

# DeForest Park Neighborhood Association

October 2015

## Neighborhood Newsletter



Join us **Thursday October 15** from 7-8:30 pm for our monthly Neighborhood Association meeting in the DeForest Park Clubhouse (6255 DeForest Ave). This month our guest speaker will be Councilman Rex Richardson and we will have gumbo provided courtesy of our "Dine-Out 90805" partner this month Sal's Gumbo Shack!!

October

### Events Calendar

- October 10: PB Kick-Off @Houghton Park and Lime Street Block Party
- October 11: Uptown Word Reading Series @ Ricardo's Nursery
- October 17: Wrap the Kids Fundraiser
- October 26: Dine-Out 90805 @ Sal's Gumbo Shack

### DeForest Park Neighborhood officers

#### President:

**Dan Pressburg**

#### Vice President:

**Joni Ricks-Oddie**

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**Keith Oddie**

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#### Events/Promotion:

**Corazon Lomeli**

## October Speaker!

We are going to have an exciting meeting this month. Our featured speaker is our very own District 9 **Councilman Rex Richardson**. He will be giving us an update on the status of the chosen projects from Cycle 1 of the Participatory Budgeting (PB) process.

One of the winning projects will add **Solar Lighting in DeForest Park** and we have some options, so come out and share your opinion!

We will also be conducting our own idea collection assembly for Cycle 2 of PB. Once again we have \$250,000 in funds to improve infrastructure in the 9th district. So think **BIG** and bring those innovative ideas to the meeting.

See you Thursday October 15 @ 7pm in the DeForest Park Clubhouse. Come at 6:45p to

## Dine-out 90805 and Participatory Budgeting!

Join your neighbors and community at **Sal's Gumbo Shack**, 6148 Long Beach Blvd on **Monday 10/26** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** Sal has been serving up classic Louisiana cuisine since 2011 and opened up shop on Long Beach Blvd in 2012.

We will have a special menu that day with all of Sally's favorites:

1. Gumbo
2. Po'Boys
3. Jambalaya
4. BBQ Shrimp
5. Three Chicken Wings and Fries

(Note: Wings takes at least 20 min, we recommend pre-ordering or coming early)

We will also be co-hosting an assembly for Participatory Budgeting. So plan to come full of ideas and leave full of food!!!



### Participatory Budgeting is back for Cycle 2!

Participatory budgeting is back!! Join us as we launch our second year of PB in the 9th District.



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

In addition to the assembly we are hosting at Sal's Gumbo shack there are several assemblies planned all over the district, so come out and make YOUR voice heard!

Saturday 10/10 from 10-12p @ Houghton Park Community Center\*\*

Saturday 10/17 from 10-12p @ Community Grace Brethren Church

Saturday 10/17 from 1-3p @ California Aquatic and Wellness Center\*

Thursday 10/22 from 10-12p @ Uptown Property and Business Improvement District Office

Friday 11/6 from 6-8p @ Church One\*\*

\*\* Refreshments, Child Care and Spanish Interpretation available

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For more information check out: [pblongbeach.org/](http://pblongbeach.org/)

### Lime Ave. Neighborhood Block Party on Sat. 10/10 from 10a-6p

Come out for the 14th Annual Lime Ave. Neighborhood Block Party!

This event provides a time to meet and reconnect with family and friends. You will enjoy the weather, good food, cultures, people and activities.

Event includes blocks of 6000 – 6100 Lime Ave., 700 Janice Street and 6100 Olive Ave.

Residents of Lime Ave., Janice St. & Olive Ave., welcome you!

**For more info contact:**  
**Otis 562-233-2762**  
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#### Highlights ...

- Food Cultural and ethnic diverse
- Kids & Adults Activities
- Music!
- Raffle!
- Health & Safety Literature
- Update/Create Emergency Kit

14h Annual Block Party

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



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Deforest Park Neighborhood Association

**Car Wash Fundraiser for Uptown-based nonprofit “Wrap The Kids” on Sat. Oct 17 - 9a-12p**

Wrap The Kids (W.T.K.) will be hosting a fundraiser in partnership w/ Delta Sigma Pi of CSULB. All proceeds will aid W.T.K. in acquiring a space big enough to set up our headquarters.

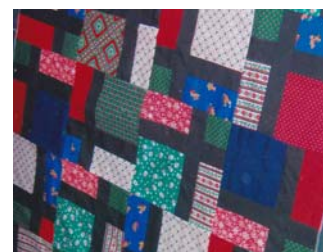
W.T.K. is a non-profit corporation dedicated to

hiring the homeless, to give them a second chance at making a difference.

Hand Car Wash \$5.00 Donations !

We'll be on the corner of Atlantic Ave & South St. (90805) (Across from Auto Zone)

For more information check out their website [wrapthekids.org](http://wrapthekids.org) or their Facebook page “Wrap The Kids”



Wrap The Kids hires the homeless of Long Beach to help make quilts to donate to children in need.

**Uptown Word @ Ricardo’s Nursery on Sunday 10/11 from 2-4p**

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.

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

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

**Featuring:**  
Jerry Garcia  
Irene Suico Soriano  
Thomas R. Thomas

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, Ricardo's Nursery, and Uptown Business District

NOTE: The only bathroom is a porta-potty



**A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who came out to support our First Community Yard Sale and Coffee w/ the Councilman**

A big thank-you to everyone who supported and donated items for our first community yard sale! And a big thanks to Councilmember Rex Richardson for coming out and engaging with residents! All around great event.

We look forward to seeing you next time!



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Website under Construction

[Deforestpark.org](http://Deforestpark.org)

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 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."

**Have a safe spooky Halloween!**



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