

# THE WILLMORE CITY ENTERPRISE



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILLMORE CITY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION JUNE 2006

## June Meeting - 1208 Cedar Avenue

Jim and Gwen Mulligan (and son Jack) have graciously offered to host our June meeting at their home at 1208 Cedar Ave. Since moving in last August, welcoming baby Jack in December, working and taking classes, Jim and Gwen have somehow found time to do some major work on their early 1900's home. You may have noticed that the asbestos siding is now gone and the clapboard, which fortunately was still there underneath, is being repaired and the house is getting a beautiful new paint job.

The exact construction date of this house is not clear, but according to City records, an addition in the back was built in 1909 so the original house was built sometime before that. As are many homes built around the turn of the 20th century, this house is a combination of styles. It has been described as a Queen Anne/Colonial Revival with Doric columns on the front.

The house sits at the corner of Cedar and 12th Street but when it was built, 12th Street was called Stanwood. The numbered streets only went up to 10th Street at that time. The first owners of the house were named Young. Young was a partner in Finney & Young - a furniture business in Long Beach around 1908.

During the WWII years and up until it was purchased by Stan Poe in 1975, the house was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tupper and operated as a rooming house. When Stan bought the property he reconverted the rooms that had been turned into bedrooms back to their original use.

The carriage house on the back of the property was originally located on Anaheim Street and was moved there in the early years. Stan says that it had a hay loft in it and when he bought the house, the hay loft still had hay in it along with newspapers dating back to 1910.

In 1976 the Willmore City Heritage Association was founded by Stan Poe, Peter Devereaux, Ernie Villa and others, in order to help preserve the Drake Park/Willmore City neighborhood. Some of their first meetings took place in the dining room of this house at 1208 Cedar Ave. Thanks to the efforts of these early WCHA pioneers, our neighborhood became the first designated historic district in the City of Long Beach.

And here we are 30 years later back at the same house where it all started! So please join us on Wednesday June 21st at 7:30 p.m. at 1208 Cedar to see this wonderfully preserved example of one of the oldest homes in our neighborhood and our city.

In addition, we are expecting a guest who has offered to give us some tips on repairing sash windows.

See you there!

Cheryl Perry



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Drake Park Sizzlin' Summer Programs

Drake Park will be busy this summer offering a variety of programs for youth and teens. Programs include: Summer Fun Days, a drop in program for youths 5-14 years old which runs June 19th through September 1st, Monday - Friday from 12-6 p.m, Summer Food for Children, a Free lunch program for youths 18 years and under which runs June 19th through August 18th, Monday - Friday from 1-2 p.m, and Youth Tennis, a free tennis program for youths 8 -17 years old which runs July 10th through August 18th, Days & Times to be announced.

In addition to youth activities, there will be some family special events this summer. Join us on July 15th when we celebrate "July is Recreation Month" with a special performance by the Agua Luna Dance Company at 5:30 p.m. On August 2nd we will have our first Movie in the Park beginning at dusk for the whole family to enjoy. We will also be enjoying the great sounds of the Long Beach Community Band, date & time to be determined.

Block Captains Meeting

There will be a Code Enforcement meeting for all Block Captains on Wednesday June 21st at 6:30 pm at the Willmore Community Police Center. The Code Enforcement Inspectors will provide updates on all issues reported at the last meeting.

Welcome New Board Member

We welcome Patty Lund as our newest WCHA Board Member. Patty will be serving out the remainder of the term of the recently vacated board position. Patty owns a charming turn of the century home on 9th Street which she is meticulously renovating. We are very happy she has volunteered to share her time and talents with us.

Volunteer - Join the Fun!

Being a part of a real neighborhood involves joining with your neighbors in improving your block or just having a good time. At WCHA we do a lot of both. There's a little something for everyone. Let us know what your interest is. All ideas are welcome. Together we can make our neighborhood even better!

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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.

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The vacant lot next to Big John's Liquor is undergoing quite a transformation. Instead of just dirt and illegally parked cars, there is now a lovely garden taking shape.

This beautiful flower and vegetable garden between 927 Daisy and Big Johns' Liquor was created solely by Tere Garcia, a Willmore resident. She has put a lot of labor and love into this project. You can see her planting and watering on a daily basis.

Tere, her husband and 3 children have lived in the Willmore City area for over 20 years. Thank you Tere for making Willmore City even more beautiful!

Jill Anne Black

## Shakespeare Free on the Aquarium Lawn: Join Us!!

Want a chance to enjoy a cultural event and perhaps take away some coping skills to deal with our "quality of life" issues here in Willmore City? Long Beach is being touted as a hub of art and culture. We Willmorons may not be exactly at the hub but we are at least on the edge. Need a refresher course in yelling and screaming? How about picking up some tips on how to throw a really good fit? Anyone familiar with William Shakespeare's comedy *The Taming of the Shrew* knows that it is loaded with such action.

The Long Beach Shakespeare Company (LBSC) is presenting its Eighth Annual Festival with its production of *The Taming of the Shrew* running Saturday and Sunday evenings June 24th to July 16th at 6:00 p.m. It is being performed on the lawn in front of the Aquarium of the Pacific. Admission to the event is free.

The Willmore City Heritage Association Committee for the Cultural Advancement of Willmorons is declaring (quasi officially) July 9th to be Willmore City Night. LBSC is known to give highly entertaining and yes - just plain fun - renditions of these plays.

Seating is "a la grass" so bring a blanket and/or lawn chair and whatever edibles and drinks you so desire. And remember, no matter how hot it is when you start the evening, bring a jacket or sweater as the ocean breeze will come later and might be very chilly. Attendees will have to decide whether to "suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" and figure out where to park if you drive. Those of us too cheap to pay for parking view this as an opportunity for a summer eve's stroll and plan to walk to and fro. Please plan to purchase a program (\$2?) and perhaps throw a few coins in the hat if it is passed.

LBSC will have a second play presented July 22nd - August 13th again on Saturday and Sunday at 6:00 p.m. This will be the tragedy *Antony and Cleopatra*, a more suitable "steamy" production to go along with our hotter weather. As the price is right, some like to attend each production more than once. This gives one a chance to pick up the other half of the dialogue you missed the first time. This is a problem to which some of us will unabashedly admit to.

Please join your fellow Willmorons on July 9th for the *Shrew*. It will be fun and perhaps inspirational. When contending with my neighbors, I heed the shrewish Kate's comment, "I see a woman may be made a fool, if she had not a spirit to resist". You go, Girl! Take heart block captainettes (and captains)!

Sherron Leno

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- June 21st - Code Enforcement meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- June 21st - Willmore meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- June 25th - Great Homes Tour - contact Long Beach Heritage for info - 562 493 7019
- July 8th - Yard Sale at the Bembridge House
- July 9th - Free Shakespeare concert at the Aquarium - 6:00 p.m.

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Neighborhood Resource Center (562) 570 1010

The June Meeting will be held on  
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Code enforcement at 6:30 p.m.  
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