



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONTHLY
California Heights Neighborhood Association meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Jan's Antique Mall, located at 1133 E. Wardlow Road. Meetings are open to all residents. For more information dial 981-2258.

DECEMBER
Dec. 5th, Petroleum Club Holiday Party (562) 427-7966
Dec. 11th -Daisy Lane Parade
Dec. 4th, 6pm - 9pm Belmont Shore Parade (562) 434-3066
Dec. 5th, 10AM - 4PM Snow in Bixby Knolls- Atlantic Blvd(562) 595-0081

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largest collection of vintage beads west of the Mississippi and possibly the entire U.S.

Besides their new shop, Susan and Scott maintain a thriving website, pudgy-beads.com They also plan to attend a few, select bead shows every year. For five years, bead shows were the mainstay of their business. In 2002 alone, they did 52 ! "After 9/11, it became increasingly more difficult to travel with 400

lbs of beads. Plus, we wanted to be in one stable location and have more family and client time." The former manager of Dancing Days, a bead designer herself, occupied the same space where Pudgy Beads is now, told Susan the space was going to become available. Everything fell into place and Susan and Scott could not be happier with their choice of locations.

Pudgy Beads offers a variety of classes for the beginner to the advanced. Free basic bead stringing workshops are held on Saturdays. More specialized and advance classes are available too. Their classroom is also available for private jewelry making groups. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 562-427-0018. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. You'll find Pudgy Beads at 1150 E. Wardlow Road at the corner of Cerritos Avenue.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Making a Difference, Together

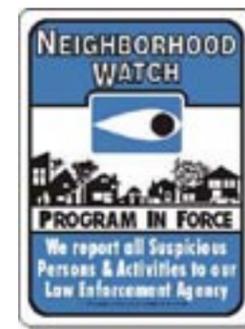
Improving the quality of life in the 7th District begins with maintaining safe and vibrant neighborhoods. While we enjoy many amenities and services in the California Heights neighborhood, there is a lack of active Neighborhood Watch teams in the area.

The Neighborhood Watch program is one of the most effective tools to fight crime. A community based, crime prevention program, Neighborhood Watch involves individuals working together to keep our streets safe and secure. Community Relations Officers train residents to recognize and report suspicious activities to the police. All Watch captains are sent a monthly newsletter and are invited to a monthly crime prevention meeting, which focuses on various topics of

interests. I encourage residents to help start a Neighborhood Watch today.

The Police Department is working hard to get all the available tools for crime fighting. However, our public safety resources are not effective without your help. Please contact my office, at 570-6139 or district7@longbeach.gov, to start your Neighborhood Watch today.

-Tonia Reyes Uranga



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Parking Courtesy Tips

Although not as bad as some parts of Long Beach, parking in Cal Heights can be tight. There is room for approximately two parking spaces in front of each home, therefore it's always best to make an effort to park in front of your home whenever possible. If you have more than two vehicles you should utilize your off-street parking spaces .

If everyone makes an effort, then the odds of finding an open space waiting for you in front of your own home are greatly increased--making our neighborhood an even nicer place to live.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seasons Greetings to you all!

As we bring closure to this year and get ready for the next, I want to take a moment to thank all of you who have helped make this a very successful year for California Heights! We truly could not have done it without the help of the many, many volunteers.

Many of us will soon begin the process of making our New Year's resolutions. It is in that spirit that I would like to make a few suggestions to add to your list.

The first has to do with Neighborhood Watch. We truly need to be more active with Neighborhood Watch. We really do need to get more involved and meet your neighbors. After all, they live right next door. Statistics show that an active neighborhood watch program can and does deter crime. But it starts with a knock on the door and a hello.

The second resolution has to do with getting you involved with the CHNA. I know, I know, your're busy. The kids have home work, you're in school, you work late etc, etc. It's not that we do not understand, but like life, you get what you put in. If you want more diverse articles in the newsletter, then write one. If you want to see trees planted on your street, then join the Releaf committee. Do you want to start a project? Then come to a monthly meeting and get involved!

Finally, the third resolution has to do with getting more of you involved with educating yourselves about the airport expansion. LB-

HUSH2 has done a fantastic job of getting the information out there. But they need your help. Start by visiting their website and joining their email list. On the back page is a list of things you can do to become more active, should you want to become more involved.

I hope that my resolution suggestions end up on your New Year's List. I am truly grateful that I have the opportunity and privilege to raise my family in California Heights. The title of "Best in the West" will soon be relinquished but will not be forgotten. After all, we already knew that we were the "Best of the West" long before we saw it in print!!

Have a safe and happy holiday.

- Albert Guerra

Help Prevent Crime – Join Neighborhood Watch

Here in Cal Heights we have a fairly low crime rate, in fact crime is down 13.7% from last year, with the majority of those crimes classified as auto burglary, auto theft, and home burglary. While there are very few violent crimes committed here I'm sure that most, if not all, of you have heard about the recent murder in the Bixby area and the mugging here in Cal Heights. So how can you help prevent crimes like these from happening here?

First, get involved by joining the Neighborhood Watch Program and host or attend a meeting. The purpose of Neighborhood Watch is to help residents protect their homes, families, and friends by discouraging crime, loitering, and other nuisances, making the neighborhood a safer place to live.

How do you get started? That's the easy part. Start by attending four core meetings, each about 90 minutes, on the following topics; Introduction to Neighborhood Watch/Meet Your Police, Home Security, Personal Safety, and Emergency Communications. After that, it's recommended that the area and block captains host monthly or bi-monthly meetings with neighbors and periodically invite the

police. It's that simple and the Long Beach Police Department (LBPDP) will assist you through the whole process.

I know what you're thinking? I don't have time to attend meetings? Just remember, these meetings will help keep you and your family safer and who doesn't have time for that? Try turning the monthly meeting into a Monday Night Football gathering, Sunday barbecue or block party, the object is to get to know your neighbors.

The neighborhood association would like to assist residents in establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program for every block in Cal Heights. However, residents are needed to sign-up as area captains, block captains, assistant block captains, and to attend the monthly meetings. To sign-up please contact Mark Hawkins at (562) 427-2489.

What else can you do to protect yourself? According to the LBPDP the best thing that you can do is get involved, keep a watchful eye out, and call 911 anytime you see suspicious activity or people in the neighborhood. It just so happens that the Constitution of the United States protects all people (both law abiding and criminals) so a police officer cannot stop just anyone and question their activity or right to be there with out due cause. However, if a resident calls 911 and reports suspicious activity or people, the police do have just cause to question them. When you call try to give as detailed a description as possible about the people, location and/or activity.

Also remember to keep your windows and doors locked (both home and auto), do not invite strangers into your home, always check credentials on repair or maintenance personnel, keep your homes well lit, and educate your family. In addition, general home maintenance is important so keep your yard trimmed and surroundings clean. Keep garbage cans inside the yard until trash day (they make good

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step stools for hopping fences if kept in the alleys) and then return them to the yard afterward. When on vacation, notify the neighbors, have someone pick up the mail and newspapers, put lights on timers, and make sure the lawn is kept up. Keeping the curb and alley numbers painted so that police officers can easily locate your home from the street or alley is also recommended.

Calling 911 from your cell phone? You may not know that 911 calls from a cell phone are automatically transferred to the California Highway Patrol in Sacramento. If you have to use a cell phone to report an emergency, dial the local emergency number for the LBPDP (562) 435-6711 instead of 911. But remember cell phone calls are not traceable so you will need to tell dispatchers your location and the nature of the problem. The LBPDP recommends using a landline to dial 911 whenever possible because the address and call back number are automatically displayed on the dispatchers computer monitor when connected. So even if the call is cancelled immediately, dispatchers can call back or send a patrol unit without ever talking with the caller.

For more information visit www.calheights.org or call the LBPDP for free flyers on protecting your home, family Unit will conduct free home security inspections for active Neighborhood Watch groups and can be reached at (562) 570-7229.



House Plaques Now Available at B&B Hardware.

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Baubles, Bangles and Beads By Terry Hew

Have you ever admired an attractive piece of costume jewelry and wondered, could I make something like that? Well, now you can indulge your creativity at Pudgy Beads, a vibrant, neighborhood bead boutique.

Located at Wardlow and Cerritos Avenues across from Jan's Antiques, Pudgy Beads offers a feast for jewelry makers. Everything from vintage, contemporary, African and Indian ethnic, Czech glass and natural stones awaits you in this bright, well-organized shop. Whether you're a novice or professional jewelry maker, you're bound to find something that fits your creative style. Along with spectacular beads, you'll find all the tools you'll need to make that great, eye-catching necklace including a friendly and talented staff to answer your questions.

Susan and Scott Edwards opened Pudgy Beads (named after Scott's former business, Pudgy Music) in late July.

More than a shop, Pudgy Beads is almost a bead museum with Czech, German and Japanese glass beads making up most of the vintage collection which dates from the 1900's to the mid 1960's. Reproduction of most vintage bead styles is a lost art making them all the more special and valuable. "People know our reputation and they call us when they have something we might be interested in," says Susan. Our biggest acquisition was a 6,000 lb. bead collection from a Connecticut basement that an antiques dealer had amassed over a 30 year period. About half the collection were beads that once belonged to Miriam Haskell, a famous costume jewelry designer of the 1940's. You can look at books of her work and see some of our beads." It took a team of people four days to pack and ship the collection much of which is still for sale at Pudgy Beads. Finding vintage beads now requires more detective work as they've become increasingly rare," according to Susan who says Pudgy Beads has the

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LBHUSH2 Provides Airport Expansion Information to Members and Public

The editorial staff of the "The Heights" Newsletter would like you to become more familiar with the airport expansion. It is our belief that LBHUSH2 has done a good job in providing information to its membership and public.

From time to time, as deadlines and time permits, we will provide space to LBHUSH2 to help get the word out to residents of Cal Heights about upcoming meeting dates and important issues. We will do our best to be timely. The best way to get the most current information is to register on the LBHUSH2 website. The website is www.lbhush2.org.

MISSION STATEMENT: LB HUSH2 is dedicated to ensuring that the Long Beach airport does not degrade our quality of life in Long Beach.

Here are a few things you can do (taken from the LB HUSH2 website)

- Call the airport with a noise complaint at (562) 570-2665
- Write your council person and tell them you want the number of commercial flights held to 41/25 at our airport.
- Become a LBHUSH2 member and make a donation
- Volunteer to help! Fill out an online form or call (562) 595-8865.
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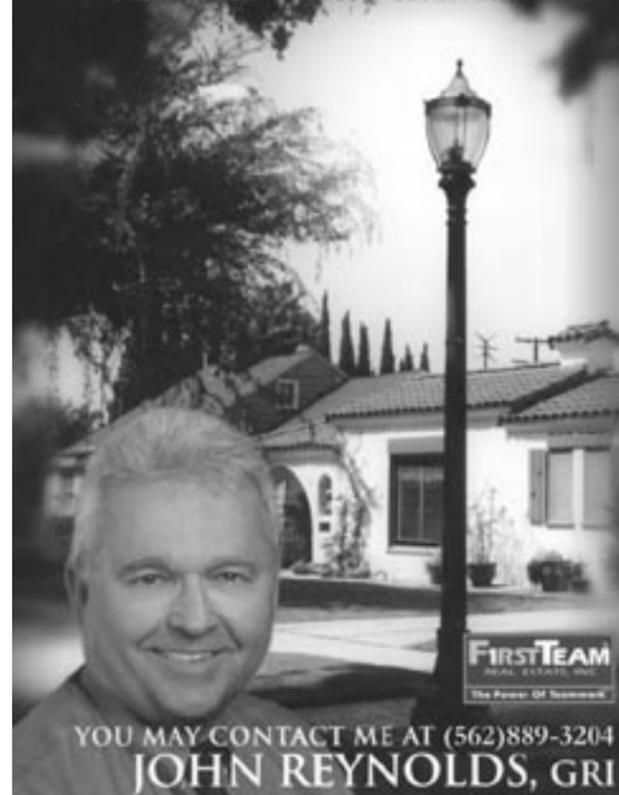
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