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Cherry Avenue Corridor Specific Plan Outreach Meeting

By John Moreland

On Wednesday, February 28th, the City of Long Beach Development Services kicked off the former Cherry Avenue Corridor Specific Plan. The new name for this project is the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan. The goal of this plan is to help with the transition of the former C-17 Globemaster III production facility into an area that will once again bring economic activity into the City. The City received a grant from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment to prepare this Specific Plan. The City's goal is to replace the economic activity that was lost when the C-17 production ended. Initially, the plan was only to cover properties along Cherry Avenue between Wardlow Road and the 405 freeway, in addition to the former C-17 production properties. However, the City may consider extending the plan to include non-residential properties along Cherry between Carson and Spring Streets.

At this time, no details of the plan have been settled, but at the meeting on the 28th, the City's consultants indicated that the City is leaning toward an office/industrial park for the former C-17 production facilities and commercial/retail businesses along Cherry Avenue near Wardlow Road. Cherry Avenue would include a planted median and street trees. This area has several restrictions due to its proximity to Long Beach Airport. For most of this area, single-family homes, entertainment venues, and other uses that would gather a lot of people in one place, would not be allowed by the Federal Government.

The City has expressed interest in community feedback and will be conducting numerous outreach meetings as the plan is further developed during this 12 to 18 month-long process. The next outreach meeting/workshop is tentatively scheduled for some time in June. Please check our Facebook page for updates as the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan progresses.

Additional information regarding the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan can be found at www.lbds.info/GMCSP. 


President's Message

By Hugh Little

Keeping it super short this edition while I try to recover from the latest wave of viruses this season has to offer me.

We're working on reestablishing regular open-forum meetings for the CHNA. As soon as we're able to resolve venue-related issues, we plan to try to make the May or June meeting our first of these to continue quarterly thereafter. We are going to advertise it on Facebook initially, maybe with email follow-up, so that we can update location and timing information based on the number of interested replies we receive. Watch this space, our Website, and our facebook page for more information. ↩

Kindly,



Hugh Little, CHNA President

Alley Cleanups for 2018

APRIL 21st - Meet at 9:00 am at Lewis and 36th. We will clean all the alleys between Atlantic and Orange depending on volunteer turn out. Please bring all items to be dumped to Lewis and 36th by 11:00 am.

NOVEMBER 3rd - Meet at 9:00 am at Gundry and 36th. We will clean all the alleys between Orange and Cherry depending on volunteer turn out. Please bring all items to be dumped to Gundry and 36th by 11:00 am.

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Cal Heights Looking Back

By Frances Stoner

Edward Killingsworth was a renowned architect. He excelled in mid-century modern design, creating the famous Frank House in Naples, CA and the elegant Kahala Hilton in Hawaii, as well as several homes and buildings right here in Long Beach. You may or may not have seen some of his work, but I bet you have seen the designs of his award-winning son, Kim Killingsworth.

Kim's Long Beach heritage runs deep. His oilman grandfather moved the family from Taft to the Long Beach area to drill some of the first wells in Signal Hill. After serving in WWII, Kim's father graduated from USC and joined the Long Beach architectural firm of Kenneth S. Wing and in 1953 began his own firm.

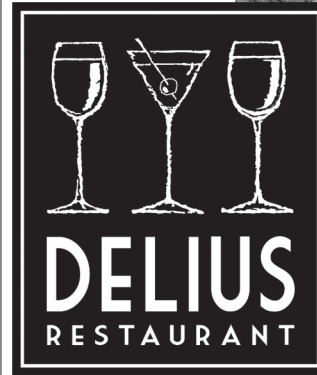
Kim was born in the Bixby Knolls Maternity Hospital on Atlantic and attended several local schools. He soon discovered school was not always the best fit for him and he learned best by doing. His father helped instill this approach in Kim and his brother, insisting that they help build the family's house he designed in Virginia Country Club. Kim practiced this can-do approach working behind the scenes at the LB Civic Light Opera with his mother Laura. "I learned stagecraft by helping whenever I could," Kim recalled. This experience paved the way for his true calling. He joined Local 33, the stagehand union, and began accepting any job he could find, often working on several projects at the same time.

Kim's resume includes teaching stagecraft at Long Beach City College, Technical Director at the Downey Theater and a long stint at CBS Television in the Lighting Department, along with numerous other projects like concerts with Fleetwood Mac and regional theatre. While he is talented in many aspects of stagecraft, lighting design is where he excelled. He has been nominated for seven Emmys, winning twice! He has won three Drama-Logue Awards, Showcase Magazine's Designer of the Year, and many others.

Even after projects that took him all over the world, Kim still keeps his boyhood home close to his heart by volunteering at the Historical Society of Long Beach.

So where have you seen his work? General Hospital, The Wayne Brady Show, Big Brother, Will and Grace, theatrical productions like the national touring companies of A Chorus Line, Evita and Fiddler in the Roof, TV movies Failsafe and On Golden Pond, and dozens and dozens other award shows, plays, game shows and - one of my favorites - Whose Line Is It Anyway? 🐾

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Cal Heights In Pictures

By Tom Underhill

- #1: Bike friendly Long Beach
- #2: Tony the cat adopted at the XXXX
- #3: Monks in Long Beach
- #4: FOLAR River cleanup
- #5: Dominick at the Vintage Emporium
- #6: Fresh Strawberries at Atlantic and 37th
- #7: New Starbucks opening at Carson and Orange



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7th District Candidates Forum

By Stacey Morrison

On March 5th The Wrigley Association hosted a candidate forum for the 7th District, which was moderated by Gavin McKiernan. The five candidates running to represent the 7th District Council are current Council Member, Roberto Uranga, Kevin Shin, Chris Serrano, Jared Milrad, and Oscar Delacruz.

All candidates answered questions related to the current land use element, the 710 freeway expansion, the Southern California gateway project, public safety, the oil's operator property, and bike transit.

Election day is April 10th and polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. Find your voting location at lavote.net/locator. For more information on voting and the candidates, visit longbeach.gov/cityclerk/elections/election-home-page. 🗳️



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At Your Local Library

by Josephine Caron, Senior Librarian,
DANA Neighborhood Library 3680 Atlantic Avenue

The Dana Branch Library is very fortunate to be able to serve our patrons and community with new and exciting programming and enrichment opportunities. The "Potions with Professor Snape" Dictionary Days event in late February was a great success. Those attending were able to customize their very own potions using their words and wits. Over 75 families left with Harry Potter themed giveaways, good memories and hopefully an enhanced vocabulary.

Dana's celebration of Black History Month was also well attended. Participants watched and discussed the works and contributions of famous Black Americans such as Maya Angelou, Nina Simone, and Toni Morrison. Several patrons also shared their own works of poetry and prose about Black History.

The first week of March was TeenTech Week and Dana hosted technology related events during its scheduled Teen Cafés. Teens made battle bots, cassette change purses, movie posters and their own music and short films using common and free apps.

Our next big celebration is in April and it will last all month long as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of National Library Month with the theme: Libraries Lead. We are planning a scavenger hunt: Literary Leaders Lost and Found! Patrons will participate in a self-led scavenger hunt around the library while finding clues about prominent leaders in the literary world. All ages are welcome at this event on Saturday, April 7 from 3 - 4:30 pm. Prizes will be given to all who complete the hunt and find all the clues!

We look forward to seeing you at the library. Please stop by often to use this great community resource! 📖



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From the 7th

By Roberto Uranga

Welcome to a New Year! I am excited for this year and ready to continue working with each one of you to improve the 7th! I would like to share with you the improvements we've made benefiting the 7th District from July 2014 to present:

- 31 street blocks were paved/slurry sealed. 3.46 center line miles of streets were paved and 3.48 center line miles of streets were slurry sealed
- 9,589 street and alley potholes were repaired
- 6,421 trees were trimmed and 701 new trees were planted
- 20,042 graffiti sites were abated and 181 removals of graffiti from traffic signs
- 1,192 sidewalks were patched/repared and sidewalks at 138 blocks of streets were replaced
- 886 traffic signs were repaired and 71 street markings were repainted
- 586 street sweeper signs were replaced
- 145 ADA ramps were installed
- Admiral Kidd Artificial Turf Field, field lighting, landscape and irrigation was just completed
- Dana Branch Library improvements will be done this month: lighting, rest room and circulation desk improvements for enhanced service. They are also looking into the possibility of installing hearing loops in the community room for the hearing impaired.
- Cherry Park playground also went through improvements and is currently under repair of the aging irrigation system.

I'm glad to represent the residents of California Heights, and I look forward to continuing to work together! Please sign up for my newsletter by sending an email to district7@longbeach.gov to stay informed about community news and upcoming events. (562) 570-7777 🐾



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What's New? What's Happening?

by Blair Cohn, Executive Director BKBIA

April, and it's another turn of the calendar. But I can feel the promise of spring in the air, the sun is staying out later, and many of the fun annual events around town start to take place.

Things are chugging along positively in Bixby Knolls and that's how we like it. We are watching closely as some businesses finish up a remodel, a redo, or get set to open up. Have you had the chance to meet the new owners of **Georgie's Place** yet? Dr. Brooks and his wife Randi would like to invite you to come hang out in their upgraded patio one evening. And soon enough you'll hear the "clang-clang-clang" of our weekend "Brewery Knolls" trolley rides.

Tip of the month: Head over to **Hashtag Burgers** at 3387 Atlantic Avenue. Meet owner Stephen and he will take care of you. His mission is "to provide a quality hamburger that is reminiscent of a time when quality and freshness were the standard and not the exception." He wants his customers to understand that it is possible to have a great burger that not only tastes great, but is also made with healthy ingredients. His meat is never frozen. He uses grass-fed beef and all patties are hand-formed. The buns are baked fresh, and he uses organic produce from local markets. Plus, he has cold beer on tap. Stephen is a great guy with a friendly staff and we have held a few events at his place that were very well-received.

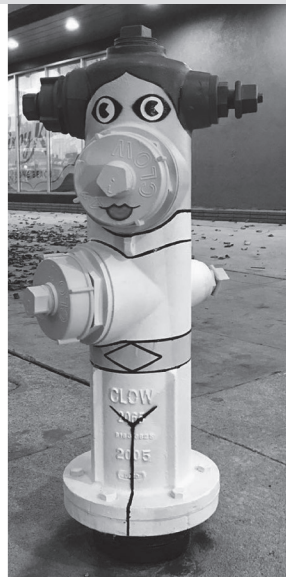
April 6th is **First Fridays'** Annual "Long Beach County Fair" where we feature all the local farmers, harvesters, makers, and food-crafters. It's always a family favorite night with plenty of "fair food" out there like popcorn and cotton candy among the business. Plus, you just may find a petting zoo if you look carefully.

You know I always say that "every day is Small Business Saturday" but it's never too early to think about **Bixby Knolls Small Business Saturday** on May 19th. This is the BKBIA's reminder to you all about the importance of getting out to support the retailers, restaurants, and service businesses in your own neighborhood. I have been so happy to hear from a number of people recently that they have shifted all of their shopping and service needs to the Bixby Knolls area. Now let's keep this up and show the rest of the city how and why we are full of neighborhood pride.

And we are in our laboratory looking ahead to our **Concerts in the Park(ing Lot)** series. We are going to put together a great series of bands for June, July, and August. You will want to come eat, drink, and dance in the parking lots with your neighbors!

Lastly, it is important to us that we incorporate the arts throughout the district. We have murals, painted utility boxes, our art-alley "the Allery" at Atlantic and Burlinghall, and of course feature local artists on First Fridays. In January we had the New York street artist, Tom Bob fly out and do a few pieces around the district. He spent some time in LA but did a total of four pieces in Long Beach (see two below.) We are working on bringing other internationally known artists to Bixby Knolls to add another dimension of a "there, there." The artwork also helps to make Bixby Knolls a destination location for all that we have and do.

I'll be looking for you out in the neighborhood. 🐾



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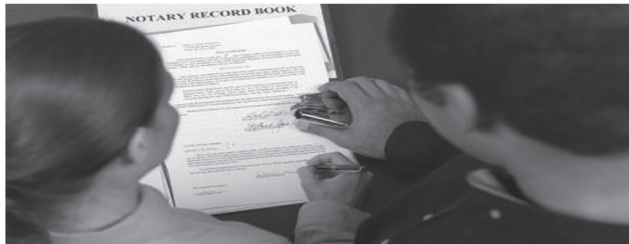
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