



NeighborNews Newsletter



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Neighbor in the Spotlight: John Malveaux

John Malveaux's involvement in volunteer community activities and service in Long Beach began very early. "I recall very clearly the issues that brought me to community service," says John. "It was through civil rights activist Ernest McBride, the founder of the Long Beach National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). And, it was about employment issues at a local market where they refused to hire African Americans in the mid-fifties. Mr. McBride organized a boycott of the market and I was part of it."

A native of Texas, John moved to Long Beach in 1955. "I started off at Pepperdine University as a business major and was a loan officer at a bank. After that, I worked in the music business as a booking agent and concert promoter. The love of music has always been a part of my professional and volunteer life."

Among the many music personalities that John has represented in personal appearances in Long Beach were the great jazz legend Dizzy Gillespie and Marvin Gay, who headlined the first Motown revue on the West Coast at the Long Beach Arena.

As a community activist, John has served as President of the Central Area Association (CAA) for the past ten years. The nonprofit organization (encompassing the area from Long Beach Blvd. to Gundry and Willow to Anaheim Street) was originally founded twenty years ago to act as co-sponsor of Long Beach's annual Martin Luther King parade.

"Now we have a broad mission to improve the quality of life in our area," he says. "We are engaged in political forums, we participate on project area committees, we provide an entertainment program at no cost to the community, and work with the City to deliver needed services. As our community demographics change, so must we change to represent our constituents."

On a personal level, John's mission has been to help build bridges between the many cultures of Long Beach. CAA co-sponsored the photography exhibition "Journey to Black Mexico: A Photographic Discourse" in January of this year. "The event was intended to give a broader appreciation of the relationship of Latinos and Blacks and the depth of their shared heritage and history," says John.

In June, with the help of a grant from the Arts Council for Long Beach, John organized and presented "Music Without Borders" at the Museum of Latin American Art (MoLAA). The free concert featured the music of composers Carlos Chavez and William Grant Still. "Persons of African and Mexican descent are rarely studied or listened to in mainstream music," he points out. "The concert was an opportunity to heighten awareness of the significant contributions other cultures have made to the world of music."

In recognition of his ongoing commitment to making Long Beach a better place, John will be honored as "Volunteer of the Year" by the Arts Council for Long Beach at an awards luncheon at the Hyatt Regency, September 25, 2008.

City of Long Beach Rehabilitation Loan Programs

The City of Long Beach's **Housing Rehabilitation Division** has low-cost loans available to help low — to moderate — income residents to repair your home, mobile home or multi-unit complex.

Like the Neighborhood Resource Center, the Housing Rehabilitation Division is part of the City's Neighborhood Services Bureau. Their **Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Loan Programs** offer low-interest loans to property owners who live in their single-family homes or mobile homes, at a fixed rate of 3% with no up front out-of-pocket costs, and no points or appraisal fees. In most cases, no monthly payments are required because repayment of the loan is postponed until the property is sold. Funds can be used to perform most interior and exterior repairs, including repairing or replacing windows, doors, roofs, kitchen/bathroom fixtures and cabinetry, carpet or flooring, interior and exterior painting, and system upgrades to electrical or plumbing systems.

Household income restrictions shown below, will apply.

HUD Family Income Restrictions:

Family Size Maximum Income Level

1	\$42,450.00
2	\$48,500.00
3	\$54,600.00
4	\$60,650.00
5	\$65,500.00
6	\$70,350.00
7	\$75,200.00
8	\$80,050.00



The Housing Rehabilitation Division is available to share information about their loan programs at local neighborhood and community meetings.

The **Multi-Family Loan Program** offers rehabilitation loans at 0% interest, including five years of deferred payments (principal-only payments are then required for the remaining 15 years of the 20 year loan term). Funds may be used to rehabilitate all Long Beach rental properties with two or more units. Because this loan program is designed to improve housing quality for low and very-low-income families, HUD imposes certain restrictions on household incomes and rent levels for units that are assisted by the program, and compliance with these restrictions is monitored annually by City staff.

For more information on these programs, please call Bob Mossler at **(562) 570-6017**, or visit the Housing Rehabilitation Division website at:
http://www.longbeach.gov/cd/neighborhood_services/housing_rehabilitation_program/default.asp

Long Beach Community Development Advisory Commission

The **Community Development Advisory Commission (CDAC)** is a fifteen-member citizen advisory group appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. These 15 members represent the broad spectrum of Long Beach citizens — by race, ethnicity, income level, occupation and education. The Commission provides the means for private citizen support and advice to the City Manager and City Council on matters related to the formulation of plans, programs, and activities utilizing approximately \$9,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. CDAC holds its meetings monthly, at 10:00 A.M. every third Wednesday in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The members of the Commission are representative of the community. Led by **Jill Hill**, Chair to the Commission, and **Shirley Knopf**, Vice-Chair, the commissioners have hands-on experience in services such as housing, redevelopment, rehabilitation, social services, business and industry. Their duties include the following:

- Review of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs and make advisory recommendations to the City Manager and City Council;
- Seek public input into the City's federal application for funds available under the Housing and Community Development Act;
- Gather information and keep citizen groups informed about the City's plans, programs and activities;
- Assist in the coordination of CDBG activities with other Community Development activities;
- Assist official agencies in public relations; and
- Lend support and seek support for desirable programs and projects.

In addition, the CDAC Commissioners actively participate on committees to assist in the formulation of programs and activities. Some of these committees include the Long Range Planning Committee, the Budget Committee, the Neighborhood Partners Program Committee, the Nonprofit Assistance Program Committee, and the National Community Development (NCD) Week Committee. All committee recommendations are submitted to the full Commission for consideration.

The Neighborhood Services Bureau Manager, Angela Reynolds, AICP, acts as the Secretary to the CDAC Commission. For more information, contact **Carmen Olivares** at **(562) 570-6066**, or visit:

http://www.longbeach.gov/cd/neighborhood_services/advisory_commission.asp

Long Beach Neighborhood Takes Top Honors at Neighborhoods, USA Annual Conference

The volunteer **North Long Beach Community Action Group (NLB CAG)** has been named the 2008 national "**Neighborhood of the Year**" **Grand Prize** by **Neighborhoods, USA** for documenting the history of North Long Beach since 1924, when the area was annexed to the City of Long Beach.



Linda Ivers, Dan Pressburg and Laurie Angel (from left) of the North Long Beach Community Action Group are winners of the NUSA Grand Prize 2008 Neighborhood of the Year.

The NLB CAG is the first Long Beach neighborhood organization to win the Grand Prize, the highest honor awarded by **Neighborhoods, USA** at its annual conference, held this year in Hampton, VA., May 21-24. In addition, the NLB CAG also won First Prize in the "Social Revitalization" category. A total of 15 finalist cities in three categories vied for the Grand Prize award.

In addition, **Frank Buono** of **Buono's Pizza** has been named a NUSA Notable for being an "unsung" neighborhood hero and making a significant and positive impact on his neighborhood as a local business owner.



The **Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC)** hosted an application workshop on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 to assist neighborhood groups learn about Neighborhoods, USA's 2008 "Neighborhood of the Year Award."

NRC also hosted a potluck reception to celebrate their achievement on Monday, June 2, 2008. At the reception, the North Long Beach Community Action Group presented their neighborhood project entitled "Back to the Future — The North Long Beach History Project."

NRC has successfully helped eleven groups in the past seven years to win national recognition for their hard work and dedication to their **Bluff Heights, Central Area** (twice!), **Coolidge Triangle, Craftsman Village Historic District, East Village, El Dorado Park South, Los Cerritos, North Long Beach, Washington Middle School, and Willmore City Historic District** neighborhoods.



Neighborhood Resource Center
Invites You to a



Foreclosure Resolutions Workshop

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

425 Atlantic Ave.

Presented By

Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services

Workshop content:

1. Understanding the Foreclosure Process and Time Frames
2. Foreclosure Prevention Options
3. Understanding Your Budget
4. Guidance for Determining the Next Steps

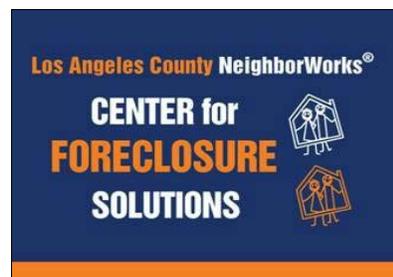
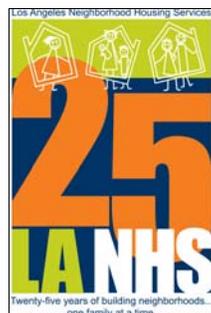
To reserve your space or for more information, please call
(562) 570-1010 or e-mail Sharron_Hinkey@longbeach.gov

This **free** workshop will be presented in **English** with Spanish and Khmer translation available.

Light refreshments will be available.

Free parking behind the building and on the street.

The City of Long Beach intends to provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the American Disabilities Act of 1990. This information is available in alternate format 48 hours in advance by request to Scottie Hinkey at (562) 570-1010





**NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER
Invites you**



2008-2009 Grant Awards Information Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Neighborhood Resource Center
425 Atlantic Avenue**

**Grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000 are available for qualified
historic preservation projects in the City of Long Beach**

Application materials are available online:
http://www.calfund.org/receive/special_grant_programs.php

Information: (213) 413-4130 Ext. 243

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Time Management Workshop



Wednesday, October 1, 2008
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
425 Atlantic Ave.

Presented by the University of Phoenix



Raul Garcia, Corporate Education Liaison
Frank Nainoa, Senior Manager of Professional Development

1. Learn five ways to eliminate procrastination
2. Learn to identify time wasters
3. Learn to establish individual priorities in your personal and professional life
4. Develop three ways to better manage your time

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