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Our Deepest Sympathy...



... to the Norvell family. It is with great sadness that I must report that **Bill Norvell** passed on March 1. A viewing is scheduled on Friday, March 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at All Souls Mortuary, 4400 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach. Services will be held in the Mortuary Chapel on Saturday, March 13 from 11 am until noon. If you need a ride, please contact Joan Greenwood by calling (562) 355-8679 or send an e-mail to her attention at <wrigleyalliance@msn.com>.

Message from the Vice President

Putting the Newsletter together this month has been quite a challenge! My computers at home and in the office are no longer working. So, I broke down and got a new laptop with Publisher 2007. Getting used to using it has really slowed me down. **News & Views** is a little lean this month, but next month I hope to get back to the 8-page spread and color copies.

I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers who helped out in February with our Quarterly Clean Up in Wrigley Heights and baked cookies for the seniors on Valentine's Day. April will be a very busy month with **Easter on Green (see pg 3.)** and our annual tour of the **Dominguez Gap Wetlands**. Look for the details in the April *News & Views*.

Please come to the March 15 Public Meeting. See back page. We have two important discussion scheduled on issues that directly impact the Quality of Life in our Wrigley neighborhoods. We will also hear a follow-up report on the bike and pedestrian use audits for the Blue Line stations conducted last December and learn about the **new Lobbyist and Medical Marijuana ordinances** from one of our own Wrigley residents — Carl Kemp.

In closing, I wish you a Happy Saint Patrick's Day,
Joan





Critter Corner

City of Long Beach
Animal Care Services

Contact Us:

animalcare@longbeach.gov
(562) 570-PETS (7387)
www.longbeach.gov/acsv



Pass the Word to Your Friends and Neighbors with Cats!

Residents are now eligible for a limited number of (\$50) spay and neuter vouchers for cats. If they don't get their animals fixed, they may face a citation. Residents must first secure a voucher by contacting Animal Care Services.

In an effort to reduce unwanted litters of cats, Animal Control Officers are stepping-up enforcement of the City's mandatory spay and neuter laws for the felines. ***"Many of your neighbors don't realize that it is illegal to possess an unaltered cat in the City of Long Beach", says operations Chief, Michelle Quigley, "in Long Beach, you must have your cat spayed or neutered or face a \$100 citation from Animal Care Services (LBMC 6.16.085).***

To receive a voucher, animal owners must be residents of Long Beach (or one of its contract cities) and show proof of residence. This program is paid for through penalties collected for redemption of unaltered animals and generous gifts and donations to the City's ***Spay and Neuter Trust Fund*** from organizations like the *Haute Dogs Network*. Here's how to get a voucher: **In person**, go to Animal Care Services at 7700 E. Spring Street, Long Beach, CA 90815 (must show proof of residence); **By Mail**, please call (562) 570-PETS (7387). The voucher will be mailed only to the address of record. The veterinary hospital will require proof of identification before accepting the voucher; **In the Field**, Animal Services Officers may also distribute vouchers as needed. Proof of City residence must be provided.



Takin' it to the Streets

By Jill Hill

Saturday, February 13, 2010 marked a day of beautiful weather for the 100 volunteers who participated in WANA's quarterly clean-up. This time we cleaned up the Wrigley Heights area and the streets surrounding Wardlow Road and Pacific Place. Approximately 30 volunteers, with paint rollers in hand and 4 gallons of paint, took to the pedestrian path and tunnel, that leads to Los Cerritos Park, to paint over the unsightly graffiti. The area around the Oil Operators' property got some needed attention, too, as volunteers picked up the trash, and City workers removed large dumped items. Special thanks goes to **Kendall Rainwater** who not only solicited for donations to cover supplies, coordinated getting them and instructed the volunteers what to do. It was quite the productive day and WANA thanks those of you for your efforts who came out!!

WANA thanks **Pacific Baptist Church** for its generous donation of \$50, which was spent on painting supplies.

SWEETS FOR SENIORS

For the third year, WANA visited Seniors on February 12 for Valentine's Day at Magnolia Royale and Brethren Manor, bringing a "sweet" Valentine to all. Almost 80 dozen cookies were baked by members throughout Wrigley.

Out thanks to **Kay Bowman** for offering her home as the drop off location. And, of course, our volunteers who served them: **Nancy Risch, Edie Pearl, Jill Hill, Jim Trout, Lawanda Reynolds, Joan Greenwood and Gloria Bolanos.**



Do you have **spare coins** (nickels, dimes or quarters) laying around that you would consider donating? WANA is seeking change to put into **200 plastic eggs** that will get covered with straw at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. If you can contribute, please call Jill at 599-1822 or bring them to the March public meeting.

WANA Easter Bunny on the Green Again . . .



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

**HELP NEEDED FOR THE
FOLLOWING EVENTS ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 3:**

EASTER EGG HUNT 1-5 PM

WANA needs 10 people to help stuff plastic eggs with candy or coins beforehand and help the day of the Easter egg hunt including setting up, taking down, and everything in between. Even if you only have an hour or two, please help us out.

BAKE SALE WANA FUNDRAISER 2-4 PM

WANA is looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for our fundraiser. We're not picky; we'll take cookies, pies, cakes, or anything that **you** like to bake. We also need a couple of volunteers on Saturday, April 3 to work the table selling the items.

Call Nancy at 426-5266 or e-mail us at: wrigleyalliance@msn.com and let us know how you can help. **Thanks a bunch!**



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Good Luck!

Everyone is Irish
on St. Patty's Day

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Guest Speaker: Courtney Aguirre

Transportation Programs Planner for the City of Long Beach will seek input and discuss the **Metro Blue Line Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Plan**.



Not everyone was able to participate in the audits. Here is your chance to help identify access issues that need attention. Questions? Call (213) 629-2142 or go to

www.bikelongbeach.org

Monday, March 15 WANA Public Meeting

Veterans Park
101 East 28th Street, 7-9 pm
Mixer at 6:45 pm

Votes will be taken on two critical agenda items:

1. Planned expansion of the **I-710 Freeway**. One of the alternatives under consideration is **double-decking** the freeway to allow trucks to travel on the upper surface. This plan would increase noise and pollution in our neighborhood.
2. Plans for the two **neighborhood-scale parks in Wrigley Heights**. Under consideration are a community garden, neighborhood-serving dog park and open space with native plants.

Guest Speaker: Carl Kemp

Discuss the City's new **Lobbyist and Medical Marijuana Ordinances** with Carl Kemp. He is a Wrigley resident and the managing partner for his firm The Kemp Group. He has lived in Long Beach for 17 years. He received both his Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts and Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University Long Beach, and a certificate in leadership from the prestigious Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. He has over twelve years of service in municipal, county, state, and federal advocacy.