

Deforest Park Neighborhood Association

April 2016

Neighborhood Newsletter



April/May 2016

Events Calendar

- April 22- Hamilton Neighborhood Associating Tree Planting
- April 23—DPNA Clean-up on Harding Ave.
- April 24—Bike Uptown workshop "Learn to ride a Bike"
- May 7-14: District 9 Participatory Budgeting Vote!

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March Speaker!

The Deforest Park Neighborhood Association has invited **Harry Saltzgaver**.

Harry is a Long Beach Water Commissioner and editor of the Long Beach Gazette as well as a long time North Long Beach resident.

We will get some valuable information about the state of our current drought as well as the Long Beach Water Commission's role in managing the cities water supply.

See you **Thursday, April 21 @ 7pm** in the **DeForest Park Community Center!**

Join us **Thursday April 21 from 7- 8:30 pm** for our monthky meeting. This month DPNA has invited **Harry Saltzgaver**. We will get information about the current drought as well as the LB Water Commission's role in managing the cities water supply.

DPNA Neighborhood Clean-up

8am –12pm

(Meet @ Elm Ave. & Janice St.)

Come join us as we clean-up Harding St. and the surrounding area in order to beautify one of the major streets leading into our neighborhood.

We will have a dumpster for large trash items as well as an E-waste truck for electronics located at 401 E. Janice St. Check out our website for a list of eligible E-waste items: <http://www.deforestpark.org/recycle-e-waste/>

We will provide gloves & trash bags for the clean-up. Feel free to bring additional tools. We will also have coffee and snacks!

**WE CARE
NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**



**OUR COMMUNITY
LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

DeForest Park Neighborhood Association needs you help!!!



- Have you been thinking about getting more involved? **DPNA needs your help!**
- We are asking for residents to volunteer a few hours a month to help their neighborhood.
- There are roles for everyone regardless of ability!

We have several committees that need YOUR special skills including:

- (1) **Join Events:** Do you like planning events? Would you like to help organize events like Dine-Out 90805 or the Chili Cook-off. Let us know!
- (2) **Join Fundraising:** Are you good at fundraising and have some

creative idea? We need you!

- (3) **Join the Welcome Wagon:** Do you like meeting new people? Help us meet and greet new neighbors!
- (4) **Join our Green Team:** Do you value a clean and litter free community? Help us organize our neighborhood clean-ups!

Participatory Budgeting: Time to Vote!!!

Participatory budgeting (PB) is in full swing. Join us as we continue our second year of PB in the 9th District.

The projects have been developed and vetted by the city. It's time to decide what changes we want to see in our community. **Time to vote!**

SAVE THE DATE— **Saturday May 7th!** We will kick-off the voting week at Houghton Park, complete with FREE

activities for families and food.

Voting will continue from **May 7th -14th .**

- Voting is available ALL week at the District 9 Field Office (6509 Gundry)
- We will have a special Friday the 13th family movie night (5/13). Come see "Hotel Transylvania" with your family & vote at the same time! FREE Popcorn!

- **NEW THIS YEAR!** Online voting. Go to pblongbeach.org to take the voter pledge! All 9th District residents age 14 and over can vote!

We also **NEED** volunteer poll workers and help with outreach. Come get involved!

For more info contact:

Shawna Stevens, at district9@longbeach.gov or (562) 570-6173



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT

Thinking of buying or selling? Get a free market consultation!



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Flag Ceremony at the Deforest Park Clubhouse

Join us at DeForest Park each month as we lead our youth and local scout group in a flag lowering ceremony to honor our veterans.

The ceremony will be held on the last Friday

of each month from 5:30-6:00pm.

What a great way to support our youth, take pride in our community and honor the veterans that reside here!



**“Learn to ride a bike” Workshop—No Bicycle Needed!
SUNDAY April 24—10 am at Bike Uptown (Houghton Park)**

This workshop is for children and families. Join us and learn how to ride a bicycle. No bicycle is needed one will be provided for you to use during the workshop.

Using a tried and true method we'll help you through the process of learning how to ride a bicycle as an adult. We'll teach you the skills you need to learn how to ride safely.

This workshop is free but space is limited so please RSVP in advance to secure a spot here empactlb.com



A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who came out to the “Dine-Out 90805” at Super Mex!

A big thank-you to all the neighbors for their support and being willing to support a local business in our community.

And thank-you to the managers Luis and Simon and their wonderful staff for the great food AND service!

**Next “Dine-Out 90805” is scheduled for
Monday, May 23!**



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Deforestpark.org

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May's DPNA Meeting—Special Guest and Day!!!

Next month we will have a special guest. Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia will be coming to visit our neighborhood association. He will be speaking to us about the proposed 10-year sales tax initiative on the June 7th ballot.

The sales tax rate in Long Beach is currently set at 9 percent. If voters ultimately agree a sales tax increase is the right choice, sales taxes would increase 1 percent for six years. The tax increase provided for by the ballot measure would shrink to 0.5 percent during its final four years.

NOTE: Our meeting date will be WEDNESDAY May 18th, accommodate the mayors' schedule. Bring your questions!!!



DeForest Park is the one of the first neighborhoods in North Long Beach to form its own neighborhood association. There is an actual 24-acre park here running alongside the LA Riverbed with a club house, rest rooms, baseball diamonds, basketball, tennis and racquetball courts, sand volleyball court, horse trails, a nature trail and a bike path that can take you to the Aquarium of the Pacific or downtown LA.

DeForest Park is tucked away in North Long Beach .We're only 20 miles from downtown LA and only 7 miles from the Pacific Ocean! This is a safe and quiet neighborhood unknown to many residents of our fine city. That's why some consider us “The hidden treasure of Long Beach.”

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