



Reseda

RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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RESEDA GRAFFITI TOWN HALL MEETING

One of the quality of life issues that impacts the community of Reseda is the graffiti that appears on many surfaces such as walls, trees, poles, sidewalks and curbs.

Grffiti is a blight inflicted on the community and property owners by gang members, tagging crews and youngsters who think that it's a cool thing to do.

This is not an artistic expression, it is vandalism. The majority cannot be considered art and over 7 million dollars are spent each year erasing the "tags" that these individuals inflict on us.

On April 18th, a Town Hall Meeting on Graffiti will be held at the Reseda High School Auditorium at 18230 Kittridge St. It will start at 2:00 PM so come early to

get parking.

We will have a variety of guest speakers addressing many options on how we can eliminate most of our graffiti problems. Speakers attending include Councilman Dennis Zine, Reseda Senior Lead Officers and the West Valley Alliance. All speakers and the Reseda Neighborhood Council are joining together to educate you on how to reduce this problem in our community.

Attendees will receive handouts informing them of ways to deal with this issue.

In the Interim, call 3-1-1 to report any and all graffiti. Be sure to have an address and type of surface that is vandalized to give to the operator. Even that one phone call makes a difference.

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MAYOR'S BUDGET SURVEY

For the past few years, the Mayor's Office has asked the community to complete a Budget Survey. This Survey informs the Mayor of where the priorities lie for the citizens of Los Angeles.

For 2008/2009, the final count includes over 5,000 stakeholders completing the survey. They were available at Neighborhood Council meetings as well as online.

On February 21, 2 representatives of each Neighborhood Council met to discuss the results. The meetings were split into regions with Reseda falling into the South

Valley area. For the Survey, the City is divided into 7 Planning Areas. Each of these area's representatives then elected two nominees to meet with the Mayor in March. At this final meeting, these area nominees will pass on the final recommendations that were decided upon.

Of the 5000 surveys, 800 were completed by Neighborhood Council Board Members.

Did you participate?

The Reseda Neighborhood Council asked those who came to our meetings and

those that read our newsletter to participate. This resulted in 1000 Participants from the South Valley area which includes Reseda. The more participation from the public, the more that elected officials will be inclined to listen.

If you have complaints about the lack of Police Officers, that your street and sidewalk need repair, your trees need trimmed or any other problem, a good place to be

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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR PETER HANKWITZ

Spring is nearly upon us!

For many a San Fernando Valley gardener, this means new growth and flourishes of brilliant color. In the case of the Reseda Neighborhood Council (RNC), it means that we Stakeholders have another occasion to fill seats on the RNC Board, following the recent resignations of two of our colleagues, Maria Hernandez and Kimberly Hill.

Although their departure is unfortunate, and we will certainly miss their participation, we respect their decisions, and wish them all the best in their lives.

This month, we invite any qualified Stakeholder who wishes to serve at the Board level to submit an application as soon as possible.

Elections for the two vacant seats will be held separately, one at the RNC General Meeting on March 2, 2009, and the other at the RNC General Meeting on April 20, 2009. The term for each seat will expire in 2010, following the next citywide Neighborhood Council elections administered by the Los Angeles City Clerk.

Serving on the RNC Board is truly a remarkable experience, one that allows a

unique insight and voice into the process of Los Angeles City governance, at the most local level. And membership in one or more of the RNC committees is a terrific opportunity for anyone who wishes the serve our community, yet may not want to seek elective office. All Stakeholders are welcome to participate!

We all look forward to meeting all of you who wish to join my colleagues and me in our efforts, as we work with the entire community to help shape the vision of Reseda's future.



EMERGENCY, DISASTER & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

FREE METERED PARKING ENDS

By Magdy Abdalla

The City Council voted on February 10th, to end a free metered parking program for alternative fuel vehicles. This takes effect on March 1, 2009. For the remainder of the month of February, Traffic Officers will issue warning notices to any of these vehicles parked at City meters to remind operators of the change; however, effective March 1st, alternative fuel vehicles parked at an expired meter will be cited for Failure to Pay for Parking Meter Space, a \$48 fine.

DRIVER BEWARE!

By Timothy Mulholland

If you haven't received a ticket from these photo enforced intersections yet, driver beware! There are more infractions that will be ticketed by these automated cameras in the near future.

Here's the List:

If your front tires are touching the white

pedestrian line; you will be mailed a ticket.

If you make a right hand turn when a pedestrian is still crossing in either direction; you will be mailed a ticket.

If you're in the middle of the intersection trying to make a left hand turn and the light turns red while you're making a safe left turn; you will be mailed a ticket.

If you try to "make" a yellow light and you go faster than 35 m.p.h. the yellow light will turn red while you're still in the intersection; you will be mailed a ticket.

My advice: Don't learn these new rules where I did; in traffic school.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGES

The Department of Transportation has proposed that speed limits be increased on Tampa, Roscoe & Sherman Way as they pass through Reseda.

In order for LAPD to be able to use radar enforcement of speed limits, guidelines pertaining to average speed must be con-

sidered when setting speed limits.

By increasing the speed limits on these three thoroughfares as they pass through Reseda and surrounding communities, radar enforcement will become legal.

The DOT has asked the Neighborhood Councils to weigh in on the proposals and the RNC Board presented it to those in attendance at the General Meeting. After discussion there was a vote that endorsed the speed limit increases.

RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The monthly Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM in The Community Room of the West Valley Police Station, 19020 Vanowen St.

The featured speaker will be a Detective from the West Valley Narcotics Division.

Come out and meet your Senior Lead Officers for Reseda, Royal Barber and Isela Parra.

SENIOR CORNER

FRIDAY MOVIES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Each Friday at 1:30 PM, the ONEGeneration Center shows free movies for Seniors at 18255 Victory Blvd.

This Month's Movies are:

3/6 Nights in Rodanthe Richard Gere, Diane Lane (2008 Running time 97 min)

3/13 Best Foot Forward Lucille Ball, Tommy Dix (1943 Running time 99 min)

3/20 Changeling Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich (2008 Running time 142 min)

3/27 She done Him Wrong Mae West, Cary Grant (1933 Running time 65 min)

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

Seniors, enjoy a Saint Patrick's Day lunch at the Senior Center. From 12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM on March 17, the following lunch menu will be served:

Orange Juice, Corned beef w/ boiled potato, rye bread, steamed cabbage, carrots, apple crisp w/oatmeal and milk.

You can reserve your space as early as 10:30 AM that morning.

LOCAL SENIOR PROGRAMS

There are many programs available for Seniors, as well as very inexpensive lunches each weekday at lunch time.

On March 2, the Ray Johnson Boogie Blues Band Concert will provide entertainment during lunch.

SIGN UP FOR NEW CLASSES:

Beginning Tap Dance, Ballroom Dance, and Play Mah Jong

Art on Thursday afternoons

Fun with Spanish! Learn Español from teacher Michael Hughes. Open registration. Register anytime. Lessons are Fridays 2:15pm-4:15pm

Storytelling Relating to Aging with George Simmon. Last Wednesday of every month 2:00-4:00pm

For more information/reservations on any of these events call Cathy at (818) 708-6605

MAYORS BUDGET DAY

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heard was this budget survey.

If we had 10,000 surveys turned in from Reseda, policy makers would definitely listen. So please continue to speak up, voice your opinion, attend various neighborhood council events and meetings. Your participation is the important part of being heard.



YOUTH CORNER

MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY WINS REGIONAL AWARD

By Tim Saka

Magnolia Science Academy (MSA) is proud to announce that our Future City Club has won the Southern California Regional Competition. MSA will be representing California at the National Engineering Week Finals competition in Washington D.C. during the week of Feb 16th to 19th.

It will be a great encouragement for our students to meet the leaders of their community and share their great success.

Magnolia Science Academy is a charter school serving California students grades 6-12 and approximately 1200 students in 6 campuses. It is the mission of MSA to inspire students to choose a career path in fields relating to Math, Science, and Technology.



The students – Angel Quinteros, Billy Koutsovasilis, Joshue Gonzales, and Nel-

son Nolasco – teamed up with their teacher Tim Saka, and volunteer engineer mentor Peter Divris to design a self-sufficient city that floats on the ocean.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE WEST VALLEY LIBRARY

By David Hagopian

Come celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at the West Valley Regional Library, your local Los Angeles Public Library branch library. Children and parents are invited to come to the West Valley Regional Library in Reseda on Thursday, March 19 at 4:00pm to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. The children's librarians are going to read and tell some favorite Irish folktales and then we will all make a Saint Patrick's Rainbow mobile.

The Los Angeles Public Library regularly has activities for children, young adults, adults and families. Please visit us online at www.lapl.org and browse through our Searchable Calendar of Events for fun and interesting activities for the whole family. The West Valley Regional Branch is located at 19036 Vanowen Street (at Vanalde), Reseda. Our telephone number is 818-345-9806. David Hagopian

HEALTHY KIDS DAY

By Laura Casciato

West Valley YMCA will be holding it's an-

nual Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 18th, 2009. Healthy Kids Day will include a pancake breakfast and a variety of different organizations with informative health and safety booths aimed to help you and your families enjoy maintaining a healthy lifestyle. There will be children's games to highlight health awareness plus you will have the opportunity to sign up for summer camps! Mark your calendars for April 18th, and come enjoy a day of fun with your whole family!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

By Laura Casciato

New Arena Soccer Dedication

On March 28th the YMCA will have a free community soccer event. The event will be in coordination with Chivas USA and Soccer One. At 9 am and 10 pm we will hold a skills assessment for our Arena Soccer League. At 11 am we have the community and dedication event which will include a BBQ, prizes, skills competitions, soccer shootouts, Guest Speaker, and family events.

Then at 2:30 pm we will be holding our basketball banquet to honor and celebrate our Jr. Lakers Basketball Participants.

Jr Lakers Signups for the next basketball season will begin March 1st and go through April 10th. Signups will be taken at the West Valley YMCA and games will be played at Sutter Middle School and Canoga Park High School.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE CFL LIGHTBULBS

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is delivering two FREE compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) to our residential customers. Delivery teams will be in your area over the next few months to provide you with a bag containing your free bulbs and information about conservation.

Why is the LADWP Providing CFLs?

CFLs light bulbs are one of the easiest and most effective energy saving tools available. One CFL can reduce an annual electric bill by \$8 to \$10. Just think of how much money you can save on electricity if you replaced every bulb in your home with

a CFL bulb! And, the savings continues because a CFL bulb will last 10,000 hours as compared to 1,000 hours for a traditional bulb.

WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR FREE BULBS, INSTALL THEM IMMEDIATELY AND START SAVING MONEY!

THE REGIONAL CONGRESS COMES TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

The Regional Congress in South Los Angeles this past May showcased a regional collaboration of Neighborhood Councils from within the area. A greater partner-

ship between Neighborhood Councils and the various City organizations address issues of importance in the region. Learning from that experience, we are thrilled to inform you that the next Regional Congress is scheduled for the San Fernando Valley in late Spring. This is a unique opportunity for the Valley Neighborhood Councils to enrich their collaboration and address regional priorities and concerns. Perhaps there will even be building on pre-established successes on issues of concern in the Valley.

The first focus group meeting for the Valley Regional Congress was held on Thursday, February 26, 2009,



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AMERICAN LEGION	Meeting Location	7338 CANBY AVE.
ONE GENERATION	Meeting Location	18255 VICTORY BLVD

RECOGNIZING RESEDA BUSINESSES

The following businesses are celebrating anniversaries in our community during **MARCH**:

Ramen Nippon 6900 D Reseda Blvd. (1989)	Lorenzen Media Services 19300 Sherman Way (1990)
Apple Transmission & Auto Repair 6938 Reseda Blvd. (1992)	Magic Beauty Supply 7251 Reseda Blvd. (1992)
Kids Make a Difference 6716 Kurl Way (1998)	Speedy Cash 6740 Reseda Blvd. (1999)
Aqua Vitae Wate 18300 Vanowen St. (1999)	Collision Course Auto Body 6933 Reseda Blvd. (1998)

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RESEDA EVENT REMINDER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1.	2. 7:00 PM RNC General Meeting	3.	4.	5. 6:00 PM RNC Planning & Zoning Committee	6. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Nights in Rodantha	7.
8.	9. 7:00 PM RNC Graffiti Committee	10. 7:00 PM RNC Outreach Committee	11. 7:00 PM West Valley CPAB	12. 7:30 AM Chamber of Commerce 7:00 PM Neighborhood Watch	13. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Best Foot Forward	14.
15.	16. 7:00 PM RNC General Meeting 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	17.	18. 3:30 PM Youth Advocacy Committee	19. 7:00 PM 1038 Neighborhood Watch	20. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Changeling	21.
22.	23. 7:00 PM RNC Graffiti Committee	24. 7:00 PM RNC Outreach Committee	25. 3:30 PM RNC Youth Advocacy Committee	26.	27. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: She Done Him Wrong	28.
29.	30.	31.	Do you have events coming up in Reseda that you want to see here? Please contact Garth Carlson at gcarlson@resedacouncil.org about possible inclusion in our Calendar.			