



# NEWS & VIEWS

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HOME OF DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE

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## Message from the President



Greetings to you all! I sincerely hope that you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter. As you will see, it full of useful information. Once again it is being delivered to 3,000 residents as our way of keeping YOU informed. However, I would like to stress two points: 1.) If you aren't a WANA member, I strongly encourage you to become one. You will then receive this

every month so you can always be up-to-date (see pg. 4). 2.) Visit and shop the businesses whose ads you see throughout. It is because of them that WANA is able to make and distribute this large quantity of newsletters. Please try to patronize their stores or services whenever possible. Shop Locally, Shop Wrigley!!

I think it is never too early to prepare for the future. With that said, I'd like to bring your attention to October when WANA will conduct its Board of Director's Elections. There are three positions open and your prerequisite is that you are a member in good standing. If you have a desire to be involved, consider running. If you have any questions, give me a call at 562-599-1822.

**Attention Seniors/Retired Folks:** Do you have some knowledge of plants/gardens? Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to share your knowledge with school children? Do you have some time to volunteer? If you answered "yes" to those questions, then there is a fulfilling opportunity waiting for you. Jackie Robinson Academy is looking for someone who can help maintain their Spanish, French, and Japanese gardens on campus that have recently been redone as well as educate the kids on the benefits of gardening. If you have interest, please call me and I will put you in touch with the right person who can give you all the details.

In closing, there is one more issue I would like to discuss with Wrigley residents and that is **VOLUNTEERING**. I probably don't have to tell you where our city is at financially. Programs and activities are going to be reduced if

not cut completely. This is where WANA comes in. As a neighborhood organization, I feel it is our duty to pick up some of that slack by hosting events and activities that are educational, fun, enlightening, informational, brings people together—you get the picture. And if you have read this newsletter for a while, you will see that we are doing just that. However, this is really where YOU come in. We need people to take charge or be lead by volunteering some of your time to plan/assist with current or new events which will in turn help to fill in where the city can no longer. Please consider helping us out. I am collecting a list and if you can help in any way, shape, or form, with the great things WANA is bringing to the neighborhood, call or e-mail me to sign up. Thank you in advance.

Yours in Service, Jill

### **Next Public WANA Meeting**

**Thursday, June 4th at 7 PM**

**Jackie Robinson Academy  
2750 Pine Avenue**

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

**Guest Speaker: John Keisler, Bureau Manager  
Animal Care Services**

John will give us a presentation on how to make Long Beach California's safest large city for people and animals., including but not limited to: barking dogs, stray animals, responsible pet ownership, illegal breeding, and improvements to investigations & enforcement. Don't miss this informational evening. Bring your questions.

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.

**Everyone is WELCOME!**



**Click It or Ticket!****Message from the Long Beach Police**

Keep you and your family safe and \$132 in your wallet by making sure everyone wears their seat belts for every trip. That's the message that the Long Beach Police Department is telling drivers. **Fines and fees have increased from under \$100 to \$132 this year for first time adult seat belt violations. For children under 16, the fine is now \$435 for the first time offense.**



The L.B.P.D. will be aggressively enforcing the state's occupant protection laws. The *Click It or Ticket* campaign relies on heavy enforcement and public education as a means to help save lives on California's roadways.

**"Seat belts save thousands of lives every year," said Police Chief, Anthony Batts. "Buckling up will not only save you a heavy fine, it can also save your life. We're not giving warnings. It's 'Click It or Ticket.'"**

Currently California has a seat belt usage rate of 95.7 percent, but that still means over one half million people are not buckling up. Properly restrained drivers, passengers and children, have a 50 percent better chance of surviving a crash than unbelted occupants. **Those ejected from vehicles in crashes or rollovers are up to 35 times more likely to die than restrained occupants!**

"Buckling up just makes sense," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. "It takes only two seconds for an action that can make the difference whether you or your family gets home today."

Contact Sergeant Tom Marcoux at (562) 570-7209 or via e-mail to [tomarcoux@longbeach.gov](mailto:tomarcoux@longbeach.gov) for more information.

**MOVIES ON DAISY AVENUE COMING IN JULY  
LOOK FOR DETAILS IN THE JULY WANA  
NEWS & VIEWS OR CALL 562-599-1822.**

**Share Your Home Grown Fruits, Vegetables and Herbs!**

It's summertime and there are many residents out there with home-grown produce. Don't let it rot. 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](mailto:wrigleyalliance@msn.com) or call Jill at (562) 599-1822.

Here's what's available :

**Grapefruits and Lemons**

Jill, (562) 599-1822

**Loguats**

James, (562) 427-3243

**Warmest WANA Wishes  
for a Speedy Recovery  
Go Out to ...**

**Delores** (aka "Lola" or "mama") Almendarez (Maria's Mother), who is recovering from a stroke. Also, **Maria** had foot surgery in late April, and **Joan Pizzato** who had shoulder surgery in May.



**GET WELL SOON!!**



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*I "LOVE" helping buyers purchase or sellers preparing their properties to sell in the charming neighborhood of Wrigley. Please do not hesitate to call with any real estate questions.....*



**401 West  
Willow Street  
562-595-6138**

A favorite Long Beach and San Pedro eatery for over 36 years. From the pizza fashioned from hand kneaded dough, to the homemade sauces, the fresh mozzarella, and the gas-fired brick ovens, eating at Buono's is like dining at the pizzeria in the Old Country. When you order any of their Italian specialties such as lasagna, eggplant Parmigianino, or linguini e vongole, you are tasting a bit of Italy near the shores of the Pacific!  
[www.BuonosPizzas.com](http://www.BuonosPizzas.com)





## From The Desk of Councilman Dee Andrews

### Greetings...

With the summer upon, we are headed outdoors for the sunshine and fun. My office is gearing up for a lot of family summer fun activities, informational programs, and I would like to personally invite you to join me.

### Taking Control of Your Finances

Saturday, June 6

I will be hosting a wealth empowerment seminar called "Taking Control of Your Finances" on Saturday, June 6, 2009, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, at Ernest S. McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave. The topics of discussion is introduction to financial service providers, saving for a raining day, money management, and credit. For more information call 562-570-6816

### Juneteenth 2009 Celebration

Saturday, June 13, from 12 to 5 p.m., at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.



The Juneteenth 2009 celebration will be an open-air festival with live musical performances, food and merchandise vendors, a Health & Safety Fair and a spectacular children's area with games, crafts, jumpers and much more. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets for seating.

Juneteenth Celebrations started on June 19, 1865, when word reached the people of Texas that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the proclamation freeing slaves two years earlier on January 1, 1863. Jubilation over this news turned into annual celebrations and homecomings for those who had been separated

from their families and friends. These annual celebrations became known as Juneteenth.

The west coast premiere of the *Bicentennial Symphony*, will be the highlight of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth event with its theme "Celebrating the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln". The *Bicentennial Symphony* was written by composer Roy Harris. This composition is a powerful musical statement on U.S. history and slavery. It has not been performed since the 1976 premiere at the Kennedy Center by the National Symphony Orchestra to celebrate our nation's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The new **Music Untold Orchestra & Chorale** will perform the symphony. Joseph R. Taylor, conductor of the Bellflower Symphony Orchestra will conduct, and Zanaida Robles, choral director at Los Angeles High School for the Arts will lead the chorale.

Also performing at Juneteenth will be international blues artist **Mighty Mo Rodgers with The New Bluez**. Grammy nominated and UCLA professor **Dr. Bobby Rodriguez** will close the celebration with **Latin Jazz** and dancing. **Leo Stallworth, ABC7**, will act as master of ceremonies for the event. For more information on the Juneteenth Celebration, call (562) 570-4405.

### Senior Assembly

Wednesday, June 17th

Join me from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, June 17, at Elm Terrace, 1100 Elm Street for a Senior Assembly, The topic for this meeting is "Laugh for Health" directed by Dianne Theil McNinch, MA, CLT. Dianne will be teaching seniors about laughing for pain, depression, stress relief and immune system enhancement.

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Day at the Aquarium

Thursday, June 18

Join me as I host a 6<sup>th</sup> District Day at the Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Thursday, June 18. **RSVP is required.** For more information or to RSVP, please call (562) 570-6816.



### 6<sup>th</sup> District Clean Up

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Join me in helping to clean up the Neighborhood at 8:00 am, on June 20, at 1170 24<sup>th</sup> Street. **For more information, call my field office at (562) 570-4006.**

### Law Enforcement Job Fair

Saturday, June 27



From 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, on Saturday, June 27, at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, Community Center, 1950 Lemon

Avenue, I will be hosting a Law Enforcement Job Fair. There will be law enforcement agencies attending from all over Los Angeles County looking for new employees. **For more information call my field office at (562) 570-4006.**

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

I will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, on Tuesday, June 30, at McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue. The topic will be on keeping cool in the summertime. There will be free parking and light refreshments served. **For more information call (562) 570-6816.**

In closing, I would like to salute our Long Beach Firefighters. They do an outstanding job for our community and the surrounding communities.



On Tuesday May 5, 2009 at approximately 5:20 P.M. Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) units Engine 1, Engine 4, Engine 5, Engine 10, Engine 11, and Battalion Chief 3 responded to a reported Mutual Aid request from Region one to report to the "JESUSITA FIRE" in Santa Barbara County as LBFD Strike Team 1321A.

I would also like to thank all those who step up to the podium to address the Mayor and Council. I thank you and I hope to see you at City Council and out in the community again soon.

**Together, we serve,  
Councilman Dee Andrews**