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# The Craftsman Village Historic District Newsletter

September/October 2011



## A word from the Co-Chairs

We hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing summer. Believe it or not, next week thousands of smiling parents will be sending their children back to school. Please be extra alert when driving especially near schools or in the morning/afternoon student commute.

## ***What's Happening To Our Streets?***

You may have noticed the "No Parking-Tow Away" signs which have been springing up in the neighborhood, especially along Orange Avenue and on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. While this may prove to be a major inconvenience in the short run, the long term benefits are worth it. The Orange Avenue/7<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer upgrade project began in earnest on September 6<sup>th</sup>. It is tentatively schedule to run through January 16, 2012 barring problems or inclement weather. If you have not received one of the letters distributed by the Long Beach Water Department you may wonder what's happening. The project will upgrade 1300 linear feet of 8-inch sewer pipe to 12-inch extra strength sewer pipe as well as upgrade 1,775 feet of 24-inch pipe to 30-inch pipe. The construction hours are tentatively scheduled for Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. The water department's plans are available on-line or we will be posting a link on the Craftsman Village Website. The project is set to begin at 11<sup>th</sup> and Orange, then head south towards 7<sup>th</sup> street. From there it will travel east on 7<sup>th</sup> street to its completion at Walnut Avenue. One of the goals of this project is to avoid potential sewer back up issues. If you have questions or concerns, the major players involved are:

Verner of Cedro Construction – (805) 827-0977

Lenny Blackman, Field Construction Inspector – (562) 618-5935

Patrizia Hall, Sr. Civil Engineer Long Beach Water Department – (562) 570-2332

The co-chairs have already contacted the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> city council offices in regards to this project. They understand the impact this will have on parking in our neighborhood, especially during the holidays. They will keep in touch with the water department and the contractor to minimize the impact on neighborhood residents as much as possible.

## ***Long Beach Historical Districts Meeting***

On Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, Karen Highberger of the city's Cultural Heritage Commission and a long-time resident of Cal Heights hosted a meeting for all of our historical districts. David Waller of Long Beach Heritage was there as a resource and members from the historical districts of Belmont Heights, Bluff Heights, Bluff Park, California Heights, Craftsman Village, Linden Avenue, and the Willmore Historical District were in attendance. The focus on the meeting was to assess the needs of historical districts and to determine ways we could encourage the city to give greater emphasis on preservation. Topics of discussion included certificates of appropriateness, 'weekend warrior' projects that are completed during code enforcement's off hours, as well as the possibility of having on-call weekend support to report potential abuses. Hopefully, the city services will be more supportive of districts' attempts to preserve our heritage.



### **Restoration Trade Fair**

Please join your neighbors for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Restoration Trade Fair at Luther Burbank School. Craftsman Village will be amongst the other historic districts participating in this informative event. We need volunteers to sit at our booth for the following times:

1 person for 11:30-1:30; one person for 1:30-3:30. Please call Michelle at 599-3559 if you can help. The Restoration Trade Fair has something for every taste and interest. History buffs will enjoy a WWII documentary called 'Long Beach Working Hard'. Those wishing to learn a new skill can watch demonstrations on window glazing, blacksmithing or basket weaving. Many local vendors will be on hand with their merchandize and restoration ideas and advice. You can even bring a picture of your home with

a list of questions to ask the variety of experts and others who have had similar experiences. SAVE THE DATE-SEPT 25-You will not be disappointed!

### **Mini Clean-Up Teams**

Residents on Hoffman Ave. and Orange Ave. are confronting the issue of litter on their streets. These neighbors have agreed to check their respective street on a regular basis (2-3 times per week) and pick up any trash they encounter. The trash bags and gloves are being provided by Neighborhood Services through the assistance of Gonzalo Sanchez. We appreciate and thank our neighbors for their efforts in keeping our neighborhood clean. Perhaps they will encourage others to do the same.

### **Window Work at Hoffman**

Perhaps you have noticed the construction that is happening at the duplex at Hoffman and the alley. The windows are being replaced with newer vinyl windows. This is being done with a permit and is allowed, not necessarily recommended, because this property falls outside of the historic district boundaries.

Another property, which is located at 1418 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., is having its windows replaced also. But, in this case, they have a permit, a Certificate of Appropriateness and the windows being used have been approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission.

Please be advised that any exterior changes that are done to your home need a permit and a Certificate of Appropriateness. It is also advised to restore and maintain the original quality of your home's interior features.

Note: The windows used at the 1418 E. 9<sup>th</sup> project can be purchased at B&B Hardware. They are manufactured by Paramount.



## ***Nuisance Abatement/Neighborhood Problem Solving***

While living next door to a problem property can be extremely difficult, please remember that there is a city Nuisance Abatement program to assist you in dealing with these issues. 562.570.5257 is the phone number or [Peter.Ronca@longbeach.gov](mailto:Peter.Ronca@longbeach.gov)

## ***Did you See?***

Did you happen to see the articles on *Titi's Ice Cream* in 'Cuisine Magazine' and the "Downtown Long Beach Business Journal"?

## ***Hellman Speed Limit Signs***

Thank you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> district for having speed limit signs posted on Hellman Street – this was a result of our meeting with the city traffic engineers. We are still pressing the city for additional traffic calming and beautification measures for our area such as the beautiful new roundabouts that were added to Vista Avenue in the Belmont Heights area.

## ***Digital Speed Signs***

Traffic and speeding cars have been a hot topic of conversation at many of our meetings. Neighbors are frustrated and concerned about their safety and the safety of their children. Craftsman Village has been working diligently to find some solution to this problem. We have met with the city Traffic Engineer and one of the possible solutions was to install digital speed signs along Orange Ave. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Offices have generously agreed to pay for these two signs. Please take the time to call our council representatives to thank them. Your historic district is also working to have speed humps installed on our three east/west streets; Hellman, 8th and 9<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to make a phone call in support of installation of speed humps-1<sup>st</sup> District Office-570-6919 and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Office-570-6884. If you don't speak up, your concerns will not be heard!





# POLICE DEPARTMENT PHONE LIST

## DIRECTORY LIST

	<u>PHONE NUMBER (562)</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>24 hours</b>
<b>POLICE DISPATCH</b>	<b>435-6711</b>	<b>24 Hours</b>
GENERAL INFORMATION	570-7260	24 hours
Graffiti Removal/Hotline	570-2773	24 hours
<b><u>CHIEF OF POLICE</u></b>		
<b>Office of the Chief of Police</b>	570-7301	8am-5pm
Internal Affairs	570-7343	7am-6pm
Media Relations	570-5273	8am-5pm
<b><u>INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU</u></b>		
<b>Detective Division</b>	570-7350	8am-5pm
<b>Detective Division</b>	570-7218	7am-6pm
Auto Theft	570-7362	7am-6pm
Burglary	570-7351	7am-6pm
Computer Crimes	570-7223	7am-6pm
Forgery/Fraud	570-7330	7am-6pm
Identity Theft	570-7602	7am-6pm
Labor Relations	570-7219	8am-6pm
Permits/Licensing	570-7219	8am-6pm
Vice Section	570-7219	8am-6pm
<b>Family Services Division</b>		
Child Abuse	570-7321	7am-6pm
Domestic Violence	570-7277	7am-6pm
Sex Crimes	570-7368	7am-6pm
<b>Forensic Science Services Division</b>		
Bicycle Warehouse	570-7701	8am-5pm
Property Detail	570-1075	12pm-4: 30pm
Property Detail	570-7660	6: 30am-5pm
<b>Gang &amp; Violent Crimes Division</b>		
C-CAT	570-5529	7am-6pm
C-CAT	570-7231	7am-6pm
Gang Section	570-7370	7am-6pm
Homicide	570-7244	7am-6pm
Narcotics (Complaints)	570-7221	7am-6pm
Narcotics (24 Hour Hotline)	570-7125	24 Hours
Robbery	570-7464	7am-6pm
Violent Crimes	570-7250	7am-6pm
<b>Youth Services Division</b>	570-1425	24 Hours
Missing Person Reports	570-1425	24 Hours
<b><u>PATROL BUREAU</u></b>		
<b>South Patrol Division</b> (Headquarters) - 400 W. Broadway	570-7214	8am-5pm
<b>North Patrol Division</b> - 4891 Atlantic Avenue	570-7260	24 hours
<b>East Patrol Division</b> - 4800 Los Coyotes Diagonal	570-9800	Call for hours
<b>West Patrol Division</b> - 1835 Santa Fe	570-5880	Call for hours
<b>West Patrol Division</b> - 1835 Santa Fe	570-3400	Call for hours
<b>Field Support Division</b>		
Accident Investigations	570-7355	7am-6pm
Marine Patrol	570-3246	8am-5pm
Reserves	570-7338	7am-6pm
Traffic	570-7209	8am-5pm
<b>Crime Prevention / Neighborhood Watch</b>	570-7229	8am-5pm



## The Craftsman Village Historic District

**For more information, contact Michelle Arend-Ekhoff at (562) 599.3559**

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