COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS

July 15, 2011

RECENT LEGISLATION

Working to Recover Costs for City Resources Expended to Prepare for "Carmageddon"...

We introduced a motion on Friday, July 15, calling for Los Angeles to seek full cost recovery for the millions of dollars in resources the City is deploying in preparation for this weekend's 405 Freeway closure.

The 405 Freeway will be closed for the demolition of the Mulholland Drive Bridge over the freeway in the Sepulveda Pass.

The 405 Freeway closure will shut down one of the state's biggest transportation arteries from the 101 Freeway to the 10 Freeway for 53 hours, from the night of Friday, April 15 through early Monday morning.

The City is doing everything necessary to manage the public safety and traffic impacts, as we must, but there must be reimbursement for the costs related to this closure. The City will be expending millions of dollars on Police, Fire, Paramedic, Department of Transportation-related services, and the costs will be incurred whether or not everything goes as anticipated. This will have major impact on the budget at a time when the City departments have no or limited overtime. The motion seeks to ensure that reimbursements go back to the impacted departments.

We recommend Valley residents avoid going near any segments of the 405 Freeway, and limit car travel as much as possible over the weekend to help reduce traffic congestion, and to avoid getting caught in gridlock.

Click here to see a list of detours and other important traffic information related to the 405 closure. Click here to see our motion. Click here to see our press release.

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COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Movies Under the Stars and National Night Out August 2 in Chatsworth!

Councilmember Mitchell Englander serving popcorn to guests at the July 9 movie night in Northridge Park, where over 500 attended.

Save the date for the next "Movies Under the Stars," our series of free family-friendly movies screened outdoors in local parks, showing "Yogi Bear" on Tuesday, August 2 at Mason Park in Chatsworth.

To see the photo album from our last movie night, click here.

This movie night is in conjunction with the 28th Annual National Night Out! It's a perfect fit for our movie nights, which offer families a free, safe night out in our local parks. This movie night will feature public safety booths, free hot dogs and sodas (while supplies last) and lots of activities for kids.

"Yogi Bear"
Tuesday, August 2
7:00 pm
Mason Park, 10500 Mason Ave., Chatsworth.
(1 block north of Devonshire St.)
Click here for map and directions.

National Night Out is a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and public officials from over 15,000 communities in all 50 states, and Canadian cities and military bases worldwide participate in Night Out events. Over 37 million people participated in 2010. The goals are to raise crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information, call (818) 756-8501.

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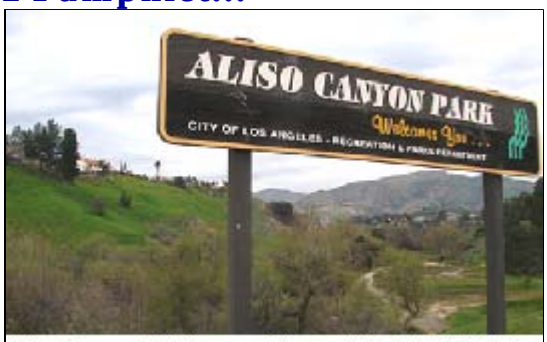
Updated Parks of CD12 Pamphlet...

Be sure to check out our updated version of our popular pamphlet "The Parks of CD12," which lists every park in Council District 12. It includes handy information on every park, including location, hours, amenities, special features, programs and more.

To see the online version of the pamphlet, which you can save, print out or email to a friend, click here.



Aliso Canyon Park is one of the parks in District 12 that has extensive nature areas and trails.

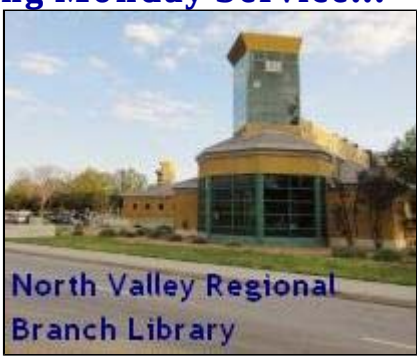
Did You Miss An Edition of Our Newsletter?

If you have missed an edition of our newsletter, or would like to look at any past editions, please visit the Newsletter Archive page on our website. We post all the past editions there for you to see. If you or someone you know has stopped receiving our newsletter or would like to sign up, please email us at Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org and we'll put you on our newsletter list.

L.A. Public Libraries Restoring Monday Service...

On Monday, July 18, the Los Angeles Public Library will resume Monday service Citywide at all 73 Library locations. Monday service was eliminated and service hours were cut last year as a result of the City's budget crises. Funding to restore Monday service is provided by voter-approved Measure L, which is funding the gradual restoration of Library service hours over the next four years.

For more information, visit www.LAPL.org.



Chatsworth Library Book Sale...

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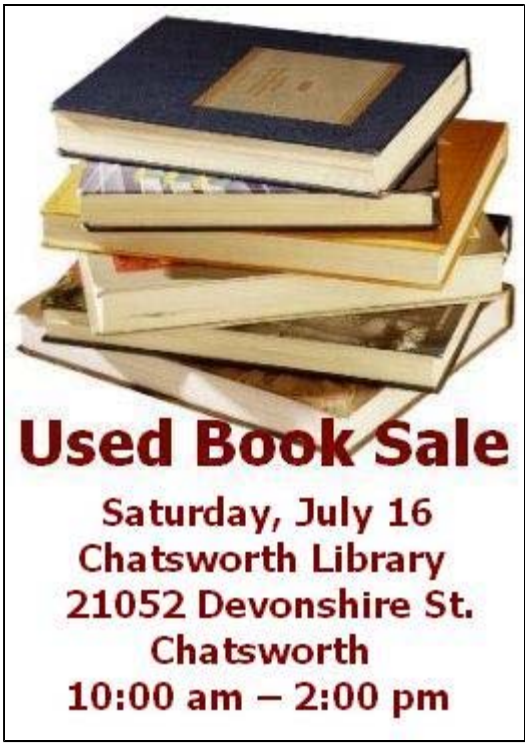

Be sure to check out the great Friends of the Chatsworth Library book sale on Saturday, July 16 at the Chatsworth Branch Library! There will be hundreds of books on sale - paperback and hardcover, fiction and non-fiction, books for people of all ages and in many genres!

Paperback books cost just $0.50, hardcovers cost $1 and children's books are three for $1.

Saturday, July 16
Chatsworth Library
21052 Devonshire St.,
Chatsworth
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

All funds raised benefit the Chatsworth Branch Library to help purchase new books and continue free programs. For more information, call (818) 341-4276.

Community Clean Up Effort...

Join the Northridge Community Neighborhood Watch and Coordinating Council and Councilmember Mitchell Englander for their "Sparkle Campaign," a volunteer effort to clean up the streets and sidewalks of Northridge.

Saturday, July 30
8:00 am to 11:00 am
Meet at 8901 Rathburn (corner of Rayen and Rathburn)
Northridge

Bring sun hat, sunscreen, water, shoes appropriate for outdoor work, and gloves if you have them.

For more information, call Andrea Alvarado at (818) 903-8194 or email andrea@textinthecity.org.

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Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council for Their Thursday Cleanup and Help Keep Northridge Streets Clean!

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council this Thursday for their community beautification effort to clean up trash, weeds and graffiti from the streets of Northridge.

Thursday, July 21
8:00 am
Northridge
For location, call Jo Ann Philips at (818) 304-4989 or email Japhillips1@yahoo.com

Meet up at 8:00 am to review the game plan with free refreshments provided by Northridge West Neighborhood Council. Location to be announced.

The project was launched in spring 2010 by Northridge West Neighborhood Council and neighborhood residents who wanted to get involved in cleaning up trash, weeds and debris from the streets of Northridge to keep it clean, safe and beautiful. Since then they have removed thousands of bags of debris from the streets and sidewalks!

DWP Holding Community Meetings on Water & Power Rate Increases...

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The Department of Water and Power (DWP) is holding a series of community meetings to discuss water and electricity rate increases. DWP wants to hear your voice on water and power rates. There are several more meetings coming up.

Summary Session - Downtown L.A.
Wednesday, July 20
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
LADWP Headquarters, Level A Auditorium
111 N. Hope St., Los Angeles

To RSVP and to learn more about DWP's rate increase process, visit www.LADWP.com/LAForward.

Public Pools in Los Angeles Open All Summer Long!

The summer swimming season is here and L.A.'s public pools are open! Our public pools are a wonderful resource, offering children and adults in the community a great, economical way to cool off, get exercise, pursue sports, and have fun!

The City's Aquatics facilities include regular public swimming pools with a wide variety of amenities, programs, sports and classes for children, adults and people with disabilities and competitive athletes in training.

There are even Parks facilities, such as Reseda Park and Lake Balboa, that offer fishing, and remote-control boating. The City also offers a Junior Lifeguard Training Program designed to prepare young people who are interested in pursuing a career as a Lifeguard.

West San Fernando Valley Swimming Pools
GRANADA HILLS POOL
16730 Chatsworth St.
Granada Hills

NORTHRIDGE POOL
(818) 709 – 7475

10058 Reseda Blvd.
Northridge

CANOGA PARK - LANARK PARK
(818) 756-9364
21817 Strathern St.
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VAN NUYS/SHERMAN OAKS WAR MEMORIAL PARK
(818) 783-6721
14201 Huston St.
Van Nuys

To learn more about all of the City's Aquatics facilities visit http://www.laparks.org/dos/aquatic/pdf/brochure.pdf

405 Freeway Sepulveda Pass Closure This Weekend...

The 405 Freeway from the 101 Freeway to the 10 Freeway will closed from Friday, July 15, 7:00 pm through the end of the weekend, so plan ahead!

In an effort to reduce congestion, improve mobility and increase safety, CalTrans is working on the 405 Freeway Sepulveda Pass. They are adding a high-occupancy vehicle lane, standardizing lane sizies, and improving on-and offramps along a 10-mile-long stretch of the freeway between the 10 Freeway (Santa Monica) and the 101 Freeway (Ventura). Work on this project is causing frequent closures of off-and onramps and various other work that could disrupt the commute for Valley residents.

Metro is offering free use of public transportation on some routes around the effected area. To learn more or to see the latest updates, visit http://www.metro.net/projects/I-405. Send your questions and comments to I405@metro.net or call (213) 922-3665.

Coro Forum on Neighborhood Councils...

We are proud to co-sponsor a Coro Crosstalk forum on Wednesday, July 27 at City Hall

with a moderated discussion on the Neighborhood Council system.

Wednesday, July 27
9:00 am to 11:00 am
City Hall, 4th Floor Media Room
200 N. Spring St., Downtown L.A.

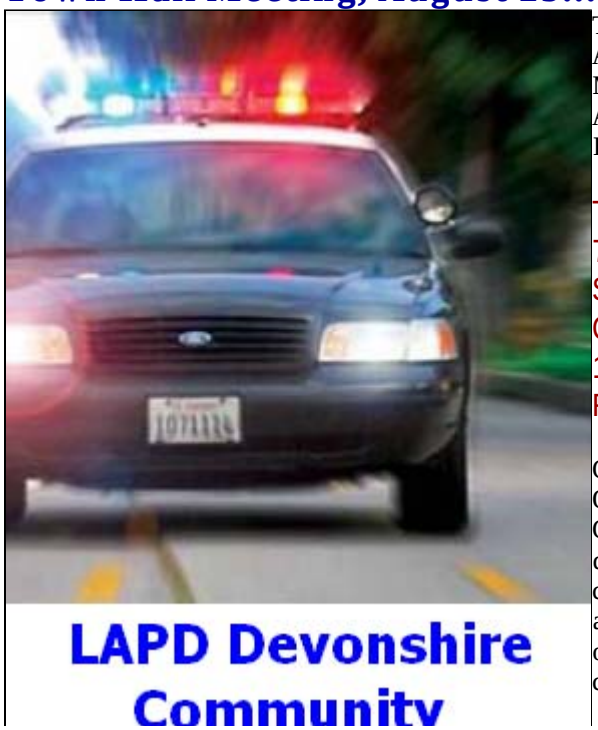
Coro has examined a wide range of important political and social topics, from the future of L.A.'s water supply to the California budget. For this event, which we are co-sponsoring, the discussion will focus on L.A.'s Neighborhood Council system, which was created in 1999 during the City's voter-approved charter reform.

Welcome remarks by John Greenwood, Coro Southern California Center for Civic Leadership (and Board Member, Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council). Sponsored by Health Net, in partnership with Council District 12. Facilitated by Headington Media Group.

This event is free and open to the public. Bagels and coffee will be provided. Please note that all Coro CrossTalks are recorded. Photos and video will be made available for free by Coro.

For information visit http://www.corola.org. To RSVP, please contact Edward Headington at EHeadington@coro.org no later than Monday, July 25.

Save the Date for the LAPD Devonshire Community Town Hall Meeting, August 25...



The next LAPD Devonshire Area Community Town Hall Meeting will be on Thursday, August 25 at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch.

Thursday, August 25
7:00 pm
Shepherd of the Hills Church
19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch

Come meet your local LAPD Officers serving at Devonshire Community Police Station and discuss ways you can prevent crimes, including residential and car burglaries, as well as other crime and safety tips and current crime trends in our

community. Attendance is free, and there will be snacks and refreshments, as well as prizes and other activities.

For more information, click here.

North Valley Jewish Community Center Gala...

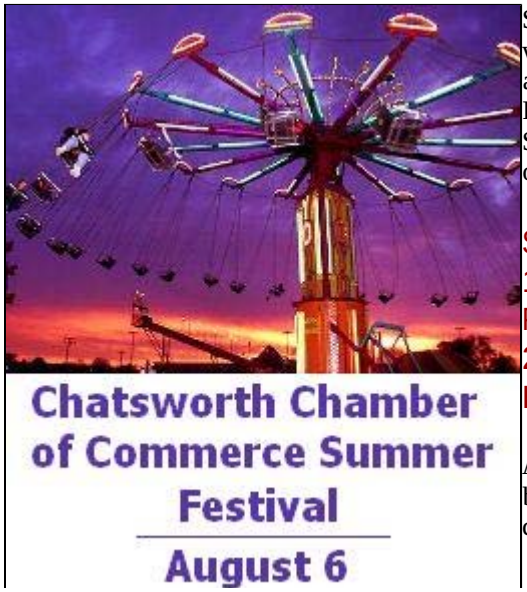
The North Valley Jewish Community Center is holding its annual Grand Gala on Sunday, July 17 at Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills.

Sunday, July 17
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Knollwood Country Club
12040 Balboa Blvd. Granada Hills

This fun event will feature live entertainment, delicisous dinner, dancing, silent auction, and more.

Please call Jerry Wayne for information and reservations at (818) 360-2211 or email nvjcc@yahoo.com or visit www.nvjcc.org.

Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce Summer Festival...



Save the date for a summer day filled with music, BBQ, raffles and kids' activities at the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce's Summer Festival at Pierce College on Saturday, August 6.

Saturday, August 6
11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Pierce College Farm Center
20800 Victory Blvd., Woodland Hills

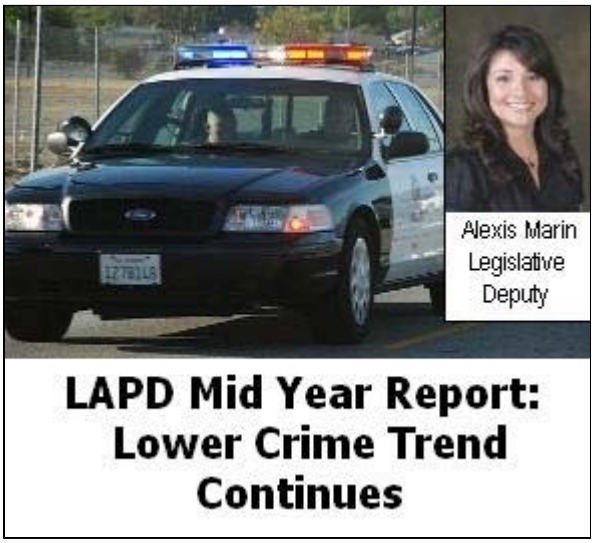
Activities for kids include pony rides, bungee jumping, rock climbing wall, carrousel, kid's train rides, petting

zoo, bounce house, slide, balloon animals, face painting and more! There will be lots of music and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy.

For more information, call the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber at (818) 341-2428.

REPORTS FROM OUR STAFF

Mid-Year Crime Statistics Show a Continuing Decrease in Crime in L.A...



Our Legislative Deputy Alexis Marin covers the L.A. Police Commission and the Public Safety Committee, and she reports this week on the LAPD's 2011 Mid-Year Crime Snapshot.

At the mid-year point, overall crime and violence are down citywide for the 9th consecutive year and there is a continuing overall reduction in every major crime category.

Total violent crimes are down 9.6% from 2010, and down 35% from 2005. Homicides are 8.1% lower than in 2010 and 41% lower than in 2005. Gang-related crimes are down 16% from 2010. Total property crimes are down 7.3% from last year and 27.2% from 2005.

As Chair of the Public Safety Committee and as an LAPD Reserve Officer, Councilmember Englander's top priority is public safety. The men and women of the LAPD who risk their lives protecting and serving our community have our unwavering gratitude and support.

To see the full report, click here.

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