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

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June 11, 2010

RECENT LEGISLATION

No Vote on Arizona Boycott...

This week I voted against the City's most recent proposal to punish the State of Arizona for its immigration law. The City Council voted to file a friend of the court brief in a lawsuit that seeks to overturn Arizona's immigration law, SB 1070. At first the vote was 7 to 3 and the proposal failed. Then, after I was excused from the Council Meeting, other Council Members held a new vote and it passed 8 to 2.



I continue to oppose the City of Los Angeles expending time and resources on a law passed in another State, especially at a time when we must focus our efforts on the City's fiscal crisis.

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Making L.A. More Business Friendly...



On May 17 the City Council approved a motion that we introduced together with Council

**RENEW LA,
Councilman
Greig Smith's
plan to increase
recycling and lead Los
Angeles out
of landfills**



Upcoming Events

**Saturday, June 12,
Fundraiser Event at
Historic "Onion"
Church**

6:30 pm – 11 pm
9550 N. Haskell Ave.,
North Hills

\$40 ticket includes
\$1,000 in play money
for the charity casino
games, a silent auction
of sports, film, music
and celebrity
memorabilia and
jewelry, raffle prizes and
giveaways, music and
light dinner fare.

Proceeds benefit the
Sepulveda Unitarian
Universalist Society, also
known as The Onion

For info call (818) 894-
9251.

**Friday, June 24
Saturday, June 25
Used Book Sale**

Friends of the Granada
Hills Library is holding a
used book sale

Friday 2 pm - 5 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

President Eric Garcetti that would require an analysis of the economic impact of new City regulations or ordinances.

Local businesses came out in strong support of the move, which would create an office specifically to determine the economic impacts of proposed City regulations or laws on local businesses, job creation, sales tax generation, income and other economic factors.

A long-standing concern of the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce and other groups representing L.A. businesses has been the City's tendency to pass regulations or laws without considering the impact on the local economy. Taking such factors into consideration is crucial during the economic recession.

This motion is part of our ongoing efforts to improve the business climate in Los Angeles, which competes with other cities the U.S. and abroad.

COMMUNITY NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't Miss a Free Outdoor Movie and Free Popcorn This Saturday at "Movies Under the Stars"...

Come enjoy a free family outing at the season premiere of Movies Under the Stars, our series of free outdoor films in public parks on Saturday, June 12 in Porter Ranch.

We will be screening "Monsters Vs. Aliens," an animated kid-friendly film, at Holleigh Bernson Park in Porter Ranch. We will have free picnic dinners (while supplies last), free popcorn, facepainting, and prize drawings. Bring blankets, chairs and picnics. No alcohol, dogs or BBQs please.

Saturday, June 12
Picnic dinners at 7:00 pm
Movie starts at nightfall
Holleigh Bernson Park
20500 Sesnon Blvd.
Porter Ranch



Granada Hills Library
10640 Petit Ave.

There will be hundreds of paperback and hardcover books in many genres for sale. You may also bring books, CDs, DVDs or other material to donate for the sale.

For info call (818) 368-5687

June 16, 23 & 30
North Valley Jewish Community Center
Lecture Series - Adult Children of Aging Parents

Wednesday, June 16
Community Resources. Services Coming to the Home, Senior Center Services.

Wednesday, June 23
Government and other available programs. In-Home Help, Help with Medicare, HMOs VA Benefits.

Wednesday, June 30
Care Planning. Placement Options, Caring for the Caregiver

Susan Menkes, Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 20 years experience with seniors. Light refreshments will be served

All classes are 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Cost: Free for Senior, Center, TRZ, TBT, TBA members. Non-members: \$10 per session or \$25 for all three lectures.

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.

Be Part of Citrus Sunday This Weekend and Get a Free Re-Usable Shopping Bag!



Be part of our 5th Annual Citrus Sunday this weekend, Sunday, June 13 and help bring thousands of pounds of citrus fruit to struggling families at Valley food banks.

The first 150 people to drop off fruit will receive one free environmentally friendly re-usable shopping bag. **The shopping bags are only available at Fire Station 87.**

You don't have to sign up as a volunteer - just pick oranges, grapefruits or other citrus from trees in your yard, rinse them off with water and put them in plastic bags. Drop off the bags of fruit at Fire Station 87 at the four drop-off locations on Sunday, June 13 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Fruit Drop-Off Locations

Northridge: Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd. (1 block south of Devonshire St.)

Chatsworth: Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station, 10046 Old Depot Plaza Rd. (1 block west of Canoga Ave.)

Granada Hills: Fire Station 18, 12050 Balboa Blvd. (at Knollwood Country Club)

West Hills: Field's Market, 23221 Saticoy St. (cross street Woodlake Ave.)

Our partner in Citrus Sunday, Valley Interfaith Council, collects the fruit and distributes it to struggling families served at their food banks in the San Fernando Valley.

Benefit Evening for SOLID at Northridge Claim

Temple Ramat Zion
17655 Devonshire St.
Northridge

For more info call (818)
360-2211 or
email nvjcc@yahoo.com.

June 17 - 20 Valley Fair

The Valley Fair is coming to Birmingham Charter High School in Lake Balboa. This agricultural-themed festival features carnival games, musical performances, rides, a petting zoo, farm animal and product displays, and other entertainment.

For a complete list of events, entertainment and exhibitors, visit <http://tiny.cc/ValleyFair>.

Birmingham Charter
High School
17000 Haynes St.
(Victory & Balboa)
Lake Balboa

This event is not under the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles. For questions or concerns, please contact the Charter Department of LAUSD at (213) 241-2664 or (213) 241-5104. Birmingham High School administration can be reached at (818) 758-5200.

**Through June 23
Menchie's Frozen
Yogurt Helping Raise
Funds for SOLID**

Jumper Restaurant...

Come for a delicious dinner and support a great local non-profit organization on Thursday, July 1 at the Northridge Claim Jumper Restaurant.

Print out and cut out this coupon and present it to your server at Claimjumper on Thursday, July 1 between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm and 15% of your bill will be donated to Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID).


SOLID raises money to provide non-City supplied materials to the Police Officers at Devonshire Community Police Station.

**Thursday, July 1
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Claim Jumper
9429 Tampa Ave., Northridge**

For reservations call (818) 718-2882.


COMMUNITY SUPPORT NIGHT

Hosted By



CLAIM JUMPER


RESTAURANTS



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Enjoy a Day of Art and Culture at the Chatsworth Depot Fine Art Show...



**Chatsworth Fine Art
Council Depot
Art Show**

Come enjoy a day of fine art and culture in our own backyard at the Chatsworth Fine Arts Council's Annual Depot Art Show on Sunday June 13.

The Chatsworth Fine Arts Council is a non-profit, visual arts support organization that has organized art events in the North West Valley and at the Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station for over 10 years.

The Depot Art Show is a great opportunity for local artists to exhibit their art in their own

Every Wednesday through June 23, 2010, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt in Granada Hills will be donating a portion of the store's sales to SOLID (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire).

SOLID provides non-City supplied equipment to the Police Officers of Devonshire Community Police Station that protect and serve our neighborhoods.

Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
17840 Chatsworth St.
Granada Hills

For more information, call (818) 368-7700.

**May 31 through
September 6
Free Museum Visits in
L.A. for Military
Families**

Blue Star Families in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts are offering free admission for military families to 600 museums across the country, including several in the L.A. area.

All active duty members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Reserve and National Guard plus up to five family members receive free admission to participating museums.

Some limitations apply - visit www.bluestarfam.org for details.

community. The art show will feature paintings, sculpture, photography, glass works and fine crafts, as well as live music, a free children's art project booth, and a People's Choice Favorite Artist Award. Admission and parking are free.

Sunday, June 13

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Chatsworth Depot Metrolink Station

(Between Canoga Ave. and Topanga Canyon Blvd. Enter from Lassen Ave. or Devonshire St.)

For more information, call (818) 772-1639 or email chatsworth-arts@att.net.

CERT Emergency Training Meetings...

L.A. City and County Fire Departments and volunteers of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) are holding a meeting on Sunday, June 20 in Woodland Hills.

Sunday, June 20

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Fire Station 84

21050 Burbank Blvd.

Woodland Hills

At this free meeting, there will be a presentation featuring a Search Team Manager of the L.A. County Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Task Force discussing "Haiti Earthquake: Lessons Learned During Search & Rescue of Deeply Entombed Survivors," with a discussion of implications for Southern California when disastrous earthquakes strike.

There will also be a discussion of lessons learned in the recent statewide Shakeout Earthquake Exercises.

Admission is free but space is limited so please RSVP to lafdcert17@gmail.com.

**Community Meeting
to Discuss
Emergency Training
& Response**

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Woodland Hills

Participating Museums in the LA Area

UCLA Hammer Museum, Westwood
hammer.ucla.edu

Japanese American National Museum, Downtown L.A.
www.janm.org

The Autry National Center, Griffith Park
theautry.org

L.A. County Museum of Art, Los Angeles
www.lacma.org

Pasadena Museum of History, Pasadena
www.pasadenahistory.org

Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles
www.skirball.org

Zimmer Children's Museum, Los Angeles
www.zimmermuseum.org

Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Porter Ranch School...



Councilman Greig Smith and Chief of Staff Mitch Englander joined by representatives from LAUSD, Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council and Porter Ranch Land Co.



Rendering of the new Porter Ranch School.

We were proud to help kick off construction of the new Valley Region Span K-8 #2 School in Porter Ranch at the groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, June 5 at the school site.

We were joined by community members, parents, teachers, students, LAUSD school officials and Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council to celebrate the groundbreaking and see plans and drawings of the school.

Our office has worked very closely with the Porter Ranch Development Co. LAUSD, parents, teachers and the community to make this much-needed school in Porter Ranch a reality. Porter Ranch donated the land for the school, and we secured a joint use agreement to ensure that the community has use and access

of the school. The new school will relieve overcrowding at Castlebay Lane and Germain Elementary Schools as well Frost and Lawrence Middle Schools.

For more information, call Joseph D. Piña of LAUSD Community Outreach at (213) 241-8740.

Ongoing

Northridge100 Website

The official website of Northridge100 has been launched! Visit www.Northridge100.org to find information on all the great Northridge100 activities, projects and celebrations that will be taking place throughout 2010.

There are lots of historic photos depicting life in Northridge through the years, stories about the

Ride On Receives Major Grant at Fundraiser Gala...

We were proud to join Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship for their inaugural Hoofprints and Heartbeats Fundraiser gala on Sat. June 5 at Ride-On's new ranch in Chatsworth.

We presented Ride On with a \$400,000 check, which we helped them secure as a Federal CDBG grant to improve their multi-purpose room. We were joined by special guest Harrison Ford who dedicated Ride On's new 2,700 square-foot



From left: Ride On Executive Director Bryan McQueeney, Councilman Greig Smith, CD 12 Chief Legislative Deputy John Lee, CD 12 Chief of Staff Mitch

founding of Northridge, information about significant places and historic sites.

You can also share your stories about life in Northridge the Memories page.

Visit www.Northridge100.org and click "Get Involved" to receive email updates on all the upcoming Northridge100 activities.

You Can Help Fight Against Unhitched Trailer Billboard Blight

Our office has been working on solutions to the blight of trailers with large advertisements parked on City streets.

Recently the City Council passed a resolution supporting Assembly Bill 2756, introduced by Assemblymembers Feuer and Blumenfield.

The bill would ban these mobile billboards in the state of California, unless a local community specifically allows them. If it passes, then we can begin work on an ordinance to ban them outright within City limits.

Visit tiny.cc/StopBlight to voice your support for the bill.

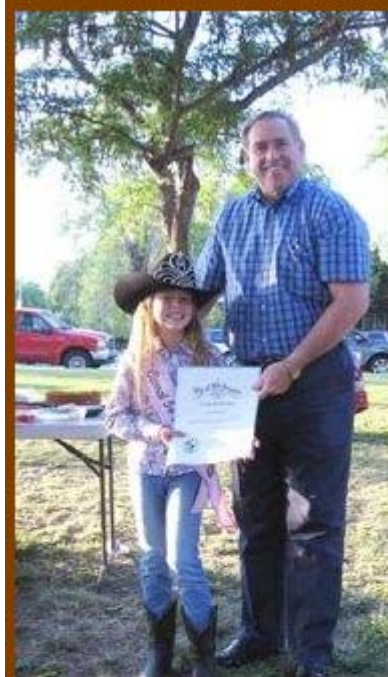
**Northridge
Vision Website
Launched**

Education and Therapy Barn, as well as Ride On's staff and board, and members of the equestrian community in Chatsworth.

Nearly 400 guests attended the festive evening and helped raise \$214,000 funds to help Ride On provide its excellent equestrian therapeutic programs for children and adults with disabilities.

To learn more about Ride On, visit www.RideOn.org

Save the Date for Corral 54's Annual BBQ...



Councilman Smith with last year's Rocky Riders Little Miss winner.

**Corral 54
Annual BBQ**
Tuesday June 15
6:30 pm

Get to the know the equestrian community in our District at Corral 54's Annual BBQ on Tuesday, June 15.

ETI Corral 54 is a Chatsworth-based equestrian advocacy organization. Their annual BBQ is a fun family event featuring delicious food provided by The Corral, a silent auction, the Chatsworth Rocky Hill Riders, Little Miss Awards, and more.

Guests are encouraged to bring potluck items to share. Come and get to know the horsekeeping community in Chatsworth.

E.T.I. Corral 54
Tuesday June 15
6:30 pm
Mason Park
10500 Mason Ave. Chatsworth,
(in the north east corner of the park)

For more information about Corral 54, visit <http://www.eticorral54.com>.

**Give Your Input on
the Future of
Northridge!**
NorthridgeVision.org

Northridge Vision is a year-long collaboration between the Council District 12 office, the Northridge Neighborhood Councils, the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and California State University, Northridge (CSUN). The goal is to establish a vision and develop a strategic plan for the future of the historic Northridge business corridor.

The Northridge Vision website has been launched. Community stakeholders can visit the site, learn about the Northridge Vision project and share their vision for the future of Northridge. Be part of this exciting initiative! Share your vision of Northridge by visiting www.NorthridgeVision.org and take the Community Survey, the Business Survey or join the dialogue on the Northridge Vision blog.

The project coincides with the construction of the new world-class Valley Performing Arts Center at CSUN and Northridge100, the year-long celebration of Northridge's 100th anniversary.

For more information visit NorthridgeVision.org or call (818) 656-1566. To sign up for updates, send an email to YourVision@

LAFD Historical Society Memorial Golf Tournament...

Save the date for the LA Fire Department Historical Society Memorial Golf Tournament Monday, June 21 at Porter Valley Country Club.

Come enjoy a fun day of golf, with give-aways, T-shirts, prizes, games, raffles and food while supporting a great cause - the LAFD Historical Society.

Since 1960, the LAFD Historical Society has been documenting, preserving and presenting to the public the history of the Los Angeles Fire Department. Its Hollywood Museum (Old Fire Station 27) and Harbor Museum (Old Fire Station 36) in San Pedro offer tours and fire safety courses, and feature historic artifacts, photos, vehicles, and information about the history of L.A.'s Fire Department. For more information, visit <http://www.lafdmuseum.org/visit>.

**Monday, June 21
7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Porter Valley Country Club
19216 Singing Hills Dr., Northridge**

For more information visit <http://bit.ly/dvQdV0>. To register, call Noel Murchet at (714) 330-3477 or email murchet@earthlink.net.



**Fallen Firefighters
Memorial Golf
Tournament**

**Monday June 21
Porter Valley
Country Club**

LAPD Devonshire Town Hall Meeting...



Come meet our local Captains and Officers serving at Devonshire Community Police Station at the next LAPD Devonshire Town Hall

NorthridgeVision.org.

Home Secure Assistance for Low-Income Seniors

Jewish Family Services' Home Secure Program now offers free home modification services for low and moderate income seniors in the community.

Home Secure's trained technicians install safety devices such as grab bars, window locks, nightlights and smoke detectors that enable seniors and people with disabilities to remain living safely and independently in their own home. Home Secure also provides community education on fall prevention and personal safety.

For more information email Nancy Volpert at nvolpert@jfsla.org or call (323) 761-8800 visit www.jfsla.org.

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

LAPD urges residents **NOT to give their social security number** to anyone claiming to be a Census Worker. We've received reports of identity thieves posing as Census Workers.

2010 Census Workers are currently going door-to-door. We encourage everyone to participate - the Census is written into the U.S.

Meeting on Thursday, June 24 in Porter Ranch.

Community meetings are a great way to maintain close cooperative relationships and dialogue between the local Police and the community they protect and serve.

Thursday, June 24
7:00 pm
Shepherd of the Hills Church
19700 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch

Captains Kane and Ryan, all the Senior Lead Officers and other Police Officers serving at Devonshire Division will be on hand to discuss public safety, crime trends and other police issues with community members. The theme of the meeting is "How to Be a Star Witness." Learn how you can help prevent or prosecute crime, and get to know your local Police Officers.

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

Save the Date for the PALS Golf Tournament...

Sign up early for a fun day of golf for a great cause at the annual Devonshire PALS Golf Tournament Monday, July 12 at Porter Valley Country Club.

Monday, July 12
10:00 am
Porter Valley Country Club
19216 Singing Hills Dr.
Northridge

\$200 registration fee includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, use of a golf cart, green fees, drinks and one entry for the putting contest and raffle tickets for the dinner. Tickets for only the dinner are \$50 per person.

Proceeds benefit Devonshire PALS (Police Activity League Supporters) and the valuable after-school programs it provides to at-risk youth at the new Greig Smith LAPD Devonshire Youth Center.

To register online visit <http://tiny.cc/PALSgolf>. For more information email golf@devonshire-pals.org or call Golf Tournament Chair Sally Barnes at (818) 349-1706.



Constitution and provides crucial information to ensure that our City receives our share of Federal funds.

However, Social Security Numbers are **NOT** part of the Census survey, and anyone asking for your Social Security Number is not a real Census Worker.

Also do **NOT** respond to any emails requesting your personal information for the Census. The Census does not collect any information via email.

For more information on how to avoid and report Census scams visit tiny.cc/CensusScams.

iWATCH Anti-Terrorism Tip System

The iWATCH system was launched in 2009 by the LAPD as a tool to allow members of the public to report suspicious activity that can help efforts to fight and prevent terrorist attacks.

Like a 21st century Neighborhood Watch, iWATCH brings tips and information from the public into SAR, the LAPD's Suspicious Activity Reporting system developed after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

To access iWATCH visit LAPDonline.org/iwatchla

REPORTS FROM OUR STAFF

New Technology to Fight Graffiti...



As an LAPD Officer, our Chief of Staff Mitch Englander keeps up-to-date on new tools being used to fight and prevent graffiti. He reports that it's now even easier to report graffiti to the City so it can be cleaned up fast.

In addition to calling 311, you can now report graffiti directly using the City's online 311 function at <http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org/welcome.cfm>. Just enter the exact address and a report and clean-up order are automatically generated.

The City also is making efforts to explore today's rapidly evolving technology to make it faster and easier for citizens to report graffiti and other non-emergency problems. The City now has its own iPhone application to report problems. The application was created by Citysourced in a public-private partnership and can be downloaded for free on iTunes. It allows iPhone users to take snapshots of graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping and other issues. Using the iPhone's GPS system, the photo and the exact location are automatically sent directly to the City's 311 system. It even notifies the user when the problem is resolved.

To download the app or see pictures of how it works, visit <http://itunes.apple.com/app/citysourced/id33368>

The application should be available for Blackberry, Android, Palm, & Windows Mobile 7 platforms this year.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance In Effect, Shutting Down Violators...

Our Field Deputy Jim Dellinger is a former LAPD Officer serving for



Download "The Parks of CD 12" Pamphlet

We have produced an overview of the many outstanding parks 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 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" visit www.CD12.org and click "The Parks of CD12"

over 25 years, and he works closely with our local Police on local public safety issues. He reports that the citywide ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries went into effect on Monday, June 7, shutting down more than 400 of the pot shops that opened in the last several years.

While the City Attorney's Office reports that they expect good compliance, there may be some marijuana dispensaries that attempt to remain open illegally. City prosecutors have set up an email address for the public to confidentially report scofflaws at atty.medicalmarijuana@lacity.org.

Dispensaries that registered with the City in 2007 will have six months to be in compliance with the new stricter regulations governing where and how they operate. The 186 dispensaries that registered with the city have six months to be in compliance, and the number will be capped at 70 citywide. The ordinance requires dispensaries to be at least 1,000 feet away from schools, parks, libraries and religious institutions, drug treatment facilities, another dispensary, and other "sensitive uses."

To see an interactive map showing all the known dispensaries in the City, visit tiny.cc/LAPotShops.

New Service Offers Neighborhood Crime and Public Safety Updates from the LAPD

The LAPD now offers a free service that allows L.A. residents to sign up to receive messages directly from the Police on crime, traffic, missing persons, emergencies and other public safety information directly to their phones or email inboxes.

Residents can sign up online to receive the updates by text message to their phones, or by email, or

both. They can sign up for bulletins for multiple locations.

To sign up, visit www.Nixle.com.

LA Parks Foundation Improving and Preserving Our Parks

The LA Parks Foundation has launched a new website that makes it easy for community members, groups and businesses to support parks.

The Foundation provides materials, equipment and projects that the City can't supply. It raises funds to improve Los Angeles park facilities, enhance park environments, preserve and restore historic elements in our public parks, support sustainability projects and purchase property for future parkland.

The Foundation also streamlines the process of adopting a park or placing a commemorative bench, and creates a way for residents, businesses and community groups to donate funds to support parks.

Visitors to the [Foundation's website](#) can pick any park in the City of Los Angeles and donate on line to support specific equipment, improvements at that park.

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