

DeForest Park Neighborhood Association

March 2016

Neighborhood Newsletter



Join us **Thursday** March 17 from **7- 8:30 pm** for our Neighborhood Association meeting. This month DPNA has invited **Tasha Hunter**, the new Executive Director of the Uptown Business Improvement District. She will sharing her vision for our wonderful business district.

March/April 2016

Events Calendar

- Mar 19 : Beach Streets Downtown
- March 20—Bike workshop
- March 24—Queen Mary is free after 3pm
- March 28 Dine-Out 90805—Super Mex 6:30-8:30p
- April 10: Uptown Word Art & Reading Series @ 1pm
- April 11- Coalition for Healthy North Long Beach Meeting 6:30@Houghton Park

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March Speaker!

The DeForest Park Neighborhood Association has invited **Tasha Hunter**, the new Executive Director of the Uptown Business District to come and present her vision for our wonderful business district corridor that includes Atlantic Ave from Market St. to Artesia Blvd. As well as Artesia Blvd from Atlantic to Orange.

Tasha W. Hunter will manage operations to rehabilitate properties, maintain clean and safe programs, support local businesses, and partner with North Long Beach residents on community projects.

Come find out how we can partner with the business district to engage and improve ur community!

**See you Thursday,
March 17 @ 7pm in the
DeForest Park**

DINE-OUT 90805:

Super Mex

(5660 Atlantic Ave.)

Join DPNA and our co-hosts the Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach **Monday, March 28 (6:30-8:30p)** as we support this long-running, family-owned chain serving classic Mexican comfort food in a relaxed setting.

Super Mex is based on two principles!

- (1) To offer great tasting food that is traditional and homemade
- (2) To create a dining environment where customers feel comfortable & welcomed.



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 is completing Phase 2



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT

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

PB is a democratic process which community members decide how to spend part of the public budget.

Check out the website—pblongbeach.org

Residents and stakeholders are currently volunteering as **budget delegates (Phase 2)**.

These delegates are researching projects, meeting with city staff & developing proposals based on resident ideas.

Soon it will be time to vote.

SAVE THE DATE—**Saturday May 7th!**

We will kick-off the voting week at Houghton Park, complete with activities for families and food.

For more information contact:

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

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



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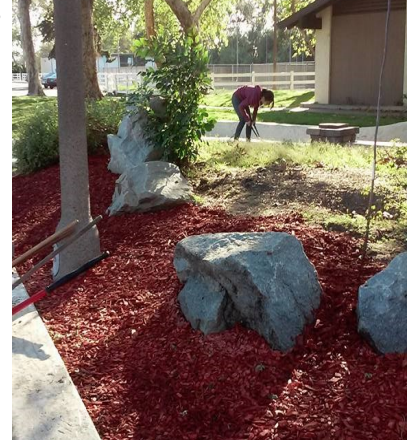
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Beautiful landscaping in front of Deforest Park Clubhouse

Thanks to the hard work of the non-profit “Wrap the Kids” the garden in front of the clubhouse is getting a needed update.

If you have not gotten a chance to admire their handy work please come by the park and take in the view!

“Wrap the Kids” is a non-profit corporation whose goal is to hire the homeless, to give them a second chance at making a difference!



**Free Adult Bike Riding Workshop—No Bicycle Needed!
SUNDAY March 20—10 am at Bike Uptown (Houghton Park)**

Have you always wanted to learn how to ride a bicycle?

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 participated in our February community clean-up and “We Love Long Beach” breakfast

A big thank-you to the community for their support and being willing to roll up their sleeves and clean-up their community!

And thank-you to everyone who stopped by for breakfast as we continue to build community together!

**Next clean-up is scheduled for
Saturday April 23!**



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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.”

This past Saturday, March 12th, we had a "topping-off" ceremony for our new Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, and many community members joined us to celebrate!

"Topping-off" refers to the point in time during the construction of a new building when the highest structure or beam is added. For the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, the original spire from the former Atlantic Theatre now “tops” the new building. The library incorporates a reproduction of the former Atlantic Theatre's iconic tower into a glass roof accenting the children's section. The original spire, which has been refurbished, has been placed atop the tower. Walk by and take a look!



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