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Bringing Awareness to Adoption Opportunities...

This week, my motion to establish a hyperlink on the City's website directing users to the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services' website to provide information on adoption opportunities was made available for public use.

Every child needs a loving, supportive and nurturing family. Sadly, in the United States, there are 400,540 children in the foster care system with 104,236 children ready and waiting to be adopted. In California, there are 55,851 children in the foster care system with over 13,178 children ready and waiting to be adopted. In Los Angeles County, there are over 18,000 children in the foster care system with over 500 of them ready and waiting to be adopted.

The City of Los Angeles's website: www.lacity.org is the main portal in which residents can access public services and receive important communication. The City's website is also an important tool to facilitate instant and direct access to public resources for residents, and can be utilized to encourage people to consider adopting a child.

This link brings greater awareness about the need for permanent and loving homes for children in foster care and assists those interested in the adopting process, making it smoother and easier to navigate.

Click here to view the new link.

-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District

Preparing Angelenos During El Niño and Future Emergencies...

Earlier this week, Mayor Eric Garcetti signed an Executive Directive to ensure the City of Los Angeles is fully prepared for the heavy rainfall and potential impacts of this season's El Niño weather pattern.

The 14th Executive Directive creates an El Niño Task Force, led by the Emergency Management Department and comprised of thirteen City departments, will focus on the short- and long-term planning specific to the heavy rain, flooding, erosion, and debris flow associated with El Niño.

Mayor Garcetti also announced the new enhancements within the City giving all Angelenos the ability to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Los Angeles cell phone users will now be able to use any functioning network during an emergency, regardless of a customer's service provider.

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We have consolidated Northridge and Chatsv offices into a single lo in Chatsworth. The ne Community Service C will allow us to serve y better, by offering resi the opportunity to mee on-one with representa from various City Departments to get di assistance. We will announce details on t service in coming wee

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

Friday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

CONTACT INFO
Phone:

I encourage all Angelenos to register with NotifyLA, the City's mass notification system to find extensive information about storm and emergency preparedness. Once an individual registers, they will receive information via voice, text, or email message alerts only if their geographic area is impacted by an emergency. To register, go to www.ElNinoLA.com.

Click Here to read the Executive Directive.

-Mitchell Englander, Chair Public Safety Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS

VIDEO: San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission Mobile Shower Campaign...

During the holiday season, my office is launching a campaign to raise awareness and funds for a second mobile shower for the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission. Our goal for this project is to double the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission - Rescue Survival Outreach Services (Rescue SOS) resources and allow their team to reach twice as many people and offer friendship and comfort to community members throughout the San Fernando Valley.

The Rescue Mission's Rescue SOS team helps individuals and families to

(818) 882-1212
Fax: (818) 701-5254
Address:
9207 Oakdale Ave.,
Chatsworth, CA 91311

You can still reach our Hall Office at (213) 47 and email us at Councilmember. Englander@lacity.org

Community Event Resources

Help Operation Blanl Love Provide Comfo Animals in Shelters

You can help keep cat dogs in City Animal Sl warm and comfortable supporting the efforts Operation Blankets of The San Fernando Vai based non-profit orgar gathers donated blank towels and pet beds a distributes them to ani shelters.

Donation items can be dropped off at Pet Pec located at 18040 Chat St. in Granada Hills.

You can also donate n to support Operation Blankets of Love by c here or calling Brad Sı at (818) 402-6584.

New SAFE Center Open in Granada I

You can drop off elect devices, paint, pool ar garden chemicals, mo batteries, fluorescent lightbulbs and other Household Hazardous Waste at the new SAF Center located on Ball Blvd. 1/2 block south Devonshire St. in Grai Hills.

SAFE Center Open Saturdays &

meet basic, life-essential needs and serves as a link to social services in the community, including the organization's own emergency shelter, residential substance abuse recovery, and transitional housing programs. Throughout the week the Rescue SOS team truck travels to different places within the San Fernando Valley and is equipped with a mobile shower unit, hot nutritious food, clothing, and hygiene items for distribution.

Because there is only one mobile shower unit to service the entire San Fernando Valley, the Rescue SOS team is limited to providing showers for only 20% of the 1,500 men, women and children they serve and accommodate each month.

The San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission - Rescue SOS is the only team in the City of Los Angeles that currently goes out into the community and brings resources directly to those in need that may not have the ability to travel on their own. My Rescue SOS Mobile Shower Project is more than a new mobile shower, it's a way to bring resources to those that need a clean start.

For more information and to donate, go to www.ioby.org/project/TheMobileMission.

-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District

Honoring a CD 12 Veteran in Council...

This Tuesday, I was so proud to honor Dalia Sanchez, a decorated Marine Corps veteran and director of the Department of Veteran Affairs' Chatsworth Vet Center. Dalia has worked for the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), Vet Center Program since July 2007.

Dalia served in the United States Marine Corps from 1992 to 1996

Sundays, 9 am - 3 pr

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311 Online

In addition to calling report problems or re services, you can us online.

Visit 311 Website and find the approp service.

Ongoing

Volunteers Needed f Crisis Response T

The Crisis Response consists of trained community volunteers respond at the reques L.A. Police and Fire Departments where th victims of violent crim accidents, and other traumatic incidents. C volunteers provide immediate on-scene c intervention, offer com victims, act as liaison between victims and emergency personnel, give referrals to victim their families to social services.

For more information the Mayor's Crisis Response Team's wel

and joined the Army National Guard Reserves shortly after her discharge from the Marine Corps. Since 1996, Dalia has continued her service in the Army National Guard Reserves and continues to do so to date. She is currently assigned to the 224th Special Troops Battalion, 224th Sustainment Brigade in Long Beach, where she serves as the Battalions S3 Operations Officer.

Dalia has had numerous deployments including Okinawa, Japan in 1996, Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan in 2011.

Dalia received her Bachelors of Science in Political Science from Loyola Marymount University and graduated with a Masters in Social Work from California State University, Los Angeles. She is currently attending California State University, Northridge where she is working towards a Masters of Health Administration.

-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District

Update: Aliso Canyon Gas Leak...

On Friday October 23, during normal operations, SoCal Gas crews found a leak in a natural gas storage well at Aliso Canyon.

My office has been engaging in daily conference calls with Southern California Gas Company, Sempra, both City and County Fire Departments, and Health Departments. My office attended the Porter Ranch Community meeting last night and regularly attends onsite meetings with So Cal Gas and Sempra to ensure the safety and health of our residents during this incident.

The most important thing to do now is for the Gas Company to locate and repair this problem immediately in a safe and publicly transparent manner. They should not rest until the necessary repairs are complete.

Click here to view letter and Fact Sheet from the Southern California Gas Company and go to http://www.socalgas.com/ for more information.

Click below to view Chief Operating Officer, Bret Lane's message to our community about Aliso Canyon natural gas leak

and Facebook page.

Check Out LocateL Powerful Busine Research Tool

LocateLA is a powerfu tool created by the Cit offer a free database c commercial properties L.A. It includes an interactive map, with business finder, prope finder, incentive finder business start up orga and much more. It is r to help new businesse up and help existing businesses move to tl of Los Angeles. It is a useful for anyone wan learn about our comm In addition to photos a details about the prop lists demographic, lab force, comparable rent more.

Click here to see this new tool.

Free Mulch for Your Garden

You can get free mulc your garden from the (Mulch Giveaway Prog The free mulch is mac recycled yard trimmin other "green waste" fr green bins.

Recycling green waste important way to redu amount of organic ma that goes into landfills When plant materials landfills, they emit lar amounts of the greenh gas methane, which contributes to climate change. The City turn green waste into mulc which is available to L residents for free.

Free Mulch Locatio the San Fernando V

16600 Roscoe Pl., No

-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District

CD 12 Drive In Movie Night Featuring Back to the Future...

Join Councilmember Mitchell Englander and the Council District 12 community for a free, throwback drive-in experience featuring Back to the Future. During the celebration of the movie's 30th anniversary, 80's music and food service will be generously provided by Wendy's Restaurant and owner Ron Ross. Please RSVP as soon as possible as space is filling up fast. Weather permitting, outdoor seating will also be available.

Saturday, November 21
Gates open: 4:30 pm
Movie starts: 6:00 pm

Shadow Ranch Park
22633 Vanowen St.
West Hills

For more information and to RSVP, call our office at (818) 882-1212 or email: Jonathan.coto@lacity.org.

Did you catch our video last week?: CD 12 Business Of The Month: Belgium Waffle Haus...

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Fridays. Open daily 7:
to 6:00 pm.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Department of Building and Safety 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 will offer community members a chance 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:

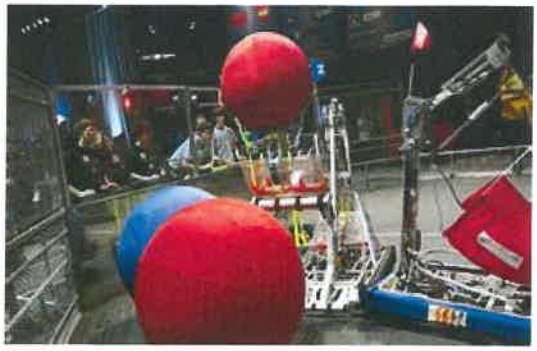
Department of Building and Safety
Tuesday, December 1
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

For more information, call (818) 882-1212.

Southern California Vex Competition...

Reseda High School Robotics Club is hosting and competing in the Southern California VEX "Nothing But Net" Robotics competition. Spectators of all ages won't believe their eyes as they watch the robots that are completely designed and built by students, compete and perform against each other in the competition.



Saturday, November 14
8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Reseda High School
18230 Kittridge St.
Reseda

For more information, go to http://www.robotevents.com/re-vrc-15-3839.html.

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park Trails Day...

The Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is hosting a family-friendly day of discovery in Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park. Trails Day is sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains. The difficulty level is moderate.

Saturday November 14
Guided hikes starting at
9:00 am, 10:00 am & 11:00 am

Andora Trail Head
9955 Andora Ave.
Chatsworth

For more information, go to www.fpssm.org.

LADWP Community Meeting...

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is hosting a series of Water and Power Rates Request Community meetings. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is proposing a five-year rate action that seeks modest water and power rate increases each year based on the following key principles: replacing aging water and power infrastructure; transforming water and power supplies; improving customer service; and keeping rates competitive. The community meetings are a way to learn about the rate proposal and to get answers to your questions.

Saturday, November 14
10:00 am

LADWP Customer Service Center
6550 Van Nuys Blvd.

Van Nuys

For a list of Community Meetings and for more information, go to www.myladwp.com.

The Chatsworth Fine Arts Council Arts and Crafts Show…

The Chatsworth Fine Arts Council (CFAC) is hosting an Arts and Crafts Show. The exhibit will feature original and unique stained glass works, fabric arts, wreath designs, jewelry, photography, leather crafts, and ceramics. There will also be a "sealed bid – silent auction" with a wide variety of bid items and gift baskets, children's crafts activities booth and many great holiday gift ideas. All proceeds benefit the community art activities of the CFAC.

Sunday, November 15
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Chatsworth Train Station
10042 Old Depot Plaza Rd.
Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 772-1639 or go to www.chatsworthfineartscouncil.com.

VPAC's Family Performance Series: The Okee Dokee Brothers…

California State University, Northridge and the Valley Performing Arts Center introduces their upcoming performance of The Okee Dokee Brothers as a part of their Family Series performances. The Okee Dokee Brothers make room for kids to dance, for parents to share stories, and for everyone to gain respect for nature, each other, and the world we live in.

Sunday, November 15
11:00 am & 3:00 pm

Valley Performing Arts Center
18111 Nordhoff St.
Northridge

For more information, go to www.ValleyPerformingArtsCenter.org.

Pomelo Community Charter School's 15th Annual Heroes Feast...

Join the Third Grade Class of Pomelo Community Charter School during their 15th Annual Heroes Feast in honor of community heroes, including military service members, veterans, local law enforcement, firefighters, and others.

Tuesday, November 17
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Pomelo Community Charter School
7633 March Ave.
West Hills

For more information and to RSVP, call (818) 621-5759 or (818) 825-0401.

Chatsworth Historical Society Film Screening…

Join the Chatsworth Historical Society as film historian, Dennis Liff, guides viewers through the magnificent and unique silent movie sets that were developed at the Garden of the Gods. The presentation will also include some very entertaining short video clips from the 1923 Buster Keaton silent movie, *Three Ages.*

Tuesday, November 17
7:00 pm

The Homestead Acre
10385 Shadow Oak Dr.
Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 882-5614.

SAGE Society Presents Free Documentary Screening Series…

The SAGE Society is sponsoring a series of documentary screenings that are free and open to all seniors in the community. Films during the series will include Ivory Tower, Kids for Cash, CITIZENFOUR, Merchants of Doubt, Code Black, and more. A lively discussion will follow each viewing.

Every Friday through November 20
9:30 am

St. Andrew and St. Charles Episcopal Church
16651 Rinaldi St.
Granada Hills

For more information, call Reuben Allen at 818-360-5821. Please do not call the church for information.

The Friends of the Granada Hills Library 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 from 25 cents to one dollar and all proceeds will benefit the library.

Friday, November 20
9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, November 21
9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Granada Hills Library Community Room
10640 Petit Ave.
Granada Hills

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

Pets in Rental Housing Workshop…

The LA Housing + Community Department, together with LA Animals Services, will be conducting a community working in CD 12 on Pets in Rental Housing. This workshop will provide information on pets in rental housing focusing on tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities and will include information related to fair housing issues for service and companion animals, as well as information on licensing, spaying and neutering, and micro-chipping.

Friday, November 20
10:30 am

West Valley Animal Shelter
20655 Plummer St.
Chatsworth

For more information and to RSVP, call (213) 928-9075.

Darby Avenue Charter's 5th Grade Community Clothing Drive…

Clean out closets and bring clothes, purses, shoes, towels, and blankets to help Darby Avenue Charter's 5th Grade class fill a 16 foot truck. Proceeds go to help Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission.

Friday, November 20
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Darby Avenue Charter
10818 Darby Ave.
Northridge

For more information and to coordinate an alternate drop off time, email: DMDRO@socal.rr.com.

Hike For Hunger...

Join community members as they hike to help end hunger. There will be a hike, treasure hunt, raffles, hidden prizes, dinner from Togos and a special treat from Menchies Frozen Yogurt. Dress warm and bring a flashlight. All proceeds go to MEND.

Saturday, November 21
5:00 pm

Limekiln Canyon Park
19500 Chatsworth St.
Northridge

For more information and to RSVP, go to www.HikeforHunger.eventbrite.com.

Native American Cordage Skills Class...

Join Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park for an opportunity to learn cordage techniques the Native Americans used to make cordage (rope) from native plant material, how the cordage was used and make a sample yourself. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required to attend. There is a $20 per person fee for the class.

Saturday, November 21
2:00 pm

Andora Trail Head
9955 Andora Ave.
Chatsworth

For more information and to RSVP, email: Jelena at beba@socal.rr.com.

Adam Milstein Presentation: Fighting

the Deligitimization of Israel...

Valley Jewish Community Center and Temple Ramat Zion are inviting the community to hear an important presentation by Adam Milstein. He will speak on Fighting the Delegitimization of Israel, the relevance and significance to the American Jewish Community. Following Mr. Milstein's presentation, students from Los Angeles area Hillel chapters will share their experiences on campus, followed by a question and answer portion.

Sunday, November 22
1:00 pm

Temple Ramat Zion
17655 Devonshire St.
Northridge

For more information, call (818) 360-2211.

San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission Family Thanksgiving Feast...

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RESCUE MISSION
An Outreach Ministry of RESCUE MISSION Alliance

The San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission is looking for volunteers to help host their Family Thanksgiving Feast. Volunteer opportunities range from setting up the day before to helping the day of the event.

Tuesday, November 24
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

The Church on the Way
14800 Sherman Way
Van Nuys

For more information, call (818) 785-4476 or email: RWells@rescuemission.org.

Toys 4 Tots Toy Drive...

Granada Hills resident, Gayle Fitzpatrick, is beginning her collection for new and unwrapped toys to donate during the holiday season. Last year she was able to donate over 250 toys to Toys 4 Tots. Thank you to Gayle and everyone for donating toys and making this holiday season special for our children in need.

Gayle's Collection Deadline
Tuesday, December 1

For more information and to donate, email:fitzgail@yahoo.com.ph.

Institute for Non-Violence in Los Angeles Days of Dialogue…

Join the Institute for Non-Violence in Los Angeles and Los Angeles Police Department Operations-Valley Bureau during the Days of Dialogue as they speak about the future of policing.

Thursday, December 3
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

VIC Alicia Broaduous-Duncan - Multi-Purpose Senior Center
11300 Glenoaks Blvd.
Pacoima

For more information, go to www.futureofpolicing.org or email: OVBCOMM@lapd.lacity.org.

The Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains Art Contest…

The Foundation for the Preservation of the Santa Susana Mountains (FPSSM) is hosting an Art Contest to support our conservation efforts and volunteers. The "Urban Wildlands" themed design winners will be honored during the awards ceremony.

Awards Ceremony
Saturday, December 5
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Canoga Park Youth Arts Center
7222 Remmet Ave.
Canoga Park

For more information, go to www.fpssm.org.

The Porter Ranch Library Discussion Group…

Join the Porter Ranch Library discussion group of men and women, ranging in various ages and ethnicities as they talk about their current book, Murder of the Century: the Gilded Age Crime that Scandalized a City and Sparked the Tabloid Wars by Paul Collins.

Saturday, December 5
10:00 am

Porter Ranch Library
11371 Tampa Ave.
Porter Ranch

For more information, please call (818) 360-5706.

New Horizons' 9th Annual Holiday Cheer Concert...

Join New Horizons for this festive holiday concert event that has become a New Horizons tradition.The evening will feature New Horizons Brite Lites, St. Genevieve High School Jazz Band, Steve Holmes, Valley Youth Chorus, and Rocky Peak Church. There will be a community sing-a-long, meet and greet with Santa, refreshments and more. Cost is $5 per person payable in advance.

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Serving Individuals with Special Needs

Monday, December 7
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

New Horizons' Sam's Café
15725 Parthenia St.
North Hills

For more information, call Shade Mokuolu at 818-221-0651 or email: smokuolu@newhorizons-sfv.org.

STAFF REPORTS

CD 12 Welcomes New Field Deputy Erich King...

CD 12 would like to welcome new Field Deputy, Erich King. Erich is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom. After serving 6 years in the Marine Corps, he was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant.

Erich attended California State University of Los Angeles where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree. Before joining the Council district 12 family he served as the Sherman Oaks Field Deputy in Council District 4 for former Councilmember Tom LaBonge.