

NEWS & VIEWS

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Message from the President



The featured Speaker at our May meeting was Congresswoman Laura Richardson. She gave us a complete report about her district and what's being done for her constituents. She told us about her committee activities that she's been involved with this past year. She serves on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and several subcommittees: Highways and

Transit; Hazardous Materials; and, Water Resources and Environment. She and her staff will continue to keep us up-to-date on the I-710 Freeway, proposed Flood Insurance requirements and the Breakwater.

At our June 18 meeting, we will have an update on happenings at the Port. (See Page 4.) Also, Mr. Yankee Greenspan from Westland Management will tell us about plans for the property at Daisy and Willow—the indoor swap meet building. It's about time that something will be done at that location. It's been an eyesore for so many years.

WANA Needs More Cressa Park Stewards ...

Contact **Nancy Risch** if you have some time to help get rid of the dead oat grass and other seasonal plants that have dried up. Her phone number is **426-5266**. She is organizing work parties throughout the week during the summer months. So, even if you can only spare an hour or two, it's a big help! See photos on Pages 2 and 4.

Until next time ...

Warmest Regards,
Maria

Save the Date!

July 16 WANA Meeting: Focused Discussion and Vote on our position on the I-710 Improvement Project.

Release of the draft Environmental Impact Report has been delayed. The proposed elevated freight corridor and its connections to the 405 Freeway will potentially have major impacts on Wrigley residents. Be informed. Help WANA select the best alternative for our Wrigley neighborhoods. We'll need 35 members present for a Quorum. See Page 2 for other opportunities to learn about the I-710 Improvement Project.

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Happy



FREE FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT & PARK PREVIEW!

Hosted by our 7th District Councilman James Johnson

Wednesday, July 4 at 7 p.m.

Enter at 2745 Orange Avenue—between Willow and Spring

Get a sneak peak at the 4-acre hilltop park at California Gardens. Watch the sunset and nearby fireworks from the highest point in Long Beach. Be sure to bring your picnic supper, lawn chairs and blankets. For more information, contact his office at (562) 570-7777.



CRESSA PARK NATIVES THRIVE!



From Left to Right:
Manzanilla Poppy, Cleveland
Sage, California Sunflower

I-710 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MEETINGS IN JUNE!



These I-710 Corridor Project meetings are open to the public.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 1:30 p.m.
Gateway Cities Council of Governments Offices
2nd Floor Conference Room
16401 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA

Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC)

Thursday, June 21, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Progress Park
15500 Downey Avenue
Paramount, CA

For more information...

please visit the [I-710 Project Website](http://www.metro.net/projects/i-710-corridor-project) at
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COUNCILMAN ANDREWS HOSTS FREE FAMILY FUN IN OUR PARKS!

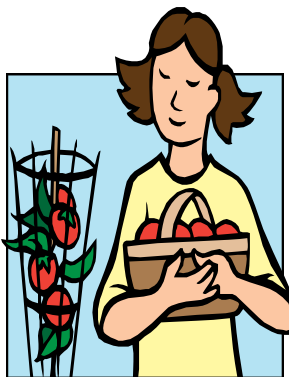
As the summer sun heats up, Councilman Dee Andrews announces the Sixth District Free Family Summer Activities. The events starts in June and run through to September. "I hope everyone will take advantage of these free family events. With today's economy, a lot of parents cannot afford a family outings or a family vacation. These things help to keep the family bond strong. Strong *families mean strong communities*", said Councilman Andrews.

Families across Long Beach look forward to the summertime and to the 6th District's wholesome activities for all ages. The free events are as follows:

- ♦ **Free Movie in the Park: *Happy Feet II***, Wednesday, June 27th, starts at dusk, McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
- ♦ **Free Concert in the Park: Boxcar 7- Blues, Soul and R&B**, 3pm – 6pm, Sunday, July 8th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue
- ♦ **Free Movie in the Park: *Kung Fu Panda II***, Wednesday, July 11th, starts at dusk, Veterans Park, 101 East 28th Street
- ♦ **6th District Port Tour: RSVP REQUIRED!**, 6pm - 8pm, Thursday, July 19th
- ♦ **6th District Day at King Pool:** 12 pm - 4 pm, Saturday, August 4th, Martin Luther King Jr. Pool, 1910 Lemon Avenue
- ♦ **6th District Senior Water Exercise Classes:** Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8 am - 9 am, Martin Luther King Jr. Pool, 1910 Lemon Ave
- ♦ **Free Movie in the Park: *The Smurfs***, Monday, July 30th, starts at dusk, MacArthur Park, 1321 Anaheim Street
- ♦ **Free Movie in the Park: *Cars 2***, August 13th, starts at dusk, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue
- ♦ **6th District Evening at the Aquarium of the Pacific:** 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Thursday, September 20th --- **RSVP REQUIRED!**

For more information, call the Office of Councilman Dee Andrews (562) 570-6816 or log onto his website at www.longbeach.gov.

Hey Neighbor! WANA Share???



If you have any fruits, vegetables or herbs that you would like to share, please bring them to the June 18 meeting.

Correction to May 2012 Issue: WANA member **Edith Freeman** just celebrated her **95th Birthday** not her 85th as reported!





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Images of Cressa Park — A Native Habitat in Southwest Wrigley



From Left to Right: Poppies, Buckwheat and Cressa



PLEASE COME!

WANA'S JUNE PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, June 18, 2012 from 7-9 pm
Veterans Park Social Hall
101 E. 28th Street

Continuing Updates and Discussion on the I-710 Improvement Project Impacts on Wrigley Residents & a peek at the planned redevelopment of the "Swap Meet" property on Willow Street.



Say hello to your friends and meet your neighbors! Become a new Member! Everyone is **WELCOME!**

* Arrive early — around 6:45 — and share member-donated refreshments and a cup of Starbucks coffee.

Hospitality Hostess, Nancy Risch invites you to sign up to bring your favorite nosh to share in future months. **FREE** parking. To arrange for free on-site child care, contact Maria at 427-5021 at least 24 hours in advance.

FEATURED SPEAKER

**John Pope, Community Relations Manager,
Port of Long Beach**

Mr. Pope will give a short report on planned construction at the Port of Long Beach followed by your questions concerning the Port's current and future operations, environmental programs and the proposed **ICTF rail yard expansion project.**

