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# **Airport Noise Ordinance**

Many of you are aware of the upcoming City Council vote regarding Jet Blue's request for a U.S. Customs Facility at Long Beach Airport. It is anticipated that the vote will occur sometime in July.

Two neighborhood groups, Long Beach Neighborhoods First and LBHUSH2, hosted a meeting at the Expo on April 20th to educate residents about the Noise Ordinance. Our City Attorney, Charles Parkin, and our Assistant City Attorney, Michael Mais spoke, as well as, City Prosecutor, Doug Haubert and former 8th District Councilman, Jeff Kellogg. Jeff served on the Council when the current ordinance was adopted. After 12 years of expensive litigation, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals entered Final Judgement in May 1995 and the City approved a Negative Declaration and adopted the current Noise Compatibility Ordinance. This ordinance has not been modified since the final 1995 adoption. The ordinance allows for a minimum of 41 commercial flights daily and 25 commuter flights daily. Currently, only 34 commercial flights and 3 commuter flights are being used. If quieter aircraft become available, the number of flights can increase, if it can be proved that it will not exceed the noise levels established by the ordinance.

The concern the two neighborhood groups have is that any change to the airport, especially the addition of the Customs Facility, will invite more challenges to our Noise Ordinance. Cal Heights residents are aware that there is an airport nearby and most residents are fine with the ordinance that we have. However, we should be aware that with the possible Customs Facility allowing international flights, our minimum flight slots could fill right up to what is currently allowed, 41 commercial and 25 commuter. Within the parameters of our ordinance, this could increase noise, air pollution and freeway traffic.

Long Beach Airport has the benefit of an exemption from the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990 (ANCA). We are only one of five airports nationwide that has this exemption. This is important to our quality of life and we should not allow it to be threatened.

This is the condensed version of the issue at hand. We encourage all residents to become familiar with the Noise Ordinance and its history. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation given by Assistant Attorney Michael Mais can be requested at michael.mais@ longbeach.gov. More information can be found on longbeachneighborhoodsfirst.com or on their Facebook page. Here you can find more on the Noise Ordinance and the history of our airport, as well as, contact information for all members of our City Council. Another meeting hosted by the two neighborhood groups will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> Council District, date to be confirmed. Please attend if you can. This is a very important issue for our neighborhoods.

# President's Message A MESSAGE FROM HUGH LITTLE

We've undergone quite a bit of change since our last issue. I have already mentioned how close we are to crossing the finish line on the Lamppost Project, and we continue to deliberate on future projects and how to best contribute to the neighborhood. Beyond that, we've recently had a substantial change to the membership of our board. John Royce, who many of you know well as our past president, has taken a position with the Historical Society of Long Beach and has stepped down as a member of the board. Soon after, we welcomed Juliana Robbins, John Moreland, and Alfredo Valenzuela to the CHNA board. Stay tuned as we fully introduce our new members (and better say goodbye to all who have helped serve in the past) in our next newsletter.

Preparations are nearly complete for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alley Cleanup and Block Party of 2015. On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or so, we'll be focusing on the alleys between California and Orange. From noon until about 4:00 – our Block Party (on the 3600 block of Cerritos) will be grills-a-blazing. Entrée grillables will be provided. Please feel free to bring a dessert, salad, or side of your choice.

I'd like to take a paragraph or two to elaborate a little on each of these event series. Each quarter (more or less) we try to have one of each. Both are open to all residents in the neighborhood. We expect, of course, that interest and participation in the alley cleanups will fall off rapidly the farther we get from your alley, but everyone is welcome to attend. How many of the alleys we get to tends to vary tremendously by how many folks show up: More participants means more clean alleys and less work for everyone involved.

While the block parties are scheduled on the same day as the alley cleanups and follow the same general geographic area, they are not, strictly speaking, related to the alley cleanups. What I mean by that is the entire neighborhood is welcome to each event – whether or not it is in your immediate vicinity – and whether or not you happened to be free to participate in the cleanup earlier that (or any other) morning. We tend to advertise them on the same fliers inserted in the newsletters for residents of the streets targeted in the alley cleanups, but that's really just for convenience's sake.

I guess a shorter way to say all of that is I hope we'll see you all there. I'll leave you with a plug that I'll probably be ending these letters with until some time after October. The Cal Heights Historic Home Tour is coming up this year, on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. As always we're scouring the neighborhood for homes and gardens to be on the tour, but we're always searching for volunteers to help with many aspects of preparation and 'day of' work. Docents, coordinators, you name it, we need your help. If you'd like more information, reach out to us at info@calheights.org.

Kindly, Hugh Little, CHNA President Enjoy periodic updates on local happenings, resident alerts, and lost/found pets! Just sign up at calheights.org/contact.htm

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## Cal Heights Looking Back

By Frances Stoner

We are so fortunate to live in a neighborhood so rich with historical charm that people come from all over to see our houses when CHNA presents the Home Tour. The houses have wonderful distinctive details of bygone days, like milk slots, ironing board closets and colorfully tiled bathrooms. The architecture and uniqueness of these homes are a kind of living legacy to the families who lived in them. In a way, the families who lived in our homes before us become a part of our family legacy too. We all have memories of something in our childhood home, maybe the wood-carved front door that welcomed you home or the cozy kitchen where the family would gather for meals. What would you preserve and keep in your home for future families to enjoy?

Christine Bouma has such a passion for restoring historical homes and preserving our heritage here in California Heights she has renovated two homes. The first was a Casita Spanish house on Myrtle Avenue that was restored to its original beauty and featured in the 2005 home tour. The Boumas then moved down the street to a notable Spanish-Colonial Revival house, built by renowned architect James R. Friend in 1936. The house required extensive work, or as Christine noted, needed a 'Mama' who would lovingly care and nurture this house back to its original glory. The Gunn family was the original owners, and the home had been passed down to various relatives until the Boumas moved in. Christine restored many of the original fixtures, bathroom tiles and flooring with such great attention to detail. She won the Preservation Award presented by Long Beach Heritage in 2012. This home was also featured on the 2011 Home Tour and the Great Homes of Long Beach Tour in 2013. Quite a remarkable feat!

Christine believes that the original design of the house takes on a personality and, if we preserve that personality through restoration, we never have to remodel; the house will always be in style. "I live in a work of art. I see the vision of the original owner and I want to preserve and promote this vision from generation to generation." For those of us lucky enough to have toured the homes Christine has mothered back to their original splendor, we learned to honor what has come before and preserve it for those to come.



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## **Opening Our Home to the Tour**

by Julianna Robbins

Two years ago, we were invited to open our home to the Cal Heights Home and Garden Tour. My husband and I had both served as docents on a previous tour, then in 2011 we were asked to feature our home, but we put it off due to a scheduled trip. When we were approached again in 2013, we were a little hesitant. I was having a baby in September and the thought of hundreds of people going through our home was a bit daunting.

Our home was also the first mid-century home to be featured and I wasn't sure it was ready or if people would appreciate the home's style. The look is obviously different than the Spanish, Tudor, and Craftsman styles that we also enjoy, but the openness and the indoor/outdoor feel of the home is a common draw and we were hoping others would appreciate it too.

The tour ended up being a good excuse to complete some lingering projects, but we also left a few things undone. After all, we were two adults, one newborn, and two large dogs living here day to day. Neither of us are designers or architects and the home was never going to be perfect, but after living here for more than ten years, most major projects that we wanted to complete were finished.

Throughout the selection period, pre- and post-tour activities, the organizers were conscientious of our needs, making sure people only peeked into the nursery, and the docents were clearly religious about making sure everyone kept on the path in their booties because the house was surprisingly clean when everything was done. Honestly, our floors are dirtier after a small get-together!

Though I still feel a little bit ridiculous when I see someone wearing the home tour shirt with our house on it, we were both surprised by how easy the tour was and the parties were a great excuse to enjoy our neighborhood and meet new people.

Save the Date

10/18/2015 Cal Heights Home & Garden Tour!

### **Heart & Home - The Way of Tea**

By Bungalow Kev Doherty

Heart & Home is designer Bungalow Kev's new column for The Heights offering insights, information and inspiration on all things relating to lifestyle and the personal experience of your home. He'll explore home improvement project design and installation tempered with articles on aesthetics and culture all designed to help you savor well-deserved recreational time in your historic home. Here's an introduction that we hope you'll find worth all the tea in China!

Early mornings at our house begin with first flush Darjeeling tea enjoyed on the front porch of our bungalow. Seated in my Adirondack chair, cup in hand, the sweet bouquet of the steamy brew beckons reflection and visualization of the day ahead. The garden, alive with butterflies and bees, adds herbal notes to the early suburban world as water dances in and out of the rustic stone fountain and a bird lands to gather a drink. I watch and listen sip by sip as the sun warms the horizon.

#### EAST MEETS WEST

Since time immemorial, tea has enhanced the lives of our global ancestors and it continues to be the world's most popular drink. Thanks to Lu Yu, said to have written the first book of tea, titled "Ch'a Ching", around 780 A.D., the healthy properties of tea and related ceremony were first articulated for the Chinese. The year he died a Japanese monk brought the first tea plant seeds to Japan, and the Japanese, under 16<sup>th</sup> century tea master Sen-no Rikyu and later Okakuro Kakuzo furthered the art, literature and ceremony of tea. Dutch traders of the 1600's introduced tea to Europe whose colonial enterprises abroad established the now famous tea gardens of India and Ceylon during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

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Drs. Janie and Chris Turner, DC's

"How can I lose weight?" "I need to take a nap in the middle of the day." "What can I do to get rid of my bloated stomach?" As chiropractors, these are just a few of the questions we hear from our patients. As a result of our professional training, we know about body biomechanics, that is, how the body moves. We know how ligaments, muscles, and tendons react when an injury occurs and we know how to help injuries repair. But "we are what we eat," and when it comes to the body being able to heal properly, good nutrition is a huge part of the equation.

If a patient says that she is fatigued, we can usually determine the reason why by asking the right questions. It could be such things as a lack of water, not enough sleep or exercise, drinking too much coffee, eating the wrong foods at the wrong times, iron or vitamin D deficiencies, or a little bit of everything mentioned. The fatigue she is experiencing could keep her from losing weight, so finding the cause is very important.

One of the easiest fixes is getting eight hours of sleep. Also, eating a moderately sized breakfast that includes at least 10 grams of protein (a couple of large eggs or a smoothie with whole food vegan protein) is a good way to sustain energy and to keep your metabolism revved-up. Eat your largest meal at lunch and have a light supper of protein and veggies, preferably three hours before bedtime. Avoid skipping meals or you'll eat later in the day!

When it comes to dietary approaches, there is no such thing as one-size-fits-all. Fad diets may promise that eating different packaged foods or counting carbs will shed those extra pounds, but it's lifestyle changes that keeps the weight off. In our office, we use whole foods, nutritional supplements, essential minerals, herbs, personalized nutritional guidance, specific exercises and proper biomechanics to help our patients get the results they hope for. To learn more about our wellness treatments, visit www.turnerchiro.com.

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# From the North Commander Rudolph Kosmiza

Hello California Heights residents! I wanted to introduce myself to all of you as the new Commander assigned to the North Division. I was recently appointed to the position of Commander in February 2015.

I have been employed with the Long Beach Police Department for approximately twenty-four years. I started my career with the Police Department in 1992 and began working my first assignment as a patrol officer in the North Division, so it is great to be back home! I was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2000 and to the rank of Lieutenant in 2004.

I have had the opportunity to work many assignments during my law enforcement career, including Patrol, Gang Enforcement, Vice and Drug Investigations, Jail Administration, Internal affairs, Office of Counter Terrorism, and Juvenile Investigations. My most recent assignment, prior to being appointed to the position of Commander, was as Acting Commander of the North Division.

I graduated from Arizona University with a Bachelor of Arts degree oriented toward Public Policy and Administration. I am also a graduate of the FBI National Academy as well as the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute.

Positively impacting public safety and improving quality of life issues in North Division are top priorities for my staff and me. However, this entails teamwork between the Police Department, and yes, the great residents of Long Beach.

Many citizens have already heard me discussing the topic of "ownership" at several community meetings that I attend on a weekly basis. I am asking all of the residents of California Heights to be proactive in their local neighborhoods while working cooperatively with one another and promptly reporting suspicious activity to the Police Department.

I look forward to meeting all of you very shortly! &

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# From the 7<sup>th</sup> District Roberto Uranga Councilmember

Preservation of our neighborhoods, as Cal Heights residents know well, is a continual process that requires engaged residents and a responsive local government. In my first ten months in office, I have enjoyed a fruitful collaboration with Cal Heights residents and with the California

Heights Neighborhood Association.

In large part due to the great partnership we have with residents and city staff, we have been able to address quality of life issues. Most recently, my office worked with the Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Division to host a community meeting to discuss the parking impacts on Cherry Avenue. Residents gave detailed accounts of the many daily parking issues. This meeting served as a pivotal step in identifying a solution. A follow up community meeting will be scheduled after additional studies have been completed by the Traffic Division.

Another project we are happy to assist with is the relocation of trees at Lot 33. These trees were planted and cared for by Boy Scout Troop 29, CHNA, BKBIA, residents, volunteers, and business owners. Many of the trees will be relocated thanks to an agreement, and the financial backing, with the soon-to-be new tenant, Chick-Fil-A. We are currently working with Parks & Rec to schedule a date for the relocation.

Additionally there are a few projects that have carried over, such as the road improvements on Orange Avenue. At last November's community meeting we discussed resurfacing Orange Avenue with asphalt, or keeping the existing concrete road surface and continue to patch up with asphalt when needed. Public Works came away from the meeting with community requests for more information on other possible options that could preserve the perceived historic nature of the concrete roadway. Expect a follow up community meeting soon.

Although I have only highlighted a few of the exciting projects in Cal Heights, there is much that is being done in your community and those across the Seventh District. Whether it is the completion of projects that preserve the neighborhood's historic character or the addition of new small businesses such as Steelhead Coffee, Cal Heights is where it's at!

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# **Catching up with Animal Care Services**

by Stacey Morrison

I was reading a Facebook post about a cat that was stuck on a ledge. This post mentioned how Animal Care Services wouldn't come out to save the kitty and how they are "just there for appearance sake." This struck me because I consider ACS as the organization which brought me my beloved Schroeder, Franklin, and Smokey Joe. I wanted to learn more about ACS, so I sat down with Ted Stevens, Bureau Manager.

Roughly 10,000 animals came into ACS last year, mostly dogs and cats but also guinea pigs, bunnies, snakes, turtles, and birds. However, ACS provides the city with many important services. Currently some ACS resources are going toward helping the baby seals that are mysteriously washing up on shore undernourished. The seals are taken to a marine sanctuary in San Pedro for rehabilitation.

With the use of social media, ACS is reuniting more lost pets with their owners. They have a Twitter feed (@LBAnimalCare) that is updated hourly with information on animals brought into the center. If you have a lost or found animal, the best policy is to contact ACS as it is the main animal care services for Long Beach, Cerritos, Seal Beach, Signal Hill and Los Alamitos. Notifying this central location is key in reuniting furry family members.

ACS has many challenges, as most city services do, but recently celebrated a key victory. Last year the number of euthanized animals was down to an all time low: almost 1200 fewer animals were euthanized in 2014 compared to 2013. Stevens plans on this number to continue to go down due to the high number of animals that are adopted through the city and other adoption partners, more residents are fostering animals, the new mandatory spay/ neuter law accompanied by several free or low-cost neuter programs, and the raising awareness of the importance of microchipping pets.

Stevens talked about a 95-year old man who was moving into assisted living and could not take his pet turtle, which he had for 75 years. The man handed over his turtle, tears in his eyes, but with comfort in knowing that his longtime friend would be adopted to a good home.

Contact ACS to learn more about their services; volunteer, donate or even adopt your next lifelong friend at longbeach.gov/acs. Oh, the kitty mentioned above hopped over the ledge and went safely back inside. &

### Your Local Library

by Melissa L. Strasser Branch Librarian - DANA Neighborhood Library

Spring may have sprung, but summer's just around the corner. Especially at DANA Library. And for a Library so rooted in families, summer at DANA Library means one thing: SUMMER READING IS COMING!

The Long Beach Public Library Summer Reading Club starts on June 20th! This year's theme is EVERY HERO HAS A STORY. The DANA Library will have a kick-off event on June 20th, and Mayor Garcia is working with LBPL to host a Summer Reading Extravaganza (event details tba), so we are very excited to explore all kinds of comic, true, and community heroes at libraries all over Long Beach.

It's worth telling you that we'll be taking a break from our regular programming to get ready. It's that big.

DANA Library will celebrate with a number of events. We'll have some of your favorite entertainers and performers, like Annie Bananie and Wonders of Wildlife, some community engagement events to showcase our local heroes like Police and Fire Touch-a-Truck and Safety presentations, and, thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Bixby Knolls and North Long Beach, DANA kids will be able to sharpen their skills in super-strength, courage, and flight during our six-week SuperHero Training Camp. Add to that our Family Storytimes, Chill Out Movie Matinees, and our new Tree Tales Storytimes, and we've got a full summer planned. To learn more about all our events, visit www.lbpl.org/location/dana/

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## A Taste of Deli in our Neighborhood

By Ilana Brackett

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Bixby's Brooklyn Deli brings a delightful taste of deli to our own Atlantic Avenue in Bixby Knolls. It has been years, maybe even a decade, since an establishment has stayed occupied longer than a year at 4280 Atlantic Avenue. I have ventured into this establishment twice in the past month to taste and see what is being offered.

First off, the service both times was excellent. The servers were friendly and helpful. In fact, the owner herself was present both times and was very congenial. I asked her what she would like her customers to know about her deli. She said that Bixby Brooklyn Deli makes food to order as well as the recipes from her mother-in-law. Also, after talking deli foods, she mentioned that she has travelled to taste deli foods from San Diego to Los Angeles. She made it seem as if deli food was a passion of both her and her husband. She stated she could eat matzo ball soup daily (and she probably does).

For my second visit I brought my family, including the inlaws and my daughter. My father-in-law ordered a Cheese Omelette and raved about it being a perfect omelette. My mother-in-law ordered the Apricot Stuffed Challah French Toast, which she declared was better than Mimi's Café's Orange Marmalade Stuffed French Toast. The apricot was the perfect tartness. My daughter had the Classic Challah French Toast and all the pieces were gone in a flash. This trip, I ordered the California Reuben with potato salad. Both were delicious, and the potato salad was to die for. Half a sandwich and the potato salad filled me up, so the other half went home with a slice of New York Cheesecake (also delicious).

As a child my family, who called the Bronx, New York their home, had raved about Egg Cream Sodas. As a tribute to my family, I tried the NY Egg Cream at Bixby's Brooklyn Deli. It was quite interesting with a glob of chocolate syrup and seltzer water. I'm sure nothing will compare to what my family tasted in the 1930's -1950's, but it brought back memories of my family smiling as they reminisced of their youth and drinking Egg Cream Sodas.

The deli is charming with black and white posters of New York and a poster of the Pike from way back when. If you have not tried Bixby's Brooklyn Deli give it a try. I think you will be happily surprised. As of right now, the hours are morning until 3:00 p.m.; however, they are working on staying open later. I look forward to that, and then I can embark on arriving in the evening for that matzo ball soup.

### Long Beach in Pictures

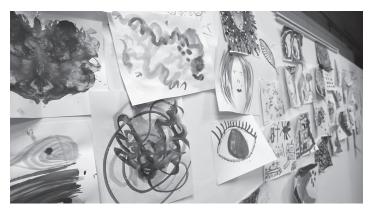
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1. Harmony Salon 2. Steelhead Coffee (both at Wardlow

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# IN THE KNOW'LLS What's New? What's Happening?

by Blair Cohn, Executive Director BKBIA

By now you should have received the **2015 Business Directory** and we hope you will make good use of it. Not only do you have all the listings of the businesses in our district but we also included some fun neighborhood tidbits and history of the Bixby Knolls area. Plus, you will find the listing of our monthly events and programs and read about Rancho Los Cerritos and the Historical Society of Long Beach.

**Beach Streets – Uptown, June 6** – Just a reminder to everyone to get ready to take to Atlantic Avenue by foot, bike, skateboard, or even a scooter as the street is shut down to vehicle traffic from 9 am to 4 pm. Imagine First Fridays in the daytime. There will be LOTS of music, art, community groups, farmers market, petting zoo, and other surprises as you travel from Wardlow north to Harding and back down again. Check out more of the event information at www. beachstreets.com

We are very happy with the continued momentum of new businesses coming to Bixby Knolls. Weiland Brewery Restaurant is now open. Deep Blue Swim School will be open at the beginning of June. Stearns Liquor has just about completed its total transformation. (Carson & Atlantic). Long Beach Creamery should be ready to serve ice cream any day now. Dutch's Brew House, where you can brew your own beer, is under construction.

We welcome the new party and gift shop **The Better Half** at 3974 Atlantic to the neighborhood. And please check out **La Casita Rivera**, 3819 Atlantic, the newest restaurant to open in BK.

We send Congratulations to **Phil Trani's** for celebrating 25 years in Bixby Knolls.

Next time you are out walking around, check out the Art Alley or "**Allery**" at Burlinghall. Currently on display are the four Bixby Cats painted by Christian Hernandez and the mural by David Van Patten. The space will be activated every First Friday.



The Kids Theatre Company has created its permanent home in the Expo Arts Center. Once a storage room has been transformed into a theater and recent shows include The Wedding Singer, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, and Grease. Check out www.tktcbuzz.com for the show listing and performance schedules.

**The Bixby Knolls Bridal Collective** will be organizing weddings in our Pocket Park. Check them out during First Fridays for all the information. We will be posting the dates of the actual weddings through our social media.

Find us and follow us: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @bixbyknolls. We also encourage you to sign up for our newsletters at: www.bixbyknollsinfo.com. Also visit: Firstfridayslongbeach.com and Expoartscenter.org

**In Memoriam** – We mourn the recent loss of two Bixby Knolls icons. Sheldon Grossman, owner of the Bixby Knolls Car Wash for over 35 years and Paul Evans, husband of Melinda McCoy of McCoy's Flowers. Our condolences go out to the families.

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### Visit the calheights.org for calendar events!

Thursdays: 8:00 am litter pickup - meet at Wardlow & Lime

**Saturdays:** Strollers Walking Group - 7:30 am at our local Atlantic Avenue Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf

First Friday of each Month: firstfridayslongbeach.com

Every third Sunday: Kidical Mass, bixbyknollsinfo.com

**Every Second Saturday:** Hazardous Waste Collection at EDCO, longbeachrecycles.org

Sunday, May 17: Kidical Mass - Family bike ride

bixbyknollsinfo.com/events/kidical-mass/

**Sunday, May 24:** 5:30 - 7 p.m. Rancho Summer Concert: The Band of the California Battalion, rancholoscerritos.org/calendar.html

**Saturday, June 6:** Beach Streets Uptown 9a-4p beachstreets.com/events/beach-streets-uptown

Saturday, June 20: Mark Paul Fine Jewelry - grand opening event

Orange & Wardlow

**Sunday, August 23:** 1:30 pm Conversations in Place Lecture Series, Rancho Los Alamitos, rancholosalamitos.com/events.html

**Saturday, September 12:** Cal Heights Alley cleanup **Sunday, October 18:** Cal Heights Home & Garden Tour

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**Airport Noise** 570-2665 / 570-2600

California Heights ReLeaf 997-9094

**Community Watch North Division** 570-9825 or 570-9827

**Dana Branch Library** 570-1042

Fire Department 570-2500

**Graffiti Paint-Out** 570-2773

**Garage Sale Hotline** 570-YARD (9273)

**Long Beach Building Department** 570-6651

**Long Beach Animal Control** 570-PETS (7387)

**Neighborhood Preservation Information** 570-6194

Parkway Tree Trimming 570-2700

**Police Department Dispatch** 435-6711 or Emergency 911

**Police North Substation Information** 570-9800

Senior Check-In 570-7212

**Special Garbage Pickup (2 free per year)** 570-2876

**SoCal Harvest** (323) 678-6036

**Street Potholes** 570-3259