
The Craftsman Village Historic District Newsletter

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A word from the Co-Chairs

This is the second edition our newsletter in the revised format. We hope you like the changes. This edition places the CVHD spotlight our 1st Council District Representative and two of our newest neighbors, Lisa and Paul Harris, and their beautiful two-story home on Hellman.

Spotlight on CVHD

1st District Councilman

Craftsman Village Historical District is unique in that it is located on the border of the 1st and 2nd councilmanic districts. Although the majority of the CVHD is located in the 2nd district, the west side of Orange Avenue and the majority of our expansion area is located in the 1st district. Our unique geography affords us the opportunity to benefit from the representation of two council representatives.

Our first district councilman has close ties to the city of Long Beach. He was first elected to the council in April 2009, and re-elected to a full four-year term in April 2010. Our councilman is not only the youngest elected City Councilmember but also the first Latino in Long Beach history.

Our 1st district councilman recently earned his doctorate in education at CSULB where he also earned his bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. He also holds a master's degree in Communication Management from USC. In addition to his council duties, he is an Administrator at Long Beach City College and has taught Communication Studies at both Cal State Long Beach and Long Beach City College. He is also the co-founder and co-owner of the Long Beach Post, a Long Beach news website.

As Councilmember for the First District, he has led the charge to bring the City into the 21st century by bringing forth new technology initiatives and an open government legislative initiative to make government more transparent and accountable. He has supported public safety services, enhanced streets, sidewalks, and our new bicycle lanes.

Our councilman immigrated to the United States at age 5 with his family. He grew up in Covina, California and was the first person in his family to attend and graduate college. The councilman is a graduate of Americorps, Leadership Long Beach and the Sierra Club. He has championed the addition of green space in Long Beach and has continued to ensure the development of our own Craftsman Village Park at 851 Orange Avenue. His staff has been hugely supportive of our district's efforts and is usually in attendance at our monthly meetings.

Happy On Hellman

In the spotlight for this edition of our newsletter are our new neighbors who live at 1400 Hellman St. Lisa and Paul bought their beautiful 1912 Craftsman in August of 2010 and have been working tirelessly to restore their 1700 square foot home. To date, they have accomplished the following: removal of tiles from the original hardwood floors and refinishing of the floors; replacement of a missing bookcase

dividing the dining and living rooms; a kitchen remodel; new fencing around the entire backyard; a re-landscape of the backyard; a bathroom remodel and a complete painting of the exterior of their home. Wow! And that's not the entire list - Lisa got tired of cleaning up 'doggie doodle' from her parkway and decided to plant a Monarch butterfly garden. Monarchs feed primarily on milkweed and although the parkway has a variety of 'water-wise' plants, the primary focus of the garden is Monarch butterfly habitat. Several Monarch pupae have been sighted, beautiful jade-like cylinders with gold accents, and several have emerged into beautiful butterflies! For more information on Monarch friendly gardens go to www.monarchwaystation.org

Back to Lisa and Paul's story... They had previously lived in the Belmont Park area and were looking for a house with historical features. Their real estate agent, Melinda Elmer, insisted they take a look at this spectacular Craftsman bungalow in the CVHD. Lisa and Paul decided to take her advice and from the moment they stepped through the front door and caught sight of the intact, original wood moldings, they were sold! The rest is history. Lisa and Paul have become very active in the historic district and have already hosted a meeting in their lovely home. Take a stroll past their home to say 'hello' and to enjoy their butterfly garden. Welcome to the neighborhood Lisa and Paul.

Traffic Study

You may have noticed a City of Long Beach vehicle parked on your street with a Traffic Department representative using a speed 'gun' to record the speed of cars passing by. The CVHD requested this traffic study to obtain an accurate idea of just how fast cars travel down our streets. Many residents have expressed concern about speeding cars and the danger they present to those who live here. The Traffic Dept. also placed speed lines on all of the streets in our neighborhood. Once the information is compiled, the Traffic Dept. will present their findings at one of the upcoming meetings. If you care about quality of life and the safety of yourself and your family, please plan to attend the monthly meetings to give your much-needed input.

Problem Properties?

Many of us in the CVHD have had to deal with problem properties. Correcting these problems can be an exhausting process but there is assistance available to you. The most important thing to remember is to be persistent. Given the volume the city departments have to contend with, it's important to keep accurate records and to stay on top of the situation. Many problem properties are host to numerous code violations (trash, debris, physical deterioration) that can be reported by phone, email, or the new Go Long Beach application for smartphones. Keep track of these calls.

*Nuisance Abatement

The city of Long Beach has a nuisance abatement program, headed by Rita Hooker. She can be reached at 562.570.5257 or Rita.Hooker@longbeach.gov. She has primary responsibility for coordinating with all involved city departments and is part of the Neighborhood Services Bureau. Cases are often based on the number of calls for service at a particular property and having the calls documented is extremely important. Rita is familiar with our area and has been involved in several cases in the CVHD.

*Additional Neighborhood Resources

Remember to contact police (562 435-6711) to report any suspicious or criminal activity, including disturbing the peace. In any emergency, you must contact 911. Remember to ask the dispatcher for the Call for Service number. Records of the calls made against an individual property can support the

nuisance complaint. An easy way to do this is to record the time and call for service number on your calendar.

The city also has the neighborhood patrol and police services coordinator. Mary Antunez of the South Division, Community Oriented Policing Coordinator Directed Enforcement Team (562) 570-5829 and Officer Laurie Briney (Laurie.Briney@longbeach.gov) 562)570-7073 are assigned to our area and should also be contacted when the problem is identified.

Remember to enlist the support of your neighbors. Chances are if it's bothering you, it's bothering others. Working together, we can keep improving our neighborhood.

CVHD Park Project Update

The city recently received the park grant funds from the state that will support the development of the CVHD Park. The groundbreaking is still on track for late summer or possibly early fall.

Curb Address Painting Project

Keep an eye out. You may soon have the opportunity to purchase personalized curb painting of your house address for approximately \$15-\$20. The design is modeled on our CVHD logo and will be done in reflective paint to further increase visibility. A draft is shown to the right.



April Meeting

Last month's meeting was held at Titi's Ice Cream and those in attendance were treated to a delicious array of hand made and hand baked treats courtesy of Ray and Jaime. The focus of the meeting was a report from the city officials involved in correcting problem properties in our area. In attendance were Rita Hooker, Nuisance Abatement; Kendra Carney, Assistant City Attorney; Officer Laurie Briney, South Division Patrol Resource Officer, and Commander Stilinovich.

Annual CVHD BBQ

Our Annual CVHD BBQ is slated for June 4 and this year it will be held at our new park location at 851 Orange Ave. Each year we give a deserving member of our community an award to express our thanks for those who have gone above and beyond. In addition to our awards ceremony we are pleased to host the House Plaque Kick- Off Party. Twenty- four neighbors who purchased their plaques for only \$35.00 dollars with the help of an NPP Grant, written by Michelle Arend-Ekhoff, will receive their plaques on this day. Subway Sandwiches is donating party-size sandwiches and neighbors will be bringing a variety of potluck dishes. New Park. Active Neighbors. House Plaques. Come out and celebrate our many successes!!

PARKING IN THE CVHD

The Buddhist Temple, Chua Phat To, at Orange and 9th St., offers low-cost week-day parking opportunities to on-line applicants: www.thepermitstore.com. Enter code Long Beach CPP Or call 1st District at 570-6919 district1@longbeach.gov



The Craftsman Village Historic District-Upcoming Events

◀ May		~ June 2011 ~					July ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4 Annual BBQ Set-up and Mini Clean Up 11 AM BBQ Starts 12:30 PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13 Monthly Meeting 1512 E. 8 th St. 6:00 PM	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	
19 Father's Day	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:		



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