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Message from the President

Summer is finally here. For those of you who are planning vacations, remember to be safe and have lots of fun. No emergency room visits!

Save the Date! **August 6** is our sixth National Night Out Potluck in the Kaboom Park on the 900 block of West 21st Street between San Francisco Avenue and the LA River south of Hill Street. Once again, I have asked if a **K-9 Unit** could stop by. The Commander put in the request and sees no problem with have the K-9 Unit join our patrol officers.



Please remember to tell your neighbors that everyone is welcome to join us. WANA will provide hot dogs for kids and cake for dessert. Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal's staff will handout finger printing kits for parents to keep at home. **Don't forget to bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, lanterns and something warm to wear after the sun goes down.**



Our speaker last month was **Harry Saltzgaver**, Executive Editor of the Gazette Newspapers. We have never invited anyone from a newspaper to be a speaker. What a surprise it was! He has been a journalist for 35 years and became an executive editor in 1992. He talked about of the highlights of his career and coming to Long Beach to start his own paper. Under his leadership, the Gazette became the City's favorite community newspaper. He recently published two books: ***Passionately Positive: The Beverly O'Neill Story*** and ***20 Years of Salt***. Thank you, Harry, for such an engaging presentation.

Our **July 15** meeting is very important to all of us. See Page 8. **Will Nash from the Long Beach Fire Department will give a presentation on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.** We all need to understand how to work with our public safety professionals in the event of a major emergency. He will also tell us how to prepare for the next big **earth quake**. We don't know when, but someday it will happen. Are you ready to take care of yourself, your family and neighbors for several days? If not, consider enrolling in a CERT training program and keep that resolution to stock an emergency kit. WANA will also decide on a Project 365 Crime-fighting Project.

Airport Tour: I will call those who are scheduled for the tour on Friday, July 19. It will start promptly at 4:00 p.m. and is limited to the first 20 WANA members who signed up. Please arrive no later than 3:45 p.m. Park in Lot A or B. Bring parking tickets with you for validation. The tour is indoors and outdoors and involves climbing stairs. Please let me know ASAP if you require special accommodations. So they can make arrangements for you. Also, I will need your birth date including the year to match your ID cards. You can also call me or leave a message on my voice mail: (562) 427-5021. Thank You!



Come to Vets Park for our July 15 meeting. Be early. Enjoy pastries, coffee or cold drinks and learn what is happening in Wrigley. Until next time!!!

Warmest Regards,
Maria

Save the Dates: August 6 National Night Out Potluck (Page 5) & August 10 BBQ & Movie on the Green (Page 3)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR 7TH DISTRICT COUNCILMAN

Dear Friends,

This week, I was pleased to kickoff "Be S.A.F.E." (Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment) This program provides recreational opportunities out of harm's way for youth during summer evenings in Long Beach. By providing positive activities for the hours we know young people are most at risk of being involved in gang activity, we are developing character in our youth as opposed to leaving them to the streets. Be S.A.F.E., which is offered at Admiral Kidd Park among other locations, is a public-private partnership in which non-profit resources allow us to do more with less.

Also, the numbers for 2012-2013 are in -- we **saved over \$21.4 million citywide** with our preventative street maintenance program. By adopting this approach, we are maintaining our streets before they deteriorate and require replacement at a far greater cost, thus both improving our streets and saving significant taxpayer dollars over the long run.

Yours truly,

James



Photo Courtesy of Diana Lejins

P.S. - Please join me and my twins Maria and Theo on **August 10 for our annual Wrigley BBQ and Movie Night** on the Daisy Avenue Green at 20th Street. Starting at 6 PM. enjoy hot dogs with your neighbors. Bring side dishes or desserts to share. As soon as it is dark enough (around 8 p.m.), the animated hit Rango will be shown with free popcorn, lemonade, and treats available. Thanks to WANA and Oil Operators Incorporated for making this special night possible.

NEED TREES IN PARKWAY OR OTHER PUBLIC AREAS?



Do you know places in Wrigley that need trees?

Contact the 7th District Office at 570-7777. The Port of Long Beach has donated 6,000 trees. Our challenge is to find places for 1,000 trees in Wrigley.

Volunteers will plant them. But, property owner will need to look after them for the first year.



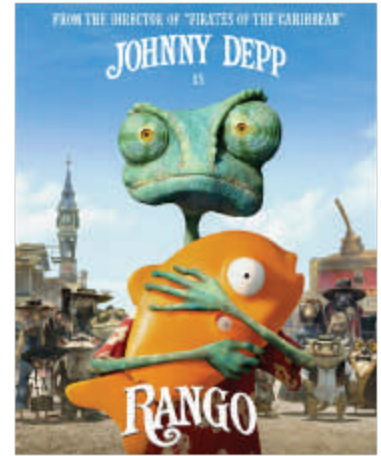
AUGUST 10 HOT DOGS & MOVIE ON THE GREEN



When: Saturday, August 10, 2013
starting at 6 PM

Where: On the Green at
West 20th Street & Daisy Avenue
(Mid-Way between Hill Street & PCH)

Free Hot Dogs until 7:30 PM.
Bring your own side dishes!



MOVIE WILL BEGIN AT DUSK AROUND 8

Rango: Paramount Pictures' Animated Tale of a New Kind of Wild West Hero

Rango is a pet chameleon always on the lookout for action and adventure, except the fake kind, where he directs it and acts in it. After a car accident, he winds up in an old western town called Dirt. What this town needs the most is water, but they also need a hero and a sheriff. The thirsty Rango instantly takes on the role of both and selfishly agrees to take on the case of their missing water.

EVERYONE INVITED!

Free LEMONDADE AND CHOICE of POPCORN OR MOVIE CANDY

While Supplies Last

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7TH DISTRICT COUNCILMAN JAMES JOHNSON**

WHAT IS PROJECT 365 ALL ABOUT?

It's about working with your neighbors and police to fight crime by organizing a Community Watch Group, improving lighting, getting rid of drug-dealer hangouts and beautifying a neighborhood one block at a time. The idea is to develop a project that can be completed within an year. If WANA members decide to organize a Project 365, it will begin on National Night Out on August 6 and end on National Night Out next year. At our June Meeting, Rick Linder suggested the Alley north of Willow Street between the Wrigley Market Place and Golden Avenue.



So, if you want to nominate another area of Wrigley for a Project 365, let us know by sending an email to wrigleyalliance@gmail.com, or call Joan at (562) 355-8679 before the July 15 Community Meeting. We'll discuss and vote after the Featured Speaker.

Learn About CERT at July 15 WANA Meeting

The mission for the Community Emergency Response Team's is simple: "Do the greatest good for the greatest number of people" when a major disaster strikes our community. CERTs are formed by members of a neighborhood who want to be better prepared for the hazards that threaten their communities. Your Long Beach CERT Volunteers in cooperation with the Long Beach Fire Department are committed to disaster preparation.



Long Beach CERT provides the necessary training required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for citizen volunteers. When a major disaster does strike, Wrigley will need volunteers who have the skills & knowledge to assist neighbors, co-workers and professional rescue personnel. Neighborhood CERTs will help those in need after a major disaster strikes until professional emergency services arrive.

If you are interested having WANA schedule a CERT training course in Wrigley, please call Maria at (562) 427-5021 or send an e-mail to wrighleyalliance@gmail.com. WANA would need 25-30 people to sign up for the seven week course to justify a local training course.

Save These Dates for Sixth District Events

Councilman Andrews is teaming up with the Long Beach Lifeguard Association to host a free **6th District Beach Safety Day**, 10 am to 2pm, Friday, **August 2nd**. At the event, we will be learning how to enjoy a safe day at the beach. Space is limited.

Councilman Andrews will be hosting a free **6th District Food Distribution**, on **July 19th**, 9 till food is disbursed, at McBride Park.

Just in time for the summer, Councilman Andrews will be hosting a Free **6th District Day at King Pool**, on **August 3rd**, 12 to 4pm.

Councilman Dee Andrews will be hosting the Free **6th District Evening at the Aquarium of the Pacific**, 6:30 to 8:30pm, on Thursday, **September 26th**.



For more information, call the 6th District Office at (562) 570-6816.

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WANA's Sixth Annual National Night Out to Fight Crime & Neighborhood Potluck

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

6:30 to 8:30 PM

Mini-Park on 900 Block of West 21st Street (South of Hill Street and West of San Francisco Avenue — Next to the Los Angeles River)



Public Invited!

Activities for Kids!

Bring a dish to share with your friends & neighbors!

Free Hot Dogs for Kids!

Coffee and Dessert Provided by WANA!

**Free Home Fingerprint Identification Kits for Your
Emergency Records Courtesy of
Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal**

**Invited Guests: Long Beach Police Department West Division
Commander and Patrol Officers
K-9 Unit**

2012-2013 WANA EXECUTIVE BOARD WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Call an Officer or send email to [wrigleyalliance @ gmail.com](mailto:wrigleyalliance@gmail.com)

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Wrigley Nextdoor ...

A Private Social Network Just for Our Community

Meet the neighbors

Finally, call that nice lady down the street by her first name. And know whom to call when her dog shows up on your doorstep. Wrigley Nextdoor makes it easy for neighbors to stay in touch.

Keep the neighborhood safe

Wrigley Nextdoor is a powerful tool for making neighborhoods safer places to call home. Get all the details about that recent break-in. Join your neighbors to organize a neighborhood watch.

Share goods and advice

With Wrigley Nextdoor, neighbors share more than a common hedge. Quickly get recommendations for babysitters and house painters. Easily find a home for that old bookcase or stroller.

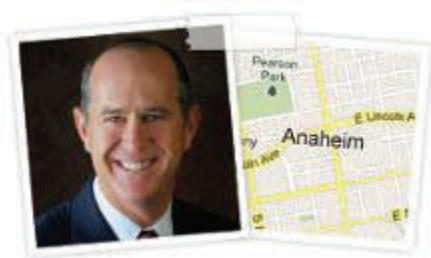
Sign Up at <https://wrigley.nextdoor.com>

If you have any questions or trouble registering, contact Timothy Risch at wrigleyalliance@gmail.com.

HERE'S WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY ...

"Nextdoor is a free and easy tool to help organize *National Night Out*, and it's the best way for neighborhoods to stay connected and strong all year long!"

Matt Peskin, Executive Director, National Association of Town Watch



Anaheim, CA

"We've rolled out Nextdoor as part of Anaheim's Hi Neighbor initiative. The goal is to promote a return to the core values of neighborliness and community feeling, where neighbors know and help each other and can rely on one another."

Tom Tait, Mayor



Hamilton, NY

"Our neighborhood dynamics have improved significantly since we launched Nextdoor—the collaboration between neighbors has showered an unprecedented feeling of community upon us."

Anne Clauss, Resident



Santa Fe, NM

"We have an elderly woman living alone in the neighborhood who has cancer, and is undergoing treatments, and is quite frail and vulnerable. She recently had a security issue, and when neighbors got wind of it through Nextdoor, they came out of the woodwork to offer assistance."

Bob Thornburg, Resident

Fourth of July in Los Cerritos Park

Photographs Courtesy of Diana Lejins

Whenever WANA needs volunteers for our events on Daisy, Los Cerritos residents Edie Pearl and John Deats, are always there to help. On the 4th, Maria, Joan and Nancy re-paid the favor by helping the Police Officers Association provide over 2,000 hot dogs to the locals celebrating in Los Cerritos Park. Diane McNinch from the Wilmore District and Wrigley resident Judy Way also pitched-in. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and share in neighborhood celebrations! More photos on Page 8.



WANA's CRESSA PARK STEWARDS PROGRAM!

In 2011, the City Council authorized staff to issue WANA a Right-of-Entry Permit for Cressa Park. The permit allows WANA to act as the lead organization for the planning, design and maintenance of this native habitat project located in Southwest Wrigley next to the LA River north of PCH.

To volunteer, call **Nancy at 426-5266**. Community Service hours for LBUSD students. Come learn about native plant species — especially if you are considering replacing your lawn with drought-tolerant plants. Great opportunity for a service organization or



WANA COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, July 15 from 7-9 pm

Veterans Park, 101 E. 28th Street

Featured Topic: LBFD CERT Program

See Page 4 for more information.

Members will select their representative on the Nominating Committee.

Say Hello to your friends and meet your Neighbors! Become a new Member! Everyone is **WELCOME!** Come 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 dessert to share in future months. **FREE** on-site childcare and parking.

REMEMBER — No August Meeting. Instead join us on August 6 for our Sixth Annual National Night Out to Fight Crime! See Page 5.

Nominate and discuss an area in Wrigley for a Project 365 Crime Fighting or Beautification Project. If more than one project is suggested, WANA members will vote to choose one at the July 15 meeting. See Page 3 to learn more about Project 365.

GUEST SPEAKER

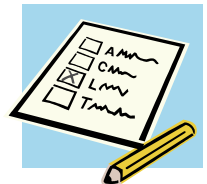
Will Nash

Long Beach Fire Department

Community Emergency Response
Team Coordinator

BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN ... CLOSE SEPTEMBER 30

If you are interested in serving on the Executive Board, please contact Joan Greenwood at 355-8679. The election will be held at our October 21 Annual Meeting. Each Director serves a three-year term. Members will select their representative on the Nominating Committee at the July 15 meeting.



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