

DeForest Park Neighborhood Association

August 2016

Neighborhood Newsletter



Join us **Thursday, August 18 from 7- 8:30 pm** for our monthly meeting. Come out and hear a detailed discussion about this years proposed 2016-2017 City of LB budget! We will also get an update on public safety from the LBPd as well as information from our District 9 Council Office.

August/September 2016

Events Calendar

- August 29 @ 7:30-9: Dine-Out 90805- La Sonsonateca
- August 30 @ 6pm: End of the Summer Party
- Sept 3 @8:30-11:30a: North Long Beach Crop Swap - District 9 Field Office
- Sept 10: Michelle Obama Library Grand Opening
- Sept 17@10a-1p: Drive Electric Week Event @Houghton Park

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August Speaker

It's that time of year again, where the city proposes next years budget! And with the new tax measures having passed we will see some differences from last year.

Leah Erickson, the Asst. Finance Director for the City of Long Beach will be returning this month to give us a detailed look at the budget!

Do you know what's in the newly released budget? Would you like to know how the revenue from the new tax measures will be used?

Come out and come prepared with your questions for the city's finance manager.

See you **Thursday, August 18 @ 7pm** in the **DeForest Park Community Center!**

DINE-OUT 90805:

La Sonsonateca

(5344 Long Beach Blvd)

Join DPNA on **Monday, August 29 (7:30-9)** as we support a great Salvadorean restaurant here in Uptown!

La Sonsonateca is known for their made-to-order pupusas and freshly baked pastries. Their wonderful mix of Salvadorean and Central American food is sure to be hit!



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!

END OF THE SUMMER CELEBRATION INVITATION FROM OUR VICE MAYOR REX RICHARDSON—AUG 30 @ 6PM



The Office of Vice Mayor Rex Richardson formally invites you to the upcoming End of Summer Celebration.

The event will be taking place at the Long Beach Arena on Tuesday, August 30th beginning at 6pm.

You are welcome to join us for a fun evening with friends, delicious food, and entertainment.

Donations of school sup-

plies are welcome in order to benefit the Long Beach Education Foundation along with our local youth.

This will be an exciting event that Vice Mayor Richardson would like for you to attend. We hope to see you there.

Please feel welcome to contact Christian Cambridge at the District 9 office at (562) 570-6173 for any questions.

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



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Grand Opening of the **Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library** Saturday, Sept 10 at 59th St. and Atlantic Ave.

This library, on the site of the former Atlantic Theater, will replace the current North Library at 5571 Orange Ave. That library is about 6,800 square feet in a residential area.

The new library will offer **24,500 square feet** of space, be Wi-Fi enabled

throughout and offer other technology including self-checkout and check-in kiosks, embedded hearing aid assists in meeting rooms, 3-D printers in the Learning Studio and more.

There will be 43 publicly accessible computers and additional comput-

ers, tablets and printers in the Learning Center and Learning Studio.

LPA Architects has incorporated a nautical theme throughout, with bubble accents and glass walls. It is being built to Silver LEED standards, and uses natural light extensively.



2016 National **Drive Electric** Week Event- Sept 17 10-1pm

National Drive Electric Week, September 10-18, is a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's widespread availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits these vehicles.

Uptown will be hosting

the event for Long Beach for a second year!

Come see electric buses, cars, 18 wheelers, bicycles, lawn equipment and motorcycles. As well as test drive a few!

There will plenty of booths where you can receive information about all the benefits of electric pro-

pulsion.

There will food trucks, music and more!

If you would like to be a vendor or to volunteer please contact Gabrielle Weeks at gabrielle@workwithweeks.com or call her cell at 323-377-5678.



North Long Beach **Crop Swap**- Sept 3 8:30-11:30 @ 6509 Gundry Ave

Join Grant Neighborhood Assoc. and Long Beach Fresh for a neighborhood crop swap at the District 9 Field Office!

Neighbors are encouraged to bring fresh fruits/vegetables grown from their home or garden plot and swap with other neighbors who have grown food. Maybe you will trade your peaches for lemons and arugala for kale. It all depends on what you bring!

Let's share in the bounty of all of our backyards and garden plots. Because our health begins locally!

THE RULES

1. Bring fruits/vegetables, fresh herbs, flowers and native plants from your garden to the exchange site
2. No cash exchanges, prepared foods or dairy products
3. No pesticides or GMOs please!
4. All fruits and vegetables need to be entered by 9:15am



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Check out our website:

Deforestpark.org

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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.”

You can now support DPNA 2 ways! Direct Donation and Amazon Smile

We have rolled out new ways for you to support DPNA so we can continue to put together high quality events.

1. We have a “**Donate**” page on our website that allows you to give directly to DPNA. We are a 501(c)3 so your contributions are tax deductible!
2. We have registered DPNA with [Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile).
 - This a website operated by **Amazon** that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com.
 - The difference is that Amazon Smile Foundation will **donate 0.5%** of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization you select.
 - Choose “**DeForest Chapter, North Long Beach Neighborhood Association**” and show us some support!

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