

# Neighborhood Improvement

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## Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC) MacArthur Park/Whittier School NIS Area Monthly Neighborhood Meeting

On Tuesday, March 20, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mark Twain Neighborhood Library Community Room located at 1401 E. Anaheim Street, the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center** and the **MacArthur Park/Whittier School Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Area** hosted a monthly neighborhood meeting on “**Domestic Violence**”.



**Detective Fred Bloh, Ret. Long Beach Police Department**, explained the procedures for reporting domestic violence, filing a crime report, and how to obtain and enforce restraining orders. **Women’s Shelter** and **Interval House** representatives **Elvia Hurtado** and **Lorena Ponce**, shared resources available to domestic violence victims and their families, including emergency shelter and legal services. In addition, Interval House provides crisis intervention and assistance to domestic violence victims, as well as individuals at risk for abuse.

Interval House also promotes violence prevention education through its many programs and services. **Twenty-seven (27)** 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 NIS Area, please contact **Bryant Ben** at **(562) 570-1691** or e-mail **bryant.ben@longbeach.gov**.

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## Central Neighborhood Advisory Committee (CNAC) Area Neighborhood Clean-Up

On Saturday, March 20, 2010, the **Central Neighborhood Advisory Committee (CNAC)** in collaboration with the **City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** sponsored a graffiti removal/neighborhood clean-up in the **Central Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area**.

The event took place from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 500 Block of East 17<sup>th</sup> Street. **Forty-one (41)** community volunteers 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 **Central** neighborhood. One community volunteer made sure that the size of his car was not going to stop him from participating in this clean-up. His trunk and the back seat were completely filled three loads with trash and debris.



**Tom Flores**, a **CNAC Member**, brought in his famous red wagon filled with paint and spray cans and **Michael Edwards**, a volunteer from the **Boys and Girls East Club**, assisted Tom with the removal of graffiti. **Ed Canseco**, a community worker, walked two (2) televisions on a shopping cart to the **Poly High School E-Waste Roundup**. Over **nine (9) tons** of trash and debris were removed from the area. **Three (3) shopping carts** were called in to the **Abandoned Shopping Cart** at the toll-free phone number **(800) 252-4613** and **one (1) pair of shoes** was reported to the **Shoes on Powerlines** hotline **(562) 570-2726** during the clean up.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the neighbors to work together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood, meet each other, and discuss concerns and solutions to issues affecting the **Central** neighborhood. Donuts and water were provided by **CNAC** and pizza was provided by **Juanita Wilson** and **family** for all community volunteers.

For more information about the Central NIS area, please contact **Griselda Perez**, **Central NIS Coordinator** at **(562)570-6049** or e-mail [griselda.perez@longbeach.gov](mailto:griselda.perez@longbeach.gov).