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Neighborhood Council



Winter Newsletter

Where good neighbors make a great community



Please join us for our next regularly scheduled meeting
**December 5 at 6:30pm at Van Nuys Golf Course, Billingsley Room,
6550 Odessa Avenue, Lake Balboa, CA 91406**

WHAT BOB B. HAS TO SAY ABOUT SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Our Assembly member Bob Blumenfield, 40th District, in his e-newsletter has this to say regarding who should foot the bill for our crumbling sidewalks: "...I will be introducing legislation to prohibit cities from charging property owners for the cost of sidewalk repairs. Across the Valley, our streets are plagued with badly cracked sidewalks - usually due to tree roots bursting up through the surface - that are a danger to pedestrians, bicyclists and skateboarders.

It has always been the responsibility of the city to repair sidewalks at no cost to the homeowners, and I believe it should stay that way. But recently, a proposal to pass the cost on to adjacent property owners is being seriously considered. I believe this is a terrible idea, and will move forward with legislation to block it. "

It's that HOLIDAY TIME OF YEAR!!!

Sparks of Love Toy Drive: Anytime before Christmas drop off a new unwrapped toy or sporting good to our local Fire Station #100, 6751 Louise Ave, Lake Balboa (or any LA fire station) or CVS Pharmacy. LAFD works with established charitable programs to fulfill dreams of needy Southern California children. *Metrolink Holiday Toy Express Train* also accepts donations and will be at the Van Nuys Metrolink station (7724 Van Nuys Blvd) on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5pm and at Northridge, (Parthenia at Wilbur) at 5:45pm. Donations can also be made online at <http://lafd.org/spark>

Community Service Day- Sunday, December 2, 10am -1pm
Jewish Federation Friends and Helpers Foundation, Wilbur Elementary School, 5213 Crebs Avenue, Tarzana. Sort and wrap holiday gifts and household essentials for families living in shelters. To volunteer contact Leela Woods at leelawoods818@gmail.com

Granada Hills Christmas Parade- Sunday, Dec 2, 1:30pm Begins on Chatsworth Blvd at Petit Ave, continuing west to Zelzah Ave. 818-368-3235, www.grnadachamber.com

Los Posadas at Andres Pico Adobe - Saturday, Dec 8, 5pm
San Fernando Valley Historical Society presents the Mexican Christmas tradition. (Rain cancels.) 10940 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills 818-365-7810, www.sfvhs.com

Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration- Free- Monday, Dec 24
3-6pm Choirs, dance companies, music ensembles perform. Doors open 2:30pm. Dorothy Chandler Pavilion 135 N. Grand Ave, Los Angeles 213-972-3099, www.holidaycelebration.org

What's Happening!! 2012 Important Dates

Wednesday, Dec, 5—Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Community Meeting @ 6:30 PM at Van Nuys Golf Course, Billingsley Room, 6550 Odessa Avenue, Lake Balboa.

NO LBNC BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY!

Sunday, Dec 2 (and every Sunday) Encino's Farmer's Market from 8 a.m.—1 p.m. ONEGeneration Center at 17400 Victory Blvd.

Sunday Dec 2 - 3pm FREE concert at Valley Performing Arts Center, 18111 Nordhoff St, CSUN, Colburn School Large Orchestra to play program of Dukas, Beethoven & Sibelius. Call 818-677-3000 Tues-Sat 10am-4pm for reserved tickets to be mailed to you. Parking \$6.00.

Friday, Dec 7 - Los Angeles City Council Meeting in Van Nuys Council Chambers, 14410 Sylvan St, 10am-1pm

Saturday, Dec 8—Emergency Preparedness Meeting @ 9:00AM, at the Flyaway Bus Terminal, NE corner of Saticoy and Woodley, 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Call Linda Pruet at (818) 345-9809 or email textmgt@att for more information. We'll have great suggestions for your EP Holiday gifts from SOS! **NO MEETING for EP IN JANUARY!!**

Wednesday, Dec 12— Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting, @7:00PM, at LAPD West Valley Station Community Room, 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda. Come and join our meeting and see what, where and how to help your community.

Sepulveda Basin Bird Walks: For Beginners and Families! Come and learn about the wildlife in your neighborhood. Join experienced docents eager to share their knowledge and experience in the wildlife areas. These are FREE. Monthly, second Sunday of each month at 9 am through March (Dec. 9, Jan.13, Feb. 10, Mar 10,) Meet at the amphitheater near the entrance to the wildlife area located off of Woodley Ave. past the Japanese Garden. For more information call the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society at 818-346-6712.

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Beautiful Lake Balboa



Food Forward Harvests

Bethany Harris, LBNC Board Member, is also the project coordinator for Grow ONEgeneration as well as a volunteer for Food Forward. *Food Forward* is Southern California's largest harvest for the hungry nonprofit - bringing together neighbors and volunteers in the picking of backyard fruit for the purpose of distributing the harvest to receiving agencies serving local families in need. SOVA is a food pantry here in Lake Balboa and ONEgeneration are among those benefitting from this harvest.

On Saturday, December 10, during the Hamlin Harvest event one persimmon tree yielded over 100 bags of fruit! It is our hope others of the Lake Balboa community will utilize their backyard resources as a means to help feed local families in need by donating their fruit at fruit drives and by allowing our volunteers to harvest their excess produce. Property owners will receive a tax deduction for the amount of weighed fruit times its value per pound and have a nice groomed tree. It is also a key way to supplement any existing backpack meal programs the schools may have for students in need of improved access to fresh produce.

Please register your trees online at www.foodforward.org/getinvolved or call 818-530-4125 and leave a message with name, location and type of tree and that you are part of "Project Reroot!" For more information, contact Bethany or Chris at rte.reroot@gmail.com or stop by our local Starbucks at Louise and Saticoy!



Bags of persimmons en route to ONEgeneration recipients.

Report Graffiti Immediately to 311 or West Valley Alliance (818) 885-8885 Keep our neighborhoods *Clean and Beautiful* by reporting unsightly graffiti. Please have the location such as the intersection or street address handy. For illegal signs, call 800-996-2489 for removal.

Contact us with your requests or questions on areas that need to be improved, to let us know if you would like to volunteer and to 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, not Van Nuys. Request that businesses do the same.**

NEIGHBORHOOD Advisory WARNING! From West Valley Police Thefts have been on the rise in the West Valley area. Here a few tips to help keep you safe:

Demand to see identification from anyone knocking on your door. Don't be afraid to ask questions of anyone knocking on your door. Look for company vehicles if the person(s) knocking is wearing a uniform (for ex. DWP, Gas Company, etc.)

Don't open your door to talk to someone you don't know. If you are uncomfortable for any reason (for ex. person is wearing a UPS uniform, but there is no UPS truck) call the police.

Lock your doors and windows at all times, even if you are leaving your home for a brief time.

Write down all serial numbers, identification numbers, model numbers, etc., from electronics. Having this information allows us to enter the items into the stolen property system and makes it easier for us to find it.

Report suspicious persons and all prowlers.

Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles, because you know your neighborhood best; better than we do.

Report any vacant or abandoned homes.