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Anaheim Street Community Police Center (ACPC) MacArthur Park/Whittier School Neighborhood Monthly Neighborhood Meeting

On Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mark Twain Library located at 1401 E. Anaheim Street, the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (ACPC)** hosted a monthly neighborhood meeting on **“Home Improvement Rebates and Loans.”**



Martha Villacres, Development Project Manager and Susana Paternoster, Rehabilitation Loan Specialist of the **Neighborhood Services Bureau** in the **Department of Development Services** presented information about the City’s **Home Improvement Rebate Programs** and **Home Rehabilitation Loan Program**. Both programs offer to improve the exterior and interior of residential housing in Long Beach. There was a question and answer session. **Forty-three(43)** 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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St. Mary Neighborhood Clean-Up

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, residents living along the 1100 block of Orange Avenue and the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (ACPC)** sponsored a neighborhood clean-up in the **St. Mary neighborhood**. The event took place from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 1041 Orange Avenue.

Eleven (11) community members took part in this neighborhood improvement effort. Additionally, **eight (8)** Community Service Workers assigned by the **City of Long Beach Prosecutor's Office** provided valuable support for the event.

This event provided an opportunity for residents living along Orange Avenue to work together to improve the visual aesthetics of their block and the alley located between Cerritos and Orange Avenues from 10th to 11th Streets. Volunteers collected trash, debris and dumped items and filled one industrial size dumpster with **nine (9) tons** of trash and debris. **Seven (7)** property maintenance violations were identified during the event and were referred to the **St. Mary Neighborhood Proactive Code Enforcement Program (PACE)**. Neighborhood clean ups are part of ACPC's efforts to make of the St. Mary neighborhood a cleaner and safer place to live. Special thanks to **Edgar Valenzuela** from the neighborhood for hosting the event and providing a weed whacker to remove overgrown weeds from the alley.

For information about the **St. Mary neighborhood**, please contact **Gonzalo Sanchez** at **(562) 570-1114** or **Gonzalo.Sanchez@longbeach.gov**.

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

On Saturday, April 23, 2011, the **West East-Side Community Association (WESCA)** hosted their monthly neighborhood clean-up with the **Neighborhood Services Bureau**, **Litter-Free Long Beach**, and **Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Thrift Store**.

Thirty-four volunteers, including Fourth District **Councilman Patrick O'Donnell's staff**, **WESCA members**, volunteers from **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Los Angeles**, **Officer Claudia Lopez**, **East Division Resource Patrol Officer** from the **Long Beach Police Department**, **Community Service Workers** from the **City Prosecutor's Office**, local business owners and neighborhood volunteers, met at the rear parking lot of 2750 E. Pacific Coast Highway.



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. A community volunteer brought out his wheelbarrow and filled it at least four times with trash and debris.

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. Thanks to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's Thrift Store for bringing a barbeque grill for this month's event.

For more information about the **Cherry-Temple** neighborhood, please contact **Griselda Perez** at **(562) 570-8281** or e-mail **Griselda.Perez@longbeach.gov**.

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Social Service Grant Monthly Spotlight: Last Call Evangelist Association

The **Social Service Grant Program (SSG)** was first established in 1986 by the Long Beach City Council to encourage the development of innovative programs to address unmet and emerging social service needs of low-income Long Beach residents. The program also serves to supplement critical health and social services for underserved populations that are presently under-funded. The Social Service Grant Program is supported by Federal **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds and administered by the **Neighborhood Services Bureau**. In **Fiscal Year 2010 (FY 10)**, **\$200,000** was available in support for this program to 16 Long Beach nonprofits. **Last Call Evangelist Association** received **\$11,000** in SSG funds to support their **Food, Clothing, and Household Items Distribution Program** including their **Last Call Food Pantry**.

Last Call Evangelistic Association was first founded as a nonprofit organization in 1996 and began feeding the homeless with sack lunches that volunteers would hand deliver to junkyards, parks, street corners and under the bridges in South Bay area every Sunday.



Realizing that it would take a greater commitment to address the needs of homelessness in the South Bay, **Last Call Food Pantry** was launched in Long Beach. Now **Last Call Evangelist Association** and their partners, **feed over 250 homeless and low income families** every month, reaching a total population of over **1,250** men, women and children combined.

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Social Service Grant Monthly Spotlight: Last Call Evangelist Association (Continued)

Gina Rodriguez, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said the food pantry now has more than **20 volunteers** and things are busier than ever. “Our volunteers work tirelessly Monday through Thursday picking up donations of food, clothing and household items to be distributed to the needy here in Long Beach. We’re very excited with the changes we’ve seen as a direct result of the pantry’s involvement within the local community,” Rodriguez said of community response to her group’s efforts to restore hope and meet the growing need.

As need grew in late 2010, it was understood that it would take more partners and financial resources to continue making a difference in our community throughout the coming year, especially because the Last Call Food Pantry will not turn anyone away.

Partnering with the City of Long Beach through the SSG opportunity made all the difference by helping meet the needs of Long Beach residents. Through the SSG, they have been able to buy the much greater quantities of food needed for the growing population, a work truck to transport many more donations, and freezers for extra meat storage. All this would not have been possible without the help of the City of Long Beach Social Services Grant.

The **Last Call Food Pantry** is located at the **Wesley United Methodist Church**, 1100 Freeman Avenue in Long Beach and the pantry opens from noon to 2:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

For more information on **Last Call Evangelist Association**, and to donate or volunteer, please call **(562) 433-9100**.

For more information on the **City of Long Beach Social Service Grant**, please contact **Suzan Simaan** at **(562) 570-5087** or e-mail **Suzan.Simaan@longbeach.gov**.

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Neighborhood Business Investment Program \$2,000 Start-up Grant

The **Neighborhood Business Investment Program (NBIP)** provides a **\$2,000 Start-up Grant** to new Long Beach businesses located within **Community Development Block Grant** areas in their first year of operation.

The NBIP program provides education and technical assistance to assist new businesses to prosper in the community. The program requires a new business to have a current business license and the business owner must complete one business development-training course such as "Starting a Small Business", "Smart Marketing and Promotional Tactics", or "Writing an Effective Business Plan."

The program also offers free business counseling on a one-on-one basis with the **Long Beach Small Business Development Center**. In the month of March 2011, **five** grants were awarded. The recent recipients include:



Aaron Duckett
DBA Duck Group
133 The Promenade North #109



Chenda Reach
DBA Angkorian Service Center
2401 E. 10th Street

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Neighborhood Business Investment Program \$2,000 Start-up Grant (Continued)



Valerie Perez
DBA Beauty Junky
145 Linden Avenue



Inez Renee Quarles
DBA Natural Kinx & Waves
1007 E 4th Street



El Hassane Mouahidi
DBA Hazan Service
1139 E. 7th Street

For more information about the **Neighborhood Business Investment Program**, please call **Phillip Jennings** at **(562) 570-6007** or e-mail **Phillip.Jennings@longbeach.gov**.

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Central Neighborhood 6th District Councilman Dee Andrews, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Olive Court Neighbors Neighborhood Clean-Up

On Saturday, April 30, 2010, the **6th District Councilman Dee Andrews, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and Olive Court neighbors** working in collaboration with the **City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** held a graffiti removal/neighborhood clean-up in the **Central neighborhood**.

The event took place from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the 300 block of East Dayman Street. **Sixty-one (61)** volunteers composed of Community Service Workers assigned by the **City Prosecutor Office**, members of the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**, and members of the community participated in the removal of illegally dumped items, hazardous materials, trash and debris from neighborhood streets, sidewalks, and alleys.



In a united effort to clean up the **Central neighborhood**, volunteers removed more than **nine (9) tons of trash** from the area. A volunteer from **Olive Court** brought in his red wagon filled with paint and assisted with the removal of graffiti. **Keith Devereaux**, President, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of the Long Beach Mission, rounded up two abandoned shopping carts

filled with trash and debris. A couple of young volunteers from the church found a cabinet in the alley. Another group from the church piled household items, trash and debris on a corner to be taken away to the dumpster.



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Central Neighborhood 6th District Councilman Dee Andrews, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Olive Court Neighbors Neighborhood Clean-Up (Continued)

A special thanks to the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** for providing volunteers with water on this hot day!



The event was organized by **Gonzalo Sanchez**. The event provided an opportunity for the neighbors to work together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood, meet one another, and discuss concerns and solutions affecting the **Central neighborhood**.

For more information about the **Central** neighborhood, please contact **Griselda Perez** at **(562) 570-8281** or e-mail **Griselda.Perez@longbeach.gov**.

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Hellman Neighborhood Meeting Craftsman Village Historic District (CVHD)

On Monday, May 2, 2011, **Craftsman Village Historic District (CVHD)** held the monthly community improvement neighborhood meeting.

Guest speakers included **Second District Field representatives, Mark Magdaleno**, who made a few announcements and provided a brief presentation and update about events and activities taking place in the **Second District**. **Dave Roseman, City of Long Beach traffic engineer** who gave a complete presentation about the process to install speed bumps on public way.

Due to the increased number of speeding vehicles CVHD will be working in collaboration with City officials to find and implement traffic calming measures in the neighborhood and surrounding areas. CVHD would like to see the use of circular medians similar to those recently installed on vista and MLK near PCH. According to the CVHD members circular medians will contribute to beautify the neighborhood as well as to increase traffic safety in the area.

Additionally CVHD annual barbeque celebration potluck was one of the main topics of the evening. This community gathering will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 851 Orange Avenue. This event will be an opportunity to show cases the new CVHD bronze, historic plaques that will be installed in about 25 homes in the historic district.

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

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

A successful clean-up was held on Saturday, April 16, 2011. The **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (ACPC)**, **Neighborhood Services Bureau** staff, **Roxana Aguilar**, and residents living along the 1300 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 1345 Walnut Avenue. **Nine (9) tons** of trash, debris and household furniture were removed from the area. **Twenty-one (21)** residents and business owners participated in the event. They came out to work together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood.

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

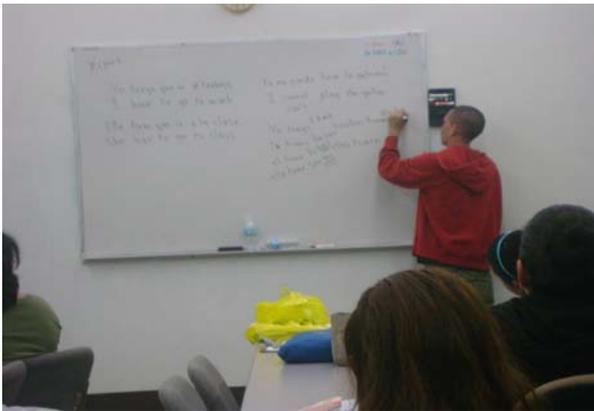
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Willmore Police Center English as a Second Language Program

For the month of April 2011, **The Willmore Police Center ESL Program** hosted **6 sessions** of English as a Second Language (ESL) program in partnership with the **Friend's House Literacy Center**. This is a language class for beginners free of charge. Approximately **fifty three** students participated in April. Lessons focused on learning basic English for every day life including ABC's and 123's, personal description, food, family relationship, weather, colors and more. The students also receive a vocabulary word with definition and pronunciation in each class. This is a one-year class conducted every **Monday** and **Thursday** from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** These classes have been provided since 1994.



For more information about the **ESL Program**, please contact **Teresa Gonzalez** at **(562) 570-1146** or e-mail **Teresa.Gonzalez@longbeach.gov**.

