

# Neighborhood Resource Center

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## Neighborhood Leadership Program Hosts Session 8 Event and Project Planning

On Thursday, June 10, 2010, the **Neighborhood Services Bureau** hosted the **Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP), Session 8 - Event and Project Planning at Long Beach Community Hospital**. During this session, Class of 2010 participants learned about successful event and project planning skills. The Class of 2010 participants plan community class projects along the **Atlantic Avenue corridor** between **Anaheim Street** and **Willow Street**. Completion of the class project is an essential component for graduation from the program.

The Neighborhood Leadership Program is partially funded through the **Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** and is free to participants. The Neighborhood Leadership Program is a nationally recognized, multi-lingual, multi-cultural program. The program has been offered by the City of Long Beach, Neighborhood Services Bureau for the past **seventeen (17) years** and has **450 Long Beach resident graduates**. A list of residents interested in participating in the Class of 2011 is now forming.

For more information, please contact **Lydia Calvillo** at **(562) 570-1010** or e-mail **Lydia.Calvillo@longbeach.gov**.

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## Potluck Mixer Celebrates Long Beach Neighborhood Association First Place Win in National Competition

Fifty (50) Long Beach residents attended a Potluck Mixer at the Neighborhood Resource Center on Monday, June 14, 2010.

The potluck honored the **Willmore City Heritage Association (WCHA)**, who took first place in **Neighborhoods, USA's "Neighborhood of the Year Award 2010"** national competition in the category of **Physical Revitalization -- Single Neighborhood**. WCHA members traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas to win the award at the May 2010 NUSA annual conference.



The WCHA project saved a 106-year-old house from demolition, moved and restored it, helped a local family buy it. The effort removed two blighted, vacant lots from the neighborhood. Since 1998, the Neighborhood Resource Center has helped fifteen Long Beach neighborhoods to win awards in this competition.



The evening also honored **Teresa Gonzalez**, winner of the **2010 Beverly O'Neill Lifetime of Leadership Award**. Teresa is a Neighborhood Services Specialist at the **Willmore Community Police Center**. She is known for her dedication to improving the quality of life of the neighborhood by helping residents identify and find solutions to neighborhood issues. In addition to her job, Teresa served as **President** of the **Whittier Elementary School PTA** and was instrumental in organizing the award-winning and mothers' nationally recognized **Mothers'**

**Brigade Group**. She is a graduate of the first **Neighborhood Leadership Program** and later served as a translator for the program. Teresa has been working with the **Long Beach Library Foundation** since 2004 in delivering their Partners in Print, ESL classes, and the Raising a Reader Program.

For information about future Neighborhood Resource Center workshops, please contact **Scottie Hinkey** at **(562) 570-1010** or email **Sharron.Hinkey@longbeach.gov**.

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## Neighborhood Resource Center Hosts “Community Pedestrian Safety” Workshop

**Twenty (20)** Long Beach residents participated in a **Community Pedestrian Safety Workshop**, Saturday, June 5, 2010, at the Neighborhood Resource Center.

This free half-day workshop was presented by the **Neighborhood Resource Center, City of Long Beach Public Works Engineering Bureau** and **Safe Transportation Research & Education Center (SafeTREC)** at UC Berkeley.

Presenters included **Rhianna Babka, SafeTREC, Wendy Alfsen**, Executive Director of **California Walks**, **Dave Roseman**, Traffic Engineer with the **City of Long Beach Public Works Engineering Bureau**, and **Sean Parilla**, Traffic Division of the **City of Long Beach Police Department**. **Marilyn Sabin, SafeTREC** Project Consultant, helped facilitate the workshop.



The training covered basic pedestrian safety best practices (e.g., high visibility crosswalks, crash reduction factors), community engagement skills (e.g., empowering community solutions, identifying and partnering with community professionals to solve problems); and a walkability assessment of a selected pedestrian danger area.

By the end of the training, participants had a basic understanding of how to work with a group of community residents to set pedestrian safety priorities and build toward a “next steps” education awareness plan to promote safe walking in the community through the media.

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