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

On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mark Twain Library located at 1401 E. Anaheim Street, the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (ACPC)** and the **MacArthur Park/Whittier School neighborhood** hosted a monthly neighborhood meeting to discuss the **“Fiscal Year 2012 Action Plan Development.”**



Alem Hagos, Grant Administration Division Officer in the City’s Neighborhood Services Bureau, Department of Development Services, presented information about the City’s Fiscal Year 2012 (FY 12) Action Plan. The workshop gave an overview of the Action Plan process and explained how it guides the use of Housing and Urban Development funds in our City. Information on how to review, and comment on the FY 2012 draft Action Plan was also provided. There was a lengthy Question and Answer session. **Thirteen (13)** people in the surrounding area attended the meeting with translation provided in Khmer and Spanish. Light refreshments were also provided 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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Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Weed & Seed Program Neighborhood Restoration Subcommittee Central Neighborhood

On Thursday, April 13, 2011, the **Long Beach DHHS Weed & Seed Program Neighborhood Restoration Subcommittee** held their meeting at Long Beach **DHHS Central Facilities Center**, speaking specifically about new and future issues in the Central Neighborhood. The committee, comprised of staff from Neighborhood Services Bureau; **Annie Greenfeld-Wisner** and **Lillian Parker**, **Co-Chairs** from **Neighborhood Restoration Subcommittee**; **Katie Virant**, **LB DHHS Weed & Seed Evaluator**, **Rene Castro**, **Building Healthy Communities Hub Manager**; and **Tracy Colunga**, **LBDHHS Weed & Seed, Site Director** were on hand to discuss concerns and answer questions.

Twelve (12) people attended this productive meeting. The meeting took place at 5:00 p.m. at 1133 Rhea Street. Katie Virant discussed the outcomes subcommittee about the importance of Sustainability and gave a more in-depth interpretation. Rene Castro informed us about the outcomes for the first 3 years and gave a brief explanation of outcomes 4-8. Neighborhood Improvement Strategy staff, informed and distributed the Big Sunday Clean-up flyers scheduled for May 14, 2011. The Peace Garden and Wrigley River Run endorsements were also discussed.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the neighbors to work together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood, to meet each other, and discuss concerns and solutions to issues affecting the **Central** neighborhood.

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

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6th District Councilman Dee Andrews Town Hall Meeting

On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, the **6th District Councilman, Patrick O'Donnell** held his bimonthly 6th District Town Hall meeting at the Martin Luther King Park at 6:00 p.m. **Councilman Dee Andrews** provided attendees with city updates. **Long Beach Fire Department, Michael DuRee, Assistance Chief** discussed Disaster Preparedness; he encouraged everyone to store water and food for approximately 5 days per person and to have a First Aid Kit on hand in case of an emergency. Additionally, he talked about the CERT Teams and how they also make a difference when an emergency occurs. He mentioned that Martin Luther King Center is an Emergency Center Location.



Rene Castro from Long Beach Building Healthy Communities gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the ten-year Initiative, Future plans and the Outcomes. Approximately **22 community members** attended this productive meeting.

This meeting was an opportunity for residents, businesses and homeowners to exchange information with the City officials about neighborhood concerns.

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Rene Castro, from the **Long Beach Building Healthy Communities (LB BHC)** explained that Long Beach was chosen as one of the 14 communities in California where the California Endowment will invest millions of dollars over the next ten years. The LB BHC spent last year creating a plan for a healthier community in Central and West Long Beach, and now they are going to make a vision a reality! Some of their goals for the next 2-3 years are to increase access to healthy foods, affordable housing and more clean air days. They have also included, create alternatives to violence and develop new opportunities for kids. Other goals include mobilize youth as leaders and change agents and support youth to stay in school. LB BHC will support sustainable development that benefits local residents and create more career opportunities that provide living wages and provide opportunities for all. For more information on how to get involved and make positive changes for your children and families visit: www.mycalconnect.org/longbeach.

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Hellman Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area North Alamitos Beach Association (NABA) Community Improvement Forum

On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, the **North Alamitos Beach Association (NABA)**, in collaboration with the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (ACPC)**, held its monthly community improvement forum at the Long Beach Senior Center.



Guest speakers included **Second District Field Deputy, Mark Magdaleno**, who provided a brief presentation and update about events and activities taking place in the second council district. The Second Council District office provided valuable support to NABA for the completion of numerous community improvement projects.

Another guest speaker, **Laurie Briney, South Division Patrol Resource Officer** with the LBPB, gave a safety update and spoke about crime trends in the South Division Patrol. Officer Briney stated that residential and commercial burglaries are on the rise in the Long Beach downtown area and the most common method of entry used by burglars is through unlocked doors and windows. She encouraged everyone to keep doors and windows locked at all times. Officer Briney addressed numerous questions regarding safety concerns.

Another guest speaker, **David Woods, Code Enforcement Inspector** in the South Division, provided the **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 historic district and accepted **33** property maintenance reports from the community. Additionally, Mr. Woods stated that residents are welcome to submit their property maintenance concerns requiring immediate attention via the Code Enforcement hot-line at **(562) 570-CODE**.

A final guest speaker, **Alem Hagos, Grant Administration Officer with City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Services Bureau** gave a presentation about the preparation of the City of Long Beach Fiscal Year 2012 (FY 12) Action Plan, which describes the federal, state, and local resources expected to be available in the incoming fiscal year. Mr. Hagos stated

that public input is very important for the creation of this plan. He invited everyone to provide input or attend the Community Development Advisory Commission public hearing held on June 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. He also stated that a draft version of the proposed Action Plan is available online under announcements at http://www.longbeach.gov/cd/neighborhood_services/default.asp.

Some of the other important issues discussed at NABA's Community Improvement Forum included the **Neighborhood Partners Program** grant proposal to install a neighborhood monument, an upcoming neighborhood clean-up on June 11, 2011, Miracle on 4th Street Park, a July recreation month event, and board elections.

These community gatherings are an opportunity for residents, businesses, and homeowners to exchange information with City Officials about their safety and neighborhood improvement concerns. The next NABA community improvement forum is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at the Long Beach Senior Center.

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

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Nine (9) tons of trash, debris, and household furniture were removed from the area. **Eighty-four (84)** residents and business owners participated in the event. All volunteers received a **free BIG SUNDAY T-shirt**. Participants worked together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood.

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Big Sunday Lower West Neighborhood Clean-up

A very successful clean-up was held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, to eliminate trash and blight in the **Lower West neighborhood**.

The clean-up headquarters was at **Admiral Kidd Park** located at 2125 Santa Fe Avenue. The boundaries for this neighborhood clean-up were between **21st Street** and **Pacific Coast Highway**, and from **Santa Fe Avenue** to **Fashion Avenue** in the **1st District** and the **7th District**.

The **7th District Councilmember James Johnson** and his staff welcomed everyone. This event was organized by **Madres Unidas** in partnership with **Big Sunday**. Big Sunday is an organization that helps to build community through community service. Thousands of people from Southern California, of all ages and all backgrounds, work together in different Cities on community projects such as graffiti paint out, community gardens, school beautification, neighborhood clean-ups and more. **Big Sunday** provided volunteers with **T-shirts, water, snacks, and about 400 books**.



The City's Public Works Environmental Services Bureau, provided a powered rear loader refuse truck to collect and compress illegal dumped items at the alleys collected more than **nine tons** of trash.

The City's Neighborhood Services Bureau provided an industrial sized dumpster collecting an additional eight tons of illegally dumped furniture, trash, debris and weeds. Staff from the park helped to setup tables and allowed parking space for the volunteers. **Fifty-three** volunteers participated in this clean-up.



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Big Sunday Lower West Neighborhood Clean-Up (Continued)

The event provided an opportunity for neighbors to network with each other, take pride and ownership in their neighborhood, and to live in a cleaner environment.

The residents will continue to clean their neighborhood and make changes to improve the physical appearance of the Lower West area.



For more information about programs and services within the **Neighborhood Services Bureau**, please contact **Teresa Gonzalez** at **(562) 570-1146** or e-mail **Teresa.Gonzalez@longbeach.gov**.



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Hellman Neighborhood North Alamitos Beach Association Community Improvement Forum

On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, the **North Alamitos Beach Association (NABA)**, working in collaboration with the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (ACPC)**, held its monthly Community Improvement Forum at the Long Beach Senior Center, 1150 East 4th Street. In attendance were several guest speakers including **2nd District Field Deputy, Mark Magdaleno; Long Beach Police Department (LBPD), South Division Patrol Resource Officer, Laurie Briney; South Division Code Enforcement Inspector, David Woods;** and the **City's Neighborhood Services Bureau, Grant Administrator Division Officer, Alem Hagos.**

Mark Magdaleno, 2nd District Field Deputy provided a brief presentation and update about events and activities taking place within the district.

Laurie Briney, LBPD South Division Patrol Resource Officer provided a safety update and discussed the crime trends of the City's South Division area. Officer Briney stated that residential and commercial burglaries are on the rise in the Long Beach downtown area and the most common method of entry used by burglars is through unlocked doors and windows.

She advised everyone to keep doors and windows locked at all times. Officer Briney also answered numerous questions regarding safety concerns.



David Woods, South Division Code Enforcement Inspector provided a monthly property maintenance update. He addressed numerous questions about code violations in the **Hellman neighborhood**. **Thirty-three** property maintenance reports were filed in the month of May. Mr. Woods stated that residents are welcome to submit their property maintenance concerns to **Code Enforcement** at **(562) 570-2633**.

Alem Hagos, Grant Administrator Division Officer gave a presentation about the preparation of the City's Fiscal Year 2012 (FY 12) Action Plan, which describes the federal, state and local resources expected to be available in the upcoming fiscal year.

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Hellman Neighborhood North Alamitos Beach Association Community Improvement Forum (Continued)

Mr. Hagos stated that public input is very important for the creation of the plan and he invited everyone to provide input or attend the Community Development Advisory Commission public hearing on June 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. He also stated that a draft **Fiscal Year 2012 Action Plan** is available on-line at <http://www.longbeach.gov/civica/inc/displayblobpdf2.asp?BlobID=31032>.

Additional issues discussed at NABA's Community Improvement Forum included the Neighborhood Partners Program grant proposal to install a neighborhood monument, an upcoming neighborhood clean-up on June 11, 2011, Miracle on 4th Street Park, a July recreation event, and board elections.

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North Long Beach Neighborhood Area

On Monday May 2, 2011 staff from the **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** joined with a Neighborhood Group Meeting at **El Nuevo Altata Restaurant** located at 6800 Long Beach Boulevard in **North Long Beach Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area** with the College Square Neighborhood Association.

There were **15** people in the surrounding area that attended the meeting.

Cynthia Arrona from **North Division** informed participants on crime prevention tips on robbery.

On Wednesday May 4, staff from the **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** joined with a Neighborhood Group Meeting at **El Nuevo Altata Restaurant** located at 6800 Long Beach Boulevard in **North Long Beach Neighborhood Area** with the Starr King Neighborhood Association.

There were **16** people in the surrounding area that attended the meeting.

Flyers about programs and services of the **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** were distributed to all attending in both meeting, also the up coming event of the Neighborhood clean-up.

For more information regarding 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 Clean-Up

On Saturday, May 21, 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-four volunteers came out to support this effort. The volunteers, with the support of NSB staff, collected **nine** tons of trash, debris, and large items.

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Central's Pro-Active Code Enforcement

The **Pro-Active Code Enforcement (PACE)** is funded through **Housing and Urban Development's, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds. The PACE program proactively identifies blighted conditions on neighborhoods, businesses, and residences. PACE coordinators contact property owners and provide them with information about City resources that are available to help improve their property.



Before



After

A recent successful example of PACE efforts is on the **1900 block of Myrtle Avenue**. The property deficiencies included overgrown vegetation, deteriorated fence, and debris in the side yard. At the 30-day follow-up inspection, the property owner had corrected these issues. PACE activities like these focus on addressing health, safety, and livability issues, while improving neighborhoods and develop community relationships.

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South Wrigley Neighborhood Advisory Group

The **South Wrigley Neighborhood Advisory Group (NAG)** held their monthly meetings at the **Wrigley Community Police Center** at 2023 Pacific Avenue on May 19, 2011, and June 16, 2011. A total of **27** people attended the meetings, which were led by **Chairwoman** (and **CDAC Commissioner**) **Annie Greenfeld**.

On May 19, 2011, **Alem Hagos, Grant Administration Division Officer** from the **City's Neighborhood Services Bureau** attended the meeting to talk about the Fiscal Year 2012 (FY 12) Action Plan. Mr. Hagos briefly talked about the fund that the Neighborhood Services Bureau receives and the cuts that the bureau faces for the upcoming fiscal year. He concluded his presentation by answering questions about how the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has been used and invited everyone to attend the Public Hearing on June 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

On June 16, 2011, NAG invited **Rita Hooker, Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement Program Officer**, to the meeting to thank her for all her hard work on property nuisance abatement and her dedication to community. Ms. Hooker thanked NAG for their support, their commitment to the City, and thanked members of NAG for their contribution to the improvement of the neighborhood.

The next NAG meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the Wrigley Community Police Center.

For more information about the **South Wrigley neighborhood**, please contact **Juan Bucio** at **(562) 570-1100** or e-mail **Juan.Bucio@longbeach.gov**.

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Willmore Community Police Center May Day Festival

On May 7, 2011, the **Drake Park** and the **Bembridge House** hosted the **5th Spring Festival**. The Bembridge House presented living history tours, which were conducted in English with translations in Spanish. As part of the event, various City departments and more than twenty nonprofit agencies with the issues of health and safety, staffed display tables and provided those in attendance with valuable information. The **City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Services Bureau**, provided information in **Home Improvement Rebates**, the **Neighborhood Leadership Program**, **Neighborhood, Partnership Program**, **English as Second Language** classes and the **Raising a Reader Program**.



The **Long Beach Heritage Association** presented the **Maypole Dance**. Neighborhood children had the opportunity to participate in the dance and arts and crafts. As part of the entertainment, the **Community Partners Council** presented a **Ballet Folkloric de México** with traditional regional dancers, and the **Long Beach Fire Department** provided free hot dogs for everyone.



The **Willmore City Heritage Association** conducted a bake sale and a rummage sale. **Friends' of Drake Park** a non-profit organization donated hundreds of books for the children in the neighborhood. The event was very unique it was a full day of fun, music, and entertainment for all.



This event was made possible thanks to the united efforts of the **Long Beach Heritage Association**, **The Bembridge House**, **The Department of Parks, Recreation**, and **Marine**, and the **Willmore Community Police Center**.

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Willmore Police Center English as a Second Language Program

Willmore Police Center located at 910 Daisy Avenue, offers the **English as a Second Language (ESL) Program** in partnership with **Friend's House Literacy Center** and volunteers.

The lesson focuses on learning basic English for every day life. Students receive an important vocabulary word with definition and pronunciation. The goal of the ESL Program is to provide students with the opportunity to develop communications skills by practicing speaking, listening, reading, and writing as a means to reach their academic and vocational goals, and compete for better jobs.

The ESL Program provides instruction for non-native students. This is a one-year class conducted every **Monday** and **Thursday** from **7:00 p.m.** to **8:30 p.m.**



In May 2011, **eight classes** were provided with approximately **104 students**. These classes have been very successful since 1994.

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