



Reseda

RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

SUMMER CRIME TRENDS

June is the traditional month for schools to turn their students loose for summer vacation. It is also the beginning of an annual increase in home burglaries and other property theft crimes.

Protect yourself and your neighbors by being more vigilant and doing your best to slow the summer trend.

Make sure that when you leave your home, lock all windows & doors and leave a radio or TV on. This simulates that someone is

home. Secure your garage door and back yard gate to make it more difficult to enter.

When parking your vehicle, leave nothing of value that can be seen by persons passing by. Be sure to lock your doors and set alarms. While walking, be alert at all times to your surroundings, an alert person is less likely to be a victim.

When you go on vacation, ask a neighbor or Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and/or your Senior Lead Officer, to be vigilant in your absence.

CRIME AND NUISANCE

TAMPA AND VANOWEN

Residents and business owners have been complaining about the problems generated by the donors and prospective donors that frequent the Plasma Center located on the Northeast corner of Tampa and Vanowen.

On Tuesday May 19, a meeting was held at Councilman Dennis P. Zine's Office between the community and the owners of the Plasma Center. Many stakeholders related the problems that seemed to stem from the activities caused by those that frequent the Center. The neighbors complained of drug sales and use, public urination, panhandling, illegal sexual activity and bloody trash strewn around the neighborhood. The

management of the Towne Center across the street, said that the See's candy store may not renew their lease. They related information that someone at the center had told the donors that they could go to See's and get free candy. This caused problems with panhandlers that frequent the Plasma Center.

Police Captain Nick Zingo of West Valley Community Police Station said that the LAPD was distressed that attempts to have meetings with management at the Center had not been agreed to.

Councilman Dennis Zine stated that crime incidents at and around the location had caused LAPD to expend a great deal of

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their time dealing with problems. He also warned that if measures weren't implemented and improvements made, that they would have to begin abatement proceedings.

Representatives of the Plasma Center stated that they want to work with the com-

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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR PETER HANKWITZ

Water Conservation. It sounds so pleasant, responsible and necessary. But I wonder if those in our community who have spent hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars to beautify the landscapes around their homes and rental properties will view the City's newest ordinance as 'conservation'.

When the new Department of Water & Power (DWP) citywide regulations and restrictions on lawn watering go into effect this summer, chances are we may see many neighborhoods change back into the arid California desert we all occupy here in the San Fernando Valley, and throughout the City.

It is true that I am no expert in water conservation or provision, or even on the

machinations or inner workings of the DWP. However, I have long been a proponent of alternative energies, general conservation and sustainable growth and development, and I do think that those who are the experts among us could come up with much better ways to conserve water and energy, and help Los Angeles residents to save money, than effectively cause the mass killing of plants and grass.

Recently, almost half of my DWP bill was comprised of taxes and fees, and, yet, I do not recall receiving any improvement or noticeable difference in the service provided to my home. If this scenario is familiar, I would urge all residents and business owners in Reseda to remind the DWP just how expensive it is to be a 'client'.

Please come to the Reseda Neighborhood Council meetings and let the public know just how much of an effect the impending restrictions are likely to have on your lives. Work with our Neighboring Council Liaison Committee's DWP Representatives to prepare a cohesive message for delivery to the City. If you saw what happened in these recent weeks regarding the outpouring of opposition to the reduction of Neighborhood Council funding, you can see just how effective a group can be when it works together.

Despite the cost of water and power, I do hope you all enjoy what is left of spring, as it turns warmer and summer sets upon us.



RNC PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

At the May 7th Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting, the rezoning of the lot at 6724 Amigo was discussed. The owner has applied to rezone the property from its current R-1 and RA-1 zoning to an RD1.5 and RAS4-1 zoning. In conformance with the wishes of stakeholders most affected by this rezoning, the Committee recommended disapproval of the rezoning as submitted. This recommendation was then ratified at the May 18th meeting of the RNC, and a letter will be issued to the South Valley Zoning Administrator and Councilman

Zine's Planning Deputy.

Coming up in future meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee, we will be hearing about a lot split at 7719 Wilbur, an expansion of the facilities of Therapeutic Living Center at 7901 Lindley, a request to allow dancing at Miriam's Cuisine, 18446 Sherman Way, and a request for a liquor license at 7627 White Oak. Please check our agendas to find out exactly when these matters will be heard.

The P&Z Committee plays a crucial role in

helping Reseda move into the future. As such, we are always looking for new members to join and share their vision as to how Reseda should develop. The recommendations we make to the RNC can only be as good as the input we receive from the stakeholders. Won't you please consider attending our meetings, and maybe even applying to be a committee member? Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6 PM at the RNC office, 18341 Sherman Way #102.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

GRAFFITI

After a successful Graffiti Town Hall, your RNC Graffiti Committee is still looking for folks to patrol the area around their home and report graffiti.

They have divided the area between White Oak and Corbin and from Roscoe to Victory into 25 block sections and several areas have no volunteers to this point.

Help make Reseda a cleaner and more friendly place by making it more difficult for graffiti vandals to deface our community. Whether they are gangbangers or tagger crews or just single vandals, we can make it harder for them to advertise their existence.

Remember reporting taggers can result in a

\$1000 reward if the taggers are arrested and prosecuted.

Let's all do our part to improve Reseda.

RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Reseda neighborhood Watch will meet on Thursday, June 11 at 7 PM in the Community Room at West Valley Community Police Station, 19020 Vanowen St.

Neighborhood Watch is an important part of keeping crime at bay. Become a Block Captain and organize your neighbors to watch for suspicious activities in your neighborhood.

You may see a crime in progress and be

able to report it. Text it in on the tip line. Text CRIME on your cell for an anonymous reporting. Or call 911 to report a crime in progress.

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community to solve these problems. They have already begun to implement measures to help, as they have a security camera system on order and will be connecting it via internet to the surveillance center at the West Valley Police Station.

In addition they will be changing the compensation method from cash to prepaid debit cards.

YOUTH CORNER

OVER 100 YEARS OF TEACHING AMERICANS TO SWIM

West Valley YMCA Promotes Swimming as "A Gift For Life"

Summer is almost upon us, meaning children and families in Reseda and surrounding communities are beginning to daydream about warmer days spent at the beach, lake, water park or pool. While water activities are an ideal way for families to exercise and spend quality time together, it is extremely important to be able to swim confidently and safely. Known as "America's Favorite Swim Instructor," the YMCA continues its 100 plus years of teaching Americans not only how to swim, but also how to maintain health and wellness in spite of our busy lives. West Valley YMCA offers a variety of swim lessons for all ages, including Parent Child classes and Adult classes.

Stop by the YMCA today to sign up or call Adriana Quiroz for more information at (818) 774-2840 x3327.

YMCA TEEN CAMP

Wondering how to keep you teen active and involved in safe activities this summer? Look no further, because this summer the West Valley YMCA is offering a Teen Day Camp Program. At Teen Camp, Teens will develop leadership qualities while experiencing activities including daily field trips geared toward 'the older' day camper. Off site field trips will include amusement parks, the beach and museums, plus activities at site locations including sports challenges, enrichment classes (Football, Cheerleading and basketball), arts and crafts and more! Teen Camp operates June 22-August 28th, from 7am-6pm for all 5th- 10th graders. Sign up today! For

more information please call Diane at (818) 774-2840 x3323.

ANNENBERG SCHOOL OF NURSING (ASN) PRESENTS A SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE.

Kathy Gutstein

Learn what it takes to become a vocational nurse and the generous financial aid available, including forgivable loans, low tuition, low loan rates and more*. Three informational presentations about the ASN program will be held on Tuesday, June 16th at 4, 5 and 6 PM at the Los Angeles Jewish Home, 7150 Tampa Avenue, Reseda. The presentations will be followed by tours of skills lab, computer center and classroom. Reservations are required. For information and to RSVP, call (818) 757-4431 or ASN@jha.org. (*based on eligibility, qualifications, and the Home's recruiting needs).



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:

6/5 Frost Nixon – Frank Langella, Michael Scheen (2008) (120 min.)

6/12 There's No Business Like Show Business – Ethel Merman, Donald O'Connor, Marilyn Monroe (1954) (118 min.)

6/19 Last Chance Harvey – Dustin Hoff-

man, Emma Thompson, Eileen Atkins (2008) (93 min)

6/26 The Man in the White Suit – Alec Guinness, Joan Greenwood, Cecil Parker (1951) (85 min)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAVE YOU SAVED A LIFE TODAY

Spring always signals the birthing season in the animal world. We are thick into the season and brimming with puppies and kittens. We are seeking volunteer foster parents to sustain the lives of the many infants that are coming in through our doors without moms. Every spring, we see hundreds of babies that have somehow been separated from their mothers. They need tender loving care to survive. Becoming a foster parent is a rewarding opportunity to save the life of a very small kitten or puppy. Our babies need your help for the first 8 weeks of their lives until they are ready and able to care for themselves.

Can you help us save a life today? We provide an orientation program to teach you the basics. We provide milk replacer and supplies to feed and sustain these little lives and we provide medical checkups (free) at our Centers with our knowledgeable Vet Staff.

Want a few more details before you decide? Our website, located at www.laanimalservices.com has a wealth of information that may help you decide to join this life saving program.

Ready to sign up? Give the Baby Bottle Coordinator, Martha Nono, a call at (323) 276-5845

WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE DAY

Neighborhood Pride Day is back!!

Last year, The Reseda Neighborhood Council, Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Services and the CRA planned Reseda Neighborhood Pride Day, hoping to get 100-150 volunteers to come out and clean up a few houses in Reseda. More than 300

volunteers from many organizations and areas including Winnetka showed up to make it a rousing success.

This year the Winnetka Neighborhood Council is partnering with the ILANHS and the CRA to hold Winnetka Neighborhood Pride Day at in Winnetka.

Let's return the favor to our neighbors in Winnetka and turn out on June 13 to make Winnetka's event a great one too.

To sign up as a sponsor, volunteer or to contribute in-kind donations, contact the LA NHS at (213) 381-2862 ext 204. CRA/LA can be reached at (818) 593-5490

LOS ANGELES RIVER/ALISO CREEK REVITALIZATION

In Reseda, Aliso Creek flows into the Los Angeles River. As part of the Los Angeles River Revitalization program, it is envisioned to turn the Los Angeles River back in to a more natural setting and beautify the concrete channel that flows from the San Fernando Valley to Long Beach. A couple of sections have already been turned into parks, walkways and bikeways for the community to enjoy.

The area surrounding the confluence of Aliso Creek and the Los Angeles River has been chosen as one of the next ones to be converted. The area involved will be from Vanowen Street southward and along the River in both directions.

The Trust for Public Land and Mujeres de la Tierra are two organizations that will be reaching out to the community to get their input on what the future landscape will be.

Community Outreach efforts will include a range of activities including door-to-door outreach and a series of workshops.

On Saturday June 27, Workshop #1 will be a River Walk and Exploration from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Workshop #2 will be a Design Charrette on Wednesday, July 8, from

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, and Saturday, July 11, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Workshop #3 will be a design Review on Wednesday, July 29, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. All meetings will be held at Councilman Dennis P. Zine's Office at 19040 Vanowen St.

For further information please contact Tori Kjer of the Trust for Public Land (323) 223-0441 ext 11 or Irma Munoz of Mujeres de la Tierra at (213) 595-0905.

JOHN IS ACTING UP AGAIN

Reseda's John Welsh is once again appearing in a play and would like you to come by and see it.

William Inge's "Bus Stop" will be playing at the West Valley Playhouse in Canoga Park from June 5 to June 26. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8:30 PM and Sunday Matinee at 2:30 PM. The address is 7242 Owensmouth Ave. The Box Office can be called at (818) 884-1907.

John Welsh was one of the drafters of the Reseda Neighborhood Council Bylaws and an Original Board member as well as Secretary for the first few years of the Reseda Neighborhood Council.

AMERICAN LEGION HALL EVENTS

On June 12 and June 26 the American Legion Post will host Friday Night Dance. On the 12th "The Mad Latins" will entertain, with "Satisfaction" providing the music.

Come out and join in the dancing and fun from 8:00 PM – 1:00 AM with a \$10 cover charge.

West Coast Swing dance will be held each Wednesday from 7:00 PM to midnight.



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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 **JUNE:**

Mazzola Custom Shoe & Repair 19306 Vanowen St. (1950)	Northridge Family Practice Med. Group 18406 Roscoe Blvd. (1976)
Discount Mower & Chainsaw 18035 Saticoy St. (1988)	Extensions Plus 17738 Sherman Way (1988)
All-Star Nutrition 18515 Sherman Way (1991)	Carpet City 18314 Sherman Way (1996)
Allen's Flower Market 18500 Sherman Way (2002)	Walgreen's 18430 Sherman Way (2004)

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RESEDA EVENT REMINDER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1. 7:00 PM RNC General Meeting	2. 3 PM Senior Advocacy Committee 7 PM Liaison Committee	3.	4. 6 PM RNC Planning & Zoning Committee	5. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Frost Nxon	6.
7.	8. 7 PM Graffiti Committee	9. 7 PM RNC Outreach Committee	10. 7 PM West Valley CPAB	11. 7:30 AM Chamber of Commerce 7 PM Neighborhood Watch	12. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: There's No Business Like Show Business	13.
14.	15. 7 PM RNC General Meeting 3:30 PM Youth Advocacy Committee	16.	17.	18. 7 PM 1038 Neighborhood Watch	19. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Last Chance Harvey	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: The Man in the White Suit	27.
28.	29.	30.	29.	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.		