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# The Craftsman Village Historic District Newsletter

July/August 2011



## A word from the Co-Chairs

Thank you for your hard work during the year. Our regular meetings will resume in September. Until then, have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

## ***Annual Awards Picnic***

Under sunny June skies, the CVHD celebrated another year of successes with our annual Awards Picnic and Barbecue. The event was held at the site of our future park; the park should be ready in time for next year's event as groundbreaking is to take place by the fall. In attendance were Vice-Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Councilman Robert Garcia, Lena Gonzalez – Field Deputy 1<sup>st</sup> District, Mark Magdaleno – Field Deputy 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Gonzalo Sanchez – Neighborhood Services, and Anna Mendiola representing Parks and Recreation. Brian Ulaszewski provided an overview of the plans for Armory Park which will be on Martin Luther King between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. This should eliminate a score of problems at this busy intersection. A special thank you to *Program Love* a local acoustic guitar group that provided live music for the event. Look for them on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/ProgramLove#!/ProgramLove#!/media/set/?set=pa.128945023796888>

Our Annual Awards recognized the hard work of George Hume and Jose Cordero for their dedication to the community. These two were instrumental in scheduling and coordinating the recent 2<sup>nd</sup> District tree planting event in our neighborhood. The other award was earned by Victor Frake for Apartment Ownership and Maintenance. Victor is the owner of the apartment building behind Dan's Burgers and has done a wonderful job in upgrading both the property and the clientele. His hands on management style should be a model for other apartment owners in the area.

The highlight of the event was the distribution of the long awaited Craftsman Village house plaques which identify historically significant homes in the area. The plaques were underwritten by an NPP grant. Owners interested in purchasing a plaque should contact Pam at Décor and Restore directly at (509) 535-1237.

## ***Permit Process/Certificate Of Appropriateness***

With summer upon us, homeowners are eager to tackle home improvement projects especially with the energy rebate programs being offered (see back page). Keep in mind that most construction projects require a permit and inspections as part of the process. In addition, because we live in an historic district, a Certificate Of Appropriateness is also required to ensure that all work visible from the street is in accordance with the City of Long Beach Historic Guidelines and individual historic ordinances. Our homes are nearly 100 years old, and windows often become so worn or warped that they are difficult to operate. There are many options available. Several neighbors in our historic district are expert at restoring old windows to 'better than new' condition. Please contact Michelle at 599-3559 for more information regarding neighborhood resources. Another great option is a company in Los Alamitos called Window Restoration and Repair. They can be reached at 562-493-1590. Please take advantage of the option of restoration. They don't make things like they used to!

## ***Energy Rebates up to \$6,000***

Until Labor Day, rebates of up to \$6,000 are available for single family homeowners who complete energy and water saving projects. To find out more information go to [www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA.org)

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

Sadly, we are still dealing with problem properties in our area. The city is hosting a training program on Neighborhood Problem Solving for residents interested in correcting these local nuisances.

Wednesday July 27, 2011  
6 PM – 7:30 PM  
Neighborhood Resource Center

## ***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.

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The Craftsman Village Historic District-Upcoming Events



## ***IMPORTANT DATES***

### **NABA (North Alamos Beach Association) Meetings** (includes Code Enforcement issues)

- Wednesday July 27, 2011 at 6:30 PM  
Senior Center at 4<sup>th</sup> and Orange
- Wednesday August 31, 2011 at 6:30 PM  
Senior Center at 4<sup>th</sup> and Orange

### **CVHD Monthly Cleanups**

Saturday July 23, 2011 8:30 AM  
1325 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Saturday August 20, 2011 8:30 AM  
761 Toledo Walk

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