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**WILLMORE CALENDAR**

Jan 17th - Code Enforcement - 6:30 p.m.  
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Feb. 16th - Applications due for 2007  
Neighborhood Leadership Program

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The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Willmore Community Police Center

A Code Enforcement meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. 910 Daisy Ave.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILLMORE CITY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION JAN 2007

**J a n u a r y M e e t i n g**

Our January meeting will be on Wednesday January 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Willmore Community Police Center (910 Daisy Ave.). As we know, being in a historic district offers some protection for those homes that are of historical significance, but in Willmore we have another layer of protection and that is the PD-10 (Planned Development) zoning. Willmore is the only neighborhood in the City that has this unique zoning and our Community Planner Jerry Olivera will be on hand at our January meeting to explain the significance of this zoning and how the plans to update the PD-10 will affect our neighborhood and how it ties in to the City's General Plan.

It is important that Willmore residents understand and provide the City with as much input as possible as far as any changes to our zoning is concerned if we are to maintain the integrity of our historic district. There are many of you still living in Willmore that helped draft the original PD-10 and your input is especially vital. Please join us on Wednesday January 17th at 7:30!

**C h a v e z t o D r a k e G r e e n b e l t**

All pieces of the planned greenbelt connection between Chavez and Drake Parks are now either owned by the City of Long Beach or are in escrow! The city is also hiring a consultant to assist in community workshops to design this unique parkspace. Because of its location adjacent to the L.A. River, possibilities exist to re-introduce wetlands to the area as well as provide a community learning center. Watch for upcoming announcements of public meetings to help design our newest park!

**D o n a t i o n f o r D r a k e P a r k**

Those of you who remember the infamous annual parties at West Coast Choppers will be happy to learn that Jesse James honored his commitment to help the Willmore neighborhood by recently donating \$6000 to Partners of Parks to be used directly for Drake Park. Jesse's efforts to support the community are greatly appreciated! The renovation work on West Coast Chopper's buildings on Anaheim have been a wonderful contribution to the area and the addition of Jesse's Cisco Burger is definitely a plus. (If you haven't tried it you're missing out). Exactly how the funds will be used at Drake Park have not yet been determined but Roz Boger has quite a wish list to choose from so there won't be a problem finding plenty of use for the welcomed donation.

Mark Your Calendar!!

T H E W I L L M O R E

**Holiday Fun at Patty's**

WCHA members invaded Patty Lund's wonderful home for our annual potluck on Dec. 13th and what a good time we had. Patty's home was beautifully decorated and totally warm and inviting. The holiday spirit was definitely in high gear at Patty's. Two of Patty's good friends from high school were out to visit her from New Jersey and were a great help getting things together. I hope we didn't embarrass her too much that night. Patty is a phenomenal musician and at the end of the night we twisted her arm to play a few songs on the piano for us. Erik and Ernie added some impressive vocals as well.

Sharing stories, laughing and joking with friends and neighbors is what makes the holidays extra special and we are very fortunate in Willmore to have such a wonderful group of individuals who share a common interest in historic preservation, in a love of Long Beach, and in being good neighbors. Even though we live in a large city, a close-knit neighborhood makes it feel like a friendly small town.

May one of our New Year's resolutions be to further encourage the preservation spirit in our neighborhood and make the uniqueness of Willmore sparkle.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



C I T Y E N T E R P R I S E

**Neighborhood Leadership Program**

The Neighborhood Leadership Program, offered by the City of Long Beach Neighborhood Services Bureau, is accepting applications for its class of 2007. Several WCHA members have graduated from this program and recommend it highly for anyone who has an interest in their community. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn how our City functions, how to access the various programs and services it offers, and how to use your skills to make a difference in your neighborhood and city. The program is offered Monday or Thursday evenings. There are two sessions a month beginning March 29th through August 18th. Applications are available at the Willmore Community Police Center or the Neighborhood Resource Center. WCHA needs the active participation of its residents to help on committees and the Board to accomplish its goals and this leadership program is a wonderful way to learn how you can help. When you help your neighborhood you are helping yourself.

Please contact any of the Board members for a letter of recommendation if you would be interested in the program.

**Latest news from our Council office**

The City Council's Charter Amendment Committee has been meeting over the past few months to decide on the most critical issues to put before the voters concerning the City's charter. Last revised in 1980, the charter acts as the City's "constitution", guiding operations of the state's fifth largest city. A final decision is expected to be made by the City Council by the end of January. All meetings are open to the public and public comment is welcome. Some topics have included: the role of the council and mayor, mayoral veto, budget line item veto, length of commission and city council terms, consolidation of City Attorney and City Prosecutor's offices, election cycle changes, residency requirements for candidates, redistricting, establishment of an Office of Ethics, and deletion of obsolete sections. The City Council has until February 2nd to approve a May election for charter changes.

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