



## COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS

**Sept. 28, 2012**

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### RECENT LEGISLATION

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#### **Finding Resources to Reduce the DNA Test Backlog...**



As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I heard and approved a request by the LAPD this week for the authority to apply for a \$1.45 million grant for the 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program. The grant would also enable LAPD to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City and the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice for the period of Oct. 1, 2012 through March 31, 2014.

Under the cooperative agreement, the NIJ will reimburse the City for expenses incurred to reduce the DNA casework backlog.

The DNA Backlog Reduction Program Grant's goal is to reduce the backlog of forensic cases in the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division's Serology/DNA Unit by 340 cases. I am committed to reducing the DNA backlog so we can solve these crimes, bring criminals to justice and bring closure to their victims.

*- Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District*

#### **Supporting Waste Diversion, Environmental Protection and Renewable Energy...**

This week, I introduced a resolution for the City to support the



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development and use of conversion technologies in the State and to support allowing conversion technologies to obtain renewable energy credits.

As Chief of Staff to former Councilmember Greig Smith, I helped author RENEW LA, which established the City policy of developing conversion technologies as alternatives to landfills. Developing conversion technologies would reduce the waste going to landfills by converting our post-recycling waste residual into useful products and local renewable energy. It would benefit the environment by reducing green house gas pollution from landfills, and would benefit the economy and create jobs.

Currently, more than 28 countries are successfully using conversion technology. However, certain provisions in State law have created obstacles to the permitting of these facilities and their ability to receive renewable energy credits.

Governor Brown recently expressed support for legislation that would allow a conversion technology project to proceed on a pilot basis and be considered a renewable energy resource under State law.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Honoring the Achievements and Contributions of a Member of the Deaf Community...



Councilmember Englander with Robert Sidansky, our District 12 honoree for Deaf Awareness Month 2012.

Last week, we were proud to honor Robert Sidansky as our District 12 honoree for the Deaf Awareness Month celebration. Robert is a Student Personnel Specialist at the National Center On Deafness located at CSUN. He is intensively involved with the community, serving as: Chair of the California Families of Deaf Children conference; a member of the California Department of Education Task Force on the Education of Deaf Students; a Board Member of the Greater Los Angeles Community Service for Deaf People; a volunteer at the annual Los Angeles Deaf Festival; and much more.

He oversees interpreting, captioning, note taking, counseling, student development,

orientation, and tutoring services for 230 deaf and hard of hearing students at CSUN every year. Robert and his wife, Denise have three deaf children. Denise is also a teacher of the deaf and is active in the deaf and hard of hearing community.

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## CD 12 Community Service Center Now Open

We have consolidated our Northridge and Chatsworth offices into a single location in Chatsworth.

The new Community Service Center will allow us to serve you better, by offering residents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from various City Departments to get direct assistance. We will announce details on that service in coming weeks.

### [CONTACT INFO](#)

**Phone:**  
**(818) 882-1212**  
**Fax: (818) 701-5254**  
**Address:**  
**9207 Oakdale Ave.,**  
**Chatsworth, CA**  
**91311**

**You can still reach our City Hall Office at**

We are also proud to have CSUN in our District. CSUN is one of only two institutions in the nation that offers a comprehensive undergraduate program in Deaf Studies. It also has the Deaf/Hard of Hearing specialization in the Department of Special Education, training new generations of teachers specializing in instructing deaf students. It has been the home of the non-profit National Center on Deafness since 1964.

## Open House on Chatsworth Park South Clean-Up...

We are hosting an informational open house with the State Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the City Department of Recreation and Parks to update the community and answer questions on the progress of the clean-up at Chatsworth Park South, as well as future activity at the park, and the next steps toward re-opening it to the public.

Our office has been in constant contact and cooperation with DTSC and Recreation and Parks on the clean-up and ultimate re-opening of Chatsworth Park South.

**Thursday, October 18  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Mason Park Recreation  
Center  
10500 Mason Ave.,  
Chatsworth**

The park was closed in February 2008 for safety reasons after lead and other contaminants were discovered at the park. The contamination resulted from clay pigeons used for skeet shooting on the land, which was a shooting range more than 50 years ago before it became a City park.

We are committed to ensuring that the park is safe for use by the community and getting it open so that families can once again enjoy it. We continue to work closely with DTSC and Recreation and Parks on the contaminant Removal Action Plan, which is necessary to get the park cleaned up and safe for use once again. We are closely monitoring the situation and will announce any progress.

*For more information, contact our District Director, Megan Cottier at (818) 882-1212 or email [Megan.Cottier@lacity.org](mailto:Megan.Cottier@lacity.org).*



## Open House on Chatsworth Park South

**Thursday, Oct. 18  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Mason Park  
Chatsworth**

**(213) 473-7012 and  
email us at  
[Councilmember.  
Englander@lacity.org](mailto:Councilmember.Englander@lacity.org)**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

**Every Thursday  
Northridge West  
Neighborhood  
Council's "Clean  
Sweep" Community  
Clean Up Effort**

Join Northridge West  
Neighborhood Council's  
Clean Sweep  
community  
beautification project  
every Thursday!

Thursday, Oct. 3  
8:00 am  
East side of Tampa Ave.  
between Superior St.  
and Plummer St. in  
Northridge.  
Park on Superior Street.

At 8:00 am the crew  
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.  
Northridge West  
Neighborhood Council  
provides the  
refreshments and tools.

*For more information  
contact Jo Ann Phillips  
at (818) 304-4989 or  
[japhillips1@yahoo.com](mailto:japhillips1@yahoo.com)  
or visit  
[www.NorthridgeWest.org](http://www.NorthridgeWest.org).*

## Free Waste Collection Events...



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The City is holding two free waste collection events in the San Fernando Valley to offer residents a convenient place to safely and properly dispose of waste items that are illegal to throw away in the regular trash.

#### Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics

**Saturday, Sept. 29**  
**Sunday, Sept. 30**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**CSUN**  
**1811 Nordhoff St.,**  
**Northridge**  
**(Parking Lot F-10, at Lassen**  
**St. & Lindley Ave.)**

*For more information and future waste collection events and locations [click here](#).*

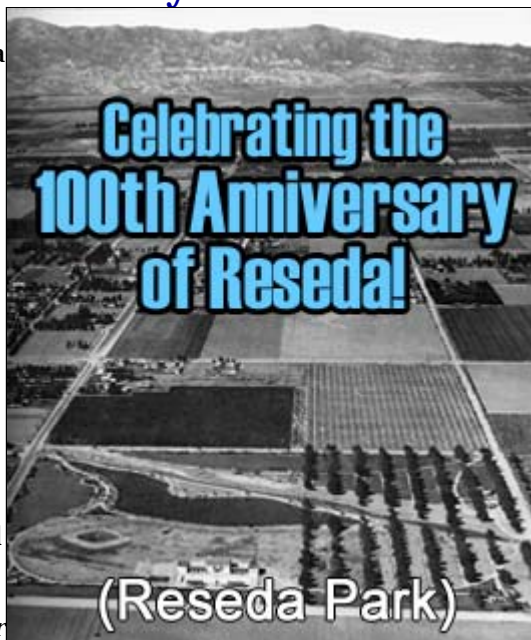
## Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Reseda

Join the Reseda Centennial Celebration hosted by the Reseda Neighborhood Council, and help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the community of Reseda, on Saturday, Sept. 29.

**Saturday, Sept. 29**  
**10:00 am to 10:00 pm**  
**Reseda Park**  
**18411 Victory Blvd., Reseda**

There will be live music and entertainment, an artists pavillion with live interactive art, rides, games, food vendors, and booths from local businesses and community organizations.

*For more information, visit their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/ResedaCentennial>.*



## Get Involved in Your Community! Participate in

### Self Advocacy for People with Disabilities

USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and New Horizons are offering an event to help teach self-advocacy for people with disabilities.

Wednesday, Sept. 26  
3 pm to 4 pm  
5 pm to 6 pm  
New Horizons  
Sam's Café  
15725 Parthenia St.  
North Hills

Free refreshments at both events. Free pizza at the 5:00 pm event.

For more info call Patricia Davidovich at (818) 300- 7123 or visit [www.newhorizons-sfv.org](http://www.newhorizons-sfv.org).

### Every Saturday Year Round Chatsworth / Porter Ranch Farmers Market

Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Farmer's Market is open every Saturday, offering delicious fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses, local honey, fresh baked goods, flowers, and a variety of arts and crafts booths.

9 am to 2 pm  
Holy Shepherd Lutheran  
Church 10347 Mason

## the Upcoming Neighborhood Council Elections...



Looking for a chance to get more involved in your community? Participate in the upcoming election for Neighborhood Council Board Positions in the Northwest San Fernando Valley.

Joining your local Neighborhood Council is a great way to make a meaningful, positive contribution to your community, meet others who are engaged in the community, and get involved in rewarding community projects and events.

Each neighborhood council will conduct their own election with various processes. For more information about the Neighborhood Council you're interested in, see links below and contact them directly.

### Sept. 29, 2012 elections for:

**West Hills Neighborhood Council** (polls are open until 8:00 pm)

<http://empowerla.org/whnc/west-hills-nc-elections/>

### Reseda Neighborhood Council elections

<http://empowerla.org/rnc/reseda-nc-elections/>

For complete rules and guidelines, information about acceptable forms of ID, candidate guidelines and frequently asked questions, visit the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's website at <http://empowerla.org/elections> or call (818) 293-8683.

## Join Ride with Pride's Concert in the Canyon...

Ride with Pride will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Concert in the Canyon on Saturday, September 29. Enjoy a fun filled evening with community members while helping to raise money for Ride with Pride's programs.

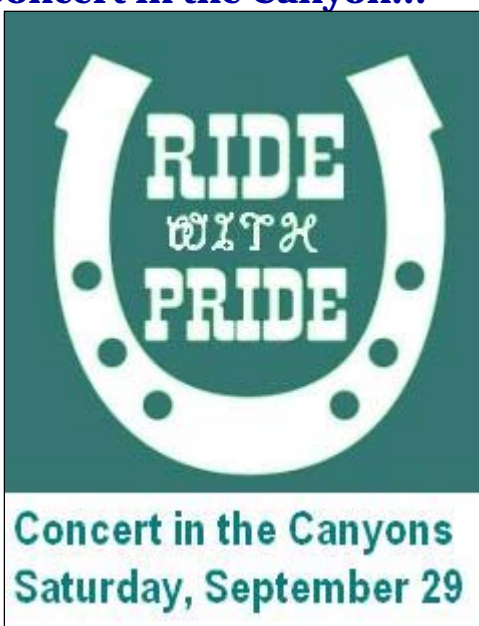
**Saturday, Sept. 29**  
**6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**  
**Browns Canyon Ranch**  
**12051 Browns Canyon Rd.,**  
**Chatsworth**

Ride with Pride offers therapeutic horseback riding to enhance the lives of children and adults with disabilities.

For more information please visit

<http://www.ridewithprideth.org/newsroom/upcomingevents.html>

For sponsorship information contact Pat UpdeGraff at (818) 885-8138.



Ave., Chatsworth

There is also free live music and delicious hot food including Korean BBQ, Greek Mediterranean, tamales, southern BBQ, Mexican, roasted corn, crepes, and bacon wrapped hot dogs and sausages.

### Northridge Farmers Market Every Wednesday

Every week, this certified Farmers Market offers organic and conventional fresh fruits and vegetables as well as hot food booths with delicious foods from around the world. There is also a petting zoo, pony rides, lots of fun activities for kids, and arts and crafts vendors.

The Northridge Farmers Market is open every Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm through Oct. 31. Northridge Fashion Center  
 Tampa Ave. Parking Lot (in front of California Pizza Kitchen)



### [311 Online](#)

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

## West Hills 25th Anniversary Community Picnic and Elections...



We are proud to co-sponsor the West Hills 25th Anniversary Picnic and Neighborhood Council Elections at Shadow Ranch Park in West Hills.

**West Hills 25th Anniversary Picnic**  
**Saturday, Sept. 29**  
**1:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

### West Hills Neighborhood

#### Council Elections

**2:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

**Shadow Ranch Recreation Center**  
**22633 Vanowen St., West Hills**

The event is hosted by the West Hills Neighborhood Council and co-sponsored by West Hills Hospital, Grossman Burn Center, Fairwinds West Hills Retirement Center, The Boeing Co., Foundation for Arts and Community Events (FaCE)/Cinema Heritage Project and the Department of Recreation and Parks.

There will be live rock and roll bands, picnic games, a community resource fair, petting zoo, bouncers, health screenings, and gourmet food trucks. At 7:00 pm, there will be a free outdoor screening of the classic film *The Wizard of Oz*.

For information or to reserve a booth, please call Ed Young at (818) 704-1505 or email [Ed19357@Yahoo.com](mailto:Ed19357@Yahoo.com).

## Plan Ahead for 405 Freeway Closures, Sept. 29 & 30...

As part of the Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project, the 405 Freeway will be closed in both directions from the 10 Freeway to the 101 Freeway on Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30.

The closure will affect approximately 500,000 commuters in the L.A. area, but as with the previous 405 Freeway closure, if we all plan ahead and eat, shop and play



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.](#)

#### 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

locally, we can prevent a traffic nightmare in Los Angeles.

On Friday, Sept. 28, ramps along the 10-mile closure area will start to close as early as 7:00 pm, and closure of freeway lanes will begin at 10:00 pm to ensure full freeway closure by midnight. The closure will continue until the morning of Monday, Oct. 1, 5:00 am, and ramps and connectors will be reopened by 6:00 am. During the closure, the Mulholland Bridge, 405 Freeway and access ramps will be closed.

The closure is to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the Mulholland bridge, which is part of the \$1 billion Sepulveda Pass improvement project that is adding a 10-mile northbound carpool lane and other upgrades. It is expected to be completed next year.

For a listing of daily closures and latest updates visit Metro's website at [www.metro.net/405](http://www.metro.net/405) or follow Metro on Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/I\\_405](http://www.Twitter.com/I_405) and Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/405project](http://www.Facebook.com/405project).

## **Metrolink Adding Addition Valley Train Service Durring 405 Freeway Closure...**

Metrolink announced that is adding 7 trains on its Ventura County line between Los Angeles and Chatsworth to offer additional public transit service for San Fernando Valley residents during the 405 Freeway closure Sept. 29 and 30.

The added trips on the Ventura County line will include stops in Glendale, downtown Burbank, Bob Hope Airport, Van Nuys and Northridge.

To see the story on Northridge-Chatsworth Patch, [click here](#).

## **Eat, Shop and Play Locally During "Carmageddon II"...**

Metro has partnered with almost 300 local restaurants, stores, museums, venues and tourist destinations to offer discounts during "Carmageddon II." Metro hopes to encourage the public to "Eat, Shop and Play Locally" Sept. 29 and 30 to help avoid severe traffic congestion during the 405 Freeway closure.

Carmageddon II special discounts range from 10% to 50% and are part of Metro's Destinations Discounts Program for Metro public transit riders. You must show your Metro Tap card to receive the discount. To see a map showing all of the discounts available in the San Fernando Valley, and throughout Los Angeles, [click here](#).

*For more information about the 405 Freeway closure, visit [www.metro.net/405](http://www.metro.net/405).*

## **Support the Granada Hills Rotary Foundation Blood Drive...**



Give the gift of life! Give blood!  
The Granada Hills Rotary  
Foundation is holding a blood

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

For more info [click here](#).

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

The LAPD offers a free

drive in two locations in Granada Hills on Saturday, September 29 in an effort to raise at least 500 pints of blood. Free lunch will be provided to all donors.

**Saturday, Sept. 29**  
**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Granada Hills Recreation Center**  
**16730 Chatsworth St., Granada Hills**  
**North Valley Youth Sports Complex**  
**13100 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills**

*An appointment is required. To make an appointment visit [www.rotarygivesblood.org](http://www.rotarygivesblood.org)*

*For sponsorships opportunities and additional information email John Weitkamp at [jweitkamp@aol.com](mailto:jweitkamp@aol.com)*

## **Business Roundtable and Export Workshop...**

For our next Business Roundtable, we are partnering with the Port of Los Angeles for a free Business Export Workshop on Thursday, Oct. 4 in Chatsworth.

**Thursday, Oct. 4**  
**8:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
**The Gas Company**  
**9400 North Oakdale Ave,**  
**Chatsworth**

The event will feature valuable information and presentations from experts from Trade Development, Port of Los Angeles, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Small Business Administration, L.A. Customs Brokers &

Freight Forwarders Association, the Center for International Trade Development, and the United Parcel Service.

You can learn how to take your business into exporting, how to identify foreign markets, financing and insuring your operations overseas, documentation and logistics, sea and air cargo services and more. Bring plenty of business cards - this is also a great networking opportunity with your fellow San Fernando Valley business leaders.

*This free event includes a light breakfast. Please RSVP to [dwinterseconomicalliance.org](mailto:dwinterseconomicalliance.org) or [jcoronel@portla.org](mailto:jcoronel@portla.org).*



**Business Roundtable  
 and Export Workshop  
 Thursday, Oct. 4  
 The Gas Co., Chatsworth**

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 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](http://www.NIXLE.com).

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS IN CD12**

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## Workshops for Disability Rights, Education and Advocacy...



The Family Focus Resource & Empowerment Center in partnership with Gold Standard Advocates is offering several workshops for community members, focusing on children with Special Education needs and their families.

Family Focus Resource & Empowerment Center (FFREC) assists families of children who have special needs. FFREC is a non-profit organization and is a sponsored project of the Michael D. Eisner College of Education at California State University, Northridge. For more information, visit

<http://familyfocusresourcecenter.org/>.

Gold Standard Advocates is a Los Angeles-based Special Education Advocate group specializing in individuals with disabilities. For more information, visit <http://www.theepadvocates.com/>

### "Insurance Coverage for Autism-Related Services"

**Thursday, Oct. 4**

**6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Councilmember Mitchell Englander's**

**Community Service Center**

**9207 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth**

For questions or to RSVP to any of the workshops, contact Theresa Quarry at (818) 677-6854 or [Theresa.quary@csun.edu](mailto:Theresa.quary@csun.edu).

## 5th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair...

Come learn how your family can get prepared for major earthquakes, wildfires, floods, and other disasters at the 5th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair, on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Fire Station 87 in Granada Hills.

**Saturday, Oct. 6**

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Fire Station 87**

**10124 Balboa Blvd.,**

**Granada Hills**

We are proud to co-sponsor this terrific event, together with



### West Hills

### **CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

Canoga Park/West Hills

Chatsworth/Porter Ranch

Granada Hills

North Valley Regional

Greater San Fernando Valley

Northridge South, Northridge East, and Northridge West Neighborhood Councils. Granada Hills North, Granada Hills South, North Hills West, Porter Ranch, Chatsworth and Lake Balboa Neighborhood Councils also participating. The Neighborhood Councils will be giving away 400 Emergency Preparedness Starter Kits (1 per family).

There will also be drawings for a backpack filled with emergency supplies, the Yogi Bear Shakey-Quakey School House and Free Child IDs provided by Granada Hills Masons. There will be demonstrations and booths from HAM Radio Operators, LAFD's Jaws-of-Life, LADWP Safety Demonstration, Civil Air Patrol Van Nuys, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Red Cross, a Kids Safety Puppet Show, LAPD Mobile Command Post, Southern California Gas Company, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), Northridge Hospital Trauma Department and more.

### Free Secure Document Shredding...



Shred-it, and the Los Angeles Regional CRIME STOPPERS are teaming up to offer community members a free document shredding day to help prevent identity theft.

**Saturday, Oct. 6**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Target**  
**11133 Balboa Blvd.**  
**Granada Hills**

Shredding personal documents that you no longer need, such as old bank statements, insurance bills, utility bills and credit card bills is one of the best ways to protect

yourself from identity theft. Criminals frequently will take documents with personal information on them from trash or recycling bins and use them to create false credit cards or accounts and use them to withdraw money or purchase goods. This can ruin your credit record and it can be a difficult and slow process to repair the damage.

### Los Angeles Fire Department Charity Car Show...

Don't miss the annual Los Angeles Fire Department Car Show, on Sunday, Oct. 7 in West Hills.

This great annual Valley tradition features food cooked by Firefighters, live entertainment, a raffle for great prizes, and hundreds of unique and beautiful custom cars, bikes, boats, trucks, hot rods, race cars, and muscle cars on display. You can sign up for their first-ever LAFD Pinewood



**LAFD Charity Car Show**  
**Sunday, Oct. 7**  
**West Hills**

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**Sunday, Oct. 7**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**22801 Roscoe Blvd.**  
**(across from LAFD Station 106)**  
**West Hills**

The LAFD Recruitment Unit will have a booth for those interested in a career in firefighting. There will also be a blood drive with the Cedars-Sinai Hospital blood drive, so come give the gift of life!

The LAFD Charity Car Show is open to all participants. Participants will receive "Goody Bags" donated by the sponsors. The entry fee is \$25 before Sept. 30 or \$35 at the gate. Admission to the show is free. All proceeds will go to the Los Angeles Firemen's Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firemen's Fund and Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors.

*For more information, or to register to participate in the show, call Don Cascio at (805) 660-0579 or email [shelbydon@yahoo.com](mailto:shelbydon@yahoo.com) or visit <http://lafdcarshow.com/>.*

## **Pioneer Day at the Homestead Acre in Chatsworth...**



Pioneer Day at the Homestead Acre in Chatsworth is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 7, so save the date for this great Northwest San Fernando Valley tradition.

**Sunday, Oct. 7**  
**11:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Homestead Acre**  
**Chatsworth Park South**  
**10385 Shadow Oak Dr.**  
**(At the west end of**  
**Devonshire St.)**  
**Chatsworth**

This wonderful, family-friendly event celebrates the rich history of our community, and includes tours of the Virginia Watson Chatsworth Historical Museum and the historical Minnie Palmer Cottage. There will also be the famous Chili Cook-Off, a bake sale, and demonstrations of wood-carving, arrowhead making, weaving, panning for gold, quilting, blacksmithing, Native American artifacts, and more.

There is free parking and a shuttle service to and from the park at Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station, located at 10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd. (Enter from Devonshire St. between Canoga Ave. and Owensmouth Ave.).

\$5 donation for adults. \$1 for kids. Proceeds support the Chatsworth Historical Society.

*For more information, visit <http://www.historicalsocieties.net>.*

## Elegant Entertainment for a Great Cause at Northridge Hospital Foundation's Steppin' Out Gala...

Councilmember Englander is proud to be receiving this year's Spirit of Life Award at Northridge Hospital Foundation's Steppin' Out Gala, on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village.



The proceeds from this night of elegant entertainment benefit an important cause - emergency and trauma services at Northridge Hospital Medical Center.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Four Seasons Hotel**  
**Grand Ballroom**  
**2 Dole Dr., Westlake Village**

The black tie optional event features a silent auction and reception (6:00 pm) and dinner, entertainment and dancing (7:30 pm) with live music by Papa Doo Run Run, California's Band. Master of Ceremonies Mark Kriski is an emmy-award-winning meteorologist, appearing on KTLA Ch. 5 for two decades.

For information on tickets or sponsorship, [click here](#).

## North Valley Eldercare Expo...

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**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
**11 am to 3 pm**

**Northridge  
Fashion Center  
(northern courtyard)**

The North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Senior Services Business Council (SSBC) in association with SFV Marketing and Admissions Professionals for Seniors (M.A.P.S.) is sponsoring a Caregivers and Senior Resources Expo on Oct. 13 in Northridge.

**Saturday, Oct. 13**  
**11:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**Northridge Fashion Center**  
**(northern courtyard)**

As people are living longer, the economic, emotional and physical dependence on family members are growing. This presents challenges to those who are taking care of their children as well as their aging parents.

The free Expo will feature professionals who serve the senior community who can provide guidance with these challenges, speakers, counselors, free ElderCare Resource Directories, and other information and resources.

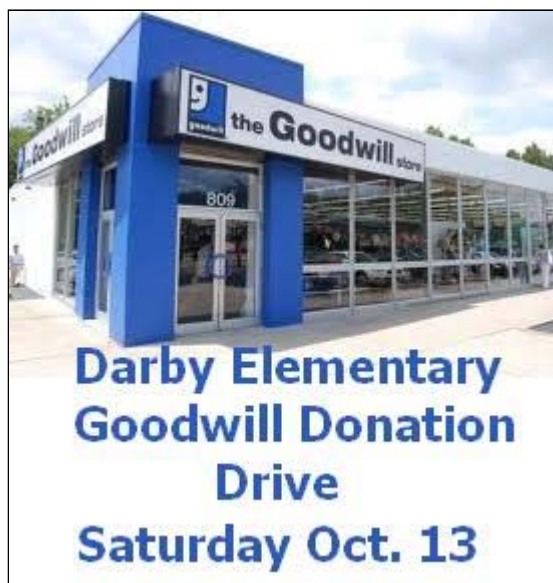
## Darby Elementary School Fundraiser to Support Goodwill...

Please donate unwanted or used household items, electronics and clean clothing in good condition to Darby Elementary School's 5th Grade Class for their Goodwill donation drive. Darby has partnered with Goodwill Southern California to raise funds as well as support Goodwill's mission of enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities through education, training and job placement services.

This event is a win-win! For every trailer full of donated items, Darby Elementary's 5th Grade Class earns money to help pay for school supplies for students, and Goodwill receives donated items that will go to struggling families in our community.

**Saturday Oct. 13**  
**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Darby Elementary School**  
**10818 Darby Ave., Northridge**  
**Teacher's parking lot on southwest corner.**

To see the list of accepted and not-accepted items, [click here](#).  
 To have items picked up please call (818) 319-7139.



## CSUN Language, Speech and Hearing Center's 50th Anniversary...



The Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences will be hosting a special reception to celebrate the Center's 50th Anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 14 at CSUN.

**Sunday, October 14**  
**Reception - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**Orange Grove Bistro**  
**Open House - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Monterey Hall**

**CSUN Campus**  
**18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge**

The Center provides a comprehensive array of diagnostic and therapeutic services aimed at the identification, prevention and/or rehabilitation of hearing impairments in children and adults.

The open house is free. Tickets for the reception are \$35 per person, with proceeds benefiting the Language, Speech and Hearing Center Fund.

*To RSVP or more information, please contact Janice Woolsey at [Janice.woolsey@csun.edu](mailto:Janice.woolsey@csun.edu) or call (818)-677-2856.*

**Honor a Hero/Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair...**

Businesses from across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties will come together on Thursday, Oct. 18 for the 7th Annual Honor a Hero / Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair at Warner Center. This is the largest regional job fair aimed at helping returning war veterans, National Guard members, and reservists who need to find jobs as they return to the San Fernando Valley community.



The Job Fair serves as a one-stop opportunity for entry, middle, and upper-level career opportunities. Come dressed for success and bring multiple copies of your resume.

The Job Fair is co-presented by The Valley Economic Alliance and the California Employment Development Department (EDD).

**Thursday, Oct. 18**  
**11:00 am to 1:00 pm - Open for Veterans**  
**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Open to the General Public**  
**Warner Center Marriott Hotel**  
**21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills**

*For more information please call The Valley Economic Alliance at (818) 379-7000 Ext. 110 or email [egass@economicalliance.org](mailto:egass@economicalliance.org). Job Seeker Hotline - (818) 596-4498.*

**7th Annual Boy Scouts Stoney Point Clean-Up Day...**



Join the Cub Scouts Troop 921 and Venture Crew 921 for their

7th Annual Stoney Point Clean-Up effort and help keep this wonderful nature area and recreational resource clean and beautiful for all. Volunteers will be clearing the numerous walking trails around Stoney Point of dried brush, trash, broken glass, and debris to make the trails more attractive and "user friendly."

Troop 921 and Venture Crew 921 are also continuing their pledge to cleaning and maintaining the plaque commemorating the 25 people who lost their lives near Stoney Point in the Sept. 12, 2008 Metrolink train crash.

**Saturday, Oct. 20**  
**8:00 am to 11:00 am**  
**Stoney Point Park**  
**Chatsworth**

We are proud to co-sponsor this event with Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship, L.A.Works and REI Sporting Goods.

Chatsworth Neighborhood Council is generously providing coffee, hot chocolate and bagels before the clean-up and hot dogs for lunch after the clean up for registered participant volunteers. REI is providing free T-shirts for registered volunteers, and raffle prizes. There will also be a rappelling demonstration, environmental information and more.

For more more information, [click here](#).

## 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, 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 disaster. If you follow each item on this checklist, you will be highly prepared at the end of the year.

## Week 36: Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair...

Come to the 5th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair and you can learn a lot about how your family can get prepared for major earthquakes, wildfires, floods, and other disasters. The free event is on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Fire Station 87 in Granada Hills and offers a wide range of information and resources. (See our announcement above for more information.)

**To see our printable Emergency Preparedness Checklist, with every week's entry, [click here](#) or visit our website at [www.CD12.org](http://www.CD12.org).**

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## REPORTS FROM OUR STAFF

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### Free CERT Training...



Melody  
Jaramillo  
Field Deputy

# CERT Training Courses



This week, our Case Worker/Council Aide Melody Jaramillo reports on a great opportunity coming up for families to learn how to get prepared for earthquakes, wildfires, floods or other disasters at an upcoming free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course.

These courses could make all the difference for you and your family before, during and after a disaster. We applaud Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council and Patriot Oil Community Benefit Trust Fund, administered by the North

Valley Coalition, for sponsoring this important public safety resource.

#### **Wednesday Evenings**

**Oct. 17, 24, and 31.**

**Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28**

**6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Knollwood Country Club**

**Fairway Room**

**12024 Balboa Bl., Granada Hills**

CERT trains community members in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. You will learn how to prepare for emergencies, what supplies, food and water you should have in your home or office, and most importantly, how to protect your family and your neighbors.

For more information visit <http://www.cert-la.com/cert-syllabus.pdf> or email [cert@ghnnc.org](mailto:cert@ghnnc.org) to sign up for free!

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