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## Neighbors from Myrtle Avenue and East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Neighborhood Clean-up

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, the **City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)**, in partnership with neighbors from Myrtle Avenue and East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street held a neighborhood clean-up in the **Central** neighborhood.

The event took place from 8:00 a.m. to noon on the 2200 block of Myrtle Avenue. **Forty-six (46)** community volunteers and students – from **Long Beach Community College**, and **Community Service Workers** from the **City's Prosecutor's Office** – participated in the removal of illegally dumped items, hazardous materials, trash and debris of the neighborhood streets, sidewalks, and alleys in a united effort to clean up the neighborhood.



Despite the weather conditions, many neighbors and volunteers were out early ready to work together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood and to meet each other and discuss concerns and solutions affecting the neighborhood. This group collected over **nine (9) tons** of **trash** and **debris** on this wet and gloomy day.

**Six (6) shopping cart** was reported to the **Abandoned Shopping Cart** hotline **(800) 252-4613** during the clean up.

For more information about the **Central** neighborhood, please contact **Griselda Barba-Perez** at **(562) 570-6049** or e-mail **Griselda.Perez@longbeach.gov**.

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## Cherry-Temple Neighborhood Tree Planting Beautification Project

On February 15 & 16, 2011, **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)**, the **United Cambodian Community (UCC)** and **Gary Fulthieum**, sponsored a neighborhood tree planting in the **Cherry-Temple** neighborhood. The tree planting took place on 2300 Anaheim Street, parking lot.



This project was not made possible with the support of the **City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)**, who provided all the tools, the **United Cambodian Community (UCC) volunteers** and **Gary Fulthieum**, a community volunteer who donated plants worth approximately **\$3,000**.



Approximately **twenty-one (21) youth volunteers** met at 2300 Anaheim Street. The **United Cambodian Community** was out on the parking lot and sidewalks in a united effort to pick up litter and plant trees in the **Cherry-Temple** neighborhood. Over **20 new trees** were planted on the corner of Raymond Avenue on Anaheim Street. This planting event was to work together to improve the visual aesthetic of their neighborhood.

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## Cherry-Temple Neighborhood Tree Planting Beautification Project (Continued)



Special thanks to **Gary Fulthieum** for hosting the event and for providing pizza and drinks for all volunteers. Also supporting this event was **Raymond Chavarria**, **Project Director** from **UCC** and **Horacio Mojica**, a community volunteer who helped oversee the UCC volunteers. At the end of the project, Gary Fulthieum thanked everyone for their efforts and hopes the neighborhood will maintain this corner clean. The tree planting has been instrumental in generating community grassroots involvement in making this Long Beach neighborhood a better place to live.



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## Craftsman Village Historic District (CVHD) Neighborhood Clean-up

On Saturday, February 5, 2011, **CVHD** and the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)**, sponsored a neighborhood clean-up in the **Hellman Neighborhood**. The event took place from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 1336 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Twenty-four** community members took part in this community improvement effort. Additionally, **twenty** Community Service Workers assigned by the **City of Long Beach Prosecutor's Office, Community Service Program** provided valuable support for the event.



This event provided an opportunity for community members to work together to improve the visual aesthetics of the historic district. Volunteers collected trash, debris and dumped items and **one industrial size dumpster with nine tons of trash and debris** was completely filled. **Four** property maintenance violations were identified during the event and were referred to the **Hellman Community Code Enforcement (CCE) Program**.

Special thanks to **David Hernandez** for hosting the event and providing his truck to remove dumped items and debris from the neighborhood.

For information about the **Hellman** neighborhood, please contact **Gonzalo Sanchez** at **(562) 570-1114** or e-mail **Gonzalo.Sanchez@longbeach.gov**. Or visit the CVHD web page at **<http://www.craftsmanvillage.org/>**.

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## Craftsman Village Historic District (CVHD) Hellman Neighborhood Meeting

On Monday, March 7, 2011, **CVHD** held its monthly community improvement neighborhood meeting. The new mini park to be built at 851 Orange Avenue and **Neighborhood Partners Proposal (NPP)** grant community improvement projects were the main topics of the meeting.

Guest speakers included **City of Long Beach Parks Recreation and Marine Project Coordinator, Sandra Gonzalez** who provided a very informative update about the mini park to be built at 851 Orange Avenue. **First and Second District Field representatives, Lena Gonzalez and Mark Magdaleno** provided a brief presentation and update about events and activities taking place in their respective districts.



**Laurie Briney, LBP, South Division Patrol Resource Officer and Mary Antunez, LBP, Community Oriented Policing Coordinator** gave safety updates and shared crime trends of the South Division. CVHD will be working in collaboration with the Long Beach Police Department on an NPP grant proposal to install security video cameras at two of the most active areas of the historic district. **David Woods, South Division, Code Enforcement Inspector** provided a Hellman neighborhood **Community Code Enforcement (CCE) Program** monthly property maintenance update. He addressed numerous questions regarding property maintenance and code violations taking place in the historic district.

Additionally, the Neighborhood Partners Proposal (NPP) historic, bronze plaques grant proposal, an alley lighting project, upcoming neighborhood clean up, chronic neighborhood nuisances and the quarterly newsletter were some of the issues discussed at this event.

This meeting was an opportunity for residents, businesses and homeowners living in the historic district to exchange information with City officials about their safety and neighborhood improvement concerns. The next CVHD community improvement meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011.

For information about the **Hellman Neighborhood**, please contact **Gonzalo Sanchez** at **(562) 570-1114** or e-mail **Gonzalo.Sanchez@longbeach.gov** or visit the CVHD web page at **<http://www.craftsmanvillage.org/>**.

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## Abracadabra! A New Park on the Block

KaBOOM! Just like magic a new playground emerges in the **South Wrigley neighborhood**. It is a park that would bring families and neighbors together to strengthen their relationships and their pride for the community. However, it took more than magic to do the trick -- it took a lot of effort, hard work, and collaboration from the **Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance (WANA)**, **KaBOOM! Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine**, and **Foresters** before the new park could be completed.



The project -- adjacent to the Los Angeles River at 2100 DeForest Avenue -- was completed with a **\$5,000 Neighborhood Partners Program** grant and leverage of several additional community resources for a total community project valued at over **\$110,000**. **Partners of Parks** donated a cash match of **\$3,500**. KaBOOM bought additional resources including corporate sponsorship from **Foresters**. The playground equipment is valued at over **\$50,000** while volunteer hours added another **\$60,000** to the value of the project!

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## Abracadabra! A New Park on the Block (Continued)

The **Neighborhood Services Bureau's Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP)** provides matching grants of up to **\$5,000** in goods and services to accomplish approved projects. Funding is available to established neighborhood/community groups within designated Community Development Block Grant eligible neighborhoods and within the North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area neighborhoods. Eligible groups must be formally established organizations having designated officers and membership rosters and a history of neighborhood involvement. The match provided by the applicant must be equal to at least 50% of the total project cost and may be supplied in the form of cash, goods and services, and volunteer work hours (volunteer work hours may not be the sole match).

NPP can assist a variety of improvements and beautification projects. Projects must have a public benefit, and must have support of the organization's governing body and the affected neighborhood and may include tree plantings or landscape projects, adopting and improving neighborhood parks or schools, creating community gardens/landscaped open space and community murals.



Community volunteers pledged **420 hours** to install the playground and were led by **Community Development Advisory Commissioner and WANA Secretary Jill Hill**, who applied for the NPPP grant and oversaw the project.

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## **Abracadabra! A New Park on the Block** (Continued)

Thursday, February 10, 2011 was Prep Day for the site. Approximately **30** volunteers worked for **nine** hours to complete the backbreaking work of digging many holes for the equipment and fencing and setting the fence posts in concrete.

On Saturday, February 12, 2011, over **400** volunteers from near and far joined efforts to complete the playground to assemble the park in **8** hours. Corporate sponsor **Foresters** recruited **80 volunteers** and Development Services Department recruited **65 staff**. Also attending were **Community Development Advisory Commissioner Annie Greenfeld** and **Partners of Parks Boardmember Lillian Parker**. Neighborhood children painted mural art and donated by local artists **Carlos Silveir** and **Greg Pickens**, trash containers, and tile mosaic stepping stones. Four bat houses were also installed at the playground. Lunch was provided by **Long Beach Police Department, Buono's** and **Chic-fil-A**.

The event included appearances by **Mayor Bob Foster**, **Councilmember James Johnson**, **Councilmember Dee Andrews**, **Former Vice Mayor Val Lerch**, **Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal**, **City Prosecutor Doug Haubert**, **LBDP Police Chief Jim McDonnell**, **West Division Commander Josef Levy**, **Director of Development Services Amy Bodek**, **Code Enforcement Officer Lei Ronca**, **Office of 4<sup>th</sup> District County Supervisor Don Knabe**, and **Office of Congresswoman Laura Richardson**.

Other **donors** and **supporters** for the project included: **Albertsons**, **Comfort Inn & Suites**, **Coastline Equipment**, **CSC Targhee**, **Environmental Consultants**, **Eric the DJ**, **Escadia**, **Food Finders**, **Long Beach Neighborhood Foundation**, **Magnolia on Willow**, **Paramount Petroleum**, **Starbucks**, **Wrigley Association**, **Waste Management**, and **City of Long Beach's Environmental Services Bureau**, **Neighborhood Services Bureau** and **Weed and Seed**.

According to WANA, about 6,000 children and their families in the neighborhood will benefit from the park and will be a safe place for families to spend time together and get know their neighbors.

For more information about the **Neighborhood Partners Program**, please contact **Jim Osgood** at **(562) 570-5221** or e-mail **James.Osgood@longbeach.gov**. For more information about the **South Wrigley neighborhood**, please contact **Juan Bucio** at **(562) 570-1100** or email **Juan.Bucio@longbeach.gov**.

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## Free Khmer Literacy Classes

The **Anaheim Street Community Police Center** in collaboration with the **Mark Twain Neighborhood Library** and **Long Beach Cambodian Cultural/Arts and History** provide a free education program called “**Cambodian Literacy**” to teach residents how to read, write and speak in the Cambodian language, **Khmer**.



The program is open to the public and the current class includes **two** 5<sup>th</sup> and **one** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school teachers, **nineteen** elementary and middle school students and several college graduates. Classes are held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the **Mark Twain Library** located at 1401 E. Anaheim Street. **Six classes** were held in January and February of 2011 for **98 participants**.

For more information about the free **Khmer classes** and **Anaheim Street Community Police Center**, please contact **Bryant S. Ben** at **(562) 570-1691** or e-mail **Bryant.Ben@longbeach.gov**.

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## North Alamitos Beach Association (NABA) Community Improvement Forum

On Wednesday, February 23, 2011, NABA working in collaboration with the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)** held its monthly community improvement forum at the Long Beach Senior Center.

Guest speakers included **Second District Office Field Representative, Mark Magdaleno** who provided a brief presentation and update about events and activities taking place in their Second District.

**Laurie Briney, LBP, South Division Patrol Resource Officer** and **Mary Antunez, LBP, Community Oriented Policing Coordinator** gave an overview, safety update and crime trends of the City of Long Beach South Division.



**David Woods, South Division, Code Enforcement Inspector** provided a **Hellman Neighborhood Area Community Code Enforcement (CCE)** program monthly property maintenance update. He addressed numerous questions regarding property maintenance and code violations taking place in the neighborhood.

Additionally, NABA's project to create and install neighborhood entryway monuments, tree planting, 2011 board elections, upcoming neighborhood clean-up, home improvement recognition award and their Facebook account were some of the other important issues discussed. The meeting was an opportunity for residents, businesses and homeowners in attendance to exchange information with City officials about their safety and neighborhood improvement concerns. The next NABA community improvement forum is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2011 at the Long Beach Senior Center.

For information about the **North Alamitos Beach Neighborhood Forum**, please contact **Gonzalo Sanchez** at **(562) 570-1114** or e-mail **Gonzalo.Sanchez@longbeach.gov**.

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## North Alamitos Beach Association (NABA) Community Improvement Forum

On Wednesday, January 26, 2011, **NABA** working in collaboration with the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)** held its monthly community improvement forum at the **Long Beach Senior Center**. This monthly community gathering was an opportunity for residents, businesses and homeowners in attendance to exchange information with City officials about their safety concerns.



The main topic of this occasion was the recent robbery of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Cherry Avenue convenience store and murder of clerk, **Sor Phouam**. Attending to the meeting were **Vice Mayor** and **2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilmember, Dr. Suja Lowenthal** and **Long Beach Police Department South Division Commander Joe Stilinovich**, who provided information and responded to community concerns regarding to this senseless crime that ended in a horrible tragedy.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal and Commander Stilinovich encouraged everyone in attendance to stay connected with their neighbors and report suspicious activities in the neighborhood. They stated that we as a community can actively participate in our safety, and they will be committed to continue working with NABA to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Additionally, the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Businesses Association and NABA tree planting, NABA boundaries grant monuments, Community Code Enforcement program and certificates of appreciation were some of the other important issues discussed.

The next NABA community improvement forum is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at the Long Beach Senior Center.

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## North Long Beach Neighborhood Clean-up

On Saturday, February 12, 2011, staff from the **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** organized a neighborhood clean-up within the **North Long Beach** neighborhood. The event took place at **6900 Muriel Avenue** from 8:00 a.m. to noon.



**Fifty-three (53) volunteers** came out to support this effort. The volunteers, with the support of NSB staff, collected **nine (9) tons of trash, debris,** and large items.

For more information about the **North Long Beach** neighborhood, please contact **Chantara Nop** at **(562) 570-8280** or e-mail **Chantara.Nop@longbeach.gov**.

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## North Long Beach Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area Starr King Neighborhood Association Meeting

On Wednesday March 2, 2011, the **Starr King Neighborhood Association** met at **El Nuevo Altata Restaurant** located at 6800 Long Beach Boulevard in **North Long Beach Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area**.

There were **fifteen (15)** residents in the surrounding area that attended the meeting. **Commander Galen Carroll, North Division** informed participants on Crime Prevention Tips, about residential burglary, and that most occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. He announced that a newly assigned officer, **Juan Carlos Reyes**, will work with **Cynthia Arrona** with the **North Division** as the contact person.

The **Ninth District Council Member, Steven Neal** and his staff, **Ericka Rhyne**, shared a slide presentation about Building a Better Ninth District and the upcoming events, including the neighborhood clean-ups on every second Saturday of the month hosted by the **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)**. Flyers about programs and services of the **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** were distributed to all attending.

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## Community Completes Anchor Project with Neighborhood Partners Program

On February 18, 2011, **Century Villages of Cabrillo** completed the installation of a permanent public art installation at the former Navy military housing community in **West Long Beach**. The installation includes an historic military anchor from the former Long Beach Naval Shipyard embellished with ornamental handcrafted tile design and landscaping as the centerpiece of a courtyard. Staff and resident volunteers from Century Villages of Cabrillo were led by their President **Brian De'Andra**. Their landscaping contractor donated materials for planting at the site.



The project was completed with a **\$5,000 Neighborhood Partners Program** grant and leverage of several additional community resources for a total project valued at **\$12,730**. Community volunteers pledged **119 hours** to help plant and maintain the landscape. **Century Villages of Cabrillo** pledged **\$1,500** to help pay for sandblasting the anchor prior to installation, pouring the concrete pedestal base, and making handmade tiles created by local artist **Trace Fukuhara**.

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## West East-Side Community Association (WESCA) Neighborhood Clean-up

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, the **West East-Side Community Association (WESCA)** hosted their monthly neighborhood clean-up with the **Neighborhood Services Bureau** and **Litter-Free Long Beach**.



**Thirty (30)** volunteers met on the block of 2600 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street – including **WESCA members**, volunteers from **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Los Angeles**, students from **Long Beach City College**, **Community Service Workers** from the **City Prosecutor's Office**, local business owners and neighborhood volunteers.

Volunteers scoured the neighborhood streets, park, sidewalks and alleys in a united effort to clean up the **Cherry-Temple** neighborhood of illegally dumped items, hazardous material, trash and debris. Over **15 tons** of trash and debris were collected on this chilly day.

Two young volunteers worked on an alley that had enough trash to fill 11 bags of trash and debris!

One middle school volunteer made sure he started his Saturday morning with a few volunteer hours required for his science class.



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## West East-Side Community Association (WESCA) Neighborhood Clean-Up (Continued)

Following the clean up, a free barbecue was provided to all volunteers. This was a wonderful opportunity for neighborhood residents to meet each other and discuss concerns and solutions to issues affecting the Cherry-Temple neighborhood. The barbecue has been instrumental in generating community grassroots involvement in making this Long Beach neighborhood a better place to live.



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## West East-Side Community Association (WESCA) Neighborhood Community Meeting

The **West East-Side Community Association (WESCA)** Board members hosted their monthly meeting on February 24, 2010 with residents in Lee Elementary School's auditorium sharing issues affecting their Cherry-Temple neighborhood.

**Jan Ward**, President of **WESCA** (and Community Development Advisory Commissioner) and **Constance D. Oden**, **Community Services Supervisor** from the **Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine**, shared Orizaba Park renovation status including the skate ramp, the basketball court, the community center, exercise equipment corner, the parking lot and the forthcoming plan.

The meeting included information about Neighborhood Services Bureau's **Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP)**, a matching grant of up to **\$5,000** in goods and/or services available to support beautification/improvement projects in designated Long Beach neighborhoods. One idea explored is to create a community garden at Orizaba Park and any organic food grown from there could be distributed to senior citizen housing.

During this meeting, members also discussed recruiting more volunteers for their monthly neighborhood clean-ups. Attendees learned about the upcoming workshops at the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) and events in the 4<sup>th</sup> District. The next WESCA meeting will be on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

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## West East-Side Community Association (WESCA) Neighborhood Community Meeting

The **West East-Side Community Association (WESCA)** Board members hosted their monthly meeting in February with residents in Lee Elementary School's auditorium spoke specifically about issues affecting the Cherry-Temple neighborhood. Some **Neighborhood Services Bureau** staff was available to discuss concerns and answer any questions from the residents.

**Jan Ward**, president of **WESCA** and **Constance D. Oden**, **Community Services Supervisor** from the **Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine**, informed them about the Orizaba Park renovation status such as the skate ramp, the basketball court, the community center, exercise equipment corner, the parking lot and the forthcoming plan.

The meeting included an update about the participation in the **Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP)**, a matching grant of up to **\$5,000** in goods and/or services available to support beautification/improvement projects in designated Long Beach neighborhoods. Jan's vision is to adopt a community garden and any organic food grown from there would be distributed to the Senior Citizen Housing. Her plan would be to partnership with a neighborhood group who is willing to take on the lead to adopt this community garden at the Orizaba Park.

During this meeting there were also discussion topics such as a need of volunteers, for the monthly clean-ups and more residents attendance or finding a new location for future meetings.

Attendees learned about the City of Long Beach workshops, available from the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) and also upcoming events in the 4<sup>th</sup> District. The following WESCA meeting will be on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

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## Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC) Monthly Neighborhood Meeting

On Tuesday, February 15, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mark Twain Library located at 1401 E. Anaheim Street, the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center** hosted a monthly neighborhood meeting for the MacArthur Park/Whittier School neighborhood on “**Landlord/Tenant Rights**”.



**Maria Benitez, Outreach Coordinator of Fair Housing Foundation** presented an overview of the general Fair Housing procedures. The workshop gave an opportunity for residents, community leaders and landlord/tenant learn about Fair Housing Laws. There were lengthy questions and answers from audience. **Thirty-two (32)** people in the surrounding area attended the meeting with translation provided in Khmer and Spanish. Light refreshments were also provided for all at the meeting.

For more information about the **MacArthur Park/Whittier School** neighborhood, please contact **Bryant Ben** at **(562) 570-1691** or e-mail **Bryant.Ben@longbeach.gov**.

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## Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC) MacArthur Park/Whittier School Neighborhood Clean-up

A successful cleanup was held on Saturday, February 26, 2011. The **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)** in collaboration with neighborhood resident **Chetra Keo** and residents living along the 1400 block of Walnut Avenue sponsored a neighborhood clean-up in the **MacArthur Park/Whittier School** neighborhood.



The event took place from 8:00 a.m. to noon at **1451 Walnut Avenue**. **Nine tons** of trash, debris and household furniture filled up the dumpster were removed from the area. **Thirty-two (32) residents** and **business owners** participated in the event. They came out to work together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood.

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## **BIG Sunday Weekend May 14 and 15, 2011**

Big Sunday is an organization located in Los Angeles that can help other organizations by providing volunteers, captains, materials, and financial assistance to assist projects with more than 500 nonprofit sites throughout Southern California assisted annually.

On Thursday, February 10, 2011, staff from the **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** attended an information meeting to learn how to partner to host volunteer events in Long Beach during the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Sunday Weekend. This event is a great opportunity to have hundreds of volunteers assist with special community volunteer projects on May 14 and 15, 2011. Big Sunday may also provide water and t-shirts to all volunteers in each project.

**Three** neighborhood **clean-up projects** are planned for this weekend in **Central, Lower West, and North Long Beach** neighborhoods.

For more information regarding **Big Sunday Weekend**, please contact **Dylan Gasperik** at **(323) 549-9944** or e-mail **Dylan@bigsunday.org**.

For more information about these upcoming Big Sunday events in Long Beach, please contact **Chantara Nop** at **(562) 570-8280** or e-mail **Chantara.Nop@longbeach.gov**.