

*E-News for the Week: August 11, 2017...*

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## Announcing the Chatsworth Park North Community Clean-Up...



Recently, I have heard your concerns about the conditions and disrepair at Chatsworth Park North. Parks and public spaces are a crucial component of our communities and it is important that we maintain them in good condition for our children and families to enjoy.

While resources might be limited to get the park cleaned up using City funds alone, we have some of the most engaged residents and community resources anywhere in the City.

To that end, my office is sponsoring [a community clean-up](#) of the site

We will remove graffiti, trash, and any items that pose a hazard or are not natural features of the park.

**Saturday, August 26**

**8:00 am to 10:00 am**

**Chatsworth Park North**

**22300 Chatsworth St.**

**Chatsworth**

*We will be providing clean up supplies, beverages, and snacks free for participants. Community members are encouraged to bring gloves, hats, and sunscreen. [Find details and RSVP for this fun event here.](#) Looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun morning in the park. Come out and show your love of the community! Student community service credit available.*

## RECENT LEGISLATION

### Los Angeles Welcomes the 2028 Olympic Games...



Today, the Los Angeles City Council, alongside dozens of Olympic athletes who call Los Angeles home, unanimously voted to approve the LA2028 bid

Industrial machine operators and anyone else in the world. Residents from over 100 countries are held together by a collective optimism, a push for progress, and a dedication to sport. The spirit of our community is based on harnessing creativity and curiosity for the purpose of imagination and reinvention.

The Olympic and Para-Olympic Games continue to spark passion for Angelenos throughout Los Angeles. In exchange for postponing the Olympics, among other concessions, the Los Angeles Times reports that the I.O.C. will pay some \$160 million to fund youth sports programs in the city.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Assistance with Waste Hauler Franchise Transition...

To help businesses and commercial properties that are experiencing unexpected price shocks and other difficulties with the new waste hauler franchise system, I am working tirelessly with the Bureau of Sanitation and Waste Management to ensure responsiveness and accountability.

Waste Management, the carrier contracted for Council District 12 has committed to audit each businesses' unique needs over the first months of the franchise to ensure service that is "right-sized" for their needs.



In addition, in order to ensure that your concerns are heard, I have asked Waste Management to provide regular office hours in my office's Community Service Center in Chatsworth. If you would like to speak with a representative to discuss your concerns, please call [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:8188821212) to set up an appointment that works for your schedule.

## Community Partnerships at Work...

Last week in City Council, members of the Granada Hills community came out to Van Nuys City Hall to give public comment about the incredible partnership and dialogue we developed in response to a controversial development in the community. Some were supportive, some were opposed, but everyone was engaged and we were able to reach an agreement that was satisfactory for all parties that provided new, sorely needed housing options in the City. This made for a very heartening example of government and community collaboration. I want to thank everyone who came out to engage productively in the process and make their voices heard.

*Watch the video of the council meeting, below.*



## Initiating Phase One of our CD12 Neighborhoods FIRST Program...

This week, our new task force met everyday to work on our initiative to address the primary issue affecting safety and livability in CD12 today: the rise in homelessness.

The Neighborhoods FIRST Initiative, or Fully Integrated Resources and Support Team, is a comprehensive program that will focus specifically on

I'm proud to announce that a long time member of my staff, Colin Crews, will be taking the lead position in my office in developing programming, building networks, and executing the initiative. Colin is a veteran staffer with a deep familiarity of the twelfth council district and I cannot think of a better candidate to execute this ambitious program.



Phase One of the initiative will be delivering an assessment to map all homeless hot spots, potential funding sources, advocacy groups, and volunteer networks active in the area.

From there we will begin finding where there are gaps in our response efforts. This will ensure that all concerns are met with efforts to remedy all issues negatively impacting quality of life in the district. With these steps we are moving from a model in which we are no longer reactively managing the problem but actively fixing it. Efforts will focus on a prevention strategy, going forward.

## Honoring the E12: Excellence in Public Service Summer Leadership Program in Council...



This week, I was proud to honor the students who participated in our 2017 Annual E12 Excellence in Public Service Leadership Program in City Council.

This incredible group marked the largest class ever with 21 high school students completing our program. Our rigorous 12 week course is designed to empower the next generation of young leaders from our communities and facilitate lessons of civic engagement and social responsibility within my Council office and the City of Los Angeles.

My staff guided these future leaders through activities and dialogue focusing on topics such as expanding leadership capacity, formulating public policy, communication skills, networking, and fostering group cohesion.

Throughout the course, students learned how to navigate the network of public agencies, facilitate collaborative coalition building, and master interpersonal skills to succeed in both school and the workplace. Students addressed issues of homelessness, public safety, community relations, and our local history. This Fall, their program continues as the students help to organize and facilitate the First Annual Mitchell Englander Leadership Institute in Griffith Park for their fellow classmates.



***"I believe that looking at people's different perspectives combined with your own allows you to see the bigger picture. Not only do you have to be willing to lead but to follow others and work together as well. Definitely a life changing experience where you must have an open mind at all times."***

This year, I further presented a challenge to these young leaders of tomorrow to continue their endeavors, give back to our community, and strive to make our City a better place.

## **VIDEO CONTEST: The 2017 Making Movies that Matter Youth Short Film Festival...**



**E** making movies that matter  
MITCHELL ENGLANDER'S YOUTH SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

# Distribution & Promotion Contest

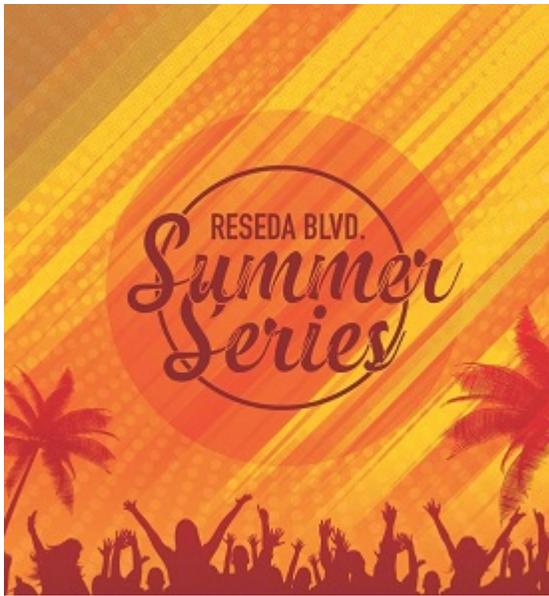
You've made movies that matter, but that's just the beginning! To make movies that have an impact, people have to see your film. That's why we're launching a new challenge for Making Movies that Matter participants.

This summer, we invite you to promote your films online to see which movie can reach the largest audience.

The winner will be determined by which film gets the most views as measured on our YouTube page with the winning team earning a special prize!

*Summer is almost over, so get your views in quickly. We are excited to announce that the winning team will earn a pizza party sponsored by CD12 and the West Hills Pizza Co.!*

[Click here to view the 2017 Making Movies that Matter Youth Film Festival submissions.](#)



Join your Northridge community during the Second Annual Reseda Blvd Summer Series brought to you by CJ Berina with the support of a Department of Cultural Affairs Arts Activation Grant. This recurring event will take place on Saturday August 19th, with a series finale on August 26th.

The Summer Series is a multi-cultural extravaganza featuring live performances, artists, and local merchants. Enjoy food trucks, live music, an art walk and outstanding local talent. Come celebrate the San Fernando Valley on Los Angeles' First Great Street, Reseda Blvd! The event is free and open to all ages.

**Saturday, August 19**  
**6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

**8906 Reseda Blvd.**  
**Northridge**

*[Click here](#) to view the flyer. For more information, go to the [Reseda Blvd Summer Arts Series Facebook page](#). Check out the newest video from the Summer Art Series below:*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Make an Appointment at the CD12 Community Service Center...**

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

There are regularly scheduled times when you can meet with City Departments, including Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Water and Power, Building and Safety, Recreation and Parks, Neighborhood Empowerment Department, Housing & Community Development, Animal Services, and the Department of Aging. This offers community members an opportunity to get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all



appointment only, but you can speak with our Field Deputies at any time.

**Community Service Center**  
**9207 Oakdale Ave. Second Floor**  
**Chatsworth**

*To make an appointment and for more information, call [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:818-882-1212).*

## Free Senior & Community Resource Fair...



The Valley Interfaith Council is hosting a free senior and community resource fair. There will be raffles, a snack bar, vendors, health screenings, give-aways, and more with fun for the whole family.

**Saturday, August 12**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**St. Stephen Presbyterian Church**  
**20121 Devonshire St.**  
**Chatsworth**

*For more information, call (818) 885-5144.*

## Fundraiser for the Granada Hills Charter High School Marching Band...

Support the Granada Hills Charter High School Marching Band by purchasing mattresses, box springs, pillows and other bedding accessories at up to 50% off. The band has the opportunity to raise the funds needed to continue the excellent music program.



**Saturday, August 19**  
**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Granada Hills Charter High School**

**10535 Zelzah Ave.  
Granada Hills**

For more information, visit their [Facebook Page](#).

## Free Movie Matinee at Chatsworth Library...



There will be a free showing of *Moonlight* in the Chatsworth Library Community Room. The movie is sponsored by the Friends of the Chatsworth Library. Light refreshments will be available. This movie is rated R.

**Thursday, August 24  
1:30 pm**

**Chatsworth Library  
21052 Devonshire St.  
Chatsworth**

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

## Recycling Electronics & Paper Shredding Event...

Come out to an event benefitting the LAPD Cadets Program! Here's your opportunity to drag out your old computers, TVs, vacuums and other old electronic devices from your garages and closets for recycling. The LAPD Cadets Program will receive 50% of the estimated proceeds from the Angel's A.S.M Recycling Company. We will have a hard drive data destroyer at the site. We'll also have a paper-shredder truck from Paper Cuts Inc that will take three boxes to shred per household until the truck is full.



**Saturday, August 26**  
**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Fields Market Parking Lot**  
**23221 Saticoy St.**  
**West Hills**

*For more information, call (818) 926-5425.*

## STAFF REPORT

### Reports from our Staff: Department of Cultural Affairs Arts Grants...



Here's some exciting news for any and all art lovers! Our City's Department of Cultural Affairs is investing \$3 million for the fiscal year 2017/2018 in 258 nonprofit art organizations and festival producers to provide culturally vital events and programs to the public. According to the National Endowment for the Arts, for every \$1 spent on the arts, \$7 in local economic activity is generated. The City's cultural commitment stimulates economic development that sustains our communities.

[Check out which nonprofit organizations in your community have received a grant.](#)

In addition, DCA is now accepting entries for the [2018-19 Cultural Grant Program](#). They offer webinars and in-person workshops to help organizations complete the application. The deadline to apply is August 30,

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calendar organization. The application period is only open once a year so don't miss out! [Find out how to apply here.](#)



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