E-News for the Week: August 25, 2017...

NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST

Working Together to Ensure Progress...
The homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles has reached proportions that none of us have previously seen in our lifetimes. Solving this issue will involve commitment from all possible partners working in coordination on many fronts. Neighborhoods FIRST (Fully Integrated Resources & Support Team) is a two-pronged effort that leads with compassion to remove barriers to housing and employment for people currently experiencing homelessness while working to prevent those on the edges from slipping into the homeless population. The second prong aims to improve the tools available to communities to alleviate the impacts of homelessness on neighborhoods.

This week, I rode with the Valley Division of our LAPD HOPE (Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement) Team to proactively address the needs of the homeless, while also addressing the needs of the communities and neighborhoods impacted by the drastic increase in homeless activity and related issues.

The HOPE Team’s purpose is to improve the City’s overall response to the complex and diverse needs of unsheltered residents and to support healthy neighborhoods. This approach is aligned with the City’s commitment to expand its first responder programs, to more closely integrate with the County, and to develop stronger links to the Coordinated Entry System under the joint City and County plan to end homelessness. The team works
to accomplish this by connecting homeless individuals to appropriate services, responding to neighborhood issues and concerns, and developing strategies for dealing with situations that arise among the unsheltered.

The HOPE Team also works closely with other LAPD officers and the Bureau of Sanitation to triage calls and situations involving homeless individuals or encampments. In such circumstances, the HOPE Team will advise the officers or sanitation workers of available resources or referrals, respond to the location, coordinate patrol personnel, and coordinate outside agency response resources.

RECENT LEGISLATION

Advancing and Improving How Los Angeles Addresses Homelessness...

This week I joined my colleagues on the City Council to submit a package of motions designed to transform how the City of Los Angeles addresses issues related to the homelessness crisis.
Homelessness in the City of Los Angeles has been a growing issue for years. I launched the Neighborhoods FIRST initiative in response as mission critical for my office. The voters of Los Angeles have made it clear that they expect more than simply managing homelessness, they want it solved. If we are going to find a solution to the primary issue impacting safety and livability in our neighborhoods, we need to make full use of every tool available. This legislative package takes a comprehensive look at current rules and methods so that we can maximize their efficacy and improve quality of life for all of our City’s residents. Read on...

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 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 with volunteers from community organizations in the area on Saturday. 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
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. I'm Looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun morning in the park. Come out and show your love for the community! Student community service credit available.

Bringing Innovative Technology to our CD12 Streets...

This week, I joined the Bureau of Street Services, the Board of Public Works, Department of General Services Standards Division, and PMI Technology to unveil a new cost effective surface treatment for our City’s failing streets.

Mix 1781 is the future of street preservation in Los Angeles. Mix 1781 is a Rubberized Polymer Modified Emulsified Asphalt surface treatment that is specifically designed for streets in poor/failed condition: D & F roads. By bonding to the existing pavement, Mix 1781 improves the strength and pavement condition, preserving streets for up to a 10 year period. Read on...
Click above to view my Mix 1781: The Future of LA Streets video.

Assistance and Troubleshooting for Constituents Regarding New Waste Hauler Franchise...

Many of you have reached out to my office with concerns and complaints regarding the transition to the new waste hauler franchise happening throughout the City.

I am committed to ensuring that your concerns are heard. I have asked Waste Management to provide regular office hours in my Community Service Center in Chatsworth so that they can work with you to alleviate any issues you may have with your current account.

If you would like to speak with a representative to discuss your concerns, please call (818) 882-1212 to set up an appointment that works for your schedule.

Chatsworth Park South Grand Re-Opening Celebration...
VIDEO CONTEST: The 2017 Making Movies that Matter Youth Short Film Festival...
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 final event brought to you by CJ Berina, with the support of a Department of Cultural Affairs Arts Activation Grant.

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 26**
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

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
Community Service Center
9207 Oakdale Ave. Second Floor
Chatsworth

To make an appointment and for more information, call (818) 882-1212.

Recycling Electronics and 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.

Speaker Series with Artist Marjorie Sarnat...

Marjorie Sarnat is an award-winning mixed-media artist, best-selling author, and illustrator. She has gained fans and collectors worldwide. Her intricate style includes hidden messages and imagery with various colors, textures, and patterns. Join Marjorie this weekend to view her work and
Encore Adult Education Program...

Encore Older Adult Education Program is a Pierce College education program designed specifically for older adults (50+), but all students over 18 are welcome to enroll. Encore offers free, noncredit classes. Courses address the educational needs and interest of older adults, focusing on topics that promote independence, advocacy, community engagement, self-maintenance, personal growth and development, physical and cognitive health, and economic self-sufficiency. Courses include subject matter that relates to older adults’ life circumstances and promotes positive aging.

Classes begin Monday, August 28
Registration ongoing

Encore, Pierce College
6201 Winnetka Ave., #341
Woodland Hills

For more information and to register, call (818) 710-2561 or visit www.piercecollege.edu/encore.
Sharky’s Woodfired Mexican Grill is donating 20% of net sales from their Northridge location to the Northridge Beautification Foundation as they work to create a cohesive community, working together to clean and beautify our neighborhoods "Main Street" with the Northridge Visions Stampede Mural. Download and print this flyer and present it during the dates listed to support this effort.

Saturday, September 2 to Monday September 4

Sharky’s
18426 Nordhoff St.
Northridge

For more information, call (818) 772-2800.

Support SmileOnU with Chatsworth Satellite Rotary Club...

The Chatsworth Satellite Rotary Club is hosting an event for SmileOnU, a 501c3 Corp. SmileOnU sends volunteer teams of dental professionals to provide dental care and education. Drs. Vikram Mishra and Faradah Amin and Elizabeth Bird, RDA of the Chatsworth Dental Group will join the volunteers going in December to Sri Ram Ashram Orphanage near New Delhi. Join us for Indian food, music and dance and a big variety of silent and live auction items to support providing the supplies and equipment.

Saturday, September 9
For more information, visit smileonu.com.

'The Truth about Drugs' with the Reseda Neighborhood Council...

Join Reseda Neighborhood Council's Health and Wellness Committee in partnership with the West Valley Police Department for a free, interactive, educational presentation on drug addiction and prevention. This particular event will be geared towards parents and care-takers of children, teenagers and young adults.

Tuesday, September 12
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

18118 Sherman Way
Reseda

For more information, email health@resedacouncil.org.

'The Truth about Drugs' with the Reseda Neighborhood Council...

The Don José de Ortega chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is helping school reading programs. If your kids or grandkids have outgrown books that are still in good condition, we will take them off your hands and make them available to schools that may want them. Simply drop them off at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Donations accepted until September 15
Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation's Bulky Item Drop Off...

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation is offering a free bulky item drop off event for LA residents. Accepted items include: bookcases, carpets, yard trimmings, tires, mattresses and more. Prohibited items include appliances, batteries, electronic or hazardous waste, scrap metal and more. Only one visit per event, and there is a two ton vehicle limit.

Saturday, September 16
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

West Valley District Yard,
8840 Vanalden Ave.
Northridge

For more information, please call 311, or call the LA Sanitation Customer Care Center at 1 (800) 773-2489.

Free Movie Matinee at Chatsworth Library…

There will be a free showing of A Sense of an Ending 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, September 28
1:30 pm

Chatsworth Library
For more information, call (818) 341-4276 or go to laplchatsworthfriends.org.

STAFF REPORT

Reports from our Staff: Coyotes in our Community…

Our Field Deputy, Jonathan Coto, would like to inform you about encounters with wildlife in our community. Recently, our office has received a number of calls about coyotes in the area. Here are a few tips when encountering a coyote:

What should I do if a coyote approaches me?
Wave your arms. Shout in a low, loud tone. Throw objects at the coyote while maintaining eye contact. Make yourself look as big as possible. If you are wearing a jacket, take it off and swing around over your head. If possible go towards active or populated areas but do not turn your back and run from the coyote as that could trigger a chase.
How can I keep my dog safe?
Closely supervise your dog. Do not leave small dogs unattended in your yard. Walk your dog on a leash at all times and stay close to high pedestrian traffic areas. Avoid dense brush or paths near abandoned properties. If you notice a coyote when walking your dog, keep your dog as close to you as possible and move towards an active area. Never encourage or allow your dog to interact or “play” with coyotes.

How can I keep my cat safe?
Keep your cat indoors at all times. If your cat must be outside, consider constructing an outdoor six sided enclosure that is made of heavy gauge wire or chain-link with an enclosed access way to the house.

How can I keep my children safe?
Make sure that your children never play outside in the same clothes they just ate food in. Wildlife may be attracted to food odors in clothing. Make sure children wash thoroughly after eating. Provide children with a whistle and breakaway necklace they can blow if an animal approaches. Never let them approach any stray animal. If a coyote approaches, they should face the animal, move slowly to another person or dwelling entrance, raise their arms over their head, clap their hands, stomp their feet, blow a whistle, and call out in a stern loud voice “there is a coyote here.” The best thing to do is avoid leaving children unattended.

Deterrents & Scare Tactics
Sprinkle cayenne pepper or chili powder in areas where coyotes sleep to deter them from staying. These types of deterrents do not last and will need to be repeated if they become wet. Do not use these methods where children have access and do not use near air ducts.

Use motion activated strobe lights, sprinklers, or radios that are set to talk or news stations to help deter the coyotes. Use caution as strobe lights can trigger seizures in people or pets with epilepsy.

Use a coyote shaker can. This is a can containing a few coins which can be shaken and thrown towards a coyote. Throw tennis balls, open and close an umbrella towards the coyote, bang two pans together, blow a whistle, use an air horn, or use a high pressure water sprayer. Alternate the
Final Thought
Keep in mind that coyote attacks on humans are rare with most attacks taking place as result of people feeding them. Coyotes should be frightened off when the chance presents itself to keep them fearful of humans, which benefits coyotes and people. Coyotes will always be around, trapping throughout history has not changed that. If trapping worked, there would be no more coyotes since it has been done over 200 years.

If you have further questions about the Wildlife Program or would like to report a wildlife sighting, please call (323) 225-9453 to leave a message for the officers. You can also contact my Field Deputy, Jonathan Coto at jonathan.coto@lacity.org or (818) 882-1212.