



COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS

January 27, 2011

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

A Year of Emergency Preparedness...



On January 17, the 18th anniversary of the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, we kicked off our Year of Emergency Preparedness in Los Angeles.

Throughout 2012, we will be working on legislation, programs and public awareness efforts to help the residents of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley be prepared for natural or man-made disasters.

Every week, during our Year of Emergency Preparedness, our newsletter will feature a new item in an **Emergency Preparedness Checklist**. These are simple steps that everyone in Los Angeles should take in order to be prepared for any large-scale emergency or disaster. If you follow each item on this checklist, you will be highly prepared at the end of the year.

Week 3: Hand-Crank Emergency Radio

Make sure that you have a good quality hand-crank emergency radio. Large-scale power outages can last for weeks, so you should have a radio that does not depend on batteries. This is a crucial tool to make sure you receive emergency information, such as the location of shelters, medical services, or food and water supplies, or messages from public safety officials. There is a wide range of different devices to choose from in all different price ranges. In addition to a hand-crank and/or solar panels for power, many of the radios include a flashlight, siren and cell phone charger. **To see some examples, visit <http://tiny.cc/y7p2t>.**

[To see our printable Emergency Preparedness Checklist, with every week's entry, click here.](#)

Oakridge Estate Update...

The Oakridge Estate Park Advisory



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Board will be holding a public presentation on the Historic Oakridge Estate on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Saturday, Jan. 28
1:00 pm
Northridge Branch Library
9051 Darby Ave., Northridge

Representatives from the Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board will present a display of historic and current photos of the English Tudor-style manor. Oakridge was designed by famed architect Paul R. Williams and built in 1937 for Barbara Stanwyck. It was later the home of actor Jack Oakie for decades in an era when many stars had their homes in the San Fernando Valley. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

Our office rescued this historic-cultural monument in Northridge from development and we are working to preserve and restore it, and turn it into a treasure of open space and culture for the public to enjoy for generations.

To listen to an interview about the Oakridge Estate, [click here](#). For more information, call Megan Cottier at (818) 756-8501 or email Megan.Cottier@lacity.org.

Honoring Amazing Athletic Achievements by Granada Hills Students...



The Granada Hills Charter High girls volleyball team.



The Granada Hills Charter High girls golf team.



We were proud to honor the girls volleyball, golf and tennis teams of Granada Hills Charter High School on Friday, Jan. 27 in City Council in recognition of several city championship wins. Each team won their league and City Section Championships, several of them for multiple years in a row.

Granada Hills is the largest charter high school in America. They consistently rank at the top of the region in academics, and also in sports.

Congratulations to the volleyball team: Amanda Abesamis, Sonia Aghoyan, Rose Atarodi, Alyssa Blackman, Samantha Cramer, Kendall Dunmore, Caitlin Eelum, Julia Erickson, Alice Kang, Emma Levanen, Paige McFerren, Hannah Patton, Emma Romack, Lauren Romestant, Claire Simon and Cheyanne Valentine and Coach Tom Harp.

Congratulations to the golf team: Coach Steve Thompson,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Sunday
Encino Farmers' Market

Come shop for farm fresh produce, delicious prepared food and arts and crafts every Sunday at the Encino Farmers' Market.

8:00 am to 1:00 pm
 ONEGeneration Center
 17400 Victory Blvd., Lake Balboa. [Click for map](#).

Most farmers' markets are closed during the winter, but Encino Farmers' Market stays open year round, so you can find those delicious items that are in season during the winter, such as mushrooms, clementines, root vegetables, brussel sprouts and cauliflower.

This certified farmers' market features a wide variety of California grown fruits, vegetables, fresh flowers, eggs and chicken, honey, mushrooms, plants, and more!



[311 Online](#)

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

and team members Jordan Adachi, Sharon Chee, Connie Kim, Alia Lee, Melissa Metzlar, Megan Tiny, and Julia Yoon.

Congratulations to the tennis team: Sarah Nuno, Samantha Nuno, Analyssa Tallas, Cassandra Fisbeck, and Meena Jana-krabu-anhad, and Dianne Sarmiento, and Coach Simon Robertshaw and Assistant Coach Jon Bent.

To see more photos, [click here](#).

Free Community E-Waste Collection Event...

Lorne St. PTA, Lorne St. Elementary School and California E-Waste are holding their Second Annual E-Waste Collection event on Saturday, Feb. 11 in Northridge.

**Saturday, Feb. 11
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Lorne Elementary School
17440 Lorne St., Northridge**

Bring your unwanted electronic devices such as TVs, computers, small appliances and toys to be safely and properly disposed of for free. It is illegal to throw away electronic devices in the regular trash. They contain toxic substances that can leach into the environment when they end up in landfills.

The event also raises funds for the YMCA Psychomotor Program at Lorne St. Elementary School.

For more information, call Pam Richman at Lorne Elementary School at (818) 342-2063.



Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council's Weekly Clean-Up and Help Keep Northridge Clean and Green!



On Thursday, Feb. 2 join Northridge West Neighborhood Council for their weekly clean up project.

**Thursday, Feb. 2
8:00 am
Meet up at Chatsworth St. and
Vanalden in Northridge**

At 8:00 am the crew will review the game plan with free refreshments provided by Northridge West Neighborhood Council. Bring gloves

use 311 online.

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

ONGOING

Check Out LocateLA, a Powerful Business Research Tool

LocateLA is a powerful new tool created by the City to offer a free database of commercial properties in L.A.

It includes an interactive map, with business finder, property finder, incentive finder, business start up organizer, and much more. It is meant to help new businesses start up and help existing businesses move to the City of Los Angeles. It is also useful for anyone wanting to learn about our community. In addition to photos and details about the property, it lists demographic, labor force, comparable rents and more.

[Click here to see this great new tool.](#)

New Recruits Wanted for the West Valley LAPD Cadet Program

The LAPD seeks new recruits ages 13 to 20 to join its free Cadet Law Enforcement Program.

The program offers young people the chance to participate in real-world Police activities with the LAPD Officers, the nation's most highly trained Police. It helps foster positive

if you have them, sunscreen, a sunhat and appropriate shoes for outdoor work. Northridge West Neighborhood provides the refreshments and tools.

For more information contact Jo Ann Phillips at (818) 304-4989 or japhillips1@yahoo.com or visit www.NorthridgeWest.org.

Save the Date for the January 29 Community Clean-Up!

On Sunday, Jan. 29 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm World Mission Society Church of God and Northridge West Neighborhood Council are teaming up for another large-scale volunteer community clean-up action Northridge. This time, they be working on the north side of Tunney Ave. near Devonshire St. in Northridge. Over 200 volunteers are expected, so come join this great effort! No RSVP is necessary, just show up, and wear clothing and shoes appropriate for outdoor work. Bring sunscreen and water.

Save the Date for the February 5 Day of Service Community Clean-Up!

Join Northridge West Neighborhood Council and Temple Ahavat Shalom for their Sunday Day of Service Community Clean-Up on Sunday, January 29 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. They will be working on Tampa Ave., from Devonshire St. to Chatsworth St. in Northridge.

Northridge West Neighborhood Council's Operation Clean Sweep and Temple Ahavat Shalom, with support from Councilmember Mitchell Englander's office, are partnering for this special effort to help keep the streets and sidewalks of Northridge looking beautiful. Please bring water, sunscreen, work gloves if you have them, and shoes and clothes appropriate for outdoor work. All tools, as well as light refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP, call Shellie Turer at Temple Ahavat Shalom at (818) 993-2255 or email PetsRPeopleToo@att.net.

Northridge Hospital Trauma Center Annual Champagne Brunch...

Save the date for the Northridge Hospital Trauma Center's Annual Golden Guild Champagne Brunch, on Sunday, March 25 at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills.

What happens in the first 60 minutes after traumatic injury is critical to one's survival. That is why paramedics and trauma doctors call it "The Golden Hour." The Golden Hour Guild is a volunteer fundraising group dedicated to supporting the Northridge Hospital Trauma Center.

Sunday, March 25
Odyssey Restaurant
Granada Hills



relationships between the Police and the community, builds sharp minds and physical fitness, and helps young people develop leadership, confidence and a sense of civic participation and public service. It also helps young people find out if a career in law enforcement is right for them.

To learn more or to sign up, call (818) 374-7690 or visit www.LAPDcadets.com.

Free Mulch for Your Garden

You can get free mulch for your garden from the City's Mulch Giveaway Program! The free mulch is made from recycled yard trimmings and other "green waste" from the green bins.

Recycling green waste is an important way to reduce the amount of organic material that goes into landfills. When plant materials go into landfills, they emit large amounts of the greenhouse gas methane, which contributes to climate change. The City turns that green waste into mulch which is available to L.A. residents for free.

Free Mulch Locations in the San Fernando Valley

16600 Roscoe Pl., North Hills (near Van Nuys Airport)
Mulch delivered to this location Wednesdays & Fridays. Open daily 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

15800 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys (near D.C. Tillman Plant). Entrance: turn south on Densmore Ave. from Victory, follow curve.
Mulch delivered to this location every Monday.

This great annual event helps raise funds to support the Pediatric and Adult Trauma Centers at Northridge Hospital. There will be drawings for prizes, including a \$1,000 cash, women's jewelry donated by Gold Rush, and a two night stay at the Luxe Hotel, City Center at LA Live. Their 2011 event raised almost \$60,000, which helped the Trauma Center purchase much-needed equipment for Northridge Hospital.

If you are interested in sponsoring or donating toward this event, please call the Northridge Hospital Foundation at (818) 885-5341, ext. 2.

ONEgeneration's 8th Annual Hearts Across the Valley Gala...



As Honorary Chair of the ONEgeneration 8th Annual Hearts Across the Valley Gala, I encourage you to attend, and enjoy a fun evening of elegant dining and entertainment for a great cause.

ONEgeneration is a San Fernando Valley-based non-profit organization that offers multi-generational daycare for low-income, special needs, and disabled adults and children. Proceeds go to helping ONEgeneration provide items, from can openers to wheelchairs, to go to homebound seniors.

Saturday, Feb. 25
Warner Center Marriott
Woodland Hills

This year's gala will honor LAPD Assistant Chief Michel Moore and his wife Cindy Moore, Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield and Carol Zimring, founder of ONEgeneration's SHARE (Sending Help And Real Essentials) program. The evening will also feature silent and live auctions, award presentation, dancing, dining and entertainment.

To RSVP or for information on sponsorship opportunities, call (818) 708-6626 or email development@onegeneration.org. To learn more about ONEgeneration, visit www.ONEgeneration.org.

Children's Car Seat Check-Up Event...



Be sure to sign up for the free Children's Car Check-Up at Northridge Hospital on February 25, 2012.

The California Highway Patrol in coordination with Northridge Hospital Medical Center are hosting

Open Monday - Friday,
7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

For more info [click here](#).

Help Care for Animals in Shelters - Operation Blankets of Love

With winter upon us, it's a great time to support the efforts of Operation Blankets of Love, a San Fernando Valley-based non-profit organization that provides blankets to help keep animals in shelters warm and comfortable.

Drop off donated blankets, towels, pet beds and other pet items! at Pet People, located at 18040 Chatsworth St. in Granada Hills.

For more information, call Brad Smulson (818) 402-6584 or [click here](#).

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

a Car Seat Check Up Day.

Saturday, Feb. 25

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

By appointment only. To make an appointment, call (818) 885-8500 ext. 3437.

Car seat check-ups teach parents and caregivers, hands-on in your own car how to correctly use a child's car seat or seat belt. Trained and certified child passenger safety technicians work with parents to ensure car seats: have not been recalled; do meet federal safety standards; are installed correctly; are appropriate for the child's age, weight and height.

Studies show 72% of children's car seats are not properly installed or used. California has new booster seat laws in effect as of January 1, 2012. Come learn about the new laws and the best ways to keep your children safe in the car.

Jewish Home of Los Angeles 8th Annual Poker Tournament...

Don't miss a fun evening of fun casino-style gaming to help raise funds for a great cause at the Jewish Home's 8th Annual Poker Tournament.

Sunday, Jan. 29

11:00 am

**Braemar Country Club
4001 Reseda Blvd., Tarzana**

There will be great raffle prizes, complimentary snacks and cocktails and more. The event raises funds for "The Executives," the San Fernando Valley Support Group for the Jewish Home of Los Angeles.



**Jewish Home Poker
Tournament
Fundraiser**

*RSVP by Jan. 23 to (818) 774-3374 Or Executives@JHA.org
www.TheExecutives.org. Participants must be over 21 years old.*

REPORTS FROM OUR STAFF

Council Committee Assignments...



John S. Lee

Our Chief of Staff John Lee reports this week on the new Council Committee Assignments. We have a new Council President, Councilman Herb J. Wesson Jr. of the 10th District. Whenever a new Council President is elected, he or she may re-assign Council Committees. Councilmember Mitchell Englander's Council Committee assignments are:

on their phone, or by email. To sign up or learn more, visit www.NIXLE.com.

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Public Safety - Chair
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We are pleased to be working on the three most influential Committees on the Council. This will help us advance our work on behalf of our community. The only new assignment is Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM). This Committee is extremely important in protecting our neighborhoods and quality of life because it oversees land-use decisions and development policy in the City.

To see the rest of the City Council Committee Assignments, [click here](#).

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