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Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC) MacArthur Park/Whittier School Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area H1N1 Influenza

On Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 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 **Neighborhood Services Bureau's Anaheim Street Community Police Center** and the **MacArthur Park/Whittier School NIS** area hosted a monthly neighborhood meeting titled "2009 H1N1 Influenza."



Veronica Ornelas, Public Health Emergency Management Program Planner for the **City of Long Beach, Health and Human Services Department**, shared information with residents and business owners about the difference between seasonal and H1N1 influenza, action that can be taken to prevent infection, the vaccine target groups, and how to keep from becoming ill during the flu season. **Thirty-one (31)** people in the surrounding area attended the meeting with translation provided in Khmer and Spanish. The **Neighborhood Services Bureau** provided light refreshments.

For more information about the MacArthur Park/Whittier School NIS area, please contact **Bryant S. Ben** at (562) 570-1691 or e-mail bryant.ben@longbeach.gov.

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St. Mary Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area Graffiti Removal and Neighborhood Clean-Up

On Saturday, December 19, 2009, the **Neighborhood Services Bureau's Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)** in collaboration with residents living in the 1100 block of Lime Avenue, sponsored a graffiti removal / neighborhood clean-up in the St. Mary NIS Area.



The event took place from 9:00 am to noon at 1108 Lime Avenue. Graffiti and nine tons of trash, debris and household furniture were removed from the area. Fifty-nine community members, and sixteen community service workers assigned by the **City Prosecutor's Office** participated in this community event.

The event provided an opportunity for neighbors to work together to improve the physical appearance of their neighborhood. Six property maintenance code violations were identified for referral to the **City's Code Enforcement Division** during the event.



For information about the St. Mary NIS area, please contact **Gonzalo Sanchez** at (562) 570-1114 or e-mail gonzalo.sanchez@longbeach.gov.

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MacArthur Park/Whittier School Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS) Area Neighborhood Clean-Up

On Saturday, December 19, 2009, the **Neighborhood Services Bureau's Anaheim Street Community Police Center (APC)**, **Mrs. Socorro Valderrama** and residents of the 1500 block of Gaviota Avenue sponsored a neighborhood clean-up in the MacArthur Park/Whittier School NIS Area.



The event took place from 8:00 a.m. to noon at 1501 Gaviota Avenue. **Nine (9) tons** of trash, debris and household furniture were removed from the NIS area. **Thirty-two (32)** residents and business owners worked together and improved the physical appearance of their neighborhood.

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Urban Forestry Program Face-Lift for Henderson Avenue

In December 2009, the **Neighborhood Services Bureau's Urban Forestry Program** helped to make the **Washington School Neighborhood Improvement Strategy (NIS)** area a little greener by planting **fourteen (14)** Chinese evergreen elm trees. These trees were planted in the parkways on Henderson Avenue between 15th Street and 16th Street. The new trees will provide shade and overall neighborhood beautification.

The planting was another "piece" in the overall renovation of Henderson Avenue. The City of Long Beach installed new sidewalks and driveways during autumn of 2009. A one-way street conversion is also planned in order to increase on-street parking for this high-density neighborhood.

For more information about the Urban Forestry Program, please contact **Jim Osgood** at **(562) 570-5221** or email **james.osgood@longbeach.gov**.