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RECENT LEGISLATION

Addressing Ongoing LAFD Response Time Problems...

Last week, I co-authored a motion with Councilmember Eric Garcetti for the Fire Department leadership to appear before the full City Council as soon as possible to explain why the Department has not provided specific actions to improve response times during life-and-death emergencies. The motion was in response to the ongoing problems emerging with the L.A. Fire Department's inaccurate data collection and reporting of response times, and the lack of adequate actions to address the problems.

In February 2012, I introduced FIRESTAT-LA, my proposal for a comprehensive new system for the Fire Department modeled after the LAPD's highly successful COMPSTAT. FIRESTAT-LA, which was approved by the City Council on April 17, 2012, will employ leading-edge technology and innovative management techniques and real-time data collection and mapping in order to deploy concentrated resources. There will be frequent meetings and open dialogues among all levels of Department personnel, and a cycle of constant assessment and communication of results to find improvements and efficiencies.

[Click here to see the motion.](#)



Councilmember Englander discussing the LAFD response times in City Council.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Visit to One of Our Local Schools...



Above: Councilmember Englander with Senior Pastor Glenn Kirby and other West Valley Christian School staff. Below: Councilmember Englander greeting students at the school.



On Thursday, Nov. 15, I met with Glenn Kirby, Senior Minister at the West Valley Christian School in West Hills. I toured the school facilities including the new state of the art gym and full range commercial kitchen available for community use. I also met with some of the students and teachers to discuss community issues, partnership projects, City services and legislation.

I am proud to represent this wonderful community resource and school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

You can drop off new, unwrapped toys,

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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
(213) 473-7012 and

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 through 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.

The Holiday Toy Express is Back...

The Holiday Toy Express is coming back to town at Northridge Station on Sunday, Dec. 2, so mark your calendars!

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 performance by Santa and his Elves. This free event is a great way 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



**email us at
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COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

New SAFE Center Now Open in Granada Hills

You can drop off electronic devices, paint, pool and garden chemicals, motor oil, batteries, fluorescent lightbulbs and other Household Hazardous Waste at the new SAFE Center located on Balboa Blvd. 1/2 block south of Devonshire St. in Granada Hills.

SAFE Center Open Saturdays & Sundays, 9 am - 3 pm

Just drive in and open your trunk and the staff at the SAFE Center will remove your Household Hazardous Waste for you. To see a list of items that are accepted, and other information [click here](#).

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

Join Northridge West
Neighborhood Council's
Clean Sweep

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](#).

Free CERT Training...



**Free CERT Classes
Wednesday Evenings
Knollwood Country Club
Granada Hills**

There is a great opportunity up for families to learn how to get prepared for earthquakes, wildfires, floods or other disasters at the free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course in Granada Hills.

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. 28, Dec. 5
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, or email cert@ghnnc.org to sign up for free!

Granada Hills Woman's Club Holiday Luncheon and Boutique...

The Granada Hills Woman's Club is holding their annual holiday luncheon and boutique to benefit research and treatment of Lou Gehrig's disease and Lupus on Thursday, Nov. 29.

**Thursday, Nov. 29
10:00 am - vendors open
12:00 pm - lunch
Porter Valley Country Club
19216 Singing Hills Drive**



community beautification project every Thursday!

Thursday, Nov. 29
8:00 am

Corner of Tampa Ave. and Superior.

There are no Clean Sweep activities during the month of December.

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 provides the refreshments and tools.

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

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

Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Farmer's Market is open every Saturday,

Northridge \$35 per person

The event will feature vendors offering exciting crafts and apparel, entertainment, door prizes, a holiday money hat and more.

Northridge Hospital Festival of Trees...



Don't miss the holiday festivities at the Northridge Hospital Festival of Trees, Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.

The Festival of Trees is a public fundraising event featuring individually designed trees, wreaths, quilts and holiday centerpieces for purchase and activities including a Sweet Shop, live holiday musical performances, children's crafts, story time, photos with Santa Claus and more.

**Thursday, Nov. 29 -
Opening Reception
Friday, Nov. 30
Saturday, Dec. 1**

**10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Granada Hills Town Center
18040 Chatsworth St.
Granada Hills**

Individuals or businesses can purchase, decorate, display and donate an artificial tree, wreath, centerpiece or handmade quilt for the silent auction. Proceeds benefit Northridge Hospital's Richie's Pediatric Trauma Center to help fund state-of-the-art equipment. Richie's Center is the first and only Trauma Center dedicated to the children of the San Fernando Valley and surrounding communities. There are also sponsorship opportunities for local businesses or organizations.

For more information call (818) 885-5341 ext. 3.

John West Organ Concert...

The Northridge United Methodist Church presents an organ concert featuring John West playing uplifting holiday music on Friday, Nov. 30.

John West has played around the world, from Russia and South America to Canada and the United States. He has played with the New



Holiday Organ

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 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

York Philharmonic and the Los Angeles Master Chorale at Disney Concert Hall. He has also recorded extensively for film and stage productions, and is a renowned choral and vocal works composer.

Friday, Nov. 30

7:30 pm

**Northridge United Methodist Church
9650 Reseda Blvd., Northridge**

Admission is free. Donations to help support the congregation's music program are welcome. For more information, call (818) 886-1555.

Chatsworth Fine Arts Council Art Show...



**Arts & Crafts Show
Saturday, Dec. 2
Chatsworth Depot
Train Station**



Come enjoy fine art and culture right here in our backyard at the Chatsworth Fine Arts Council's Arts & Crafts Show on Sunday, Dec. 2.

Sunday, Dec. 2

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Chatsworth Depot Metrolink
Station**

**10046 Old Depot Plaza Rd.,
Chatsworth**

**Enter from Devonshire St. or
Lassen St., 1 block west of
Canoga Ave.**

The show will feature original art, and unique crafts including paintings, prints, glass works, ceramics, jewelry, photography, fabric arts and sculpture. There will also be a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the community art activities of the Chatsworth Fine Arts Council.

For more information call (818) 772-1639 or [click here](#).

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 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.

SOLID Fundraiser Night at Rosie's BBQ & Grillery...

SOLID (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire)



presents a night of delicious BBQ for a great cause on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Rosie's BBQ & Grillery in Northridge.

Tuesday, Dec. 4
Rosie's BBQ & Grillery
9012 Tampa Ave.
Northridge

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

Print out the flyer and present it to your server and Rosie's will donate 15% of your bill to SOLID. SOLID is a non-profit organization that raises funds to offer non-City-supplied materials and equipment to the Police Officers serving our community at Devonshire Community Police Station.

Chatsworth Kiwanis Holiday Parade, Festival and Car Show...



Get ready for the the 29th Annual Chatsworth Holiday Parade, featuring hundreds of floats, marching bands, clowns, horse teams, live music, food, booths, arts and crafts, games, photos with Santa Claus, a Kid's Zone and more! The theme this year is "Under the Sea."

Sunday, Dec. 9
9:00 am
Car Show Check-In
1:00 - Parade Begins
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Festival
Canoga Ave.
Between Devonshire St.
and Lassen St.
Chatsworth

[Click here for the sponsorship and entry form for the Holiday Parade.](#)

This year the Chatsworth Holiday Parade will also feature a car show! Hundreds of cars will be on display, including trophies for categories including Best Classic, Best Hot Rod, Best Muscle Car, Best Paint, Best Domestic, Best of Show, and People's Choice. The event will feature lots of food vendors and entertainment. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift card to donate to the toy drive benefiting Project Living Hope. No burnouts, pop-up tents, trailer parking or alcohol are allowed.

All sponsorships or donations are fully tax-deductible and benefit the Chatsworth Kiwanis Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. You can sponsor a trophy, or have a booth for your local business. The sponsorship deadline is Nov. 25.

[Click here for the entry and sponsorship form for the Car Show.](#)

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 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

For more information, please call Larry Stein at (818) 800-3287 or email larry@thegoldhillgroup.com.

Protect Yourself from Thieves This Holiday Shopping Season...

It's holiday shopping season, and the LAPD is urging residents to HIDE IT, LOCK IT, and KEEP IT.

Burglary and theft from motor vehicles is consistently the most common property crime. LAPD reported 1,263 burglaries from vehicles this year in Devonshire Division alone, and Detectives say the great majority of them could have been avoided.

While doing holiday gift shopping, shoppers are often distracted and stressed, and often leave lots of valuable items in their cars. That makes for easy targets for thieves.

LAPD Burglary/Theft Prevention Tips

Lock and secure your vehicle and always set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.

Don't leave cellphones, wallets, laptops, purses, backpacks, or even your sunglasses in view in your car. Lock them in your trunk or take them with you.

Do not leave holiday gifts visible in your car.

Try to park your car in well-lit areas of parking lots, close to store entrances.

Record the serial numbers of expensive toys, computers and other electronic devices.

Call 911 if you see suspicious activity.

For more information call Devonshire Division Detectives at (818) 832-0609.

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**

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

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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 43:

When disaster strikes, electric and gas services may not be available. Purchasing a portable survival stove may be a worthwhile investment to boil water, cook food and to keep warm. There are several options available including solar, fuel cans and do-it-yourself.

Always observe safe cooking and fire practices. Don't wear loose clothing (especially hanging sleeves), walk away from a cooking pot on the stove, or leave items that can catch fire, such as potholders or paper towels, around the stove. Whether you are cooking the family holiday dinner or a snack for the children, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe.

Additional safe cooking tips can be found [here](#).

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

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