Autrilla Watkins Scott (Class of 1996) was a prominent community leader in Long Beach and a retired nurse, who passed away in February 2013. She was an author, a poet and was nominated for the city's distinguished “Volunteer of the Year Award.” In 2000, she became the first African-American woman to have a Long Beach City lane named after her. Originally from Hope, Arkansas, Mrs. Scott bore the distinction of baby-sitting for a young Bill Clinton when she was a teenager and reunited with him when he visited the area as U.S. President. Neighborhood Services is partnering to hold an I Dig Long Beach memorial tree planting in Central Long Beach in her honor on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

Dedicated Graduates of the Neighborhood Leadership Program who gave so much to our community and worked tirelessly to improve our city. They live on in our memories and in the work they did to better the lives of others through their selfless efforts, their commitment and perseverance.

Louise Kripal (Class of 2008) served an active role in the East Village Arts District and was the East Village Association newsletter editor. She passed away on May 3, 2013. Louise started a nonprofit organization to help the disabled. Among her involvement in many local organizations and community improvement efforts, she was on the boards of the Long Beach Arts Association and the homeowners association where she lived. In tribute of the selfless work she gave to our community, Neighborhood Services is partnering with community organizations to hold an I Dig Long Beach memorial tree planting in her honor on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Family is...
Please represent your class
Class of:

Applications
The deadline to submit applications to join the Neighborhood Leadership Pro-
gram is **Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.** If you are interested in applying
for the program, please submit your application before the deadline.

Neighborhood Leadership Program brochures and applications in **English**
and **Spanish** (as well as class photos and more information) are all availa-
bility from our website:

http://www.longbeach.gov/cd/neighborhood_services/nlp/default.asp

We will be offering a Candidate Information Session interested program candi-
dates can meet and hear from graduates and learn more about the program.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 15, 2014
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
**Location:** Neighborhood Resource Center
425 Atlantic Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 570-1010
Free parking in the rear of the building

**Program Goal**
The goal of the program is to provide Long Beach Residents the skills,
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**Program Components**
- Effective Leadership
- Human Relations and Team Building
- Community Project Planning
- Solving Neighborhood Problems
- Public Speaking
- Grant Writing/Fundraising

**Benefits**
- Mini Grants for Projects
- Spanish and Khmer Translation
- All Class Materials Provided Free
- Join an Established Network of Neighborhood Leaders
- Make New Friends

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The members of the Central Neighborhood Advisory Committee (CNAC) held various community events this past year. Among the events was a celebration on February 21, 2013 of Black History Month at Burnett Library. The event featured a dance exhibition, music, a short book reading and refreshments. NLP graduates that can be counted among the members of CNAC are Alice Robinson (Class of 2010), Tom Flores (Class of 2010), Charles Wade, Jr. (Class of 2008), and Juanita Wilson (Class of 2010).

Jana Shields was a featured cast member as a Long Beach historical figure in The Municipal Cemetery Tour. The event is the signature fundraising event of the Historical Society of Long Beach, a non-profit organization.

Jo Murray continues to serve as editor for the Long Beach Yacht Club’s monthly megaaper with a worldwide distribution. Last January, she joined the Gazette Newspaper as a weekly columnist. Her column features On the Water news – covering the sailing, swimming and rowing that takes place in Long Beach.

Class of 2000
Lydia Perez (formally known as Lydia Calvillo) got married and had a baby. Emilio C. Perez was born on October 18, 2013.

Class of 2001
Martha Cota held her fifth annual health fair and community resource fair at MacArthur Park. This year, the event also featured services for children as well as activities like art and painting. Martha also worked with the campaign called: “¡Ya Es Hora - ¡Ciudadanía!” The main message of this campaign was to encourage the Hispanic community to become US citizens. Martha was also a recipient of the American Heart Association’s Heart and Stroke Champion Award and the Cen- tro CHA Excellence in Parent Leadership Award.

Class of 2003
Annie Greenfeld was featured in a biographic Youtube film by Biographic Voices. The film discussed her background including her birth in Germany and her parent’s survival through the holocaust. Annie also discussed her involvement with the Civil Rights Movement and her work with the Peace Garden at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.

Gabrielle Weeks continues to be the Group Chair for the Long Beach Area Group of the Sierra Club. The Club assisted with several I Dig Long Beach tree plantings and provided coffee donations for the events.

Ines Echegaray brought her Campfire Girls and Boys group to help at the kick-off event for the I Dig Long Beach tree planting campaign. In addition to supporting Urban Tree Planting projects of all kinds throughout the city of Long Beach and environs, and being a Camp Fire
Gavin McKiernan organized an annual 6th Annual Wrigley River Run to continue as Pag 1:312 February 1, 2014. the Wrigley area will be on Dig Long Beach tree planting in帮 hundreds of new street 肌肉 school. She is also a board member of the Long Beach Community Action Partnership (NABA). This year, NABA worked with the East 7th St. Collaboration for their upcoming “Re-Envision East 7th” event held on October 19 and 20 as part of Arts Month. Their hope was to use this innovative effort to showcase art by local architects and designers and solicit input on improving buildings along East 7th St. NABA along with the Neighborhood Services Bureau planted 74 trees on September 21 in the North Alamitos Beach and Alamitos Beach neighborhoods.

Jorge Rivera (Class of 2011), Damian Aponte (Class of 2013) and Mary Zendejas (Class of 2002) were involved in a film that put a face on our city’s housing crisis. This documentary highlighted residents’ varying plights to find a home. The film featured six people, who lived in disparate areas of Long Beach from divergent backgrounds, races, and ages.

Mary Simmons (Class of 2012), Tommie Simmons (Class of 1998) and Andre Beasley, Class of 2012 from the Anaheim, Orange Cherry and Seventh (AOC7) Neighborhood Association helped put together an I Dig Long Beach neighborhood tree planting. The association was also responsible for a book drive and a library that put a face on our 1,000 children’s books. AOC7 is known for leading a neighborhood cleanup every month.

Jorge Rivera (Class of 2011) embarked on a yearlong journey to run every street in the city. He calls his project “Sole
Class of 2013

Stephen Metz organized the first taste of North Town. He arranged for creative entertainment, including a performance by singer, songwriter, and fiddling guitarist Reuben Cannon. In his press release, Stephen explained: “It is very important to have the best quality presentation for all the different age groups we have been targeting...Events like the Taste of North Town are usually held either in the downtown area or Belmont Shore. We want to show adults and kids that North Long Beach is a quality destination where people can be entertained, dine, and socialize as well.”

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Couples, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, fathers, mothers — this year we celebrate the generations of families that have graduated from the Neighborhood Leadership Program.

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Maria Avelar-Panduro, Class of 2005 and Victoria Avelar, Class of 2012
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Anna Ehchengaray, Class of 2002 and Ines Ehchengaray, Class of 2003
Bryant Ben, Class of 1992 and Phaktra Huch, Class of 2002
Alma Campos, Class of 2009 and Nancy Torres, Class of 2009
Candy Cruz, Class of 2008 and Rogelio Cruz, Class of 2008
Andrea Clayton, Class of 2013, Mary Simmons, Class of 2012, and Tommie Simmons, Class of 2012
Gilberto Contreras, Class of 2002 and Ignacio Quezada, Class of 1997
Maria Cardona, Class of 1999 and Ramiro Cardona Jr., Class of 2005
Martha Cota, Class of 2001, Martha Guerrero, Class of 2013, and Francisco Sunun, Class of 2011
Mateo Cabello, Class of 2004 and Rocio Cabello, Class of 2005
Irene De La Torre, Class of 2000 and Samuel De La Torre, Class of 2000
Rebeca Delgado, Class of 1992 and Rosa Delgado, Class of 2002
Sunny Daye, Class of 2001 and Sunshine Daye, Class of 2001
Clara Garcia, Class of 2006, Concepcion Garcia, Class of 2005 and Nallely Vallejo, Class of 2004
Dawn Gatling, Class of 2013 and John Gatling, Class of 2013
Magaly Gonzalez, Class of 2006 and Edith Vieyra, Class of 2007
Magna Gonzalez, Class of 1998 and Magna M. Gonzalez, Class of 2003
Janet Gillette, Class of 2004 and Michael Gillette, Class of 2002
Deborah Jacobs, Class of 2003 and Tiffany Jacobs Quinn, Class of 2004
Gabriel Martinez-Gonzalez, Class of 2009 and Gabriela Gonzalez, Class of 2009
Erika Moreno, Class of 2011 and Gonzalo Sanchez, Class of 1998
Eustolia Ochoa, Class of 2000 and Francisco Ochoa, Class of 2000
Mark Payne, Class of 2012 and Marketta Payne, Class of 2011
Amir Ranjbar, Class of 2004 and Martha Ranjbar, Class of 2005
Michael Saloj, Class of 2013 and Rosario Saloj, Class of 2009
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Coby Skye, Class of 2003 and Gabrielle Weeks, Class of 2003
Mary Sramek, Class of 2013 and Nick Sramek, Class of 1996
Veronica Santana, Class of 2007 and Alejandro Viana, Class of 2007
Elvia Sosa, Class of 2006 and Demetrio Sosa, Class of 2006
Alicia Valencia, Class of 2003 and Justina Valencia, Class of 2003
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Kenneth Williamson, Class of 2007 and Sylvia Williamson, Class of 2007