



NEWS & VIEWS

WANA • Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE

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Beware! A coyote was spotted on the 2300 block of Maine Avenue during daylight hours in late June. Please report sightings to Animal Care Services at 570-PETS. Thank you.

Message from the President



Greetings! It's official. Summer is here. I can't believe how cool it is in the morning and evening. I hope that this isn't a sign of the HOT weather we will soon have. Some of you are already packing up and getting ready to leave on vacation. Be safe and have a wonderful time.

Be sure to make it back by August 3rd for our National Night Out meeting. (See Page 5.) I am trying to get a **K-9 Unit** to come. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

We have a lot of fun over at the mini-park on National Night Out. Kids really enjoy meeting our police. Bring a dish to share, and don't forget a chair, lantern and a coat! Sometimes it can get chilly after dark.

CHRISTMAS TREE LANE REPORT

Our long-time supporter LB Plywood is closing. They recommended **Garnhl Lumber** in Cypress. I called Garnhl to tell them about WANA and get a price for the two-sided plywood (MDO) we use for the figures. They beat the old price we paid by almost \$2. I felt really welcome when I went over to purchase a MDO sheet to replace one of the carousel horses. **Jim Trout** has already picked it up and will be cutting out the horse soon.

BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

If you would like to be on the Board, please let me know. Members of the **Nominating Committee** will be selected this month — one by me, one by the Board and one by the members. Their duties will be to contact potential candidates and encourage them to submit statements for publication in the September Newsletter. Members of the Nominating Committee cannot run and will distribute, collect and count the ballots at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Oct. 18.

FOSTERING COLLABORATION

Every once and awhile someone asks what WANA does to improve the Quality of Life in Wrigley. Well, first, many of our activities listed on Page 2 bring people of diverse backgrounds together by establishing **neighborhood traditions** for families to enjoy. Second we invite speakers to talk about our history to **create a stronger "sense of place"**. Third, at our **monthly meetings**, we build partnerships with elected officials & City staff by discussing development and safety concerns in and around our neighborhoods. Fourth, **WANA's Wrigley 2030 Visioning Task Force** members attend City-organized workshops and meetings to make sure that our needs are addressed. Fifth, several members serve on **City Commissions and Advisory Boards** as Wrigley representatives.

Please support our grass-roots, volunteer efforts by becoming a WANA member. There's an application for a trial membership on the back page.

In closing, I want to thank **Erika Martin** for a great presentation at our June meeting on the **Redevelopment Agency (RDA) projects in Wrigley**. Our **Long Beach Unified School District** representative also spoke. He gave a special report on the achievements and honors received by our schools and strategies for coping with the State budget crisis.

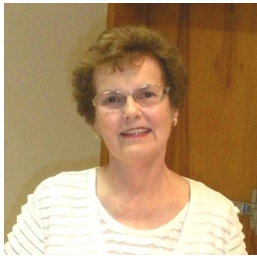
Warmest regards,
Maria

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ...

WANA extends its deepest sympathy to **Betty Prokopowich** on the loss of her husband in May and to the family and friends of **Rolinda Baker** on her passing in June.



Meet Your Neighbor Diana Budd



Diana is one of our WANA treasures. We first met her when she came to our Board Meeting to talk about getting kids involved in environmental projects. Like many of our members, she can't always attend our meetings and events. But, she does what she can, when she can. For Easter on the Green, she cooked up two dozens eggs for kids to decorate and gave up a Saturday afternoon to help keep the event running smoothly. But most of all, she is interested in making Wrigley a stronger community by being a WANA member. So, be sure to greet her when you see her.

About WANA Programs

MAKING WRIGLEY CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER

Throughout the year, WANA plans and organizes a wide range of activities that bring neighbors together to share common goals and interests. Establishing neighborhood traditions strengthens our commitment to giving Wrigley a stronger "sense of place". Here's a list of just some of the activities made possible through our volunteer recruitment efforts and fundraising:

- Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane Village Displays, Tree Lights & Four Entertainment Nights with Santa
- Halloween on the Green (Costume Contest, Games, Treats)
- Easter on the Green (Egg Hunt, Games, Crafts)
- Saturday Night at the Movies on the Green
- National Night Out to Fight Crime Potluck (See Page 5)
- Monthly Neighborhood Meetings at Vets Park (See Page 5.)
- Homemade Valentine Treats & Punch for Seniors at Magnolia Royal & Brethren Manor
- Quarterly Neighborhood Street & Alley Cleanups
- Annual Tour of Dominguez Gap to Promote Use of Native Plants
- Cressa Park Expansion to Include *Palos Verde Blue Butterfly* Habitat

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TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS

By Jill Hill

As a neighborhood partner, WANA's, May 8th quarterly cleanup was held in conjunction with FoLAR's (the Friends of the Los Angeles River) annual *La Gran Limpieza - the Great Los Angeles River Cleanup*. This river cleanup is something that is very near and dear to all of us at WANA. Our Vice-President **Joan Greenwood** served many years as a board member for FoLAR and has been the Willow Street Estuary Site Captain almost every year since 1995 when she took over from Jim and Nina Danza; WANA Treasurer **Nancy Risch** has been the Regional Cleanup coordinator for the southern most river sites for the past 11 years; and, from 2000-2004, I was the event coordinator for all of the dozen or so locations along the entire 52 miles of the River.

The May cleanup brought out 150 volunteers who did a magnificent job of picking up all sorts of trash. While I was down in the riverbed cleaning, I witnessed the enthusiasm of volunteers who really seemed to be enjoying the experience. I spotted former Director for the El Dorado Nature Center **Mary Blackburn**; California Heights Neighborhood Association President **John Royce**; and WANA members **Maria Norvell**, who served as this year's site co-captain, **Loren Patten** and **Victoria Reynafarje**.

In order to get all the trash bags up and out of the riverbed, the volunteers formed a human chain and had the bags out of there lickety-split. That was a sight to see! The trash yielded over 4 tons! Also included in the total tonnage were dumped items from our Wrigley alleyways that the Environmental Services Bureau refuse workers collected.



Next WANA Quarterly Cleanup in Wrigley

- Saturday, August 14, 9-Noon
- Community Service Credits for Students
- Location to be announced in August Newsletter
- To sign up a group, suggest a location for a future cleanup, or for more information, call Jill at 599-1822 or send e-mail to <jhill2075@verizon.net>.

WANA SALUTES COMMUNITY GARDENING EFFORTS

Without a doubt, community gardens bring neighbors of all ages together. Getting to know the people and kids who live nearby is one of the most highly effective crime-fighting tools in our community. **Long Beach Organic (LBO)** is one of the City's first urban garden advocates. Founded in 1994 by **Charlie Moore**, LBO gardens create a strong "sense of place" in neighborhoods throughout Long Beach. We are especially grateful that Wrigley has residents like **Joe Corso** of LBO, **Adriana & Hector Martinez**, **Jennifer Van de Fluit**, who give so much of their time and energy to promoting urban gardening in Wrigley.



LBO held its first Garden Party in the Wrigley Village Community Garden located at 2044 Pacific Avenue in May. The purpose of the event was to thank all those who contributed to the garden's opening last August, especially the **Waves4Change** team, which formed during 2009 Neighborhood Leadership Program and included Wrigley resident **Maria Vargas**. **Waves4Change** made the opening of the garden their civic project. Guests, including several WANA members, were treated to select wines and hors d'oeuvres prepared by the gardeners or donated by local caterers. Live music was provided by the **Alejandro Diaz Jazz Quintet** from Wilson High School and by the **Long Beach Steel Drum School**.

Long Beach Organic Inc. (LBO) is a non-profit organization. LBO promotes sustainable organic gardening practices and local food production. **To get involved in LBO projects, contact LBO at (562) 438-9000 or send e-mail to info@longbeachorganic.org.**



DRAGSTER EXPO & CAR SHOW

Saturday, July 10, 2010, 3-9 pm
On Atlantic Avenue Between Carson St. & San Antonio Rd

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Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association
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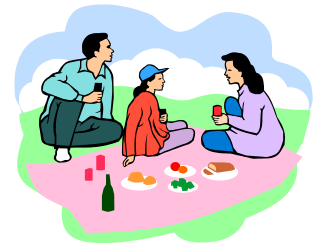
This summer surrender to a dynamic musical selection in nearby Bixby Knolls as you enjoy a picnic supper with family and friends on the grass surrounded by a serene canopy of trees. Bring a lawn chairs or a blanket and remember it gets cool after sunset!

Long Beach Municipal Band, Los Cerritos Park, Concert Starts at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Vocalist</u>
July		
Wed. 7	A Celtic Celebration	John O'Campo
Wed. 14	Marching Along	Christine Guter
Wed. 21	My Hero	Tony Galla
Wed. 28	Tin Pan Alley	Barbara Morrison
August		
Wed. 4	La Fiesta	Derek Bordeaux
Wed. 11	Broadway Review	Janelle Sadler

Rancho Los Cerritos, 4600 Virginia Rd., Gate Opens at 5:00 p.m.

July 23 (Steel Parade — *Chillin' Reggae*) & **August 27** (Sligo Rags — *Soulful Celtic with a Bluegrass Twist*); **Concerts start at 6 p.m.** On-site parking is severely limited due to construction, so plan to **leave your car on Virginia Road** or ride your bike! Call 570-1755 for more information about Rancho concerts, tours & programs.



Several WANA members attend these concerts. If you would like some company or need a ride, call Maria at 427-5021

ABANDONED IN WRIGLEY: AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION IN AUGUST

Kittens — Three Gray Tigers & Four Black with White Markings on Paws and Chest

Send e-mail to wrigleyalliance@msn.com for adoption information! Four were born on May 28 and three on June 19. Moms also need homes. They are 9-10 months old and very affectionate.



National Night Out to Fight Crime

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

MINI-PARK ACROSS FROM 932 WEST 21ST STREET

Once again WANA will host a *National Night Out to Fight Crime* Potluck at the mini-Park located between West 21st & Hill Streets — west of San Francisco Avenue next to the LA River. **Public is welcome!** Bring a neighbor and a lantern! WANA will provide beverages — water, soft drinks, coffee — plates, napkins & silverware. **Bring a salad, side dish, casserole or dessert to share.** We'll have a grill & charcoal if you want to cook hot dogs or ham-burgers for your kids.

Invited guests include Long Beach Police Department West Division **Commander Joe Levy, Wrigley patrol officers, K-9 Unit** and, maybe, the new **Chief Jim McDonnell** will stop by to say a few words.



If you have been thinking about forming a Neighborhood Watch, now is the time to act. Our Wrigley **Neighborhood Watch (NHW) representative** Maria Norvell will be there to talk about the program. On August 3, show your support. Leave your porch light on and help **fight crime by getting to know your neighbors!**

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NEXT WANA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Monday, July 19, 7-9 p.m.

Veterans Park Social Hall

101 E. 28th Street

Free! Public Welcome!

Parking and on-site child care also provided at no charge

Meet & Greet, 6:45 to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy coffee, deserts & other refreshments provided by WANA Volunteers while you chat with friends and neighbors. Mix and mingle with our special guests and speakers.

Featured Speaker: Courtney Aguirre

Update on the Pedestrian & Bike Access Study for Blue Line Stations

- Other Special reports and updates from City staff & elected Representatives
- Members will select a representative for the Nominating Committee for the October Board Election. Duties are to contact & interview candidates for the Board, get statements for the October Newsletter and oversee ballot distribution and counting at the October 18 Annual Meeting.
- Group Discussion of WANA Programs, Issues and Concerns

WANA SHARE?

If you have any fruits, vegetables or herbs that you would like to share, please bring them to the July 19 Meeting.

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 ...

MAIN STREET REALTORS



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2009-2010
Executive Board

WANA organizes neighborhood meetings on the third Monday of every month except January, February & August. Because the third Mondays in January and February are holidays, the meeting is held on the fourth Monday.

In August, there is no meeting. Instead WANA sponsors a *National Night Out to Fight Crime* Potluck in a nearby neighborhood park.

WANA meetings are open to the public and held at Veterans Park, 101 East 28th Street from 7-9 p.m. (See Page 5 for July 19 Agenda.)

Annual Meeting & Board Elections are held in October. Membership renewal notices are sent out in late August or early September.



July 2010

• Maria Norvell, *President*
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• Frank Kozlowski, *Director*
• Joan Pizzato, *Director*
• Timothy Risch, *Director*
• Veronica Robles, *Director*
• Jim Trout, *Director*

APPLICATION for TRIAL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

Please list the names of all residents over the age of 18 at the membership address.
Members receive newsletters by mail every month. I/we agree to abide by WANA Bylaws.

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\$ _____ For **HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM**
(Please make check payable to FRIENDS OF WANA)

\$ _____ TOTAL PAYMENT ☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

☐ Wrigley Resident/Household ☐ Wrigley Business/Wrigley Group ☐ Non-Wrigley Resident/Business

Please check box if you are interested in **VOLUNTEERING** for **WANA** activities. ☐

PLEASE MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO: WANA, P.O. BOX 6370, LONG BEACH CA 90806.
Your **MEMBERSHIP CARD** will be mailed to you.