



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

FALL 2008

## 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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## Zine Convenes Special Personnel Committee Meeting regarding Animal Services Department

By Brian Perry & Chris Olsen, *Legislative Deputies*

In a packed house at the Van Nuys City Hall Council Chambers, employees of the Animal Services Department, concerned members of the public, and animal support organizations met for four and one-half hours to present testimony to the Los Angeles City Council's Personnel Committee, of which Councilman Zine serves as Chair.

With a shared desire to provide humane treatment to and maintain the wellbeing of animals in the care of the City, many issues were discussed to focus attention on the ability of the department to meet its desired level of care and service.

The issue was brought to the Personnel Committee after a large number of Department of Animal Services employees attended a City Council Meeting and presented a petition indicating 'No Confidence' in the leadership of the current management. Because State law prohibits the City Council from discussing items not on the agenda, Councilman Zine introduced a Motion so that the individuals who gathered in the Council chambers could air their concerns in a Public Hearing.

Over 50 speakers filled out cards to address the Committee, including current and former department employees; past and present members of the Animal Services Commission; and individuals representing the humane community.

Overcrowding, despite the new shelters that have been built, and proper handling of unadoptable pets were some of the topics discussed. Employee safety as a result of these conditions was also raised as an issue of concern.

Attention was given to the deployment of existing resources and the number of enforcement officers. Public expectations of receiving the best service possible from their tax dollars is also a priority for Councilman Zine.

Debate revolved around the implementation of the new spay/neuter law in the City, the use of the spay/neuter clinics located at City shelters, and community partnerships to provide these procedures. Failed projects

such as 'Hooters for Neuters' were mentioned in the context of best judgment used by the Department to promote an important program.

The efforts to increase pet adoptions were raised and the problems associated with the 'Pit Bull Academy' initiated by the General Manager were revisited.

All of these items impact the effort of the City to reach the goal of becoming a 'No Kill' city, in which no animals are euthanized for lack of space to hold them until adoption. A major disagreement was voiced about the calculation and categorization of animals killed to determine the 'No Kill' rate for the City.

Those who attended the committee meeting were reminded that the roll of the City Council regarding a General Manager is limited by the City Charter to the initial confirmation and right to appeal a dismissal. As a result of this public hearing, the Mayor, employee Union representatives, and the Department General Manager met privately later that week.

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The Personnel Committee held a special meeting to hear testimony from Animal Services employees regarding the management of the Department



## Grateful Hearts Gives Back to Local Firefighters

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, a wonderful event sponsored by Douglas Emmett and the Valley Cultural Center took place in Woodland Hills to benefit the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

Approximately 7,000 people gathered in the streets from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm to show their gratitude to our bravest members—the men and women of the LAFD. “Grateful Hearts” is a food faire and fundraiser which is quickly becoming the largest fundraising event in the valley. Over the past few years the event has donated over \$130,000 directly to the fire stations of the San Fernando Valley for equipment and supplies.



Councilman Zine is pictured with firefighters and Chef TJ Martens of the Winnetka Neighborhood Council managing the “Mother of All BBQs” (MOAB) station



Cara Goldman soaks a firefighter in the famous Dunk Tank

Kate Mantilini and Arnie Morton’s from the area donated their time and food to the event.

Councilman Dennis P. Zine and Michael Miller, the Honorary Mayor of Woodland Hills, had a great time emceeing the faire. They raffled off special prizes including passes to the AMC theatres, a \$100 gift certificate to Flemings Restaurant in Woodland Hills, a Panasonic 42-inch flat screen high definition plasma television, and several dinners to be prepared by the firemen at the local fire stations. They also auctioned off incredible prizes such as a weekend in Big Bear, a 2-night stay the Rancho Las Pal-

The fundraiser took place on Oxnard Street between AMC Place and Owensmouth and many restaurants such as Paquito Mas, Baja Bud’s, Ruby’s Diner, Ruth’s Chris, the Marriott’s Breeze Restaurant, Dandy Don’s, Maggiano’s, The Rack,



Councilman Zine’s Staff is pictured with Firefighter Ryan Penrod and Wilshire the Fire Dog

mas Resort and Spa, box tickets for 6 for a Staples Center Laker Package, and artwork.

It was a beautiful day for the event and the firefighters were extremely appreciative to everyone who participated.



## Light the Night

The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society hosted an incredible fundraising event in early October at Warner Center Park in Woodland Hills. The “Light the Night” Walk was attended by nearly 2,500 people and raised approximately \$40,000. It was a family affair and many people brought their beloved pets to walk with them. Everyone held flashing red balloons which lit up



Stephanie Romero, Cara Goldman, Jose Martinez, and Cliff Ruff man the booth at Light the Night

in the night sky and it was a beautiful sight to see. Councilman Zine’s Chief of Staff, Cliff Ruff, attended the event along with staff members Jose Martinez, Stephanie Romero, and Cara Goldman. Vendors Vera Bradley, Godiva’s Secret, and Oh Henry! candy bars were some of the

companies who donated their time and products. Schools from the community entertained everyone by presenting dancing and musical performances. “Light the Night” was very successful and contributed to helping find a cure for Leukemia and Lymphoma.

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The overwhelming response from the community prompted Councilman Zine, the Committee Chairman, to continue the meeting to a future date so that everyone could be heard. STAY TUNED: All speaker cards will be honored and the individuals will be notified of the date for the next public hearing regarding the Department of Animal Services. Anyone may attend and add their voice to the discussion.





# Lighting Our Streets

**T**he Bureau of Street Lighting is one of five Bureaus in the Department of Public Works. The Bureau of Street Lighting is responsible for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of the street lighting system within the City of Los Angeles. There are currently more than 220,000 lights in the City consisting of more than 400 designs. Streetlights provide illumination for City roadways and sidewalk areas. The main purpose of a lighting design is to provide comfortable visibility that will encourage vehicular and pedestrian traffic. All lighting installed in the City is designed to meet national lighting levels that provide visibility and reduce sky glow and glare. All streetlights installed are tested for efficiency, safety and maintainability. The City's policies for financing street lighting systems require adjoining property owners to bear the one-time cost of installation and annual operation and maintenance through a special assessment.

**Why doesn't my street have streetlights?** Until the mid-1950's, the City did not require developers of housing, commercial, and industrial property to install street lighting. So in the older areas of the City, most streets did not have streetlights, unless the developer voluntarily installed them, or a neighborhood group or their Council Office started a project to install them at the property owners' expense.

Only those who have street lighting pay for it. Through the purchase of a property which has street lighting, or through an assessment for a street lighting project, property owners pay for installation of street lighting in Los Angeles. Maintenance costs are assessed annually. This is not paid for from the basic property taxes or other taxes. New assessments require a vote of the property owners in compliance with Proposition 218, now part of the California Constitution.

## **Requesting street lighting maintenance or repair.**

When requesting repairs, please give the street address closest to the location of the light being reported and please give a daytime phone number, in the event they have difficulty identifying the reported location.

You can use the Street Lighting Service Request Form to electronically report street lighting problems [streetlighting@bsl.lacity.org](mailto:streetlighting@bsl.lacity.org) or phone 3-1-1 or (213) 473-3231. Your assistance in timely reporting streetlights which are out or damaged will help provide the best service possible.

## **Bureau of Street Lighting**

1149 South Broadway, 2nd floor  
Los Angeles, California 90015  
[streetlighting@bsl.lacity.org](mailto:streetlighting@bsl.lacity.org)  
(213) 473-3231 or 3-1-1

## **What you should report to the Bureau of Street Lighting:**

- Lights which are not operating
- Lights which are going on and off
- Broken glass
- Open, broken, or missing light fixture
- Damaged poles
- Exposed wires

This information can be found at <http://www.lacity.org/BSL/>.

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**BRIGHT LIGHTS—SAFE NIGHTS**



Serving the communities of

**Winnetka & Reseda**  
Jose Martinez, Field Deputy

## RESEDA

### Canby Building Demolition

There is a spirit of unity and change occurring in the community of Reseda as leaders gather to transform parts of their downtown. The Canby building, once surrounded by trash, graffiti, and transients has been transformed to be the future parking lot for the Reseda Theater. Councilman Zine, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), the CIM Group, Inc., CRA/LA Community Advisory Committee, Revitalize Reseda, the Reseda Neighborhood Council, and the Reseda Chamber of Commerce all witnessed the Canby building being demolished. The new 40-space landscaped and lighted parking lot will serve to accommodate theater visitors and community functions. The community of Reseda will benefit greatly from the renovated theater and a friendly parking lot. The renovation will help attract more people to the businesses along Sherman Way. It is evident that by working together, the community benefits and continues to ignite the spirit of unity and change!



Jay Virata (Community Redevelopment Agency), DJ Frank (Reseda Neighborhood Council), Garth Carlson (RNC), Patricia Rebulard (Reseda Chamber of Commerce), Nancy Sweeney (Revitalize Reseda), & Councilman Dennis P. Zine.

## WINNETKA

### Oktoberfest

The Office of Councilman Dennis P. Zine had a blast at the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest that took place October 17-19. The children enjoyed the carnival rides and games and the parents were entertained by watching live bands showcase their talent. There was something for everyone in the Oktoberfest from rides to food, and for those seeking a cold drink, the beer garden became a good place to gather. There were also two lucky raffle winners who received free iPods.



Florine Goodman, Marilyn Robinson (The Princess of Winnetka), Jack Goldman, and Gloria Pollack

Overall, the entire community benefited from this event and we would like to thank the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce and especially Marilyn Robinson (the Princess of Winnetka) and her team for putting together the festival. We would also like to acknowledge the event sponsors, including, Los Angeles Councilmembers Dennis P. Zine and Greig Smith, Community Redevelopment Agency/Los Angeles, Time Warner Cable, the Gelb Group and the Winnetka Neighborhood Council. We look forward to next year's Oktoberfest and invite the community to join us!



## OCTOBER 2008 Wildland Fires Awareness Month

### PLAN YOUR HOME

- Follow all local building, fire, and hazard abatement codes.
- Clear the brush away from your home (a minimum brush clearance of 200 feet).
- Trim all trees and tree branches away from electrical lines and chimneys. (Use a professional to trim near utilities and power lines).
- Remove weak, dead, and leaning trees, and bark beetle infested trees.
- Stack firewood at least 30 feet away from your home or other structures.
- Store all combustible or flammable liquids in approved storage containers.
- Locate all propane tanks at least 30 feet from any structure.

### HEALTH TIP

Smoke can hurt your eyes, irritate your respiratory system, and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases. Smoke may worsen symptoms for people who have pre-existing respiratory conditions, such as respiratory allergies, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Listen and watch for news or health warnings about smoke. Pay attention to local air quality reports.

Develop and practice a home evacuation plan. Your plan should include:

- A floor plan with all escape routes.
- Easily accessible exits for young children, seniors, and persons with disabilities. (Locate their rooms as close to exits as possible).
- A list of valuables to take in an emergency. (Store them together in one location, if possible).
- Identify the most important papers to take if you have to leave, such as insurance policies, medical records, and driver's license.
- Take medications and eyeglasses.
- A place to reunite after evacuation.
- The location of animal shelters or other sites that house pets.

### PLAN YOUR EVACUATION

[www.espfocus.org](http://www.espfocus.org) | [www.lacity.org/emd](http://www.lacity.org/emd)





## CANOGA PARK

### Dennis P. Zine Community Center Groundbreaking

**C**anoga Park celebrated the Groundbreaking of its very own Dennis P. Zine Community Center, on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Zine joined the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), New Economics for Women (NEW), along with numerous community leaders and supporters, for the Center's groundbreaking located at 21400 Satcoy Street in Canoga Park.



Once completed, the Community Center will provide a number of educational, civic, and cultural activities to children, seniors, and community groups. Additionally, it will house Pre-Kindergarten Child Development classrooms, Youth Counseling Offices, as well as boost our community's economy by providing local living wage jobs. We anxiously await the projected Winter '09 completion.



## WEST HILLS

### 5th Annual Fall Fest

**T**his year's West Hills community welcomed the Fall season with its largest crowd ever. Fall Fest took place on October 5<sup>th</sup>, and provided a most wonderful opportunity for community building, through live entertainment, tasty international cuisine, children entertainment zones, and informational booths. Councilman Zine, as tradition has it, took part in the day's festivities. He assisted Master of Ceremonies, Joe Andrews, with giveaways and a lively game of Community Trivia. "Hats Off!" to the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce for such a successful event!

## CANOGA PARK

### Walk of Hearts

**T**he Canoga Park community celebrated the 5th Annual Walk of Hearts Awards ceremony on September 14th, honoring this year's recipients for their long-lasting dedication to education within our community. Founder Joe Andrews conducted a most heartfelt ceremony at the Madrid Theater and this year's honorees included: Robert Collins, Marilyn Moody, Mary Ann Farber, Jean Rice, and Lynne Haile.



Mike Hattar, the Manager of Hometown Buffet, unveils the plaque for Mary Ann Farber while her family and friends look on



Councilman Zine congratulates the recipients and addresses the crowd at the Madrid Theater

Among those who spoke about encountering a dedicated teacher and the impact that she made was last year's scholarship recipient Anthony Benford, Jr.

However, the day's events didn't end

there. This year's scholarship award amount was increased and renamed. Councilman Zine increased the \$500 award to \$2,000 which he presented to Christine Tarbouche for her outstanding commitment to youth service. In honor of Councilman Zine's commitment, the award has now been renamed the Dennis P. Zine Scholarship Award.



The Councilman and Joe Andrews present the Dennis P. Zine Scholarship Award to Christine Tarbouche as LAUSD Board Member Julie Korenstein looks on

The official unveiling of plaques for 2008 Walk of Hearts recipients took place along Sherman Way, before a supportive crowd of nearly 400 people.



## Senior Citizen/Clergy Updates

**C**ongratulations to West Hills Church on the Celebration of their 50-Year Anniversary! On September 7<sup>th</sup>, I was honored to represent Councilman Zine by presenting a beautiful Certificate to Pastor Dave Drummond congratulating both he and his wonderful congregation, which is located at 7475 Fallbrook Avenue in West Hills. They are a family church, based on the Bible, and built on love.

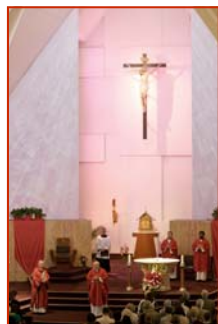
When I visited the West Hills Church, I wasn't just another face in the crowd; I felt the warmth from all of their congregants as well as Pastor Dave. They offer two services: The traditional morning service and their contemporary evening service. They invite you to come visit them. "There are a lot of exciting things going on around here, and we'd love to have you be a part of it," said Pastor Dave. They have also recently teamed up with the Persian Worshipers of Christ, which is a Farsi-speaking Evangelical Church. Their service is on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm. For more information call the office at (818)-887-6227, or email the Pastor at [dave@westhillschurch.net](mailto:dave@westhillschurch.net).

**H**appy and Healthy New Year to our Jewish community! Councilman Zine stopped by during the High Holidays again this year to several of our Temples to wish everyone a L'Shanah Tovah! He was honored on Yom Kippur, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Temple Judea in Tarzana by calling him up to the bima to recite a special verse from the Bible.



**O**n September 14<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am Mass at St. Mel Catholic Church in Woodland Hills, we welcomed Msgr. Helmut Hefner as the new Pastor of the Parish. Bishop Wilkerson celebrated the Mass and Installation, which

was followed by a reception in the activity center. I had the honor of presenting Msgr. Hefner with an official Certificate of Recognition.



**W**e would like to Welcome Reverend Father Ikechukwu Ikeocha to Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Canoga Park. The Church just celebrated their "65<sup>th</sup> Fall Fiesta" in October!

**P**lease remember to stay healthy and get your flu shot!

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN EARTHQUAKE

- ☐ **Prepare for possible aftershocks. Drop, cover, and hold on.**
  - ☐ **If you are not near a desk or table, drop to the floor against the interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms.**
- ☐ **If you use a wheelchair, lock the wheels and cover your head.**
- ☐ **Avoid exterior walls, windows, hanging objects, mirrors, tall furniture, large appliances, and kitchen cabinets with heavy objects or glass.**
- ☐ **Do not go outside, unless you are in immediate danger. Check on those around you for injuries.**
- ☐ **Turn gas off, only if you smell gas.**
- ☐ **Remain calm and tune in to your public radio or television station for updated information. Do not call 9-1-1 unless you have a life-threatening emergency.**
- ☐ **Take this time to review your family emergency plan, which should include an out-of-area contact. Ensure all family members know what to do.**
- ☐ **Take this time to update your emergency supply kit and ensure items can sustain you and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.**
- ☐ **Encourage preparedness in your neighborhood, at school and work!**

### Other Tips:

**If you are trapped in debris:** Move as little as possible so that you don't kick up dust. Cover your nose and mouth with a handkerchief or clothing. Tap on a pipe or wall so that rescuers can hear where you are. Use a whistle if one is available. Shout only as a last resort.

**In bed:** If you are in bed, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow. You are less likely to be injured staying where you are. Broken glass on the floor has caused injury to those who have rolled to the floor or tried to get to doorways.

**In a high-rise:** Drop, cover, and hold on. Avoid windows and other hazards. Do not use elevators. Do not be surprised if sprinkler systems or fire alarms activate.

**Outdoors:** Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, and other hazards.

**Driving:** Pull over to the side of the road, stop, and set the parking brake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over. If a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.

**In a stadium or theater:** Stay at your seat and protect your head and neck with your arms. Don't try to leave until the shaking is over. Then walk out slowly watching for anything that could fall in the aftershocks.

**Near the shore:** Drop, cover, and hold on until the shaking stops. Estimate how long the shaking lasts. If severe shaking lasts 20 seconds or more, immediately evacuate to high ground as a tsunami might have been generated by the earthquake. Move inland 3 kilometers (2 miles) or to land that is at least 30 meters (100 feet) above sea level immediately. Don't wait for officials to issue a warning. Walk quickly, rather than drive, to avoid traffic, debris and other hazards.

**Below a dam:** Dams can fail during a major earthquake. Catastrophic failure is unlikely, but if you live downstream from a dam, you should know flood-zone information and have prepared an evacuation plan. During earthquakes, drop to the floor, take cover under a sturdy desk or table, and hold on to it firmly. Be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops.

For more information, visit:  
<http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots/index.php>



## Community Contributors

### Looking for a Few Good Volunteers



This is a very exciting time for the Los Angeles Police Department. We are on the brink of opening two new police divisions in the City of Los Angeles. One of the divisions is at the west end of the San Fernando Valley. The New Topanga Police Station will be taking over a large section of the current West Valley Police Area and a small part of the Devonshire Police Area on the west end. If you currently live in West Valley Division and you live west of Corbin Avenue, you will be in the new division.

The Topanga Police Station is scheduled to begin operations on January 4, 2009, at 8:00 AM. As we approach this opening, I am hoping that members of our community will want to become volunteers working side by side with our officers and civilian employees. We can use a wide variety of talented individuals that would want to give back to the communities that they live and/or work in. Some of the volunteer opportunities available are: working as a member of our Volunteer Surveillance Team or Community Police Advisory Board; assisting with our youth programs; or working with our detectives.

I would like to invite interested community members to contact Topanga Community Relations at (818) 778-4881. All volunteers are required to pass a background investigation.

*Contributed by Captain John Sherman, Commanding Officer of the Topanga Division, Los Angeles Police Department*

### Two Reseda Residents Honored at Pearl Awards

City Attorney, Rocky Delgadillo, recognized two Reseda residents at the L.A. Pearl Awards, on September 9th, for their outstanding efforts as senior aged community volunteers. Jeanette Capaldi was one of nineteen 2008 Pearl Award winners honored in the City of Los Angeles. Ms. Capaldi was nominated by the West Valley Boosters for her outstanding volunteer efforts with the West Valley Area Los Angeles Police Department. She is a Specialist Reserve Officer, dispatcher for the L.A.P.D. Crisis Response Team, Co-Chair of the Community Police Advisory Board, and volunteers in the Community Relations office at the police station. Ms. Capaldi has been a resident of Reseda for the last 40 years.

A second Reseda nominee, Anna Measles, was awarded a Certificate of Honorable Mention for her outstanding volunteer efforts in helping improve the quality of life in her community. Ms. Measles was nominated by Revitalize Reseda, for her many years as a Board Member

and Parliamentarian of the Reseda Neighborhood Council, active member of Reseda Neighborhood Watch, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), volunteer at Sutter Middle School, and a HUD board member for the Therapeutic Living Center for The Blind. Ms. Measles has been a critical care nurse for the past 36 years at Sherman Oaks Hospital, and a Reseda resident for the past 29 years.



Anna Measles and Jeanette Capaldi are honored by City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo at the L.A. Pearl Awards

These women were both acknowledged at Pico House located at Olvera Street, El Pueblo Los Angeles. Reseda is very fortunate to have these two pearls as part of their community!

The L.A. Pearl Awards recognize and pay tribute to outstanding senior

citizens in the community. Honorees are nominated by residents, community organizations, and businesses in each of the 18 City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor Divisions. The L.A. Pearls Selection Committee based awards on individuals' contributions to improving the quality of life in their neighborhood and promoting a positive and productive image of senior citizens.

*Contributed by Nancy Sweeney, Director of Revitalize Reseda*



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(818) 778-4881





## Community Meetings & Events Calendar

### Canoga Park

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm held at Canoga Park Community Center: 7248 Owensmouth Ave., Canoga Park, (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 with **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, with **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 Ave., West Hills, (818) 884-9906

### Reseda

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

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm held at the West Valley Police Station: 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda for North of Sherman Way with **Senior Lead Officer Barber (818) 374-7629** and for South of Sherman Way with **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 (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 Police Station Community Room: 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda (818) 374-7689

### 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

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Woodland Hills Library: 22200 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills with **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 (818) 347-4737

### Winnetka

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm held at Valley Village: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka (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, with **Senior Lead Officer Maldonado (818) 374-7635**

**West Winnetka/Canoga Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm held at Valley Village: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka with **Senior Lead Officer Jericho Velasquez (818) 374-7630**

**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

### Tarzana

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

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the West Valley LAPD Station: 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda with **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 (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 (818) 344-2137

### West Hills

**Neighborhood Council Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm held at Chaminade High School: 7500 Chaminade Avenue, West Hills (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 with **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 (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. –Councilman Zine***

Thank you for your participation in the University of Phoenix panel Gang Violence Summit at our Woodland Hills Learning Center on Thursday, July 31, 2008. We look forward to continued discussions on the issue of gang violence in Southern California and more than anything, a solution.

**–LeeAnne Herbold, University of Phoenix**

I wanted to drop you a line to say thank you for all your support during my first year in the principalship of Woodland Hills Elementary School. I have enjoyed getting to know you and your staff, our day at City Hall together and especially your support during and after our receiving the recognition for being honored as a 2008 California Distinguished School.

**–Stephen Bluestein, Woodland Hills Elementary School**

I wanted to take a moment to thank you and your staff for your participation in the dedication of the Police Officer Randal Simmons Memorial Plaque in West Valley Park on July 26, 2008. Your support of this important event as well as your ongoing support of the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department and West Valley Area means so very much to all of us as it does to the family of our fallen Officer Randal Simmons. Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for all you do.

**–Captain Steven Zipperman, West Valley Community Police Station**

I am writing to thank you for taking part in the 2008 Chabad "To Life" Telethon to support our charitable efforts. As a community leader here in our "City of Angels," you helped inspire your constituents to act like angels by reaching out to help those less fortunate. By joining us on September 14, you sent a strong message about working together to lift up our neighbors and brighten our world.

**–Rabbi Boruch Schlomo Cunin, Chabad of California**

Thank you for all your love and support! Because of you we were able to raise \$100,000 this year at our little Valley event – It will go a long way to support all those in pain.

**–Patty, Gina, & Donna, The Valley Branch Girls**

Thank you for attending our 2008 annual luncheon, Showtime!, and participating in the live auction. Your contribution to the Valley Village Adventure at Sea portion of the live auction sent 100 clients and staff on a cruise they'll never forget.

**–The Clients and Staff of Valley Village**

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for finding me worthy of the Councilman Dennis P. Zine Scholarship Award. I will cherish your kindness for the rest of my life.

**–Nicole Berksaniar, Woodland Hills**

I just wanted to reiterate my thanks for your help getting the graffiti cleaned up on Lurline Avenue between Satcoy and Ingomar Streets. I and my neighbors also appreciate the increased frequency of patrol cars transiting the neighborhood.

**–Raymond Pyles, Winnetka**

## Tribute to Virginia Huber

By Irma Pomposo, District Director

On August 18, 2008 we lost one of Council District Three's most beloved volunteers, Virginia Huber. Virginia was a pillar of strength not only to her family but to her entire community. She was a loving mother to four children, Mike, Mark, Rick and Maryanne. Her lifelong partner and husband, Bill Huber, remained by her side during their 52 years of marriage.



Virginia's commitment to her community was evident in all that she did throughout her lifetime. She was a well rounded individual, receiving a Bachelor's of Science degree from California State University, Los Angeles and Master's from California State University, Northridge. While her children were growing up, she volunteered her time as a Girl Scout leader for ten years and a Cub Scout den mother for seven years. As a member of the Third District and the City of Los Angeles, she was actively involved in many organizations including, Councilwoman Laura Chick's Office, Councilman Dennis P. Zine's Office, the Community Redevelopment Agency, the Los Angeles Police Department, the City Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles Unified School District among many others.

Virginia was part of the "Z" team in every way, she volunteered in Councilman Dennis P. Zine's election and then eagerly joined Councilman's P.O.S.S.E. program at its inception. Throughout the years, she must have reported hundreds of potholes, street light failures, alley clean-ups, and graffiti. She volunteered many hours at Councilman Zine's District Office providing outstanding service to constituents in the West Valley. She was named a "Hero" by the City Attorney's Office and in 2008 she was the recipient of the Pioneer Women's Award. Her involvement with LAPD included serving as the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain for 14 years and as the Police Community Representative for 12 years. She also served as a Community Policing Advisory Board member for 16 years and helped establish the West Valley LAPD Officer Appreciation Day. These are just a few of Virginia's notable achievements as her work and dedication to the community was extensive.

Virginia will be missed by all who had the pleasure and privilege of having known her.

# All Around Town



Councilman Zine speaks at Deaf Awareness Month



Councilman Zine recognizes Leslie Dutton from the Full Disclosure Network for their Emmy Award winning programming



The West Valley Boys & Girls Club held the "Mile of Quarters" Fundraiser at the Westfield Topanga Mall



Notable Notre Dame High School Alumni: Eric Zine, Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Councilman Zine



Prime Time Zine guests include Captains John Sherman and Maureen Ryan of the new Topanga Station



The Grand Opening of Fire Station 84 on Burbank Boulevard in Woodland Hills is celebrated by the community



Councilman Zine and Congressman Brad Sherman led the way at the Partnership Walk at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum



The Israeli flag is raised at the Israeli Embassy in Los Angeles for the first time



Councilman Zine honored the Kiwanis Club for holding a Special Olympics



50th Anniversary Celebration of Canoga Park Bowl



Pumpkin Palooza in Woodland Hills

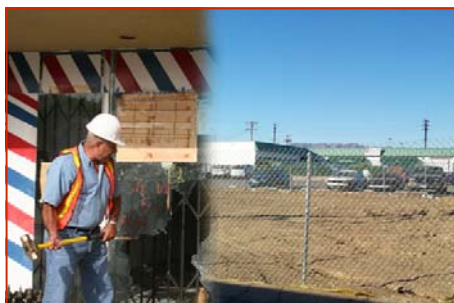


Councilman Zine at the YMCA Pow Wow promoting family fun





Councilman Zine aboard the Butterfield Overland Stage Coach with Pam Young and Richard Troy from Reel Cowboys



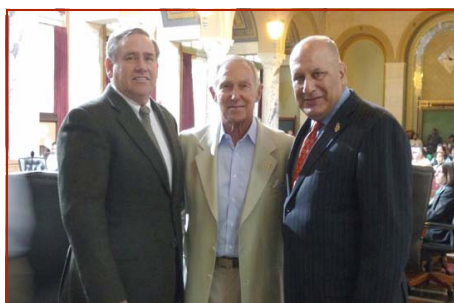
Councilman Zine lends a hand in the demolition of the Canby Building in Reseda. The empty lot is what remains



Councilman Zine celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Angels Way Maternity Home



Bobby Dorafshar of K9s Only, New Leash on Life, and a member of the Spay/Neuter Committee is a guest on Prime Time Zine



Councilmen Smith and Zine with Former LAPD Chief Daryl Gates at a Public Safety Committee Meeting on Special Order 40



Councilman Zine and his staff celebrate Dia De Los Muertos at a street festival on Sherman Way in Canoga Park



Prime Time Zine guests include Mary Larkin, Event Chair of Grateful Hearts, and Firefighter Jeff Birg of Battalion 17



Councilman Zine adamantly opposed Proposition 5 demonstrating that the passing of this initiative would trash the laws of California



Councilman Zine honors the organizers and major sponsors of Grateful Hearts, the 4th Annual LAFD Food Faire & Fundraiser



Councilman Zine and Mayor Conley Ulich chair a meeting of the Paparazzi Task Force



City Leaders participate in the Public Safety & Community Appreciation Picnic in CD12

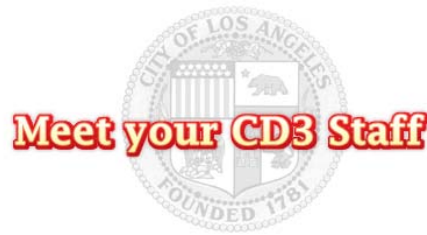


Councilman Zine honors the Winnetka Neighborhood Council at their Youth Expo



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**Chair:** Personnel  
**Vice Chair:** Audits & Governmental Efficiency  
**Member:** Public Safety  
**Member:** Rules & Government  
**Member:** Education & Neighborhoods  
**Member:** Executive Employee Relations Committee (EERC)

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**Past Pres.:** Jewish Home for the Aging (JHA): The Executives  
**Past Pres.:** Independent Cities Association (2006-2007)  
**Officer:** LAPD Reserve Officer: Fugitive Warrant Detail  
**Member:** National League of Cities: Board of Directors  
**Member:** Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC)  
**Member:** League of California Cities: Board of Directors  
**Member:** Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG):  
Energy & Environment Committee; Regional Council