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California Heights Neighborhood news is a bi-monthly publication of the California Heights Neighborhood Association.

All residents are invited to contribute articles and opinions. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and brevity. Opinions expressed are not necessarily shared by all residents nor the editor. Our goal is to provide a voice to our community, keeping residents informed of issues affecting the quality of life in California Heights.

ATTEND OUR BEST HOME TOUR EVER



Join us on **Sunday, October 1st, 2006** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the **California Heights Annual Home & Garden Tour's Tenth Anniversary**. This year's tour will be the best ever, as we revisit four great homes from past tours and debut two previously unseen homes.

Homes showcased on this year's tour include:

An English Tudor, featured in 1997, underwent some unfortunate interior changes under a series of owners. New homeowners completed a sensitive restoration that includes a complete kitchen and breakfast nook remodel, restoration of the existing bathrooms, living room fireplace and re-landscaping of the garden.

A Mission Revival, featured in 2001, recently received a sensitive addition that includes a complete kitchen remodel and a master bedroom and bath addition to the rear of the home.

A Spanish Colonial Revival, featured in 2001, recently received an upstairs bath remodel and is worth revisiting just to see the beautiful garden complete with koi pond.

A Spanish Colonial Revival, featured in 2003, with a sensitive addition to the rear of the home so impressed former City of Long Beach Historic Preservation Officer, Ruthann Lehrer, that she toured the house three times.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is it just me, or is September almost over? Where did it go? All I remember was that summer ended in a hurry, the kids went back to school and now the Home Tour is just around the corner. Yikes!

Speaking of Home Tour... Did you get your tickets? You better hurry up. We have sold out in past years and this year is heading in that direction. The good folks at Jan's Antiques Mall and B&B Hardware are waiting to greet you with a smile.

On another note, word has it that we might be getting a Marshals Store right next to OSH. It's not for sure and I guess you could say it's a rumor. However, I have it on good authority that the project is moving around in plan check. So stay tuned. We need more shops in the neighborhood and wherever you find Marshals you always find a Ross. So lets keep our fingers crossed that the Bixby Knolls Area can continue to attract quality stores.

That's it for now...and I hope to see you on the Home Tour! Remember, it's never too late to volunteer.

Albert Guerra
CHNA President

Emergency Preparedness Community Meeting

In recent years we have witnessed some of the most devastating natural disasters on record. Many experts believe it is only a matter of time before "The Big One" hits Southern California - will you be ready?

On Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dana Branch Library - Meeting Room, the CHNA has invited the American Red Cross to present the community education program Earthquake Preparedness and Family Disaster Planning.

The presentation is designed to increase public awareness and educate the community to help people prevent, prepare for, and cope with disaster.

Information will be provided on how to create an emergency disaster plan, what you should have in an earthquake kit, and necessary checklist actions. The Red Cross representative will also discuss how to remain safe before, during and after an earthquake strikes.

The presentation lasts approximately 1 hour after which there will be a question and answer period.

Please join us for a truly informative evening.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE/E-WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Long Beach will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste Collection Day on October 14 at Veterans Stadium from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Here are some helpful tips of what can and cannot be collected.

Examples of acceptable a HHW collection items:

- Motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid
- Used Antifreeze
- Paint, paint thinner, turpentine
- Cleaners with acid or lye
- Pesticides or herbicides
- Household batteries or car batteries
- Pool chemicals
- CRT's, old TV's, misc. electronics
- Mercury thermometers or thermostats
- Unwanted or expired pharmaceuticals

Example of items that CANNOT be accepted at a HHW collection:

- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Radioactive materials
- Trash
- Tires
- Business waste
- White goods (stoves, fridges, etc)

How should you prepare?

Bring the items you wish to dispose of in a sturdy box preferably in their original, labeled containers.

Do not EVER mix products together.

It is ILLEGAL to transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste in your personal vehicle.

Be prepared to leave your containers. Because of permitting requirements, and the volume of people that utilize the program, items such as gasoline cans **WILL NOT** be returned.

Karina A. Meese
Office of Tonia Reyes Uranga
Councilmember, 7th District

Garage Sale Madness – Get a Permit, Not a Ticket!

We accumulate a lot of junk . . . or treasure! It all depends upon who one asks. Garage/yard sales are a great way to pass on what we come to consider junk so someone else can find a new treasure. It's also a great way to score some cash for a night out or a new project at the house.

There are municipal guidelines governing our need to sell what we have outgrown or abandoned. The guidelines came about as the number of complaints about "continuous" garage sales and neglected garage sale signs blighting neighborhoods rose in the late 1990s.

In the City of Long Beach, a permit is required for each garage sale, available for \$10.00. Each single family address may have two garage sales per year.

Only one sign advertising the sale may be placed on the property where the sale is to take place. No other signs are permitted. It is illegal to attach any signs to lampposts, city signage and street trees. The sign may be no longer than four feet and should not exceed six square feet. Local realtor, Ron Arriola, offers free signs. Contact him at **562-595-5657**, or ron.arriola@verizon.net

Each permit allows the seller to operate the sale for three consecutive days, and a free replacement permit will be issued within a week should Mother Nature rain on your parade for two of the three permitted days. Permitted hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Permits may be attained at any of the four Long Beach Police substations, seven days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or at Fourth Floor City Hall.

Please see the City's website for further details governing garage sales and garage sale permits.

Good luck on your garage and yard sales. Maybe you'll find space enough for your car, recover a forgotten room for a new office or den, or clear clutter to prepare your house for sale. Then again, maybe you'll just make space to accumulate more junk!

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Debuting this year is a classic Neo-traditional style home with beautiful landscaping and recently completed kitchen remodel as well as an eclectic bungalow that received an overall facelift after being neglected by prior owners.

Generously sponsored by John Reynolds the tour will again include gourmet box lunches by Delius Restaurant, floral centerpieces by Bixby Knolls Florist, a variety of talented musicians and the little red trolley to pick up and drop off riders near each of the homes and Jan's Antique Mall throughout the event.

Ticket cost is \$20.00 pre-sale or \$25.00 on the day of the event. Tickets with gourmet box lunch from Delius Restaurant are \$30.00 and are only available pre-sale until September 25, 2006. Lunches include turkey wraps with chipotle mayonnaise, jicama slaw with peanuts, double chocolate chip cookie, carbonated beverage or water.

Tickets are on sale now at **Jan's Antique Mall**, 1133 E. Wardlow Road, **562-424-9935** and **B & B Hardware**, 929 E. Wardlow Road, **562-490-2269**. Please note that the day of event tickets will only be available at **Jan's Antique Mall**. We are unable to accept credit cards and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

For more information call CHNA at **562-424-6727** or visit our website at www.calheights.org. Home tour ticket order forms are available on the website.

Docents and general volunteers are always needed! If you are interested in volunteering please call Kathryn Costantino at 562-981-3671 or e-mail calheightshometour@earthlink.net.

Kerrie Weaver

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Tom Barnes is one of the most active citizens in our neighborhood. He happens to be one of the owners of B&B Hardware on Wardlow & California, and is quite invested in our neighborhood. Tom has been in the neighborhood since June 2003.

He has been known to paint out graffiti and showcase a model hardware store specializing in items such as vintage hardware. His pride is keeping his store a model store by keeping the area clear of trash and making sure his property is hosed down and clean.

At the community meeting this past July, Tom noticed how warm it was inside the antique mall. Being the good citizen Tom is known to be, off he went to retrieve his cooler filled with ice, sodas, and water. He made over twenty people happy that particular evening.

He is also a good neighbor to the other businesses on Wardlow. Banana Berry's front glass window was shattered so Tom being the good neighbor he is, cleaned up the broken shards of glass from the sidewalk. Tom is also helping to revitalize Wardlow Avenue and is very busy with many 7th District functions.

Thank you Tom. We are lucky to have you as part of the neighborhood.

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 Community Meeting
 Thursday, November 9th
 7:00 p.m.**

**New Location
 Dana Branch Library
 Atlantic & 37th Street**

Mobile Skate Park Program Returning to Cal Heights

Cal Heights Kids, You Did It!

I would like to thank all of the boys and girls (and their parents) who attended the Cal Heights/Bixby Knolls Mobile Skate Park Event on Saturday August 26th.

The young and energetic staff of Long Beaches Parks & Recreation- Mobile Skate Park brought many "COOL" ramps and challenges for the kids to enjoy. I found the staff to be very helpful and aware of all the kids in attendance and their varying levels of skill. It was also noted that the staff offered plenty of advice and tips when asked and where not shy in demonstrating whenever possible.

As a parent and one time (not so good) skateboarder it was nice to see the kids interact with each other in a safe and protected environment. Having the ramps and equipment set up in an enclosed area offered plenty of space to move around without having the kids dodging automobiles or other traffic.

Because of the strong presence of our kids at the inaugural event, the Mobile Skate Park program will be returning to Cal Heights. Starting Wednesday September 13th, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, the Mobile Skate Park will be returning on a weekly basis at the same location. This will take place indefinitely until the Mobile Skate Board Van is rotated to another part of the city. Check with staff weekly for any schedule changes.

As a reminder, the van will be set up between Hughes Middle School and Longfellow School. This is the space that is normally closed during school hours.

The Mobile Skate Board on Wheels truck has a limited amount of boards, scooters and protective gear i.e. helmet, knee and elbow pads for participants to use. Bring your own gear if you have it. All safety equipment must be worn and your equipment must check out for safety. As with extreme sports all participants must complete a safety waiver signed by a parent/guardian. Sorry, bicycles will not be permitted on the skate elements while skateboarders are present. Thanks again for all of those attended and please be safe while practicing at home.

Albert Guerra





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SKATE PARK ON WHEELS

Mobile Skate Park Program

SEPTEMBER 2006

City of Long Beach recreation staff will be blocking off a street at the below listed times and days to provide a FREE Mobile Skate Park program to the youth in your neighborhood. We will place street barricades at the both ends of the street, park a truck full of skate and recreational equipment behind the barricades, and provide supervised activities for a 3 hour block of time. This program is for ages 5 and up.

We would appreciate it if you would refrain from parking or driving behind the street barricades during program hours. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (562) 570-3537.

We will be at the following location on the following day and times:

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We need a few Orange Avenue residents to help contact their neighbors and get the ball rolling. If you would like to volunteer, please contact ReLeaf coordinator, John Royce, at roycelockart@msn.com, and keep an eye on this newsletter for possible meeting dates and other announcements.

John Royce

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The Long Beach Water Department has awarded nearly \$20,000 in the first two quarters of 2006 in grants to community groups and public agencies to create beautiful water-conserving gardens. Grant winners include: Prisk Elementary School, Pacific Wind Art Sculpture Garden, Los Altos Family YMCA, Los Cerritos Elementary School, and Birney Elementary School.

This is a great funding source to improve the look of facilities in your neighborhoods! Neighborhood and community groups that would like to create gardens in parks, at schools, libraries or other public spaces in may apply in partnership with the governmental agency that owns the property.

For more information and to download the easy-to-complete application, go to www.lbwater.org, then click "Water Conservation" and "Beautiful Long Beach Grants".

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact:

Matt Lyons
 Director of Planning & Conservation
 Long Beach Water Department
 (562) 570-2315
Matt_Lyons@lbwater.org

Grants are awarded quarterly. The next round of applications **MUST be received by the Water Department no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday September 29, 2006.**

The Neighborhood Resource Center will co-host an application workshop for the next funding round:

Wednesday, October 4, 2006, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 Location: Long Beach Water Department
 1800 E. Wardlow Road
 Long Beach, CA 90807

The Neighborhood Resource Center has community computers and technical assistance available to help neighborhood groups apply for this and other grants. Please call ahead to reserve time to use the equipment and/or to request technical support by calling (562) 570-1010.

Thanks to the Board of Water Commissioners of the Long Beach Water Department for sharing this grant opportunity!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

1st The Tenth Annual Home & Garden Tour, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tickets at Jan's Antiques Mall, 1133 E. Wardlow Road, Info 997-8888 or www.calheights.org

4th Water Conservation Grant Writing Class 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. L.B. Water Department, 1800 E. Wardlow Road

14th Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste Collection, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Veterans Stadium, L.B.C.C.

26th Cruise Night, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. George's 50's Diner, Corner of Atlantic & San Antonio

Wednesdays Mobile Skateboard Park, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Between Longfellow & Hughes Schools

NOVEMBER

9th Emergency Preparedness CHNA Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Now at Dana Branch Library, 3680 Atlantic Avenue, (Corner of Atlantic & 37th) Info 997-8888 or www.calheights.org

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