



# Reseda

## RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

April 2009

### 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.

Graffiti 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. The City Budget allocates over \$7 million in the City of Los Angeles each year to erase 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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### WEST VALLEY HISTORIC SURVEY

#### MYhistoricLA COMES TO WEST VALLEY

The City of Los Angeles is taking a significant step to identify and protect its rich architectural and cultural heritage by embarking on SurveyLA, the first-ever city-wide Los Angeles Historic Resources Survey. Portions of Reseda are included in the project's "pilot surveys", which are now underway and will be completed by this summer.

Led by the Office of Historic Resources in the Department of City Planning, Sur-

veyLA will be a comprehensive inventory of historic places throughout Los Angeles. The J. Paul Getty Trust has committed to

providing up to \$2.5 million to the project, subject to certain matching requirements by the City.

The West San Fernando Valley pilot survey area boundaries extend from the 101 Freeway to Vanowen St., and from Winnetka Ave. to Balboa Blvd. The remainder of Reseda will be surveyed during 2011-12.

The Office of Historic Resources is seek-

ing your input. SurveyLA is organized around the philosophy that you know the historic resources of your own community better than anyone.

If you know of such a "hidden gem" of Reseda – a lesser-known place that you believe has architectural, historic, or cultural significance – you can tell the professional survey teams about it by filling out a "MYhistoricLA" form on the SurveyLA website, [www.SurveyLA.org](http://www.SurveyLA.org), where you may also learn more about this exciting initiative.

### NOTE FROM THE CHAIR PETER HANKWITZ

#### SPRING IS HERE!

We hope you are enjoying the moderate temperatures, before the sweltering summer heat sets in. During this time, the Reseda Neighborhood Council (RNC) will be working within the community to arrange several events and other opportunities for those who live, work and play in Reseda.

Among these events, of course, is the

Graffiti Town Hall meeting, featuring Councilman Dennis Zine, on Saturday, April 18th. The RNC also plans to take steps to arrange future public events in support of Reseda youth and seniors. These events will need your support, so please contact us anytime to see how you can volunteer your time, talents or other sponsorships.

Members of the RNC are also planning to compile a Reseda Business Directory. If you wish to have your business included, Please deliver the pertinent information,

business and contact name, address, phone, type of business, etc. We look forward to supporting ALL local Reseda businesses!

Enjoy the weather, and please join us at our next public meetings on April 6th and 20th—let us know how you want the RNC to focus its efforts on your behalf. We are here to serve this community.



## EMERGENCY, DISASTER & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW WEST VALLEY CAPTAINS

Our West Valley Community Police Station has two new Captains. The Commanding Officer is Captain John Egan. Captain Egan comes to us after holding several command positions in the LAPD. These include Commander of Devonshire Operations Division held the same position at Foothill Division, was Commander of Rampart Division and held many other important positions.

Captain Egan was the Officer-in-Charge of the 311 implementation team and he worked on the development of LAPD's Automated Property Management Information System

Captain Nick Zingo is the new patrol Captain at West Valley. Captain Zingo has a long record in many areas of the LAPD. He has served as a Field Training Officer and a Senior Lead Officer. He has experience in Vice, Prostitution, Counter Terrorism Training and Fire Arms and Tactics. He has completed the FBI National Training and is an accomplished instructor, facilitator and public speaker.

We welcome two such accomplished individuals to the West Valley Command Staff.

### EMERGENCY DISASTER COMMITTEE

by Tim Mulholland  
As the new Chairman of Emergency Disaster and Safety Committee I must let you know that there is a 95% chance of a ma-

ior earthquake (larger than the 1994 Northridge Quake) in the Los Angeles area in the next 30 years.

My first suggestion is always have extra water, a change of clothes for every member of your family, blankets, flashlights, extra diapers and formula for the little ones and non-perishable food in your trunk. You'll be glad you did.

### RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Reseda Neighborhood Watch will meet on Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 PM in the West Valley Police Station Community Room, 19020 Vanowen St.

## YOUTH CORNER

### HEALTHY KIDS DAY 2009

West Valley Family YMCA will be holding its annual Healthy Kids Day on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 8am-12pm. Healthy Kids Day is a free, fun filled day of activities designed to promote healthy kids and families in spirit, mind and body.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day celebrates making fitness fun, and introduces kids to an array of YMCA programs and tools that teach healthy behaviors. Healthy Kids Day will include a variety of activities, arts and crafts, performances, a pancake breakfast and multiple informative health and safety booths to include your local fire and police departments.

Come join us on April 18<sup>th</sup> for a day of fun for your whole family! Contact Laura Casciato at 818-774-2840 for more information.

### RESEDA HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAMS TAKE FIRST

The Reseda High School Boys and Girls Dance Teams took 1st place in the West Coast Regional, hip-hop dance competition held at Magic Mountain on Sunday, April 14th. They are the regional champs.

Reseda High School Dance Teams celebrates their 10th Anniversary recital called "DECADANCE" at Reseda High School Auditorium, 18230 Kittridge St. on Friday, April 24th, at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$8.00.

### GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of the Greater Los Angeles is

looking for adults who are interested in volunteering their time as troop/group leaders or in various other capacities. Girl Scout volunteers are role models and provide a positive influence in the lives of girls in our communities. Volunteers will be interviewed and trained to provide a fun and educational program for girls. Orientation and training is offered year round.

Girl Scouts is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization open to all girls between 5-17 years of age. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The purpose of Girl Scouting is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service so that they can become happy and resourceful individuals.

For more information please contact: Susana Lopez at 818-886-1801 ext. 2325 or [SLopez@girlscoutsLA.org](mailto:SLopez@girlscoutsLA.org)

### JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS: EXPERIENCE FOR THE FUTURE, SKILLS FOR LIFE

The West Valley Family YMCA Aquatics Department is pleased to announce the debut of a program that will be of particular interest to youth ages 10 through 15. **Junior Lifeguards** will focus on fitness, healthy lifestyles and safety in the aquatics environment. Key leadership principals and teamwork will be emphasized throughout a variety of water and land based activities. Students will spend the first hour of class in the pool where they

will learn swimming and lifeguard rescue techniques appropriate for their age and swimming ability. Land based training will compliment water skills with lessons in basic first aid, CPR, aerobic exercise, guidance in healthy nutritional and behavior choices, as well as the core values of the YMCA; Caring, Respect, Honesty and Responsibility.

This course, while perfect for any youth with an interest in experiencing first-hand the job responsibilities of a Lifeguard, will also be valuable for those who are interested in being stimulated by an array of physical and mental challenges. Our instructional staff will balance all sessions with an equal amount of creative play. Sessions start April 13<sup>th</sup>, with classes held on Saturdays taught by Aquatics Coordinator Adriana Quiroz. Contact Adriana at 818-774-2840 x 3327 for more information.

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY SWIM LESSONS

The **West Valley Family YMCA** will present a very special opportunity for Non-Members during our April 2009 Swim Lesson Program. We are opening up our swim lessons to non-members for a six week session beginning April 13<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Non-members will be able to take advantage of the **YMCA Progressive Swim Program** that has taught millions of students how to swim. For over 100 years, the YMCA remains the National

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## 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:

**4/3 Australia** Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman (2008) (Running Time 165 min)

**4/10 The Box in Striped Pajamas** Asa Butterfield, Jack Scanlon, (2008) ( Running Time 94 min)

**4/17 Fiddler on the Roof** Topol, Norma Crane, (1971) (Running time 179 min )

**4/24 Flash of Genius** Greg Kinnear, Lauren Graham (2008) (Running time 179 min)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEST VALLEY LIBRARY

#### ACTIVITIES

Your West Valley Public Library has many Activities for the Community

Adults: Come join our monthly book club discussion! This month it is Karin Fossum's Don't Look Back, a mystery novel by the author of Norway's Queen of Crime, Wednesday, April 8, 10:00am.

Children: Come to Cowboy Ken's Western Show! Rope tricks, music, and fun! Thursday, April 16, 4:00pm.

Beginning computer classes beginning again in April. Please call the branch for information.

LOAN ALERT: ONCE AGAIN OUR LOAN PERIOD FOR BOOKS IS THREE WEEKS. And library cards are free.

Come in and enjoy your West Valley Public Library, located at 19036 Vanowen St. 818-345-9806 [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org).

#### 40th REUNION

Cleveland High School Graduating classes of 1969 (Summer & Winter) will be having their 40th High School Reunion.

It will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Universal Sheraton

### VIC's FOOD PANTRY COALITION

Since 1973 the San Fernando Valley Interfaith Food Pantry Coalition has procured and distributed emergency food for residents in need in the San Fernando Valley.

VIC's Food Pantry Coalition has demonstrated its effectiveness through:

**36 years** of continuous community food assistance

**2 million+** meals provided in 2008

**66,000** persons served each month in 2008

12 food pantry sites provide food distribution services Valley-wide

**One pantry site remains open 365 days a year**

#### VIC's FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE

Due to the deepening recession, food pantries are facing the greatest need and demand for food seen in decades. Consequently, thousands of individuals, families and seniors are becoming "food insecure" and are being added to the pantries' rosters each month. The most recent of those in need are many highly-skilled professional people who are confused and unprepared for the circumstances in which they now find themselves. As a result, pantries are experiencing an increase in the number of recipients that reside in the Valley, sometimes traveling from zip codes that are far from the pantry's location. Under these extreme conditions, pantries are assisting all those that turn to them in need of food.

In many of today's households, both working parents have lost their jobs. The number of those unemployed will continue to soar as large and small businesses downsize or close their doors permanently. People are suffering and are forced to make difficult choices - do I feed my family, pay my rent or buy the medicine I need?

### PLANNING & ZONING NEWS

At the March 5th Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting there were three items discussed.

First, T-Mobile wants to install a cell phone antenna at 19350 Saticoy St. Nobody from the public spoke out against the installation. After clarifying some issues, the Committee voted to recommend approval of the project.

Second, the owner at 18730 Wellby Way wants the city to grant his request to have

a 9-foot fence around his backyard. All of the neighbors who showed up were in support of his request; none were in opposition. After evaluation, the Committee voted to support his request.

The final item was a request to adjust a lot line at 7748 Tampa Ave. This would have resulted in three 14,000 square foot lots replacing three lots sized 21,000, 12,000 and 9,000 feet, respectively. There was concern that the lot line that the adjustment was being requested for was not properly created, and your P&Z committee recommended to disapprove this request until such time that a copy of the document creating the lot line could be produced.

It should be noted that all decisions of the Planning and Zoning Committee are recommendations to the Reseda Neighborhood Council Board.

On March 16, the RNC Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Committee and will pass this on to the South Valley Planning Commission and to Councilman Dennis Zine's Planning Deputy.

Remember, the Planning and Zoning committee is working for the betterment of the lives of all the stakeholders of Reseda! If you would like to have a say in how Reseda moves into the future, please attend our meetings, held the first Thursday of each month at 6 PM at the RNC office, 18341 Sherman Way #102.

#### YMCA SWIM LESSONS (Continued from page 2)

leader in providing swim instruction that is student centered, safe and effective. In addition, full facility membership privileges will be extended to immediate family members registering for swim lessons during this special offer period at no additional cost. Registration starting on April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Contact Adriana Quiroz at 818-774-2840 x 3327 for more information.



# CONTACTS, MEETING LOCATIONS, EVENT CALENDAR

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<b>AMERICAN LEGION</b>	Meeting Location	7338 CANBY AVE.
<b>ONE GENERATION</b>	Meeting Location	18255 VICTORY BLVD

## RECOGNIZING RESEDA BUSINESSES

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 8425 Ingomar St. (1942)	Precision Auto Body 7654 Tampa Ave. (1971)
Vargo Physical Therapy 18039 Sherman Way(1980)	Your Choice Optical 18557 Sherman Way (1984)
Reseda Printing 18334 Gault St. (1988)	Yoshinoya 6800H Reseda Blvd. (1994)
AirTime 6811 White Oak Ave. (1996)	Standing Bears Trading Post 7624 Tampa Ave, (1999)

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## RESEDA EVENT REMINDER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1. 7:00 PM RNC Emergency Disaster & Community Safety	2. 7:00 PM RNC Planning & Zoning Committee	3. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Australia	4.
5.	6. 7:00 PM RNC General Meeting	7.	8. 7:00 PM West Valley CPAB	9. 7:30 AM Chamber of Commerce 7:00 PM Neighborhood Watch	10. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: The Box in Striped Pajamas	11.
12.	13.	14. 7:00 PM RNC Outreach Committee	15. 3:30 PM Youth Advocacy Committee	16. 7:00 PM 1038 Neighborhood Watch	17. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Fiddler on the Roof	18. 2:00 PM Graffiti Town Hall Reseda High School Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA
19.	20. 7:00 PM RNC General Meeting 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	21.	22.	23.	24. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Flash of Genius	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	Do you have events coming up in Reseda that you want to see here? Please contact Garth Carlson at <a href="mailto:gcarlson@resedacouncil.org">gcarlson@resedacouncil.org</a> about possible inclusion in our Calendar.		