



DENNIS P. ZINE  
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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## Paparazzi Task Force Convenes

By Brian Perry & Chris Olsen, *Legislative Deputies*

In early February, Councilman Zine introduced a Motion to request reports from Los Angeles City Departments regarding the dangerous and brazen actions of individuals seeking to snap the next 'gotcha' photo of a celebrity. Since that time, many surrounding jurisdictions contacted the Councilman to share their similar concerns in hopes that a coordinated effort might be undertaken to address the problem.



Singer John Mayer, *Dark Knight* Actor Eric Roberts, *Heroes* Actor Milo Ventimiglia, and Pamm Fair, the Deputy National Executive Director of the Screen Actors Guild made up one panel at the Paparazzi Task Force Meeting

As a result, a Regional Task Force with representatives from the City and County of Los Angeles, the cities of Calabasas, Beverly Hills, Malibu, and West Hollywood convened at Los Angeles City Hall on July 31<sup>st</sup> to address the ramifications of the excessive and aggressive actions by paparazzi and suggest measures that might be taken. A full contingent of law enforcement, legal experts, elected officials, and individuals with firsthand stories assembled to share about the impact on public safety and personal privacy.

Councilman Zine compared the behavior of many of the paparazzi to a pack of wolves. The Beverly Hills Assistant City Attorney indicated that their police de-

partment had created a separate tracking code to identify crimes committed under these circumstances.

Not only are residential neighborhoods impacted, public roadways have become possible demolition derbies. Grocery stores, gas stations, and even emergency care facilities have been inundated and unable to operate when the swarms of photographers descend, pushing aside anyone or anything that may intercede, regardless of the consequences.

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## Fireworks Extravaganza

Nearly 50,000 spectators attended the annual Councilman Dennis P. Zine July 4<sup>th</sup> Extravaganza in Warner Center Park. The event was produced by the Valley Cultural Center and the presenting sponsor was Keyes Automotive Group. The fireworks display was accompanied by live music from Steve Piazza and the L.A. Pierce Symphonic Winds with narration by Charlie Tuna of K-EARTH 101. The Extravaganza featured several food and informational booths as well as flyovers from the Los Angeles Fire Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, and a C-17 Aircraft flown in from the 418 Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base.





## Warner Center Specific Plan Restudy Workshop

The highly anticipated Warner Center Specific Plan restudy workshops were a resounding success attended by a diverse group of stakeholders in the community. Approximately 160 people from the community gathered at Kaiser Permanente's conference room to lend their ideas and opinions about what they envision for the long-term future of Warner Center, including many curious newcomers who have not attended community gatherings in the past. Councilman Zine and the City of Los Angeles have hired a comprehensive team of consultants led by Urban Planner and Designer, Patricia Smith to develop a master plan to guide future development within Warner Center. Councilman Zine expects that this \$1.4 million investment will result in a world-class Plan for Warner Center and the surrounding communities.

The first in a series of two workshops that took place on July 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, focused on informing the community what we have today in Warner Center and receiving input on creating a vision statement as well as getting suggestions for transit and development options.



Councilman Zine is pictured with community members Herb Madsen and Al Rosenberg

Councilman Zine, representatives from the Planning Department, the Department of Transportation, the Warner Center Citizens Advisory Committee, the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization, the Neighborhood

Councils from both Woodland Hills and Canoga Park, and area business leaders attended the event.

The second series of workshops is scheduled for **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** from 5-8pm and **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-12pm. The Thursday and Saturday meetings will both cover the



same topics and will focus more closely on discussing streetscape and design standards, choosing preferred transit and development approaches, and reviewing and discussing the input from the first workshop. Please attend on either the 4<sup>th</sup> or the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, whichever is more convenient for you.

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When the discussion turned to the impact on the resources of law enforcement, John Mayer asked if the fact that someone is holding a camera makes the actions they take less threatening, less dangerous, or less important? Councilman Zine questioned the cost to the Police Department to provide an extraordinary escort for Britney Spears to get to the hospital to avoid the chaos of a previous trip.

Some have indicated that existing laws are adequate to deal with the current problems. But it is worth noting that even though it is against the law to exceed the speed limit, legal enhancements were adopted to deal with the issue of street racing. And engaging in distracting behavior while driving is already against the law, but handheld use of a cell phone has been specifically singled out for new laws. In particular, the majority of violations cited for the illegal actions of the paparazzi are merely infractions. The deterrent of double-digit fines, if they are even prosecuted, is nothing in comparison to the five-figure payments that these photographers receive in compensation for the product they obtain.

The panel of legal experts brought many interesting concepts forward that dealt with enhanced penalties of existing laws that are broken under certain circumstances. The question of collusion was raised when it was considered that many times they work in coordinated fashion with the intent of engaging in illegal activities. The State of California has approved legislation that deals with the fundamental issue of obtaining images of unwilling subjects under certain circumstances. It was suggested that there are ways to link existing infractions with the new State Code to enhance penalties to be a real deterrent.

The Task Force will convene again in late September. The Councilman would like to extend his personal appreciation to each of the Task Force participants who joined us in Los Angeles to begin this pursuit. To view the entire broadcast, or get the transcript of John Mayer's testimony, visit [www.lacity.org/cd3](http://www.lacity.org/cd3).



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Large Animal Emergency Care

**D**uring the hot and dry seasons of the year, the Los Angeles Departments of Emergency Management and Animal Services urge the community to always be prepared for an emergency such as a fire. In case of a brush fire emergency, government agencies have the option to evacuate animals to a variety of locations in the area, including LA Pierce College, Hansen Dam, and the LA Equestrian Center. The City and the County request that large animal owners prepare well in advance by identifying private remote locations where their animals can be evacuated. It is important to choose alternative sites because government agencies will be using the above locations heavily. If you care for large animals, become familiar with the below evacuation facilities, but please be prepared with your private locations.

#### Large Animal Evacuation Locations:

Los Angeles Pierce College  
6201 Winnetka Ave.  
Woodland Hills, CA 91371

Hansen Dam  
11798 Foothill Blvd.  
Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

LA Equestrian Center  
480 Riverside Dr.  
Burbank, CA 91506

#### Large Animal Emergency Service Agencies:

LA Department of Emergency Management  
200 N. Spring St., Room 1533  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 978-2222  
[www.lacity.org/emd/](http://www.lacity.org/emd/)

LA Animal Services, West Valley Animal Shelter  
20655 Plummer St.  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
888-4LAPET1 or (818) 756-9325  
[www.laanimalservices.com](http://www.laanimalservices.com)

LA County Emergency Preparedness Commission  
1275 N. Eastern Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90063  
(323) 980-2260  
<http://www.lacoepc.org/>

LA County Department of Animal Care & Control  
29525 Agoura Rd.  
Agoura, CA 91301  
(818) 991-0071  
<http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/>

## Community Events



**T**his year, Woodland Hills Elementary School received the 2008 California Distinguished School recognition for their model curriculum

and Councilman Zine was there to celebrate with them. Congratulations Principal Bluestein; not bad for a school that started in the 1920's as a 2-room bungalow!

**C**ouncilman Zine presented a certificate to Principal Ann Teraoka at Lockhurst Elementary School's Annual Carnival. We encourage the community to come out every year to help the school improve their educational programs. Congratulations to Lockhurst on their new computer lab!



Parents and Staff of Lockhurst Elementary School pose with Councilman Zine at their Annual Spring Carnival and Silent Auction



**O**n behalf of Councilman Zine, Field Deputy Octaviano Rios presented a certificate to President Robert Garber

at the Los Angeles Pierce College 2008 Farmwalk. President Garber is pictured with fellow Pierce College staff, Farmwalk volunteers, members of the community, and Council District Three staff. Thank you to all for making this event a great success year after year including: Fire Station 72, the West Valley and East Valley Animal Shelters, LA County Vector Control, LA County Fire Department Forestry Division, and the California Dairy Council. Many thanks to Pierce College for putting on a great event!



## Los Angeles Housing Department: Code Enforcement Division

By Dennis Bogard, *Contributing Writer*

It is the mission of the Los Angeles Housing Department Code Enforcement Division to identify and facilitate the abatement of physical conditions and characteristics of substandard and unsanitary residential buildings and dwelling units which render them unfit or unsafe for human occupancy and habitation, and which conditions and characteristics are such as to be detrimental to or jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of their occupants and of the public.

The existence of such substandard buildings and dwelling units threatens the physical, social, and economic stability of sound residential buildings and areas, and of their supporting neighborhood facilities and institutions; necessitates disproportionate expenditures of public funds for remedial action; impairs the efficient and economical exercise of governmental powers and functions; and destroys the amenity of residential areas and neighborhoods and of the community as a whole. For these reasons it is the policy of the Code Enforcement Division to protect and promote the existence of sound and wholesome residential buildings, dwelling units and neighborhoods by enforcement of such standards, regulations, and procedures as will remedy the existence or prevent the development or creation of dangerous, substandard, or unsanitary and deficient residential buildings and dwelling units.

The Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) is designed to routinely inspect all residential rental properties with two or more housing units on a four-year cycle and to

respond to reports of property violations. Inspections are conducted to ensure the safety and habitability of all occupied rental dwelling units.

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) schedules each property for a thorough inspection. A Notice of Inspection is mailed to each residential rental property owner approximately 30 days before the scheduled inspection. A secondary notice is posted at the site 5-7 days prior to the inspection to inform the tenants of the date and time to anticipate the arrival of the inspector. Properties that do not meet the minimum standards of the City and State codes regarding issues of maintenance, use, or habitability are identified and a written notice describing the violations is mailed to the owner and posted at the site. This document is called a Notice and Order to Comply or Notice and Order of Abatement. For most violations, property owners must abate all substandard property conditions within 30 days and according to the Compliance Date specified on the notice. However, when dangerous or hazardous conditions are observed, the compliance period is reduced accordingly. Soon after the compliance date indicated on the notice, a second inspection is performed to verify that the corrective work has been completed.

If repairs are not completed within the time period specified on the Notice and Order to Comply or Notice and Order of Abatement, the owner will be summoned to an administrative General Manager's Hearing to explain the reason(s) for non-compliance and specify the date the repairs will be completed. If further enforcement steps become neces-

sary, the file may be forwarded to the Office of the City Attorney as a criminal complaint. The property may also be subject to inclusion in the Rent Escrow Account Program.

Property owners are charged an inspection fee of \$35.52 per unit, per year. This fee is due annually even if the units are not inspected during that year of the four-year cycle.

It is not necessary to wait until a regularly scheduled inspection to report a property violation. Any person may report Housing Code violations within a residential rental unit or the surrounding common areas of the residential property. Such violations may be reported by using one of the following methods:

**Call** the Code Enforcement Complaint Line weekdays between 9:00am-4:00pm at (866) 557-RENT  
**Visit** one of the Los Angeles Housing Department's Public Counters  
**Online:** Report a Property Violation via the Internet

Persons reporting violations will be contacted by phone within 72 hours.

There is no fee for reporting a violation. Tenants may not be evicted nor harassed by landlords for reporting a violation. Any personal information provided online will remain confidential. Persons may remain anonymous if a violation is reported by phone; however the report must include the property address of the location and the nature of the violation. If the violation exists within an individual unit on the property the report must include a contact phone number. Inspections cannot be scheduled without this information.



**WEST HILLS**

**Trash Can Art**

As an effort to bring awareness to City officials of the need to care for our environment, a Haynes Street Elementary School Kindergarten Class in West Hills created a trash can sculpture and presented it to Councilman Dennis P. Zine. The children collected trash from around their school for one week, and then made a trash can collage. Each piece of trash on the sculpture was significant to the artist who placed it there.



This project is meant to highlight the importance children see in our future and especially with the growing fear of climate change. Through the participation of teachers, parents, and faculty, students are taking responsibility for their contribution to global climate change. Confronting this threat will require a long-term vision from our elected officials, and the Councilman is dedicated to this effort. We thank the Haynes Street Elementary School Kindergarten Class for reminding us of our responsibility to help future generations live in a greener and cleaner Los Angeles.

**TARZANA**

**Camelot Garden Ribbon-Cutting**

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Councilman Dennis P. Zine participated at the ribbon-cutting of the Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies' Camelot Garden. This garden is the result of three years of community collaboration, volunteer time, and over \$250,000 in fundraising. The transformation of this unused space into a multi-use outdoor learning environment required collaborative efforts of leaders like Jill Terrill, who coordinated with, LAUSD administrators, faculty, staff, parents, students, community members, Neighborhood Councils, and local businesses to make this vision a reality.



Councilman Zine and Principal Bob Weinberg cut the ribbon for the Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies' Camelot Garden

The unused half-acre of land on the campus is now an outdoor classroom, picnic grounds, meeting place, working garden, and the John Lauritzen Reading Garden. Students who volunteer their time at the Camelot Garden engage in service to their school and community by reaffirming the founding principles of environmentalism: that everything is connected to everything else and that each of us must act locally to create global change.

**Councilman Zine Unveils Plaque to Honor Fallen LAPD SWAT Officer Randal Simmons at West Valley Park**

By Jessica Tarman, *Communications Director*

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, Councilman Dennis P. Zine unveiled a plaque to honor the memory of fallen LAPD SWAT Officer Randal Simmons at the entrance to the children's play area at West Valley Park in Reseda. Mayor Villaraigosa, LAPD Deputy Chief Michel Moore, West Valley Police Activity League Supporters (PALS) Board President Richard O'Linn, and the Simmons family were all in attendance.

Officer Simmons was killed during a standoff earlier this year in the community of Winnetka and since that



tragic day, he has been recognized as a pillar of strength for his family, his church, his fellow officers, and the community. "The inscription on the plaque reads: "This Children's Play Area was dedicated to Los Angeles Police Officer Randal D. Simmons on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Officer Simmons was a dedicated and exemplary SWAT officer who died protecting others in the line of duty on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. A strong supporter of youth, Officer Simmons was a mentor to thousands of children in our city, a hero to fellow officers and a leading light to his friends and family. He will be sorely missed by all. May he rest in peace. Presented by West Valley PALS"



## Will Power

By Jessica Tarman, *Communications Director*

In Councilman Zine's City Hall Office, you can find a young man by the name of William Ayala hustling around, taking on any task he is given with a positive, optimistic attitude and quietly exuding a drive to continually better himself. Willy (as we fondly call him) is a Council Aide in the Front Office, but it really does not adequately describe the extent of his duties. The thing we appreciate most about Willy is that he always finds a way to get things done, no matter how big or small the task. This is the same attitude he takes when approaching other challenges in his life. Over the past year, Will has directed his determination, optimism, and work ethic toward his goal of losing a substantial amount of weight. In the time Will has worked in Councilman Zine's Office, he has lost over one hundred pounds with sheer Will Power!



Before

After

**What was your original weight?**

*My original weight was 310 lbs.*

**What is your current weight?**

*My current weight is 200 lbs.*

**What was your original weight-loss goal?**

*I never had a specific goal that I was aiming for. At the weight that I was, as long as the needle on the scale triggered backward, it was all that counted.*

## Successful Capture of Taggers

By Andre Lewis, *Contributing Writer*

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Office of Councilman Dennis Zine conducted one of its many after-hours sting operations to catch graffiti taggers with the LAPD. As part of the sting operations,

our office works with the West Valley Alliance to get the targeted areas painted out before the night of the sting. The target area (a half-block long Dodge dealership in Reseda that had been shuttered) was painted out on the day of the sting and this proved to be too tempting of a target for the area's taggers.

That night, we set up the sting operation for the normal hours of 9pm to 2am at the dealership. Within about 20 minutes, one of the under-



A former car dealership was the site of the graffiti sting in Reseda

cover officers sighted two teenage suspects riding their bikes within the grounds of the dealership. He then observed them taking out spray cans from their backpacks.

As soon as they began to tag one of the walls of the dealership, the officer arrested both suspects. Photos of the incomplete tag were taken by the LAPD and logged into their files.

One of the suspects is 14 years old and the other is 11 years old. Both boys were taken to the West Valley Station and booked as juveniles. Each of their mothers showed up at about 11pm. They will be processed by the City Attorney's Office and we will get an update as to how the cases are adjudicated.

**How much weight did you actually lose?** *To date I have lost about 100 to 110 lbs.*

**Why did you originally want to take steps to lose weight?** *It was for my own self image. I had been dealing with weight issues for about three-quarters of my life, so out of the blue, I decided, "Why not? What have I got to lose?"*

**What steps have you taken to lose the weight?** *When I had finally decided to make a change, I purchased a treadmill. Let's be honest, a treadmill isn't cheap, so I sure was expecting to get my hard-earned money's worth. My daily regimen is to keep things simple. I never want to fall under the pressure of calories and carbohydrates. I keep my food consumption to a minimum, drinking a lot of water, and walking for at least an hour. You can call it . . . WILL POWER!*

**What is the most difficult part?**

*The difficult part is keeping up with my daily regimen. Procrastination is a killer, so don't compromise with it.*

**How much more weight would you like to lose?** *I'm happy with where I am at right now, but I would like to get closer to 180 lbs.*

**How has the weight loss impacted the rest of your life?** *It has impacted my life very much. I have more energy, which has given my positive outlook a major boost.*

**What advice would you give to someone who wants to lose a large amount of weight?** *The advice I would give people is to take things one day at a time. Keep in mind that everyone is different, so remember to keep at it whether it takes you 5 months or even 1 year. And to remember that your individual weight-loss goals are possible. Stay Positive!*



## Transportation Service for Homebound Seniors

**O**NEgeneration's transportation program serves seniors 65 years or older and disabled individuals who are unable to access other modes of transportation, and who require door-to-door transportation. ONEgeneration's Transportation Program is associated with the City of Los Angeles Cityride Program.

**Days and Hours of Service:**  
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

**Scheduling Information:**  
Call ONEgeneration's Transportation Coordinator at (818) 705-2345. Rides are scheduled in advance by telephoning this number.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- ◆ 65+ years and have mobility impairment that requires personalized door-to-door assistance
- ◆ Registered with Cityride
- ◆ Complete an application with ONEgeneration (application requires Physician's note)
- ◆ Live in the Transportation Program Service Area

### Service Areas:

Canoga Park/Winnetka/West Hills (South of Roscoe Blvd.); Encino (West of Balboa Blvd. extending to Sepulveda Blvd. South of Magnolia Blvd.); Northridge (South of Roscoe Blvd.); Reseda; Tarzana; Woodland Hills; West Van Nuys (West of Balboa Blvd.)

### Cost:

There are no fees for transportation services. Suggested donations are \$.50 for a One-Way-Trip or \$1.00 for a Round-Trip. A portion of the funding for these programs comes from the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging.

## Farewell Reverend Alden J. Sison

**R**everend Alden J. Sison is concluding his tenure as Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Canoga Park and is beginning his service at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Panorama City where he will continue his pastoral ministry and dedicated service to the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Father Alden began his ministry in 1987 as an Associate Pastor at Holy Family

Church in Artesia before he was assigned to the San Fernando Valley in 1991. He then served for six years at St. Bernardine of Siena Church in the community of Woodland Hills. In 1997, Reverend Sison transitioned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church where he served the Catholic community of Rowland Heights as Administrator Pro Tem for six months and was recognized for his leadership abilities and his willingness to undertake greater

responsibilities for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Father Alden has been a Pastor at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church since 1997.



Reverend Alden Sison, Councilman Zine, and Miguel Santiago, Trustee, LA Community College Board

For more than twenty years, Reverend Alden J. Sison enjoyed a steady rise in leadership throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to his current position as Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, responsible for one of the largest and most diverse parishes in the San Fernando Valley.

As Pastor, Father Alden is a champion for social justice issues, initiating social justice and voter education programs aimed at improving the quality of life for West Valley residents. The Catholic Community of the West Valley will truly miss the energy and enthusiasm that Reverend Alden J. Sison has brought to his work and ministry at Our Lady of the Valley Church. It was both Councilman Zine's and my honor to have worked and known Father Alden for the seven years that the Councilman has been in office.

## Handyworker Program

**T**he Handyworker Program is a service that provides free minor home repairs to persons 62 years of age and/or disabled individuals, who cannot afford to make them on their own. The service is funded 100% by the Department of Housing, City of Los Angeles. Individuals must own and live in their own homes. All beneficiaries of this program must meet low income requirements as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.).

### The Types of Home Repairs Provided Are:

- ◆ Interior or exterior painting
- ◆ Installation of wheelchair ramps, hand rails, and grab bars for the physically challenged
- ◆ Debris removal
- ◆ Installation of smoke detectors, security doors, windows, and door locks
- ◆ Repairing counter tops and flooring
- ◆ Installation of low flow toilets, minor plumbing, and electrical work

**For More Information: (866)557-7368**



## Community Meetings & Events Calendar

### Reseda

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm held at the Canoas Banquet Hall: 18136 Sherman Way, Reseda, 91335 (818) 832-7540.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm held at the West Valley Police Station: 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda, 91335 for North of Sherman Way: **Senior Lead Officer Barber (818) 374-7629** and for South of Sherman Way: **Senior Lead Officer Parra (818) 374-7629**.

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

**Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm held at the West Valley Station Community Room: 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda, 91335 (818) 374-7689.

### West Hills

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm held at Chaminade High School: 7500 Chaminade Ave., West Hills, 91304 (818) 719-8656.

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm held at Pomelo Elementary School: 7633 March Avenue, West Hills, 91304. **Senior Lead Officer Janet Zumstein (818) 374-7634**.

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

### Woodland Hills

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

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Woodland Hills Library: 22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91367 **Senior Lead Officer Dinse (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.

### Canoga Park

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

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) 374-7631**.

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

### Tarzana

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

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Councilman Zine's District Office: 19040 Vanowen Street, Reseda, 91335 with the **Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins (818) 374-7632**.

**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30pm held at the Tarzana Community & Cultural Center: 19130 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, 91356 (818) 344-2137.

### Winnetka

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

**Winnetka Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm held at AGBU Demirdjian School Auditorium: 6833 Oakdale Avenue, Winnetka, 91306 for **Senior Lead Officer Maldonado (818) 374-7635**.

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





## 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***

Thank you for the Key to the San Fernando Valley that was presented to us on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It is going to be proudly displayed at our corporate headquarters. We are happy to sponsor such a spectacular fireworks display and we recognize that it is your leadership that makes this wonderful community event possible. We are proud to be a part of it and we look forward to next year!

**-Howard Keyes, Keyes Motors, Inc.**

Thank you for helping our school with its annual carnival and silent auction. With the added help of our Lockhurst community members, families and staff, we were able to raise almost \$18,000 to support our computer lab teaching program known as Computerwise Kids. Without you it could not have been done. We appreciate all you do for our community.

**-Gina Guarino, Lockhurst PTSA President**

For the past 10 years we've been getting our building vandalized by "taggers" almost every single night. After we attended the city council meeting at Reseda High School a few months ago, a gentleman named Andre showed up at our business and asked us where the worst area was on our street. We discussed camera locations and a couple of weeks later, the camera was up and running and the tagging came to a complete stop! I am so pleased with this outcome and I'm sure my neighbors are as well. I have to admit I didn't expect a change, but I'm so amazed. I just want to express my gratitude for the way you handled my concerns. Thank you so much!

**-Kevorg and Lisa Hakimian, Reseda "Drive-In" Cleaners**

On behalf of Randy's family, we would like to say Thank You a zillion times for the beautiful Dedication Ceremony. Your expression of love and support will never be forgotten.

**-Lisa Simmons, The Family of Randy D. Simmons**

We want to thank you for a most interesting and enlightening talk and discussion of our community problems at our Knesset Bnai Brith meeting. It is most heartening to hear someone in your position who cares so deeply about the community problems and challenges.

**-Dr. & Mrs. Sheldon Lipshutz, Woodland Hills**

I just want to personally extend to you a "Thank You" for your participation in our weekend event in Warner Center. The two Workshops were attended by approximately 150-160 persons. Many of those persons were new to the processes in Warner Center. We were able to provide a forum to those who attended that was enjoyable, informative, and most importantly provided us with their valuable input in our current restudy effort. Again, thank you for all your years of support to our Planning efforts specifically in Warner Center and in general throughout the City of Los Angeles.

**-Tom Glick, Los Angeles City Planning Department**

It is truly with great pleasure that all of us express our appreciation for your contribution to our annual graduation. Your keynote speech was just the right mixture of encouragement and setting positive goals in life. Thank you for applauding the accomplishments of our students taking that first step on the ladder of success. We appreciated your positive words for our students, knowing that completing the program was a major accomplishment in their lives with so many multiple barriers to success.

**-Fran Lyons & Merrill Lyons, Adelante Career Institute**

On behalf of Nestle Avenue Elementary, my colleagues, and students, we like to thank you very much for your generosity in providing transportation for the students to visit the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens and the Gene Autry Museum. The students had a wonderful time. The two trips were memorable experiences for everyone.

**-Mrs. Kelly Mense, Third Grade Class, Nestle Avenue School**

West Valley Alliance thanks you for donating \$3,000 for the graffiti removal program. We appreciate your support and understanding of this ongoing problem. The funds will be used to pay for gas and the extra employees hired to remove graffiti in the Third Council District.

**-Daniel Ruiz, CEO/President, West Valley Alliance**

We wish to tell you how much we enjoyed the Warner Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. It was well organized, coordinated and beautifully presented. The fly-overs were exciting; the L.A. Pierce Symphonic Winds were great; the fireworks were spectacular. We thank you, Councilman Zine, The Valley Cultural Center, The Symphony Winds, the many sponsors, and the hard-working people who made this event possible.

**-Gloria and Harold Abramson, West Hills**

On behalf of the West Valley community, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your generous donation to National Night Out. Your contribution will ensure that those attending this event will benefit by bringing the community and the L.A.P.D. together and sharing important anti-crime information that improves everyone's quality of life.

**-Barbara Hand, National Night Out Committee**

On behalf of all the soldiers who are bravely putting themselves in harm's way to keep America safe and free, FOR THE TROOPS wishes to thank you personally for participating in our mission to "support our troops – one care package at a time."

**-Janie Josephson & Paula Cornell, FOR THE TROOPS**

I applaud the effort of Councilman Zine. Too many other legislators have no desire to stick their necks out. Mr. Zine is on the right track. Too many gang members are taking advantage of citizens through their crimes of stealing, killing, breaking in homes, and more.

**-Ginny Lambert, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Hawthorne**

I wanted to take a minute and thank you for passing a reso for MADD in support of interlock legislation. I was very impressed with the quality of your staff; they are very sharp and serve you well. I hope that we can work together in the future.

**-David French, MADD**

You continue to be such a great friend of TLC. Please know that your help will ensure that children and families in our community receive the help they so critically need. From infancy through preschool, these children, born developmentally disabled and blind, will receive the therapeutic and educational early start that will make all the difference in their future.

**-Patty Patano, Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind**

I salute you for recognizing the future of our San Fernando Valley and our nation. Our school produces some of the finest candidates to fuel our future with jobs, citizens, and volunteers. It takes people like you to make this all happen. I am proud to support in your efforts.

**-Robert S. Weinberg, Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies**

Thank you for your generous time and support of Valley Village through the years. With the help of your continued efforts and enthusiasm, we are able to provide a special place where our developmentally disabled people can grow and prosper. Your "raffle chatter" is a work of art. I believe you could auction off a jar of peanut butter and triple its worth.

**-Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Engel, Moorpark**

Thank you for your participation in the 2008 Arthritis Walk. Because of you and walkers like you, we are excited to announce that more than \$105,000 was raised for the Woodland Hills Walk! These funds are critical in allowing us to successfully continue our efforts to improve the lives of 300,00 children and 46 million Americans affected by arthritis.

**-Gloria Marotta, Arthritis Foundation**

# All Around Town



Councilman Zine urges State Legislators to balance their budget without raiding local funds



Councilman Zine presents a certificate to the International Child Abuse Network for their Strike Against Child Abuse



The Sheriff's Department, the LAFD, the LAPD, and Councilmembers Garcetti and Zine speak out about fireworks safety



The Contractors State License Board, State Senator Padilla, and Councilman Zine host a Scam Stopper Seminar in the West Valley



Councilman Zine is a judge at the "Nuts for Mutts" fundraiser for the "New Leash on Life" Program



Councilman Zine is honored for being a champion of the Public Access Defibrillator Program



Councilman Zine speaks at a press conference about deploying digital in-car video to 300 police units



Councilman Zine with Legislative Deputies Brian Perry and Chris Olsen at the Gay Pride Parade in West Hollywood



Councilman Zine with Maureen And Mike Volante and recipients of the Reseda Youth Scholarship Awards



Councilman Zine aboard the USS Stennis in San Diego



Dwight Yoakam is honored at Go Country 105.1FM's Summer Under the Stars Concert



The ceremonial groundbreaking at the Iglesia Poder de Dios in Reseda



# All Around Z Town



Contributors to the 25th West Valley LAPD National Night Out are honored by Councilman Zine and public safety officials



Prime Time Zine Guests: Joe Andrews, Walk of Hearts; Tina Wilinski, Warner Center Rotary; and Rocky Rhodes of Rocky Roaster



Thank you to all the volunteers at the American Cancer Society's Valley Relay For Life. Councilman Zine donated \$2K to the cause.



Councilman Zine and California United Bank join forces in donating items to Canoga Park High School



Congressman Brad Sherman and Councilman Zine honor Radio Personality Charlie Tuna at the July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza



Prime Time Zine Guests: Don Sweeney of the Valley Cultural Center, Ron Kaye of RonKayeLA, and Chief Fry of the LAFD



Actor Eric Roberts, Councilman Zine, Singer John Mayer, Pam Fair of the Screen Actors Guild, and Actor Milo Ventimiglia



Councilman Zine congratulates Serrania Avenue Elementary School on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Councilman Zine celebrates his 61st birthday at Fiesta de Zine with his staff and loved ones



Council District Three staffers man the booth at the Annual National Night Out celebration



Councilman Zine rides in the Family Cultural Earth Day's Greenbike Ride

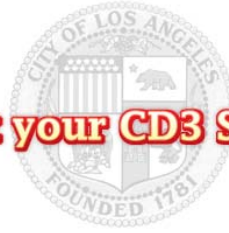


Councilman Zine with Mayor Villaraigosa and President Shimon Peres of Israel



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**Member:** Executive Employee Relations Committee (EERC)

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