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**WEEKLY BRIEFING**  
 Recent Legislation, Community News and Upcoming Events

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**June 18, 2009**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Committee Assignments

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Member

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LA**  
Chair

**Ad Hoc Stadium**  
Member

### Join Us for the Ground Breaking of the Canoga Ave. Orange Line Busway Extension...



We are pleased to invite you to join us for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Canoga Ave. extension of the Orange Line busway, Wednesday, June 24 at Chatsworth Depot.

We will be joined by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Metro Board Member Richard Katz, and other City and County transportation officials to kick off construction on the new dedicated busway connecting the Orange Line terminus at Warner Center to Chatsworth Depot Train Station.



[CLICK HERE](#)

To learn about Councilman Greig Smith's RENEW LA plan to increase recycling and lead Los Angeles out of landfills

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## Upcoming Events

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### Saturday, July 18 Used Book Sale

Mid Valley Regional Branch Library is holding a used book sale to raise funds for new books and library programs.

10 am - 2 pm  
Mid Valley Regional Branch Library  
16244 Nordhoff St.  
North Hills

For info call (818)  
895-3650.

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## Ongoing

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### DWP Water Conservation Measures in Effect

DWP water conservation are now in effect, restricting lawn watering with

Wednesday, June 24

9:00 am

Chatsworth Depot Train Station  
10046 Old Depot Plaza Rd.  
(Lassen St. & Canoga Ave.)  
Chatsworth

The four-mile extension is expected to open in mid-2012, more than three years ahead of schedule. The busway is funded with state transportation funds and with funds from Measure R, which was approved by a two-thirds majority of voters last year.

By interconnecting the existing Orange Line, Metro Rapid bus lines, Metrolink trains and the subway system, it will dramatically expand the public transit options for Valley commuters and reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

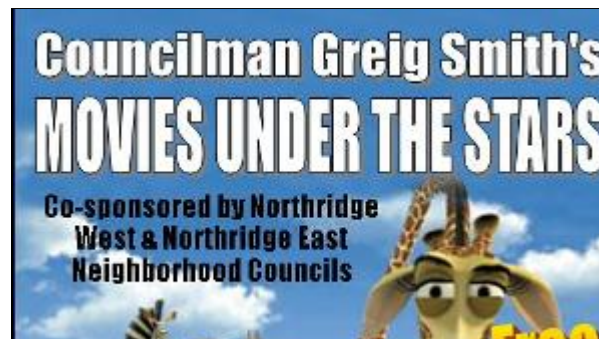
The extension will benefit from safety and operational experience gained from the MTA's highly successful Orange Line, which saw ridership shoot up from 16,000 passengers per day to more than 21,000 per day in its first year of operation, a level not anticipated until 2020.

There will be station stops at Sherman Way, Roscoe, Nordhoff and Chatsworth, a new park & ride lot at Sherman Way. Features include lush landscaping, bicycle and pedestrian paths, an elevated bridge at Lassen St., privacy walls for neighbors and new traffic improvements.

For more information, visit [www.metro.net/canoga](http://www.metro.net/canoga).

## Join Us for a Free Pool Party With Root Beer Floats at Our Next "Movies Under the Stars" at Northridge Park....

Don't miss our next movie night, when we will have a FREE pool party with root beer floats at Northridge Pool before the movie, on Saturday, July 11 at Northridge Park.



automatic sprinklers to Mondays and Thursdays, before 9:00 am and after 4:00 pm.

Watering by hand with a flow-control nozzle is allowed on any day, before 9:00 am and after 4:00 pm.

Below are several links with detailed information on the water conservation measures.

[Shortage Year Rates Fact Sheet](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Sprinkler Use Ordinance](#)

[Prohibited Uses of Water](#)

DWP Phone Line:  
(800) Dial DWP  
DWP Website:  
[www.LADWP.com](http://www.LADWP.com)

To report water waste call 1-800-Dial DWP.

**DWP Incentives for Customers Who Replace Lawns With Drought-Tolerant Landscaping**

LADWP's Residential Drought Resistant Landscape Program offers incentives to customers who replace water-hungry

Admission to the pool is free 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, but all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please [click here](#) to see complete L.A. pool rules.

## **Movies Under the Stars & Pool Party**

Saturday, July 11

Northridge Park, 18300 Lemarsh St.

Free Pool Party & Root Beer Floats at Northridge Pool before the movie - 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Movie Screening in Northridge Park starts at nightfall.

As always, we will serve free popcorn until 9:00 pm and hold free drawing for prizes. There will also be free face painting for kids provided by Ken Sampson at Coldwell Banker. Northridge East and Northridge West Neighborhood Councils are co-sponsors.

This event is funded with Cultural Affairs funds that can only be used for cultural activities in the City, and can not be used for other purposes.

For more information, call (818) 756-8501 or email [Megan.Cottier@lacity.org](mailto:Megan.Cottier@lacity.org) or visit [www.CD12.org](http://www.CD12.org).

## **Enjoy the Parks of Council District 12...**



In CD 12, we are fortunate to have a large number of outstanding parks. We have produced an overview of every park in our District, including its location, features and amenities. It is available on our website for anyone to download, print out or email on to others.

Our parks offer everything from professional level skateboarding park, to three full-sized municipal golf courses, to fishing, rock climbing, hiking and horseback riding. We even have an off-leash dog park.

Our public parks are a vital part of the quality of life in our community and we work hard to preserve and improve them. We regularly organize community events at our parks, including environmental clean-up events at "Movies Under the Stars." We encourage you to use the parks often and participate in helping us keep them safe and clean for all.

grass lawns with drought-tolerant plants.

The Incentive Program is meant to help residents reduce the amount of water used on landscaping, which accounts for up to 40% of water use in L.A.

The Program pays single family homes \$1 for each square foot of grass removed and replaced with drought tolerant plants, mulching or water-permeable hardscapes.

Customers' plans must be pre-approved by the LADWP prior to installation and evidence of installation must be provided after the landscaping is replaced in order to receive the rebate.

One square foot of lawn needs 50 inches of water per year. Most drought-tolerant plants need 15 inches of water or less per square foot per year (about the average of rain fall that L.A. receives).

For information on the Residential Drought Resistant Landscape Incentive Program, call (888) 376-3314. For information on any of the Department's

To see "The Parks of CD 12" visit <http://cd12.org/pdf/ParksofCD12.6.9.09.pdf>.

### Summer Givin' Blood Drive...

The Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce and the American Red Cross are hosting blood drives this summer throughout the San Fernando Valley, starting Monday, June 22 at Chatsworth Depot Train Station in Chatsworth.

#### Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 22  
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Chatsworth/Porter Ranch Chamber  
Chatsworth Depot Train Station  
10038 Old Depot Plaza Rd., Chatsworth



To make an appointment to donate blood at the Summer Givin kick off, visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter ZIP code 91311.

For more information or to learn how to host your own blood drive for your office or organization, call Sherry Nikirk at the American Red Cross (818) 992-2005 or email [nikirks@usa.redcross.org](mailto:nikirks@usa.redcross.org).

### Free Lunch for Seniors Over 60 at Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge...

Through June 30, 2009, residents older than 60 years can receive a free, hot lunch at Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge through the City's Senior Nutrition Program.



**= Free Lunch for Seniors Over 60 =**  
Print out this coupon and present it to Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge to receive a free hot lunch.  
Valid through June 30, 2009

other rebates and incentives visit [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com) and click on "Rebates and Programs" or (800) DIAL DWP.

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**Dedicate a Memorial Brick for the Granada Hills Veteran's Memorial**

The Granada Hills Rotary Club is offering the opportunity to place a memorial brick in the walkway of their Veteran's Park memorial on Zelzah Ave. and Chatsworth St. in Granada Hills.

We helped the Granada Hills Rotary Club secure funding for its project to install new landscaping and plants, a walkway, military flags, decorative lights, irrigation, and gazebo on the traffic triangle. With a \$125 contribution, you can have a brick inscribed with a message of your choice to create a lasting memorial or recognition for a friend or loved one in the walkway.

For info call John Weitkamp (818) 363-3144.

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**Through July 31**

Print out the coupon here and present it at Wilkinson Center, located at 895 Vanalden Ave. (one block south of Nordhoff St.), Northridge.

*For more information, call (818) 756-7741 or email [Wilkinson.SeniorCenter@lacity.org](mailto:Wilkinson.SeniorCenter@lacity.org).*

**Learn How to Prevent Identity Theft...**



Learn how you to protect yourself, your family or your business from identity theft and fraud at the next LAPD Basic Car meeting, Tuesday June 23 at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch.

Identity theft is very common, and can be extremely costly and time-consuming for businesses or individuals to resolve. There are steps you can take to better protect yourself. Learn how at this presentation by Senior Lead Office Janine Angeles and a nationally

recognized identity theft expert.

**Tuesday, June 23**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Shepherd of the Hills Church**  
**19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch**

*For more information, email Senior Lead Officer Janine Angeles at [30392@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:30392@lapd.lacity.org).*

**Workshops to Help Small Business Owners...**

The Small Business Development



## LA City Tax Penalty Amnesty

The City is offering a penalty waiver for businesses in L.A.

The program does not mean that business do not have to pay their taxes. But they can avoid penalties imposed as a result of nonreporting, underreporting, underpayment, or nonpayment of certain taxes.

It covers business tax, telephone, electricity and gas user's tax, commercial tenant's occupancy tax, transient occupancy tax and parking occupancy tax, and is meant to offer relief to struggling businesses during the economic recession.

Notifications to delinquent accounts began late April. This program is in effect through July 31, 2009.

For info on eligibility, call the Tax Amnesty Hotline (213) 978-1555 or visit [www.lacity.org/finance](http://www.lacity.org/finance).

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### Donate DVDs to Benefit Veterans

DVDs4Vets is a non-profit organization

Center is offering low-cost workshops in Chatsworth to help local entrepreneurs successfully start, build and grow their small businesses.

### Effective Marketing for Small Businesses

This interactive three-hour workshop will help you increase your sales and improve the results from your marketing program. The workshop is taught by a marketing expert with more than 35 years of successful business experience.

Wednesday, June 24, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Cost: \$30

Premier America Credit Union, 19867 Prairie St., Chatsworth

Reservations required: (661) 294-9375 // [sbdc@canyons.edu](mailto:sbdc@canyons.edu)

### Writing a Useful Business Plan

This interactive three-hour workshop will help you write a short- and long-term business plan that you can use to build and grow a successful business

Tuesday, June 23, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Cost: \$30

Premier America Credit Union, 19867 Prairie St., Chatsworth

To reserve call (661) 294-9375 or email [sbdc@canyons.edu](mailto:sbdc@canyons.edu).

### California Construction Contractors Program

Learn how to expand and develop your contracting and business skills to successfully bid for government contracts. Sponsored by CalTrans.

Thursday, June 25, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Build WorkSource Center, 9207 Eton Ave., Chatsworth


Cost: FREE, but reservations are required.

To reserve call (661) 294-9375 or email [sbdc@canyons.edu](mailto:sbdc@canyons.edu).

### Free Business Counseling

The SBCD offers free counseling to small businesses in the San Fernando Valley from experienced business advisors. For more information, please call (661) 294-9375.

## Kick Up your Heels at the 4th Annual Chatsworth Barn Dance...

 Don't miss the live country music, great food, line dancing and family fun at the 4th Annual Chatsworth Barn Dance, Saturday June 27 at Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship.

This annual community event will feature the Doo-Wah Riders, one of LA's most popular country bands, line dancing courtesy of the Borderline Club, and games like road apple bingo and horse shoes.

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](http://www.DVDs4Vets.org).

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**Council District 12**

**Saturday, June 27**

**Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship**

**21126 Chatsworth St. Chatsworth**

**Tickets: \$30 per person or \$50 per couple, available at the event**

*For more information call Pat UpdeGraff at (818) 700-2971 or email [pat@rideon.org](mailto:pat@rideon.org).*

## **Brush Clearance at Aliso Canyon for Day of Service..**

Volunteers are invited to participate in a brush clearance project in Aliso Canyon Park in Granada Hills on Saturday, June 27 at part of the Citywide Day of Service.

Aliso Canyon Park was one of the areas that was heavily affected by the wildfires last fall. As we head into summer, the brush that has built up in Aliso Canyon needs to be cleared out. It's a great way to

teach kids about community service, and get some fresh air and outdoor exercise while helping keep our community safe and beautiful.



**Brush Clearance**

**Saturday, June 27**

**8:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Aliso Canyon Park**

**(north side of Rinaldi St. 1 block west of Zelzah Ave.)**

All ages welcome, but kids under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring sturdy shoes, water and sunscreen.

*For more information, call Barri Worth at (818) 778-4990 or email [Barri.Worth@lacity.org](mailto:Barri.Worth@lacity.org).*

## Neighborhood Council Links

[Canoga Park](#)

[Chatsworth](#)

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[Granada Hills South](#)

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## Council District 12 Chambers of Commerce Links

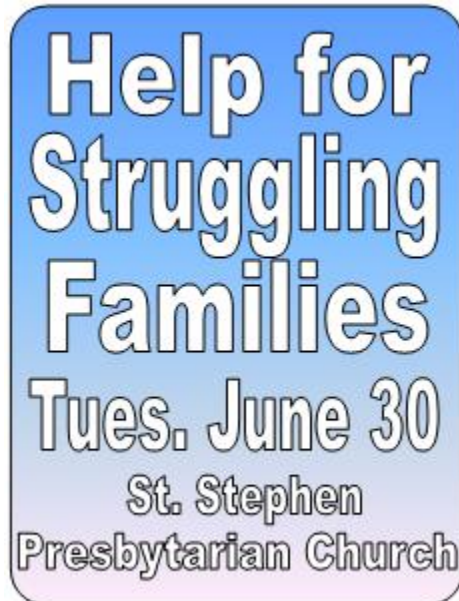
[Canoga Park/West Hills](#)

[Chatsworth Encino](#)

[Granada Hills](#)

[North Valley Regional](#)

## Free Workshop Offering Assistance to Families Struggling During the Recession...



St. Stephen Presbyterian Church is offering a free workshop for people struggling through the economic downturn, with a free family dinner for participants, Tuesday, June 30 in Chatsworth.

"Community Assistance, Resources & Encouragement" will include presentations as well as one-on-one help from specialists on seeking employer working on resumes, foreclosure and loan modification, budget management legal assistance and accessing social services.

Tuesday, June 30  
6:30 pm - family dinner

7:30 pm - presentations  
St. Stephen Presbyterian Church  
20121 Devonshire St. (at Winnetka)  
Chatsworth

For information, call (818) 360-7460 or email [Ststephenpres@yahoo.com](mailto:Ststephenpres@yahoo.com).

## Export Workshop for Manufacturing Businesses in CD 12...

Our office along with the Valley Economic Alliance and the Port of Los Angeles are holding an export overview workshop for manufacturers in Council District 12 on Tuesday, June 30 in Chatsworth.



The event offers information for manufacturers on how to find overseas markets, secure and implement financing, become properly insured and educate staff.

"Trade Connect"  
 Tuesday, June 30  
 The Gas Company  
 9400 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth

For more information call (818) 379-7000 or email  
[John.Bwarie@lacity.org](mailto:John.Bwarie@lacity.org).

## Free CERT Classes Offered by West Hills Neighborhood Council...



West Hills Neighborhood Council is offering free Community Emergency Response Team classes on Thursday evenings in July and August at West Valley Christian Church in West Hills.

Thursday, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
 Thursday, August 6 & 13  
 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
 (make up classes available)  
 West Valley Christian Church  
 22450 Sherman Way, in West

### Hills

CERT is the nationally acclaimed Los Angeles Fire Department program that provides free training for community members so that they can help themselves, their neighbors, and assist emergency responders during disasters.

We encourage everyone to get CERT trained!

To sign up or for more information, visit  
[http://www.westhillsnc.org/Emergency\\_Preparedness.html](http://www.westhillsnc.org/Emergency_Preparedness.html) or call (818) 88-6480.

## **LAPD Devonshire PALS 30th Grand Golf Invitational...**

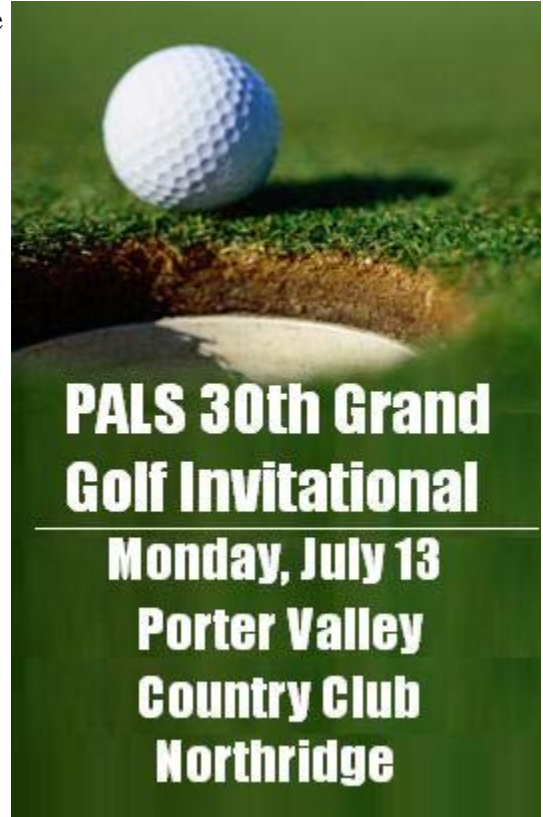
LAPD Devonshire PALS and the Barbara McIntyre Memorial Foundation invite all golfers to help support an important cause at the 30th Annual Grand Golf Invitational, Monday, July 13 in Northridge.

The event raises funds for Devonshire PALS (Police Activities League Supporters), which offers valuable opportunities to at-risk youth in our community such as sports, tutoring, camping trips and leadership programs. These programs are essential to help steer kids away from gangs, crime and drugs.

**Monday, July 13**  
**Registration: 7:45 am.**  
**Tee-Off: 10:00 am**  
**Porter Valley Country Club**  
**19216 Singing Hills Dr., Northridge**

The \$200 entry fee includes breakfast, lunch & dinner, with proceeds benefiting the great programs of Devonshire PALS.

*For more information or to register email [golf@devonshire-pals.org](mailto:golf@devonshire-pals.org) or call (818) 349-1706.*



## **Save the Date for the Goodwill Golf Classic...**



Mark your calendar for the Goodwill Golf Classic, Monday, Sept. 21 at The Tournament

Players Club in Valencia.

Proceeds benefit Goodwill's efforts to help people with disabilities and those considered "hard to place in jobs" to prepare for and find employment. During the economic recession, Goodwill has seen demand for its job development services skyrocket.

Monday, September 21  
The Tournament Players Club  
26550 Heritage View Lane, Valencia

For more information, visit <http://www.goodwillsocal.org/golfclassic> or call (323) 539-2030.

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