



## COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER'S E-NEWS

Nov. 2, 2012

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### RECENT LEGISLATION

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#### No Vote on Proposed Tax Increases...



Councilmember Englander voted NO on all of the proposed tax increases.

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, I voted NO on the series of tax increases proposed for the March 2013 ballot. Proposals were made to increase the parcel tax to raise money for parks, to increase the documentary transfer tax, to increase the parking occupancy tax, and to implement a .5% sales tax.

The City faces a \$220 million budget deficit this year which has heavily impacted our resources. However, I believe that not enough has been done to bring the City back to its most essential core services - public safety, infrastructure, and planning - and that not enough progress has been made

to bring our current and future pension costs under control. We must first make significant progress on those fronts before asking the taxpayers for more money, especially now when families are still struggling to make ends meet.

- Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District

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## Working on Behalf of Horse and Livestock Owners...



Councilmember Englander riding with Charlotte Brodie in the Corral 54 Community Horseback Ride.

As a strong supporter of our large equestrian community, I introduced a motion on Oct. 16 to get the hardship adjustment for horse and livestock owners in the DWP Water Rate Ordinance finally implemented.

In 2009, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners amended the Water Rate Ordinance to allow a hardship adjustment for horse and livestock owners. The amendment specifically allowed registered owners of livestock an allotment of 100 cubic feet per month (approximately 748 gallons) per animal to ensure

adequate health and hygiene. On average horses consume 15 gallons of water per day, or approximately 500 gallons per month. However, in mid-2009 the livestock hardship adjustment was referred back to the Board of Water and Power, and has never been adopted.

With the cost of water rising all the time, horse and livestock owners need the hardship adjustment more than ever. My motion asks DWP to report to the Council in 30 days on the status of the livestock hardship adjustment and its plan to quickly implement it. [Click here to see the motion.](#)

- Mitchell Englander, Councilmember, Twelfth District

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Supporting Businesses in Our Community...



As part of our ongoing outreach and assistance efforts to businesses in our community, I was proud to make a site visit to Earth Island, a Chatsworth-based manufacturer of vegan food products.

I presented a commendation to Earth Islands CEO Bob

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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**

Goldwyn and his staff, and toured their facility. While a great deal of manufacturing now takes places overseas, Earth Island still produces their high-quality, natural products right here in Council District 12.

Their flagship product, Veganaise, a gluten-free, eggless mayonaise substitute, is sold at their health food cafe and market, Follow Your Heart. LOcated at 21825 Sherman Way in Canoga Park, Follow Your Heart has been in business since 1970.

- *Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Twelfth District*

## Conversations With Councils...



Street Services Director Nazario Saucedo at Conversations With Neighborhood Councils, discussing the City's street, sidewalk and tree services, with Councilmember Englander and Field Deputy Erik Richardson.

I hosted another "Conversations with Councils," our series of meetings bringing together Neighborhood Council leaders and City Department heads to discuss City services and community concerns and ideas, on Thursday, Nov. 1.

We were joined by Director of Bureau of Street Services Nazario Saucedo at the lively and constructive meeting at Corporate Pointe in West Hills. At our Conversations with Councils, we invite Board Members from all Neighborhood Councils in our District to meet with me, my staff, and heads of City Departments to get updates on legislation, projects and hot-

button issues, ask questions, and discuss community matters.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Northridge South, Northridge West, Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, West Hills, Granada Hills North and Reseda Neighborhood Councils.

- *Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Twelfth District*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Fall Community Clean Up Event at Limekiln

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

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

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**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, Nov. 8  
8:00 am

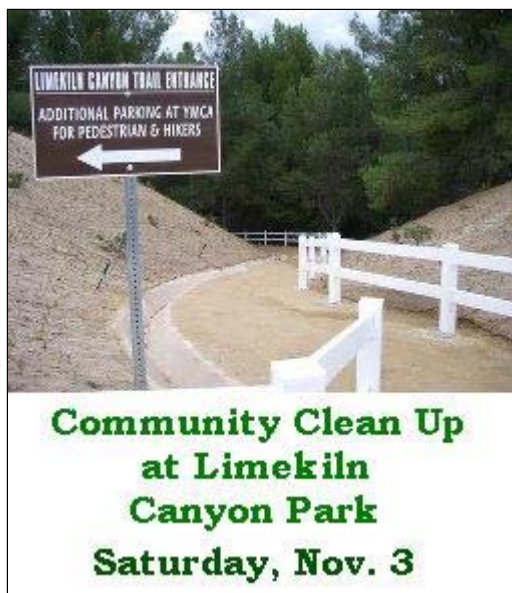
East side of Tampa Ave.  
at Superior St., in  
Northridge. Park on  
Superior St.

The crew will be  
preparing the two  
planters at that location  
for new gardens, and  
they will clean up  
Tampa Ave. sidewalks,  
parkways, gutters &  
storm drains.

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

## Canyon Park...

We are proud to be partnering with middle-school student Sam Dobry and his fellow student leaders for our Fall Community Clean-Up event on Saturday, Nov. 3 at Limekiln Canyon Park. Student volunteers from several local schools will be leading the clean up activities, including removal of graffiti, cleaning up trash and debris, and beautification of Limekiln Canyon. This event is a great way to get some outdoor exercise, meet your neighbors, teach kids about volunteerism, and help keep this natural area in our community beautiful.



**Saturday, Nov. 3**

**8:30 am to 11:00 am**

**Meet at Shepherd of the Hills Church**

**Parking Lot**

**Southwest corner of Corbin Ave. & Rinaldi St.**

**Porter Ranch**

Wal-Mart of Porter Ranch is generously providing free breakfast for the volunteers. Ralph's of Porter Ranch is donating free bottled water. Trader Joe's of Chatsworth is donating free protein bars and bottled water.

*For more information, call the District 12 Community Service Center at (818) 882 - 1212*

## Dearborn Elementary School Goodwill Donation Drive...



Kids and teachers at Dearborn Elementary Charter Academy are holding a Goodwill Fundraising Drive to gather used clothes and household items to benefit struggling families served by Goodwill and to raise funds for the school.

**Saturday, Nov. 3**

**9:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Dearborn Elementary School**

**9240 Wish Ave.,**

**Northridge**

For every 28 foot truck that is filled with donated items the Goodwill will contribute \$1,500 to Dearborn Elementary. Funds raised will help benefit the school's 2012/2013 Educational Programs, including computer classes, art classes, dance and music classes, physical education, field trips and teacher

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).*

## New SAFE Center in Granada Hills Open to for Drop Off of Household Hazardous Waste

Nicole Bernson SAFE Center  
10241 N. Balboa Blvd.  
(at Devonshire St.)  
Granada Hills  
Open Saturdays & Sundays  
9 am to 3 pm

SAFE stands for Solvents, Automotive, Flammables and Electronics. They are locations where you can properly and safely dispose of electronic, automotive and Household Hazardous Waste.

That includes TVs, electronic toys, motor oil, paint, pool chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs, and batteries.

It is illegal to throw away Household Hazardous Waste into the regular trash because, once in landfills, they can leach toxic pollution into environment.

For more info including a list of exactly what the SAFE Center

supply grants.

*Simply drop off your items at Deaborn Elementary or schedule a large item pick up by sending an email to [donations@deabornpta.org](mailto:donations@deabornpta.org).*

## Don't Forget to "Fall Behind" for Daylight Savings Time This Weekend...

Daylight savings time ends this Sunday morning at 2:00 am, so don't forget to set your clocks one hour earlier.



## Voter Information for Nov. 6 Elections...



Election day is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Whatever your choice is, it is important to vote and make your voice count in our democracy.

On Nov. 6, residents of the San Fernando Valley can vote for City Measures, County Measures, Los Angeles County District Attorney, California State Assembly and Senate, California State Propositions, U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate and President of the United States.

To see a list of all candidates and measures that you can vote on on Nov. 6, visit Los Angeles County's [Voter Information page here](#) and enter your address. It includes

summaries of the candidates and measures, including pros and cons, fiscal impacts, and other important information. To look up your local polling station, visit <http://lavote.net/Locator/> and enter your address.

## Free CERT Training...

There is a great opportunity coming up for families to learn how to get prepared for earthquakes, wildfires, floods or



accepts, [click here](#) or call (800) 988-6942.

### 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 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.



### [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.

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**

**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 [www.cert-la.com/cert-syllabus.pdf](http://www.cert-la.com/cert-syllabus.pdf). or email [cert@ghnnc.org](mailto:cert@ghnnc.org) to sign up for free!

## **Courageous Citizens Award Luncheon...**



Don't miss the Kiwanis Club of Northridge's 11th Annual Courageous Citizens Award Luncheon coming up on Thursday, Nov. 8.

**Thursday, Nov. 8**

**11:45 am to 1:30 pm**

**The Odyssey Restaurant  
Apollo East/West Room  
15600 Odyssey Dr.  
Granada Hills**

Every year, this event brings together business and

community leaders, public officials, and law enforcement officers to recognize extraordinary acts of bravery by regular citizens. The awards are given to those who have come to the aid of a victim of a crime, helped capture a suspected criminal, prevented a crime, testified in the face of unusual pressure, or acted selflessly to help a fellow citizen.

For more information, call Richard Leyden at (818) 775-1185.

## **PALS Holiday Toy Drive for Kids...**

Join us in helping to ensure that at-risk kids in our community can have holiday gifts by donating to



## **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 from recycled yard trimmings and other "green waste" from the green bins.

Recycling green waste

the Devonshire PALS (Police Activity League) Youth Center Toy Drive.

Starting Friday, Nov. 9, you can drop off new, unwrapped toys, books or gift cards to our Community Service Center in Chatsworth, at Devonshire Community Police Station, or at the Devonshire PALS Youth Center. The toy give-away is on Saturday, Dec. 15, and you can drop off donations directly at the PALS Youth Center in Northridge until Thursday, Dec. 13.

### **Nov. 9 to Dec. 13**

#### **Drop Off Locations**

#### **Council District 12 Community Service Center**

**9207 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth**

**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Monday - Friday**

#### **PALS Youth Center**

**8721 Wilbur Ave., Northridge**

**Monday - Thursday**

**9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

#### **Devonshire Community**

#### **Police Station**

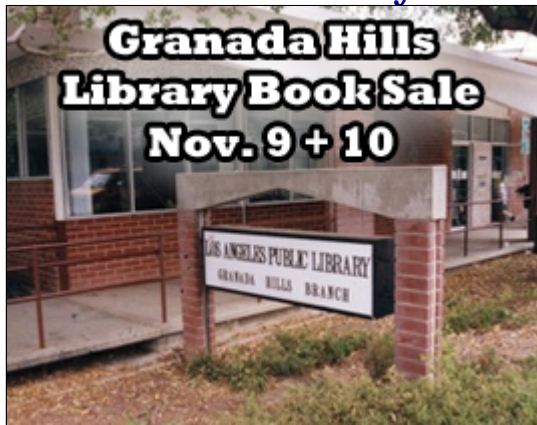
**10250 Etiwanda Ave. (at Devonshire St.)**

**Northridge**

All donated gifts go to kids who participate in PALS programs. PALS offers valuable after-school programs, including sports, education, and mentoring with LAPD Officers to give at-risk youth in our community positive alternatives to crime, gangs and drugs.

To learn more about Devonshire PALS, visit [www.devonshire-pals.org](http://www.devonshire-pals.org).

## **Granada Hills Library Used Book Sale...**



The Friends of the Granada Hills Library are holding a two-day used book sale on Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10.

The Granada Hills Library was the 22nd branch to be opened in the City of Los Angeles in November 1962. All year, the Granada Hills Library is celebrating its 50th birthday, and with your support, they can keep providing service to our community for another 50

years. The library offers many free cultural and educational programs, including monthly free family movie nights, showing family-friendly films.

### **Friday, Nov. 9**

**2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

### **Saturday, Nov. 10**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Granada Hills Library**

**10640 Petit Ave., Granada Hills**

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 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

Many fiction, non-fiction, hardcover, and paperback books in good condition will be available at rock bottom prices! You can purchase a bag full of books for \$5. All proceeds will help the Friends of the Library purchase books and maintain its programs and activities.

For more information, call (818) 368-5687.

## Northridge Village Clean-Up Effort by San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission & Northridge Sparkle Campaign...

The San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission is partnering with Northridge Sparkle Campaign to hold a major clean-up operation in Northridge Village as part of the ongoing Northridge Village Beautification Project on Saturday, Nov. 10.

**Saturday, Nov. 10**  
**9:30 am**  
**Home Again Rescue Mission**  
**8756 Canby Ave.**  
**Northridge**



Volunteers with Northridge Sparkle Campaign working on one of their past beautification projects.

Volunteers will be cleaning up trash and debris from sidewalks, removing graffiti, planting greenery, starting their first public mural and installing benches.

Northridge Sparkle is a community-driven effort to beautify the Reseda Blvd. business corridor between Parthenia St. and Nordhoff St. and has been instrumental in decreasing litter and vandalism, and increasing community pride in the commercial district.

Their past projects have included installing Northridge Village signs, historical plaques, redwood planter boxes with new plants and flowers, trimming trees, repainting red curbs and fire hydrants, sweeping gutters, power-washing sidewalks, promoting businesses, and creating business membership stickers.

*The San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission is an outreach of the Rescue Mission Alliance. To learn more visit [www.sfvrescuemission.org](http://www.sfvrescuemission.org).*

*For more information or to sign up for the Nov. 10 clean-up activity, contact Andrea Alvarado at (818) 903-8194 or [northridgebeautification@gmail.com](mailto:northridgebeautification@gmail.com) or visit [www.textinthecity.org](http://www.textinthecity.org).*

## Veteran's Day Celebration at Granada Hills Veterans Memorial Park...



The Granada Hills Rotary Club and the Veterans of Foreign

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).

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Wars Granada Hills Post are holding a Veteran's Day Celebration at the Granada Hills Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, Nov. 11.

VFW will conduct a Color Guard ceremony. Visitors are asked to donate to support the Wounded Warrior Project, which provides programs and services to severely injured service members during the time between active duty and transition to civilian life. To learn more about the Wounded Warrior Project, visit <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>.

**Sunday, Nov. 11**  
**2:00 pm**  
**Corner of Zelzah Ave. and Chatsworth St.**  
**Granada Hills**

*For more information call Kerry Nelson at (818) 388-6428.*

## Help Complete the Memorial Walkway on the Granada Hills Veterans Memorial Park...



The Granada Hills Rotary Foundation is offering 150 laser-engraved memorial bricks to be added to the Memorial Walkway in the Granada Hills Veterans' Park.

The Foundation maintains the Granada Hills Veterans' Park, which they refurbished in 2009 and 2010. The memorial bricks have helped raise funds for the renovations and continue to help pay for maintenance.

There are now 750 bricks which were sponsored and have names and messages from individuals, families of fallen and current soldiers, local businesses and community-based organizations.

**This is the last opportunity to sponsor a memorial brick. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 12, 2012, and the final 150 bricks will be installed in early December.**

The Veterans' Park's pergola was made possible by the Granada Hills Improvement Association. New landscaping, brick and cement work, flagpoles, monument and statue were supported by Jake Parunyan, Kenn Cleaners; Councilmember Mitchell Englander; former Councilman Greig Smith; the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council; the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council; the Department of Cultural Affairs; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2323; and the Granada Hills Rotary Foundation.

*For more information or to request a brick, please contact John Weitkamp at [jweitkamp@aol.com](mailto:jweitkamp@aol.com) or (818) 363-3144 or Dr. Carl Melnik at [drmelnik@ghoc.com](mailto:drmelnik@ghoc.com) or (818) 366-2020.*

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## Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber 7th Annual Legends and Heroes Luncheon...

We are proud to co-sponsor the Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce's 7th annual Legends and Heroes Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 15. This great community event recognizes the achievements of outstanding community members.

**Thursday, Nov. 15**

**11:30 am**

**Porter Valley Country Club  
19216 Singing Hills Drive,  
Porter Ranch**

**Tickets: \$40**



This year, the Legends and Heroes Honorees are Detective Eddie Solomon, LAPD Devonshire Station; Senior Lead Officer Danny Del Valle, LAPD Devonshire Station; Captain Denise Jones, LAFD Fire Station #28; Robert Dager, Santa Susana Mountain Preservation Association; Jelena Csanyi, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council & Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council.

*For more information please call the Chamber at (818) 341-2428.*

## 'Tis the Season Holiday Celebration at Shops at West End in Chatsworth...



Shops at West End invite you for an evening of holiday cheer, fun activities and shopping while giving back to the community on Nov. 15.

**Thursday, Nov. 15  
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
Devonshire St. between  
Owensmouth Ave. and  
Topanga Canyon**

The holiday festivities include a Santa's Workshop for kids, Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Showcase, Children's Holiday Art Contest Display, Silent Night Silent Auction and Raffle, Giving Stations and more.

Guests will also enjoy tasty refreshments, holiday boutique shopping and a special visit from Santa! In the spirit of giving, proceeds will benefit local schools of the finalists of the Children's Holiday Art Contest and Haven Hills, an organization that serves victims of domestic violence in the San Fernando Valley.

You can drop off donations of unwrapped gifts for a child or adult or gift cards at Los Toros Restaurant, located at 21743 Devonshire St. or visit [www.havenhills.org](http://www.havenhills.org) to see their wish list. Los Toros will give a free child's meal for each gift donated.

## The Holiday Toy Express is Back...

The Holiday Toy Express is coming back to town with stops at Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station on Friday, Nov. 16, and Northridge Station on Sunday, Dec. 2, so mark your calendar!

**Friday, Nov. 16**

**Festivities start 6:00 pm**

**Train arrives approx. 8:00 pm**

**Chatsworth Depot  
Metrolink Station  
Chatsworth**

**To see a map, visit**

<http://goo.gl/maps/a5C5X>.

**Sunday, Dec. 2**

**Northridge Metrolink  
Station**

**Train arrives at 5:35 pm**

**Wilbur & Parthenia**

**To see a map, visit**

<http://goo.gl/maps/p56zg>

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

The Holiday Toy Express is a full-sized Metrolink passenger train decorated with over 50,000 lights, animated light displays, animatronic singing reindeer, and a song and dance performances by Santa and his Elves. This free event is a great way to for families and kids to celebrate the holidays in our community.

Please bring an unwrapped gift or a gift card to donate to the Spark of Love Toy Drive, which offers holiday gifts and sports equipment to at-risk and low-income children. Spark of Love is a partnership between Fire Departments across Southern California and ABC TV Ch. 7.

To see a video of last year's Holiday Toy Express, [click here](#).



## Recycle Your Old Sneakers to Help Build Playgrounds for Kids...



**Recycle Your Sneakers!**  
**CD 12 Community  
 Service Center**  
**Nov. 1 - 15**

Drop off your unwanted and worn-out sneakers at the District 12 Community Service Center from Nov. 1 through Nov. 15 to be recycled and made into playgrounds and running tracks.

**Nov. 1 to Nov. 15**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**9:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**CD 12 Community  
 Service Center**  
**9207 Oakdale Ave.,  
 Chatsworth**

As part of America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, we are collecting used sneakers (only shoes with rubber soles) to help keep them

out of landfills and conserve natural resources. The rubber from the soles is shredded and re-used to make the rubber mats for playgrounds and rubber running tracks.

*For more information, call (818) 882-1212.*

## Celebrating Topanga Community Police Station...

Join the Los Angeles Police Department in Celebrating Topanga Community Police Station on Friday, Nov. 16.

**Friday, Nov. 16**  
**5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**  
**Hilton Hotel**  
**6360 Canoga Ave.,**  
**Woodland Hills**

This fun evening of elegant dining and entertainment features live music by Mrs. Robinson. The Topanga Station Hero of the Year will be announced, and Councilmembers Mitchell Englander and Dennis Zine will host the live auction. The event raises funds for the LAPD Topanga Boosters, which provides much-needed materials and equipment for the Police Officers serving at Topanga Station.



**Friday, Nov. 16**  
**Hilton Hotel**  
**Woodland Hills**

Tickets are \$60 per person. No Host Bar. Free Valet Parking. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (818) 756-3077 or visit [www.topangaboosters.org](http://www.topangaboosters.org).

## Rummage Sale to Benefit Nobel Charter Middle School Drama Dept....



The Nobel Charter Middle School Drama Dept. is holding a rummage sale to raise funds for their upcoming stage production of "Not Yo Momma's Wizard of Oz!" The sale will feature clothes, household appliances, toys, and other used items in good condition.

**Saturday, Nov. 17  
8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Nobel School**

**9329 Beckford Ave., Northridge**

For more information, contact Jennifer Roberto at [jroberto@socal.rr.com](mailto:jroberto@socal.rr.com).

## Help the YMCA Give Thanksgiving Dinners to Struggling Families...

You can help ensure that struggling families in our community can have their own Thanksgiving dinner at home. To support the North Valley Family YMCA's Annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive, you can donate canned goods, dried goods, stuffing, desert, vegetables, turkeys, gift cards or money. Last year the YMCA donated more than 1,000 complete Thanksgiving dinners.

The entire Council District 12 staff will be volunteering to distribute turkeys to families.

**North Valley Family YMCA  
11336 Corbin Ave.  
Porter Ranch**



**Help the North Valley  
Family YMCA Offer  
Complete Thanksgiving  
Dinners to Struggling  
Families**

For more information please visit [www.ymcala.org/nv](http://www.ymcala.org/nv).

## 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 41: Incorporate Lessons Learned from Other Disasters Into Your Emergency Preparedness Planning...**

As with many natural disasters, the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy in New York and New Jersey can offer valuable lessons to help us be better prepared for earthquakes, floods, wildfires and other disasters.

#### **Some notable lessons from Hurricane Sandy:**

**Follow evacuation orders.** At least 98 people have died during Hurricane Sandy. Always follow evacuation orders, it could save your life.

**Keep cash:** Huge sections of Manhattan have been without power for days, making credit and debit card purchases impossible. That is the reason why everyone should keep cash in their emergency kits.

**Flashlights:** With widespread power outages, large numbers of apartment buildings in Manhattan lost the use of their elevators. Many residents in upper-story units struggled to get down their stairs and out of their buildings because they didn't have flashlights and stairwells were completely dark.

**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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### **Compete 4 Causes 5K Run/Walk & Wellness Expo at CSUN...**



Our Field Deputy Seme Park is our office's liaison for California State University, Northridge (CSUN), the world-class university right here in our community. She reports on a great event this weekend at CSUN, the Compete 4 Causes 5K Run/Walk & Wellness Expo this Sunday, Nov. 4. A portion of your \$25 registration fee goes to the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley.

**9:00 am - Registration**  
**10:00 am - Walk/Run begins**  
**10:30 to 2:00 pm - Wellness Expo**  
**At CSUN**  
**Sierra Quad**  
**18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge**

The Wellness Expo features live performances, bouncers, obstacle course, games, rock climbing wall, food trucks, wellness demonstrations, and more.

If you would like support the Boys & Girls Club, when you register online, select "I Am Competing For" and select "A Registered Organization" and select Boys & Girls Club - West Valley.

*For more information or to register, please visit*  
<http://www.compete4causes.org/events/>

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