## **Defores**t Park Neighborhood Association

June **201**6

Neighborhood Newsletter



Join us **Thursday, June 16 from 7- 8:30 pm** for our monthly meeting. Join us we give a 6 month update on DPNA including a discussion upcoming events in our community, fundraising efforts, website updates and community outreach. We will also get an update on public safety from the LBPD as information from our District 9 Council Office.

#### May/June 2016

#### Events Calendar

- June 22 @ 6pm- Atlantic and 61St. Community Panning Event (Houghton Park)
- June 22 @ 6pm -Envision
   Urban Agriculture in NLB (Uptown Business District)
- July 16—Community Cleanup in Deforest Park
- July 23 @ 12-2pm—Chili Cook-off (DeForest Park)

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## June DPNA Update!

The year is half over and DPNA has been VERY busy engaging and supporting our community. Come out and we discuss what has been accomplished and what we have planned for the rest of the year.

Find out ways you can be involved in event planning, fundraising, community outreach, social media and neighborhood clean-ups.

Have a passion for your community and want to see it improved then join us.

Councilmember Rex Richardson will also stop by to give us a brief update on the Uptown Renaissance including information on the developments on Atlantic, improvements to South St and more!

See you Thursday, June 16
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## **DPNA**

#### **Annual Chili Cook-off**

## is back Saturday, July 23

Join DPNA for our <u>3rd Annual</u> Chili Cook-off from 12-2pm at the DeForest Park Club House

We will once again have community members cooking up their best recipes. Look for last years winners to be back defending their titles!

LB Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will also be back with a bounce house, face painting and plenty activities for kids.

If you would like to enter the contest or for vendor information please email us <a href="mailto:dpna6255@gmail.com">dpna6255@gmail.com</a>



#### 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 <u>YOUR</u> 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!

# DPNA fundraising at 5th Annual Uptown Jazz Festival was a SUCCESS!



A fantastic time was had by all at this years Jazz festival. The music was amazing, there was line dancing, a soul train line, great vendors and great food.

Each artist and band brought energy to the stage at Houghton Park, where community and friends gathered for another year of great music, food, and company.

**DPNA was a vendor at the event.** We sold hot links, bratwursts, polish sausages and veggie dogs, juice and candy. All proceeds go to support the neighborhood association.

Thank-you to everyone who came out and supported this great event and purchased items from our booth! #GoUptown



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#### **Deforest Park Neighborhood Association**

## You can now support DPNA two 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 give directly to DPNA. We are a 501(c)3 so your contributions are tax deductible.
- 2. We have registered DPNA with Amazon Smile.
- 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!

#### Support **Deforest Chapter North Long Beach Neighborhood** Association.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com Amazon donates.

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#### Have you checked out our website lately! DeforestPark.org

Have you checked out Uptown Long Beach our website? It went live a few months ago and has lots of information for our community.

We keep it updated with events in Deforest Park as well as

and Long Beach city.

We also have a section on Long Beach City services with contact information or all the Long Beach city departments.

We will keep you updated on current community projects including the new Michelle Obama Library as well as the **DeForest Wetlands** Restoration.



#### A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who came out to our Dine-Out 90805!

A big thank-you to the community for their support at Dine-Out 90805 at the Uptown Bar and Grill. And a big thank-you to our wonderful host last month

**Stay Tuned for the next location!** 



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**Deforestpark.org** 

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With the 4th of July holiday fast approaching, the Long Beach Fire and Police Departments would like to remind residents and visitors that all fireworks, including those marked "Safe and Sane," are illegal in the City of Long Beach.

The Fire and Police Departments will be out in force the days leading up to and on July 4th to ensure compliance of the Long Beach City Ordinance that bans fireworks.

For those who would like to enjoy fireworks, please plan to attend a safe and professionally controlled firework show to ensure the safety of your family, friends, and property. 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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