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WEEKLY BRIEFING

Recent Legislation, Community News and Upcoming Events

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**COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING
 EVENTS**

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- Ad Hoc RENEW
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 Chair
- Ad Hoc Stadium**
 Member

**Special Meeting of the Jobs, Business Growth & Tax
 Reform Committee...**



Councilman Smith, Chairman of the Jobs,
 Economic Growth & Tax Reform Committee,
 hears a report on the health of the LA economy
 from LA Economic Development Corporation.

We convened a special meeting
 of the Jobs, Business Growth &
 Tax Reform Committee on
 Wednesday, Oct. 8, to hear
 reports from business
 development experts and City
 Department heads on the current
 economic crisis.

Topics of discussion included the
 ways in which the economic
 crisis is hitting businesses in Los
 Angeles, and how that in turn
 affects City revenues, such as
 sales tax, property tax
 and business tax.

While the current economic
 situation nationwide looks
 grim, the experts reporting to the committee projected that a recession would
 likely turn around in 2009 and growth would resume around 2010 or 2011.

Agencies such as the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation,
 Valley Economic Development Corporation, Workforce Investment Board,



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



Upcoming Events

Sunday, Oct. 12 Taste of Encino

Enjoy a great community festival at the Encino Chamber of Commerce's 21st Annual Taste of Encino.

10 am - 5 pm
Ventura Blvd.
between Balboa and
Amestoy

Free admission. Attractions feature a health and wellness pavillion, moon bounce, food and drinks, arts and crafts, disaster preparedness exhibit, and four stages with ongoing entertainment.

For more info visit
www.encinochamber.org

Saturday, Oct. 18 Texas Hold'em Poker Fundraiser

The Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce host this Texas Hold'em Poker Fundraiser.

6:30 pm - 11 pm
At the home of
Brian and Cheryl
Ford
11151 Jellico Ave.
Granada Hills

Community Development Department, the L.A. Office of Finance and the Workforce Investment Board shared some of the many resources available for local companies with the Committee. We are developing a package of motions meant to make it easier for local companies that are struggling to find and use information, assistance and resources that are available from the City, County and State.

Struggling local companies that are unable to find business assistance resources are encouraged to contact our office at Doug.Tripp@lacity.org.

Register Now for the L.A. International Earthquake Conference...

Join us for the L.A. International Earthquake Conference at the Omni Hotel in Downtown L.A., November 12 through 14, 2008.

This important event will bring together the world's leading authorities in seismic safety, disaster preparation and recovery. The Conference is meant to develop policy recommendations for future legislation that will improve preparedness, response and the ability to quickly rebound from major earthquakes.

It is part of the [Great Southern California ShakeOut](#), a week of earthquake preparedness events, featuring workshops, lectures, demonstrations and the centerpiece, the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history.

For more information, visit www.iec.lacity.org or email info.iec@lacity.org.

Jaycees to Honor Community Leader David Fleming at Annual Gala...

All are welcome.
\$50 per person.
Proceeds benefit
the Chamber.
Snacks will be
served.

For more info call
event Chair Steve
Baker at (818)
368-3235.

**Wednesday, Nov.
12 to
Sunday, Nov. 16,
2008**
"The Great
Southern
California
ShakeOut"

Participate in the
Great Southern
California ShakeOut!
On November 13, up
to 21 million people
across Southern
California will
participate in the
biggest earthquake
drill in U.S. history.

We need to be better
prepared for major
earthquakes, and this
huge earthquake drill
will provide
extremely valuable
experience and
training to help us
prepare.

Register for the
ShakeOut Drill for
free at
shakeout.org/register.

The drill is part of a
week of earthquake
preparedness
activities, with
workshops, lectures,
and demonstrations,
including the L.A.
International
Earthquake
Conference hosted
by the City of L.A.



The San Fernando Valley Jaycees will honor David Fleming of Latham & Watkins LLP at their 2nd Annual Gala, on Monday, October 20, at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant in Woodland Hills.

David, a former Jaycee, will receive with the 2008 SFV Jaycees Lifetime Achievement Award. He has devoted over 70,000 hours of service to civic, community, charitable and government organizations over the past 40 years.

Monday, Oct. 20
5:30 pm Cocktails, 6:30 p.m.
Dinner
Maggiano's Italian Restaurant,
Woodland Hills
6100 Topanga Canyon Boulevard

[Click here to download an invitation to this event.](#) All RSVP's must be

received by Wednesday, October 15th.

For more information the Gala or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mitch Englander at mitch.englander@lacity.org.

For information about the Jaycees visit sfvjaycees.org.

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Sets a High Bar for Community Emergency Preparedness...

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council has become a model of community emergency preparedness by organizing numerous CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training courses, and by dedicating resources and funding toward emergency supplies and training for the community.



We applaud their efforts and encourage community members to ensure that they are prepared for earthquakes or other disasters. Enrolling in a CERT

For more information on the L.A. International Earthquake Conference, visit iec.lacity.org.

**Saturday, Nov. 15
2008 Special Olympics Tri-Valley Bowl-A-Thon**

Sign up for the Special Olympics Tri-Valley 2008 Bowl-A-Thon, for a fun day of bowling for a great cause!

At AMF Rocket Lanes
9171 DeSoto Ave.
Chatsworth

Morning Session:
10 am - 12 pm
Afternoon Session:
1 pm - 3 pm
\$20 per person, with proceeds benefiting the Special Olympics.

You can register as a 3-person team or sign up and be placed on an existing team.

One Special Olympics Athlete will join each team as Team Captain.

Great raffle prizes!

You can also sponsor a Special Olympics Athlete. For more info call (818) 342-0017.

Ongoing

**Mandatory
Spy/Neuter Law**

course is an excellent way to begin. CERT courses help community members become prepared to help themselves, their families and their workplaces, and assist emergency responders during disasters.

For more information on Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council's emergency preparedness activities, call (818) 779-9026 or visit www.LakeBalboaNC.org.

For information on CERT classes, visit www.CERT-LA.com.

Pioneer Day at the Homestead Acre at Chatsworth Park...



Councilman Smith addresses community members attending the Pioneer Day festival.

We were proud to join community members to celebrate the culture and history of Chatsworth, at the annual Pioneer Day at the Homestead at Chatsworth Park on Sunday, Oct. 5.

This garden festival featured demonstrations of historical arts, crafts, skills, food, and costumes from the Pioneer era as well as free tours of the Virginia Watson Chatsworth Museum and the famous Chili Cook-Off.

For more information on the Chatsworth Historical Society, the Homestead Acre, and the Chatsworth Museum, visit Historicalsocieties.net.

Don't Miss the 12th Annual S.O.L.I.D. Pasta Dinner!

SOLID (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire) will serve up a delicious all-you-can eat pasta dinner to raise funds to support public safety in our community, Friday, Oct. 17 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Northridge.

The entire community is



in Effect Oct. 1

As part of the City's efforts to reduce the numbers of stray and abandoned pets and move toward the goals of the "No-Kill" policy, the City passed a new spay/neuter law.

As of Oct. 1, pet owners are required to spay or neuter their cats and dogs that are older than four months. The fines for violations start at \$100.

Pets that compete as approved breeds in recognized shows, as well as service, guide, police, military, and rescue dogs are exempt. Veterinarians can certify that an animal should not be spayed or neutered for health reasons.

For more detailed information, [click here](#).

L.A. Cultural Master Plan Survey

Help Shape the Cultural Landscape of Los Angeles and participate in the online survey as part of the Cultural Master Plan.

The survey will help the City learn more about the ways in which residents engage in arts and cultural activities in Los Angeles as part

welcome, and proceeds from the \$6 tickets benefit SOLID. Every year, the event raises thousands of dollars that go toward purchasing non City-supplied equipment specifically needed by our Northwest Valley police officers.

Guests can have free photo child ID cards made on-site.

SOLID is a non-profit organization founded in 1993 by a group of concerned citizens to help increase the effectiveness of the Police Officers of the Devonshire Division. To date, SOLID has raised over \$200,000 that has gone toward materials and equipment needed by Devonshire Division.

Friday, Oct. 17

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

**17037 Plummer Street, Northridge
(Corner of Plummer St. & Balboa Blvd.)**

For more information, call (818) 756-9011, ext. 1200 or email Solidinfo@SolidDev.org. For more information on SOLID, [visit SolidDev.org](http://visitSolidDev.org).

Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Event at CSUN...



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, Oct 11

Sunday, Oct 12

9am - 3pm

CSUN, Parking Lot E-10

Bring your household hazardous waste and surplus electronic equipment to this free collection event at CSUN in Northridge, Saturday, Oct. 11 and Sunday, Oct. 12 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

It is illegal to dispose of household hazardous waste (such as oil, paint, pool and garden chemicals, solvents, (etc.) and electronic waste (old computers, TVs, fluorescent lightbulbs or anything containing a microchip) in the regular trash.

When these materials go to landfills, they can leach into the environment, polluting air, soil and groundwater, posing a threat to the environment and public health.

Saturday, Oct. 11
Sunday, Oct. 12

of the Cultural Master Plan. The Cultural Master Plan will be a common vision for how culture and creativity in all its forms can contribute to community and quality of life for residents and visitors.

For more information, [click here](#).

Donate DVDs to Benefit Veterans

DVDs4Vets is a non-profit organization that collects new and used DVDs and donates them to wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many of these veterans have physical and economic hardships that make it difficult for them to obtain some of the basic entertainment that most civilians take for granted.

In the last year, DVDs4Vets has delivered over 38,000 DVDs to various V.A. Hospitals, homes, centers and clinics for veterans.

For more information on how to donate DVDs, visit www.DVDs4Vets.org.

9:00 am to 3:00 pm
CSUN (parking lot F-10)
At Lassen St. & Lindley Ave.
Northridge

For more information on what you may bring, call (800) 988-6942 or visit the Department of Sanitation website at www.lacitysan.org/solid_resources/special/index.htm.

Oktoberfest at Winnetka Park...

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Oktoberfest Oct. 17 through 19 at Winnetka Park. The festivities include food, rides, games and more. We co-sponsor this event every year.

Enjoy carnival rides, games, food, arts and crafts, live bands and the beer garden raffle! Please celebrate responsibly.

Fri., Oct. 17
6:00 pm -10:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 18
noon-10:00 pm
Sun., Oct. 19
noon-9:00 pm
Winnetka Park
8401 Winnetka Ave.
(North of Roscoe Blvd.)

For more information, call (818) 348-6908.



Friday Oct. 17-
Sunday Oct. 19
Winnetka Park

**Councilman
Greig Smith
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Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park 11th Annual Dog Faire and Pet Adoption...



Bring your dog to a celebration of

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man's best friend at the Sepulveda Off-Leash Dog Park Dog Faire, Saturday, Oct. 18 in Encino.

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park Corner of Victory Blvd. & White Oak Ave., Encino

Free admission and parking. All dogs entering the park must be spayed or neutered and have up-to-date vaccinations. During the event, dogs must be on-leash.

There will be low-cost vaccinations on-site. Other services include microchipping, discount spay and neuter vouchers, pet adoption, pet vendors, dog training demonstrations and more.

For more info, call (818) 421-3484 or email sboldp@lacity.org.

Groundbreaking of the Granada Hills Veteran Memorial Park Tribute Walk...

Join us for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Granada Hills Veteran Memorial Tribute Walk and statue, Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10:00 am, at the corner of Chatsworth St. and Zelzah Ave. in Granada Hills.

The Veteran Memorial Park, Tribute Walk and statue are a community project of the Granada Hills Rotary Foundation that we have been proud to support.

You can help support this beautiful and moving memorial to our veterans. For a donation, community members can order a Memorial Brick inscribed with the name of a person they wish to commemorate. The Memorial Brick will become part of the Tribute Walk.

Groundbreaking of Granada Hills Veteran Memorial Park Tribute Walk

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10:00 am



Groundbreaking of Granada Hills Veteran Memorial Park Tribute Walk

Saturday, Nov. 8

10:00 am

Corner of Chatsworth St. & Zelzah Ave.

Memorial Bricks Available

Corner of Chatsworth St.
& Zelzah Ave.
Granada Hills

For more information, please call Dr. Carl Melnik at (818) 366-2020.

Free Home Ownership and Foreclosure Prevention Fair...



Free Home Ownership & Foreclosure Prevention Fair

**Saturday, Oct. 11
10 am - 2 pm**

**Braude Constituent
Service Center
6262 Van Nuys Blvd
Van Nuys**

The current financial crisis is affecting many families across Los Angeles. Everyone is welcome to attend the free Homeownership and Foreclosure Prevention Fair on Saturday, Oct. 11 in Van Nuys, where valuable information and assistance is available.

Saturday, Oct. 11

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Braude Constituent Service Center
6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys**

At the fair, you can:

- Get personal help from non-profit housing counselors.
- Learn about refinancing opportunities and first-time homebuyer programs.
- Meet with lenders about working out monthly payments or the possibility of switching from an adjustable rate to a fixed rate mortgage.

To pre-register for this event, please call (818) 892-7600.

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