



COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS

July 27, 2012

RECENT LEGISLATION

Council Approves Ban on Storefront Marijuana Shops...



The City Council on Tuesday, July 24 voted unanimously on the motion that I co-authored to ban all storefront marijuana shops in the City of Los Angeles. The ordinance would allow small groups of patients and their primary caregivers to grow medical marijuana on their own.

As Chair of the Public Safety Committee and as an LAPD Reserve Officer, I know first-hand

about the crime and other negative impacts on our neighborhoods that the illegal storefront marijuana stores have had. The City has struggled for years with the impacts, and has been unable to find ways to effectively regulate them. When California voters approved the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 legalizing medical marijuana, it is likely that they had clinics or pharmacies in mind, serving people with serious illnesses, rather than the nearly 1,000 storefront marijuana stores that sprang up across L.A.

It has become commonplace for people as young as 18 years old to easily obtain prescriptions for ailments such as anxiety or insomnia and buy marijuana from storefront dispensaries for recreational drug use. Marijuana remains illegal at the Federal level for any use.

Since 2008, Police conducting raids of illegal marijuana businesses have made over 74 arrests citywide, and seized over \$2 million in cash, assault weapons, nine kilograms of cocaine, and large amounts of other illegal drugs. Together with LAPD Narcotics Enforcement Officers, we shut down 60 of the illegal marijuana dispensaries that were operating in our District, and there are none currently operating in Council District 12.

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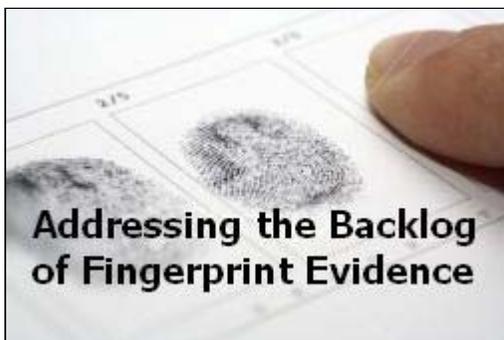
- Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District

Working to Address the Backlog of Fingerprint Analysis...

A recent report showed that, due to a shortage of fingerprint analysts at the LAPD, there was a backlog of untested fingerprint evidence. As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I was deeply concerned to learn about this problem because of the central role that fingerprint evidence plays in solving crimes.

I immediately introduced a motion instructing the Police Department to report my Public Safety Committee on the status of the fingerprint backlog, and how the Department plans to maximize their resources to work through the untested fingerprint evidence.

- Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District



COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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www.Twitter.com/Mitch_Englander***

Chatsworth Nature Preserve Ecology Pond Re-Filled...



The Chatsworth Nature Preserve Ecology Pond, when it was filled with water from winter rain. The Ecology Pond is a delicate and important natural ecosystem that is home to numerous animal and plant species.

In response to my requests, Department of Water and Power (DWP) officials filled the Chatsworth Nature Preserve Ecology Pond over the weekend.

The water level of the Ecology Pond had been sinking lower and lower due to natural evaporation. Many nearby residents and members of the environmental and wildlife protection community shared my concerns that this could have destroyed what was a beautiful and delicate ecosystem supporting numerous plant and animal species.

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Sponsor Summer Camp For at-Risk Kids

The West Valley Boys & Girls Club, which offers valuable after-school programs to at-risk youth in our community, is seeking corporate and individual sponsorships for its Summer Camp scholarship fund.

The Club's Summer Camp costs \$75 a week or \$450 for six weeks and includes nutritious lunches and snacks.

To make a donation [click here](#). To learn more, visit <http://www.wvbqc.org>.

CD 12 Community Service Center Now Open

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.

The Chatsworth Nature Preserve and its ecology pond are treasures of open space and natural habitat. They are very special to me and to the surrounding community and I am committed to protecting them. I am grateful to DWP General manager Ron Nichols for recognizing the importance of protecting the Ecology Pond and responding quickly to my request to have it filled.

- Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District

Brush Clearance at Chatsworth Park South for Fire Safety...



I am pleased to announce that brush clearance began at Chatsworth Park South on Thursday morning and will continue today around the front of the park. Brush clearance activities will begin on Monday and continue for approximately 10 days.

I shared the concerns of residents of the surrounding community about the buildup of dry vegetation in Chatsworth Park South as the

wildfire season approaches. In response, I pushed to have brush clearance at the closed park started as fast as possible in order to help protect the surrounding neighborhoods from the threat of wildfires.

The City is under an agreement with the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for lead and PAH clean-up at Chatsworth Park South, which was contaminated when the property was used as a firing range before it became a City park. The park is closed until those activities are completed and the City and the DTSC have been working through the logistics of that effort.

Brush clearance had been delayed in the park because City workers are prohibited from providing maintenance where there is a potential threat of being exposed to toxic substances. The specially-trained, contracted workers that have been hired must wear monitors and protective gear when doing the brush clearance.

- Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District

Open House and Community Art Exhibition to Celebrate Our First Year in Office...

To celebrate our one year anniversary in office serving Council District 12, I was proud to host a wonderful Open House and Community Art Exhibition at our new Community Service Center on Monday, July 23. We had put out a call for submissions, and converted



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 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

ONGOING EVENTS & RESOURCES

Every Saturday,
 Year Round Chatsworth /
 Porter Ranch Farmers
 Market

Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Farmer's Market is open every Saturday, offering delicious fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses, local honey, fresh baked goods, flowers, and a variety of arts and crafts booths.

9 am to 2 pm
 Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church 10347 Mason Ave.,

Chatsworth There is also free live music and delicious hot food including Korean BBQ, Greek Mediterranean, tamales, southern BBQ, Mexican, roasted corn, crepes, and bacon wrapped hot dogs and sausages.

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

our office into a gallery space to display over 150 pieces of original artwork by San Fernando Valley artists.

To see the photo album of the Open House event, visit our website photo gallery at <http://cd12.org/PhotoGallery/index.htm>.

Over 350 community members attended, including most of the artists, and enjoyed food, wine, music and the beautiful array of art pieces, which will remain in place for six months. Nearly all of the art pieces are for sale, with 100% of sales going directly to the artists.

Thank you to all of the artists and community members who helped make this such a wonderful community event!

Honoring the Achievements of the Kiwanis Club of Northridge...



Councilmember Englander presenting commendations to the Kiwanis Club of Northridge in City Council.

We were proud to present commendations to the Kiwanis Club of Northridge in City Council on Wednesday, July 25 in recognition of their anniversary, and their countless contributions to the community.

Among the Kiwanis Club of Northridge's most notable achievements are the annual American Flag Project to post 400 American flags on street light poles in the San Fernando Valley from Memorial Day through 4th

of July; the Santa's Helpers and Thanksgiving Projects to help struggling families be able to celebrate the holidays; hosting the L.A. County Courageous Citizens Awards which recognizes citizen heroes; Halloween at Northridge Park; Support for Valley Village/Corbin House Projects for the Developmentally Disabled; and the Wheels to the Sea Project, which brings people in wheelchairs to the beach so that they can and experience the ocean.

To learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Northridge, visit www.northridgekiwanis.org.

Be Ready for Summer Heat Waves ...

Temperatures reached over 100 degrees in the San Fernando Valley this week before cooling off. More heat waves will come this summer, so be ready!

During extreme heat, the City opens up hundreds of facilities to be utilized as cooling centers, including



also a petting zoo, pony rides, lots of fun activities for kids, and arts and crafts vendors.

The Northridge Farmers Market is open every Wednesday, 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.

To take the online survey, [click here](#).



[311 Online](#)

Senior Citizen Centers, most Recreation and Parks facilities, and City Libraries. They offer residents cold water, and a place to rest indoors in the air-conditioning. For more information on where all the cooling centers are located, call 3-1-1 or [click here](#).

Senior Centers: (213) 202-2700 or visit <http://www.laparks.org/dos/senior/senior.htm> .

Libraries: (213) 228-7000 or visit <http://www.lapl.org/branches/> .

Recreation & Parks Facilities: (213) 202-2700 or visit www.laparks.org.

Tips to Beat the Heat

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. If you plan to be outdoors, take precautions to protect yourself from the sun and heat. Avoid the sun from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm when the sun's burning rays are most intense. Reduce physical activity. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid hot, heavy meals and alcohol. Drink Gatorade or other non-caffeinated drinks with electrolytes. If you do not have air-conditioning, visit one of the City's public pools, go to a public park to sit in the shade, or go to an air-conditioned shopping mall. You do not need to purchase anything, and there are plenty of places to sit. Take a cool shower or bath.

Be Aware of Symptoms of Dehydration and Heat Stroke

Symptoms of dehydration and heat stroke include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps and increased thirst. To learn more, [click here](#).

Never Leave Pets or Kids Unattended in a Vehicle

Leaving a child or a pet in a closed vehicle on a hot or sunny day, even with the windows cracked, can be fatal. On hot or sunny days, the temperature inside a car can be 50 degrees hotter than outside.

Heat Wave and Other Emergency Information:

UpdateLA : <http://www.updatela.com/>

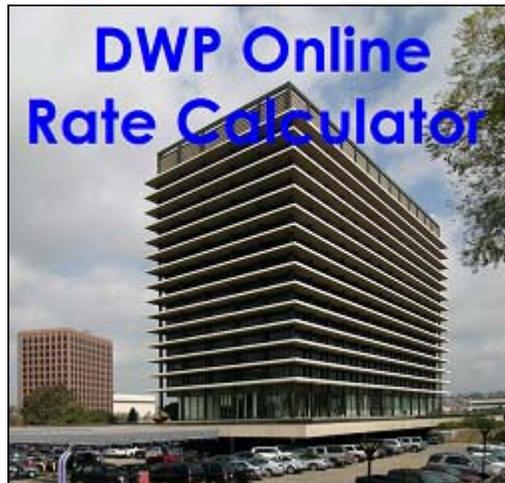
ReadyLA: <http://www.readyla.org/>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/readyla>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/readyla>

Emergency Management Department: <http://www.emergency.lacity.org/>

Online Calculator to See How DWP Proposed Rate Increases Would Effect You...



The Department of Water & Power (DWP) has launched an online tool that allows customers to calculate how DWP's proposed rate increases will impact their water and power bill. To use the tool and for more information, visit <http://www.ladwp.com/rates>.

DWP says it needs to raise rates to make critical investments to meet legal mandates and replace aging infrastructure.

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.

ONGOING

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 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

On the power side, the average increase is expected to be about 1.4 cents per kilowatt hour over two years, or about 10.8%. For typical residential customers using 500 kWh per month, the increase will be about one-half that, or 5.4% in total over the two years, which is about \$3.55 per month on the typical residential bill of \$65.79.

The average water customer would see their rate increase approximately 4.8% over two years, excluding a temporary pass-through increase for purchased water due to this year's near record dry winter. The additional revenue will allow DWP water system to ramp up investment in developing local water supplies to reduce the city's reliance on more expensive imported water purchases from the Metropolitan Water District, replace aging infrastructure, and meet state and federal water quality regulations.

The power and water rate proposals are currently being reviewed by the LADWP Ratepayer Advocate. They are expected to be considered by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners in August, and thereafter by the City Council.

Free Jazz Concerts in Granada Hills...

First Presbyterian Church of Granada Hills is holding a series of free outdoor jazz concerts this summer starting this weekend.

Saturday, July 28

Terry Harrington

7:00 pm

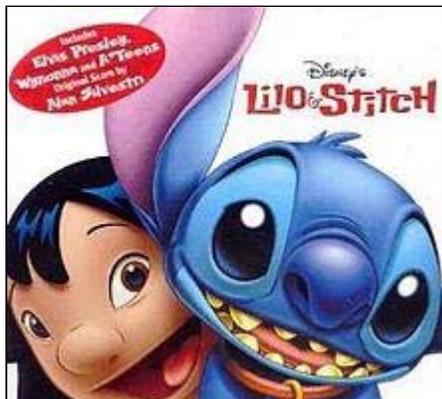
**First Presbyterian Church
10400 Zelzah Ave. (at
Devonshire St.)**

At this fun, free family event, there will also be gourmet food trucks offering delicious food and snacks.

For more information, call Dan Ohlson at (626) 419-1489 or email danohlson@gmail.com.



Free Outdoor Movie Series at CSUN...



California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is screening free outdoor movies for the community all summer. The next free film, on Thursday, Aug. 2 will be the animated family film "Lilo and Stitch."

Thursday, Aug. 2

7:00 pm

CSUN

**Sierra Quad Lawn
18111 Nordhoff St.
Northridge**

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

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 safety and crime prevention tips. It also uses NIXLE to provide crucial information to the public in case of emergencies or disasters.

Residents can sign up to

Bring your whole family, and bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics, but alcohol or BBQs are not allowed. There will be free activities for kids, including a balloon artist, face painting and raffle. Vendors will offer popcorn, lemonade, and other snacks for sale.

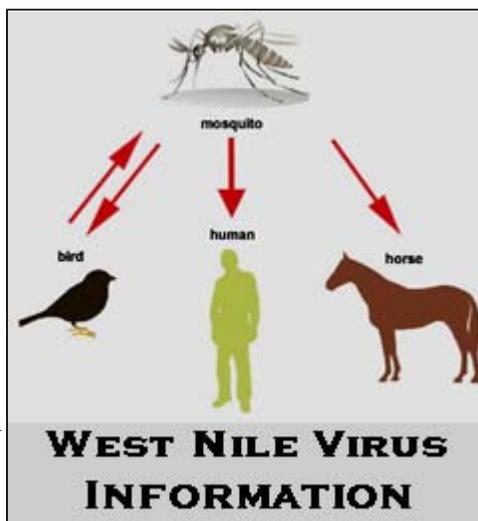
Parking is free for CSUN students, faculty and staff who have current valid CSUN parking permit. Flat fee parking permits are \$6 per vehicle, and are available from machines in all of the campus lots.

CSUN will be screening "Hairspray" on August 9, and "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" on August 16. For more information, visit www.csunas.org or www.facebook.com/events/403032776408568/.

West Nile Virus Found in the San Fernando Valley...

Greater L.A. County Vector Control has discovered mosquitos carrying the West Nile Virus in four communities, including Northridge and Winnetka. West Nile Virus is transmitted to people and animals through mosquito bites. There is no cure, and one in five persons infected with West Nile Virus will actually experience symptoms.

Symptoms usually occur between five and 15 days and can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea or a skin rash. The symptoms can last for several weeks to months. About one in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. To learn more about West Nile Virus, [click here](#).



To report standing water, green swimming pools, mosquitos, or dead birds, call Greater L.A. County Vector Control at (562) 244-2648 or visit www.glacvcd.org.

How you can help reduce threat of West Nile Virus

Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week.

- Ensure that swimming pools, spas and ponds are clean and maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths and other small containers weekly.
- Request free mosquitofish from your Vector Control for use in spas and ponds.
- Report mosquito activity around vacant or foreclosed homes and report neglected (green) swimming pools and other large bodies of standing water.

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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Free Blood Pressure and Diabetes Check for National Health Center Week...



Free Blood Pressure and Diabetes Check Ups

Mission City Community Network (MCCN) is offering free blood pressure and diabetes check-ups Aug. 6 through Aug. 10 as part of the National Association of Community Health Centers's 2012 National Health Center Week.

**Aug. 6 to Aug. 10
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
MCCN-Non-Profit Community Clinic
15206 Parthenia St., North Hills**

MCCN's mission is to provide and advocate for quality health care and social services for the uninsured and low-income families in the communities of Los Angeles County. To learn more, visit <http://www.healthcenterweek.org>.

Public Pools in Los Angeles Open Through Aug. 12!

The summer swimming season is here and L.A.'s 48 public pools are open now and will remain open through August 12! Admission is free for kids under 17, seniors and people with disabilities. The pools are open 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on weekends, and are open 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays.

Our public pools are a wonderful resource, offering kids and adults in the community a great, economical way to cool off, get exercise 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. The City also offers a Junior Lifeguard Training Program designed to prepare young people who are interested in pursuing a career as a Lifeguard.

L.A. Public Pools in the West San Fernando Valley GRANADA HILLS POOL

16730 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills
[Click here for a map.](#)

NORTHRIDGE POOL

(818) 709 – 7475
10058 Reseda Blvd., Northridge
[Click here for a map.](#)

CANOGA PARK - LANARK PARK

(818) 756-9364
21817 Strathern St., Canoga Park
[Click here for a map.](#)

VAN NUYS/SHERMAN OAKS WAR MEMORIAL PARK

(818) 783-6721
14201 Huston St., Van Nuys
[Click here for a map.](#)

To learn more about all of the City's Aquatics facilities [click here.](#)

Auditions for San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus...



The San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus is holding auditions Aug. 19 and 26 for its 21st year of singing.

The Chorus is made up of 3rd to 12th graders. Auditions and rehearsals for the fall season are at the Canoga Park Methodist Church, located at 22700 Sherman Way.

Under the leadership of Musical Director Yohan Partan, the SFV Youth Chorus participates in various performances and community events throughout the year. The enrollment fee is \$150 per semester. An audition appointment is required. To make an appointment or for more information, call (818) 212-9356 or email audition@valleyyouthchorus.org.

For more information on the SFV Youth Chorus visit www.valleyyouthchorus.org.

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!

Thursday, Aug. 2
East side of Corbin Ave.
between Lassen St. and
Vintage 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 Council 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.

National Night Out & Movies Under the Stars...



Save the date for National Night Out and a free outdoor movie as part of our Movies Under the Stars summer film series, coming up on Tuesday, August 7 in Northridge.

**Tuesday, August 7
7:00 pm
Northridge Park
10058 Reseda Blvd.**

Community members in the Northwest San Fernando Valley are invited to join thousands of communities nationwide for the

29th Annual National Night Out event.

National Night Out raises awareness about preventing crime, builds positive relationships between the community and the Police, and strengthens neighborhood pride and engagement in the community. To learn more, visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/>.

Our office in coordination with LAPD Devonshire Division, S.O.L.I.D. (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire) and Target are proud to invite you and your family to join us! We will be holding a FREE screening of the animated kids movie Kung Fu Panda 2 as part of our Movies Under The Stars outdoor film series, now in its seventh year. There will be free sodas and hot dogs (while supplies last), free kids activities, public safety information, and more!

For more information call Melody Jaramillo at (818) 882-1212 or email melody.jaramillo@lacity.org.

West Hills National Night Out and Child Safety Fair...

Please join the Police Officers of LAPD Topanga Station and the West Hills community in celebrating their first ever West Hills National Night Out and Child Safety Fair on Aug. 7 at Shadow Ranch Park.

Tuesday, Aug. 7



6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Shadow Ranch Park
(Vanowen St. just east of Fallbrook Ave.)
West Hills

This great event is part of the 29th Annual National Night Out event, celebrated by thousands of communities across the nation. National Night Out raises awareness about preventing crime, builds positive relationships between the community and the Police, and strengthens neighborhood pride and engagement in the community. To learn more, visit <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/>.

The Chaminade High School Marching Band will provide live music, and there is a Jumper Slide and face painting. The kids in the Topanga Cadets and Jeopardy programs will be on hand with information on how to sign up. There will be free child ID kits, traffic safety information and neighborhood watch sign-ups, drug awareness and prevention information provided the Elks Lodge, snacks and prizes provided by Target, and Police vehicles and equipment on display.

The Relay for life is coming to Northridge!



Get ready for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Northridge! This 24-hour event raises funds to support the American Cancer Society, which raises funds for cancer research, treatment, support and programs for cancer victims and their loved ones.

Relay for Life Northridge
August 11 and 12
Calahan Elementary School

18722 Knapp St., Northridge

For Relay for Life Northridge, thousands of families, friends, local businesses, schools and community-based organizations form teams and walk the track at Calahan Elementary School for 24-hours to raise funds. There are also Relay events coming soon in Chatsworth, North Hollywood and other parts of the San Fernando Valley.

During the event, cancer survivors are honored by taking the first lap around the track, and there is a Luminaria (candle) Ceremony, as well as many other activities, both happy and somber throughout the 24 hours. There will also be food vendors, information booths, games, and other activities.

You can form a team, join an existing team, sponsor a team, donate to a team, or donate directly to Relay for Life to help support this important cause.

For more information on the Northridge Relay for Life, call Karen Rubenstein at (818) 738-3464 or email Karen.rubenstein@cancer.org or visit www.relayforlife.org/northridgeca.

North Valley Jewish Community Center's Day of Shopping and Games...

Join "The J" - the North Valley Jewish Community Center - for a fun-filled day of gaming, shopping and a delicious buffet lunch at the San Manuel Casino and Resort on Sunday, August 12.



Sunday, August 12
10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Temple Ahavat Shalom
18200 Rinaldi Place

The trip will raise funds to support "The J" programs. To learn more about "The J" visit www.NVJCC.org.

The trip departs from the Temple Ahavat Shalom parking lot, located at 18200 Rinaldi Place (at the 118 Freeway between Reseda Blvd. and Zelzah Ave.), Northridge, at 10:00 am and will return at 4:00 pm.

The \$20 donation includes the roundtrip bus ticket, snacks and a \$10 San Manuel Casino card good for games or food. RSVP and payment are required by August 1. To register or for more information, call (818) 360-2211 or e-mail karooooon@sbcglobal.net.

Artrageous Artwalk...



Check out the Canoga Park Artrageous Artwalk on Thursday, Aug. 16. There will be gallery displays, live art and installations, three music stages, food trucks, a kids area, and more. The Artrageous Artwalk takes place every third Thursday evening through September.

Thursday, Aug. 16

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Canoga Park Old Town Center
Starting point and maps available at Follow Your Heart
21825 Sherman Way
To see a map of the art galleries and venues, [click here.](#)

Over 15 venues and 30 artists will be represented at this free community celebration of art and culture sponsored by 11:11 A San Fernando Valley Art Collective, Canoga Park Improvement Association, and the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce. To see the event Facebook page, [click here.](#)

Learn How to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft at LAPD Community Meeting...

Don't miss the LAPD Basic Car Community Meeting focusing on Internet, credit, and identity security, coming up on Thursday, Aug. 23.

Thursday, Aug. 23
6:45 pm
St. John Eudes Church
9901 Mason Ave.



Guest speaker Robert Rebhan is an internationally recognized expert on financial crimes, is a former LAPD Detective, and was Director of the American Express Fraud Prevention Program. He will discuss how to protect yourself from Internet fraud, identity theft, bank and credit fraud, financial scams and more.

For more information, call Carol Jensen at (818) 341-3327 or email cei2@mail.com.

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 27: Catalog the Contents of Your Home for Insurance Purposes...

A great way to make sure that you will be able to get insurance coverage for your possessions damaged or destroyed during an earthquake, fire or other disaster, is to take photos or video to document the contents of your home. Many people do not keep receipts or exact records of their possessions, and having to fight with your insurance provider over your claims can be an additional unwanted burden during an already traumatic time. To see an article about how and why to do this, [click here](#).

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

REPORTS FROM OUR STAFF

Get Involved in Your Community! Participate in the Upcoming Neighborhood Council Elections...



Semee Park
Field Deputy

Our Field Deputy Semee Park works with Neighborhood Councils in our District, and reports this week on the upcoming election dates for Neighborhood Council Board Positions in the Northwest San Fernando Valley. Elections are on Sept. 8 and Sept. 29.

Joining your local Neighborhood Council is great way to make a meaningful, positive contribution to your community, meet others who are engaged in the community, and get involved in rewarding community projects and events.

If you're interested in running for a neighborhood council board position, the [Candidate Filing Form is available here.](#)

Each neighborhood council will conduct their own election with various processes. For more information about the neighborhood council you're interested in, see links below and contact them directly.

Sept. 8, 2012 elections for:

Chatsworth Neighborhood Council

<http://empowerla.org/cnc/>

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

<http://empowerla.org/ghnnc/>

Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council

<http://empowerla.org/ghsnc/granada-hills-south-nc-elections/>

Northridge East Neighborhood Council

<http://empowerla.org/nenc/northridge-east-nc-elections/>

Northridge West Neighborhood Council

<http://empowerla.org/nwnc/northridge-west-nc-elections/>

Northridge South Neighborhood Council

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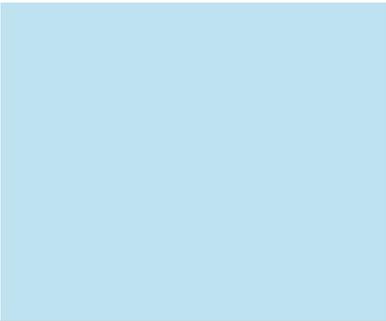
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