



# NEWS & VIEWS

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COMMITTED TO MAKING WRIGLEY A CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITY &  
DEDICATED TO PRESERVING DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE TRADITIONS

## Message from the President



I think I spoke to soon. Summer weather is here again. Enjoy while it's here! I just hope that weather cools off by Thanksgiving.

Our mixer was a great success again this year. Approximately 50 people stopped by to say hello, mix and mingle. Thanks WANA members for bringing such great deserts! Mixers are one of the best way to communicate with our neighbors. If you missed it, please try to come next year. It will be our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The food was great. Chris, the owner of **Super Taco**, was a wonderful host. Everyone enjoyed the variety of choices. He was ast ed. Thank you, Don Baharineja, owner of Baskin Robbins. The **Oreos 'n Cream**-flavored cake was delicious. Pictures on Page 5.

Last month I told you that I would announce a big surprise at the Mixer. For those of you who weren't there, the surprise was receipt of a very generous donation of \$1,000 from our long-time Christmas Tree Lane Sponsor **Ed Van of Vanco Properties**. Thanks so very much, Ed! We sure need the money for this year.

Well, **Board elections** are upon us. We have some great members who are running. Please come out this Monday and cast your vote. See Candidate Statements on Page 4 and meeting announcement on Page 6.

We our planning to hold another **Halloween on the Green** event. It's a lot of fun -- especially to see all the children in their costumes. Please volunteer to come out and help set up Daisy at 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Last year, over 100 kids participated in the costume contest. Even more stopped by to decorate pumpkins, play some games and pick up over 400 treats!

On another note, the board voted to give our support to the **Smoke Free Program** for smaller and mini-parks when it goes to Council this month. We shouldn't allow smoking any place where children are present.

Remember to **renew your membership** and save us the price of a stamp. You can pay at the meeting when you come to vote. I will be sending out second notices by mail after the meeting. See you on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> at Vets Park. A renewal form is on Page 7.

Warmest regards,

Maria



**Welcome New Members: Zan Colazas & Dithmar Rugh**



**WITCHIE POO says come to  
WANA'S 4th ANNUAL  
HALLOWEEN PARTY!  
Sunday, October 31, 2010  
ON THE GREEN at  
20th St. & DAISY AVENUE!!  
FROM 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.**

**GHASTLY GAMES  
TREMENDOUS TREATS  
SMASHINGLY SAFE  
FIENDISHLY FUN**



**PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME IN EACH AGE GROUP!**

**Contest begins at 7PM sharp!**

**Ages 1-4, 5-8, 9-12**



*I "LOVE" helping buyers purchase or sellers prepare their properties to sell in the charming neighborhood of Wrigley. Please do not hesitate to call with any real estate questions.*

**Connie Chick**  
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# Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction

Invite your friends and neighbors. Help retire our debt to Board members who loaned WANA the money needed to get legal title to the Christmas Tree Lane Displays.



If you can help with set up and take down, sign the volunteer sheet at the October 18 meeting. If you want to donate something for the Silent Auction, please call Maria.

**Saturday, November 20**

**9 — Noon**

**Veterans Park**

**Special thanks to the Long Beach Firefighters Association for providing the food and the cooks!**

**\$6 for Adults and Kids Over 12**

**\$3 for Kids 12 and Under**

**Tickets available at October 18 & November 15 Meetings or call Maria at 427-5021**



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# Candidate Statements

**Note:** Due to incorrect email addresses, WANA only received two written statements in time for publication in the newsletter. From a slate of 18 potential candidates, only five people accepted the nomination. All of the candidates have excellent records of volunteering for WANA and other community-based organizations. A complete list of candidates is presented on Page 6.



## Nancy Risch

I have lived in the Wrigley neighborhood since 1980, and I raised my son here. I was a volunteer for the Long Beach Unified School District when he was in elementary and middle school, and when he went to high school, I was the Poly High School's Bacca-laureate Program chairperson for seven years; also, I was a part of the school site council for eight years. I was recognized as a community volunteer for improving the "quality of life" in 1999 by the 7<sup>th</sup> District councilmember Ray Grabinski, received a California

State Senate certificate of recognition for outstanding service as Wrigley Association President 2003-2004 from former State Senator Betty Karnette, and a Certificate of Appreciation for my support and involvement in the community presented at the City Council 7<sup>th</sup> District Recognition Ceremony in 2005. I have been a volunteer for FoLAR (Friends of the Los Angeles River) since the early 1990s and have been a region coordinator since 2001 responsible for the four sites here in Long Beach during the annual river clean-up.

I am one of the founding members of WANA. I have been on the board as the Treasurer since WANA began. I mail the newsletter to members each month and coordinate the distribution of our *News and Views* in the neighborhood. I have been part of the Code Enforcement committee since it began. I was part of the Long Beach Strategic Plan Committee for 2010. I am a volunteer for Cressa Park. I have been a volunteer for Christmas Tree Lane to help set-up and take-down the displays on the lane, help with the judging for the contest on Daisy, help with the entertainment nights, and help with the City sponsored parade since the early 1990s. I set-up the refreshment and information tables at our meetings.

Ken Gore and I have started a public relations committee, and we will deliver welcome baskets to the new home owners in Wrigley and invited them to the WANA meetings. I will encourage our members to bringing a neighbor with them to our WANA meetings, to start neighborhood watch programs, to report graffiti to the city's hot line, to help with code enforcement by reporting problem areas, and most important to ask our members to help by participating on a committee. I would like to continue to be a board member. I will continue to give my time and energy to support all of our activities.



## Jill Hill

Hi Everyone! My name is Jill Hill, and I'm running for the WANA board. As a WANA co-founder, 2-year past President, and current Secretary, this neighborhood group is very near and dear to me. If you name it, I have pretty much done it – organized and/or worked many of the events that we hold (i.e., Halloween, Easter, Christmas Tree Lane, movie night, quarterly clean-ups), written many articles and assisted with the layout and printing and distribution of our monthly "News and Views" newsletter, ran our monthly meetings

inviting a variety of guest speakers, spoke at City Council meetings regarding our neighborhood, and so much more.

With all that I have volunteered my time for and given, I still have more in me. I'm running for the board so that I can continue to make a contribution to my neighborhood that I love so much. I ask for your vote on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

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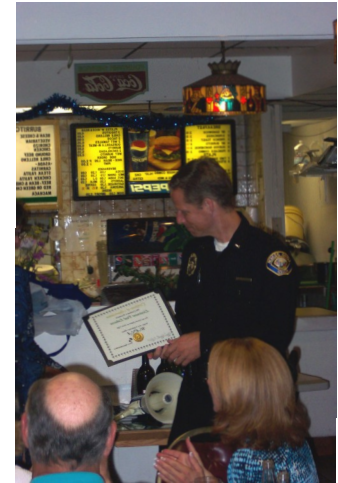
# 4th Anniversary Mixer



In addition to presenting certificates of appreciation to the Board, Maria honored **Signal Hill Petroleum** (right) and **Oil Operators, Inc.** (above) for sponsoring the August *Movie on the Green* event.



WANA expressed its appreciation to John Deats (top) for his long-term financial and moral support during our founding year. Also honored were Victoria Reynafarje for her volunteerism and Diane Ripley for her efforts on WANA's behalf.



WANA also honored the West Division Commander Josef Levy and Officers Fernandez and Rodriguez from the Bike Patrol. Lt. LeBaron (above) accepted on their behalf.

## From the 7th District Council Office ...

Dear Friends,

The holiday season is fast approaching, and with the holidays comes the Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Parade. We want to make this year's parade great and would love to have your help, ideas, and enthusiasm.

Please join us at the upcoming **Daisy Avenue Parade Planning Committee** meeting. Our first meeting is **Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** in the Special Events office (211 E Ocean Blvd, Ste 410). Contact my staff if you'd like to join us: (562) 570-7777. If you can't make this meeting but still want to participate, there will be more meetings, so don't hesitate to call my office.

I look forward to seeing you and to having a parade to remember for years to come.

Sincerely,  
James Johnson  
7<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember



## **Annual Meeting and Board Elections!**

**Monday, October 18  
7-9 p.m. at Veterans Park**

**Special Guest Congresswoman Laura Richardson will talk about constituent services offered from her Long Beach office.**



At the October 18 meeting, members will vote for four candidates to serve on the Executive Board for a three-year term. The fifth will serve as an alternate. The candidates are:

Gloria Bolanos  
Diana Budd  
Jill Hill  
Don Raines  
Nancy Risch

The nominating committee thanks these candidates for their willingness to help WANA continue its programs. At the beginning of the meeting, each candidate will be given an opportunity to make a statement and ask for your vote. Two candidates submitted statements for publication in this newsletter. See page 4.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It takes two weeks to move, place, set up the flood lights and spruce-up and fence the displays on the Lane. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the October and November meetings. We need your help even for just an hour or two. The City is no longer responsible for Lane activities, just the Parade. WANA recruits the volunteers and pays all expenses for the Lane displays, lights and activities.

**November 30 at 8 a.m. — Move major displays from storage to the Lane**

**December 4 at 7:30 a.m. — Move small items from the garage to the Lane**

**December 5 through 11 — Continue repairs and fencing during the week**

**Take down after Christmas and move displays to storage and the garage**

**Community Work Day — December 4 at 10 a.m.**

**Home Decorating Contest on Daisy Avenue — December 10 at 7 p.m.**

**Entertainment Nights — December 12, 17, 18 & 19 at 7 p.m.**

## ABANDONED IN WRIGLEY: NEED LOVING HOMES

*Gray Stripped Tigers and Tuxedos (Black with White Markings)*



Two kittens were born on May 28 and two on June 19. Moms also need homes. They are 10-11 month-old gray tigers with white markings. Tax-deductible adoption donation includes shots, de-worming and spay/neutering. Call their foster Mom **Joan at (562) 599-0812** for more information!



### 2010 — 2011 Membership Renewal Form

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.

NAME (NAMES): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING/STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DUES PER ADDRESS (\$15/YR): \$ 15.00 For October 1, 2010—September 30, 2011

OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For Special Events, Postage & Government Filing Fees  
 (Please make checks payable to WANA.)

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For **DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE**  
 (ID # 74-3222323) (Please make check payable to FRIENDS OF WANA.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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/RENEWAL TO:**  
**WANA, P.O. BOX 6370, LONG BEACH CA 90806.**



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Long Beach, CA 90806

**2010-2011 Membership Renewals Due.  
See Page 7.**

# Kids ! Halloween



## Costume Contest!

**See Page 2.**

### 2009-2010 Executive Board

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### Directors

Frank Kozlowski

Joan Pizzato

Timothy Risch

Veronica Robles

Jim Trout

WANA meetings are open to the public and held at **Veterans Park**, 101 East 28th Street from 7-9 p.m. on the third Monday of every month except January, February, August & September. 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. In September, WANA hosts a "Dine-Out" at a Wrigley restaurant. Our Annual Meeting and Board Elections are held in October.

### Save the Dates!

**2010-2011 Annual Meeting & Board Elections — Monday, October 18. See Page 6.**

**Halloween on the Green — Sunday, October 31 at 6 p.m. See Page 2**

**Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction — Saturday, November 20, 9 a.m. See Page 3.**