

Deforest Park Neighborhood Association

Jan 2016

Neighborhood Newsletter



Join us **Thursday** January 21 **from 6- 8:30 pm** for our a SPECIAL Neighborhood Association meeting in the Houghton Park Community Center. This month DPNA will be joining Councilmember Rex Richardson to present "Let's Talk: Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library Naming".

January 2016

Events Calendar

- Jan 17: Uptown Word Art & Reading Series @ 1pm
- Jan 18: MLK Day of Service at District 9 Field Office @ 8am
- Jan 21: Let's Talk Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library Naming
- Jan 25: Dine-Out 90805—El Pollo Imperial 6:30-8:30p
- Jan 31: Bicycle Safety Workshop @ 9am @ Houghton Park

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January Speaker!

DPNA meeting will be held in the main hall of the **Houghton Park Community Center**. Our meeting will start at **6:00pm** where we will discuss normal business including our tentative event schedule for 2016. We will have some samples from our Dine-Out 90805 partner El Pollo Imperial!

At 6:30p Councilmember Richardson & his staff will lead the entire community in a focus group to gather input & build consensus around the new branch library naming.

This will be an important meeting so don't miss out!!!

*DPNA will resume meeting at its normal time and location in February**

**See you Thursday,
January 21 @ 6pm in the
Houghton Park**

DINE-OUT 90805:

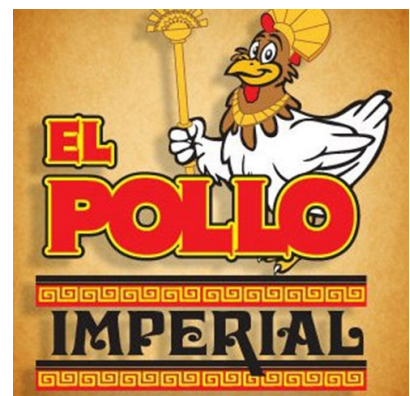
EL POLLO IMPERIAL

(5991 Atlantic Ave.)

Join us for our first "Dine-Out 90805" of the new year!

We are starting out with a local gem on Atlantic Ave. serving up delicious Peruvian food!! The mayor even comes here!

El Pollo Imperial's promise is to **"provide authentic and simply delicious food to their custom-**



Lets Talk: Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library Naming



In December 22nd, the Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to move forward with our proposal to begin the process of naming the "Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library."

The North Branch Library, slated to open in the late summer of 2016, will be the largest neighborhood branch library in

the city and serve as state-of-the-art focal point for North Long Beach.

Councilmember Rex Richardson and his staff will be conducting further outreach to gather more input and build consensus.

Please join us on **Thursday, Jan. 21st, from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. at Houghton Park** for a community discussion on the proposal. We hope to see you there!

*** The Deforest Park Neighborhood Association meeting will be at 6pm @Houghton park so we can join the discussion!!**

MLK Day of Service - Ocean Friendly Rain Garden in Long Beach- Jan 18 @ 8am District 9 Field Office- 6509 Gundry Ave. 90805



Join us for a community service project in Long Beach to honor the MLK National Day of Service.

We will be creating an Ocean Friendly Rain Garden and Installing a Community Garden at the 9th Council District Field Office (formerly Fire Station 12). Volunteers will do general landscape activities.

Project done in partnership with Council District 9, Office of Sustainability, Surfriders Founda-

tion, Grant Neighborhood Assoc., Hamilton Neighborhood Assoc., LB Firefighters Assoc. and Leadership Long Beach.

Check-In at 8a. 8:30a program start. Bring outdoor work clothes that can get dirty, work gloves, sun protection and reusable water bottle. If you have a shovel and rake that could be helpful. Family and kid friendly, all are welcome! Councilman Richardson & local Civil Rights historian Sharon Croom

Jackson will do a brief program at 8:30 on the legacy of service of Dr. King. Work begins at 9 am. LB Fire Fighters Assoc. will provide a BBQ at 12:30 and site dedication and blessing at 1 pm.

For any specific questions email: darrell.patterson@longbeach.gov or call Darrell Patterson at (562) 570-6137.

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FREE Bicycle Safety Workshop presented by Impact Communities—Jan 31 @ 9a

Bring your bicycles and helmet for use during the class.

Workshops will be a combination of classroom experience with practical bike skills.

First, All participants will be placed in a safe and

secure environment such as a closed parking lot and will be examined for their bike handling skills and comfort level on a bike. Second, those that need to learn how to ride will be supervised in order to develop confidence.

Learn how easy it is for you & your children to:

- be safe
- know the rules of the road
- plan routes to school, work or play
- fix-a-flat tire
- enjoy a fun group bike ride



Uptown Word @ North Branch Library 5571 Orange Ave

UPTOWN WORD is a free Poetry & Storytelling Reading Series in Uptown /North Long Beach, California, featuring published writers that reflect the diverse population in our community.

The event is **FREE**, but donations are accepted. Light refreshments served.

It has held one Sunday every month to encourage the Arts

in North Long Beach and features award winning authors.

WANTED for the OPEN MIC:

Aspiring creative writers and songwriters/singers

Two pieces or Four-minutes, Time includes introductions. First come first serve.

Get there early to sign up.

Host, Curator, and Organizer: Liz González

Sponsored by JAM Productions, and Uptown Business District

For more information on the next event check out:

<http://www.uptownword.lizgonzalez.com/>



A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who participated and voted in our holiday lighting contest

A big thank-you to all of our contestants for putting in so much hard work with those beautiful displays. And thank-you to the community for their support and being willing to go out on those cold nights to see the displays!

Congratulations to all of our winners!! And a big thanks to Sal's Gumbo Shack for co-sponsoring!

We look forward to next year!!!



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DeForest Park Neighborhood Association

DeForest Park is the first neighborhood in all of 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.”

“We Love Long Beach’s” mission is to connect neighbors one block at a time. They plan quarterly events to encourage community!

They are currently looking for folks willing to be neighborhood hosts for their **2nd Annual Citywide Breakfast** on Saturday, February 20th from 9-11am.

They will provide a **grocery gifts card, flyer, yard signs and more...** Their goal for this event is to have 100 Breakfasts on 100 Blocks in Long Beach.

We would LOVE to have some members of DeForest Park volunteer as hosts. And the neighborhood association will help you invite your neighbors! We are planning a neighborhood clean-up that same day and would love to celebrate our work with a great breakfast! To sign-up or for more details email: info@welovelb.org



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