

# IN BRIEF:

District Neighborhood Council News

City of Anaheim

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## ANAHEIM ALERT

There is a new way for residents, businesses and visitors to stay informed of time-sensitive city information. Anaheim Alert, an opt-in text-based community notification system.

Anaheim Alert messages will include time-sensitive information related to unplanned road closures, power outages, event venue traffic congestion, fires, and natural disasters. Users can choose from among the message categories in order to customize their account according to interest, location and need. With Anaheim Alert, messages and updates can immediately be sent to a large audience of users notifying them of important information.

Signing up for Anaheim Alert is simple. The first step is to log on to [www.AnaheimAlert.net](http://www.AnaheimAlert.net), and follow the prompts to self-subscribe to e-mail, text messages, or both. In addition, anyone may also sign up for the service by texting the

word "register" to 311ANA (311262). Please note that standard text messaging charges apply. The City's website, [www.anaheim.net](http://www.anaheim.net), also has a link to Anaheim Alert. Please note that some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) utilize various methods to prevent unsolicited commercial e-mail (junk mail or spam) from being delivered to users' mailboxes. To assure you receive Anaheim Alert e-mail please add [anaheimalert.net](mailto:anaheimalert.net) to your address book. If you still have trouble, please contact the helpdesk via e-mail at [anaheimalert@anaheim.net](mailto:anaheimalert@anaheim.net)

The launch of Anaheim Alert is another example of the City's efforts to keep the City of Anaheim connected. The Anaheim Alert community notification system complements the City's 311 and Anaheim Anytime customer service programs.

For more information please visit [www.anaheim.net](http://www.anaheim.net), or contact Ruth Ruiz at (714) 765-5060, or [r Ruiz@anaheim.net](mailto:r Ruiz@anaheim.net)

## "IN BRIEF" IS GOING GREEN!!!

Did you know that this newsletter is also available online? Instead of sorting through your mail to find the newsletter or wondering if it got lost in the mail, you can simply log onto:

- ⇒ [www.anaheim.net](http://www.anaheim.net)
- ⇒ Click on "Departments"
- ⇒ Click on "Community Services"
- ⇒ Scroll down the page and click on "Neighborhood Services"
- ⇒ Click on "District Neighborhood Council Newsletter" in the Features box at the lower right hand corner.

Additionally, residents can receive the *In Brief: District Neighborhood Council News* newsletter via email (as a PDF file).

**To prevent your name from being removed from the distribution list please contact Rocio Ochoa, Neighborhood Services Specialist, at (714)765-4635 or [rochoa@anaheim.net](mailto:rochoa@anaheim.net) and please include your:**

- Name
- Preference (paper or electronic)
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## DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING DATES

### West District

#### Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, April 15, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
West Anaheim Youth Center  
320 South Beach Boulevard  
Contact: Susan Davidson @  
(714) 765-4397

### East District

#### Neighborhood Council

Thursday, April 16, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Canyon High School Library  
220 South Imperial Highway  
Contact: Anaheim Sporn @  
(714) 765-5208

### Central District

#### Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, April 29, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Downtown Community Center  
250 East Center Street  
Contact: Anaheim Sporn @  
(714) 765-5208

### South District

#### Neighborhood Council

Thursday, April 23, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Stoddard Elementary School  
1841 South Ninth Street  
Contact: Rocio Ochoa @  
(714) 765-4635

## CENTRAL DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### January Meeting Review

At January's Neighborhood Council meeting Sandra Seaton with Code Enforcement gave an update on the issue of graffiti in Anaheim. If you haven't already heard about it, the Anaheim Community Anti-Graffiti Effort is working with residents, property owners and businesses to combat graffiti in our neighborhoods. For more information on how you can participate, contact Sgt. Alex Orozco at (714) 765-3878.

Also at January's meeting Pamela Galera, Community Services Project Planner, announced the initial steps and process to develop a new City Park at 400 N. West St., site of the Woelke-Stoffel & Mother Colony Houses and the Moreton Bay Fig Tree. This is an opportunity to work with the community to create a park area. If you would like to give your input or have any ideas please contact Pamela at (714) 765-4463.

### Neighborhood Council Meeting Agenda for April 29:

- Shopping Carts
- Sycamore/Clementine Traffic Circle
- New Historic District
- Anaheim Alert

### **Get involved with your Neighborhood Council!**

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hood Council is part of the Anaheim Neighborhood Improvement Program that uses an inter-departmental approach to improve the livability of Anaheim's neighborhoods. Utilizing 4 neighborhood districts and interdepartmental teams assigned to each district, neighborhood improvement is accomplished by creating partnerships between neighborhood "stakeholders" (City departments, residents, property owners, school officials, the religious community, business community and non-profit organizations). This partnership and Neighborhood Councils bring people together to work on issues of concern and identify actions they can take to address them.

The current leadership positions are held by:

- Chair Meghan Shigo
- Vice-Chair David Lopez

The next meeting will be held at the Downtown Community Center (250 East Center Street) on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. Join us and make a difference in your community!

### **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE**

The Neighborhood Services Division strives to work with residents to improve their neighborhoods. If you have any questions please contact Anaheim Sporn, Neighborhood Services Specialist at (714) 765-5208 or [asporn@anaheim.net](mailto:asporn@anaheim.net).

## EAST DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### January Meeting Review

At January's Neighborhood Council meeting, Paul Beckman, our East District Chair, gave a brief update on CDBG—Community Development Block Grant. The CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities. The CDBG program has made a difference in the lives of millions of people and their communities across the Nation. For more information on the CDBG process, please contact Chris Gerry at (714) 765-4352.

**Homework Help Now!** Online, interactive Homework Help is available from 1:00pm to 10:00pm daily. Brainfuse is designed for students in grades 3-12, and covers all the major subjects areas. Students will be connected with a real tutor to walk you through the tough questions. Visit the City's Library webpage at [www.anaheim.net/library](http://www.anaheim.net/library)

### Neighborhood Council Meeting Agenda for April 16:

- Complex Fire Updates & Information
- Fairmont/SR 91
- Santa Ana Canyon Road Landscaping
- CDBG Updates
- Anaheim Alert

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The current leadership positions are held by:

- Chair Paul Beckman
- Vice-Chair David Wain

The meeting will be held in the Canyon High School Library (220 South Imperial Highway) on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE**

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## WEST DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### January Meeting Review

The West District Neighborhood Council meeting for January was held at the West Anaheim Youth Center. Topics on the agenda included Library Services, which announced the new hours for Haskett Library: which are Mon-Thurs 10:00am-9:00pm, Fri & Sat Noon-6:00pm and they are now closed on Sundays. The library is also sponsoring a new 20-minute bilingual story time designed for 2-12-month old infants with their parents or caregivers. Bilingual story time will be on Wednesdays at 10:30am.

Public Works presented on the City's sewer and storm drain maintenance practices. The presentation provided a brief summary of how the sewer and storm drain systems works, and the equipment and methods utilized to maintain the systems.

Sebastian Lopez, Vice-Chair for the West District Neighborhood Council reported information from the CDAC meeting.

### Neighborhood Council Meeting Agenda for April 15:

- Disaster Preparedness—Inform residents on how the City is prepared to respond to and handle disasters.
- City of Anaheim Community Development—Information on rental assistance, home loans, and other programs.

- Workforce Center— Inform residents about the City of Anaheim's Workforce Center's innovative "one stop" approach to meet employment demands of both businesses and job seekers.
- Anaheim Alert

The District Neighborhood Council is part of the NIP to improve the livability of Anaheim Neighborhoods. The current leadership positions are held by:

- Chair Vic Real
- Vice-Chair Sebastian Lopez

The meeting will be held at the *West Anaheim Youth Center (320 South Beach Boulevard)* on *Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.*

### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE

The Neighborhood Services Division strives to work with residents and stakeholders to improve their neighborhoods. If you have any questions on the topics discussed or have an issue, idea or question about your neighborhood in the West District then please contact Susan Davidson, Neighborhood Services Specialist, at (714) 765-4397 or [sudavidson@anaheim.net](mailto:sudavidson@anaheim.net).

## SOUTH DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### January Meeting Review

The South District Neighborhood Council Meeting for January was held at Stoddard Elementary School. Topics on the agenda included a representative from Census 2010, who came to talk about the benefits of reporting accurate information to the Census.

The Red Cross talked to the residents about items every person should have in case of an emergency and the importance of being prepared for a catastrophe.

There were also updates given to residents on the status of the opening of Energy Field and also about the striping that was done on Ninth/Katella.

### Neighborhood Council Meeting Agenda for April 23:

- Disaster Preparedness—Inform residents on how the City is prepared to respond to and handle disasters.
- Code Enforcement—Inform residents on shopping cart retrieval, cars for sale on the street and graffiti.
- City of Anaheim Community Development—Manchester/Orangewood affordable housing development
- Anaheim Alert

### Projects

Grand opening for Energy Field, located at 1625 S Ninth St., has been scheduled for June 9, 2009. This will be the first of it's kind in the City of Anaheim with solar electric panels mounted on the picnic shelters, artificial turf, and drought resistant landscaping.

The District Neighborhood Council is part of the NIP to improve the livability of Anaheim Neighborhoods. The current leadership positions are held by:

- Chair Frances Noteboom
- Vice-Chair Bill Estep

The meeting will be held inside the library at *Stoddard Elementary School (1841 South Ninth Street)* on *Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m.*

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# For Your Information...

## SHOPPING CART RETRIEVAL PROGRAM

Community Preservation (aka Code Enforcement) has a shopping cart retrieval program that picks-up abandoned shopping carts from private and public property and returns them to the originating store.

If you see an abandoned shopping cart in your neighborhood or somewhere in the City, please contact California Shopping Cart Retrieval Corporation at (800) 252-4613. Please be sure to mention that you are in the City of Anaheim and provide the operator with the location of the abandoned shopping cart. Please contact Code Enforcement at (714) 765-5158 if you have additional questions.

## ANAHEIM WORKFORCE CENTER

For those of you who are not aware, the City of Anaheim offers a great resource to businesses and to anyone who is looking for a job. The Anaheim Workforce Center is an innovative "one stop" approach to meet employment demands of both businesses and job seekers. Supported by on-line electronic technology and a network of partner agencies, the Center brings employers and job seekers together at a single point of access. It provides businesses with a user-friendly system of one-stop services to match employer needs with qualified job seekers.

Advantages for businesses and employers include:

- Cost savings for personnel recruitment and skills training
- Work Opportunity Tax Credits
- Training incentives for employers who hire eligible applicants
- Access to labor market information and other industry specific resources
- Assistance during worker lay-off or business closures

Anaheim's Workforce Center assists both City businesses and qualified job seekers through a range of services including:

- Industry specific customized training: provides employees with employer specified skill development
- Retraining and New Hire Training Assistance: provides a resource for training assistance through a variety of program options
- Employability Skills Training: prepares employees for the demands of the workplace through job search, basic skills, and computer literacy

- Occupational Skills Training: classroom instruction designed to provide state of the art training in demand occupations
- On-the-job Training: provides training on the job to meet employer standards
- School to Career Programs: combines skills-based and work-based learning to enhance employability for youth

For more information call (714)765-4350

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Anaheim Disposal / Bulky Item Pick-Up	238-2444
Animal Control (stray animals)	935-6848
Anaheim Family Justice Center	765-1645
Brookhurst Community Center	765-3373
Code Enforcement	765-5158
Community Services Department	765-5191
Domestic Violence Services	935-7956
Downtown Community Center (DTCC)	765-4500
Downtown Youth Center (DTYC)	765-4501
East Anaheim Community Center	765-3904
East Anaheim Gym	765-3961
Dusk-To-Dawn Lights ( <b>FREE</b> )	939-9020
Emergency	911
Fair Housing Council	569-0823
Family Resource Centers	
Manzanita Park (in Central District)	750-3776
Ponderosa Park (in South District)	750-2826
Salk ( in West Anaheim)	826-5746
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	765-4000
First Time Homebuyer Program	765-4340
Gang Detail—Anaheim Police Department	765-GANG
Graffiti Hotline (report)	765-5200
Graffiti—In Progress	765-1911
Graffiti—On Freeways	(949) 724-2500
Grocery Cart Removal	(800) 252-4613
Historic Society	543-8282
Library & Bookmobile	765-1880
Neighborhood Services	765-4456
Neighborhood Preservation	765-4340
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	765-1900
Park Rangers	765-5226
Recycling/Hazardous Waste Disposal	834-6752
Streets and Sewer—Repair	765-6860
Streetlights—Repair	765-3300
Street Signs—Repair	765-6837
Tree Planting/Trimming	765-6920
Traffic Signals—Repair	765-5202
West Anaheim Youth Center	765-6400
Utilities	765-4250

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