-year old Wrigley youth took up amateur boxing just four years ago and currently has a 60-6 record. He has won every possible amateur boxing tournament, including the complicated and challenging 2008 70-pound National Silver Gloves championship.



Last August, "Mighty Mo" accomplished what few have been able to do in the boxing world. For the third straight year, he won the Ringside World championship at 75 pounds. "Mighty Mo" boxed four of the nation's top boxers in order to become the 3X champion.

Currently "Mighty Mo" is training at DG Boxing gym in Long Beach for his first boxing match of 2009, which will be against Pablo Mercedes of Hawaiian Gardens. The **boxing show will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>** at Long Beach City College's Hall of Champions Gym beginning at 6:30 P.M... It would be nice if many of us from the Wrigley area would attend this boxing event and support our local champion. **For tickets call (562) 986-9421.**

"Mighty Mo" also enjoys watching WWE wrestling matches with his little brother. Playing one on one basketball with his church friends, attending Sunday school class at the local church, and taking his dog Junior for a long walk down, you guessed right, Golden Ave in Wrigley.

## Busted in Wrigley

By Sgt. Kevin Coy

South Gate PD pursued a narcotics suspect into the area of 20th Street and Golden Avenue around 11:30 PM on April 5. The suspect fled on foot, and a perimeter was set up. LBPD then worked with South Gate PD and several other agencies to help find the bad guy in the area bounded by 20th Street to 21st Street and Golden Avenue to San Francisco Avenue. Helicopters circled above and told residents to stay inside. Bad guy was caught by a faithful K9 around 2 AM on the 6th in the backyard of a home. Several pounds of drugs were recovered.

## Membership Report

Last year at this time, WANA had just passed the 100-member mark with 110 paid addresses. This year, we have 168 paid households and over 290 voting members! **REMEMBER...** You will receive your **renewal notice in August** for the year October 2009-September 2010. Please, don't send in dues until you receive a letter from Maria Norvell. New members can join for the remainder of the October 2008 - September 2009 year for just \$7.50. See back page for application.



# Easter On Daisy

## Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale on the Green!



Get on your marks, Get set, HUNT!!  
2-6 year olds (above) and 7-12 years (below)  
had fun looking for eggs covered with straw.



The new ring toss and bean bag toss games  
were a hit as well as the old-fashioned egg  
coloring/decorating.



Over 200 children and parents were greeted by the WANA Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 11 at WANA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter on Daisy. Other fun activities were a 650-egg hunt with prizes & money inside; face painting; egg decorating; activity table; ring toss and bean bag games. Every child received a bag of Easter candy. Over \$60 in change and 550 ounces of candy was given out!



**Special Thanks** to WANA Volunteers who made it happen and the parents who took time out to bring their kids to another special event on Daisy!



**Special Thanks** to Joan Pizzato for making the WANA bunny suit. The kids loved it! And to our bunny, Nancy Risch and Victoria Reynafarje for decorating the sitting area where parents could take pictures and children could make flower Easter bouquets.

WANA's Bake Sale raised over \$350 for future special events on Daisy! WANA is grateful for all the support that our members showed by boiling eggs for painting and baking the cakes, cup cakes and cookies for our fundraiser.



**Special Thanks** to the Neighborhood Services Bureau NIS Coordinator Teresa Gomez and Heather Green, Supervisor of Parks, Rec & Marine Murals (below) for helping WANA with the face painting!! You're always there making our neighborhood a very special place.



Kids enjoying the experience of face painting (above) and Easter card making (below)

