



T H E L E T T E R

LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, INC. NEWSLETTER

FROM THE BOARD

What's Happening

By Frank Flores, President.



Have you noticed we have had a **filming crew** in the neighborhood? How could you miss it? They tell you when you can walk in or out of your building, where you can park and basically take the neighborhood over for as many days as they are shooting!

On the upside they pay us money for our **inconvenience**--sometimes lots of money! They do create an energy in the area and it is always fun to get a glimpse of a TV or movie star!

"So what?" you say. "What do I get out of it? The money goes to the HOA and I don't see a penny!" Very good questions! And because of this, as a Board, here is what we propose:

We are creating a set of criteria that will go into effect immediately! When the office is approached by a location scout, the Board will be notified and will meet to evaluate their proposal!

1. What does the company want?
2. How much impact will it have on the residents?
3. How long are they shooting, how long will we be affected?
4. What does it do to our parking situation?
5. Basically how badly and for how long are you going to inconvenience the residence of the Lafayette?

We will set a value to what they want from us versus what they say they are willing to pay! If we can't come to a meeting of the minds then they can walk! And I propose we **set this money aside** to go directly toward items that can immediately impact

the residents of the Lafayette favorably! This will be projects like moving the **Bike Room** to the 1st floor into the French Room where you can take your bike out through the garden and not have to deal with elevators or go through the lobby! Makes our lives easier and gets us ready for a bigger project down the road when we update our elevators and won't have to worry about people with bikes scratching and nicking them up!

Some other projects on the horizon: Getting the old **wedding chapel** cleaned up and turn it into storage cages. Move the gym into the French Room and acquire **updated gym equipment**! Bring in weekly yoga and other health oriented classes and workshops!!! Work on the **garden area** and get it ready for the Camel mural to be placed on the side of building! (see page 5 for more on the camel mural) Get our **Pool Room** cleaned up, painted and updated!

All projects that will help our property values and be good for the residents of the Lafayette. So when that TV or movie crew comes in and takes over for a few days we can think \$\$\$! We are getting something for those few days of inconvenience!!!

These are all projects I would like to see happen this year! We are going to need help in forming **committees** to get these projects off the ground! So when you are asked to participate, please give a couple of hours out of a week or two.

Thank you! 🙏

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SOCIAL STUFF

March Mixer Success

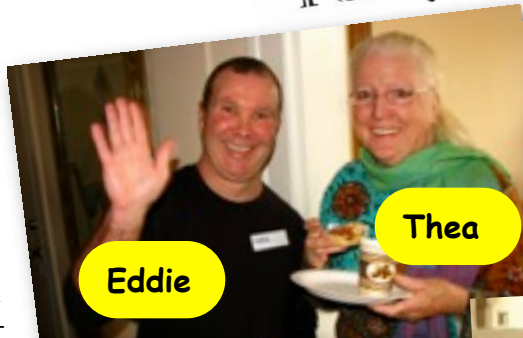
Photos and text by Geronimo Quitoriano

The **spring social** event held in the Solarium on March 14 was a tremendous success. Nearly 40 people came donning name tags, eating, drinking and having a wonderful time. Keep an eye out for the **upcoming summer social** event on the 7th floor patio to celebrate the area's new look! Special thanks to **Malou Mariano** for her beautiful table setting and the champagne, **Sharon Hays** for use of her gourmet coffee machine and the cake, **Brian Simmons** for the toaster that made the bagels and English muffins tastier, **Brian Gribben** and kids **Alyssa** and **Shane** for the yummy brownies and **The Board** for supporting the event! 🍷



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FYI

Announcements!!!

By Geronimo Quitoriano

Hello residents! A few announcements:

- *The Letter* received a plaque from the Community Associations Institute, OC chapter, as **best newsletter** in the 2-250 units category for 2008! Congrats to the newsletter team for their contributions!
- The Board is considering a **No Smoking policy** in the common areas, such as the 7th floor patio or garden. Please attend the next Board meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 7pm to express your views (whether smoking or non-smoking). *Note: Meeting is on 1st Wednesday this month!*
- Board President Frank Flores has successfully renegotiated with the **Courtyard Marriott** to reduce the increase parking fee to \$85 per month effective April 1! New stickers are in the process of being made to replace the rear view mirror tags and should be ready by April 2.
- Board member Eddie Stanton is seeking volunteers to help with a makeover of the **pool table room** on the mezzanine level. If interested, please contact him at estantonca@yahoo.com or at (562) 435-1297.
- And yes, that's not an April Fool's joke below. The **11th floor penthouse** with the amazing patio (formerly the Starlight Ballroom during the Lafayette's hotel days) is currently listed for \$1,090,000. If you know anyone in the market for a one-of-a-kind condo, please spread the word.
- As mentioned in Frank Flores' article (*page 1*), the Board is considering moving the **5th floor bike room** to the French Room (next to the garden). The move would make bike parking more plentiful and convenient. If you are interested in helping, please let the office know.
- **Garden Committee** head Sharon Hays is planning a spring clean-up of the potted plants around the building. Contact her at the office at (562) 436-5391 or lafayet@charterinternet.com for more info.

Have a wonderful April everyone! 🍷

PREVIEW

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Top 11th floor of the Historic Lafayette, built in 1928, once the grand "Starlight Ballroom" with 17 foot domed ceilings framed by 14" classic crown mouldings, and original maple "dance" flooring.

Key features include:

- 2400 SF + Loft Living Space
- Maple Flooring
- 2500 SF Terrace
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Walk-in closets

A VIEW FROM THE 6TH FLOOR

Dogs, Fish & Ducks

Photos and text by Thomas Wasper

There was plenty to see at Fred Hall's Fishing, Tackle, Boat & Travel Show at the Long Beach Convention Center last month:

Dogs chasing toys thrown by their masters-soaring 25 feet before splash landing into a pool of water drenching laughing children crowded along the edge. Some dogs wouldn't get out of the pool. Others wouldn't go in, stopping at the last possible moment, barking from the safety of the dock at

their toy where it lay floating, irretrievable, in the water.

Also at the show was the Great American Duck Race, children dropping lines in an aquarium chock-full of fish, two little girls gleefully touching the eyeballs of finned cadavers laid out on ice in a cooler, countless decapitated Elk heads and a weird piece of furniture which held a stuffed baby lynx playfully posed with two menacing crows.

Plus, assault style pellet guns, archery, rods and reels, colorful, rubbery lures and even dinosaurs!

In other words: It was the most fun I have ever had for under \$20 without benefit of drugs and/or alcohol. ☺



NONPROFIT UPDATE

Lafayette Mural Awarded Navy Grant


By Jack Nendel, President, The Lafayette Historical Preservation Group



On March 9, the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association (LBMHA) informed us that they had awarded a grant of **\$14,350** to restore the camel mural. The 8x8 foot mural had been uncovered when the roof on the Campbell Building was removed about a year ago.

While the grantor typically expects some matching funds in connection with the awarding of a grant, evidently the cost the HOA incurred in removing the mural from the rooftop was taken in consideration and no further funds are required from our organization.

One of the criteria, among many, that the LBMHA uses in awarding grants is that the **public** be able to enjoy the end product.

We anticipate that cleaning of the mural will start later in the spring and that the mounting of the mural on the southern wall of the Campbell Building(overlooking the garden and visible from the street) will occur during the summer. Keep an eye out for an **unveiling ceremony** once the work is completed! 

Bike Room Relocation Committee



Interested in moving the 5th floor Bike Room to the French Room (near the garden)? This would make bike parking more **plentiful** and **convenient!**

If so, please call or sign up at the office.



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In writing: Email them. Also, each board member has a mailbox in the office. All written comments will be addressed in a timely manner.

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THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD!



TV pilot "Miami Trauma" set off an explosion across the street from the Lafayette (at 505 Broadway) on March 26. And don't worry, those "people" in the car were just stunt dummies! Just another day in the East Village! -- Photo by Anne Proffitt

C a l e n d a r

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Board Meeting
 7pm in 11th floor Solarium

Friday, April 10, 2009

Good Friday
 Office Closed

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