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Councilman, Third District

THE ZINE LINE

The Third District serves the communities of
Canoga Park, Reseda, Tarzana, West Hills, Winnetka, & Woodland Hills

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MISSION STATEMENT

As your public servant, my staff and I pledge to...

- Improve the quality of life in our district
- Ensure public safety
- Follow-up with your concerns in a timely manner
- Keep you informed of issues in the district
- Attend your meetings and events
- Put the community's priorities first

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Grateful Hearts Spark Fundraising Fire

By Andre Lewis, *Special Projects*

Councilman Dennis P. Zine attended the 3rd Annual Grateful Hearts Fundraiser on October 18, 2007 to support the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association. What was expected to be a crowd of 3,000, ballooned this year to over 5,000 attendees!



Councilman Zine with Los Angeles Firefighters who were busy barbecuing to raise funds for the Firemen's Relief Association

The event was hosted by Councilman Zine and was emceed by local Channel 9 broadcaster Josh Rubenstein along with pop culture icon Erik Estrada, best known for his role as "Ponch" on the TV show *CHiPs*, and more recently for playing himself on the reality show "The Surreal Life." Gordon Luster of the Marriot Hotel, Marilyn Acerra of Douglas Emmet, LLC, and James Kinsey of the Valley Cultural Center were instrumental in the planning and sponsorship of this event.

Taking to the stage, the Councilman put

on his auctioneer hat soliciting bids for items such as a trip to Las Vegas and tickets to see the Eagles and the Dixie Chicks at the new Nokia Theater. Erik Estrada started the proceedings by generously bidding \$600 for the Las Vegas trip that eventually went for \$1,200. All throughout the event, the "Smoke and Mirrors"

band comprised of local firefighters, provided a great musical array of oldies but goodies and the sunny afternoon weather made the gathering just about perfect.

Streets were closed in Warner Center and local restaurants donated generous amounts of food to raise money for the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association. The main course of barbecued chicken and tri-tip was cooked by local firefighters on enormous portable grills.

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Neighborhood Councils Hold First District-Wide Election

This year, five local Neighborhood Councils participated in a joint election in the Third District on November 8th. By holding a district-wide election, all of the Neighborhood Councils benefited by sharing costs, materials, and were able to forge beneficial working relationships.



Thank you to all those who made the election possible and congratulations to all the candidates who were elected to posi-

tions on their respective board. Our office looks forward to working closely with all of you on the critical issues that impact the Third Council District.

For election results, visit:
www.westhillsnc.org
www.winnetkanc.com
www.resedacouncil.org
whcouncil.org
www.tarzananc.org



Seeing the Forest While Managing the Trees

Part of the appeal of living in the Third Council District which covers much of the southwest San Fernando Valley is the abundance of trees and greenery in the area. Not only does Councilman Zine want to maintain this aesthetic and environmental quality, but he wants to improve upon it.

For any multi-family residential housing proposal or commercial development that requires an action from the Planning Department or the City Council, Councilman Zine asks for a landscape plan that goes above and beyond the City's requirements and he requests a condition that our office signs-off on the plan prior to implementation. We want to ensure that every new project has an abundance of landscaping and trees that, when mature,

will provide shade, cut energy consumption, and beautify the project as well as the surrounding area. We also require a proper irrigation plan to conserve water in addition to prohibiting tree species that tend to uproot sidewalks and other infrastructure.

The Third Council District is home to many native trees that the City has classified as "Protected Trees" which include the Southern California Black Walnut, the Western Sycamore, the California Bay, and any indigenous oak tree with the exception of the Scrub Oak which looks more like a shrub than a tree. These trees are considered protected, but permits may be issued for the removal of these tree species if the tree is dying, is in danger of falling, or if the continued existence at the location prevents the

reasonable development of the subject property. Any time a protected tree is permitted to be removed it must be replaced with a minimum 15-gallon tree at a two-to-one ratio. Pruning protected trees on private property does not require a permit.

Our office has received many concerns from residents that their neighbors or developers in the community are illegally removing protected trees. Without a witness it is nearly impossible to prosecute these violations. If you feel that a tree is being removed without a permit, please take pictures of the act, license plates, business names, or any other pertinent information, then call our office immediately. You may also call the Urban Forestry Division at the Bureau of Street Services at 213-847-3077.

GRATEFUL HEARTS

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The event featured dunk tanks, a muster drill of old time firefighting techniques, local marching bands, and much more. The festive atmosphere contributed to a record haul of donations totaling approximately \$75,000 for the relief fund.

The Firemen's Relief Association provides much needed support for widows, orphans and the families of those firefighters in need or who have fallen in the line of duty. One need only look at the huge

number of fires that have recently affected our state to understand the incredible importance that these firefighters have for each and every one of us.



Councilman Zine with fellow emcee and former CHIPs star, Erik Estrada

Councilman Zine would like to thank all of you that contributed either your time or hard-earned money to this important event.

We urge you to go online to www.lafra.org to donate to this

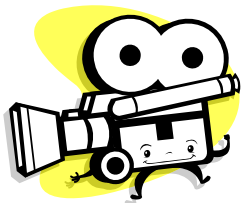
fund and to participate in a special promotion at all area Ralph's stores where a portion of whatever you spend is donated to the fund by Ralph's at no additional cost to you!

GOT HOMEWORK? GET HELP!

Does your child have homework? We've got help! Free online help from real tutors is now available through the Los Angeles Public Library's Website: www.lapl.org.

The Library's "Live Homework Help" connects students to expert tutors for one-on-one homework assistance in Math, English, Science, and Social Studies. Tutoring in Spanish is offered for Math and Science. The service is designed for students in 4th through 12th grades and is available seven days a week (except major holidays) from 1-10pm.

Don't have a computer at home? Don't worry; with a library card, your child can access Live Homework Help from public computers at all 71 branch libraries and the Central Library. They can even print—for free—a copy of their tutoring session. Visit www.lapl.org.



“Lights, Camera, Action!”



The City of Los Angeles is blessed to be the entertainment capitol of the world where so many movies and shows have been filmed since approximately 1910. The Hollywood scene is only around the corner for those who want to witness the glitz and glamour of stardom. What many may not see on television and in the movie theaters is the amount of work it takes to produce such great (and at times, not so great) entertainment. But in some cases, the filming locations are literally on your street and it may be possible to get a glimpse of crew members, directors, and actors scrambling around a set. Hopefully this article not only increases your appreciation for filming, but also gives you a sense of what the City of Los Angeles can do for you when on-location filming companies are not being so congenial to their neighbors.

Since Los Angeles has prime filming locations, thus a high demand to film here, in 1995 City Hall hired FilmL.A., Inc., a private, non-profit, public benefit corporation, to coordinate and encourage filming in the City by administering the release of required city permits, streamlining the film permit process, and providing filmmakers with the convenience of one-stop filming assistance. One of FilmL.A.'s main goals is to balance the needs of production companies with the concerns of the communities where they film. It serves to act as the liaison between the production companies, the communities they film, and the relevant government agencies. They expedite and facilitate the permit process, with an understanding of the intricacies of film and media production, the complexities of local government, and the unique needs of our communities. FilmL.A.'s Board is made up of studios and independent producers, commercial producers, industry guilds and unions, major industry vendors, and neighborhood and civic leaders.

Some of the important services that FilmL.A. provides to our communities include:

Notification: FilmL.A. distributes notification materials to advise communities of upcoming film shoots. This centralized notification program creates a consistent process that provides contact information to reach the production company or FilmL.A. in case a problem arises, and includes a 24-hour toll-free number to contact FilmL.A. to respond to neighborhood complaints. The notification doorhanger contains a prepaid post-

card, which allows residents to communicate their opinions about productions in their neighborhoods.

Monitoring: FilmL.A. developed a special in-house team of monitors for film shoots in sensitive neighborhoods in order to improve the interface between production companies and communities regarding permit terms. The company utilizes neighborhood surveys to identify and address community concerns in advance of exceptional filming activities.

Facilitation: FilmL.A. lends expertise to community meetings by facilitating communication between neighborhood associations, public officials, and film companies. The organization also works with production companies to mitigate impacts created by exceptional activities such as pyrotechnics or gunfire.

Enforcement: FilmL.A. implements a uniform *Code of Conduct*, that defines how production crews should behave on-location.

Database Development: FilmL.A. maintains a database of neighborhood-specific details that allows every permit to be tailored precisely to the surrounding community. FilmL.A. works to provide public access through board meetings, meeting minutes, complaint logs, and financial statements.

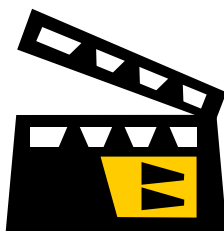
Many of the above services are provided by FilmL.A. working very closely with several of the departments in the City of Los Angeles including the Department of Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Department of Public Works.

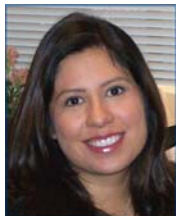
For filming questions of any kind please do not hesitate to contact FilmL.A. at:

FilmL.A., Inc.
1201 W. 5th Street, Suite T-800
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Telephone: (213) 977-8600
www.filmlainc.com

If you know there is on-location filming occurring without the proper permits (please verify with FilmL.A. if proper permits were given) or to report inappropriate visible or audible sexual content, please call the LAPD at 1-877-ASK-LAPD.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine's staff is also available to assist with filming issues and other quality of life matters by calling (818) 756-8848.





RESEDA

Youth and Government

On October 18th, Councilman Dennis P. Zine delighted the youth and staff at the West Valley YMCA by being the guest speaker of the evening. The Councilman began by sharing his own personal story of how and why he got into local city government and then opened up the floor to questions. The government-conscious and political-savvy class asked a wide array of questions regarding such topics as homelessness, immigration, and new development in the District. Overall, Councilman Zine was extremely pleased to see the youth actively engaged in local government because, after all, they are the future leaders of the City of Los Angeles.



Islamic Center of Reseda

With development plans and funding already in place, Councilman Zine joined Mr. Aref John Abedi, President of Islamic Center, and fellow congregation members at the groundbreaking ceremony held on October 21st. The Islamic Center of Reseda has been at its current location for over 11 years, but as the congregation has grown, so has the need for a new and bigger building. Five years in the making, the new center will be able to accommodate and serve over 11,000 families in the West Valley.

Congratulations to the Islamic Center of Reseda and we look forward to participating in the Grand Opening festivities!



Tree-Trimming

If you have taken a drive down Reseda's business corridor, I am sure you have noticed that the trees all along City property have been neatly trimmed. Councilman Zine, in collaboration with the Reseda Neighborhood Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency, provided the necessary funding to trim over 220 low hanging and overgrown trees along Reseda Boulevard and Sherman Way. This is great news for Reseda as trimming back these trees improves the overall aesthetics of the community and provides business storefronts with more visibility.

CANOGA PARK

Día De Los Muertos Festival

Over 20,000 people came out to this year's Day of the Dead festival which took place on Sunday, November 4th, in the heart of Canoga Park. The many families and children in attendance enjoyed live performances by the well known Latino band Malo and Mariachi Mi Tierra, just to name a couple of the day's highlights. The festivities also featured an altar display, chalk festival, classic car show, and international foods.

A special thanks to Main Street Canoga Park and all the additional sponsors for putting together another successful community celebration!



Streetscape Improvements

In the upcoming months, Canoga Park will be undergoing another transformation -the installation of three decorative stamped concrete crosswalks along Sherman Way at DeSoto Boulevard, Canoga and Owensmouth Avenues. Funding for this project was secured by Congressman Brad Sherman's Office as well as the Community Redevelopment Agency which is overseen by Councilman Zine. The checked stamped crosswalks, complete with a non-stamped pathway for disabled individuals, will be terracotta in color and appear as individual pavers. These crosswalks will enhance the aesthetics of the Canoga Park business district and further anchor the area as a destination for shopping. When completed in early 2008, Canoga Park will be one of only a handful of communities within the entire City to have these crosswalks.





TARZANA
Light Installation

Through the support of Councilman Dennis P. Zine, the community of Tarzana is pleased to announce the installation of a left-hand turn signal at the congested Ventura Boulevard and Tampa Avenue intersection. This light will help alleviate dangerous situations for drivers through this corridor. We are proud to have worked with the residents of Tarzana on this matter and are excited about the improvement.



WEST HILLS
Fall Fest

On October 7th, over 500 people enjoyed the 4th Annual West Hills Fall Fest which celebrated the 20th Anniversary of West Hills as a Community. Councilman Zine poses with a cake for Ed Youngblood and Steven Lenske from the West Hills Neighborhood Council, and John Parker, President of Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce. The community enjoyed diverse entertainment from the Cleveland Jazz Club Band to the Butler-Fearon-O'Conner School of Irish Dance to name a couple of acts; and people took pleasure eating and shopping.



Emergency Preparedness: Do You Have a Plan?

BEFORE A DISASTER

- ◆ Secure water heater, heavy furniture, & appliances
- ◆ Place flashlights in each room
- ◆ Keep fire extinguisher available/visible
- ◆ Have a gas shut-off tool, attach to meter

DURING A DISASTER

- ◆ Wear shoes, get jackets & flashlights
- ◆ Turn on radio/TV, monitor news
- ◆ Gather medicine
- ◆ Evacuate building if necessary
- ◆ Don't use matches or candles
- ◆ Stay away from windows/heavy objects

EVACUATION CHECKLIST

10 essential items

1. Emergency Supply Kit
2. Out-of-State Contact List
3. Cash and credit cards
4. Personal Information
 - ◆ Social Security Cards
 - ◆ Driver's License
 - ◆ Passport
 - ◆ Medical Information
 - ◆ Insurance Information
5. Change of Clothing
6. Personal Hygiene Items
7. Family Photos
8. Baby Items
9. Special-Needs Items
 - ◆ Wheelchair, cane, & walker
 - ◆ Medications
 - ◆ Hearing Aid (batteries)
10. Pet-Care Items

SURVIVAL KIT

- ◆ Portable radio, money
- ◆ Water, tools, flashlight, & batteries
- ◆ Shelter
- ◆ Blankets & non-perishable food
- ◆ Work gloves
- ◆ Place kit in garage or shed
- ◆ Baby, elder, and pet supplies
- ◆ Medicines, toothpaste, clothes
- ◆ Generator, snacks, & extra shoes

AFTER A DISASTER

- ◆ Smell gas? Shut-off gas meter
- ◆ Electrical hazards? Shut-off main breaker
- ◆ Gather all water possible
- ◆ Fuel cars if possible and safe
- ◆ Do NOT use generators or BBQs indoors: **They are deadly!**
- ◆ Place wristbands on all family members
- ◆ Write name, birthday, & address on band
- ◆ Helps rescuers reunite families
- ◆ Use pen/permanent marker on skin if necessary

From www.dailynews.com



Zine Returns to Education and Neighborhoods Committee

Prior to being elected to the City Council, Councilman Zine fought for the creation of Neighborhood Councils (NC) while he served on the elected Charter Commission, which drafted a new City Charter to be proposed for Los Angeles.

When Los Angeles voters approved a new City Charter and created a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), the City Council responded by creating a new Committee dedicated to Education and Neighborhoods in 2001.

Councilman Zine served on the first Education and Neighborhoods Committee as the difficult task of forming over 90 NCs was undertaken throughout the City. After a few years' hiatus, Councilman Zine has been reappointed as a member

to the Committee. This is once again a critical time for NCs and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

As required by the Charter, a 27-member Neighborhood Council Review Commission has met for countless hours and produced a 58-page report with 73 recommendations proposed to address challenges of the NC program.

This report will be discussed by the Education and Neighborhoods Committee and will tackle many tough questions. Should NCs be given the authority to create Council Files that are submitted directly to the City Council? How can participation and outreach be improved? What parameters should be imposed or suggested to provide better election turnout? Can the City

Clerk conduct NC elections? What is the definition of a Stakeholder and who should define it?

Council District Three produced some of the very first Neighborhood Councils to be established and was on the cutting edge of the learning curve, enduring many of the growing pains of the system. More recently, five of them have taken part in a precedent-setting regional election after enduring direct conflicts with DONE in the previous election cycle.

Bringing local concerns to the attention of City Departments as he attempts to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles is a daunting task. Councilman Zine looks forward to this continuing challenge as a member of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee.

Getting Tough on Graffiti

Graffiti is more than just a crime against property, it is a crime against an entire neighborhood. Graffiti creates blight in our communities and leads to an environment of fear and intimidation. That negative environment in turn invites more graffiti and other forms of crime. According to the City's Office of Community Beautification, there have been over 430,000 graffiti incidents citywide this year. In response, the City has removed over 20 million square feet of graffiti.

Councilman Zine has made eliminating graffiti a top priority for Council District 3 and the City of Los Angeles. In order to send an even stronger "zero tolerance" message to potential graffiti vandals, Councilman Zine introduced a motion in October calling for new penalties.



The proposed new pilot program would hold parents accountable for graffiti vandalism committed by their minor children. Councilman Zine's motion calls on the City Attorney and Department of Public Works to create a pilot program to issue a base fine to convicted graffiti vandals and charge them for the full cost of graffiti removal.

The motion further clarifies that in cases involving minors, parents would be held accountable for those fines and costs. These penalties would be above and beyond existing criminal and civil penalties.

The Public Safety Committee formally adopted the motion on November 5, and will now expect a report from the City Attorney and Department of Public Works in the coming months.

Councilman Zine reminds residents to report all instances of graffiti to the City's Graffiti Removal Hotline by dialing 3-1-1. There is also an online form, plus information about cash rewards for information leading to conviction of graffiti vandals, at the following website:

<http://lacity.org/bpw/OCB/gr.html>



Aging In Place: Feeling Secure in Your Home

Happy Fall to all of our wonderful constituents in Council District 3! Again, it is my honor and pleasure to congratulate and thank Heath Kline, Stephen Naczinski, and August Steurer of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council, Steven Lenske of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, Charles Shivers of the Department of Aging, and Tom Soong of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for sponsoring the "Aging In Place: Senior & Care Givers Conference" on Saturday, October 20th, at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills.

This conference was for seniors and caregivers who wanted to learn about the supportive services available to assist seniors to age with dignity and respect in the comfort of their own home. I would also like to thank Gordon Luster from the Marriott for all of your help and support to make this Conference so successful!

There were approximately 300 seniors in attendance including their families and caregivers. This "Aging In Place" Conference educated and identified the supportive services to assist seniors to stay out of nursing homes and included discussions on identity theft, the pros and cons of reverse mortgages, and workshops on financial literacy to assist seniors and caregivers from being taken advantage of.

Additionally, City Service providers such as the Department of Water

and Power, were on-hand to discuss programs for seniors like the "File of Life" line which is a FREE program to persons 60 years of age and older which provides critical medical information to emergency response personnel during a medical emergency. Through participation in the program, The "File of Life" provides valuable information about current medications, prior existing medical conditions, and emergency contact phone information to first responders if it is ever needed.



Marie Brain, 93 years young, with Councilman Zine, enjoying the conference

Seniors also learned about the City's "Home Secure" program which explained supportive devices to assist seniors to age in place and prevent falls in the home environment.

Councilman Zine was proud to be a part of this very successful conference. "Aging In Place" for senior citizens and caregivers will be offered again to the remainder of our constituents some time early next year. Our goal is to have all of the Neighborhood Councils in Council District Three to participate and sponsor this wonderful and very educational Event alongside Councilman Zine's Office, the Department of Aging, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Please keep your eye out for our flyers!

Have a wonderful Fall season and please keep my telephone number next to you if I can be of assistance. Just remember...311, 24 hours a day...seven days a week!

THE 14-GALLON CHALLENGE

Although conservation has been a way of life in Los Angeles for many years, it is especially important now. Due to the fact that another dry winter season could tip the balance of water supply further toward drought conditions, Angelenos have been asked to voluntarily reduce their personal water use by 10 percent, which is "14 gallons a day."

This year, the Sierra snow pack in the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains is far below average. This fact, coupled with constraints on other water sources, makes it essential for residents and businesses to increase conservation immediately.

YOU can help by taking the "14-Gallon Challenge." If everyone in Los Angeles saves 14 gallons of water a day, that will significantly help the region by allowing more water to stay in storage to meet our future demands. A few simple changes can make a BIG difference in your daily water consumption.

- ◆ Fix leaky toilets
- ◆ Fix leaky faucets
- ◆ Replace older, inefficient clothes washers
- ◆ Wash only full loads of clothes
- ◆ Do not leave water running when rinsing dishes
- ◆ Turn off water while brushing teeth
- ◆ Shorten showers
- ◆ Do not use the toilet as a wastebasket

Do your part to conserve water....save just 14 gallons per person, per day and make a difference!



Community Meetings & Events Calendar

Canoga Park

Neighborhood Council Meeting: 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm held at Canoga Park Community Center: 7248 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park, 91303 (818) 756-9628.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm held at Canoga Park Community Center: 7248 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park, 91303 for **Senior Lead Officer Padron (818) 731-2583** and 3rd Tuesday of the month (South Canoga Park) at 7pm held at the Valley Village Center: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, 91306 for **Senior Lead Officer Velasquez (818) 374-7634**.

Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at Hometown Buffet: 6705 N. Fallbrook Avenue, West Hills, 91307 (818) 884-9906.

Reseda

Neighborhood Council Meeting: 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm held at the Canoas Banquet Hall: 18134 Sherman Way, Reseda, 91335 (818) 832-7540.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm held at the West Valley Police Station: 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda, 91335 **Senior Lead Officer Maldonado (818) 374-7635 & Senior Lead Officer Rygh (818) 374-2851**.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at Reseda Neighborhood Council office, 18341 Sherman Way, #102, Reseda, 91335 (818) 345-1920.

Woodland Hills

Neighborhood Council Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Woodland Hills Academy Auditorium: 20800 Burbank Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91367.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Woodland Hills Library: 22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91367 **Senior Lead Officer Jackson (818) 374-7638**.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Last Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at the Chamber Office: 20121 Ventura Blvd., Suite 309, Woodland Hills, 91367 (818) 347-4737.

Winnetka

Neighborhood Council Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Valley Village: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, 91306 (818) 648-6219.

East Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm held at ABGU Demirdjian School Auditorium: 6833 Oakdale Avenue, Winnetka, 91306 for **Senior Lead Officer Raigoza (818) 374-7631**.

West Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month held at Valley Village: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, 91306 for **Senior Lead Officer Zumstein (818) 374-7634**.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: 1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm held at Canoga Park Bowl: 20122 Vanowen Street, Winnetka, 91306.

Tarzana

Neighborhood Council Meeting: 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm held at Tarzana Elementary School: 5726 Topeka Drive, Tarzana, 91356 (818) 345-1966.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the West Valley Police Station: 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda, 91335 with the **Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins (818) 374-7630**.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting: Last Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at the Chamber Office: 20121 Ventura Blvd., Suite 309, Woodland Hills, 91367 (818) 347-4737.

Property Owners Association: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm held at the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center: 19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, 91356 (818) 344-2137.

West Hills

Neighborhood Council Meeting: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm held at Chaminade High School: 7500 Chaminade Ave., West Hills, 91304 (818) 719-8656.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm held at Pomelo Elementary School: 7633 March Avenue, West Hills, 91304. **Senior Lead Officer Janet Zumstein (818) 374-7630**.

Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30am held at Hometown Buffet: 6705 N. Fallbrook Avenue, West Hills, 91307 (818) 648-6219.



Thank you Councilman Zine

I receive numerous notes of thanks throughout the course of my service and I want to share a few excerpts with you. I send each of you my most sincere "Thank You" for all of your kind words. –Councilman Zine

I would like to thank your staff personally for the prompt action taken to remove blight from our neighborhood. I called on Thursday, Sept. 20th and discussed this situation with the lady who answered the phone, and she said that it would be taken care of. Sure enough, early Saturday morning on Sept. 22nd, everything was cleaned up with no indications that anything had ever been there. Now I'm the "neighborhood hero" again; yet; you are the real hero. Thank you so much again from me and all of my neighbors who appreciate a clean and attractive neighborhood.

-Bill Tisdale, Reseda

On behalf of the Los Angeles Jewish Home, our Board of Directors, our honoree Earl Greinetz, and most especially, our residents, we would like to thank you for attending and supporting our signature gala event, Celebration of Life: Reflections 2007. The evening was a huge success and the proceeds directly benefit the Home's residents.

-Arthur A Greenberg, Celebration of Life: Reflections 2007

LASHA, the Los Angeles Sepherdic Home of the Aging, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for providing transportation for the senior members of the Sepherdic Temple Tifereth Israel from Los Angeles to the Jewish Home for the Aging, Eisenberg Campus on August 15, 2007. This visit was for our monthly senior outreach volunteer luncheon, which the residents look forward to and very much enjoy. Your office has been most helpful in assisting us with this trip.

-Rhonda Goldsmith, LASHA

On behalf of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA), I am writing to express our appreciation of you participation in our annual Local Officeholders' Luncheon. Our members provided very positive feedback about the format and substance of the program, and we are grateful that you made time to join us.

-Brendan L. Huffman, Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA)

This is a letter of appreciation and note to commend Mr. Jose Martinez and Ms. Jennifer Lozano for prompt and effective attention to my problem. This had to do with a minor but annoying street condition in which I sometimes had to stand in mud to pick up my mail as a result of runoff and/or rain. I was pleasantly surprised yesterday when I arrived home to see a crew with appropriate equipment accomplishing the patch in a matter of minutes.

-Ezekiel Freed, Tarzana

I am sure Councilman Zine's office gets several thousand letters and even more phone calls, on a daily basis. I have gotten up out of my easy chair and actually visited his office in Reseda and made friends with his staffers (Irma and others) who are always cheerily available with great advice and directives. With their help and the Neighborhood Watch meetings, my neighbors and I have cleaned up graffiti and furniture dumping, closed down a drug pickup corner, and generally improved our quality of life here in Reseda. When trouble

arises, we have names of people who are readily available to come out and help us. City government works for us.

-Mary Mac Mannes, Reseda

Thank you for attending The Wellness Community Valley/Ventura's Valley Satellite grand opening. We appreciate your community support at our event. The Wellness Community exists as a reminder that quality of life, joy, optimism, and humor may coexist with a diagnosis of cancer. Your contribution helps us ease the burden borne by those diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers. We send a heartfelt thank you for your commitment to the marathon.

-Suzanne Drace, Wellness Community

There is no need for assistance. I just wish to share with the Councilman how fortunate I feel to be a Valley resident. Granted, I now live in Northridge, but I consider myself a District 3 citizen for life, as I lived in Woodland Hills for 30 years, and my parents still reside there. My elementary school all the way through to high school are all in Woodland Hills, as is my church. I work in Downtown Los Angeles for Southwestern Law School, and as I drive into work, or take the Red Line, I think of how fortunate I am to live in a great city. Councilman Zine has always been a figure in our community, and I just wanted to share with your office my appreciation that he is my Councilman.

-Elizabeth Peisner, Southwestern Law School

This is merely a round of applause for the consideration of a complex ("The Village") on the fallow land between the two Westfield malls. We look forward to the development of this unused land and know the commerce it will bring to the area will be an asset.

-Cheri Torre

Thank you so much for speaking at and supporting the Arts for Education Town Hall. I strongly believe that more art education after-school and in-school will create a more educated, happier and more productive citizenry of Los Angeles. Thanks for your support.

-Glenna Avila, Cal Arts Community Arts Partnership

Thank you for all the great things you are doing for our community. Thank you for providing a bus once again for my charity. You are the best!

-Suzanne McGinnis, Orthopedic Medical Center

The National Council of Jewish Women Inc. Vista Val Division wants to thank you for providing a bus for our semi-annual bus trip on October 16, 2007. Because of your effort we had a very successful fundraiser to the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and lunch at the Summerland Beach Café.

-Sandy Tisen, National Council of Jewish Women

Mr. Zine and Mr. Smith are Heroes to millions of Los Angeles citizens. You two are Everyone's Council Members. Thank you for renewing our faith in people. Your constituents showed great judgment when you were elected.

-John Sanders, Los Angeles

All Around **Z** Town



Councilman Zine honors teachers at the Walk of Hearts Event in Canoga Park



Councilman Zine and Mayor Vil-laraigosa with local pizza man Berc Gayda at the Arts in Education Town Hall held at the Madrid Theatre in Canoga Park



Councilman Zine kicks-off the AYSO Region 71 soccer season with Director of Boys Charlie Bogusz and Region 71 Commissioner Reza Shahmirzadi



Councilman Zine recognizes the Beyond the Bell Program which oversees all Extended Day Programs in LAUSD



Councilman Zine at the Canoga Park Elks Lodge Public Safety Appreciation Ceremony Dinner



Councilman Zine welcomes The Wellness Community to the Valley at a ribbon-cutting ceremony



Councilman Zine serving as a delegate for the City of Los Angeles at a Japanese Port Celebration



Councilman Zine attending a Veteran's Day Parade with Mayor Vil-laraigosa and local Veterans



Councilman Zine with local elected officials at the Swearing-In Ceremony of new Los Angeles Fire Department Fire Chief, Douglas L. Barry

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Councilman Zine with local Boy Scouts and volunteers at the Median Island Planting Project along Sherman Way in Reseda. The project was organized by Boy Scout Jake McKenna who is earning the rank of Eagle Scout



Councilman Zine posing with Santa before the 2007 Hollywood Santa Parade



Councilman Zine showing his support at the Kiwanis Club of Warner Center Special Olympics Equestrian Event



Councilman Zine joins the Westfield Muster Team at the Grateful Hearts Fundraiser benefiting the Firemen's Relief Association



Councilman Zine on-air at the KABC Radio "Salute to Woodland Hills" hosted by Doug McIntyre of McIntyre in the Morning



Councilmembers Zine, Reyes, and Greuel with a delegation from the City of Los Angeles at the National League of Cities Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana




Councilmembers Zine and LaBonge with volunteers serving a Thanksgiving meal to the homeless at the Los Angeles Mission



Councilman Zine celebrating the opening of a new playground at the Multicultural Learning Center in Canoga Park thanks to a partnership with Home Depot and KaBOOM



Councilman Zine at the Woodland Hills Operation Interdependence Packing Party at the American Legion Post 826 coordinated by Bob and Nancy Eisenhart to help support our military men and women serving overseas



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