

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Message from the President

Our May speaker was Ted Stevens, Animal Care Services Manager. It was one of the best presentations that we have ever had. We also had great audience participation. Every one stayed late to learn the proper way to deal with all the wild animals that have come into our neighborhoods. The section on how to deal with coyotes was the best. Remember, when you see a coyote never back away. Instead, face the coyote, make a lot of noise and wave your hands. Make sure that you tell kids not to run away. They should just stand still facing the coyote and shout for an adult. Coyotes are very smart animals, but shy. If you haze them by making noise, they will leave. Eventually, they will learn to choose another way to go just to avoid you. I want to thank Mr. Stevens for a great PowerPoint presentation.

At the meeting, the members voted to oppose the proposed drug treatment facility at 2300 Pacific Avenue. The vote was unanimous. Thank you, WANA members. If this proposed use goes to a vote of the City Council, I will let them know how WANA stands.

National Night Out (NNO) to Fight Crime is our Potluck Event at the Kaboom Park at West 21<sup>st</sup> Street and the River south of Hill. I put in a request to have an officer and his K-9 companion join us along with our beat patrol officers. This is our **6<sup>th</sup> Year** promoting NNO in Wrigley. Everyone is welcome. Join us for this event, which is lots of fun for kids and adults. WANA will barbecue free hot dogs for the kids. Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal's staff will hand out free fingerprinting kits to parents to have on hand in the event one of their kids goes missing.

FYI - I have contacted all WANA members who signed up for the Airport Tour. We were limited to only 20 people. The tour will be on Friday, July 19 at 4:00 p.m. I will contact you again with details on **where to park**. Please remember no sharp items or pocket knives etc.

Warmest Regards,  
Maria

## Save the Dates!

July 15 WANA Meeting: Long Beach CERT Program Coordinator

CERTs are formed by members of a neighborhood who want to be better prepared in the event of a City emergency. Speaker will discuss the CERT program, and volunteer training offered by the Long Beach Fire Department.

Tuesday, **August 6** National Night Out to Fight Crime Potluck — See Page 2 for discussion at June WANA Meeting and Vote at July Meeting

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## FREE FOURTH OF JULY CONCERT AT WILLOW SPRINGS PARK

Hosted by our 7th District Councilman James Johnson

Thursday, July 4 at 6 p.m.

Enter Parking Lot at 2745 Orange Avenue — between Willow and Spring Streets

Summer means a host of fun activities for you and your family. Start the season off with a 4th of July Concert at Willow Springs Park. This year our 7th District Councilman hopes to make this event even bigger and better than last year. Fun activities for the whole family start at 6 p.m. followed by a free concert at 7 p.m. Bring your own picnic supper or purchase one from food trucks. After sunset enjoy the best view in the City of all the area fireworks shows.

For more information, contact his office at (562) 570-7777.



## CRESSA PARK NATIVES IN BLOOM!



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

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS ONLY ONE NIGHT. WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER 364 DAYS IN A YEAR?

Project 365 is an effort to create safer neighborhoods. At the June 17 meeting, WANA will ask for input from attendees on areas in Wrigley that are plagued by drug use, prostitution, gangs, violence, or graffiti. Our discussion goal is to identify problem areas that could be dramatically improved within 365 days after our 2013 National Night Out event. Here is a list of ideas for nominating a Project 365 area:

- Park plagued by crime, drug dealers, underage drinking, etc.
- Poorly lit corner, alley or business corridor with prevalent crime activity
- Area needing Community Watch training and implementation
- High crime areas that need a robbery or burglary reduction plan
- Area that has issues due to illegal trash piles, broken bottles, graffiti, abandoned vehicles and poorly maintained structures that need beautification through a community level effort

The list of possible areas and their issues will be presented at the July 17 WANA Meeting. WANA members will then vote for a Project 365 area during the meeting. The outcome will be announced at our National Night Out event on August 6. If you have ideas, please come and bring your Wrigley friends and neighbors to support your nomination.

## Councilman Dee Andrews Hosts A Big Community Yard Sale



Sixth District Councilman Dee Andrews will host a big Community Yard Sale, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, on **Saturday, June 22** at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue, Long Beach.

This is the sale you have been waiting for to kick your summer into gear. There will be plenty of great things for sale like furniture, desks, tools, music instruments, electronics, baby items, household items, clothes for men, women, children and babies, kitchen items, books, bikes, holiday decorations, lawn equipment and much, much more!

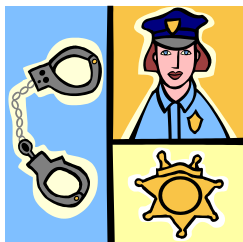
If you would like to sell items, the cost is \$20.00 per space. Contact Councilman Andrews office for an application.

## A Message from 7th District Councilman James Johnson

Dear Friends,

The City is proud to be starting a new police academy this summer. Fifty recruits will begin the rigorous process of becoming Long Beach police officers. This academy was made possible by the pension reform agreement between the Police Officers Association and the City, which preserved a fair retirement for our officers while moderating the rising costs that have hampered hiring.

While the new academy is important, what I believe is even more important is the way we started it. Unlike Long Beach, many cities pursued a "boom and bust" strategy in which officers were hired without a revenue plan for paying their salaries. These cities were then forced to lay off officers or impose other drastic cuts,



Long Beach planned for the long term and did not layoff a single officer during the Great Recession. Our focus was on preserving our current staff of officers. Layoffs just weren't the right thing to do to our officers and their families. It was also not fair to the

residents who would suffer from the loss of trained, professional police that they had already paid for.

This summer's academy is a sustainable, responsible step forward to making Long Beach the safest possible city.

I will co-host WANA's *Hot Dogs on the Green & Movie Night* on Saturday, **August 10**. Free hot dogs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bring your own side dishes and something to sit on. A family movie will begin at 8 p.m. WANA will provide free popcorn & lemonade starting at 7:30 p.m. until supplies run out. I hope to see you at Daisy Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street for a fun evening.

Larry Curtis and the Long Beach Municipal Band will return to Los Cerritos Park with free concerts on **July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31** at 6:30 p.m. Los Cerritos Park is located at 3750 Del Mar Avenue.

Finally, the 3rd Annual Seventh District BBQ and Croquet Tournament will be held on Sunday, **August 18** at 1 p.m. at Somerset Park. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish to share with your neighbors. I'll provide the BBQ main course and other refreshments. As always, the winner of the Croquet Tournament will take home a nice trophy. I hope you can join me for this great event that brings the whole 7th District together.

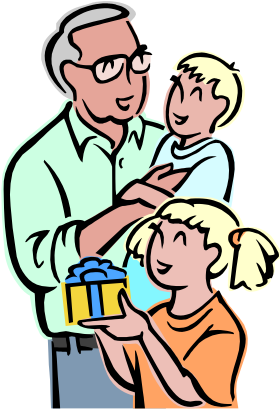


For full details on these and other events, visit the calendar on my website [www.JamesJohnsonLB.com](http://www.JamesJohnsonLB.com).

Yours truly,  
James



**HAPPY**



**FATHER'S DAY!**

## **WANA's JUNE PUBLIC MEETING**

**Monday, June 17, 2013 from 7-9 pm  
Veterans Park Social Hall  
101 E. 28th Street**

Greet our Speaker! Say hello to your friends and 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



### **FEATURED SPEAKER**

**Harry Saltzgaver**

**Executive Editor, Gazette Newspapers**



To welcome our crazy, lazy, hazy days of summer, join us for an evening of light-hearted commentary on life in Long Beach neighborhoods and his special insight on Long Beach issues.

Although his newspapers are not mass distributed in Wrigley, many of us go out of our way to pick up the *Grunion*, *Downtown* or *Uptown Gazette* just to read his column entitled "A Pinch of Salt". Join us in welcoming this dynamic speaker.

Mr. Saltzgaver has authored several books for your summer reading enjoyment. One is based on his columns and the other is a biography of former Mayor Beverly O'Neill. Signed copies of these books will be available for sale at the WANA meeting.

## **GREAT LOS ANGELES RIVER CLEAN UP: MAY 18, 2013**

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out at the Willow Street Estuary in Wrigley, the Golden Shore Wetlands and Compton Creek near the Del Amo Blue Line Station. Photographs shown below were taken by Carl Hidalgo at the Willow Street Estuary.

