


**Greig Smith**

Councilman Greig Smith's  
**WEEKLY BRIEFING**  
 Recent Legislation, Community News and Upcoming Events

**March 7, 2008**

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**RECENT LEGISLATION**

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**More Funding for Removal of Unsightly Tree Stumps...**

We introduced a motion this week to fund the removal of nearly 200 large, unsightly tree stumps in our District.

Recent high winds and disease has left many large street trees unstable, so many had been cut down for safety reasons. There was a large backlog of tree stumps waiting to be removed.

We are actively seeking additional funds to continue to remove more tree stumps in our community.

*To request tree stump removal (only for trees on the parkways) please email [Councilmember.Smith@lacity.org](mailto:Councilmember.Smith@lacity.org) and the tree stumps will be put on the removal list.*



**Funding  
 for Tree  
 Stump  
 Removal**

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**Upcoming  
 Events**

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**Saturday, March 15**  
**"Gardening with  
 Native Plants" Class**

The Congregational Church of Chatsworth and the City's Office of Community Beautification present a free class to learn how to garden with native plants.

9am - Noon  
 Congregational Church of  
 Chatsworth  
 20440 Lassen St.  
 Chatsworth

Native plant expert  
 Betsey Landis from the  
 California Native Plant  
 Society teaches selection,  
 planting and care of

**Supporting Volunteer Public Safety Organization in the Valley...**

drought tolerant native plants. During this water shortage, this can help you cut your water bill and conserve water.

For more info call (818) 349-2550  
or email  
[ChatsworthUCC@aol.com](mailto:ChatsworthUCC@aol.com)

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**Wednesday, March 26  
Zero Waste Workshop  
6: Recommendations**

Help shape the way in which we will meet the Zero Waste goals established by our RENEW LA plan.

In the March workshops, community members will see a first draft of the recommendations and Guiding Principles for their area and the City as a whole. They will be asked if this needs further change.

7 pm  
California State  
University, Northridge  
Satellite Student Union  
Building,  
Fernandeno Room  
9851 Zelzah Avenue,  
Northridge, CA 91330  
Free parking with  
validation in SSUB parking  
structure.

For more info call Allen Wang at (213) 473-4002  
or email  
[Allen.Wang@lacity.org](mailto:Allen.Wang@lacity.org) or  
visit  
[www.zerowaste.lacity.org](http://www.zerowaste.lacity.org).

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**Ongoing**

**Through April 11, 2008**



CEMP, a Valley-based all-volunteer group, provides highly specialized services such as wilderness search and rescue.

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We have also secured radio equipment and another ambulance this year to support CEMP's activities.

For more information about CEMP, please visit [www.CEMP.org](http://www.CEMP.org).

We introduced a motion this week to allow the City to sell a surplus ambulance for \$1 to California Emergency Mobile Patrol (CEMP) to support the valuable services they provide to the community.

CEMP is a volunteer non-profit group based in the San Fernando Valley that is a reserve arm of the Los Angeles Police Department. CEMP is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They assist emergency responders by providing highly specialized skills and equipment, such as wilderness

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**COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

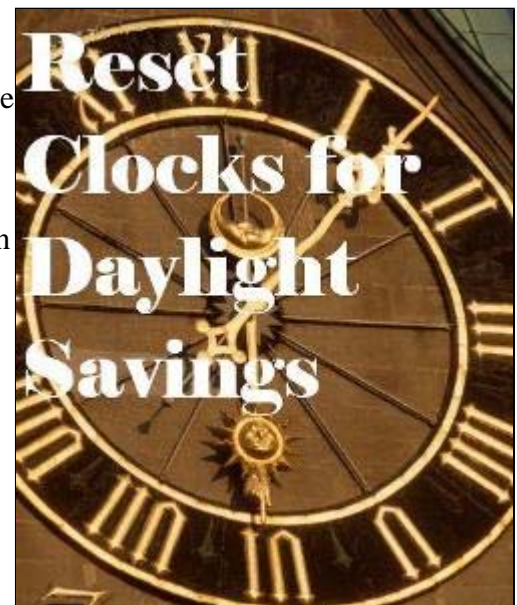
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**Don't Forget to "Spring Forward" for Daylight Savings This Sunday!**

This year, daylight-saving time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 9, 2008, so don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour. Daylight-saving time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 2, 2008.

In the past, daylight-saving time started in April and ended in October, but was extended in 2005.

Los Angeles Fire Department also recommends checking the batteries in your smoke detectors every time you set your clocks for daylight savings.



## Free Tax Preparation Services for Seniors

"Tax Counseling for the Elderly," a joint effort by AARP and the IRS, offers free tax preparation and electronic filing services for low and middle-income seniors.

The free sessions are available by appointment through April 11.

The sessions are held in the Council District 12 Field Office in Northridge, at Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge, One Generation in Reseda, and New Horizons in North Hills.

### Locations: Council District 12 Field Office

19817 Nordhoff St., # 18  
Northridge

**Please note: All appointments and inquiries for the CD12 location are made through Wilkinson Senior Center only, at (818) 756-7741.**

### Wilkinson Senior Center

Appointments: (818) 756-7741.  
8956 Vanalden St.  
Northridge

### ONEGeneration

Appointments: (818) 705-2345  
18255 Victory Blvd.  
Reseda

### New Horizons

Appointments: (818) 894-9301  
15725 Parthenia St.  
North Hills

## Review the Draft EIR for the Canoga Ave. Orange Line Extension & Give Your Input...



MTA has released its Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the extension of the Orange Line dedicated busway north along Canoga Ave.

To see the DEIR online visit [www.metro.net/projects\\_programs/canoga\\_corridor/news.htm](http://www.metro.net/projects_programs/canoga_corridor/news.htm). It is also available at public libraries and other public locations for ongoing public review.

MTA is also holding public meetings to discuss the Canoga Orange Line extension and take public comment, Wednesday, March 19 in Canoga Park and Wednesday, March 26 in Chatsworth.

Comments can also be submitted by mail to Walt Davis, Project Manager, Metro, One Gateway Plaza, MS 99-22-9, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or by email to [Daviswa@metro.net](mailto:Daviswa@metro.net). The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

We have been strongly advocating for the Orange Line extension connecting the endpoint of the Orange Line at Warner Center with the Chatsworth Depot Metrolink train station. It would create a multi-modal transit hub offering many more public transit options for residents living in the Northwest Valley.

### **Orange Line Extension DEIR Public Meetings**

**Wednesday, March 19**  
**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**New Academy School**  
**21425 Cohasset St.**  
**(Saticoy St. & Canoga Ave.)**  
**Canoga Park**

**Wednesday, March 26**  
**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Chatsworth High School**  
**10027 Lurline Ave.**  
**(Lassen St. & DeSoto Ave.)**

**Memorial Bricks  
Available for Granada  
Hills Rotary's Veteran  
Memorial Park Tribute  
Walk**

Granada Hills Rotary has memorial bricks available which will be inscribed and placed in the Tribute Walk of its Granada Hills Veteran Memorial Park at the corner of Chatsworth St. and Zelzah Ave.

The Tribute Walk will lead up to the Centerpiece Statue in the Rotary's Memorial Park. The Tribute Walk and the Statue will be dedicated on May 26, 2008 in a Memorial Day ceremony. The donations for the bricks will raise funds for the Tribute Walk.

For more info, contact Dr. Carl Melnik at (818) 366-2020 or email [Drmelnik@ghoc.com](mailto:Drmelnik@ghoc.com).

### **Ongoing**

**DVD of Councilman  
Smith's Southern  
California Emerging  
Waste Technologies  
Forum at UCLA  
available for free.**

To order a free copy, contact Councilman Smith's office at (213) 473-7012 or email [matt.myerhoff@lacity.org](mailto:matt.myerhoff@lacity.org)



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Greig Smith's  
plan to increase  
recycling and lead  
Los Angeles out**

## **Chatsworth**

### **Nearly 70 Community Members Enjoy Our Nature Walk at Chatsworth Nature Preserve...**

Nearly 70 community members joined us for a guided nature walk at Chatsworth Nature Preserve, Saturday, Feb. 23 in Chatsworth.

Dr. Rosemarie White, who has led efforts to have the natural area in Chatsworth made into a nature preserve, acted as a guide. She educated the group about the plants, animals and ecology of the area.

Chatsworth Nature Preserve is the only official nature preserve within the City boundaries, and we are dedicated to supporting and protecting it.

To see more photos from the nature walk, visit [www.CD12.org](http://www.CD12.org) and click "Community Hike."

*We encourage everyone to join us for one of our many community events. For more information or to sign up for an event, please contact Megan Cottier at (818) 756-8501 or email [Megan.Cottier@lacity.org](mailto:Megan.Cottier@lacity.org).*



Councilman Smith discussing neighborhood issues with community members on the nature walk.



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### **Devonshire Community Police Station Semi-Annual District Meeting...**



Attend the Devonshire Community Police Station's Semi-Annual District Meeting Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in Porter Ranch and be part of the public safety dialogue in our community.

This District Meeting is hosted by Devonshire Captains Sean Kane and Beatrice Girmala with the Senior

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smith@lacity.org](mailto:councilmember.smith@lacity.org)

to receive weekly  
updates on recent  
legislation,  
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upcoming events  
which affect  
Council District 12  
communities

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Lead Officers of the Devonshire Community  
Police Station.

At this District Meeting, guest speakers LAPD Officers Gary Crump and Danny Carreras will discuss the Anti-Terrorism and Intelligence Sections.

**Thursday, April 3**

7:00 pm  
Shepherd of the Hills Church  
19700 Rinaldi St.  
Porter Ranch

For more information, contact Reserve Officer Erica DeSmith at (818) 363-1726.

**Third Annual Citrus - Sunday April 6, 2008!**

Get ready for our third annual Citrus Sunday event! Together with Valley Interfaith Council (VIC), we ask everyone to pick citrus fruit from their yards and bring them to Northwest Valley Fire Stations on April 6. They will be distributed to needy families at Valley food banks.

Details will be posted in our newsletter and on our website at [www.CD12.org](http://www.CD12.org). To sign up, please contact Megan Cottier at [Megan.Cottier@lacity.org](mailto:Megan.Cottier@lacity.org).



At last year's Citrus Sunday event, more than 140 volunteers participated.

**Join Us For Earthday, Saturday, April 19 at Chatsworth Park North!**



Join us for a day of fun and environmental awareness at our Earthday celebration, Saturday, April 19 at Chatsworth Park North.

We will be organizing environmental clean-up activities at the park, including painting over graffiti. Sports retailer REI will provide free breakfast and water for participants and will be holding its Promoting Environmental

[Porter Ranch](#)

Awareness in Kids (PEAK) program to educate kids about environmental awareness.

[Reseda](#)

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Chatsworth Neighborhood Council will provide free lunch for participants. We will also have free trees and re-usable canvas bags to give away.

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[Lake Balboa](#)

**Saturday, April 19**  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Chatsworth Park North  
22300 Chatsworth St.

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**Council District  
12 Chambers of  
Commerce Links**

*For more information or to volunteer, please contact Megan Cottier at (818) 756-8501 or email [Megan.Cottier@lacity.org](mailto:Megan.Cottier@lacity.org).*

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