COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS

May 4, 2012

RECENT LEGISLATION

Working to Improve the City's Collection of Revenue...

We introduced a motion this week calling for the Fire Department to report back on the status of the Field Data Capture System, which is part of the City's Emergency Medical Services Billing System. The system utilizes handheld electronic devices to replace manual paper based forms, making it faster and more accurate.

The Field Data Capture System was implemented in the previous fiscal year to reduce billing errors and improve the City's ability to collect on ambulance service billing. Emergency ambulance service is a crucial part of the City's ability to protect public safety. At a time when the City faces over $200 million budget deficit and every City service is impacted, we must watch every dollar. The system is expected to increase ambulance billing revenue by $5 million.

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

RIP Jeannine Engelhardt...

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear friend and colleague Jeannine Engelhardt, who worked for many

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years as the Administrative Assistant in our District Office in Northridge.

She is survived by her beloved sister Rayma, her son Dale and daughter in law Melissa, who are expecting their first child this year, as well as nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Jeannine grew up in Santa Monica, California and lived much of her life in the San Fernando Valley. Jeanine worked for many years in public service, including for former Congresswoman Bobby Fiedler. She started her career with the City of Los Angeles and Council District 12 working for former Councilmember Hal Bernson, and continued serving the community in District 12 under former Councilmember Greig Smith, and current Councilmember Mitchell Englander.

Jeannine was an avid sports fan, was a devoted San Diego Chargers fan, and loved watching baseball and football games surrounded by friends and family. She was adored by her nieces and nephews, who all called her Aunt Neen, and she rarely missed a baseball or football game that they played in.

Family, faith and service to the community always remained the most important things in her life.

She was beloved by us for her endless enthusiasm, laughter, love of her work and competence at her job. She always approached the problems and situations that she responded to every day with empathy and understanding. This endeared her to the countless community members whom she helped, some of whom she spoke with on the phone on a daily basis.

Jeannine Engelhardt will always be deeply missed but fondly remembered. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

If you were a friend or acquaintance of Jeannine and would like to share any thoughts or memories with her family, they would greatly appreciate it. You can send messages to Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org and we will send them to her family.

Congratulations to Granada Hills Charter High School for Winning Second Consecutive National Academic Decathlon Title...

We are proud to congratulate Granada Hills Charter High School's Academic Decathlon Team and their coaches, parents, teachers and fellow students on capturing their second consecutive national title!

Granada Hills broke a large number of records at the national competition on April 28 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, including the highest ever point total for a school in the history of the National Academic Decathlon competition. Granada Hills remains the only charter school to claim the national champion title in over 30 years of the National Academic Decathlon competition and the third school ever to win back-to-back national titles.

Granada Hills beat out a crowded field of over 30 teams including past national

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4, 5, 6
LAPD West Valley Division Carnival

Don't miss the LAPD West Valley Division's Annual Carnival coming up on May 4, 5 and 6. Pre-sale tickets are available at West Valley Station for rides - 10 rides for $20. LAPD West Valley Carnival is in front of the Police Station at at 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda. There will be rides, games, food, and lots of kids activities. This is a great way to get to know your local Police and support good Police-community relationships!

Carnival hours: Friday, May 4, 5 pm-11 pm
Saturday & Sunday May 5 & 6, 2 pm-11 pm

ONGOING

CD 12 Community Service Center Now Open

We have consolidated our Northridge and Chatsworth

champions. Academic Decathlon is a grueling two-day competition that tests participants on a range of topics from math and science to art and literature in all kinds of formats. There are multiple choice, fast-paced trivia questions, essays, speeches and interview competitions. The teams are made up of three "A" students, three "B" students and three "C" students.

Congratulations to team members Christian Koguchi, Stella Lee, Priscilla Liu, Kimberly Ly, Hamidah Mahmud, Lev Tauz, Julia Wall, Sean Wejebe, and Jimmy Wu, and their coaches Mathew Arnold, Spencer Wolf and Nick Weber.

Devonshire PALS Art Exhibition...

The LAPD Devonshire Youth Center will be hosting its first PALS Art Exhibition and Reception on Friday, May 4 at the Youth Center in Northridge.

Friday May 4
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
LAPD Devonshire Youth Center
8721 Wilbur Ave.
Northridge

The exhibition will feature art work by kids participating in the PALS (Police Activity League Supporters) after-school program at the Youth Center. This exhibition of over 100 pieces of original artwork is being directed by PALS art instructor Ingrid Skillman-Hudshon.

Ingrid is a resident of Northridge and accomplished artist whose work has been displayed at the New Orleans Museum of Art and the California State Senate First Contemporary Art Collection, and in solo and group exhibitions. She has volunteered her time and talents at the PALS Center for two years to teach young people basic skills and a love for fine art.

The PALS programs at the Devonshire Youth Center offer at-risk kids in our community after-school mentoring, educational, artistic and sports activities, and helps create positive relationships between the community and the Police.

For more information about the art exhibit, or about how you can volunteer or donate to support the Devonshire PALS program, call Sue Bruno at (818) 885-6432.

Test Runs of Canoga Ave. Extension...

In preparation for the grand opening of the Canoga Ave. Orange Line Extension this summer, Metro is running tests for approximately three weeks starting on Monday, April 23.

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.

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 Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org

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Saturday, May 19
VIP Pre-Show for the 9th Annual Still Saving Lives Car Show

The Valley Traffic Advisory Council and LAPD Valley Traffic Division are hosting a VIP pre-show in advance of the 9th Annual Still Saving Lives Car (on June 2). The LAPD, the Los Angeles Fire Department, the L.A. Sheriff"s Department are co-sponsoring the event, in memory of Tyler Lynch. In addition to the beautiful and rare cars on display, there will be a celebrity meet 'n greet,lunch, giveaways, and more.

Saturday, May 19
10 am - 1 pm
Best Buy
Top level of parking lot
4500 van Nuys Blvd.

For more info call (818)

During this period, buses will run intermittently for testing purposes only between 4:00 pm and midnight on the dedicated busway along Canoga Ave. between Vanowen St. and Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station. Construction work will continue during this testing period.

Metro issued traffic safety tips for this testing period
Obey ALL warning signs and traffic signals when crossing the busway intersections. Be alert at all times when near the busway. Watch for buses from both directions. Never walk, run, ride bicycles, or drive on the busway. Remember to press the pedestrian crossing button at the crosswalks to activate the "Walk" signal so that you can cross safely. Always cross only at the crosswalks.

Traffic Disruptions Possible During Final Period of Construction On Canoga Ave. Orange Line Extension
With construction nearly complete on the Canoga Ave. Orange Line Extension, MTA is now working seven days a week including some evenings. Paving, utility, traffic signal and other work is being done on each street along Canoga Ave. from Vanowen St. to Devonshire St. Some traffic disruptions and congestion can be expected between now and the end of May.

When the Canoga Orange Line Extension is complete, it will provide a fast, safe connection between Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station and the endpoint of the Orange Line Busway at Warner Station in Woodland Hills. It will provide Northwest Valley commuters vastly greater public transit options and alleviate traffic congestion on our streets.

For further questions, please call (818) 701-2827 or email molextension@metro.net.

Volunteer or Donate to Operation Gratitude...

Volunteer or donate to help Operation Gratitude assemble and ship care packages to our troops serving overseas. Operation Gratitude is a San Fernando Valley-based non-profit organization that has sent over 775,000 care packages to bring letters of support and the comforts of home to U.S. military personnel serving in war zones abroad.

They hold major assembly and shipping drives every spring and winter, and volunteers and donations are needed year-round.

Weekdays
Mondays & Fridays, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
CLOSED: Memorial Day, Monday, May 28

Weekends
Saturday, May 5, 9:00 to 4:00 pm
Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday, May 26, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, June 3, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

974-4555 or click here.

Northridge Farmers Market Every Wednesday

Every week, this certified Farmers Market offers organic and conventional fresh fruits and vegetables as well as hot food booths with delicious foods from around the world. There is also a petting zoo, pony rides, lots of fun activities for kids, and arts and crafts vendors.

The Northridge Farmers Market is open every Wednesay, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm through Oct. 31. Northridge Fashion Center Tampa Ave. Parking Lot (in front of California Pizza Kitchen)

City of L.A. Business and City Improvement Survey

The City is seeking feedback from all residents of Los Angeles on the quality and efficiency of City services and the quality of life in L.A. in order to find ways to improve. The survey responses collected will not only help to make Los Angeles more business-friendly, but will also help assess and improve City services.

This survey is an opportunity for all community members and businesses to have their voices heard. The Controller's office will be collecting survey data over the next several months and will use it to compile ideas and make recommendations on making Los Angeles more efficient.

Saturday, June 16, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, June 24, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday, June 30, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Gourmet lunch trucks sell a variety of delicious food for lunch in the parking lot from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm, and the truck operators each donate 10% of all proceeds to Operation Gratitude. This activity qualifies for Community Service Hours.

Anyone over 12 years old can volunteer, but anyone under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to volunteer please send an email to OpGratVolunteer1@yahoo.com with the subject "Operation Gratitude Volunteer." To make a donation, visit https://www.operationgratitude.com/donate/.

Big Sunday Weekend at Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park...

Volunteers from the Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park are teaming up with Big Sunday to host Big Sunday Weekend at the dog park on Saturday, May 5.

Saturday, May 5
8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park
17550 Victory Blvd. (at White Oak Ave.)

There will be free onsite spay/neuter services, microchipping and vaccines with a $70 voucher from LA Animal Services. ($65 without voucher). Services are by appointment only, and space is limited, so please call (310) 574-5555 to make an appointment. Be sure to mention the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park to receive this special one-day only price.

There will be dog adoptions from 10:00 am to 4 pm with low-cost vaccinations and pet licensing on-site. There will also be craft tables where you can help make chew toys for shelter dogs and paper mache flower pots for nursing home residents. Guest speakers Jillian Boyd and Russ Avison, Co-Hosts of Atomic Dog Radio will discuss training tips and Brenda Barnette, General Manager of Los Angeles Animal Services, will discuss Spay/Neuter, Adoption and Licensing.

Volunteers will be gathering earlier in the morning to plant 25 trees and help clean the park. The first 75 volunteers to sign up for a four hour shift will receive a Big Sunday T-shirt, free continental breakfast, and
a chance to win great prizes!

For more information or to volunteer please email Jill at sboldp@gmail.com.

LAFD Firefighters Bowling Benefit...

To take the online survey, click here.

SurveyLA to Help Record L.A.'s Historic Resources

You can participate in SurveyLA, Los Angeles' effort to identify and record its historic resources. This year, SurveyLA will be operating in the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch, Northridge, Granada Hills/Knollwood and Reseda/West Van Nuys Community Plan areas.

The project needs the input of the people who live, work and play in and around our historic resources in L.A.

How you can participate
Community workshops will be held in April and May in the Northwest San Fernando Valley. Details will be announced soon here.

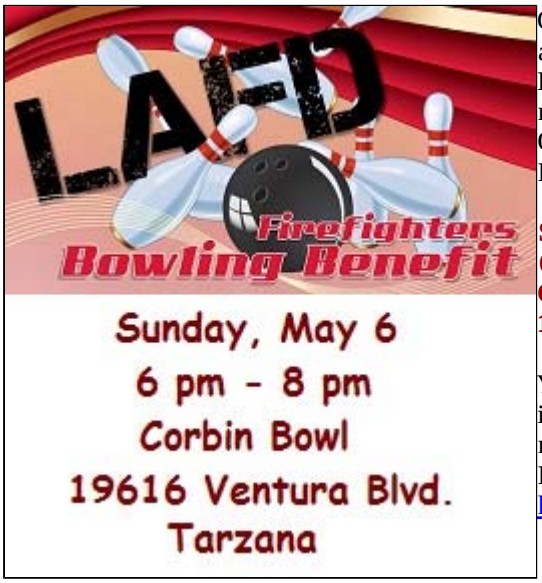
Visit www.MyHistoricLA.org, a crowdsourcing website, which allows users to contribute information about important historic resources in their communities. The information is used by SurveyLA's professional survey teams.

Visit SurveyLA's blog.

Follow SurveyLA on Facebook and Twitter.

Every Sunday
Encino Farmers' Market

Come shop for farm fresh produce, delicious prepared food and arts and crafts every Sunday at the Encino Farmers' Market.



Come out for a fun night of bowling and pizza and join Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters to help raise funds for the Widows, Orphans & Disabled Firemen's Fund.

Sunday, May 6
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Corbin Bowl
19616 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana

Your $40 per person donation includes pizza, three games, and a raffle ticket. Four people per lane. For more information, visit http://givetoahero.org/bowling.

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council's "Clean Sweep" Weekly Clean-Up and Help Make Northridge Shine!

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council's Clean Sweep community beautification project every Thursday!

May 10 - east side of Wilbur Ave. at Kenya St. Northridge

At 8:00 am the crew will review the game plan with free refreshments provided by Northridge West Neighborhood Council. Bring gloves if you have them, sunscreen,a sunhat and appropriate shoes for outdoor work. Northridge West Neighborhood provides the refreshments and tools.

For more information contact Jo Ann Phillips at (818) 304-4989 or japhillips1@yahoo.com or visit www.NorthridgeWest.org.

DWP Holding Community Meetings to Discuss Its Proposed Water & Power Rate Increases...

The L.A. Department of Water & Power (DWP) has announced it is holding seven community meetings across the City starting this week to discuss its proposed power and water rate increases. DWP General Manager Ron Nichols and DWP Senior

8:00 am to 1:00 pm
ONEGeneration Center
17400 Victory Blvd., Lake Balboa. Click for map.

Most farmers' markets are closed during the winter, but Encino Farmers' Market stays open year round, so you can find those delicious items that are in season during the winter, such as mushrooms, clementines, root vegetables, brussel sprouts and caulifower.

This certified farmers' market features a wide variety of California grown fruits, vegetables, fresh flowers, eggs and chicken, honey, mushrooms, plants, and more!

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311 Online

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

Visit http://tiny.cc/311LACity and find the appropriate service.

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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.

Managers will present the proposed rate changes during the meetings, answer questions and take comments from community members.

West L.A.
Thursday, May 10
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Stephen S. Wise Temple, South Taub Annex
15500 Stephen S. Wise Dr., Los Angeles

For more information, including dates and locations of all of the meetings, click here .

Fundraiser to Support CEMP Search & Rescue...

Come for a delicious dinner and help support a great organization, at the fundraiser night for C.E.M.P. Search & Rescue at Marie Callendars Restaurant in Northridge on Friday, May 11.

C.E.M.P. Search & Rescue is an all-volunteer search and rescue team that serves the LAPD and other agencies in the San Fernando Valley and beyond. They primarily assist the LAPD with locating missing people. Because they are an all-volunteer team they rely completely on donations.

Print out the flyer and present it to your server and Marie Callendars will donate 20% of their proceeds to C.E.M.P. Click here to see the flyer.

Friday, May 11
7:00 am to 10:00 pm
Marie Calendars
Tampa Ave., between Nordhoff St. and Parthenia St.

For more information, call (866) 448- 3212 or visit www.CEMP.org.

Gun Buy Back Program...

Do you have an old, non-functional or unwanted firearm that you'd like to get rid of safely and responsibly? Turn it in at the City of Los Angeles 2012 Anonymous Gun Buy Back Program for a valuable gift card on Saturday, May 12 and you'll be helping the Police Department to keep guns off the street.

City residents are invited to turn in firearms at any of six locations and receive up to $200 in gift cards from Ralphs, no questions asked.

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 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

$100 gift cards for handguns, shotguns and rifles. $200 gift cards for assault weapons. While supplies last. The firearms must be transported unloaded and in vehicle trunks. There is no limit to the number of firearms per person, however, the number of gift cards per person is limited.

Lost or stolen guns will be returned to rightful owners, and the remainder of the surrendered guns will be destroyed by the LAPD.

Saturday, May 12
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Central Los Angeles – Northeast Area
LAFD Fire Academy
1700 Stadium Way
Los Angeles

Mid City – Olympic Area
Korean Evangelical Zion Church
2149 West Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles

Valley – Mission Area
Facey Medical Center Parking Lot
11165 Sepulveda Blvd.
Mission Hills

South Los Angeles -77th Area
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
7900 South Western Ave.
Los Angeles

South Los Angeles – Harbor Area
Park & Ride Parking Lot
1300 West Pacific Coast Highway
Wilmington

South Los Angeles – Southeast Area
Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church
10435 South Central Avenue
Los Angeles

Free Tire Collection Days in the San Fernando Valley...

Bring your old tires to have them safely and properly disposed of and recycled for free at the upcoming tire collection days in the San Fernando Valley.

Saturday, May 19
West Valley District Yard
8840 Vanalden Ave.,
Northridge
9:00 am to 2:30 pm

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.

Help Care for Animals in Shelters - Operation Blankets of Love

You can help support the efforts of Operation Blankets of Love, a San Fernando Valley-based non-profit organization that provides blankets to help keep animals in shelters warm and comfortable.

Drop off donated blankets, towels, pet beds and other pet items! at Pet People, located at 18040 Chatsworth St. in Granada Hills.

For more information, call Brad Smulson (818) 402-6584 or click here.

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

The LAPD offers a free service that allows L.A. residents to sign up to receive messages directly from the LA Police Department. The LAPD uses NIXLE to send updates on crime trends, public safetynd crime prevention tips. It also uses NIXLE to provide crucial information to the public in case of emergencies or disasters.

Every person who brings in tires will receive a coupon for 15% off their next purchase of Firestone or Bridgestone tires. This event is limited to City Los Angeles residents only. The collection event will not accept tires from businesses, tires on rims, tires for large trucks, or more than nine tires per person.

For more information, call (213) 485-3568.

Child Care Seat Safety Event in Northridge...

Northridge Hospital Medical Center is holding a child car seat safety events on Saturday, May 26.

Car Seat Check Up
Saturday, May 26
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Northridge Hospital Medical Center
Education Auditorium
18300 Roscoe Blvd., Northridge

By appointment only. Call (818) 885-8500 ext. 3437 to schedule or for more information. The car seat check-ups teach parents, hands-on and in your own car, how to correctly use a child's car seat or seat belt. The checkups are run by trained and certified child passenger safety technicians.

Shepherd of the Hills Car Show...

Come check out the hot rods, motorcycles, race cars, classics and other rare and beautiful vehicles at the Shepherd of the Hills Car Show on Saturday, May 12 in Porter Ranch. The event, co-sponsored by Galpin Motors, Just Dashes, California Car Cover Co., and Cooner Wire & Cable, is also a fundraiser to support a project to build water wells in a village in Africa. There will also be live music, food trucks, and lots of fun activities.

Saturday, May 12
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Shepherd of the Hills Church
19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch
Admission is free.

For more information on participating in the show, call (818) 831-9333 ext. 401

Residents can sign up for to receive updates directed toward one or more specific neighborhoods, and can receive it by text message on their phone, or by email.To sign up or learn more,visit www.NIXLE.com.

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or email carshow@theshepherd.org.

Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive...

The downturn in the community has forced many residents in our community to have to choose between putting food on the table or paying their bills. More and more people depend on food banks. A simple way to help is to participate in the National Association of Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger National food Drive on Saturday, May 12.

On May 12, leave non-perishable food items outside by your mail box and your Postal Service Letter Carrier will collect them and deliver them to local food banks. The best food items to donate are canned goods such as vegetables, soups, beans, chili, or proteins, or dried goods such as rice.

For more information visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

If you are organizing a food drive, or know of one in our community, or are seeking information about food banks or other resources for struggling families in our community, please call Melody at (818) 882-1212 or email Melody.Jaramillo@lacity.org.

SOLID Pancake Breakfast...

SOLID's annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast is coming up on May 19, so save the date! Proceeds benefit SOLID (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire), which provides non-City supplied materials and equipment needed by the Police Officers at Devonshire Division.

Saturday, May 19
7:30 am to 1:30 pm
Devonshire Community Police Station
10240 Etiwanda St., Northridge
$7 per person.

Regency Theatres in Granada Hills has generously donated 25 pairs of movie tickets to be given away to guests in a prize drawing. Free child photo-IDs are provided by Hollywood-West Valley Masonic Lodge. Free facepainting for kids!

For more information, visit http://soliddevonshire.org.

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St. Nicholas Valley Greek Festival...

Don't miss the 39th Annual St. Nicholas Valley Greek Festival, the biggest Greek festival in all of Los Angeles, coming up May 26 to 28 at St. Nicholas Greek Church in Northridge.

May 26, 27, 28
1:00 pm to 9:00 pm
St. Nicholas Greek Church
9501 Balboa Blvd., Northridge

This San Fernando Valley tradition features Greek music, dance, food, culture, games, booths and more.

For more information, call Info: www.valleygreekfestival.com(818) 886-4040

West Valley PALS/West Hills Chamber Memorial Day 5k Walk...

Join the West Valley PALS (Police Activity League Supporters) team at the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce Memorial Day 5k Walk/Run and help support the PALS programs. Half of your registration fee will go directly to PALS, whose valuable after-school programs offer at-risk kids positive alternatives to gangs, drugs and crime.

Monday, May 28
8:00 am
Quimby Park
7008 De Soto Ave., Canoga Park

To register online visit http://5kmemorialdayrun.com.

If you can't be there to participate in the Walk/Run, you can still support PALS by making a donation at http://westvalleypals.org.

For more information about the event, call the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber at (818) 884-4222.

Save the Date for the Valley Family Festival...

Get ready for a day of family-friendly fun in the park at the Valley Family Festival and Movies Under the Stars,

coming up on Saturday, June 2 at Northridge Park.

We are proud to host this event in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Northridge and L.A. Department of Recreation and Parks. There will be live music and dance performances, vendor booths, food, games, and a free outdoor screening of the animated family film Puss in Boots.

Saturday, June 2
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Northridge Park
18300 Lemarsh St., Northridge

Call for Performers and Booth Sponsorship for the Valley Family Festival...
You can be part of making our Valley Family Festival happen! We are seeking musical, dance and other performances by talented community members for this wonderful family event.

If you are a community member, cultural organization or school group and would like to preform on stage at the Valley Family Festival, please contact Semee Park at semee.park@lacity.org or (818) 882-1212.

We are also offering opportunities for local businesses, non-profit organizations and other community groups to help support this great event and be part of the celebration. For information on booths, sponsoring, or donating to the event, please contact Megan Cottier at megan.cottier@lacity.org or (818) 882-1212. Click here for the sponsorship and booth forms.

9th Annual Still Saving Lives Car Show...

The 9th Annual Still Saving Lives Car Show & Family Traffic Safety Fair is coming up on Saturday, June 2 at Warner Center Park in Woodland Hills.

Saturday, June 2
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Warner Center Park
5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd.,
Woodland Hills

This annual free event is sponsored by the LAPD Valley Traffic Division and the Valley Traffic Advisory Council. There will be over 300 classics, hot rods, race cars, motorcycles and other beautiful and rare vehicles, as well as food trucks, games and vendors. The LAPD's SWAT, K-9 Unit, Motorcycle Drill Team and Bomb Squad will have demonstrations and vehicles on display.

For more information, visit www.VTAC-VTD.org.

Northridge Village Beautification Project Fundraiser at El Rancho...

The efforts of the Northridge Sparkle Campaign to beautify the business corridor on Reseda Blvd.

between Nordhoff St. and Parthenia St. in Northridge have evolved into "Northridge Village Beautification." The group is holding a fundraiser concert at El Ranch Cordillera Del Norte on Saturday, June 9 to raise funds for the revitalization of the Historic Reseda Boulevard Business District.

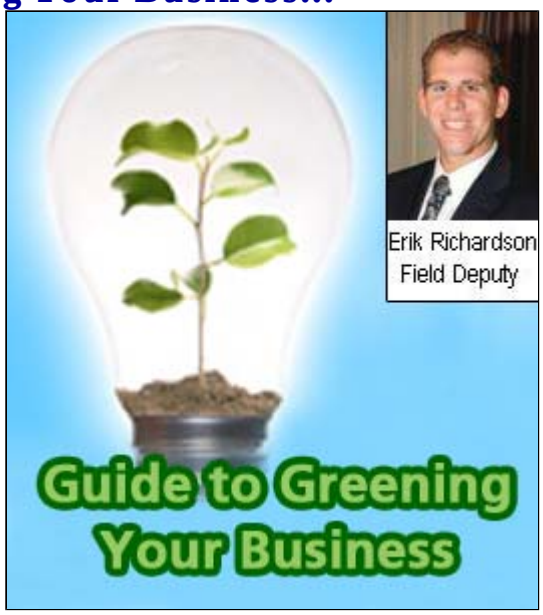
Saturday, June 9
4:00 pm - silent auction
5:00 pm - show begins
6:30 pm - wine & appetizers
El Rancho Cordillera del Norte
9015 Wilbur Ave., Northridge
$25 donation. Free Parking.

The event features nine great singers (Annie Grimes, Meggan Taylor, Gina Mitchell, Sue Fountain, Joe Green, Dave Berges, Carl Nakamura, Terry Lieberstein, and Northrdige Sparkle's own Andrea Alvarado) led by Charlie Harrison, Music Director of El Rancho.

Seating is limited so RSVPs are required. To reserve, please email northridgebeautification@gmail.com or call (818) 885-0825.

REPORTS FROM OUR STAFF

Free Guide to Greening Your Business...



Our Field Deputy Erik Richardson conducts much of our office's business outreach, and he frequently sends information and resources to companies in our Chatsworth / Northridge Industrial Zone. This week he reports on a free guide filled with resources and assistance available to small and medium sized businesses located in the City of Los Angeles to help them go green.

"The Guide to Green" is a directory produced and distributed for free by Liberty Hill Foundation as a community service featuring financial and technical assistance programs from local, state and federal government agencies to assist private companies. The guide lists programs to help companies become more energy or water efficient, reduce impacts on worker or public health and implement new technolgy or efficiencies to reduce environment impact and save companies money.

The resources in the guide consist mostly of technical assistance, training, tax credits, rebates, loans and grants, along with contact information for the

public agencies that sponsor these programs.

To see the guide, visit http://www.libertyhill.org/document.doc?id=250.

A Year of Emergency Preparedness...

On January 17, the 18th anniversary of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, we kicked off our Year of Emergency Preparedness in Los Angeles.

Throughout 2012, we will be working on legislation, programs and public awareness efforts to help the residents of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley be prepared for natural or man-made disasters.

Every week, our newsletter will feature a new item in an **Emergency Preparedness Checklist**. These are simple steps that everyone in Los Angeles should take in order to be prepared for any disaster. If you follow each item on this checklist, you will be highly prepared at the end of the year.

Week 16: Crowbar

Not many people realize that a crowbar can be a crucial tool to keep in your home. If a major earthquake strikes, the shifting of the structure of your home can jam all of your doors shut. If you have to get outside because of a fire or a gas leak following an earthquake, you could be trapped inside your home. A heavy crowbar will allow you to force a door open or get it off the hinges completely to allow you to escape. Crowbars are available at any hardware store, and can usually be purchased for under $25. To see examples visit http://tiny.cc/908mdw.

To see our printable Emergency Preparedness Checklist, with every week's entry, click here or visit our website at www.CD12.org.

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