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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

As I sit here writing this month's President's message, I'm thinking how happy I am that I have continued to help Wrigley and the City for so many years, and to be chosen again to be the Woman of the Year 2011 by Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal. I was greatly honored to receive this important award and attend the recognition ceremony at the Capital in Sacramento on March 21st. It was like a whirlwind that I didn't want to end. Thanks everyone for the congrats and cards. I promise all of you that I will continue to do what I think is best for Wrigley and the City.

We have a very important meeting coming up on April 18. I confirmed last month with Harbor Commissioner President Nick Sramek that he would come. Nick is a 7th District resident and long-time neighborhood advocate. I am so happy he was available to be our guest. This is a first time we have had the President of the Harbor Commission attend one of our meetings. Please try to make this meeting if at all possible.

You will also have and an opportunity to meet the new owner of the **PUKA Bar on Willow** & see the new banners for Pacific Avenue

Our 4th Annual Easter on the Green will be held on Saturday **April 23**. **We need you to HELP.** Our Easter egg hunt brings joy to so many kids. Don't forget to bring your Easter baskets.

There will be a cake walk to help cover expenses for this event. Please volunteer to **bake cakes**. Come out to help with all the activities — egg decorating, ring and bean bag toss games and card-making. This event is so much fun. Spread the word around. Set up starts at 12:30 pm on the median at Daisy and 20th Street. I will be calling WANA members to give us a hand. There will be sign up sheets at our next meeting — for *Easter on the Green* and *Christmas Tree Lane*.

I'll also be calling my regular CTL volunteers to come to the storage building on South Street. We will be working on week days as well as Saturdays. If you would like to help restore the displays, please call me.

In closing, I just have to mention **WANA's KABOOM PLAYGROUND** project just one more time. It's so wonderful to see all the local families walking to the play area and coming by car. Thanks to all of you who made this happen.

Don't forget the meeting on April 18 and help us celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Port of Long Beach.



Warmest regards,
Maria

562- 427-5021

Redistricting: Be There!

The Citizens Redistricting Commission is starting to travel around the state to take testimony from the public about their neighborhoods and communities. This is our chance to tell the commission about our Wrigley neighborhoods and where we want district lines drawn. Read the *Redistricting Toolkit* for important information about how to describe your community at:

<http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/meeting_handouts_mar2011/tool_kit.pdf>.

Public participation in map-drawing is critical to ensuring that our neighborhoods have the strongest voice possible to express our preferences. When neighbors with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views and hold their leaders accountable.

Citizens Redistricting Commission Public Input Hearing
Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Long Beach City Council Chambers (City Hall)
333 W. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90802
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

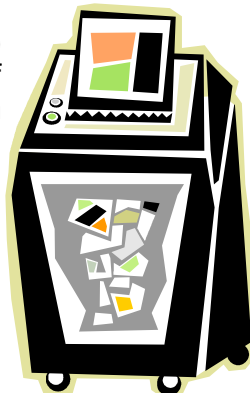
All public input hearings are ADA accessible. Any person who wishes to request auxiliary aids or services, including translation, to participate in the hearing of the Commission should contact Janeece Sargis at 1-866-356-5217 not later than five (5) business days before the noticed hearing date.

SHRED-4-GOOD OFFERS "FREE SHRED DAY" OPEN HOUSE

Shred-4-Good, a social enterprise of Goodwill Serving the People of Southern Los Angeles County (SOLAC) holds monthly open houses on the second Tuesday of the month. The next event will be **Tuesday, May 10** from 8am-10am. The first box is free; each additional box is \$5.00. The event is open to South Bay and Long Beach area businesses and residents. Documents will be shredded on the spot and Certificates of Destruction will be issued.

WHERE Goodwill SOLAC
800 W. Pacific Coast Hwy
Long Beach, CA 90806

For more information, call Bill Everett at (562) 216-5256 or email him at beverett@goodwillsolac.org



Professional Grade Do-It-Yourselfers Wanted!

Submitted by Tina Seiler
'Professional Grade'
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HGTV's hit renovation show "Professional Grade" is searching for outgoing & savvy homeowners who are about to start a renovation & think they can renovate a room cheaper and better than a contractor.



In the show, homeowners go toe to toe with the professionals for a chance to win BIG CASH! The goal for homeowners is to source high-end materials on the cheap, take on the bulk of the labor themselves and manage their subcontractors to get the best quality work at below market prices.

When the renovation is done, their experts price out the job based on the quality. If their estimate is higher than what their homeowners spent, the homeowners pocket the cash difference. The last BIGGEST winner took home \$40,000.

This could be a win/win for homeowners...a chance to be on TV and have your renovation paid for. If you are interested, send email to: tseiler@highnoontv.com and request an application. We look forward to hearing from you!



YOUR HELP NEEDED ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Egg Hunt Setup: 12:30-2 pm
Family Fun Helpers: 2-4 pm
Take Down: 4-5 pm



WANA needs volunteers to donate home-made goodies — cookies, pies, cakes, or anything else that **you would** like to bake. We also need a couple of volunteers on to work at the table to collect donations to offset event expenses.

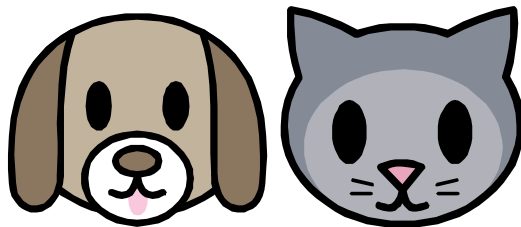
Jill needs at least 10 people on Tuesday, April 19 to help stuff plastic eggs with prize coupons or coins. But, what we really need are people willing to help on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt for setup, take down, and everything in between. Even if you only have an hour or two, please volunteer. We need 10 -dozen hard boiled eggs for the kids to decorate. Call Maria at 427-5021 or e-mail us at: wrigleyalliance@msn.com to let us know how you can help. **Thanks a bunch!**

Critter Corner



The California Veterinary Medical Board joined forces with the California Spay and Neuter License Plate Fund to sponsor the program. Proceeds will provide funding for free and low-cost spay and neuter surgery programs across California and also will bring attention to the problem of homeless pets.

It's estimated that 1 million pets enter the state's animal shelters each year with more than half of them (500,000) being euthanized. The new plates feature original artwork created and donated by actor/artist Pierce Brosnan. They will be produced and issued once an initial 7,500 pre-paid applications have been collected. Go to www.CASpayPlate.com to place an order.



Long Beach Fix, Spay and Neuter Vouchers Available

Long Beach residents are eligible for up to (1) Feline Fix, Spay and Neuter Voucher per year (requests for multiple vouchers must be submitted to Animal Care Services and may only be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Officer in Charge). If you are interested in participating this program, please contact Animal Care Services by email at animalcare@longbeach.gov or by phone at (562) 570-7387. Through partnerships with local veterinarians and residents, Animal Care Services strives to improve the conditions in Long Beach for people and animals.

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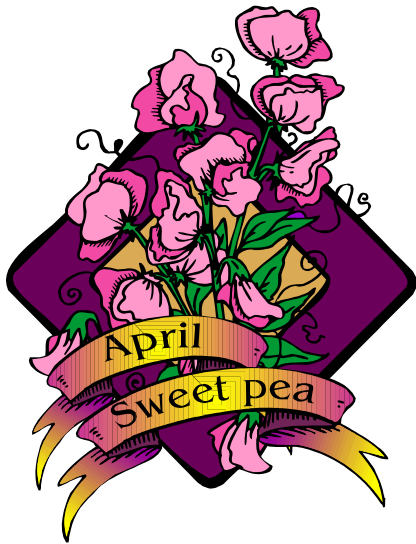
WANA Members and the public are encouraged to contact Board Members with questions, comments, requests and suggestions.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE LONG BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER

This issue of **WANA NEWS & VIEWS** was copied free of charge at the Long Beach Neighborhood Resource Center—562-570-1010



Easter on the Green at West 20th and Daisy Avenue

**April 23, 2-4 p.m.
Activities for Kids
Ages 2-12**

See Flyer for Details!



Do you have **spare silver coins** (nickels, dimes or quarters) laying around that you would consider donating? WANA is seeking change to put into **plastic eggs** that will be hidden in the straw at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

If you can contribute, please call Maria at 427-5021 or bring your extra change to the April 18 public meeting.

Save the Dates!

- ♦ Saturday, April 30: Friends of the LA River Cleanup, 9-Noon—Registration Table on DeForest Avenue at 25th Street (South of Willow Street) — Contact Nancy at (562) 426-5266 for more information
- ♦ Saturday, May 14: Neighborhood Cleanup in West Long Beach — Contact Jill at (562) 599-1822 for more information.
- ♦ Monday, May 16: WANA Public Meeting, 7-9 p.m at Vets Park — New Director of Parks, Recreation & Marine George Capjian — Contact Maria at (562) 427-5021 for more information
- ♦ Sunday, May 22: 4th Annual Dominguez Gap Tour & Fundraiser for Cressa Park Expansion, 5-7 p.m. — Registration Table at 4062 Del Mar in Bixby Knolls. Contact Joan at (562) 355-8679 for details. Suggested donation, \$5 per person/\$7.50 per household.



Attn: Maria Norvell, President
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April 18 WANA Public Meeting

Veterans Park
101 East 28th Street, 7-9 pm

Mixer & Refreshments Starting at 6:30 pm

Join WANA in wishing the Port of Long Beach a Happy 100th Anniversary!

Special Guest: Nick Sramek, President of the Harbor Commission

Presentation by Steve Macias and Mario Gonzalez: 100 Years of Port History

Updates on Wrigley Topics of Interest - Meet the New Owner of the Puka Bar

Attention Business Owners!

Place an ad in *WANA News & Views*: 3 months for \$75 and, if you are not a member, annual dues of \$15 per membership year. 50% of the proceeds will go toward sponsoring WANA special events like Easter on the Green, 25% toward expenses associated with local, state and federal filing fees to maintain our 501c(3) status and 25% toward printing costs. In addition to the copies mailed to our members, 1,000 copies will be distributed door-to-door. For more information, contact Maria Norvell at (562) 427-5021 or send an email to: <wrigleyalliance@msn.com>