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## COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS - September 16, 2016

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### SoCal Gas to pay \$4-million settlement for Aliso Canyon Gas Leak...



This week, the Southern California Gas Company agreed to pay \$4 million to settle criminal charges for the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak. As part of the settlement, the Gas Company will install eight infrared methane leak detection systems along the southern border of the Aliso Canyon gas field. It will also install real-time pressure monitors at each storage well. An outside company will be brought in to test and certify the instruments. The gas company agreed to

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**Public Safety Chair**

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hire six full-time employees to monitor those detection systems over the next three years. Employees will also undergo training related to leak detection.

[Click here](#) to read the full LA Times story.

*-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Homelessness Town Hall...



This Monday, I was proud to join my colleague Councilmember Bob Blumenfield for a town hall conversation focusing on the homelessness challenges in the San Fernando Valley. The town hall featured leaders from the City, County, and relevant agencies who answered questions on homelessness throughout the City and the complex challenges the City faces.

Special thanks to our panelists: Peter Lynn, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA); Stephanie Klasky-Gamer, President and CEO of LA Family Housing; Commander Todd Chamberlain, LAPD Homeless Coordinator; Raffy Astvasadoorian, West Valley Neighborhood Prosecutor for the LA City Attorney; Molly Rysman, Housing and Homelessness Deputy for LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl; Wade Trimmer, Director of the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission; and Nancy Volpert, Director of Public Policy for the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles.

[Click here](#) to view the Live Stream from this event on Facebook.

*-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District*

### CD 12 Drive-In Movie Night...



Join Councilmember Mitchell Englander and the Council District 12 community as we present the 70's classic film Grease during a throwback drive-in movie experience. Dust off your poodle skirts and leather jackets and enjoy a night filled with 50's themed music, freshly made food donated by Wendy's Restaurant, fun activities, and drive-in parking for over 250 cars with additional outdoor seating available. Admission is free and we ask that you confirm your attendance as soon as possible.

**Saturday, October 1**  
**Gates open: 4:30 pm**  
**Food and Fun: 4:45 pm**  
**Movie will begin at sunset**

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We have consolidated our Northridge and Chatsworth offices into a single location in Chatsworth. The new Community Service Center will allow us to serve you better, by offering residents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from various City Departments to get direct assistance. We will announce details on that service in coming weeks.

#### HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Friday  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

#### CONTACT INFO

##### Phone:

(818) 882-1212

Fax: (818) 701-5254

##### Address:

9207 Oakdale Ave.,  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

You can still reach our City Hall Office at (213) 473-7012 and email us at [Englander@lacity.org](mailto:Englander@lacity.org)

[Community Events & Resources](#)

**Shadow Ranch Park  
22633 Vanowen St.  
West Hills**

For more information and to RSVP, email [Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org](mailto:Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org).

*-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District*

## CSUN Honored at the White House for Community Preparedness ...

This week, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) honored the winners of the 2016 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Awards, recognizing the outstanding efforts of individuals, programs, and organizations throughout the country working to prepare their communities for emergencies.

Special congratulations to Jenny Novak of California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Emergency Management Department recipient of the FEMA Awareness to Action Award. This year's award recipients developed innovative practices and programs that contributed to making communities safer, better prepared, and more resilient.



CSUN was nominated for its creative preparation efforts during the first Zombie Apocalypse Preparedness Scavenger Hunt. Eight university departments coordinated by CSUN Emergency Management participated in a fun but important exercise that had hundreds of students assembling their own disaster kits. The first Zombie Apocalypse Preparedness Scavenger Hunt was an interactive event to increase disaster preparedness within the CSUN student population. Participating students went to stations across campus and collected emergency blankets, bandage dispensers, hand sanitizers, and other items for their disaster kits. Upon completion, students were entered into drawings for zombie-themed prizes.

*-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District*

## VIDEO: The Top 12 in Council District 12 Series continues with Right at Home San Fernando Valley...

### Help Operation Blankets of Love Provide Comfort to Animals in Shelters

You can help keep cats and dogs in City Animal Shelters warm and comfortable by supporting the efforts of Operation Blankets of Love. The San Fernando Valley-based non-profit organization gathers donated blankets, towels and pet beds and distributes them to animal shelters.

Donation items can be dropped off at Pet People, located at 18040 Chatsworth St. in Granada Hills.

You can also donate money to support Operation Blankets of Love by [clicking here](#) or calling Brad Smulson at (818) 402-6584.

### New SAFE Center Now Open in Granada Hills

You can drop off electronic devices, paint, pool and garden chemicals, motor oil, batteries, fluorescent lightbulbs and other Household Hazardous Waste at the new SAFE Center located on Balboa Blvd. 1/2 block south of Devonshire St. in Granada Hills.

**SAFE Center  
Open Saturdays &  
Sundays, 9 am - 3 pm**

Just drive in and open your trunk and the staff at the SAFE Center will remove your Household Hazardous Waste for you. To see a list of items that are accepted, and other information [click here](#).







## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Departments of Building & Safety & Transportation Coming to CD12 Community Service Center...

We are now taking reservations for community members to meet one-on-one with representatives of City Departments at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth.

We have regularly scheduled time slots for community members to meet with the Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), Housing & Community Development, Neighborhood Empowerment Departments and the Bureau of Sanitation. This offers community members an opportunity to get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all the way to downtown. Meetings are by appointment only. The following Departments are currently taking appointments:



**Department of Building & Safety**  
**Tuesday, October 4**  
**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Department of Transportation**  
**Wednesday, October 12**  
**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Our Community Service Center is located at 9207 Oakdale Ave., Second Floor, in Chatsworth.

To RSVP and for more information, call (818) 882-1212.

### The Friends of the Granada Hills Library Two Day Book Sale...

The Friends of the Granada Hills Library will host a two-day used book sale. There will be a great variety of hardcovers and paperbacks, representing all ages, subjects, and interests sold at the event. Prices for most books will range

## 311 Online

In addition to calling 311 to report problems or request services, you can use 311 online.

Visit  
[311 Website](#)  
and find the appropriate service.

## Ongoing

### Volunteers Needed for the Crisis Response Team

The Crisis Response Team consists of trained community volunteers who respond at the request of the L.A. Police and Fire Departments where there are victims of violent crimes, accidents, and other traumatic incidents. CRT volunteers provide immediate on-scene crisis intervention, offer comfort to victims, act as liaisons between victims and emergency personnel, and give referrals to victims and their families to social services.

For more information visit the Mayor's Crisis Response Team's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

### Check Out LocateLA, a Powerful Business Research Tool

LocateLA is a powerful new tool created by the City to offer a free database of commercial properties in L.A. It includes an interactive map, with business finder, property finder, incentive finder, business start up organizer, and much more. It is meant to help new businesses start up and help existing businesses move to the City of Los Angeles. It is also useful for anyone wanting to learn about our community. In addition to photos and details about



from 25 cents to one dollar and all proceeds will benefit the library.

**Friday, September 16**  
**9:30 am to 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, September 17**  
**9:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**Granada Hills Library Community Room**  
**10640 Petit Ave.**

### Granada Hills

For more information, call (818) 368-5687.

## CSUN Constitution Day...

CSUN is honoring Constitution Day with a talk by CSUN history professor James Sefton and John Evans, associate professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. They'll discuss the Advice and Consent role of the Senate. This powerful role allows the Senate to confirm and block Presidential appointments. Bring your questions and get ready for a lively discussion as we commemorate Constitution Day! This event is free and includes continental breakfast.



**Saturday, September 17**  
**8:30 am to 10:30 am**

**California State University, Northridge**  
**University Club – Orange Grove Bistro**  
**18111 Nordhoff St.**  
**Northridge**

For more information or to RSVP email [melaine.pemberton@csun.edu](mailto:melaine.pemberton@csun.edu) or call (818) 677-7131.

## South Coast AQMD Hearing: Aliso Canyon Storage Facility...



**South Coast**  
**AQMD**

The Hearing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will hold a public hearing on the status of compliance with conditions in the Order for Abatement issued on January 23, 2016 by the Hearing Board against Southern California Gas Company for a natural gas leak at its Aliso Canyon storage site near Porter Ranch.

This legal proceeding is open to the public. You may present oral or written testimony. (Please note: if written material is to be presented to the Hearing Board, eight [8] copies must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.)

**Saturday, September 17**  
**9:00 am**

**Hilton - Trillium Ballroom**  
**6360 Canoga Ave.**  
**Woodland Hills**

the property, it lists demographic, labor force, comparable rents and more.

[Click here to see this great new tool.](#)

### Free Mulch for Your Garden

You can get free mulch for your garden from the City's Mulch Giveaway Program! The free mulch is made from recycled yard trimmings and other "green waste" from the green bins.

Recycling green waste is an important way to reduce the amount of organic material that goes into landfills. When plant materials go into landfills, they emit large amounts of the greenhouse gas methane, which contributes to climate change. The City turns that green waste into mulch which is available to L.A. residents for free.

### Free Mulch Locations in the San Fernando Valley

16600 Roscoe Pl., North Hills (near Van Nuys Airport)  
Mulch delivered to this location Wednesdays & Fridays. Open daily 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

15800 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys (near D.C. Tillman Plant). Entrance: turn south on Densmore Ave. from Victory, follow curve.  
Mulch delivered to this location every Monday. Open Monday - Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

For more info [click here](#).

### Neighborhood Public Safety, Crime, and Emergency Information Updates from LAPD on NIXLE

Free updates on emergencies, public safety, crime prevention and more, directly from the LAPD to your cell phone or email

Information on the Hearing Board proceedings is located at:  
[www.aqmd.gov/home/about/hearing-board](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/about/hearing-board). The District webpage dedicated to the Aliso Canyon Order for Abatement hearing can be accessed at:  
[www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/compliance/aliso-canyon-update](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/regulations/compliance/aliso-canyon-update).

## Center Stage Opera Performance...

Center State Opera presents Rossini's La Cenerentola, A Cinderella Story. The opera is full staged and will be sung in Italian with English subtitles projected above the stage, accompanied by the Center State Opera Orchestra. Tickets are \$30-\$55 with student and senior discounts available.



**Saturday, September 17**

**7:30 pm**

**Sunday, September 18**

**3:00 pm**

**Reseda High School - Performing Arts Center**  
**18230 Kittridge St.**  
**Reseda**

For more information or tickets call (818) 517-4102 or go to  
[www.centerstageopera.org](http://www.centerstageopera.org).

## Free Movie Matinee...



The Chatsworth Library is hosting a free showing of "The Man Who Knew Infinity." The movie is sponsored by the Friends of the Chatsworth Library. All are invited to join. Light refreshments will be available.

**Thursday, September 22**

**1:30 pm**

**Chatsworth Library Community Room**  
**21052 Devonshire St.**  
**Chatsworth**

For more information call (818) 341-4276 or go to [laplchatsworthfriends.org](http://laplchatsworthfriends.org)

## Valley Economic Alliance Hackathon...

The Valley Economic Alliance is hosting a Valley Hackathon: a technology focused competition where teams of valley high school and college students come together to create solutions to a challenge and present their ideas to a panel of judges for a chance to win prizes.



**Friday, September 23**

**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**California State University, Northridge – Grand Salon**  
**18111 Nordhoff St.**  
**Northridge**

inbox.

Residents can sign up to receive updates directed toward one or more specific neighborhoods. To sign up or learn more, visit [www.NIXLE.com](http://www.NIXLE.com).

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### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IN CD12

Chatsworth  
Granada Hills North  
Granada Hills South  
Northridge East  
Northridge West  
Northridge South  
Porter Ranch  
North Hills West  
Reseda  
West Hills

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### CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Canoga Park/West Hills  
Chatsworth/Porter Ranch  
Granada Hills  
North Valley Regional  
Greater San Fernando Valley



For more information, sponsorship, or to register, email [aamirkhanian@economicalliance.org](mailto:aamirkhanian@economicalliance.org) or go to [www.thevalley.net](http://www.thevalley.net).

## Lawn Mower Exchange Program...



Residents can purchase a battery-electric lawn mower for a heavily discounted price by trading in their used, highly polluting gas-powered lawn mowers. This year's program offers over 3,000 lawn mowers for purchase with trade-in. Residents have the opportunity to register and save 70% off of one of seven Black+Decker, Ego and Greenstation battery-electric models ranging from \$100 to \$250.

Exchanging a mower is easy and convenient, participants don't even have to leave their vehicle. Their old mower will be removed and replaced with the new one upon payment by the staff on hand. Gas-powered mowers must be in working order and only one mower per household can be exchanged. Cash, check or major credit cards are accepted for payment.

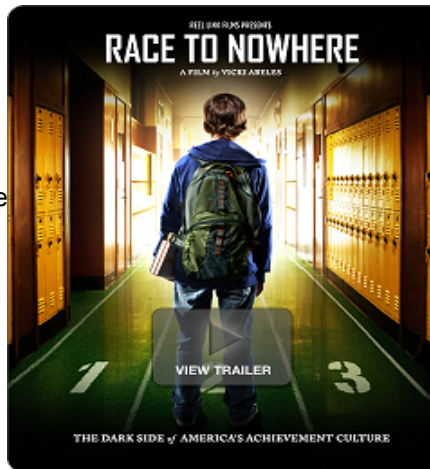
**Saturday, September 24**  
**All Day**

**Van Nuys Airport Parking Lot**  
**16461 Sherman Way**  
**Van Nuys**

For more information and to register, go to [www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower](http://www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower) or call 1-(888) 425-6247. Registration is now open on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents must be at least 18 years old to participate in the program and must reside within the South Coast Air Basin.

## CHA Educational Documentary: Race to Nowhere...

Chatsworth Hills Academy is continuing a series of educational documentary screenings for parents and community members. This month, they will feature *Race to Nowhere*. *Race to Nowhere* is a call to action for families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens. Refreshments will be available and a discussion will be held after the screening.



**Saturday, September 24**  
**5:00 pm**

**Chatsworth Hills Academy**  
**21523 Rinaldi St.**  
**Chatsworth**

For more information, call (818) 998-4037 or [click here](#).

## Health & Wellness Expo...

Valley Interfaith Council's Health & Wellness Expo includes free activities and 3 free workshops on Medicare 101, and senior housing. The expo will include free



resources, free flu shots, raffle prizes, health screenings, a snack bar and much more.

**Saturday, September 24**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Wilkinson's Senior Center**  
**Multipurpose Adult Center**  
**8956 Vanalden Ave.**

**Northridge**

For more information call (818) 756-7741 or visit [www.vic-la.org](http://www.vic-la.org).

## Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Family Festival...

Join the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Recreation and Parks as they host their 5th Annual Family Festival. Meet community members and enjoy a day filled with music, entertainment, food, a petting zoo, and more.



**Sunday, September 25**  
**11:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Mason Park**  
**10500 Mason Ave.**  
**Chatsworth**

For more information, call (818) 341-2428.



## Coyote Town Hall...

Council District Twelve and the Department of Animal Services will hold a town hall to discuss the presence of coyotes and other wildlife in our neighborhoods. This will be an opportunity to learn about wildlife deterrents to decrease negative encounters with wildlife in our neighborhoods. Please join the Department of

Animal Services and our office for this important discussion on how to protect yourself and your pets from coyotes.

**Tuesday, September 27**  
**6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Northridge Middle School**  
**17960 Chase St.**  
**Northridge**

For more information on this event call (818) 882-1212.

## 2016 Chatsworth Pioneer Day Festival...

Chatsworth Pioneer Day is a fun family festival with a chili cook off, loads of old-time activities, food, games, and museum exhibits that feature Chatsworth's equestrian heritage and pioneer families. Activities include: a bake sale, blacksmith, woodcarvers, leather crafts, panning for Gold, Veteran quilt display, rock chippers, bee keeping, telegraph station, butter churning and more!

**Sunday, October 2**



**11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Homestead Acre of Chatsworth Park  
South  
(West end of Devonshire St.)  
10385 Shadow Oak Dr.  
Chatsworth**

**Parking can be found in the  
Chatsworth Train Depot  
10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd.  
Chatsworth**



*A free shuttle service will be offered from the station every 15 minutes. For more information about Pioneer Day, call (818) 882-5614 or email [chatsworthhistory@gmail.com](mailto:chatsworthhistory@gmail.com)*

## **Granada Hills Rotary Foundations Oktoberfest...**



The Granada Hills Rotary Foundation is presenting their Oktoberfest. Come out and sample a variety of outstanding craft beers and wines. Your help goes to support: End Polio Now, Vision to Learn and SOLID. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 the day of the event.

**Saturday, October 8**

**12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Granada Hills Street Faire  
17603 Chatsworth St.  
Granada Hills**

*For more information, go to [www.oktoberfestandwine.com](http://www.oktoberfestandwine.com) or call (818)408-6007.*

## **Casino Night Fundraiser....**

Come out and support the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center at the Casino Night Fundraiser! The night will include cocktails, casino style games, a BBQ dinner and Bluegrass music. Also featuring a special performance by *The Silver Mountain String Band Quartet*. Prices: \$80.00 for 1 ticket, \$150 for 2 tickets and \$705.00 per table of 10. Price includes admission, live music & entertainment, dancing, dinner, dessert and 2 drinks. Country western attire is required.



**Saturday, October 8**

**5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Cocktails, Casino & Conversation**

**7:00 pm to 8:30pm BBQ Dinner & Live Music**

**8:30 pm to 10:00 pm Casino, Music & Square Dancing**

**Tarzana Community & Cultural Center  
19130 Ventura Blvd.  
Tarzana**

*For more information call (818) 906-7449 or visit [www.mytarzana.org](http://www.mytarzana.org).*

## SOLID's 21st Annual "All You Can Eat" Pasta Dinner...



Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire is hosting their 21st annual all you can eat pasta dinner. There will be a silent auction and all proceeds will be used to purchase "non city" supplied equipment for our officers to better serve our community and to promote Community Policing. Tickets are \$10 per person.

**Friday, October 14**  
**5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**St. Nicholas Greek Church**  
**9501 Balboa Blvd.**  
**Northridge**

For more information, go to [www.soliddevonshire.org](http://www.soliddevonshire.org).

## West Valley Animal Shelter Pets of the Week...

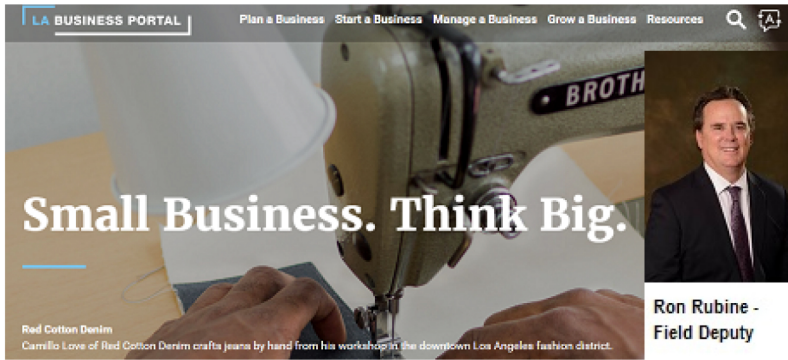


This week's West Valley Animal Shelter Pets of the Week are a blue-eyed purring beauty and a super cute, super friendly tiny girl with giant wavy ears. Our Cat of the Week is "Abigail," Animal ID # A1649975 is a blue-eyed beauty, a Lynx Point Siamese. Her sparkling blue eyes are cutely crossed (doesn't matter except for adding to her cuteness -- she sees fine!) When you first meet Abigail in her cage, she seems a little shy -- but start petting her and her joyful purr-motor starts that very moment! Abigail loves belly rubs too! Our West Valley Animal Shelter Dog of the Week is "Arielle," Animal ID # A1651878, an extremely cute 2 year old tiny Chihuahua mix whose big ears seem to happily wave at you. She is a fantastic little girl -- super sweet and loves everyone. She gives kisses and gets along well with other dogs too. To add to Arielle's adorableness, she stands up on her hind legs to sweetly request your attention. Abigail and Arielle are both already spayed and just need a loving home!

To give these pets a forever home, visit the shelter at 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, (818) 756-9325. See all the City shelter animals at the [L.A. Animal Services Search-By-Shelter Page](#).

## STAFF REPORT

# Reports From Our Staff: LA's New Small Business Portal...



Our District Director Ron Rubine would like to inform you about a new website offering small business owners a helping hand with a new online platform that walks them through the startup process step-by-step, and provides free, custom-tailored guidance that gives local entrepreneurs the resources they need to thrive. Launched this Wednesday, the **L.A. Business Portal** is designed to help small business owners across Los Angeles open their doors as quickly and efficiently as possible, and overcome difficult challenges like finding a location, negotiating a lease, and securing a business loan.

The L.A. Business Portal, available now at [www.business.lacity.org](http://www.business.lacity.org), is a comprehensive, open-source platform with three core features: a startup assistance tool, a resource library, and a business preparedness guide. It is designed to respond directly to the needs of small business owners, no matter what type of company they own.

When users visit the Portal and open the startup guide for the first time, they answer a series of basic questions about the kind of business they're starting and its location, and are given a roadmap that walks them through the entire startup process, step-by-step. The purpose of these features is to assist small business owners through a variety of challenges, from the startup process through the various stages of a company's growth. The Portal also offers resources like location assistance, access to capital, legal help, and business preparedness information.