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Hellman Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area Craftsman Village Historic District (CVHD) Neighborhood Meeting

On Monday, May 3, 2010, CVHD held its monthly community improvement neighborhood meeting. Neighborhood Partners Proposal (NPP), historic plaques grant, approval, CVHD expansion project, updated web page, Hellman NIS Area's Community Code Enforcement (CCE) program, 851 Orange Avenue mini park project/grant, plans for summer barbeque, quarterly newsletter, business's conditional use permits regulations and upcoming Saturday, May 15th monthly, neighborhood clean up, were some of the issues discussed at this event.

Lena Gonzalez and **Ramon Aguilar**, **First** and **Second District Field Representatives** attended to the community gathering and provided valuable input to address community concerns. Besides, they gave a monthly community update, report about their respective offices. The next CVHD community improvement meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010.

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

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Wrigley Association's Veterans Park Resource Fair

On Monday, May 3, 2010, **Neighborhood Services Bureau** staff, Juan Bucio, Rita Hooker and Karen Pruett participated in the **Wrigley Association's Resource Fair** at Veterans Park. Information regarding **Home Improvement Rebate programs**, **Nuisance Abatement**, the **Wrigley Community Police Center** and the **Neighborhood Resource Center** were presented. Flyswatters and rulers were handed out to everyone with the Neighborhood Services Bureau logo and telephone number for reference. Approximately **twenty-five (25) people** attended the Resource Fair.

Karen Pruett spoke about the **Home Improvement Rebate programs** and the services that the Neighborhood Resource Center provides. Resident property owners were very interested to know that even though they had used the rebate programs once before, they could use them again. **Karen Pruett** can be reached at **(562) 570-1010** or karen.pruett@longbeach.gov.

Juan Bucio, from the **Wrigley Community Police Center** informed residents about the services available. Residents were glad to hear there is a retired police officer available to talk to them about their concerns pertaining to crime in their area. For more information, please contact **Juan Bucio** at **(562) 570-1100** or juan.bucio@longbeach.gov.

Rita Hooker, Nuisance Abatement Officer, gave information to Wrigley area residents about how to contact her about specific problem situations in their neighborhood. For more information, please contact **Rita Hooker** at **(562) 570-5257** or rita.hooker@longbeach.gov.

The resource fair was a great opportunity for citizens to come together to find out information and get together with others who wish to make their neighborhood a better place to live.

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North Long Beach Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" Volunteer Program Neighborhood Clean-Up

On Saturday, May 8, 2010, staff from the **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** organized a neighborhood clean-up within the North Long Beach NIS Area. The event took place at 6900 Muriel Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Ninety-nine (99) volunteers participated in this event to earn free tickets to **Disneyland** through the "**Give a Day, Get a Disney Day**" Volunteer Program. The volunteers, with the support of NSB staff, collected **nine (9)** tons of trash, debris, and large items located within the entire NIS area.

(Before)

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For more information about the North Long Beach NIS Area, please contact **Chantara Nop** at chantara.nop@longbeach.gov or **(562) 570-8280**.

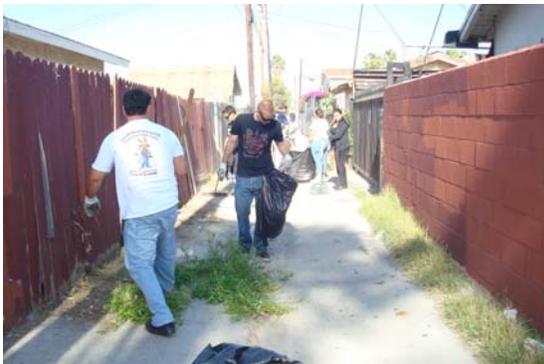
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Central Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area Dayman Street and Olive Court Neighbors Neighborhood Clean-Up

On Saturday, May 8, 2010, the **Olive Court** and **Dayman Street** neighbors working 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 noon at 400 Block of East Dayman Street. **Eleven (11)** Community Service Workers assigned by the **City Prosecutor Office**, and **thirty-four (34)** community volunteers participated in the removal of trash and graffiti from alleys located between 19th Street and Pacific Coast Highway, from Atlantic Avenue to Long Beach Boulevard. An industrial size dumpster was filled with 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.

The event was organized by two **City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Leadership Program alumni**, **Concepcion Garcia** and known as "**Conchita**" and **Gonzalo Sanchez**. They provided an opportunity for the neighbors to work together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood and to meet each other and discuss concerns and solutions affecting the **Central Neighborhood**.

Four (4) major property maintenance code violations were identified during the event, and were referred to the **City of Long Beach, Central NIS Area's Code Enforcement Division** and **one (1) pair of shoes** were reported to the **Shoes on Powerlines** hotline **(562) 570-2726** during the clean-up.

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

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Hellman Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area Craftsman Village Historic District (CVHD) Graffiti Removal / Neighborhood Clean-Up

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, **CVHD** in collaboration with the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)**, and the **Neighborhood Services Bureau** sponsored its monthly graffiti removal / neighborhood clean up in the Historic District. The event took place from 8:00 a.m. to noon at 1203 E. 8th Street.



Thirty-one (31) community members took part in this community improvement effort. Additionally, **eighteen (18) Community Service Workers** assigned by the **City of Long Beach Prosecutor's office Community Service Program** provided valuable support for the event. Volunteers erased graffiti, collected trash, debris and dumped items from the surrounding streets and alleys. One industrial size dumpster with **nine (9) tons of trash and debris** was completely filled.

Numerous items such as bricks, garden supplies construction materials, toys, doors and windows are recycled during the CVHD's clean-up events. Special thanks to **David Hernandez** for providing his pick up truck every month to collect dumped items from the Historic District and **Michelle Arend-Ekhoff** for hosting the event.

This event provided an opportunity for the area's residents to work together to improve the visual aesthetics of their neighborhood. **Four (4)** property maintenance violations were identified during the event and referred to the **Hellman NIS Area Community Code Enforcement Program (CCE)**.



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Focus: Community Education Community Development, Neighborhood Services Raising a Reader Program

On May 19, 2010, the **Willmore Police Center** in a partnership with the **Long Beach Library Foundation**, kicked off their **11th class** of the **Raising a Reader Program**.



The Raising a Reader Program is a fun and unique twelve-week reading program to prepare children for kindergarden. The program contributes to early literacy by promoting the concept of parents spending quality time reading with kids and helps to start consistent reading habits as a family.

Parents make the difference in giving their children the necessary skills for school success from the very beginning. One important component of this book bag program is a field trip to the Long Beach Public Library to learn about programs and services at the library. Parents and kids are able to apply for a library card.



For more Information about **Raising a Reader Program**, please contact **Teresa Gonzalez** at **(562) 570-1146** or e-mail **Teresa.Gonzalez@longbeach.gov**.

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

On Wednesday, May 26 2010, **NABA**, and the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)** held a monthly community improvement forum at the Long Beach Senior Center.



Guest speakers included: **Ramon Aguilar, Second District Office Field Representative** who provided a very informative report about events and activities taking place in the Second District. **Mary Antunez, LBPD, South Division, Community Oriented Policing Coordinator**, provided a community safety update and information on crime trends. **David Woods, Code Enforcement Inspector** who provided a **Hellman NIS Area Community Code Enforcement Program** monthly property maintenance update.

Additionally, some of the other important issues discussed included Miracle on 4th Street's upcoming Family Fun Day event, obtaining a bank account and the Neighborhood Partners Program Grant tree planting.

This community improvement forum is part of APC's efforts to make the Hellman NIS Area safer and improve its livability.

For more information about the Hellman NIS Area, NABA and CCE, please contact **Gonzalo Sanchez** at **(562) 570-1114** or **Gonzalo.Sanchez@longbeach.gov**.

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Hellman Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area Community Code Enforcement Program Block Captain Meeting

On Wednesday, May 26, 2010, the **Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)** working in collaboration with the **South Division Code Enforcement Staff**, held its monthly **Community Code Enforcement (CCE)** Block Captains meeting.

Fifteen (15) Hellman NIS Area **residents** are working in collaboration with Code Enforcement Inspectors to address property maintenance violations in the Hellman NIS Area. **Thirty-six (36) property maintenance violations** were filed on this day and a property maintenance update of past referrals was provided for all block captains. **Code Enforcement Inspector David Woods**, addressed numerous questions regarding property maintenance and code violations.

For more information about the Hellman NIS Area CCE program, please contact **Gonzalo Sanchez** at **(562) 570-1114** or e-mail **Gonzalo.Sanchez@longbeach.gov**.