

THE WILLMORE CITY ENTERPRISE

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February Meeting - TREES TREES TREES

Approximately 4 years ago, through the aid of a ReLeaf Grant, the Willmore City Heritage Assn. planted 71 trees in parkways throughout the neighborhood. We now have an opportunity to apply for a Green Trees for Golden State Grant to further fill in needed trees. Jim Osgood from Neighborhood Services Bureau, Jaide from Long Beach Organic, and Jerry Rowland from Public Works will be at our February meeting to provide information about the grant, what type of trees would be appropriate, how to organize the tree planting and the best way to care for any and all trees. Those of us who do not have a green thumb will find this especially helpful. Jim Osgood was instrumental in the success of our last tree planting as well as all of our grants that he has helped us with. Please join us Wednesday February 15th at the Willmore Community Police Center (910 Daisy Avenue) at 7:30 p.m



Special Early Meeting

Prior to our regular meeting, there will be a presentation at 6:30 p.m. by representatives from the Second Samoan Church regarding their proposed plan to move the three houses that they own which are adjacent to their Church at 7th & Cedar in order to build an apartment complex on those sites. They have requested the opportunity to present the plan to the Willmore City Heritage Association membership for their input. This presentation will precede our regular meeting. The houses in question are located at 625, 635, and 645 Cedar Avenue. If you have an opportunity, please drive by that block prior to the meeting so that you can see the houses and where they are currently located. Please try to attend, your input is very important.



What Is A "Tree City"

To qualify for Tree City USA, a town or city must meet the following four standards established by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters to ensure that the city have a viable tree management plan and program.

1. A Tree Board or Department
2. A Tree Care Ordinance
3. A Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

There are approximately 145 "tree cities" in California but unfortunately Long Beach is not one of them - at least not yet. However, that may soon change. At the urging of Long Beach Heritage and others, the City of Long Beach has agreed to establish a Tree Board with representatives from each council district and an Arbor Day celebration is in the planning stage. The City's tree maintenance policy is being revised and hopefully will augment the City's Tree Ordinance.

The Tree Ordinance and the tree maintenance policy only apply, however, to trees on public property. At this time, unless a tree is designated as a landmark tree, there's no protection for a tree on private property no matter how old it is. Some cities have language in their tree ordinances addressing the preservation of all of the older trees whether on public or private property. Hopefully the new Tree Board will look into this for Long Beach as well.

The older trees in the City are a significant historic resource and contribute to our cultural heritage. They are part of the character of a neighborhood and deserve protection along with the buildings they shade.

A few years ago, an old oak tree in the Willmore neighborhood was scheduled to be cut down because of a damaged sidewalk. Thanks to the efforts of Allen McDaniels, the tree was saved from being cut down and the sidewalk was still able to be repaired. A similar situation happened on Daisy Avenue and Miguel Reiman worked with the City to save a large old tree on his block as well.

Unfortunately, there are some trees in parkways that are not appropriate and do cause problems, but for the most part, taking trees down should be the last resort -- we need that green!

Important CERT Training

Staff from the Willmore Community Police Center is coordinating with Long Beach Fire Department personnel to offer the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program to Willmore City residents.

This exciting and important program is designed to prepare individuals on how to respond to an emergency. Those who participate and successfully complete the program will learn:

- Introduction to disaster response and team organization
- First aid in disasters
- Fire suppression
- Light search and rescue
- Assembling and storing disaster supply kits

Upon completion of the course, you will have the skills to help yourself, your family and your neighbors in case of an emergency. These skills can save lives.

To enroll in the CERT Program contact Teresa Gonzalez or Jerry Lomeli by calling (562) 570-1146. The course will be offered at the Willmore Community Police Center located at 910 Daisy Ave. Call today - space is limited.

Willmore City Heritage Board Election

Reminder - we will be electing WCHA board members at our March meeting. This year's nominating committee is being chaired by Phyllis McDaniels. Nominations can also be made by any current member present at the March meeting. Please make sure your membership dues are up to date before the March meeting. If you have any questions please give Phyllis a call. (562) 435 4162

Block Captain Update

Thank you to all the block captains who have been working with Mike LaPoint and Sherron Leno. We're getting a really good neighborhood communication system going and it's already showing positive results. (Especially with your last effort at identifying graffiti locations for the city, way to go!!! That eliminated a lot of graffiti!!) We still have a few blocks that need to be covered so if you are able to take another block or know someone who would, please give Mike a call. Our goal is to eventually know the owner of every building on every block. It is through our team efforts that our neighborhood will continue to improve and become the neighborhood we know it has to potential to be. Thanks again for all your help!

Important Info To Stop Graffiti

Those of us who attended the last Willmore meeting were thoroughly impressed with the presentation by Detectives Maddox and VanDuin in regards to Graffiti. One of the points they made was how important it is to report any businesses that are selling spray paint or other such items to minors. Since that meeting, someone noticed that spray paint was for sale at a local 99¢ store and was not locked up. After talking to another block captain, it was discovered that an additional store in the neighborhood was also selling spray paint. A call was made to Detective Maddox who said was very grateful for the neighborhood's assistance.

Detective VanDuin gave us the following numbers for reporting graffiti:

If you see a suspect tagging call 911

If you have graffiti on your property call (562) 435-6711 to file a report

Call (562) 570-2773 for graffiti removal on other properties

Email digital photographs of graffiti to: pd_graffiti@longbeach.gov

Be sure to include the date, time, location, and who took the photo.

Email any information you have on taggers or on businesses that sell spray paint, etching tools or markers.

Board Elections In March

Thanks to a Neighborhood Partners Program Grant, 10 new trash cans for the neighborhood and replacement parts for the remaining existing ones have been ordered. We don't have a firm delivery date yet but we're hoping they are only a few weeks away. The receptacles are manufactured back east and due to the weight have to be shipped to us by truck. Those of you who have containers in need of repair or who are waiting for a new one, please be patient. They really are coming. We'll let you know as soon as we have a delivery date.

Willmore City Heritage Association

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Long Beach, CA 90801

The Willmore City Heritage Association is committed to the preservation, protection and improvement of the physical environment and quality of life in the Willmore City/Drake Park neighborhood.

WCHA Board Members* - 2005

Cheryl Perry, President*	436-2815
Sherron Leno, Secretary*	432-5140
Jill Anne Black, Treasurer*	495-3377
Carol McCafferty*	432-8999
Ernie Villa*	436-6522
Mark Perry, Newsletter*	436-2815

WCHA Voice Mail	436-8611
Police Center Chair: Carrol Goddard	618-9507
Willmore Community Police Center	570-1146
1st District Council Office	570-6919

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 Monday & Thursday 7:00-8:30 p.m.
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W I L L M O R E C A L E N D A R

- February 15th - Special project presentation by Second Samoan Church - 6:30 p.m.
- February 15th - Willmore meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- March ? - Arbor Day celebration
- April 23rd - Bluff Park Home Tour - contact Long Beach Heritage for info
- April 29th - May Day event at Drake Park/Bembridge House

Copies provided free of charge by the Neighborhood Resource Center (562) 570 1010

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