



Neighborhood Council

Neighborhood News March 2012



NEW MEETING LOCATION

Billingsley Room (formerly Billingsley's Restaurant), Van Nuys Golf Course, 6550 Odessa Ave, **Lake Balboa**, CA between Vanowen and Victory at the South end of Van Nuys Airport

Please join your Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council for our first meeting at the Billingsley Room.

Wednesday – March 7, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

This will be the place to find out what is happening in our community. Meet your Council Board Members, stakeholders, friends, neighbors, city officials and others interested in what is going on in your neighborhood. Take advantage of special programs, events, and learn about issues that pertain to Lake Balboa. We are interested in what you have to say.

A CalCPA Institute **DOLLARS & \$ENSE WORKSHOP**
Presented by **Congressman Howard Berman & Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield**

Now is the time to get your finances in line!

Please RSVP TO: assemblymenberblumenfield@assembly.ca.gov

The workshop will include a presentation on financial topics such as budgeting, money management, managing credit cards, saving and investing, tax tips, disaster preparedness, financial preparations and more. The presentation is followed by an hour of Q&A with the audience. It will also include user-friendly take-home materials for audience participants.

**Where: Van Nuys State Building Auditorium
6150 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, CA 91401
When: March 16th
Beginning at 6:30pm**

To send your request to join our e-mail list click on the website's "Contact Us" www.LakeBalboaNC.org

What's Happening!!! 2011 Important Dates

Wednesday, March 7 Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council - Check out our new location for our meeting!

Sunday, (and every Sunday) Encino's Farmer's Market from 8 a.m.—1 p.m. ONEGeneration Center at 17400 Victory Blvd.

Wednesday, March 14— Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting, @7:00PM, at LAPD West Valley Station Community Room, 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda.

Saturday, March 10—Emergency Preparedness Meeting @ 9:00AM, at the Flyaway Bus Terminal, NE corner of Saticoy and Woodley, 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Call Linda Pruett at (818) 345-9809 or email textmgt@att for more information.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION HELP

A program run by the **AARP Foundation** offers seniors with low to moderate incomes with **free**, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service. Here are some nearby locations: New Horizons – North Hills (818) 894-9301 Tues & Thurs 9 AM – 4 PM

Van Nuys Federal Building – Van Nuys (818) 756-4600 Mon, Wed, Thurs 9 AM – 3:30 PM

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The **LBNC** newsletter is distributed to all of our stakeholders at the beginning of every month. This is your newsletter and we welcome and encourage your participation. If you have any suggestions for articles of interest to the LB community please let us know. Information on community events, public meetings, school, religious, or seasonal events, classes, volunteer opportunities, are encouraged and may be sent to Roxan@lakebalboanc.org for consideration. And if you are a new business in our community or know of one you would like to feature, please send contact information. *Submissions may be edited and the LBNC reserves the right not to include and/or publish articles at its discretion. Thank you.*

LBNC meeting agendas are posted for public viewing 72 hours prior to each meeting at the following locations: Vallarta Market, 16107 Victory Blvd.; Balboa Shell, 6801 Balboa Blvd.; Ralph's, 17250 Saticoy St.; Food 4 Less, 16530 Sherman Way; and Balboa Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Blvd.

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Please leave your phone number so we can return your call.

Beautiful Lake Balboa

REGIONAL BUDGET DAY 3/10/12 - RSVP
Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
in conjunction with the
Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates presents:

Regional Budget Day
Saturday, March 10, 2012

8:30 AM – Registration begins
9:00 AM- Presentations begin
Board of Public Works Room
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Presentation of the Budget Survey results
Regional and topical budget discussions

Budget Representatives from the City's 95 Neighborhood Councils and all interested **community stakeholders are encouraged to attend.**
To RSVP, email Joe at joseph.hari@lacity.org or call 310-479-3823 with your name, contact info, and neighborhood council affiliation (if any).
To reserve parking, include your vehicle's make, model, & plate number.



What have we been up to? Doing Great things for our Community!!

This coming March be on the look out for great beautiful trees that will be planted in our commercial zones— Procured a grant worth over \$135,000 for a Beautification Project on Victory, Haskel , Van Owen, Woodley to combat the pollution from our expanding 405 and 101 free-way projects

Landscaping project on Haskel to begin March near Haynes to beautify the area from gang graffiti and improve the look as we exit off the South bound 405 freeway, Victory exit.

Partially funded surveillance cameras for Sherman Way tunnels that have reduced graffiti considerably and saved the city clean up costs.

Helped fund emergency preparedness kits for the Police cars of the West Valley Police Department. So they are ready to help you!

Applied for a grant to purchase land for a park, grant is pending ..

Held a Community Clean Up of Balboa Boulevard between Roscoe and Stagg St.

Sponsored Senior Symposium at Organization of Needs for Elderly

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH **Balboa Market**



Balboa Market Full service market catering to our local community!! Balboa Market is impeccably clean and well organized carrying a wide variety of items, Fresh Fruits and Veggies, Wine and Beer, including everyday toiletries. We have a great meat department that features a wide variety of meats, chicken, fish freshly packed or cut to order. We are a **Great Neighborhood Market** that is here and offers competitive pricing to other stores. We have weekly specials!! Come in and check us out. Are you having a dinner party or need to grab a quick lunch or need specialty items? We can help make your event special. We make great sandwiches! Say Hi to the friendly staff and owner Michael. **Balboa Market is open seven days a week to cater to all your needs. We are located at 7615 Balboa Blvd.** Entrance just north of Saticoy ..
Plenty of parking in the back parking lot!

For more information call :
(818)780-8237



NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY WATCH ! Things that a burglar will not tell you: If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. that makes it too easy. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
Remember folks even though we live in the city we still have lots of wildlife around us. Please be aware of Coyotes and other wild life.
Keep small pets and children indoors between dusk and dawn. Be aware of your surroundings and leave the wildlife alone!
Call LA Animal Control (888) 452- 7381 or Wild Life Waystation (818) 899-5201

Report Graffiti Immediately to 311 or West Valley Alliance (818) 885-8885 Keep your neighborhoods "Clean" and beautiful by reporting illegal signs so the city can have them removed by Street Services personnel. Call 800- 996-2489 and/or to report illegal signs, please have locations such as the intersection or street address handy.

Did you know that you can replace your damaged trash cans? LA City Bureau of Sanitation will repair/ replace refuse containers at NO CHARGE! Call 1-800- 773- CITY to schedule a replacement or repair of your Black , Green or Blue containers. Have your serial number on the container available when you make your call.

Contact us with your requests or questions on areas that need to be improved, let us know if you would like to volunteer and show your community the support it deserves. Improve property values, make it a safer place to live and be active! **We need your help with the continued success of improving and getting our "Lake Balboa" name established. Change your mailing addresses to Lake Balboa, instead of Van Nuys.**