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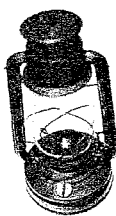
Message from the President



Well, it looks like the summer weather has finally hit Long Beach in a "hot" way. Hopefully, you all are finding a way to stay cool during the day and are enjoying the pleasant evenings.

The weather was perfect on two recent Saturdays, July 18th and 25th, when WANA held, "Saturday Night at the Movies" on Daisy Avenue, complete with bags of popped popcorn and homemade lemonade. The movies (Happy Feet and Hotel for Dogs) were a huge hit as over 150 people turned out to watch. Thanks once again to **Signal Hill Petroleum** and our **6th District Councilmember** for sponsoring this fun, family event!

So, speaking of events, let me tell you about two very important ones coming up. The first is **National Night Out Potluck on Tuesday, August 4th**. Everyone is invited to meet up at the pocket-park next to the riverbed in between 21st Street and Hill Street from **7-9 PM**. Turn your porch light on before coming over, bring a lantern, a dish to share, a chair to sit on, and enjoy the evening with neighbors and friends.



Secondly, WANA will be celebrating our **2nd Anniversary & Annual Neighborhood Mixer at Tacos Don Chente on Thursday, September 3rd from 7-9PM**. It's hard to believe that two years have gone by since WANA was formed. We have done so much this past year and those highlights will be presented at the mixer. **We need donated items for the silent auction** — gift cards, restaurant certifi-

cates, themed gift baskets, potted plant arrangements—anything you think someone would like to buy. Please call me at 562-599-1822 if you have something you'd like to donate. A flyer can be found on page 5 for more information. **Please Note: Instead of meeting at Jackie Robinson on Thursday, September 3rd, we will meet off-site at Tacos Don Chente.** Looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Service,
Jill

WANA WILL NOT MEET ON Thursday, AUGUST 6. Instead...

Join WANA & Your Neighbors on

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009

At the Pocket Park Located

Next to the riverbed on 21st Street

West of San Francisco Ave., South of Hill Street

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT™ to FIGHT CRIME
POTLUCK PARTY**

7-9 PM

BRING A LAWN CHAIR/BLANKET,

DISH TO SHARE AND LANTERN

Turn on your porch light before heading over
PETS (ON LEASHES) AND KIDS WELCOME

- WEST DIVISION COMMANDER, BOB LUMAN
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATION
- POCKET PARK IMPROVEMENT UPDATE
- PROJECT 365: LA RIVER BIKE PATH SAFETY ISSUES

Beverages provided by WANA.

From Our 7th District Council Office

As we approach the middle of summer, I would like to share with you about the free events taking place around 7th District and important date regarding the budget process.



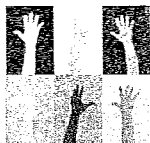
As we work to adopt the **City's 2009-2010 General Fund Budget**, the City Council will encounter the most difficult budget process ever. Public participation is vital as we move forward to set funding priorities for the City's fiscal year, which begins on the first of October. For that reason, I would like to invite you to participate in Budget workshops, meetings, and hearings. All workshops, meetings and hearings will be held at the City Chambers in the after-

noons. **Budget Workshops are from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on August 4, 11, and 18, and September 1 and 8.** Lastly, the **Budget Hearings are from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm on August 18, September 1, and September 8.** To find out more information about the proposed budget, please visit www.longbeach.gov/district7.

Did you know the City of Long Beach hosts **free movies at local parks**? Pack up your picnic baskets and wrap up in warm clothing to enjoy a night with family, friends, and neighbors at our local parks. "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" will have a two showings, one at Admiral Kidd Park on **August 8** and the other at Wardlow Park on **August 14**. All movies begin at dusk, unless noted otherwise.



To add, the City of Long Beach will also hosts **free Thursday night concerts from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Music genres include rhythm and blues, rock and roll, and soul. Come out with your family to enjoy the music of "L.A. Bluescasters" at Ramona Park on **August 13**, "The Emperors" at Somerset Park on **August 20** and "The Durell Coleman Band" at Silverado Park on **August 27**.

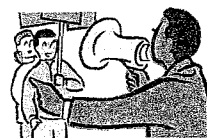


I'm calling all youth who want to make a difference in our community. We are preparing great projects for the upcoming academic year. Youth Leaders will be addressing the needs, concerns, and problems of their peers to the Commission of Youth and Children and to the rest of the city of Long Beach. You can be a leader for events, fundraisers and service learning projects. Contact my office at 562-570-6139 for more details.

As always, please feel free to contact me by via e-mail at district7@longbeach.gov, or reach my office phone at (562) 570-6139. Thank you,

Connie Chick
7th District Councilmember

ATTENTION WANA MEMBERS



Election time for WANA Board of Directors is right around the corner.

Nominations are now open. Elections will be conducted at the October 1 public meeting.

There are **3 positions open for the WANA Board of Directors and 2 positions open for the Friends of WANA Board of Directors.** If you are interested in running for the Board or want to nominate someone, please call Nancy Risch at 562-426-5266.

Share Your Home Grown Fruits, Vegetables and Herbs!

It's summertime and there are many residents out there with home-grown produce. If you have any fruits, vegetables or herbs that you would like to share with your neighbors, bring them to the **National Night Out Potluck on August 4** or post what you have to offer in the September Newsletter. Please send your name, phone number and list of items to: wringleyalliance@msn.com or call Jill at (562) 599-1822.

Here's what's available :

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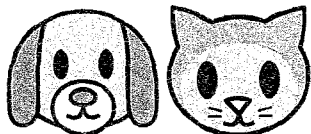
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Response From Animal Care Services ...

Recently, we received a question from a WANA member regarding an incident that happened quite some time ago and was reported to Animal Care Services. **Since similar problems have recently been reported in the area near Chestnut Avenue and 28th Street**, she was wondering if policy had changed. While every situation has its own subtleties and specifics, we hope to respond appropriately to every situation to maintain public safety and the humane treatment of animals. Here is the question from our resident.

Dear Animal Care Services:

In the past, many of us who have complained about loose dogs killing cats appear to have been given very low priority. In one case, despite numerous complaints, two pit bulls dug under a common fence and killed a neighbor's dog -- a very large chow mix! The owner was told that nothing could be done about the dogs because the dogs never set paw on public property.

Loose animals, particularly those displaying aggression are considered a high priority for Animal Care Officers because they represent a potential public health or safety risk. Not only can stray dogs (and cats) bite or scratch people and their animals, but also cause traffic accidents, defecation and other safety risks. If you ever report a loose dog that is displaying aggression towards animals or people, **Animal Care Services strives to be there in 20 minutes or less.**

In this particular case, there is always something that can be done whether it is a violation of the municipal code and subject to criminal citation (enforced by the City Prosecutor) or a civil case initiated by the animal owners. **Currently, there are changes to the municipal code that went to City Council on July 21, 2009 for approval that would amend the rules regarding off-leash to include the scenario above.** Thus a dog that crosses property boundary (unwelcomed), could also be considered off-leash even though he never entered the public domain.

Always report animal related issues:

- By phone: (562) 570-PETS (7387)
- Emergencies: 9-1-1
- By email: animalcare@longbeach.gov
- By internet: www.longbeach.gov/acs

Our vision is to become the safest large city in California for people and animals. To achieve this vision, the Bureau will continue to rely on engaged community members like you to promote responsible pet ownership and humane care. Please visit us online for more information: www.longbeach.gov/acs and do not hesitate to visit us in person!

Did you know? Long Beach residents only pay \$4 per capita for animal care services per year including **over 20,000 calls for service** and animal care for over 11,000 impounded live animals. As a basis of comparison, Long Beach residents pay approximately \$400 per capita for police services per year!

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So, please ...

SHOP WRIGLEY

What could be better on a hot summer's day? And, what should you do if you see spots? You have to go in and order a **Baskin Robbins** ice cream cone... or an icy cold Cappuccino. Don Bahari, the owner of Wrigley's store, will be taking \$1.50 off for any **WANA News and Views** reader who stops by in August and presents the coupon shown at the end of this article.



Tucked back off Willow with plenty of parking at Chestnut, the bright Hot Pink Shoppe with the colorful big dots is beckoning ...you can enjoy the delightful choices built by extra friendly servers—that can make everything from triple-decker cones to sundaes, banana splits, or how about an Ice cream soda or a malt—just the way you like them! Over in the frosty frig are the famous Baskin Robbins's Birthday cakes and party treats. Rush them home for all the family to enjoy.

Back in 1980 Wrigley was surprised with our very own **Baskin Robbins Shoppe**, and then in 2001, Don, who became its owner, got everyone's attention with the colorful "spots" on the Hot Pink walls! He's maintained his yummy menu and offers that "old fashioned" friendly atmosphere.—just what you need on a hot afternoon or a warm summer eve! You're in for a treat when you **SHOP WRIGLEY!**



WANA



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 pets.

The NRC has provided WANA with a collection box to place **nonperishable/canned food items**. Please donate a can at our **National Night Out Potluck** or a future monthly meeting. **If you can't make our meetings, call Jill at 562-599-1822 to drop it off at her house.**



In July, **WANA and Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR)** sponsored a River Walk south of Willow between 25th & PCH. Shown above is WANA member **Ken Gore** pointing out the native habitat along the route. Over 30 people from all over the LA Basin came on a very hot, late afternoon to view the many varieties of birds that visit the estuary in Wrigley. Edie Pearl, Nancy Risch and Jean Hirashima, three of Ken's hard-working volunteers, also helped guide the group through the native plant project in southwest Wrigley north of PCH next to the River.

Do you recognize this man?

Submitted by Darlene Oliver



His name is George. His clothes are raggedy and his face unshaven. But he is most polite and courteous. Not one of the obnoxious or aggressive pan-handlers who oftentimes confront us at every storefront, George stays to himself, not troubling anyone, not holding up a sign at an intersection to point out his plight to passersby.

I noticed George soon after moving to Wrigley a few years ago. One day, feeling brave, I asked him if he wanted some food and when he replied, "yes," I gave him my leftovers from dining out. He thanked me and seemed not to mind eating after me. Considering that he eats out of trash bins, I should not have been surprised.

Please consider giving George any leftover food you may have. He is usually on Willow between the river and Long Beach Blvd. or resting at the bus stop on Magnolia just off Willow in the late morning to early afternoon.

You can make a real difference in this gentle man's life by giving him something to eat when you have it to spare. In doing so, you make the world a better place. God Bless You!



At the July WANA meeting, representatives **Randy Lamm** and **Cory Zelmer** from Metro talked about possible new light-rail lines under study that could potentially impact Wrigley along Willow Street. The speakers stressed that the current study is just the first step in a very long process that would take decades to complete. For information, go to

www.harborsubdivision@metro.net or call (213) 922-4004.

GARAGE BURGLARIES ON THE RISE

West Division **Commander Luman** reported on crime at his recent monthly community meeting. **All** crime is down with the exception of garage burglaries. Commander Luman stated that 90% of the burglaries happen because garage doors are being left unlocked or open. Fortunately, there is a simple solution. Please remember to close and lock all windows and doors before leaving your house. **Don't become a target or victim of crime!** Come to our **National Night Out Potluck** and find out how to make Neighborhood Watch work on your block.

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Come to WANA's 2nd Annual Anniversary & NEIGHBORHOOD MIXER

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Thursday, September 3, 2009

7:00 to 9:00 PM

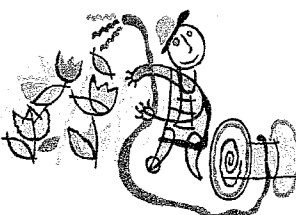
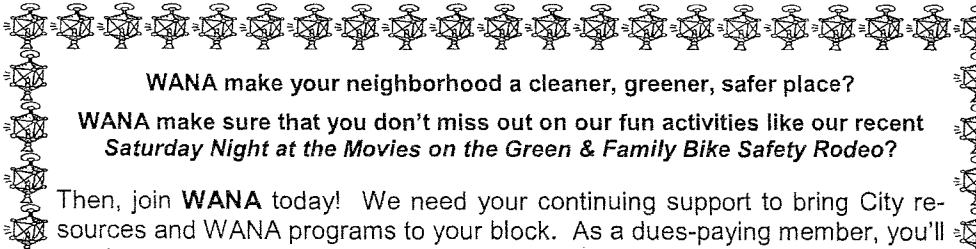


**101 W. Pacific Coast Highway
Corner of Pine and PCH
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- **State of the Neighborhood Presentation**
- **Meet Board Candidates**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Get acquainted with other Wrigley residents**
- **Appetizers Courtesy of our Host *Tacos Don Chente***
- **Meals, beer and wine available for purchase**
- **Bring a friend**
- **Renew dues or become a member of WANA**

**PLEASE RSVP TO: 562-599-1822, Jill OR
E-MAIL: wrigleyalliance@msn.com**

Current Members and Interested Members of the Public Welcome!

Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
6th District Senior Assembly Wednesday, August 5, 1-2 pm, Wednesday, August 19, 11am - Noon Elm Terrace Apartments 1100 Elm Avenue RSVP Required: 570-6816				6th District: FREE Evening at the Museum of Latin American Art 628 Alamos Ave Wednesday, August 12 6-8 pm RSVP Required: 570-6816						1 2044 Pacific Avenue Community Garden Opening Event 10 am—1 pm	
2		3		4 National Night Out Potluck & WANA Meeting 7-9 pm See Pg 1.		5 Band Concert at Los Cerritos Park 6:30 pm See pg 7.		6 WANA Meeting Date Changed—Moved to August 4!		7	
										8 Free Movie Star Wars: The Clone Wars at Admiral Kidd Park See pg. 2.	
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										15 Learn to compost—call Environmental Services at 570-4694.	
16		17		18 Budget Hearing See pg 2.		19		20 Free Concert The Emperors at Somerset Park See pg. 2.		21	
										22 6th District Day at King Pool Call 570-6816.	
23		24		25 6th District Budget Summit See pg 7 or call 570-6816.		26 6th District Town Hall Call 570-6816 for details.		27 Free Concert The Durrell Coleman Band at Silverado Park See pg. 2.		28	
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30		31		 <p>WANA make your neighborhood a cleaner, greener, safer place? WANA make sure that you don't miss out on our fun activities like our recent <i>Saturday Night at the Movies on the Green & Family Bike Safety Rodeo</i>? Then, join WANA today! We need your continuing support to bring City resources and WANA programs to your block. As a dues-paying member, you'll</p>							

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Long Beach Municipal Band at Los Cerritos Park in Bixby Knolls

August 5 and 12

All concerts are free and 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 chairs or a blanket and picnic supper.** For other dates and locations or more information, go to:

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

IF YOU NEED A RIDE ...

Call Joan at (562) 599-0812 or send an email to wrigleyalliance@msn.com

From the Sixth District Council Office

Greetings everyone! Another summer month is upon us so while you are out and about enjoying summer activities, please remember to stay cool and drink plenty of water, especially if you are my age.

I would like to thank all the residents of Wrigley that assisted in getting, not one, but three community gardens in the 6th District. Community Gardens provide an open space for neighborhood and family events. Gardens bring people together with a common interest, and promotes healthy eating and exercise. These are all things that our district needs. I am so thankful to all the neighbors that have stepped forward to beautify the neighborhood with these projects.

I would also like to thank WANA and Friends of WANA for the great movies "Happy Feet" and "Hotel For Dogs"! You did a great job of bringing the neighborhood together on a couple of hot Saturday nights!

There are several events on the **WANA Calendar on page 6** that I would like to personally invite you to as well as the 6th District **Port Tour** on August 27 and the 6th District **Back to School Back Pack Give-Away** at King Park on Saturday, August 29, 10 am to 4 pm. The Budget Summit will be held at Ernest S. McBride Sr. Park, 1550 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue on Tuesday, August 25, 6-8 pm.

Remember, for more information on these events, you can log on to my website at <http://www.longbeach.gov/District6/> or call my office at (562) 570-6816.



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is on the Agenda at every monthly
meeting.**

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