



COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS



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COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Resources to Prepare Your Family for Disaster...

Join Northridge East, Northridge West, Northridge South, Granada Hills South, Granada Hills North, Lake Balboa, Chatsworth, Porter Ranch and North Hills West Neighborhood Councils as they organize the 4th Annual North Valley Disaster Preparedness Event on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Fire Station 87 in Granada Hills.

Saturday, Oct. 1
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Fire Station 87
10124 Balboa Blvd.,
Granada Hills

The North Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is a joint community event to help raise awareness on how to be prepared for emergencies and disasters. The Neighborhood Councils will be giving away 300 emergency preparedness bags filled with supplies (1 per family while supplies last).



There will be information and demonstrations from American Red Cross, the LAFD, LAPD, DWP, HAM Radio, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and more.

Free food will be served from 12:00 pm to 2 pm and two drawings for a backpack filled with emergency supplies will occur. Wear your CERT vest or bring CERT identification to the event to receive a special appreciation gift.

For more information, call Seme Park at (818) 756-8501.

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Rotary Club of Granada Hills Blood Drive...



Give the gift of life and donate blood at the Granada Hills Rotary and AYSO Soccer Regions 8 and 174 blood drive on Saturday, Oct. 1.

All blood donors will receive a free event T-shirt, goodie bag, pancake breakfast or lunch, a gift certificate for ice cream and a raffle ticket! Raffle prizes include tickets to Magic Mountain, Skateland and MB2 Raceway, and more.

Saturday, Oct. 1

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Granada Hills Recreation Center
16730 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills
(Chatsworth St. and Hayvenhurst Ave.)**

**North Valley Youth Sports Complex
Balboa Blvd. and Woodley Ave.
(2 miles north of 118 Freeway)
Granada Hills**

According to the Red Cross, U.S. hospitals transfuse over 14 million units of blood to 4.9 million patients a year - that's an average of 38,000 units of blood needed on any given day and rising. The need for blood goes up dramatically whenever large-scale disasters such as hurricanes or earthquakes strike.

Every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Injuries, accidents, crimes, surgeries, births, and patients being treated for cancer and other diseases are all common needs for blood transfusions.

*To register online, or for more information, visit <http://rotarygivesblood.org>.
To learn more about donating blood, visit <http://www.givelife2.org>.*

Ride with Pride's 2nd Annual Concert in the Canyon...

Join Ride With Pride for their Second Annual Concert in the Canyon featuring the Cajun country music of the Doo Wah Riders on Saturday, October 1.

**Saturday, Oct. 1
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
12051 Browns Canyon Rd.,**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, Oct. 1
Hazardous Waste
Collection Event**

Drop off your used motor oil, oil filters and electronic waste (PCs, TVs, small appliances, toys) to be safely and properly disposed for free.

9 am to 3 pm
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
15800 Roscoe Blvd.
(at Haskell Ave.)
Van Nuys

For info call (800) 988-6942 or [click here](#).

**Friday - Sunday
Oct. 14 - 16
Annual Fall Carnival at
St. Catherine of Siena**

St. Catherine of Siena School & Parish is holding its annual fall carnival to raise funds for the school. Come to this family friendly festival, and enjoy live entertainment, great food, game booths, rides and more.

18125 Sherman Way
Friday: 6-10 pm
Saturday: 12-10 pm
Sunday: 12-10 pm

For info call (818) 343-2110.

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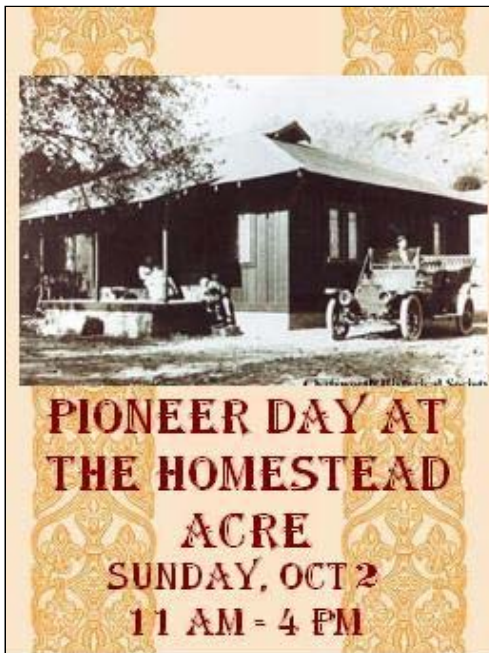
\$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Children 7-12 years old, \$10, children under 7 years old, free.

The event benefits Ride With Pride, a Chatsworth based non-profit organization that provides therapeutic and recreational horseback riding lessons to children and adults with disabilities.

Help support a great cause and enjoy an evening of country fun, with dancing to the music of the Doo Wah Riders. The Chatsworth Kiwanis will be serving up hot dogs and hamburgers, and there will be other food and beverages available for a donation. There will also be a silent auction and road apple bingo and roping games.

For more information, please Pat at (818) 885-8138 or e-mail pat@ridewithprideth.org.

Get Ready for the 21st Annual Pioneer Day at the Homestead Acre...



Don't miss Pioneer Day, a great annual celebration of our community's heritage and history filled with fun, food, music and activities on Sunday Oct. 2 at the Homestead Acre in Chatsworth. Every year, this fun family event is presented by the Chatsworth Historical Society, which operates the Virginia Watson Chatsworth Historical Museum and the Homestead Acre, a restored and protected pioneer-era cabin and grounds.

**Sunday, Oct. 2
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Homestead Acre, Chatsworth
Park South
10385 Shadow Oak Dr.,
Chatsworth**

\$5 donation for adults. Free parking and shuttle service every 15 minutes at Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station, located at 10038 Old Depot Rd.

In addition to the famous annual Chili Cook-Off, there will be a bake sale, panning for gold, spinning and weaving, rock chippers, a Veteran's quilt display, quilting for kids, Native American artifacts and pioneer-era chores and games.

For more information, call (818) 882-5614 or visit www.historicalsocieties.net.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 Business Workshop & Mixer

Reseda Neighborhood Council is hosting a Business Mixer & Social Media Workshop on Wednesday Oct. 19 to help businesses network, and to learn how to use social media to grow their businesses.

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Ann Kinzle
Community Room
West Valley LAPD Station
19020 Vanowen St.,
Reseda

Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, Yelp and email marketing will all be discussed.

RSVP to [Noelle Guzman](mailto:Noelle.Guzman)



[311 Online](#)

In addition to calling 311 to report problems or request services, you can use 311 online.

Visit <http://tiny.cc/311LACity> and find the appropriate service.

Neighborhood Public Safety, Crime, and Emergency Information Updates from LAPD on NIXLE

The LAPD offers a free

Kick Off Autumn at the West Hills Fall Fest...

Save the date for the West Hills Fall Fest on Sunday, Oct. 2 at Fields Market as the community celebrates the 25th anniversary of the event.

Sunday, Oct. 2

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Fields Market

**23221 Saticoy St., (Woodlake and Saticoy)
West Hills**

There will be food, vendors, children's area, entertainment a Restaurant Chili Cook-Off Contest and Chili Eating Contest. This event is sponsored by West Hills Neighborhood Council and Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce.

To read West Hills Neighborhood Council's new community newsletter, [click here](#).

For more information about Fall Fest, visit www.westhillsfallfest.com.



service that allows L.A. residents to sign up to receive messages directly from the LA Police Department. The LAPD uses NIXLE to send updates on crime trends, public safety and crime prevention tips. It also uses NIXLE to provide crucial information to the public in case of emergencies or disasters.

Residents can sign up for to receive updates directed toward one or more specific neighborhoods, and can receive it by text message on their phone, or by email. To sign up or learn more, visit www.NIXLE.com.

Find Out If a Submeter Can Save You Money...



**Sewer Service
Charge Information**

The Bureau of Sanitation has proposed rate increases for the Sewer Service Charge (SSC). The SSC appears on your DWP bill and is based on the lowest average daily delivered water to the property during the previous winter rainy season (mid-October to end of April). They look at the two months of lowest water use.

DWP bases the charge on water use during the winter rainy season because it is when the landscape water use is lowest. Most domestic water in this period is for household purposes and is

discharged into the sanitary sewer, while irrigation water goes into the groundwater.

Customers who have above-average water use for irrigation, but do not use much household water, could see a significant reduction in their SSC by using a sub-meter. A sub-meter breaks out your water use into outdoor irrigation and household uses so that the billing will be more accurately based on your actual use, rather than averages or estimates.

To find out if you qualify for a sub-meter, [click here](#). If your Neighborhood

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Council or community organization would like to request a Bureau of Sanitation presentation at your meeting about the Sewer Service Charge contact JoAnn Moss at (213) 485-2368.

[Winnetka](#)

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Save the Date for the Next Business Roundtable...



Business Roundtable

Wednesday, Oct. 26

3:00 pm

The Gas Company

9400 Oakdale Ave.,

Chatsworth

Owners and managers of San Fernando Valley-based businesses will not want to miss our next Business Roundtable on Wednesday, October 26 in Chatsworth.

DWP officials will be on hand to offer information about incentives and assistance that can help businesses reduce their water and energy use to save money. We will also provide valuable information about the benefits of operating in a State Enterprise Zone, which we have in our District, and offer updates on State and City legislation affecting the business community.

Wednesday, Oct. 26
3:00 pm
The Gas Company
9400 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth

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Our Business Roundtables are part of our ongoing efforts to make the City of Los Angeles more business friendly, and help our local companies thrive, create jobs and boost our economy.

Please RSVP by Friday, October 21 to Erik Richardson at (818) 756-8501 or by e-mail to Erik.Richardson@lacity.org.

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council for Their Community Clean-Up and Help Keep Northridge Streets Clean!

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council every Thursday for their weekly community project and help clean up the streets of Northridge!

On Thursday, Oct. 6, they will once again clean up weeds and trash and do



maintenance on the street trees on Reseda Blvd.

Thursday, Oct. 6

8:00 am

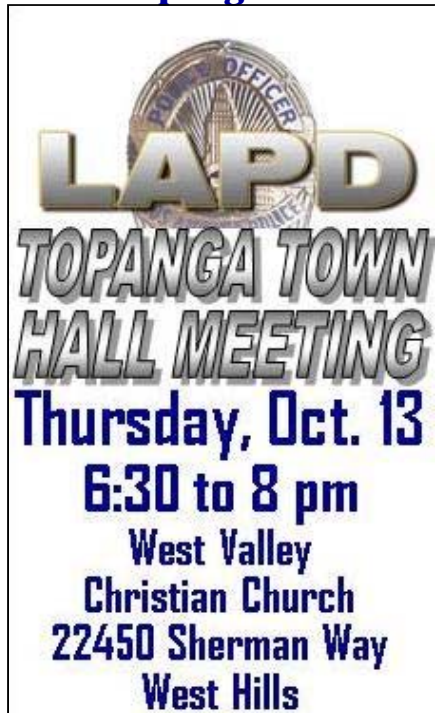
**Meet up at 9423 Reseda Blvd.
(1/2 block south of Plummer)**

At 8:00 am they will review the game plan with free refreshments provided by Northridge West Neighborhood Council. Bring gloves if you have them, sunscreen, a sunhat and appropriate shoes for outdoor work.

The project was launched in the Spring of 2010 by Northridge West Neighborhood Council and neighborhood residents who wanted to get involved in beautifying our public streets and sidewalks. Since then they have removed thousands of bags of debris from the streets and sidewalks and inspired several more groups to launch street clean-ups!

For more information, call Jo Ann Philips at (818) 304-4989 or email Japhillips1@yahoo.com

LAPD Topanga Division Town Hall Meeting...



Save the date for Topanga Division's public Town Hall Meeting coming up. It's a great opportunity to get to know the men and women of the LAPD who are protecting and serving our community, hear crime and public safety tips, meet other active community members, and more.

**Thursday, Oct. 13
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
West Valley Christian Church
22450 Sherman Way, West Hills**

Come meet the Commanding Officers, Senior Lead Officers, Community Relations Officers, learn about local Police youth and volunteer programs, Neighborhood Watch groups, Nixle crime and public safety updates, and more.

For more information, call Topanga Community Relations Office at (818) 756-3180.

The Valley Hiring Spree Job Fair...

We are proud to co-sponsor the Valley Hiring Spree, a job fair that will bring together job seekers and over 50 companies that have job openings on Wednesday, Oct. 12 in



Encino.

Wednesday, Oct. 12
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Balboa Sports Center
17015 Burbank Blvd.
Encino

Come prepared to interview, bring your resume and dress for success! There will be workshops, including Using Social Media to Maximize Your Job Search Success, The Employers' Perspective, and How to Keep Traffic Tickets from Being an Employment Barrier.

Hiring employers that are participating include Target, Ross, 99 Cents Only Stores, Goodwill Southern California, L.A. Fire Department and other government agencies, and many retail stores, restaurants, manufacturers, and temp agencies.

For more information visit www.TheValleyHiringSpree.com.

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts Patrol Challenge...



2011 Scouts Patrol Challenge

Friday, Oct. 14 -
Sunday, Oct. 16

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venture Scouts and Varsity Scouts ages 9 to 21 can participate in the 2011 Scouts Patrol Challenge Friday, Oct. 14 through Sunday, Oct. 16.

This fun event teaches participating Scouts to practice leadership, overcome obstacles, solve problems and work together as a team toward a common goal. Over 2,000 Scouts and parents are participating in this scavenger hunt, requiring them to find over 100 locations and clues, solve mysteries and find objects. They must plan their own travel, food and lodging, while accompanied by adult Scout Leaders.

To sign up or for more information, [click here](#) or email Paul Oliver at pauloliver1@sbcglobal.net.

LAPD Topanga Community Police Station Memorial Golf Tournament...



Come for a great day of golf for a good cause, at LAPD Topanga Station's inaugural Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 17. The tournament will be held in memory of fallen LAPD

Officer Joshua Cullins, who lost his life while serving our country as a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in Afghanistan.

Monday, Oct. 17

Check in 8:30 am. Shotgun Start 10:00 am. Award Dinner 4:00 pm
Woodland Hills Country Club
21150 Dumetz Rd., Woodland Hills

Join special guest Tim Conway, Jr. for this golf tournament. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the "Officer Joshua Cullins Memorial" at Topanga Station, and a portion will be donated to Josh's High School, Royal High, in Simi Valley. The remaining proceeds will benefit the Topanga Area Station Fund.

Chicago Concert Benefiting Guide Dogs of America and Foundation Fighting Blindness...

L.A. Dodgers General Manager Ned Colletti and Peter Tilden of KABC 790 AM are teaming up to present Chicago in concert at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills, a charity event to raise funds for Guide Dogs of America and Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Saturday, Oct. 22

Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills
[Click here for ticket information.](#)

Come enjoy the timeless classic rock hits by Chicago, and help support these important causes. [Guide Dogs of America](#) provides guide dogs and training in their use, free of charge, to the blind and visually impaired. [Foundation Fighting Blindness](#) has been funding innovative research since 1971 to find preventions, treatments, and cures for inherited retinal degenerative diseases that lead to blindness and affect more than 10 million people in the United States.



San Fernando Valley Jaycees Annual Gala...



Join the San Fernando Valley Jaycees and former 12th District Councilman and Jaycees Alumnus Greig Smith for the SFV Jaycees Annual Gala Dinner on Monday, Oct. 24.

At this evening of fun, friendship, memories and a great dinner, the Jaycees will honor their 2011 lifetime achievement award recipient, Dr. Carl B. Melnik.

Monday, Oct. 24

5:30 pm

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

6100 Woodland Hills

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Business attire.

Established in 1920 as the United States Junior Chamber, the Jaycees is a non-profit organization leadership and training institute that emphasizes business development, management skills, individual training, community service, and international connections for 18 to 41 year olds.

*For more information or to RSVP visit the **[SFV Jaycees website.](#)***

2nd Annual West Valley Family Festival and Health Fair...



At the 2nd Annual West Valley Family Festival, you can find a wide range of health, wellness and nutritional information, health screenings, services and information. This family friendly event also has lots of fun activities for kids, entertainment and more.

Saturday, Oct. 15

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church

20121 Devonshire St. (at Winnetka)

Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 360-7460.

West Valley Family Festival and Health Fair

Saturday, Oct. 15

9 am to 3 pm

St. Stephen

Presbyterian Church

20121 Devonshire St.

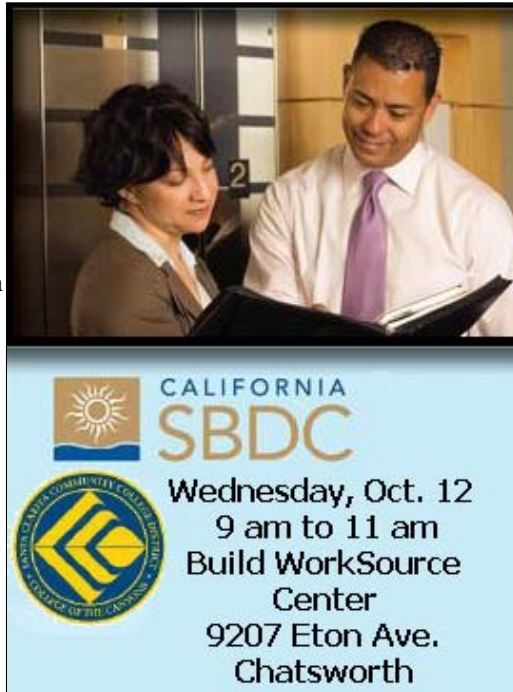
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Workshop: How to Successfully Start Your New Business...

The Small Business Development Center is offering a hands-on workshop to help you quickly learn the steps necessary to successfully launch your new business on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Build WorkSource Center in Chatsworth.

Participants will learn to prepare a written plan to build and grow a profitable business, the best way to structure their business, how to identify and focus on their key marketing, sales and financial issues how to bring it all together.

Wednesday, Oct. 12
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Build WorkSource Center
9207 Eton Ave., Chatsworth
Cost: \$30



The Small Business Development Center is an SBA affiliated small business consulting and training service for the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valleys, and is funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and local sponsors.

To learn more or to register, email sbdc@canyons.edu or call (661) 362-5900 or visit www.cocsbdc.org.

Support SOLID with "All You Can Eat Pasta" Dinner...



Solid All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner

Don't miss the fun and delicious 16th Annual SOLID All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner Friday, Oct. 14.

Come for as much pasta and garlic bread as you can eat and help raise funds for SOLID (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire), a non-profit organization that provides non-City provided equipment and materials for the Officers at Devonshire Division.

Friday, Oct. 14
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
\$8 per person
St. Nicholas Greek Church

Corner of Balboa & Plummer, Northridge

There will also be FREE child ID's with digital photo and thumb print provided, courtesy of Hollywood–West Valley Masonic Lodge.

For more info call (818) 718-9498 or visit www.soliddevonshire.org.

REPORTS FROM OUR STAFF

Metro Orange Line Extension Construction Update - Street Closure...

Our Senior Transportation and Planning Deputy Hannah Lee works closely with transportation agencies, including L.A. County's Metro. She reports this week that, as part of the construction of the Metro Orange Line Extension Project, part of Roscoe Blvd. will be closed this weekend.



Hannah Lee
Senior
Planning &
Transportation
Deputy

Construction Updates

Project Map

**Metro Canoga Orange
Line Extension
Construction Update**

Roscoe Blvd. just east of Canoga Ave., Chatsworth. The closure will not affect north-south traffic along Canoga Ave.

Friday, Sept. 30, 9:00 pm until Sunday, Oct. 2, 6:00 am.

Metro's Orange Line Extension on Canoga Ave. is progressing rapidly. The 4-mile dedicated busway will run from the Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station to the endpoint of the Orange Line dedicated busway at Warner Center in Woodland Hills, providing a vital mass transit link to the residents and businesses of the Northwest Valley.

For more information, call Metro Community Relations at (213) 922-3668 or (818) 701-2827 or email molextension@metro.net or visit www.metro.net/projects/orangeline.

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