

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Council President:

Psst....It's Really Called Lake Balboa



It still catches me by surprise when my neighbors tell me they think the name change of our community from Van Nuys to Lake Balboa is not official. True, when the community initially changed the name in 2002 it was not recognized by the City of Los

Angeles. However, on November 2, 2007, the Los Angeles City Council officially approved an application to change the name of the community to Lake Balboa. Now, comes the hard part...getting the word out.

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LAKE BALBOA DAY

April 25, 2009

Grab your keys and come join us on April 25, 2009 from 11:00 to 3:00 in Anthony C. Beilinson Park to celebrate the official renaming of Lake Balboa. Special guests will include councilmen Tony Cardenas and Greig Smith.

Although the community officially changed its name over a year ago the event on April 25, 2009 will be the first official ceremony to commemorate the name change.

There will be lots of entertainment for the entire family, including music, activities for the kids, and an opportunity to learn more about your community

*-Lake Balboa
Neighborhood
Council*



GET INVOLVED WITH THE LBNC EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council has an amazing Emergency Preparedness (EP) Committee lead by our very own Linda Pruett.

The EP committee is making sure Lake Balboa is prepared for a disaster. Through its efforts, members of the community have been CERT certified,

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certified to administer life saving CPR and provided communications training in the event that telephone service is unavailable.

The EP committee meets at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday every month in the community meeting room at the Flyaway Bus Terminal.

THE LAKE BALBOA STORY



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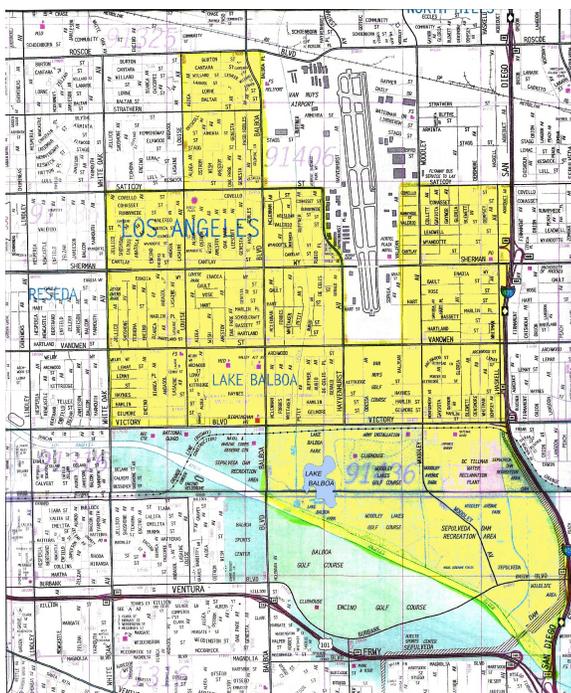
From 2002 through November 2007 there was debate about the official recognition of Lake Balboa as a community by the City of Los Angeles. The reason for this stems from the fact that the community of Lake Balboa was created by Councilman Dennis Zine in 2002 before the existence of any formal community naming process. As a result, the community of Lake Balboa was created under the best practices known at the time.

It was only later, in January 2006, that the City of Los Angeles adopted a formal community naming process (City of Los Angeles Council File Number 02-0196). This debate had important implications for the official existence of many other Los Angeles communities that were created prior to January

2006. These communities include [Arleta](#), [North Hills](#), [Porter Ranch](#), [Valley Glen](#), [Valley Village](#), [West Hills](#), [Winnetka](#), and many others.

On November 2, 2007 the City Council of Los Angeles approved a motion renaming a larger portion of Van Nuys to Lake Balboa. (See page 4 for a copy of the approved motion.) The new boundaries (shown below) were the compromise plan worked out with Los Angeles City Councilpersons Greig Smith (CD12) and Tony Cardenas (CD6) that kept Van Nuys Airport and the predominately industrial area north of Saticoy Street east of the airport in Van Nuys. Hence, the name change is official...we are Lake Balboa!

BOUNDARIES OF LAKE BALBOA



- 1.) Bound on the East by the 405 Freeway from the where it meets the 101 Freeway go North to Saticoy Street.
- 2.) At Saticoy Street, go west to Valjean Avenue until you reach Vanowen Street.
- 3.) At Vanowen Street, head West to Havenhurst Avenue.
- 4.) At Havenhurst Avenue, head North once again to Saticoy Street.
- 5.) At Havenhurst Avenue, head West on Saticoy Street once again.
- 6.) At Balboa Boulevard, head North to Balboa Place and then continue North to Roscoe Boulevard.
- 7.) At Roscoe Boulevard, head West to Louise Avenue.
- 8.) At Louise Avenue, head South to Saticoy Street.
- 9.) At Saticoy Street, head West to White Oak Avenue.
- 10.) At Whiteoak Avenue, head South to Victory Boulevard.
- 11.) At Victory Boulevard, head East to Balboa Boulevard.
- 12.) At Balboa Boulevard, head South to the Los Angeles River
- 13.) Follow the Los Angeles River, going Southeast, to where the 101 and 405 Freeway meet.

What Are Neighborhood Councils?

In June 1999, Los Angeles voters approved a new City Charter creating a citywide system of independent and influential neighborhood councils. The charter stated that the broad goal of the reform was “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.”

Each neighborhood council, once certified by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, elects or selects their own leaders, determines their own agendas, and sets their own boundaries. The goal is to make them as independent as possible from government so that they will have the influence and power to affect citywide and local decision-making far beyond what neighborhood groups have done. Neighborhood councils truly empower stakeholders to guide the futures of their neighborhoods.

Through an Early Notification System (ENS), neighborhood councils receive notice of issues

and projects that are important to them as soon as possible. In this way, they will have a reasonable amount of time to understand, discuss, and develop positions before final decisions are made.

Most neighborhood councils, and particularly the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, work closely with their city council members, as well as other city departments to ensure that each community’s needs are being addressed.

Presently, each neighborhood council is funded with \$50,000 per year. The councils can use these funds on projects which will benefit the members of the community. For example, the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council has purchased two large storage containers filled with emergency search and rescue equipment and emergency supplies in the event of a disaster. Without a neighborhood council the people who live, work and play in Lake Balboa would be left without this valuable equipment in a time of need.

GET INVOLVED- ATTEND THE LAKE BALBOA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL’S MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. The meetings are always held at the Lake Balboa Studios, located at 7412 Balboa Blvd., Lake Balboa, CA 91406.

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Although the name change is official, informing the public of the change doesn't happen overnight. In fact, getting the information out is even harder than changing the name of the community.

For example, large companies that do business throughout the United States, and perhaps the world, don't get a memo from the Los Angeles City Council telling them that the name of our

community is now officially Lake Balboa. Companies such as Federal Express, Direct TV and Wells Fargo Bank can take months, even years, to reconfigure the name change in their computer systems. It is through the persistence of individuals in the community that bring this information to businesses' attention that prompts the change.

This is why it is so important that you help us celebrate the renaming of our community and share this information with others, whether it be your neighbor, co-worker, family, friends, or the people that you do business with. This is our community..be proud.

For additional information about Lake Balboa and the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, visit our website at www.LakeBalboaNC.org.

Dave Bernardoni - President of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

Lake Balboa Day Stage Program

11:00 - 12:00
 Children's Program

12:00 - 12:45
 Musical Entertainment

12:45 - 12:50
 Speeches and Announcements

12:50 - 1:00
 Birmingham High School Marching Band

1:00 - 1:30
 Presentation ceremony with Councilmen Cardenas and Smith

1:30 - 2:15
 Local Talents

2:15 - 3:00
 Musical Entertainment

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Need Proof? Here's a Copy of the City Council Motion Approving the Name Change to Lake Balboa

