

Palmdale to Los Angeles at 150 MPH



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By Katharine Russ

Since January 2010 when California scored **\$2.4 billion in federal high-speed rail funding that is** supported through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (ARRA) (Info: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/president-obama-vice-president-biden-announce-8-billion-high-speed-rail-projects-ac>.) The California High-Speed Rail Authority, in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), have completed both the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and are bringing the reality of High Speed Rail to the City of Los Angeles.

The U.S. High Speed Rail Association held a conference on June 17 and 18 in Universal City to explore the long-term impacts, including the possibility of the taking of residential and business properties to make room for tracks linking Los Angeles, Palmdale and Anaheim.

The Stakeholder Working Meeting for the proposed high-speed rail from Palmdale to Los Angeles was held on June 17 at San Fernando Regional Park focused the study on the high-speed train alignment and Station options from Sylmar to the 134 Freeway.

Mike O’Gara, 2nd Vice President of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC) attended that meeting and sent a letter on June 9, to other area

NC’s along the North San Fernando Valley corridor expressing his concerns. He said, “The project will very much affect the future of San Fernando Road through Sun Valley. The project calls for two more tracks to be laid on the present railroad ‘right of way’. The railroad bed is not wide enough to accommodate two additional tracks. The high speed train authority will have to exercise their right to eminent domain to gain additional real estate in order to do this.”

All indications show that the California High-Speed Rail Authority is only studying the project at this time and they are doing so by hosting a variety of meetings and workshops in Los Angeles, and across the state, to get input from stakeholders and business

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L.A. City Council Decided Fate of Lopez Canyon

By Katharine Russ

In a 13-0 vote and without a recommendation from the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM), the Los Angeles City Council voted in favor of the Lopez Canyon Truck Driving School. Much of the same testimony heard at the PLUM meeting on June 15, was presented again during the City Council meeting on Wednesday, June 30.

A representative of the Bureau of Sanitation testified that the Appeal should be denied because Lopez Canyon is a dump and not open space like Griffith Park or they wouldn’t even consider using it for the Truck Driving School. Deputy Mayor, Larry Frank, testified to deny the Appeal and the money for the school comes from Federal Stimulus Funds which has a “use by” or lose it.

A representative from the truck school insisted the Lease agreement prohibits driving in residential areas. Richard Alarcon, who was not at the PLUM hearing, pleaded on behalf of his motion to give the school a variance and said that he will seek to decrease the City’s requirement to allow the land to settle for 30 years before it can be used for recreation.

During the PLUM hearing on June 15th, more than a dozen Neighborhood Councils, Representatives from the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Sierra Club’s Angeles Chapter and others stood in opposition to industrial use in of area. The canyon’s open space was deemed for recreational purposes in 1996, as mitigation for communities who suffered from ill effects of the Lopez Canyon Land Fill. The City’s



Appellant Marlene Rader, sitting in the first seat between Paul Novak (end), and Millie Jones (right) from Supervisor Antonovich’s office, is all smiles as a tie is announced with a “No Recommendation” from PLUM to City Council.

Department of Sanitation, purchased the land from the County of Los Angeles for use as a city dump.

Marlene Rader who filed the appeal on behalf of CAOS said, “This is not about a truck driver training school. It is about land use.” Rader believes the city should be offering help to the Truck Driving Schools already located in the Valley who are struggling to stay in business.

The appeal alleges that the City improperly processed a zoning variance to avoid an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), does not show substantial evidence to support the granting of a variance, nor was the Environmental Clearance Document prepared for the project.

Many people spoke pro and con regarding the project and additional comment cards were also submitted. City officials also spoke in support of the project. PLUM had a split vote between Councilmembers Huizar, against the Appeal referencing more jobs, and Krekorian who voted to support the Appeal saying the site should remain open space as designated. The absence of Councilmember Ed Reyes resulted in a “NO recommendation” by PLUM.

Planning Deputy Paul Novak spoke for Supervisor Michael Antonovich, who is opposed to the Truck Driving School on the landfill. He suggested that the city look further for sites in the valley that are more appropriate for such a school. Deputy Mayor Frank testified in favor of the school and noted that the Valley complains about getting “their fair share” and that this school will bring jobs to their area. Representatives from several well established Truck Driver Training Schools in the Valley spoke before the Zoning Administrator during the variance hearing in January and noted the negative impacts another training school in their same area would have on their businesses.

David Bernardoni, President of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council wrote in opposition to the

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COMMUNITY NEWS

America's Veterans Honored in the North Valley



Granada Hills—The Granada Hills Rotary Club and Rotary Foundation unveiled a statue in honor of all veterans during their Memorial Day service at their new Veterans Park on the corner of Chatsworth and Zelzah Streets. The Veterans of Foreign Wars held an open house for the attendees at the end of the ceremony.



Sunland-Tujunga—The American Legion sponsored their annual observance at the Veterans Memorial site in Sunland Park on the corner of Sunland and Foothills Blvds. They invited all attendees to attend their Lodge Pot Luck luncheon after the ceremony.



Sylmar—As usual, there was a large attendance at the San Fernando Historical Society's annual observance program held at San Fernando Pioneer Cemetery, on the corner of Bledsoe and Foothill Blvds. The Historical Landmark Cemetery is the final resting place of several military members who served during the Civil War. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by President Woodrow Wilson's daughter, Margaret.

You Should Know...

By Nina Royal

L.A. City's Planning Director resigns – as of July 15 (officially August 16, 2010). Gail Goldberg who came to L.A. from San Diego and served L.A. for 4 ½ years will retire. She was able to make some significant progress in doing what she called "Real Planning." She made no mention of her plans for her future.

Stay Safe out there – A notice has been sent out by the Shadow Hills Property Owners Assoc. (SHPOA) reminding equestrians, hikers, bike riders, and everyone who just likes to enjoy open space in The Ponds, Hansen Dam Recreation Area, or the trails in the Tujunga Wash, advising them not be out alone due to incidents taking place on the trails lately by unknown persons. It's much safer to be in pairs or groups. And always carry a cell phone if you have one.

If there's an emergency or you feel you are in eminent danger don't hesitate to call 911. The LAPD covers the entire area (with the exception of The Ponds). If it is NOT an emergency, call their dispatch directly at 818-734-2223. The Sheriff's Dept. covers The Ponds area. If you notice problems in that area, call them and ask for an immediate dispatch at 323-845-0080. You can also give a report to the Sheriff's Volunteer Bike Patrol at 818-248-3464. The Sheriff's who cover The Ponds area have grid maps of the entire area and everyone who uses the area should have one too. The maps are available at East Valley Feed Store in Shadow Hills, or you can request one by email at: shpoa@shpoa.us, or, suemansis@ca.rr.com

Mosquito repellent powder will be dropped over the aquatic areas of Hansen Basin by Los Angeles County Vector Control on Tuesday, **June 29**. The non-poisonous powder will be transported by helicopter and will not affect native fish or wildlife species. For more information, contact the Army Corps of Engineers at carvel.h.bass@usace.army.mil, or call 213- 452-3392.

The Appeal against Lopez Canyon Zone Variance that was approved by the North Valley Area Planning Commission Council, File 10-0842, will be voted on by the L.A. City Council in L.A. City Hall on Wednesday, **June 30** at 10:00 am

A Sylmar Certified Farmers Market is being hosted by L.A. Mission College. President Judith Valles announced that a new weekly farmers market will be held on the Sylmar campus starting on Saturday, **June 26**. It will be located on the first floor of the LAMC parking structure on Eldridge Avenue near Hubbard Street from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm every Saturday morning. It will offer the community a variety of local fresh produce, fruits, baked goods, hot food, refreshments, entertainment including activities for children. Sylmar organizations which are helping to make it happen include their Neighborhood Council, Chamber of Commerce, and their Business Improvement District. President Valles said, "I am pleased all the major community civic organizations were able to come together, agree to a site, and support this community-wide effort. We are very pleased Los Angeles Mission College is serving as the host site for this new effort."

An Equine Advisory Committee was approved by City Council on February 6, 2009. Members of the committee were appointed by their Councilmembers and the Mayor. A Special Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Monday, **July 12**, at the L.A. Equestrian Center, 480 Riverside Dr., Burbank. Special Guest Speaker, Traci Adams from the LADWP, will address equestrian and livestock water issues.

A 3rd and 4th July Spectacular is being sponsored by the Hansen Dam 4th of July Committee. The free two day event will include games, jumpers, athletic skill center, car show, rodeo, swimming, fishing, soccer tournament, health fair, food, gospel groups, praise bands, praise dancers, then concluding with a fireworks show on the 4th. Pastors are welcome to

invite their congregations and prayer warriors. Hansen Dam is located on Osborne St. at Foothill Blvd. Visit www.hansen4th.com, for more details, or call 818-896-6058.

A Family Safety Fair for the Sunland-Tujunga region is in the planning stage. Mark your Calendar for Saturday, August 21 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The free community event is being sponsored by Sunland-Tujunga's Neighborhood Council, Safety & Emergency Response Volunteer Services (ST-SERVS), and the Elks Lodge who are the hosts. Any safety or community related organizations who want to participate in any manner can contact Secretary@STNC.org, or Nroyal9259@aol.com for further information.

New Traffic Information Tools are available – get information from Go511.com and 511 toll-free phone service for freeway traffic reports, plus information regarding ride sharing, carpooling, bicycling, and bus and train service. Los Angeles County Service Authority is funding the system for a ten-year period for Freeway Emergencies (LA SAFE.). The phone web service covers Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange Counties and the web only covers San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

Senior Property Tax Program – AB 1718, authored by Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield (D – San Fernando Valley) passed the State Assembly. The bill would re-engineer a state property tax postponement program that was suspended in February 2009, and would allow eligible disabled and elderly Californians to remain in their homes without fear of loss. Blumenfield said "the bill will prevent lenders from foreclosing on them, and recreate the property tax postponement program in an innovative way that will not cost the state one additional penny." For more information visit: http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_1701-1750/ab_1718_bill

COMMUNITY NEWS

Paul Krekorian Listened



Paul Krekorian, Councilmember District Two, and Chair of the City Council's Education and Neighborhoods Committee, listened to overwhelming testimony by advocates for the Neighborhood Council (NC) system during several committee meetings. He heard them and recommended a "No" vote during a recent City Council Meeting regarding the Mayor's request to merge the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) into the Community Development Department (CCD) to save money. NC advocates reasoned that the CDD is a Federal Grant Program and DONE is an organization under the City Charter and should stand alone as intended as designated by the City Charter.

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School, saying, "Protecting open space is very important to Stakeholders from Lake Balboa as our boundaries include the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area. The commercial use of open space in other parts of the city could set an undesirable precedent that could threaten the open space in the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area."

Supervisor Antonovich correctly noted in his December 14, 2009 letter that a variance is not proper because it delegates the variance decision to an unelected City zoning administrator and shirks the legislative responsibility of the Mayor and Council to consider the policy implications of an ordinance amending the General Plan. He also said the vote should have waited until Krekorian who they knew would not be present, was back. He suggests that CAOS pursue the next step to stop Lopez.

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Planning Code Simplification Underway



By Maggi Fajnor

Alan Bell and Tom Rothman of the Los Angeles City Planning Department, recently gave members of Plan Check Neighborhood Councils (Plan Check NC) an update on the Four-Phase Code Simplification Program during their monthly meeting. The simplification is now underway and will hopefully be complete by September 2010.

The streamlining of the Zoning Code will update the outdated Zoning Code now in use. The simplification of the code is seen as an opportunity to make the process more efficient. This is a very relevant issue because the City Planning Department staff has now been reduced from approximately 400 to 240 employees. Plus, the remaining staffers are being furloughed ten per cent of the time.

The projected schedule for this program started in April and will run through September 2010. The City Planning Commission (CPC) approval phase and goal dates as presented by the Planning Department are as follows:

June 2010: CPC Study Session Presentation – Overview of upcoming six ordinances.

July 2010: Multiple Entitlements/Approvals - Synchronize the expiration periods for projects with two or more discretionary land use approvals.

Core findings: Eliminate redundancy and update core findings to provide a better framework for analyzing the merits of proposed development projects.

August 2010: Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) -

Provide opportunities for innovative, high quality master planned projects.

First half of September 2010: Administrative Exceptions - Provide an abbreviated review process for minor deviations from the zoning code.

Plan Approvals Process: Consolidate and make procedures for reviewing proposed modifications to existing projects clear and consistent.

Second half of September 2010: Specific Plan/Supplemental Use District Streamlining - Create Administrative Clearance as an enabling tool in §11.5.7 and §12.32.

On June 10, 2010, the City Planning Commission meeting included a presentation of an overview of upcoming six ordinances. This implementation of the CPC Study Session Presentation will be the opportunity for stakeholders to become acquainted with more specific information and the goals of the Simplification Program.

An update on the Code Simplification will be included at each of the monthly Plan Check NC Programs through the tenure of the Code Simplification Program.

The Plan Check NC Task Force Zoning Code Simplification Program will be collecting information on the concerns and suggestions regarding the Simplification Program and the proposed changes to the Zoning Code. For further information about this Task Force, contact: Maggi Fajnor, check NC at maggi4f@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Ms Fajnor is Chairperson of Plan Check NC

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*Paul Krekorian
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I am thrilled to announce that the Oro Vista crossing is now open! After months of street work and maintenance, crews in early June officially opened the crossing that connects Big Tujunga Canyon Road and the community of Riverwood Ranch.

The residents of Riverwood Ranch finally have the peace of mind in knowing that their vital accessway is safe and freely accessible. I know how frustrating it's been, and am very pleased at this development.

Oro Vista Avenue, a slim stretch of road that sits above Big Tujunga Wash at the foot of the Angeles National Forest, flooded in the aftermath of last year's Station Fire. The blaze burned 161,000 acres - the largest fire in modern L.A. history. In the storms that

followed the fire, earth movement caused a diversion of the water in the wash out of its usual course, flooding the crossing. As a result, the 75 to 100 residents who live in the Riverwood Ranch neighborhood above the flooded crossing could only access their homes via an unpaved fire road.

Frustrated, the residents of Riverwood Ranch asked me to reopen the crossing and ensure the road would be safe. Consequently, I secured about \$50,000 for the city to repair the washed out section and redirect the gushing stream into the channel that flows beneath the Oro Vista Bridge.

Crews from the Bureau of Street Services worked on the project for five months and a biologist was on hand to ensure that the endangered Santa Ana sucker fish and other species in the Tujunga Wash were protected.

I want to thank the residents of Riverwood Ranch for their patience during what I'm sure was a very frus-

trating period. Thanks to the diligence of our city crews and my staff, we were able to complete the bulk of this project and get the road open. I want to thank Board of Public Works Commissioner Andrea Alarcón for her assistance in helping the residents.

But, the project is not yet complete. A series of boulders was placed alongside the road to prevent access to the federally protected endangered species and into the closed Angeles National Forest. However, the barrier along the upstream side is not yet substantial enough to stop four-wheel drive vehicles from entering, a chief concern of residents. Because of this, I asked the Board of Public Works to move the largest boulders from the downstream to the upstream side. The boulders must be large enough so they can't be moved or driven over by off-roaders.

As we move forward on this issue, please stay tuned to my website, cd2.lacity.org, for more updates. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Arleta

By Al Piantanida

Valley Interfaith Council – (VIC) recognized volunteers during their Annual Membership on June 16 at Greater Community Missionary Baptist Church in Pacoima. Their “Honoring our Volunteers” program was opened by Sandy Bishop, their President and CEO. Each volunteer received a Certificate for their untiring support and service for the year 2009-2010. Volunteers from Nikkei Village in Arleta served all attendees a special dinner.

Student's graduate - 120 Fifth Grade Students from New Valor Academy Charter School participated in a Culmination Ceremony on their campus, Friday, June 18. Each student was given a Certificate of Recognition from Council District Seven on behalf of the Los Angeles City Council. The Academy's Students are among the highest academic achievers and their test scores are among the highest in the city, as well as the valley. According to supporter, Al Piantanida, it's due to their excellent teaching staff.

Second Annual Senior Luau Luncheon/Resource Fair is being held on July 21, at Nikkei Village, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. City and State officials, along with public service information booths, will be available for seniors.

A true Hawaiian Lunch, with a roasted pig, will begin at 11:30 am. For a donation of just \$3.50 for seniors and \$5.00 for all others. Lunch will be followed by “Big Al Bingo”, with cash prizes and more entertainment.



Grand Opening for the new “Best Buy” store in Pacoima, was held on Saturday, June 12. The store, located at 13520 Paxton St., is part of the redevelopment plan for the former Price Pfsister Mfg. Co. site.

Sun Valley

By Mike O’Gara

Budget cuts by the City of Los Angeles are bringing changes to the graffiti removal programs, which have been serving the City of Los Angeles since 1988. While Sun Valley Graffiti Busters will continue to do the great job they have always done removing Graffiti, all monies directed toward clean up activities and bulky item pick-up have been cut from the budget. These budget cuts go into effect on July 1, 2011

New Monthly Area Clean Up has been initiated by the Sun Valley Beautiful group, and Sun Valley Graffiti Busters were not deterred by the budget cuts.

With help from the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, they launched the first of a series of monthly Community clean-ups on Saturday, June 12, which too place from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. The Metro-Rail Station was chosen as the meeting point. Students from Sun Valley High School’s “Wildcats” basketball Team, several Neighborhood Watch groups, and many other community activist groups, joined together in an effort to clean San Fernando Rd. from Sunland Blvd. to Tuxford St. Graffiti Busters started northbound from Sunland Blvd. on the west side of the tracks, while the volunteers headed southbound from Tuxford to Olinda. Crown

Disposal positioned a 40 yard roll-off where the trash from the clean up could be deposited. They hauled away 360 bags of trash and debris.

The volunteers enjoyed fruit, donuts, water, and other items that were provided by the local businesses and individuals. Graffiti Busters will continue to march up San Fernando Rd. to Sheldon one day each weekend until all debris, dead trees, and tumbleweeds are removed.

The next community clean up will be July 24, 7:00 am to 10:00 am, on Webb Ave. between Roscoe Blvd. and Strathern St. Crown Disposal will again provide a roll-off. Donations are being solicited for treats to keep the volunteers fed and enthused. The volunteers focus will be staking, mulching, and generally caring for the trees along Webb. Start time will be 7:00 am. Parking is available next to the former Blockbuster Video Store at the upper end of the Food for Less parking lot. Volunteers are commended for working to improve the quality of life in Sun Valley and will hopefully return for the next clean up.

Editor’s Note: Mike O’Gara is 2nd Vice President of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council and writes for the NVR. Susan Bartlett and Danny Bejarano also contributed to this article.

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owners. While O’Gara’s concerns are valid, there are still a number of proposals in the works.

Phase I calls for a 520-mile system connecting Anaheim and Los Angeles through the Central Valley to San Francisco by 2020; Phase II would extend the system north to Sacramento and south to San Diego by 2026. The entire project would consist of 800 miles of new track, 880 miles of upgraded tracks and another 275 miles of planned track for a total of 1,955 miles of track.

Critics have called the high-speed rail project flawed and say the “bullet train” is years away from beginning construction. Governor Schwarzenegger nixed the effort to win \$170 million for computer- guided braking systems designed to prevent collisions and permit trains to safely travel at 110 mph. Also nixed was \$969 million in railroad crossing improvements, track additions and overpasses along with many other projects to improve train safety on heavily traveled rails.

According to their website: www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov, the California High-Speed Rail Authority says the trains will ultimately reach speeds over 150 miles per hour (mph), becoming the fastest passenger rail services ever in the Western Hemisphere. Also will increase speeds on several routes to 90 and 110 mph to expand service to new regions and communities. High-speed rail service will improve the inter-city travel experience for Californians by providing comfortable, safe, frequent, and reliable high-speed travel. High-speed rail will also provide a sustainable reduction in travel time between major urban centers.

This project will affect all Californians and it is important to get the facts on all proposals. The next Working Meeting will be Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 9:00 AM_ at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza _Los Angeles, CA 90012. If you plan to attend, check their website referenced above to confirm their meeting date and time, or contact Sara M. Costin at 213-438-1755 for further information.

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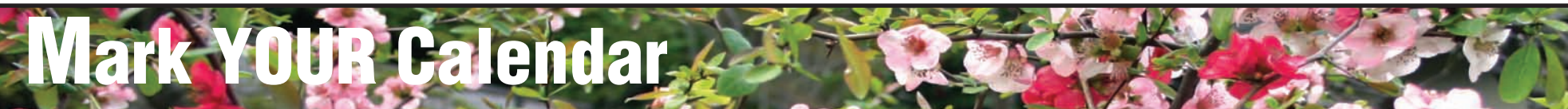
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FTDNC Land Use
9747 Wheatland, SH
7:00 pm

NHNE NC Outreach Com.
Valley Plaza Library
12311 Van Own, NoHo
6:30 pm 818-765-2202

Wednesday, July 7

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NY City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., S-T
7:30 pm

Rotary Club
Coco’s Restaurant
10521 Sunland Blvd., S-T
7:00 pm 818-951-5299

NHWNC Gen. Meeting
Holy Martyrs Armenian School
1667 Parthenia St., NH
7:00 pm

Bingo
S-T Elks Lodge
11037 Commerce Ave., S-T
6:30 pm 818-352-5504

Thursday, July 8

LAPD CPAB
Foothill Div.
Big Jim’s Restaurant
8950 Laurel Cyn SV.
6:00 pm 818-756-8866

Valley Alliance of NC’s
Sherman Oaks Hospital
4929 Van Nuys, S.O.
6:30 pm

FTDNC Equestrian Meet.
9747 Wheatland, SH
7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 13

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents “Water”
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T
Docent Tours
1:00 pm-4:00 pm 818-52-3420

PCNC Commerce
Wells Fargo Bank
8548 Van Nuys Blvd., PC
2:30 pm 818-714-2133

SVANC Gen Meet
10631 Vinedale Ave., SV
6:30 pm

SNC Outreach Com.
Sylmar Park
13109 Bordon Ave., Syl
6:30 pm

PNC – House/Econom.
& Land Use Comm.
11243 Glenoaks Blvd., Pac
5:30 pm 818 890-1563

Northridge West NC
Beckford Elem. School
19130 Tulsa St., Nrth
7:00 pm

MHNC Budget & Finance
LAPD Mission Station
16161 Sepulveda Blvd., MH
7:00 pm 818-892-2414

FTDNC Land Use
9747 Wheatland Ave., SH
7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 14

STNC Gen Meet.
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
Refresh. 6:30 pm
7:00 Meet. 818-951-7411
Info/Agenda: stnc.org

FTDNC Exec. Board
9747 Wheatland Ave., SH
7 pm
Sun Valley Beautiful
9081 Tujunga Ave., SV
11:30 am

No Ho Neighb’d Watch
Pentecostal Church
6800 Radford, No Ho
7pm 818-331-1398

Thursday, July 15

FTDNC Gen. Meeting
www.ftdnc.org for location
7:00 pm

SNC Gen. Meet.
Hubbard St. Elementary
13325 Hubbard St., Syl
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Northridge East NC
Northridge Academy
9601 Zelfah Nr
7:00 pm

GHNNC Outreach & Pub.
11139 Woodley, GH
7:00 pm

Saturday, July 17

Wildlife Learning
Center Fundraiser
16027 Yarnell St., Syl
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The Mayflower
11110 Victory, NoHo
1:00 pm
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NHNE NC Gen Meet
Strathern Elem. School
7639 St.Clair Ave. No Ho.
7:00 pm 818-765-2202

Sunday, July 18

Bolton Hall Museum
Presents “Water”
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T
Docent Tours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-52-3420

Monday, July 19

Valley Vote
Galpin Ford
15555 Roscoe , NH
6:30 pm

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SNC Office Sylmar Park
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8:30 pm
Rotary Club
Coco's Restaurant
10521 Sunland Blvd., S-T
7:00 pm 818-951-5299
Pacoima NC
4:00 pm -Senior Advocate
5:00 pm -Comm. Outreach
6:30 pm -Gen. Meeting
Pacoima Comm. Center
11243 Glenoaks Blvd., Pac
North Hills West NC
New Horizons,
15725 Parthenia St. NH.
7:00 pm 818 893-8613
MHNC Quarter. Outreach
LAPD Mission Station
11121 Sepulveda Blvd., MH
7:30 pm
Northridge East NC
Northridge Academ HS
9601 Zelfzah Ave., Nr
7:00 pm

Bingo Night
S-T Elks Lodge
10137 Ave., S-T
6:30 pm 352-2098
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., S-T
6:45 pm -7:30 pm
GHNNC Outreach & PR
11139 Woodley, HG
7:00 pm
Wednesday , July 21
STNC Safety Comm
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill B Blvd., S-T
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
S-T SERVS
NV City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., S-T
6:45 pm -7:30 pm
SNC Land Use Comm
SNC Office, Sylmar Park
13109 Bordon, Syl
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Strathern Neigh'd Watch
Strathern Elem. School
7939 St. Clair, NoHo
6:30 pm
Thursday, July 22
Northridge South NC
Northridge Middle School
17960 Chase St., Nr
7:00 pm

SNC Board Mtng.
Sylmar Rec. Cntr,
13109 Borden, Syl
6:30 pm 8737
Saturday, July 24
American Heroes
Air Show
Hansen Dam Sport Complex
11480 Foothill, LVT
Free 9 am – 4 pm
Sunday, July 25
Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Water"
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T
Docent Tours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-52-3420
Monday, July 26
GHNNC Gen. Meeting
Van Gogh Elem. School,
17160 Van Gogh, GH
6:30 pm
Tuesday, July 27
Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Water"
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T
Docent Tours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-52-3420
Sunday, Aug 1
Bolton Hall Museum
Presents "Water"
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T
Docent Tours
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-52-3420

Monday, Aug 2
STNC/Land Use Comm.
North Valley City Hall
7747 Foothill, S-T
7:00 pm 818-951-7411
Info: stnc.org
Tuesday, Aug 3
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Stop Public Corruption



By Ron Kaye

Inside the bubble of consciousness of City Hall, Antonio’s “ticket-gate” problems seem like a small matter – after all, everybody does it. Public corruption is like that. It grows incrementally over long periods of time so that even people who take pride in being ethical no longer can see how little acts of dishonesty grow into rampant corruption that betrays the public trust.

Corruption is insidious. It usually starts at the top and spreads, infecting nearly everyone in ways large and small. It allows the mayor to claim tickets to sports and entertainment events worth thousands of dollars, and lavish dinners with \$1,000 bottles of wine which aren’t gifts at all, but part of his official duties, since everything he does is ceremonial. It allows DWP workers to justify going to strip clubs and drink on the job because it seems like their right when the bosses are living so high and doing so little.

The seeds of City Hall corruption have been growing for long time and the failure of federal and local authorities to net more than a few peripheral players in the Hahn Administration’s “pay-to-play” investigation was taken as permission that they can get away with just about anything. Public employee unions, contractors, developers, and other special interests have taken over City Hall and every other level of government to the point that they have lost nearly all credibility.

Not even one in ten voters approve of the job the California Legislature is doing. Barely one in five approve of Congress. The popularity of the governor and the president has tumbled. Our mayor is so badly tarnished he couldn’t get elected to anything.

From small towns to large cities, public officials’ moral, ethical, and criminal failings are coming to light. Only the most devoted any longer believe in the integrity of our public officials or political parties to serve the public interest. This is a serious matter that affects us all and threatens our future as individuals and as a nation. Apathy, indifference, and ignorance are no longer sane responses to what is going on. It isn’t just a question of the difference between right and wrong but an issue of what is good for you, your family, your neighbors, and your community.

I don’t know what we can do about Washington or even Sacramento but I do know we can change Los Angeles and reform our city government to serve us and operate in an open and ethical manner. We can elect a new generation of leaders starting with the City Council elections next March when the seven even-numbered seats are on the ballot: Tony Cardenas, Jose Huizar, Paul Krekorian, Tom LaBonge, Bernard Parks, Herb Wesson, and Greig Smith’s open seats. If any of them can make the case that they are truly servants of the public, so be it. But few, if any, can do that and need to be replaced by people of independence and integrity who are outside the system

and can see just how broken it is.

The LA Clean Sweep Campaign (lacleansweep.com) is spearheading the effort to elect new leaders with new ideas and a commitment to public service. The principles are simple: Financial responsibility, good planning for the city’s future, open and honest government, and safe communities with modern infrastructure.

To achieve those goals we need leadership that will put an end to backroom deals, corruption, waste and inefficiency, and sweetheart contracts – leaders who respect all segments of the community and will bring them all to the table of power to resurrect Los Angeles from the brink of bankruptcy and decay. It can be done. Only 7 to 13 percent of registered voters cast ballots in Council elections so a few thousand people working on phone banks, talking to neighbors, and contributing small sums of money can make a difference.

We don’t need to agree on everything except for the need for dramatic changes and a full and open public conversation about how to move forward. Or we can sit on the sidelines and pretend what goes on at City Hall doesn’t impact us, or that there’s nothing we can do about it. The choice is clear: You are either part of the problem, or part of the solution. Tax deductible contributions can be made to help Clean Sweep LA Partners.org (click donate), or by sending a check to Community Partners, 1000N. Alameda St., LA 90012

Editor’s Note: Ron Kaye writes for the NVR and RonkayeLA.com.

A Congressional Assault on the First Amendment



By Michael Connelly

In January 2010 the United States Supreme Court made a landmark decision in the case of “Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission [FEC].” The case was a challenge against so-called campaign finance rules adopted by Congress and enforced by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) that limited the ability of businesses to participate in the political process by contributing money for things like issue based advertising.

In a 5-4 decision, the Court ruled that this law was a violation of the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” The Justices found that corporations and the shareholders who own these businesses have the same rights to free speech as any other groups or individuals, including labor unions.

This decision infuriated those in Obama’s administration to the point that President Obama took the unprecedented action of publicly scolding the members of the Court when they sat in front of him during his State of the Union address. He claimed that the ruling opened the door to foreign corporations to influence our elections. That is not true.

However, since many in Congress are now facing the prospect of heavy losses in the upcoming November 2010 elections, they have introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to adopt new regulations that would clearly violate the ruling of the Supreme Court

and the provisions of the 1st Amendment of the Constitution. As usual, this is a lengthy and complicated piece of legislation but the intent is clear: The free speech right of businesses and other groups that traditionally support conservative Republican candidates will be severely limited in future elections.

For example, any group formed for political advertising purposes must disclose the names of the top five contributors to it at the end of each advertisement and the major funder of each ad must file a separate disclaimer standing by the advertisement. In addition, every corporation must disclose any political expenditure it makes on its website within 24 hours of making the expenditure. If a small family owned corporation doesn’t have a website then it probably is prohibited from any political activities at all. The Constitutional implications are clear: The right to any privacy is gone and these disclosure requirements are in direct violation of the decision by the Supreme Court.

Of particular interest are groups such as labor unions that traditionally support liberal Democrats in elections whose rights are not limited under the provisions of this 90-page piece of legislation.

Members of Congress and the Obama Administration who have drafted and support this legislation are well aware that it violates the Constitution and will inevitably be struck down by the Supreme Court. However, the game plan is obvious: The legislation is being rammed through Congress using any means necessary. Much of the work is being done in secret and the proposed legislation already passed the full House on June 24th by a vote of 219 to 206. Groups like the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and Association of Community Organizations for Reforms Now (ACORN) do not appear to be covered by these requirements.

The DISCLOSE Act will, immediately, go to the Senate for Action. This is not only an attempt by the Obama Administration to silence its opponents before the November election, but it is a statement by the House of Representatives and the President that they believe the Constitution is at a dead and that the Federal Judiciary is no longer relevant and can be ignored.

HR 5175 is designed to go into effect 30 days after it passes and is signed by the President.

This means the FEC will begin enforcement well prior to the November elections. Businesses, particularly small family owned corporations, will not have the money or personnel to begin to understand the law and meet its requirements. They will be forced to sit out the upcoming elections or face penalties for violating the new law.

Those in Congress touting the Bill are also counting on the fact that the Supreme Court will not have an opportunity to hear any lawsuits challenging the radical law until after the election. Some Democrats feel that enforcing these unconstitutional limitations on free speech will give them the edge they need to win many close elections for Senate and House seats. This type of tactic violates everyone’s rights.

It is imperative that readers immediately contact their Senators and Representatives and let them know that the American people are well aware of what is happening here and will not tolerate it. View HR 5175 at http://www.rules.house.gov/111/Leg-Text/111_hr5175_txt.pdf

Editor’s Note: Michael Connelly is a retired attorney, Instructor of Constitutional law, a U.S. Army veteran, and a published author and freelance writer. Contact him at mrobertc@hotmail.com or visit <http://michael-connelly.viviti.com/>

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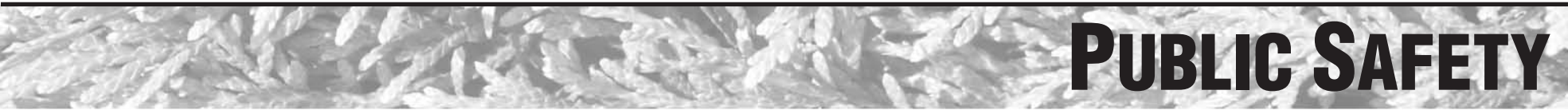
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An excellent example of when to pursue took place late Sunday night while most of us were safely sleeping in our homes. Officers from the Valley Crime Task Force (VCTF) were patrolling an area

with a high occurrence of stolen cars. They observed a Toyota RAV-4 with no plates and no dealer sticker in the window. Officers decided to stop the driver and cite him for not having plates. But as they did so, he quickly accelerated away and the chase was on. At that minute officers had to make a very difficult decision. You may have noticed that many drivers have a hard time talking and driving at the same time. These officers had to watch the suspect and other vehicles around them, communicate with each other, broadcast to other units, and decide whether to pursue or let the suspect go, all at the same time. Because of the late night light traffic conditions, and the fact the officers believed the car to be stolen, they weighed their options and decided to continue the pursuit. The vehicle suddenly turned down an alley and the driver and his two female passengers jumped out of the car and began running. They were quickly apprehended and taken into custody. Fearing a jail sentence, the driver’s “friends” wasted no time telling officers that the driver was a gang member who had stolen the car and had thrown his gun out the window just before

they ran, and was last seen heading “thataway.” Officers proceeded to the location where the passengers told them the suspect had thrown his gun and retrieved a loaded 9mm handgun.

The LAPD has one of the largest and best trained K-9 units in the world. One such unit began to search the area soon after having been requested. Officers discovered a smashed window at a residence not far away. They searched the home and found the suspect hiding in the attic. They also learned that the suspect was a friend of the owner of the house. A bonus to this incident came when officers realized this “friend” was also a gang member on active parole. A condition of his parole was that he and his property could be searched for illegal items at any time. During their search, officers located another gun, stolen property, and items used to commit identity theft.

Nothing makes a police officer feel better than knowing that we have taken real “bad guys” off our streets. Because of this incident a few less cars will be stolen, a few less homes will be broken into, and possibly a few lives saved.

Foothill Station Invites You to Participate in National Night Out



*Captain
Joseph M. Hiltner
Commanding Officer
Foothill Area Station
Los Angeles Police
Department*

National Night Out (NNO) was first established in 1984 by Matt Peskin of the National Association of Town Watch. This year’s event is Tuesday, August 3. The purpose of NNO, which is organized in conjunction with various police organizations nationwide, is to inform the public about various police and community programs, such as drug prevention initiatives and

town watch organizations that exist to help people be safe and fight crime in neighborhoods everywhere.

Today, NNO draws over thirty five million people from over ten thousand different communities across North America, and the event has changed in other ways, too. The NNO organization is now focusing especially on bringing neighbors and communities together. Festivals, block parties, cookouts, parades, and various other similar events are suggested ways for communities to get together and participate in National Night Out. To join in the serious fun, contact the Foothill Area Community Relations Unit at (818) 756-8866.

The communities within Foothill Division usually participate with dozens of families which get together

at a number of block parties. If you are planning to have a block party, let our office know and a police officer will stop by for a few minutes. Help us get as many families together as possible to share a common bond... neighbor to neighbor unity!

The areas that have committed to National Night Out activities are:

Lake View Terrace:

All Nations Church 10000 Foothill Boulevard
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Shadow Hills: Stonehurst Park Allegheny

Street / Dronfield Avenue 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

For further information regarding NNO, visit:
<http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html>

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Los Angeles Police
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LAPD’s Mission Area Station has participated in this event. Since opening in 2005, Mission has provided a group of Officers, Cadets, Civilians, and volunteers to carry the torch for approximately 4.2 miles,

receiving the torch from Devonshire Area, running it through Mission Area, and handing it to Foothill Area.

At its most basic level, the Torch Run is an actual running event in which officers and athletes run the "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions, state/provincial Games, and National Summer or Winter Games. Every two years, law enforcement officers from around the world gather to carry the "Flame of Hope" in a Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg in honor of the Special Olympics, World Summer or World Winter Games.

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Political Consultant John Thomas, was Guest Speaker at LA Clean Sweep's meeting at Denny's Restaurant in Glassell Park on Sunday, June 27.

After an absence, the San Fernando Valley State Fair returned to the Valley this year from June 17 to 20, at Birmingham High School in Van Nuys.



Officer Greg Randall, Wildlife specialist for L.A. Animal Services spoke at North Valley City Hall in Sunland-Tujunga and gave a presentation Monday, June 14 regarding co-existing with wildlife safely for people and pets and gave an update on existing laws and government policies.

The Parade

By Marlene Hitt

It was the Fourth of July, hot and humid, with a few drops of rain. Or, it was the Fourth of July, dry and hot under a blazing sun.

Trucks were being decorated. Band members began to assemble. It was almost time for the Fourth of July Parade, later for the full-moon evening of fireworks in the field of Verdugo Hills High School.

For those watching, the parade was even better than usual. Foothill Boulevard from Mt. Gleason to it junction at Sunland Boulevard was lined with crowds of people. The parade began just a little late while those in it waited in the sun and those expecting it to pass by waited in the sun.

The Los Angeles Police Department Motorcycle Drill Team appeared in glorious precision to start the event, making spectators gasp as the bikes barely missed each other. Our Council member followed Grand Marshall Cheryl Dellepiane, principal of Verdugo hills High. Dignitaries of the City of Los Angeles and the town of Sunland-Tujunga followed in slow moving classic cars they could enjoy only for that morning.

The crowd perked up as young girls danced by, as square dancers dressed in gorgeous outfits showed their ruffles. Native Friends of McGroarty carried its leaders and the new Poet Laureate of Sunland/Tujunga. McGroarty students and supporters jumped aboard the truck from the sidelines, waving to friends who cheered from the street. It was another of those good old days when the whole community gathered together to cheer itself into another summer.

Though complete records of parades are not available, we have found a photo from the Bolton Hall Museum archive of a group of men lined up as for parading in the Big Tujunga Wash. Their classic cars were different from those we will see this year – black sedans with men in black suits and hats.

Another photograph shows a group staging, just about ready to process. A wagon, decorated with branches and bunting, holds women and children dressed in white. The wagon seems to be drawn by two sturdy horses, one with the rider sitting backward, and a young rider on a pony in the rear. A man playing the flute stands in the front.

Editor's Note: Marlene Hitt is Director of Bolton Hall Museum, a former Sunland-Tujunga Poet Laureate, and writes for the NVR.

SOUND OFF

Response to Septic Tank Article

I know many property owners and residents in the North Valley are concerned with the Bureau of Sanitation's plan to enact an ordinance to regulate the operation of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS), commonly known as Septic Tanks.

I want to assure you that we have heard you. It is very clear to us that more work and additional refinement is needed on this proposed plan and more dialogue is necessary with you - the community. This is very critical, especially in today's harsh economic conditions. Working with you, the neighborhood councils, and Council offices, substantial changes will be made prior to recommending the ordinance to the Board of Public Works, Mayor and City Council.

The current draft of the proposed ordinance is just that—a work in progress. We have incorporated many of the suggestions that we have heard from the community, and we are going to host more “listening” sessions to allow opportunities for others to weigh in. Two sessions will take place at the Bureau of Sanitation's Media Center offices, located at 2714 Media Center

Drive, Los Angeles, 90065, Tuesday, August 3, from 1:30 .m - 3:30 pm, and on Thursday, August 12, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. There will also be an evening session from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at Council District 2's Sunland-Tujunga Field Office, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, 91042

Be assured that we are taking your input and concerns very seriously. In the meantime, we are putting a hold on any further processing of the ordinance as currently proposed until adequate outreach has been completed, and the public issues and input have been carefully reviewed and considered. More details on the revised ordinance will be shared with you over the next few months.

For more information, or to request a meeting, please call the Public Affairs Office at 213-978-0333, or e-mail to: Lauren Skinner@lacity.org.

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Carrick's Journey
—Part Twenty-Eight
By Tomi Lyn Bowling

Other than the disoriented feeling from waking up in a different place than where she had fallen asleep, Maddie didn't seem to feel any fear whatsoever. As the door opened, she saw the big furry brow and she immediately recognized him. "Whiskers!" she said, happy to see him. "How did you find me?" Whiskers finished opening the door and gave a sheepish grin as he said, "Well, it seems you've got a friend. That lil' menace kept diving at my head and wouldn't leave me alone 'till I went in the direction it wanted me goin' in." He rolled his eyes, shook his head, helped Maddie out of the back and continued, "So I finally figured it was leadin' me some place and maybe even to you. There's a whole search party out lookin' fer ya."

Now back in the village, Maddie was safe and sound. Her kids came running up to reunite with her, once again. Whiskers shook his head, looked down, and mumbled to himself, "sure is lots-a- you Carrick's, ain't there?" The reunion was very brief as people seemed to be scurrying about and franticness was very apparent. "What's going on Whiskers?" Maddie asked. Whiskers was starting to walk away and stopped. He turned to Maddie and said, "Another village hit last night. They's asking all those who're able, to head off deep in the forest. I think there's a hidden bunker of some sort there. Didn't really catch alls that was bein' said. Drake asked me to go fetch you, make sure you's okay, get you back to the village." Maddie ushered the children back toward their little cabin. Whiskers headed out to meet the rest of the villagers at the bunker.

Whiskers had been walking along, in his familiar hobble, following some of the others, when he became aware of a tickle on his face. He made a sudden turn, and then a quick duck, and there in the air was Maddie's Trill. It was his friend now. He wasn't sure why but it stayed right with him, always within a few feet of his head. The line of people traveling to the bunker was quite long. Whiskers was a bit awe struck; he hadn't realized before that there were so many people in this village.

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