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The January meeting will be held
Wednesday Jan. 16th
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January 2008 Meeting

It's hard to believe that the holidays are behind us and it is 2008 already. New Year's resolutions have been made and we've started a brand new year with a clean slate and a list of goals we hope to accomplish this year.

WCHA is ready for a new year as well and one of its goals is to encourage the participation of more of our neighbors in the preservation of our wonderful historic district and the improvement of the quality of life for all Willmore residents. However, this cannot be accomplished without you. We need each and everyone of you to help first by communicating to us what you think WCHA can do this coming year to help the neighborhood. What do you think should be the priorities? What do you think has worked and what do you think has not worked in Willmore?

Please join us on Wednesday January 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Willmore Community Police Center (910 Daisy Ave) and help us prioritize our efforts for 2008. If you are unable to attend please call one of the board members or relay your input to a neighbor who will be attending. We need everyone's input! See you on the 16th!

A Code Enforcement meeting will be held for all Block Captains at 6:30 p.m.

WCHA turning 30 years old

30 years have gone by since the formation of the Willmore City Heritage Association. Yes -- that's right -- WCHA is turning 30 this year! Sounds like a good time for a celebration or two. It also sounds like we need some ideas and some planning to make that happen. Come to the January meeting and help us come up with a list of some fun events to have in 2008 to celebrate WCHA's 30 years.

Neighborhood Organizations Honor Police & Firefighters

Seven local neighborhood organizations recently worked together to honor the Long Beach Firefighters and Police Officers with special commendations for members of the South and West Divisions. Tom Martin, a member of both WCHA and WECA, initiated the idea and worked with the North Pine Neighborhood Alliance, East Village Association, Wrigley Association, Neighborhood Advisory Group, Pine Plaza Homeowners Association, West End Community Association and Willmore City Heritage Association to bring the idea to fruition.

LBPD officers that were recognized were South Division's Sergeant Ted Reno, Officer Forest Anderson and Police Service Specialist Mary Antunez. West Division's officers recognized were Lieutenant Robert Smith, Lieutenant Joe Levy, and Sergeant Richard Conant.



Left to Right:

- Sgt Reno
- Officer Anderson
- Mary Antunez
- Cmdr Johnson

An abundance of food was generously donated by Buono's Pizzeria, Smooth's Sports Grille, Islands, Boston's Gourmet Pizza, Bubba Gump Shrimp, Chili's Bar & Grill, Gladstone's, The Daily Grind, and Outback. Fortunately, leftovers were taken back to the fire stations for the firefighters unable to attend the event.

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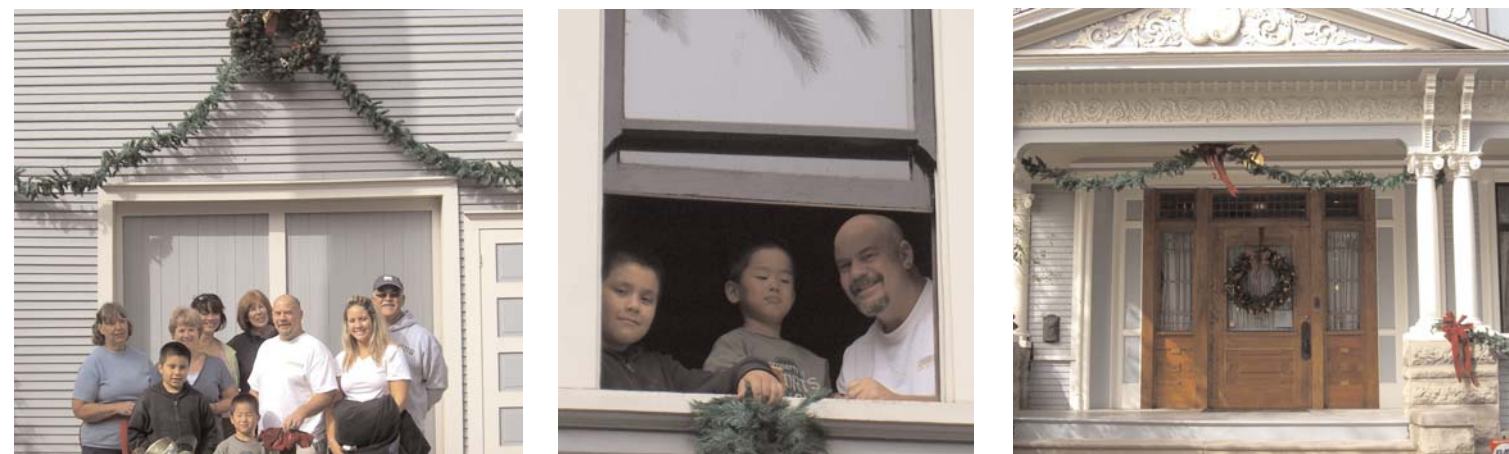
“A Day Without a Bag”

December 20th was “A Day Without a Bag” day when many shoppers in L.A. County gave up paper and plastic shopping bags in favor of reusable totes for 24 hours in the hopes of promoting awareness of the negative effects on the environment by the millions of improperly discarded plastic bags. Members of WCHA were given reusable bags made from recycled materials and donated by the Port of Long Beach which they proudly displayed at the Willmore Holiday Potluck on Dec. 19th.



WCHA crew helped decorate Bembridge House

A committee of WCHA members helped add some festive charm to the exterior of the Bembridge House last month. Other local groups decorated the interior of the house, and Willmore resident Elisa Trujillo did an amazing job decorating the carriage house in preparation for the Bembridge holiday tour “Home for the Holidays” held on Dec. 2nd.



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

Congratulations Dennis Thys!

In case you haven't already heard, Dennis Thys, Manager of Neighborhood Services Bureau, has been promoted to Director of Community Development, a promotion well deserved. Dennis has been a long time friend to Willmore, working alongside us on many projects -- including digging holes and planting trees. Dennis has always looked for creative ways to help us improve the neighborhood. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Willmore Community Police Center, has always been there with encouragement and advice for us with our many grant proposals, and was a major force in the reorganization of code enforcement for not just Willmore but the entire City. We have no doubt he will do a superb job in his new position.

Currently the Acting Manager of Neighborhood Services is someone we all know and love - Lei Ronca. Lei has also been a long time friend to Willmore, working with us off and on through code enforcement and the Community Police Center. No doubt she's doing double duty these days but if anyone can handle it it is Lei. Willmore and the City of Long Beach are fortunate to have such competent and dedicated employees as these two. Do you think we could clone them?

Historical Society in New Home

The Historical Society of Long Beach has opened the doors of its new home. The museum and research center is now located at 4260 Atlantic Ave. Go check it out. It's wonderful!

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