

**Greig Smith**

Councilman Greig Smith's **WEEKLY BRIEFING**

Recent Legislation, Community News and Upcoming Events

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Winnetka*

District 12 Map

Upcoming Events

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.

7 pm
California State

March 28, 2008

- Email Councilmember.Smith@lacity.org to request official City services or information, and please include your address.

RECENT LEGISLATION

Las Lomas Blocked in City Council Wednesday, March 19!



Our motion to have the City make a policy decision to stop the Las Lomas development was approved by the City Council Wednesday, March 19.

The Las Lomas project was too big, too dense, and couldn't be planned in a worse place. It would have a devastating effect on traffic, the environment and would unacceptably strain our water, infrastructure and public safety resources.

The huge coalition of residents, community groups, elected officials, Neighborhood Councils and environmental groups who came together to say no to this project have our gratitude and praise for stepping up to the plate to defend our community.

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 or
visit
www.zerowaste.lacity.org.

Ongoing

Through April 11, 2008 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
18917 Nordhoff St., # 18
Northridge

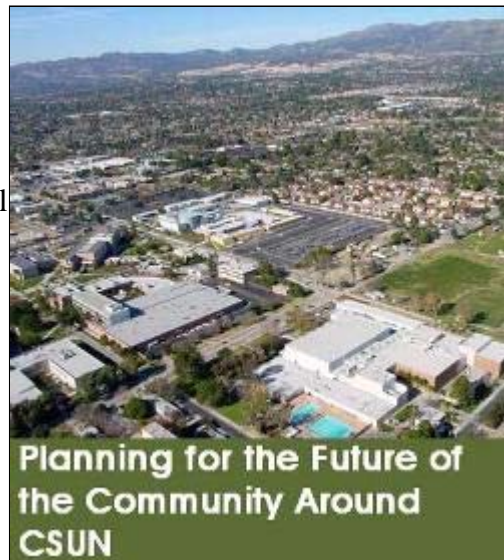
Please note: All
appointments and
inquiries for the CD12
location are made
through Wilkinson
Senior Center only, at

Planning for the Future of the Community Around CSUN...

We submitted a motion March 19 asking
the City Planning Department to begin
reviewing the area of the Northridge
Community Plan around the CSUN
campus to begin formulating a specific
plan for the area's future. The process will
include input from the residents of the
area.

The goal is to determine how best to
accommodate the current and future
increases in population and demand on
services. With the growth of the
university and the neighborhood around
it, a current planning study of the area is
well overdue.

We also introduced an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to protect the
community from further changes while the study is being conducted.



COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Citrus Sunday - April 6, 2008!



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

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. The fruit
will be distributed to needy
families at Valley food banks.

*To see the list of Fire Stations
where you can drop off fruit, visit*
<http://cd12.org/cd12homepage/cd12>
To sign up as a volunteer, please

(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

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.

contact Megan Cottier at Megan.Cottier@lacity.org.

"Topanga" Picked as Name of the Valley's Newest Police Station...

Together with Councilmember Dennis P. Zine and Police Chief William Bratton, we announced the winner of the contest to name the newest LAPD station in the West Valley, Thursday, March 20 in Canoga Park.

We held a contest to give community members a chance to help choose the name for the new police station serving the Northwest Valley, and received more than 500 entries.

The winner, Rebecca Westberg, was drawn from among several people who submitted "Topanga Police Station" as the name for the new station.

Westfield generously offered the grand prize, a \$1,000 gift card. Rebecca demonstrated tremendous community spirit by immediately announcing to the police officers, officials and families of the finalists that she would donate her \$1,000 gift card to support officers of the new Topanga Police Station.



Councilmembers Smith and Zine, LAPD Chief Bratton, representatives of Westfield and LAPD officers together with the contest winner and runners-up.

Check Out the New Videos on Our Website!



Want to see what some of our community events are like, or catch a press conference announcing new legislation? Check out the video page of our website, at cd12.org/cd12fv1.htm.

Recently Added Videos:

Las Lomas Defeated!

lacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=158

Our motion to have the City make a policy

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



[Learn about Councilman Greig Smith's plan to increase recycling and lead Los Angeles out of landfills](#)



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Earth Day 2007!

lacity.org/council/cd12/video/cd12video290550895_02222008.htm.

Our 2008 Community Earth Day Celebration is Saturday, April 19, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Chatsworth Park North, 22300 Chatsworth St.

Citrus Sunday 2007!

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This year, our Citrus Sunday event is Sunday, April 6. Help us bring pick citrus fruit to benefit needy San Fernando Valley families.

Councilman Smith Goes Solar!

lacity.org/council/cd12/video/cd12video290550494_02052008.htm

Installing a home solar power system with the help of the City's Solar Incentive Program is environmentally friendly, saves you money and reduces the strain on the City's power system.

Community Clean-Up in Porter Ranch!

Join community members and Castlebay Elementary School kids in a community clean-up organized by Mike Dobry, Saturday, March 29, 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

For this clean-up, participants will paint over graffiti and clean up trash at Limekiln Canyon. Parking is on the north side of Rinaldi St., east of Corbin Ave.

All are welcome, and no RSVP is necessary. Please bring your own gloves, water, sunscreen, and clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting paint on.

Free Starbucks coffee and bananas from Whole Foods will be provided.

For more information, email Mike Dobry at Mdobry@verizon.net.



Painting over graffiti at Limekiln Canyon.

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Tip-A-Cop Event to Support Special Olympics...

Tip-A-Cop to Help Special Olympics!

Thurs., April 24

Claimjumper Restaurant
9429 Tampa Ave., Northridge



Councilman Smith, who is also an LAPD Reserve Officer, working the door at the 2007 Tip-A-Cop event.

Come to the Tip-A-Cop event at the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Northridge, Thursday, April 24, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and help raise funds to support the Special Olympics!

Tip-A-Cop

Thursday, April 24

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

9429 Tampa Ave.

(Corner Tampa and Plummer St.)

Northridge

Local Police Officers will wait tables for guests at the restaurant, with all tips going to the Special Olympics. Last year the Northridge Tip a Cop event raised the most funds. Help break the record this year!

For more information, please

contact David Bush, Los Angeles Police Department Community Relations, at (818) 599-3538 or email R2493@earthlink.net.

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

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

Saturday, April 19

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Chatsworth Park North

22300 Chatsworth St.

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

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



**Devonshire Division
Community Meeting**

Thursday, April 3, 7:00 pm

Shepherd of the Hills Church

19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch

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 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.