

DeForest Park Neighborhood Association

September 2016

Neighborhood Newsletter

September/October
2016

Events Calendar

- Sept 17@9a-12p: DPNA Multi-family Yard Sale @Jaymills and 59th St.
- Sept 17@10a-1p: Drive Electric Week Event @Houghton Park
- Sept 30: DeForest Park Paranormal Investigation
- Oct 1@10a-4p: Activate Uptown/Village Fest
- Oct 1 : North Long Beach Crop Swap @ 6509 Gundry

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September Speaker

Everyone wonder who in the city is responsible for making sure our officials operate our city with integrity?

This month we are proud to host Laura Doud, Long Beach City Auditor. As the elected City Auditor, Laura leads the only department within the City that provides an independent review of City operations and spending without bias or pre-determined outcomes. Her office is responsible for shall examining and audit the books, records, accounts, funds and securities of all departments, commissions and offices of the City.

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

**See you Thursday,
Sept 15 @ 7pm in the
DeForest Park
Community Center!**

Join us **Thursday, September 15 from 7- 8:30 pm** for our monthly meeting. Come out and hear from our city auditor Laura Doud! We will also get an update on public safety from the LBPD as well as information from our District 9 Council Office.

DPNA Community Yard Sale

Join DPNA on Sept 17 from 9am-12pm for our annual community yard sale.

Several families will be participating in a multi-family yard sale. DPNA will also be accepting donations to be sold on behalf of the neighborhood association. Come visit our table at the corner of Jaymills St. and 59th St.

For more information or to sign-up email: info@deforestpark.org



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!

ACTIVATE UPTOWN AND UPTOWN VILLAGE FEST - OCT 1ST 10A-4P

Saturday, Oct 1, 2016
Sábado, 1 de octubre de 2016
10 a.m.-4 p.m.



Activate Uptown will take place right in the streets, along Artesia Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue. Artesia Boulevard will be open to people walking, biking, and playing in the street, and closed to car traffic. Myrtle Avenue will showcase a reimagined streetscape with temporary features (including a bike boulevard and traffic circle) that make walking, biking, or skating

easier, safer and more enjoyable. Come check them out!

At the corner of Artesia Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue, the event will connect to Village Fest featuring: The Pharcyde

There will be a variety of musicians and feature activities related to STEM/STEAM programming for children of all ages.

#Activate Uptown

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



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Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library now open to the public at 59th St. and Atlantic Ave!!!

This library, on the site of the former Atlantic Theater, replaces the now closed North Library at 5571 Orange Ave.

The new library offers **24,500 square feet** of space, be Wi-Fi enabled throughout and offer other technology including

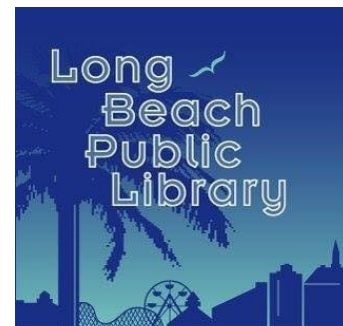
self-checkout and check-in kiosks, embedded hearing aid assists in meeting rooms, 3-D printers in the Learning Studio and more.

There are 43 publicly accessible computers, tablets and printers in the Learning Center and Learning Studio.

The library also includes a new Learning Garden adjacent to the entrance!

The Learning Garden will offer opportunities for gardening classes and outdoor story-time space.

The grand opening last Saturday attracted over 2500 people!!!



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- Oct 1 @ 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 arugula 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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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/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!

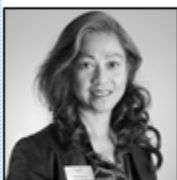
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