



Hundreds Celebrate Wrigley Neighborhood Beautification Effort Port-sponsored community celebration caps weeklong Earth Day projects

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A Port-sponsored community celebration on Saturday, May 5 drew hundreds of residents to commemorate Earth Day cleanup and beautification projects that planted more than 325 trees and shrubs in the Wrigley neighborhood.

The celebration was held at the Wrigley Greenbelt, the centerpiece of the cleanup and beautification project. About XX residents were treated to performances by local schoolchildren's dance and musical groups, free tree seedlings, games, family activities, food and refreshments.

"Under our Green Port Policy, the Port has made protecting the environment a top priority," said Harbor Commissioner Mario Cordero, who represented the commission at Saturday's event. "We want to help enhance the environment in the communities around the Port, particularly along the major transportation corridors in Long Beach. This project has made the Greenbelt more attractive and accessible for Wrigley residents and all of Long Beach."

The celebration was hosted by the Port and Council District 7, in partnership with the City of Long Beach Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Long Beach Organic.

The project was part of the Port's \$2.5-million "Harbor Arbor" program, which is bringing tree-planting and beautification projects to neighborhoods along the Long Beach (710) Freeway. Last year the Port provided landscaping and trees for Long Beach's Hudson School and Coolidge Park.

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