



COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS



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COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

West Valley Boys & Girls Club "Miles of Quarters" to Benefit At-Risk Youth...

The Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley are holding their "Miles of Quarters" event on Saturday, September 24 at Westfield Topanga mall in Woodland Hills.

Join the Boys & Girls Club and help lay out a line of quarters 1 mile long (that's 5,280 feet!) stretching through the Canyon at Westfield Topanga mall in Woodland Hills. With one foot of quarters equaling \$3.25, a mile of quarters will raise \$17,160, which will go toward the Boys & Girls Club's programs for at-risk youth.

Saturday, Sept 24
10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Kick-Off Ceremony at 12:00 pm
Westfield Topanga Mall
6600 Topanga Cyn. Blvd.,
Canoga Park



West Valley Boys & Girls Club's Miles of Quarters Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept 24
10 am to 6 pm
Westfield Topanga Mall
Canoga Park

The Boys & Girls Club offers excellent after-school programs at their main Clubhouse, and at Blythe, Reseda and Topeka Drive Elementary Schools, Canoga Park High School, and the affordable living community of Tierra del Sol. During these tough economic times, with budget cuts affecting LA Unified School District as well as community-based organizations and government services, it is more important than ever to support community-based organizations providing these kinds of services.

The event will also include music, a magic show, face painting, a DJ and other entertainment throughout the day.

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For more information, call (818) 610-1054 or visit www.wvbgc.org.

You May Be Able to Save Money On Your Sewer Service Charge...



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

DWP bases its assessment for this charge on water use during the winter rainy season because it is traditionally the time of least

landscape watering. Likewise, it is assumed that during this season most of the domestic water used is for household purposes and therefore discharged into the sanitary sewer, unlike irrigation water which mostly filters down to groundwater, forgoing the sewer system. This daily average of wastewater generation is used to determine the customer's SSC bill throughout the following year (six billing periods).

Customers with above average water use for irrigation, but who do not use much household water, may see a significant reduction in their SSC.

In anticipation of the SSC increase, residents can find out if installing a sub-meter would save them any money. A sub-meter would break out your water use into irrigation and household uses so that the billing will be more accurately based on your actual use, rather than averages or estimates.

To learn more, or to find out if you qualify for a sub-meter, click here. If your Neighborhood Council or community organization would like to request a Bureau of Sanitation presentation at your meeting about the Sewer Service Charge call JoAnn Moss at (213) 485-2368.

DWP Office of Public Accountability Citizens Committee Meeting....

The DWP Office of Public Accountability (OPA) Citizens Committee held its first public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

They selected John W. Murray, Jr. as Chair and Rusty Millar as Vice Chair of the Committee. The Committee received



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 24
Canoga Park's
Centennial Barn Dance

Celebrate the Centennial of Canoga Park as the Canoga Park Womens Club host a Birthday Barn Dance at their facility.

There will be live Western Music with Erwin Jaction Entertainment, country dance, refreshments and a birthday cake.

1 pm - 4 pm
Canoga Park
Women's Club
7401 Jordan Ave.
Canoga Park

This event is free and family and friends and community members are all welcome. To RSVP, call (818) 884-4222.

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.

briefings, requested reports back on executive search and recruitment options for finding the Office of Public Accountability Executive Director, and they scheduled their next public meeting for Sept. 28.

**DWP Office of Public Accountability
Citizens Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 28
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.**

The agenda as well as the room number will be posted on the [City's online public meeting calendar](#) on Monday, Sept. 26.

Congratulations and Welcome to the New LAFD Fire Chief Brian Cummings..



**Congratulations to our
new L.A. Fire Chief
Brian Cummings!**

training facilities in the San Fernando Valley, Downtown Los Angeles, and San Pedro.

Chief Cummings was born and raised in Los Angeles. His father was a 30 year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department. He graduated from Loyola High School and attended both West Los Angeles College and the University of California, Los Angeles. He is married and is the proud father of two daughters.

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council for

(at Haskell Ave.)
Van Nuys

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



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 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

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, Sept. 29, they will once again clean up weeds and trash and do maintenance on the tree wells on west side of Reseda Blvd. north of Prairie Ave. Last week, the Urban Forestry Division gave the group free trees to plant on the parkway.

Thursday, Sept. 29
8:00 am
Meet up on 9231
Reseda Blvd.,
Park on Park at 9233
Reseda Blvd. near
Senor Sol Restaurant

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

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



www.NIXLE.com.

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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.


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





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Wednesday, Oct. 12
9 am to 11 am
Build WorkSource Center
9207 Eton Ave.
Chatsworth

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.

Red Cross Disaster Services Course...



**American
Red Cross**

**Disaster Services
Course**

Tuesday, September 27
7 pm-10 pm
6800 Owensmouth Ave.
Canoga Park


The Red Cross is offering "Disaster Services: An Overview," a basic level course that provides an introduction to Disaster Services on Tuesday, Sept. 27 in Canoga Park.

The course introduces disaster preparedness and response at the American Red Cross and allows for chapters to introduce their local Disaster Services program information. The course engages participants through integrated video and interactive activities.

Tuesday, September 27
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
West San Fernando Valley
District Office
6800 Owensmouth Ave.
Canoga Park

To register online, [click here](#). For more information, contact Red Cross Regional Response Training Coordinator Jennifer Bailey at BaileyJ@arcla.org or (310) 477-5385.

Devonshire Community Police Station Open House...



LAPD

**DEVONSHIRE
STATION
OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, Sept. 24
10 am to 3 pm

Save the date for the Devonshire Community Police Station's open house on Saturday, Sept. 24. It's a great opportunity to get to know the Police Officers who protect and serve our community every day. Take a tour of the station, learn about crime trends, get crime prevention tips and more.

Saturday, Sept. 24
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Devonshire Community
Police Station
10250 Etiwanda Ave. (at
Devonshire St.)
Northridge

This is a great chance to teach kids about public safety and the role of the Police in our community.

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



Solid All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner

**Friday, Oct. 14
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
St. Nicholas Church
Balboa & Plummer
Northridge**

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.

Annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils....

The Annual Congress of Neighborhood Councils is taking place in Los Angeles City Hall on Saturday, Sept. 24. This free event is paid for with Neighborhood Council funds and is an opportunity for all community members to learn "How Neighborhood Councils Work." Additional workshops are being offered regarding the City Budget, Planning and Land Use, Emergency Preparedness, Effective Outreach, and many more.

**2011
LA Congress of
Neighborhoods**

**Saturday, Sept. 24
7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.,**

Saturday, Sept 24
7:45 am to 4:00 pm
City Hall
200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles
Must register online for parking arrangements

To register for the Congress, visit:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCCongressRegistration>. For more information visit: <http://nccongressla.com> or call (213) 485-1360.

Resources to Prepare Your Family for Disaster...

Join Northridge East, Northridge West, Northridge South, Granada Hills South, Granada Hills North, Lake Balboa, and Chatsworth 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 bring awareness 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 noon 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.



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...



Ride with Pride Concert in the Canyon

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

Save the date for Ride With Pride's 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.,
Chatsworth**

**\$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.

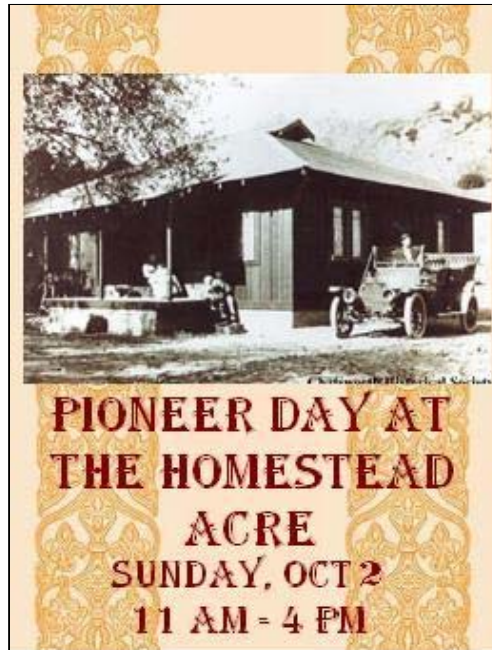
Help support a great cause and enjoy an evening of country fun, with dancing to the music of the Doo Wah Riders. The Chatsworth Kiwanis will be serving up hot dogs and hamburgers, and there will be other food and beverages available for a donation. There will also be a silent auction and road apple bingo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

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, <http://community.icontact.com/p/westhillsncorg>.

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

REPORTS FROM OUR STAFF

Working to Support the Chatsworth/Northridge Industrial Zone and Boost the Economy...

Our Chief Planning Deputy Phyllis Winger reports this week on a motion that we introduced, meant to encourage more companies to come to Chatsworth/Northridge Industrial Zone and boost the economy.

The motion is part of Councilmember Englander's ongoing efforts to improve the L.A. business climate, and help local companies thrive and create jobs.

The motion calls for a feasibility study on an ordinance that would expand the uses allowed in the light industrial zone in Council District

12. It would allow more businesses that fit with the character of the light industrial zoning to occupy the prime vacant areas.

Under the current zoning code, those types of companies would only be allowed after a lengthy and expensive variance process.

The zoning code has not been updated since the 1990s, and it excludes companies in the computer, technology, manufacturing and green technology sectors. Those are the the kinds of companies that we would like to see in our industrial zone. They create high-value jobs, and are competitive in the current global economy.

Any change would still need to be consistent with the purpose of the light



Phyllis Winger
Chief Planning
and Land Use
Deputy

Solar energy technology companies are among the many light industrial, high-tech and green-tech companies operating in the Chatsworth Northridge Industrial Zone.

industrial zone as stated in the municipal code, and would still be subjected to limitations on noise, pollution, dust and other impacts.

To see the motion, visit <http://tiny.cc/faa8a>.

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