

# Our Neighborhood News



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## **BEFORE THE "BIG ONE" CREATE A REDFILE When a disaster evacuation is necessary will you have your "life-information" available?**

Having a "RedFile in place before a disaster can provide some relief in a time of chaos. Here's what to do to create a RedFile.

Copy the following and **mail the copies** in a sealed large envelope **out of the area** to someone you trust:

- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Identification, such as drivers license and passport
- Bank and other recent financial statements
- House deeds
- Mortgage and other home loan information
- Car "pink slips," lease or loan info
- Insurance policies and contact information
- Copy of both sides of credit and/or debit cards
- A basic inventory of you household along with some photos of each room showing contents
- Tax returns for the past few years
- The location of wills, trusts and power of attorney
- Contact info for executors, trustees and guardians
- List of financial advisors with their contact info
- List of user IDs and passwords for online financial accounts and also for access to your computer

If you are computer savvy, you could scan all the above items, save them as computer files and burn them on a CD to mail. A "thumb drive" works well for this, too.

Along with the RedFile, all persons in you household should have the phone number of an out-of-state friend or relative to establish contact with after a disaster. As in the 1994 EQ, local calls wouldn't go through, but calls to other states did. The "let the family know I'm okay and I'm at..." message can be relayed from that out of the area contact person.

Don't delay - start working on your RedFile today!

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.LakeBalboaNC.org](http://www.LakeBalboaNC.org)  
To send your request to join our mail/email list,  
click on the website's "Contact Us"

## **What's Happening!!!**

Dates & Updates **October 1, 2008 - Neighborhood Council Regular Community Meeting @ 7:30 PM.** The meeting is at our regular location, Lake Balboa Studios, 7412 Balboa Blvd., Lake Balboa.

**October 11, 2008 - Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting @ 9 AM** in the Community Meeting Room @ The Flyaway Bus Terminal. 7610 Woodley Ave. Take elevator to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and head to the north end of terminal. Park in the Short Term lot in front closest to Woodley Ave. Contact Linda Pruett @ 818-345-9809

**October 13, 2008 - Emergency Preparedness Communications Meeting @ 7 PM** in the Community Meeting Room @ The Flyaway Bus Terminal. 7610 Woodley Ave. (See above item for more info.)

**October 25, 2008 - Senior Health Fair** City Councilman Tony Cardenas (CD6) is presenting a Senior Health Fair on Saturday, October 25th, 10am - 3pm, at The Japanese Garden, 6100 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys, 91406. There will be FREE Educational Services, FREE Health Services including Flu Shots (Limited number - first come, first served basis), and Free Food & Entertainment. For more information call the Councilman's Van Nuys District Office @ (818) 778-4999.

**November 13, 2008 - The Great Southern California Shake Out** At 10 a.m. millions of people in homes, schools, businesses, government offices, and public places all over southern Californian will *Drop, Cover, and Hold On*. Watch newspapers and TV news for more detail in the coming weeks.

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