

WANA

NRC Organizes Food Drive for Residents and Collects Food for Pets of the Homeless

In response to the tough economic crisis affecting our nation, the **Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC)** has initiated an ongoing community wide food drive to assist Long Beach residents and has also collected pet food for the homeless who own pets. The year-round food drive was inspired by **Mayor Bob Foster's** remarks at the State of the City speech earlier this year when he said that it is more meaningful to give in times of scarcity than it is to give in times of abundance.



The NRC has provided WANA with a collection box to place **nonperishable/canned food items** at our **monthly meetings** to give residents the opportunity to assist those in need. **If you can't make our meetings, call me at 562-599-1822** to drop it off at my house. Collected food items are then provided to **Food Finders**, a Long Beach food bank that distributes food to many organizations who serve hungry residents. **Arlene Mercer** at **Food Finders** is working closely with the NRC to make this project a success!

WANA Celebrates Cinco de Mayo with a Pot Luck Supper

Over 30 people helped WANA celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 7.



At left, **Diana Lejins** samples the buffet while audience, shown below, listens intently to 7th Council Office Update presented by Chief of Staff **Ray Pok**.



To help WANA members learn more about native plants, **Edie Pearl** put together this beautiful display to accompany a digital tour of Wrigley native plant restoration projects.



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Membership Chair

- Luke Eugene Scott
- Desarie Gonzales
- Felipe Gonzalez
- Robert Reynolds
- Lawanda Reynolds

- Katrina Reynolds
- Rebekah Reynolds
- Sabrina Reynolds
- Betty Prokopowich
- Robert Zeyen

WANA members, please remember that our notices for renewals will go out in August 2009 for the 2009-2010 membership year, which begins October 1. Last year there was some confusion so

this year, I'll put a reminder in the Newsletter every month. If you have any questions, call me.

Thanks for your continued support and efforts to bring in members every month. **WANA is 290 members strong!! Help me reach my goal of 300 by joining today!!!** Your membership money goes towards support-

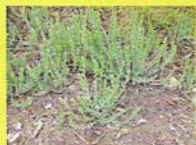
ing the goals and missions of WANA. It's easy to join—just fill out the form on the back and mail it in.

We realize some of you have trouble getting to the meetings or events. **If you need a ride, don't hesitate to call myself or Joan Greenwood at 599-0812** a couple days in advance and we would be happy to pick you up!

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Naming of Cressa Park Moves Forward ...

On May 12, the Council sent a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to confer the name Cressa Park on a native plant restoration project in Wrigley. Cressa, shown above, is a ground cover that once flourished and then disappeared from our neighborhood with development. Under the careful stewardship of dedicated volunteers, it came back on its own from seeds hibernating in the barren soil! And, now after two public meetings and comments during the council meeting, it looks like Wrigley's newest pocket park will soon be dedicated a park and will bear the name Cressa Park.



WANA thanks its members **Nancy Risch, Edie Pearl and Ken Gore** and community volunteers **George and Judy** for their commitment to habitat restoration and water-wise landscaping.



WANA make your neighborhood a cleaner, greener, safer place?

WANA make sure that you don't miss out on our fun activities?

Then, join **WANA** today! We need your support to bring City resources and WANA programs to your block. As a dues-paying member, you'll receive newsletters by regular or e-mail **every month** the weekend before the 1st Thursday instead of by hand-delivery by our volunteers every other month.

WANA Serves As Community Partner for May 12 River FoLAR Clean Up at Willow Street Estuary

WANA members and FoLAR have collaborated on this annual event since the mid-1990s. This year FoLAR made it official by designating WANA as a Community Partner! **Nancy Risch**, WANA's Treasurer, has been the Regional Coordinator for three sites along the lower River for several years. Serving as site captains at Willow Street this year were WANA Board members **Timothy Risch** and **Joan Greenwood** with assistance from former Wrigley resident **Dan Flynn**. WANA members **Champagne Young** and a friend, **Danita Gould, Jarred Gould, Vanessa Acosta, and Alaric Uban** also pitched in to help. At Compton Creek, WANA members **Ken Gore, Edie Pearl and Jean Hirashima** provided leadership while **Bernie Pearl** played the Blues. At Golden Shore, **Aaron "AJ" Pearl** helped out with the 100 or so volunteers. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!!**



Altogether, over 200 people joined in to Clean Up the River in Wrigley. In addition to WANA, volunteers came from Boeing and Hill Middle School. Special words of appreciation go out to **Mayor Bob Foster**, who for the second year in row, climbed down the side of the levee and with his grandson, personally removed several bags of trash. Our Seventh District Councilperson **Tonia Reyes Uranga** also stopped by and inspired the volunteers with her remarks. **Litter-Free Long Beach** was out there in force and partnered with WANA as part of our quarterly clean-ups and helped save the day by retrieving the bags of trash collected from the river bed. Thank you **Environmental Services Bureau (Litter-Free Long Beach)** for all of your help! **Almost 3 tons of trash was collected from neighboring streets and the river!**



Litter-Free Long Beach (left) and WANA members, Jarred, Danita, Alaric, and Vanessa lend a hand.



There's Still Time...

to drop off your **old cell phones** in the collection box at the June meeting or at **Buono's Pizzeria**, 401 W. Willow Street. Your donation will help **Interval House**, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.



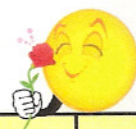
Report Graffiti Whenever and Wherever You See It!







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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Victorian Garden Party at Rancho Los Cerritos See pg 7.	1 Registration for LBCC Summer Fun Youth Recreation Programs See below.	2	3	4 WANA Public Meeting 7-9 PM See pg 1.	5	6
7 Rancho Los Cerritos Garden Tour 2:30 pm  Call 570-1755.	8	9	10	11	12	13 Juneteenth Celebration at MLK See pg 3.
14 Flag Day 	15	16	17 LBPD Award Ceremony See below.	18 6th District Day at the Aquarium Free Admission See pg. 3	19 	20 Learn to compost—call Environmental Services Bureau at 570-4694.
21 Dad's Day 	22 Sports Camps at LBCC begin—See below.	23	24	25	26  National Take Your Dog to Work Day	27 Law Enforcement Job Fair See pg 3.
28	29	30 6th District Town Hall Meeting See pg 3.	1 Band Concert Series at Los Cerritos Park Begins See pg 7.	2 WANA Public Meeting (Tentative Topic: Replace your lawn with native plants)		

LBPD 41st Annual Awards Ceremony

Honoring police employees and community members for acts of heroism and dedication to the community.

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 ~ 5:00p.m. (new time)
 Carpenter Performing Arts Center (new venue)
 3:30 - 4:30p.m. Pre-event Reception

For ticket information please contact:
 LBPD Community Relations Division
 Monday - Friday / 8a.m. - 5p.m., 562-570-7215



LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

Liberal Arts Campus — Sports Camp
 Mondays—Thursday, June 22—July 30

Contact: Walt Webber at
wwebber@LBCC.edu or
 call 928-4248.

Costs vary by activity and extended supervision will be available. Walk-in Registration: June 1-4, 8-11 & 15 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Men's Gym, Room R116.



A Living History Event: A Victorian Affair

Don your best Victorian attire and step back 100 years at Rancho Los Cerritos to experience the dynamic Victorian era, complete with live music, dancing, unusual entertainment, and even a Maypole dance! The festival will be held on Sunday, **May 31, 2009 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.**

With Rancho Los Cerritos' commitment to provide affordable events to the public, the entrance to the Spring Festival is only \$5 for Adults, and \$3 for Full-Time Students and Museum Members. For additional information please call (562) 570-1755. Visit <http://www.rancholoscerritos.org/> for upcoming events. Rancho Los Cerritos is located at 4600 N. Virginia Rd., Long Beach 90807.



Long Beach Municipal Band Summer 2009 Centennial Concert Series

June 30th through August 14th. All concerts start at 6:30 p.m.

The Long Beach Municipal Band is one of the most distinguished and professional Municipal Bands in the United States. The player personnel in this wonderful ensemble includes the best of the Southern California's symphony, studio recording and jazz performers. This diversity of talent provides Long Beach audiences with impressive concerts of jazz, movie, musical and light classical literature. The Band also combines with talented guest vocalists weekly to guarantee that your family's summer evening in the park will be the highlight of the week. **Bring a chair and picnic supper.** For more information, go to:

www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation/lb_municipal_band.asp

Environmental Report: Air Quality Progress

by Joan Greenwood, (562) 599-0812

During the month of May, the committee members attended several meetings related to the Port of Long Beach **Middle Harbor Project** and the alternatives that will be evaluated as part of the **I-710 Expansion Project** environmental impact analysis. It appears that community benefits package and planned mitigation measures for reducing pollution through the "greening" of the goods movement industry will result in substantial air quality improvements in Wrigley. After a decade of grass roots activism, we are seeing progress. The proposed **15 million dollar Middle Harbor Community Benefits Package** will fund equipment and programs to help our most vulnerable residents — children and seniors. Wrigley is in the highest priority area for receiving grants from the Port of Long Beach. Our committee will start making a list of people suffering from asthma or chronic lung disease in private homes that may qualify for help under the grant program. Come to our public meeting to learn more or contact me by e-mail at greenwoodjoan@msn.com. Through our non-profit Friends of WANA, we will be able to apply for funds through the Port's competitive award process on behalf of residents who need financial help in order to purchase air purifiers, but do not live in senior centers or skilled nursing facilities.



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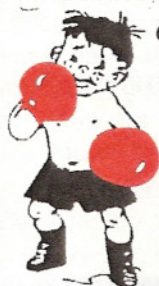
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