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WEEKLY BRIEFING
 Recent Legislation, Community News and Upcoming Events

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RECENT LEGISLATION

Committee Assignments

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Public Works
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**Ad Hoc RENEW
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Cracking Down on Drunk Driving...



We introduced a motion last week that would require the LAPD to impound the vehicle of anyone arrested for drunk driving.

Currently it is up to the arresting officer whether to impound the vehicle of a person they have arrested for driving under the influence (DUI), unless the DUI occurred in conjunction with

another crime, if the DUI is a felony, or the driver has a prior DUI.

Some drunk drivers are so impaired when they are arrested that they are still too drunk to drive by the time they are released. Requiring drunk drivers'



[CLICK HERE](#)

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

Upcoming Events

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.

Ongoing

Download "The Parks of CD 12" Pamphlet

We have produced an overview of the many outstanding parks in our District, including its location,

vehicles to be impounded would prevent them from returning to their vehicles and driving again too soon and would serve as an additional deterrent.

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Construction Under Way on the Canoga Ave. Orange Line Busway Extension...



We kicked off construction of the Canoga Ave. extension of the Orange Line busway at a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, June 24 at Chatsworth Depot.



We were joined by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Metro Board Member Richard Katz, and City and County transportation officials.



The new 4-mile dedicated busway is expected to open in 2012 and will connect the Orange Line terminus at Warner Center to Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Train Station. It is funded with State transportation funds and with money from Measure R, which was approved by

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 a 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.

To see "The Parks of CD 12" [click here](#).

DWP Water Conservation Measures in Effect

DWP water conservation are now in effect, restricting lawn watering with 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](#)

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, landscaped 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.

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.

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.



[Fact Sheet](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Sprinkler Use Ordinance](#)

[Prohibited Uses of Water](#)

DWP Phone Line:
(800) Dial DWP
DWP Website:
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 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

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 drawings 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 or visit www.CDI2.org.

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



= 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
Coupon sent from Councilman Greig Smith's office.

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

Print out the coupon here and present it at Wilkinson Center, located at 8956

Vanalden Ave. (one block south of Nordhoff St.), Northridge.

For more information, call (818) 756-7741 or email Wilkinson.SeniorCenter@lacity.org.

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

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

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

The Granada Hills Rotary Club is offering the opportunity to place a



Chatsworth Barn Dance
Saturday, June 27
6:00 pm
21126 Chatsworth St.

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.

Saturday, June 27, 6:00 pm
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.

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 Project
at Aliso Canyon Park
Saturday, June 27
8:00 am - 11 am

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.

Summer Givin' Blood Drive

There are American Red Cross blood drives this summer throughout the San Fernando Valley. To make an appointment to donate blood at a blood drive nearest to you, visit www.givelife.org and enter your ZIP code.

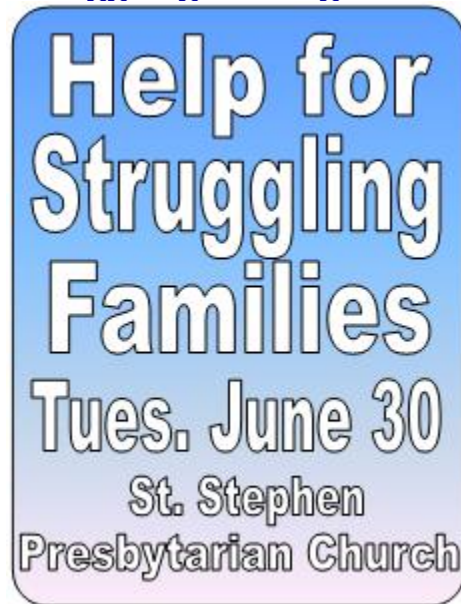
For more information or to learn how to how to host your own blood drive for

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.

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.

your office or organization, call Sherry Nikirk at the American Red Cross (818) 992-2005 or email nikirks@usa.redcross.org.

Through July 31 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

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.



"Trade Connect"
Export Workshop
Tuesday, June 30
3 pm - 5 pm
The Gas Company
9400 Oakdale Ave.
Chatsworth

Congratulations to 59 Community Members Who Completed CERT Training...



Chatsworth Neighborhood Council sponsored a CERT class this spring. 59 people received their certification.

We congratulate the 59 community members who completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training this month, and we applaud Chatsworth Neighborhood Council for sponsoring the free CERT course

Boosting emergency preparedness on the neighborhood level is emerging as an important role of Neighborhood Councils, and we encourage them to continue to pursue these activities. Several Neighborhood

Hotline (213) 978-1555 or visit www.lacity.org/finance.

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.

Councilman Greig Smith Links

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Councils in our District have offered free CERT classes, and there are more coming up. (See the announcement below about West Hills Neighborhood Council's CERT class in July).

We encourage all community members to take advantage of these free classes when they are available - they can save lives during earthquakes, wildfires and other major emergencies.

To find CERT classes available near you, visit www.CERT-LA.com.

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



Councilman Smith with CERT-trained Neighborhood Council members at a Citywide emergency drill.

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 or call (818) 88-6480.

[Request Information](#)

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Neighborhood Council Links**

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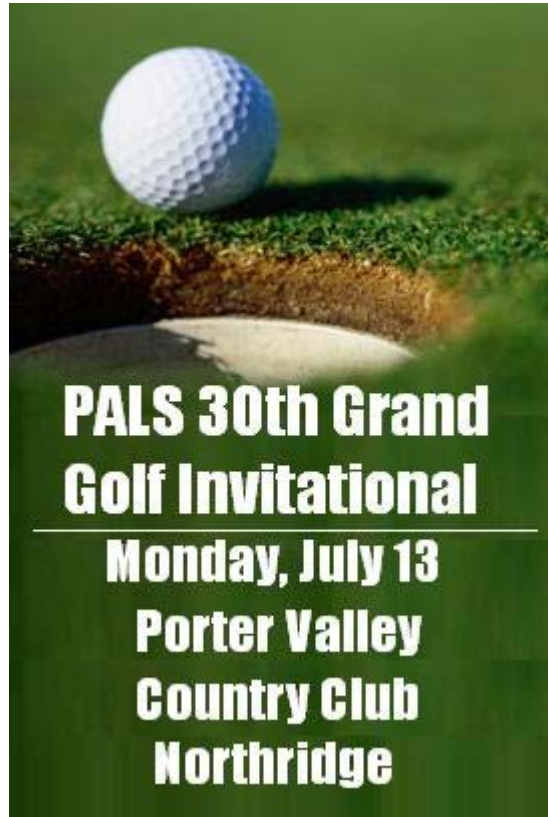
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LAPD Devonshire PALS 30th Grand Golf Invitational...



LAPD Devonshire PALS and the Barbara McIntyre Memorial Foundation invite all golfers to help support an important cause 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 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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