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The Del Aire Neighborhood Association,
A Mutual Benefit, Non-Profit Association

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Community News

We would like to mention the passing of one of Del Aire's longest residents, Esther Leona Wickwire. She passed away May 31, 2008 at the young age of 100 years.

Mrs. Wickwire went to join her husband of 64 years, Ralph Russell Wickwire, who passed away in 2005.

Ralph and Esther were Nebraska University fans who came to California to see Nebraska v. Stanford at the Rose Bowl and never went back! They bought their home on the corner of 118th PL and Judah in 1941 and lived there the rest of their lives.

They raised 2 daughters and have 4 grand-

children and 2 great-grandchildren.

The Wickwires were generous people, who opened their home to people in need. At one time had as many as 10 people living in their home!

Esther saw a lot of changes in her lifetime. She did not have electricity until she was 16 in North Platte. They made their own soap and heated their water with coal.

They got their water from a well, washed their own diapers sewed on a pedal sewing machine and women could not vote.

Esther did a daily walk around the neighborhood right up until she passed away. She will be missed in Del Aire.

Danny Cagle Memorial

Many residents have suggested that we name the picnic area in Del Aire Park after our neighbor Danny Cagle.

Danny was born & raised in Del Aire and died at the age of 22. He was killed in Iraq in May 2007 while serving his country.

We would like to honor our very own local hero. There will soon be a petition in support of the Danny Cagle Memorial circulated in our neighborhood.

For more information please contact Kevin Chapman at mcse1@ca.rr.com or leave a message at 310-531-7111.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- ◆ September 8, 2008, 8:00 pm, **Public Hearing for the Wiseburn 21st Century Stem Charter School**, Dana Middle School, 5504 W. 135th Street, Hawthorne. Learn about the new tuition-free high tech school of tomorrow.
- ◆ September 10, 2008, 4:00 pm, **Ground Breaking Ceremony for New Baseball Fields at Del Aire Park**. Supervisor Yvonne Burke will be there to use the golden shovel to start it all the right way! Everyone is welcome to join us.
- ◆ October 17, 2008, 7:00 pm, **Del Aire Neighborhood Association Meeting**, Del Aire Park Community Room.
- ◆ December 13, 2008, **Del Aire Neighborhood Santa Stops**. Planning has started so stay tuned for more information or e-mail dna@del-aire.info.

*Visit www.del-aire.info or call (310) 531-7111 for more information.

Local Resources & Important Phone Numbers

Visit



www.del-aire.info/resources

Del Aire Digest



The Del Aire Certified Farmers Market is held every **Wednesday, from 3 pm to 7 pm** (year round, rain or shine) at Del Aire Park.

If you are a certified producer, a food vendor, a local community group, a nonprofit organization or a local business, you may participate in the Del Aire Farmer's Markets.



Farmer's Market:
Market Manager
◆ (310) 996-6761
◆ nathalie@del-aire.info

Del Aire Park:
Park Supervisor
◆ (310) 643-4976

Regional Director
◆ (310) 965-8227

Park Police
◆ (800) 834-0064
Activities at the park

Wiseburn High-Tech Charter School

If your child wants a world-class education and will be entering 9th grade in September 2009 (next year), please join us. There will be a public hearing on Monday, September 8th at 8:00 pm at Dana Middle School.

This meeting is a general overview for the purposes of completing the mandatory public hearing. An admissions open house will be held in October and more specifics about the STEM School will be discussed then.

Farmer's Market Update

The farmers market is up and running and so far is in positive territory financially. Residents seem to be enjoying visiting with one another every week and there is fresh California grown produce, fruits, nuts and berries, grown by small farmers who take pride in their products. There are food vendors, fresh fish, hummus, flavored oils and vinegars and a bakery. The

prepared food vendors include, Kettle corn, Pupusas, tamales, and the hotdog/pastrami folks. We are hoping to add a barbecue to the mix soon. And don't forget to bring your dull knives to Gary so he can make them like new again! Tell all your friends that Del Aire has a fine market every Wednesday from 3:00 pm until

How to Be a Farmer's Market Pro

Reprinted from (Domino magazine March 08)

ARRIVE EARLY- before everything has been picked over-if you want the choicest goods

WALK THE PLACE BEFORE PURCHASING-the selection changes each week, depending on what's in season, and you need to see who has the best stuff. If the early birds are buying red lettuce at one stand and bell peppers at another, follow them, they know what they are doing.

ASK QUESTIONS- everybody around you cares about food in a big way, and are happy to talk about how things are grown and how to cook them. Don't ignore other shoppers, local chefs are great sources of new, interesting recipes.

ONLY SHOP WHERE YOU CAN PICK OUT YOUR OWN STUFF- Generally, the best veggies are heavier than they look and firm without any mushy spots--two things you can't know until you touch them. Everyone understands the touching/smelling rule and if you are at a booth that discourages this, be suspicious.

BRING PLENTY OF BILLS-farmers markets are cash operations, so small denominations are best. Don't expect the apple guy to take a credit card or break your \$100 bill. Same with bags, they'll be available, but bring your own to show eco support!

Go to www.localharvest.org to find the farmers markets, family farms and other sources of locally grown foods in your area.



Please visit www.geocities.com/unifywiseburn/ to find out more about Wiseburn Unification.

Sex Offenders in Del Aire

We are in the process of forming a committee to address the Sexual Predators that live at the residential motels on Aviation Boulevard in Del Aire. For more information please contact Ema Koppelman at (310) 625-9090 or luv2qilt@aol.com.



New Baseball Fields at Del Aire Park



There will be a Ground-breaking Ceremony at Del Aire Park on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. This is to celebrate the installation of new baseball fields. Supervisor Yvonne Burke will be there to use the golden shovel to start it all the right way! Everyone is welcome to join us.



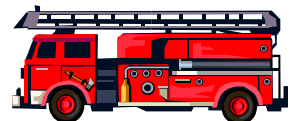
DNA Boundaries to include Tahoe/Felton Area

Greg Calvert, from the section of Del Aire that is between Tahoe Avenue and Felton Avenue has been working to address many of the same issues that the DNA currently deals with regarding the rest of Del Aire. We are planning on joining forces and including the small unincorporated Tahoe/Felton area of Del Aire in the DNA. The new boundaries for the association will now include all of Del Aire, including the Tahoe/Felton section. This is a natural move as we both work with many of the same contacts and there is more power in numbers. The DNA wants to welcome those of you that live in the Tahoe/Felton part of Del Aire.

- Important County Contacts:**
- ◆ Officer Vince Ramirez (310) 671-7531, xt 5745
 - ◆ Officer Austin, CHP (310) 642-3939 xt. 240 (traffic/parking violations)
 - ◆ Fire Department (310) 677-1181
 - ◆ Graffiti Hotline, (800) 675-4357
 - ◆ Supervisor Yvonne Burke, (213) 974-2222

Planning for Santa Stops has Started!

Yes, it's that time again . . . The date is set and the planning has begun. Saturday, December 13th is slated for Del Aire's 5th Annual Santa Stops. please stay tuned to our newsletters and website. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail dna@del-aire.info. For more information on this event,



Membership Information on reverse side

We need your support! The Del Aire Neighborhood Association is run strictly by Del Aire resident volunteers. If you are a current member, please renew your membership now for 2008!

Please mail this membership form to "The Del Aire Neighborhood Association"

Address: *The Del Aire Neighborhood Association*

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Mission Statement

Improve the quality of life for Del Aire residents by promoting neighborhood safety, organizing community events, encouraging the beautification of Del Aire, and promoting communication between Del Aire residents and surrounding cities and the County of Los Angeles.



Join the Del Aire Neighborhood Association and help plan and/or make possible fun events for our community.

Become a member—Help With Community Events

Please take this time to consider becoming a member of The Del Aire Neighborhood Association or if you are a current member, it is time to **renew** your membership for 2008.

Membership dues pay for The Del Aire Neighborhood Association's newsletter and flyer printing and delivery costs, refreshments for meetings, corporation, P.O. Box, telephone, and web site fees, as well as any other DNA expenses.

Although administrative things are very important in maintaining this organization, membership fees and the members themselves also contribute to fun community events. For example The Del Aire Neighborhood Association sponsors our annual Christmas sleigh and Santa

Stops featuring our very own Del Aire Santa. Every year it is such a success and we want to continue to make it better every year. We love to sponsor events with local groups so that we can continue to build the sense of community that is so unique in Del Aire.

If you appreciate the work the DNA does for the Del Aire community, please support the DNA with your membership dues—only \$20 per year per household. Note: you must be a member to vote at DNA general meetings. If you would like to be on our email announcement list, please provide your email address below.

Current Board Members

<i>President:</i>	John Koppelman
<i>Vice President:</i>	Linda Cuesta
<i>Secretary:</i>	Vacant
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Ema Koppelman
<i>Trustee:</i>	Casey Eckert
<i>Trustee:</i>	John Aull
<i>"Howdy" Duty</i>	Joseph Marshall



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Full Name	_____
Street Address	_____
Home Phone	_____ E-Mail Address _____

Please mail this membership form and a check for \$20 payable to "The Del Aire Neighborhood Association" to:
The Del Aire Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 1404, El Segundo, CA 90245-6404

CHECK BELOW, IF INTERESTED

- I am willing to help deliver Del Aire Neighborhood Association newsletters on my street
- I am interested in participating on the Neighborhood Association Board or Committees