

Fwd: Englander Calls For Council Hearing on the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak

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Today, the City Council unanimously passed my motion calling for the Southern California Gas Company to appear before the Los Angeles City Council to answer questions related to their handling of a gas leak at their County Unincorporated Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility that has plagued the adjacent Porter Ranch community since its occurrence on October 23.

Since that date, there has been a strong gas odor and illnesses that can be expected due to exposure to mercaptans, the odorant added to natural gas. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a November 19th Directive to the Gas Company ordering them to "...repair the subject gas leak on an expedited basis..." and to "...offer free, temporary relocation to any area residents affected by odors from the Aliso Canyon site."

Additionally, The California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and LA City and County Fire and Hazmat have been on site. Air Quality testing is ongoing, but pervasive exposure to the gas leak odor has caused community members to experience headaches, nose bleeds, nausea and other symptoms. According to County Public Health, "Mercaptans....do pose a health threat to the community, including short-term neurological, gastrointestinal, and respiratory symptoms that may result from inhalation."

Though the Gas Company is engaged in trying to mitigate the gas leak, their own website states that their solution may take several months and incur additional noise, odor and a similar release of fluids into the air, that last week caused residents, schools and businesses to be directed to "...remain indoors until further notice".

Due to the ongoing and severe nature of the leak, in addition to the uncertainty as to when it will be repaired, it has become necessary for the relevant agencies to appear together to ensure that the proper information is being accurately disseminated and to answer questions from the City Council and Community members in a public forum.

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

-Mitchell Englander, *Chair Public Safety Committee*

Automated Fire Danger Rating Signs for Very High Fire Severity Zones...

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We have consolidated 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 on-one with representatives from various City Departments to get direct assistance. We will announce details on the service in coming weeks.

HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Friday

Last week, I submitted a motion to have the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) take the steps needed to install Automated Fire Danger Rating (AFDR) signs on trailheads in the City of Los Angeles that are located in Very High Fire Severity Zones.



Wild fires are a constant danger in hilly and mountainous areas of the City, particularly within the San Fernando Valley. Residents and visitors in these areas must be aware of the threat of a fire at all times.

Many fire risk areas post Fire Danger Rating Signs. The Signs display the fire danger rating for that day, and are usually manually updated by firefighters or park rangers to reflect the current level of fire danger.

However, manually updating these signs requires that a firefighter or park ranger travel to the sign to adjust the warning level. As a result, the signs may not be changed multiple times a day, even though the danger of a fire can change as quickly as the weather.

The technological advancements of AFDR will signs to be remotely updated. These signs would enable one employee to update multiple signs quickly. We must be proactive in protecting the areas in danger before they are at risk and ensure that our community has the most up to date information in areas that have an increased risk of fire.

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

-Mitchell Englander, Chair Public Safety Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS

VIDEO: CD 12 Non-Profit of the Month: Center Stage Opera...



-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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Community Event Resources

Help Operation Blankets of Love Provide Comfort to Animals in Shelters

You can help keep cats and dogs in City Animal Shelters warm and comfortable by supporting the efforts of Operation Blankets of Love. The Fernando Valley-based nonprofit organization has donated blankets, toys, and pet beds and distributes them to animal shelters.

Donation items can be dropped off at Pet People located at 18040 Chatsworth St. in Granada Hills.

You can also donate to support Operation Blankets of Love by clicking [here](#) or calling Smulson at (818) 402-XXXX.

New SAFE Center 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.

The North Valley Family YMCA Thanksgiving Basket Give Away...



This week, my office partnered with the North Valley YMCA to deliver over 3,100 Thanksgiving meals to over 25 locations throughout the San Fernando Valley for families in need. The idea for the Thanksgiving Basket Give Away started 8 years ago with a goal of giving away 50 dinners to families in the San Fernando Valley. Since that successful year, the set goal has grown exponentially. The Thanksgiving baskets included the complete makings of a Thanksgiving meal with a turkey, vegetables, gravy,

cranberry sauce, chicken broth, stuffing, and dessert.

Thank you to the over 500 volunteers and sponsors for supporting our partnership with the North Valley Family YMCA. These meals will feed families in need throughout the Valley this Thanksgiving.

It is essential that we remember to not only give back during this holiday season, but also throughout the entire year. Giving thanks isn't about a special time of month. Seasons change but gratitude, showing appreciation, and giving back to the community is a feeling that should last year round.



-Mitchell Englander, Councilmember Twelfth District

[RE]visit [RE]seda Blvd Holiday Bazaar...

Blvd. 1/2 block south
Devonshire St. in Gra
Hills.

**SAFE Center
Open Saturdays &
Sundays, 9 am - 3 p**

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**Volunteers Needed f
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intervention, offer cor
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Celebrate the holiday season with Councilmember Mitchell Englander, the [RE]visit [RE]seda Blvd team, and community members during the Holiday Bazaar. The Holiday Bazaar will feature an arts and crafts walk, ornament decoration station, live portrait art, a decorated store contest, street tree decoration contest, and live holiday performances.

Saturday, December 5
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Reseda Blvd
Between Nordhoff and Gresham

Click here to see the flyer. For more information, call our office at (818) 882-1212, email: resedablvd.greatstreets@gmail.com or go to www.resedablvd.wordpress.com.

LAPD Devonshire PALS and San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission Annual Holiday Toy Drive...

CD 12 is proud to support two toy drives for underserved youth in our community. Both [LAPD Devonshire PALS](#) and the [San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission](#) are seeking gifts for children this holiday season. Toys should be new and unwrapped and appropriate for children ages 2-18. Suggested items for kids include: Legos, sports equipment, art supplies, remote control cars, and crafts. Suggested items for teens include: sports equipment, scarves, hats, purses, jewelry, socks, sweatshirts, and tote bags.



Both organizations are also looking for community groups and businesses to help by organizing toy drives and collecting personal donations. A toy collection box can be provided upon request. If you are interested, please contact (818) 882-1212 or councilmember.englisher@lacity.org.

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their families to social services.

For more information the Mayor's Crisis Response Team's web and Facebook page.

Check Out Locatel Powerful Business Research Tool

LocateLA is a powerful tool created by the City of Los Angeles 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 org, and much more. It is designed 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 the community. In addition to photos and details about the property, it lists demographic, labor force, and comparable rents and

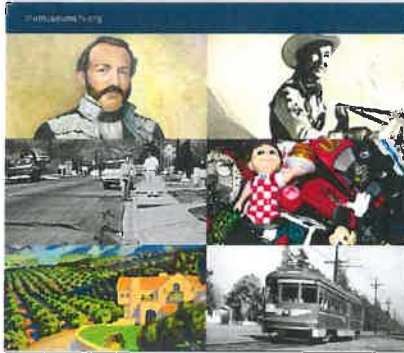
Click here to see this new tool.

Free Mulch for Your Garden

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

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

The Museum of the San Fernando Valley



The Museum of the San Fernando Valley is pleased to hold a reception for its newest exhibit, Mid-Century Modernism: 1930-1965, which will include examples of architecture, furniture, accessories, scale models and styles of the period. The Museum is requesting a \$10 suggested donation per person.

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Join the Porter Ranch Library discussion group of men and women, ranging in various ages

and ethnicities as they talk about their current book, *Murder of the Century: The Gilded Age Crime that Scandalized a City and Sparked the Tabloid Wars* by Paul Collins.

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Granada Hills Charter High School students (GHCHS) started 'The Snack Strategy' project to increase awareness about healthy eating habits within our community. As a part of our project, they are starting the first ever Granada Hills Farmer's Market to give the community easy access to fresh produce and unique vendors. The market will feature nearly 50 farmers and hand crafters, a kid zone, food vendors, and music. Additionally, there will be booths from GHCHS clubs, sports, and groups.

Sunday, December 13
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Granada Hills Charter High School
10535 Zelzah Ave.
Granada Hills

For more information, go to www.thesnackstrategy.wix.com.

Chatsworth Holiday Parade...

Join community members during the Chatsworth Holiday Parade, sponsored by The Chatsworth Kiwanis Club since 1997. Onlookers can enjoy the family friendly festival which includes live music performers, kids play area, gourmet food, holiday shopping, pictures with Santa, marching units, classic cars, floats, dance groups and more.

Sunday, December 13
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

The parade travels east on Devonshire St.
From Topanga Canyon Blvd. to Lurline Ave.
Chatsworth

For more information, email: Andrea.Paventi@Gmail.com or go to



residents for free.

Free Mulch Location the San Fernando Valley

16600 Roscoe Pl., North Hills (near Van Nuys Airport)

Mulch delivered to this location Wednesdays and Fridays. Open daily 7 am to 6:00 pm.

15800 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys (near D.C. Tillman Plant). Entrance: turn on Densmore Ave. from Victory, follow curve. Mulch delivered to this location every Monday. Open Monday - Friday 7 am to 3:30 pm.

For more info click here

Neighborhood Public Safety, Crime, and Emergency Information Updates from LAP NIXLE

Free updates on emergencies, public safety, crime prevention and directly from the LAP. Text your cell phone or email your inbox.

Residents can sign up to receive updates directly toward one or more specific neighborhoods. To sign up or learn more, visit www.NIXLE.com.

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Northridge South
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North Hills West
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West Hills

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Reports From Our Staff:



Our Planning Deputy, Brian Oh, would like to let our community members know about the upcoming Make in LA classes. The Make in LA team is building a community in Los Angeles dedicated to bringing hardware companies to market. Their background ranges from seed-stage businesses to public companies. With the backing of NEO Tech, they are able to apply professional manufacturing tools and other resources directly into programs and start-ups to maximize the odds of success.

The Make in LA team is now accepting seed stage companies ready to cultivate innovation and groom for execution. Applications will require thought, patience, and a video presentation.

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