

From The Desk of Councilman Dee Andrews

Welcome to Month of November, a time of gratitude!



Happy Thanksgiving! November is one of my favorite months. Not just because of the delicious food I get to share with my family and friends but the gift of gratitude that fills the air.

In difficult times it can be hard to appreciate your surroundings and so far this year many of us have experienced some very complex situations. Some of my neighbors have lost their jobs, homes, or family members. These experiences have brought me closer to my community and aware of needs that are sometimes not met. Many of us, for the very first time in your life, have to reach out for help and help, like hope, can always be found because there is a flip side to the chaos which allows others that are prosperous to show their thanks by giving back. Remember that our cities greatest strength is the politeness and compassion of our people. We have common values, values that unite people into communities.

This month, as you come together with family and friends to carry on this distinctly American tradition, give thanks for your loved ones and for our lasting pride in our communities and our country. Take comfort in good memories and be conscious of the needs of others. There maybe someone that is needing your help.

I am proud to announce the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace & Unity Parade Celebration, on Saturday, January 16th. The parade kick-off is at 10:30 am and the celebration will follow at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park. For more information or to participate in the event call (562) 570-6816.

This month I would like to invite you attend the following event....

Join me for "Serving with a Thankful Heart", a 6th District Thanksgiving meal for the community. It will be held Tuesday, November 23, at Ernest S. McBride Sr. Park, 1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 2:00 pm and Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. For more information call (562) 570-6816.

Together we serve,

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Save the Date!



**Daisy Avenue
Christmas Tree Lane Parade
Saturday, Dec. 12, 5:00 P.M.**

Christmas Tree Lane began in 1953 as the brainchild of Gertrude Whittle. Ms. Whittle was able to persuade the Long Beach City Council and Council of Churches to help decorate the grass median on Daisy Avenue, between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street, with a Christmas Village and nativity scene. Soon after, many area residents began decorating their homes and Daisy Lane as we now know it, was born! The event grew to include more displays, entertainment and a p a r a d e .

These days, the parade not only receives support from the City of Long Beach, but also from its numerous sponsors and community members.

Groups wishing to participate in the parade may fill out a participation packet posted on the 7th Council District web page, and return it to the 7th Council District office by Thursday, November 19th.

You may also volunteer, by emailing:

district7@longbeach.gov

or by calling (562) 570-6139.

WANA's Project 365

By Joan Greenwood

Between now and National Night Out (NNO) in August 2010 all National Night Out (NNO) registered areas (of which WANA is one) are asked to designate a particular 'problem area' in their communities. It could be anything from a park overtaken by drug dealers, to a gang problem, to a graffiti problem, to expanding Neighborhood Watch, to a particular block or neighborhood plagued by crime, drugs or violence. The goal will be to work towards correcting that problem within an estimated "365" days - or, in other words, by National Night Out on August 3, 2010.



What Has WANA Selected for our 2010 NNO Project 365?

WANA has selected the Los Angeles River Trail (LARIO Trail) from Wardlow to Anaheim. The primary focus area is at the border between the First and Seventh Districts at Pacific Coast Highway just south of the bridge and Cressa Park. Shown above right is the public sidewalk area in front of the City of Long Beach Public Service Yard and the gate area plagued by homeless encampments and drug dealers south of the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge.

What are the Proposed Activities?

There will be a **cleanup on November 21st at Cressa Park from 8-10AM** and **planting of natives tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2010**. Work and ongoing monitoring will be coordinated with the LBPd West Division, Caltrans, the County and various advocacy groups, nearby businesses and various City departments.

In April 2010, there will be a bike-orientated event to increase local awareness of this route from southwest Wrigley to Chavez and Drake Parks and the downtown and beach attractions. WANA has started a dialog with Caltrans, the agency that owns the property underneath the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge, to see if a dog park could be established adjacent to Cressa Park.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Joan Greenwood by phone at (562) 599-0812 or by e-mail at wrigleyalliance@msn.com.



2009 Halloween on the Green

WANA thanks everyone who pitched in with donations and volunteer time to make this event another great reason for living in Wrigley. **There will be more pictures and the story in the December issue.**



Jim Trout setting up the inflatable Pumpkin.



Nancy and Timothy Risch at the Registration Table.



Gloria Bolanos sets up bean bag games and tests it out with a trick-or-treater before the start of the event.



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8	9	10	11 Veterans Day 	12	13	14 Quarterly Clean Up 9-Noon See pg 3.
15	16 WANA Public Meeting See pages 1& 7	17	18	19	20	21 Clean up at Cressa Park 8-10AM See pg 5.
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 CTL Display Set Up Begins Tentative	30 6th District Dinner for the Community — See pg 4.	1 	2	3	4	5 CTL WORK DAY 10 am to 4 pm Tentative See below.

Volunteers Needed for WANA-Organized CTL Activities

Please be sure to sign-up at the November meeting or call Maria at 427-5021.

- ◆ December 5 Community Work Day Two shifts, 10-2 and Noon to 4.
- ◆ December 11 Tree Lighting Ceremony and Entertainment
- ◆ December 12 Parade: Walk with WANA and our dogs in the Parade
- ◆ December 13, 18, 19 and 20 Entertainment Nights
- ◆ December 28 Display Take Down (Tentative)





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November 16 Public Meeting at Veterans Park, 7 pm

"Building the Dream in Long Beach"

The Long Beach Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center will be located in the 6th District of Long Beach and will offer more than 100 programs for toddlers, teens, parents, and senior citizens. There will also be a full-service recreation center, Olympic-sized swimming pools, walk-along outdoor trail, soccer fields, performing arts complex, gymnastics center, art studio, culinary arts center, computer learning lab, fully equipped fitness center and a 1,000-seat outdoor amphitheater.

The Long Beach Kroc Center will be located at the Hamilton Bowl (a.k.a. Chittick Field) at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Walnut Ave. Following a short business meeting, a speaker from the Salvation Army will give an overview of the project and answers questions.

Express Yourself...

If you'd like to submit an article to WANA NEWS & VIEWS, the deadline for the December issue is November 13th. Articles will be selected at WANA's sole discretion and must be in compliance with Neighborhood Resource Center's Guidelines.

Authors of opinion pieces and letters to the Editor must be identified. WANA reserves the right to edit submissions for grammar and length.

The Holidays are Fast Approaching!

While you're out shopping, remember that WANA will collect toys for the LB Fire and Police Departments at WANA's November 16th Public Meeting and December 21st Holiday Party.



Don't Miss Another Opportunity to...

drop off your old cell phones in the collection box at the November meeting or at the following business:

Buono's Pizzeria
401 W. Willow Street

Your donation will help Interval House, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.



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