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DEDICATED TO PRESERVING DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE

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**No Public Meeting on August 16!**

**See Page 2—National Night Out to Fight Crime Potluck on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

## Message from the President



WANA members Summer is here, and it has brought the most wonderful news for us all.

### Christmas Tree Lane

I was so overwhelmed with JOY, EMOTION, HAPPINESS, ETC, ETC. ETC. I did not hear all of what our newly elected **Councilman James Johnson** said when he was sworn in as our Councilman for the 7<sup>th</sup> District. All I heard was that in the first five minutes on the job, **he found storage for Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane Village displays. What do all of you think about that?** We have worked so hard to restore each and every one of them during the last three years. The displays need all the tender loving care that we can give them. I am still on cloud nine and I am not coming down any time soon! I know Bill was smiling down at me. **Thank you James!**

I am hoping that the Displays can stay where they are until late November. It would cost too much to move them at this time. I have to thank **Signal Hill Petroleum (Debra Russell and David L. Slater)** for being so generous for storing them all this time. I talked to Dave a while ago and he told me the displays were fine. **Barry Walsh** - I call him my savior. He really is. He saved me in so many ways with CTL displays. He has all the large displays. I also hope that they can remain where they are until we are ready to move them. Our volunteer carpenters and painters have been asking when we can start to repair the displays. There's lots of work to be done before we put them out on Daisy. I could go on and on about CTL, but I have to move on.

### National Night Out Potluck

I hope you have marked your calendar for WANA'S National Night Out in place of our WANA meeting.

Please join us on August 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the mini park next to the riverbed near West 21<sup>st</sup> Street and San Francisco Ave. (See page 2.) Do not forget to **bring a dish to share**, chair, coat, lantern and turn on your porch light.

Some more good news: Commander Levi contacted me and we will have a **K9 UNIT Demonstration**. Bring your children to see the K9 dog and his handler. Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal's Staff will offer **free fingerprinting with Child Identification Kits** for you to take home. See you at the park! It's a lot of fun. Remember **NO WANA meeting August 16<sup>th</sup>**.

### Saturday Family Night at the Movies

We are planning to have our Family Movie on the Green at Daisy Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street on **August 21**, 7:30 pm. Movie won't start until dusk. Bring your children, blankets and chairs. WANA will have some light refreshments. Come and enjoy the movie with your neighbors. But, look for the flyer on your doorstep later this month. We're still working on finding a sponsor to pay for the movie license—Around \$250.

Until Next Time...  
Warmest Regards,  
Maria

### **ABANDONED IN WRIGLEY: AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION**

*4 Gray Tigers and 3 Black with White Markings*



Call their foster Mom **Joan at (562) 599-0812** for adoption information! Four were born on May 28 and three on June 19. Moms also need homes. They are 10-11 month-old gray tigers with white markings.

## WANA NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK

### National Night Out to Fight Crime

Tuesday, August 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**K-9 UNIT DEMONSTRATION & OPERATION KID PRINT**  
**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, kids & a lantern! WANA will provide beverages — water, soft drinks, coffee — dessert, plates, napkins & silverware. **Bring a salad, side dish, casserole or main dish to share.** We'll have a grill & charcoal if you want to BBQ your own hamburgers. **Free HOT DOGS for the first 50 kids to sign-in with an adult.**

Meet Long Beach Police Department West Division **Commander Joe Levi** and **Wrigley patrol officers** and, maybe, our new **Chief Jim McDonnell** will stop by to say a few words. Former West Division Commander **Lumen** will be there to accept a certificate of appreciation from WANA. Representatives from the **54th Assembly District** who will **fingerprint kids for you to take home at no charge.** (A neighbor reported that she recently paid \$70 to have her grandchildren fingerprinted in case of emergency.) Show your support. Leave your porch light on and help **fight crime by getting to know your neighborhood!**

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[www.BuonosPizzas.com](http://www.BuonosPizzas.com)

## WANA QUARTERLY CLEANUP

- Saturday, August 14, 9-Noon
- Register at 1990 Pacific Avenue
- Community Service Credits for Students
- Tools, Water, Chips, Gloves Provided
- Residents can drop off e-waste, old computers, tvs and tires for disposal at the registration site
- 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>.



## Graffiti Abatement Phone Numbers

- City of Long Beach **Graffiti Abatement Hotline**, 562.570.2773 or send e-mail to <Pw-graffiti@longbeach.gov>
- Graffiti on City of Long Beach **Parks and Marina** facilities at 562.570.4895
- City of Long Beach **Free Paint Voucher Program**, 562.570.2773
- **Long Beach Water Department** facilities and fire hydrants, 562.570.2390
- **Los Angeles County** Graffiti Hotline, 800.675.4357 (including flood control structures)
- Freeway on/off ramps or signs, **CalTrans**, 323.259.2352



### FROM THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE...

The Neighborhood Watch Program consists of **two core meetings**. The topics covered in these first meetings are:

- Introduction: Meet Your Police
- Learning and Implementing Everyday Crime Prevention Techniques

These meetings have been designed to give your group the maximum benefit from the Neighborhood Watch Program and should be scheduled in the order in which they appear. You are encouraged to schedule additional meetings through the Neighborhood Watch Program after you have completed the core Neighborhood Watch meetings.

### REORGANIZATION MEETING:

This is a modification of the Introduction to Neighborhood Watch meeting for groups that were previously organized, but have not been actively participating in the program.

### MONTHLY MAINTENANCE MEETINGS:

Neighborhood Watch groups are requested to host a minimum of two meetings per year. However, they are encouraged to continue their participation beyond the core meetings by hosting monthly meetings.

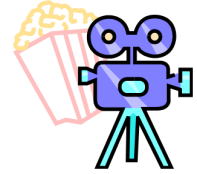
For more information, contact our **Wrigley NHW representative** Maria Norvell at 427-5021.



## Free Movies in the Park

**Movies start at Dusk and are brought to you by Signal Hill Petroleum.**

For more information, call Parks, Recreation and Marine at 570-4898 or go to: <http://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation/conmov/parkmovies.asp>.



### Planet 51

8/9 - Drake Park  
8/11 - Cherry Park  
8/13 - Heartwell Park

### The Princess and the Frog

8/16 - Ramona Park  
8/18 - Orizaba Park  
8/20 - McBride Park

### Up

8/23 - Signal Hill Park  
8/25 - College Estates Park  
8/27 - Houghton Park

### How to Train Your Dragon

8/30 - Veterans Park  
9/1 - El Dorado

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Its summer time and as the days heat up so does the **City Budget Sessions**. Each year the City makes an effort to enhance the transparency of the budget development process. To provide opportunities for public outreach, listed below is the tentative schedule for the City Council special meetings, public hearings and adoption schedule. In addition to this tentative schedule,

I will be hosting the **6<sup>th</sup> District Budget Summit on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 6- 7:00 p.m.** at Ernest S. McBride Sr. Park. For more information call my office at (562) 570-6816.

Date	Subject
August 3- 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Presentations (as requested)</li> <li>Public Input</li> <li>City Council Discussions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>
August 3- 31 3:30- 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Oversight Committee</li> </ul>
September 7 Budget Hearing, 3- 5: pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Oversight Committee Recommendations</li> <li>Public Input</li> <li>City Council Discussions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>
September 7 Budget Hearing, 7- 8:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Input</li> <li>City Council Discussions &amp; Recommendations</li> <li>Budget Adoption</li> </ul>
September 14 Budget Hearing, 3- 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Presentations (as requested)</li> <li>Public Input</li> <li>City Council Discussions &amp; Recommendations</li> </ul>
September 14 Budget Hearing, 7- 8:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget Presentations (as requested)</li> <li>Public Input</li> <li>City Council Discussions &amp; Recommendations</li> <li>Budget Adoption (by September 15 per Charter)</li> </ul>
September 21 Budget Hearing, 7-8:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If Necessary</li> </ul>
September 29 Budget Hearing, 7-8:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If Necessary</li> </ul>

## WANA Salutes Buono's—54th Assembly District Small Business of the Year



Presenting the 2010 Small Business of the Year Award for the 54th District is Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal (center) with recipients **Frank Buono** (left) and **Andrew Buono** (right) of Buono's Authentic Pizzeria. (See ad on page 2.)

**Buono's Authentic Pizzeria**, a family owned business located in Wrigley at 401 West Willow, was recently recognized as the 2010 Small Business of the Year in the 54th District. The award was presented by **Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal** during California Small Business Day in Sacramento amidst an audience of legislators, key community leaders, and other statewide honorees.

During the festivities, brothers **Frank and Andrew Buono** met with government officials and participated in small business workshops and discussions.

Buono's involvement in community leadership was also applauded. Frank Buono, the General Manager and Owner of the restaurant, has donated numerous hours of his personal time over the years to serve on neighborhood boards, city commissions, and charitable foundations. Currently he is the Board President of the California Aquatic Therapy and Wellness Center. Along with the Wrigley Village Business Association (WVBA), he was instrumental in spearheading a facade improvement program to create a uniformed look for a particular business area and improve the overall look of business corridors. The city of Long Beach has since used this pilot program as a model for future projects.

From its very beginning in 1973, Buono's has sponsored sports teams and reached out in times of crisis. During the Los Angeles riots sparked by the Rodney King verdict, Buono's fed the Long Beach Firefighters who were battling a burning Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) building. In the wake of the September 11, 2001 bombings, Buono's donated pizza to the San Pedro firefighters' station to be used at a fundraiser for families who had lost loved ones battling the inferno in New York.

Among past awards received, the Buono's family earned the **Pride of Partnership and Hero Awards** for their leadership and was featured as a **People's Choice Award recipient for the restaurant's authentic Italian cuisine**.

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**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.



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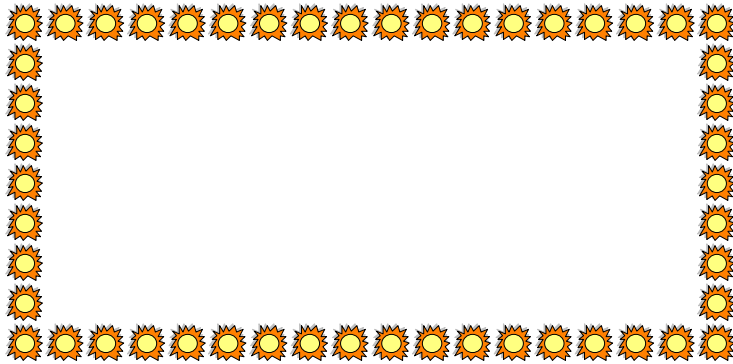
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WANA meets the **third Monday of every month except January, February & August**. Because the third Mondays in January and February are holidays, the meeting is held on the fourth Monday. In August, there is no meeting. Instead WANA sponsors a *National Night Out to Fight Crime* Potluck in a nearby neighborhood park. See Page 2 for more information on this year's event.

WANA meetings are open to the public and held at **Veterans Park**, 101 East 28th Street from 7-9 p.m.

Nominations for the Executive Board open in July. **Annual Meeting & Board Elections will be held on October 18.** See Page 1. If you are interested in serving on the Board, call Maria Norvell.

**2010-2011 Membership renewal notices will be sent out in  
late August or early September.**