



# Reseda

## RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### RNC BOARD UPDATES

#### SUPPORT FOR DWP CUSTOMERS

At the September 21, 2009 Reseda Neighborhood Council General Meeting, the Board voted unanimously in favor of establishing a Rate Payers Advocate to represent the customers of the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power.

The envisioned position of a Rate Payers Advocate is not set in stone, but the concept is that the RPA would oversee the operations of the DWP so that any proposed rate increases are justified and not just a ploy to put more money into the hands of our politicians and bureaucrats.

Michael Cohen, a Reseda resident and former RNC Board Member, and Jack Humphreville, Los Angeles resident and activist for more responsive government, presented the motion to those gathered for the meeting. After the presentation, not one Stakeholder or Board Member, spoke in opposition. It is hoped that the all Neighborhood Councils throughout the City will weigh the issues and support this concept.

In other actions the RNC Board voted to replace 19 trash receptacle liners that disappeared from the containers in downtown Reseda, as well as the trash receptacle that was damaged in a traffic accident.

The Board voted to distribute safety kits through the Board Members and at future RNC Meetings and events. They also voted to support the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Committee on 4

projects in the community at the following addresses; 6825-33 Baird Ave, 6819 Baird Ave, 7702 Tampa Ave, and 6625 Reseda Blvd.

Lastly, the Board allocated \$500 to clean the carpet in the Community Room at the West Valley Police Station.

#### COMMITTEES AT WORK

The Reseda Neighborhood Council has several committees that work to make our community a better place to live,

The Planning & Zoning Committee meets with applicants that wish to build something new and/or make changes in the structure or property lines that exist in our community. The applicants are heard and community input as well as the expertise of the committee members is weighed to decide if the applicants project is good for our community. This opinion is then presented to the RNC Board for approval or disapproval with community input considered. The resultant recommendation is forwarded to the South Valley Planning Commission and Councilman Dennis Zine's Office.

The Emergency, Disaster and Community Safety Committee works on projects to enhance public safety and Disaster preparedness. The current project is to create a network of coordinators for each block, residential complex and/or business complex. These coordinators would work with their neighbors to create plans and resource lists for their area.

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The Senior Advocacy and Youth Advocacy Committees work with the respective groups to find ways of improving their lives and interaction with the community.

The Outreach/Public Relations Committee works to publicize the Reseda Neighborhood Council and promote projects of each of the Committees.

The ultimate goal of these and other committees is to do the leg work & bring community input to the Reseda Neighborhood Council. The Board then passes this input on to various City Departments and bureaucrats that administer the services to our community. The opinion of our stakeholders is also solicited so that the Reseda Neighborhood Council can pass the views of the community onto the Mayor and the City Council.

### NOTE FROM THE CHAIR PETER HANKWITZ

#### Greetings Stakeholders!

Happy Fall to you all.

Please join us at the next several meetings of the Reseda Neighborhood Council Board, where we will be announcing and discussing some significant events and plans for the community in the coming months.

The West Valley Regional offices (Canoga & Reseda) of the Community Redevelopment Agency have consolidated into one

office -- in Reseda!

The new, joint CRA office is now only a couple of buildings away from the RNC office on Sherman Way. According to the CRA, this consolidation move will not affect their Project Area boundaries, and the communities they serve will remain the same.

We welcome all the Canoga staff to our neighborhood, and look forward to working together on some great projects for our community!

Additionally, I want to extend my congratulations to our newest Board officers, Vice Chair Cary Iaccino and Secretary Vahan Chaparyan. I look forward to continuing to work with you both in your new positions, and thank you for your continued service to all of us.

For more information about the Reseda Neighborhood Council, please visit us online at [ResedaCouncil.org](http://ResedaCouncil.org), and send an email to [rnc@resedacouncil.org](mailto:rnc@resedacouncil.org) to be included on our email lists.



## EMERGENCY DISASTER COMMITTEE

### SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS

At the September Reseda Neighborhood Watch Meeting, the guest speaker was Sgt. Tony Valadez. St. Valadez is the Officer in Charge of the West Valley Station Senior Lead Office.

Our Senior Lead Officers are on a 4 day, 10 hour per day schedule. The days of the week will vary as special events, training and crime details may determine which days and hours that they work. This will, of course, affect their response time to phone calls and emails.

It is important to the Senior Lead Officers that their calls be limited to issues that should be handled by the Police Department. All calls to report life threatening situation or crimes in progress should be directed to 911 so that they can be handled immediately.

Quality of life issues such as trash pickup, broken sidewalks, potholes, illegal dumping, graffiti, tree trimming, water leaks and disputes with your neighbor are generally not within LAPD's jurisdiction. These calls should be made to 311. 311 is a clearing house for all calls that should be handled by any City Department. 311 operators are trained and have a computer that will almost always get you to the proper department.

If you have an ongoing problem with violations of the criminal law, you should always let your Senior Lead Officer know so that they can be on top of crimes in their area. They can also give advise on how to handle a problem.

Reseda has two Senior Lead Officers in charge of the two Basic Cars assigned to Reseda. A Basic Car is the patrol car assigned to a specific area. Basic Car 10A3

is the responsibility of SLO Royal Barber and covers the area from Sherman Way north to Roscoe. Basic Car 10A21 is the responsibility of SLO Isela Parra and covers the area south from Sherman Way. When either is not available due to off days, training or other special events or duties, the other will usually be available to handle calls for both areas.

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participated in last year's Shakeout. As a statewide drill in 2009, the goal is to double the number of participants. To register visit [www.ShakeOut.org/register](http://www.ShakeOut.org/register). (As of August 31st, over 3.7 million participants are registered statewide!)

Participating in the Shakeout will help you to be prepared for a major earthquake. Having large numbers of participants also helps emergency planners and responders develop strategies and policies, which will help them be better prepared as well. So plan on a "Drop, Cover and Hold" exercise on Oct. 15, and use the opportunity to go over emergency plans and check your emergency supplies with your family and your workplace.

For general information on how to prepare for earthquakes and other disasters, please visit

<http://www.lacity.org/LAFD/eqbook.pdf>.

### GREAT SHAKEOUT

Be a part of the Great California Shakeout, as millions of Californians "Drop Cover and Hold" during the largest earthquake drill ever, Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 10:15 am. It is not a question of if, but when the Big One will hit, so everyone should have enough food, water and medical supplies to be able to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Every home and workplace should also have an emergency plan in place.

September was National Preparedness Month, and many organizations put out information and held events to help people update or create their disaster plans and disaster kits. Everyone in California is invited to register as a participant in the Shakeout.

Over 5.4 million Southern Californians

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Reseda Neighborhood Watch will meet on October 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the West Valley Police Station, 19020 Vanowen St..

### OUR WEBSITE

If you have not added it to your favorite sites you should do so. In addition to information about the Reseda Neighborhood Council, its Committees and Board Members, interesting features such as this newsletter is posted monthly. Other recent additions include the weekly email of local meetings and events that welcome the public, and The West Valley Neighborhood Watch Newsletter.

## YOUTH CORNER

### RESEDA COWBOYS

The Reseda Cowboys is a youth football and cheer program for children from the ages of 5 thru 14. We currently, for the 2009 program have over 250 players.

Our organization makes every effort to make sure that every child with the desire to participate gets the opportunity to play or cheer, without regard to prior experience, athletic ability or size.

We are committed to instilling Honesty,

Loyalty, Integrity, Teamwork, Discipline, Sportsmanship, Respect, Leadership, Trust and Commitment in our young participants. We believe these values and virtues are important to their growth and to them becoming active members of our community and society.

We will instill in our youth the challenge of competition, the joy of victory, the reality of defeat, the importance of commitment and the spirit of community. Our Scholar Athlete Recognition program is to directly

underscore the importance of academic achievement among athletes, and by doing so, it will prepare them for the challenges of high school and collegiate environments.

These goals will be achieved through organizing our dedicated volunteers, caring parents, and business associates who wish to partner with our great youth sport program. For more information contact Anna Avila at 818-921-8559 or [aavila.resedacowboys@ymail.com](mailto:aavila.resedacowboys@ymail.com)



## SENIOR CORNER

### FRIDAY MOVIES

Each Friday at 1:30 PM, the ONEGeneration Center shows free movies for Seniors at 18255 Victory Blvd. This Month's Movies are:

10/2 Being There Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine, (1979) (130min)

10/9 Confessions of a Shopaholic Isla Fisher, Hugh Dancy, (2009) (105min)

10/16 State of Play Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck (2009) (128 min)

10/23 Defending Your Life Albert Brooks, Meryl Streep, (1991)(111min)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Revitalize Reseda is partnering with Councilman Dennis P. Zine, The Community Redevelopment Agency, and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, to continue in the beautification of Reseda. Join us while we remove trash, weeds, graffiti and have illegal dumping removed. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Sign up now! Cleanup locations will be assigned as we approach the date. Call now to volunteer 818-832-2280, or e-mail [revitalizereseda@aol.com](mailto:revitalizereseda@aol.com). Please visit our website [www.revitalizereseda.org](http://www.revitalizereseda.org) for additional Reseda resources.

### OPERATION GRATITUDE

For seven years, Operation Gratitude and its dedicated team of volunteers have sent hundreds of thousands of care packages to U.S. troops deployed overseas. In return, those volunteers have been overwhelmed by the thank you notes, photographs and personal letters they have received. .

From October 14-18, the American Veterans Traveling Tribute will be in Van Nuys in support of the Operation Gratitude Holiday Drive. The AVTT Exhibit includes a September 11 tribute, a Cost of Freedom display of Gold Dog Tags (identifying each service member killed since Vietnam), and the centerpiece of the exhibit: An exact replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall (80% scale), displaying all 58,253 names of the men and women killed in the Vietnam War.

Located on the large lot adjacent to the Van Nuys National Guard Armory at the corner of Victory and Louise, the entire event will be free to the public. All ages are invited and encouraged to attend this display of The AVTT Exhibit.

17330 Victory Boulevard: Van Nuys, CA 91406

Corner of Victory and Louise Parking next door at the Skate Park and ONEGeneration.

On October 17, preparation of care packages will begin for the Holiday season will begin at the National Guard Armory. For info contact: [opgrat@gmail.com](mailto:opgrat@gmail.com) or [pennyalfonso@yahoo.com](mailto:pennyalfonso@yahoo.com) or go to [www.OperationGratitude.com](http://www.OperationGratitude.com).

### SAVE MONEY ON WATER

Sign up now to qualify for a Free Rainwater Harvesting System. You may qualify for a free rainwater harvesting system installation that can save you money on your water expenses, help conserve water, and reduce urban runoff that pollutes the ocean.

With a rainwater harvesting system you can capture rainwater on your property that can be saved and used for outdoor plant irrigation. This will save you money on your water bill, reduce water waste at a time when we are experiencing a severe water shortage, and reduce urban water runoff that brings debris and chemicals into the storm drain system and pollutes the ocean. Under this program, the installation and equipment for a rainwater harvesting system, which cost up to \$250, are offered for free to L.A. residents. The pilot program is now available in West Los Angeles, but it will soon become available citywide on a first-come first-served basis, so sign up now at [www.LArainwaterharvesting.org](http://www.LArainwaterharvesting.org).

### GRATEFUL HEARTS FUND RAISER

Douglas Emmett and the Valley Cultural Center are pleased to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Grateful Hearts Food Faire and

Fundraiser, set for October 15, 2009.

Grateful Hearts is a Food Faire and Fund Raiser to support our local Fire and Police Departments, specifically – Battalion 17 and the new Topanga Police Station. Funds will be raised to support the basic needs of these departments, including supplies, repairs equipment and day-to-day needs not provided or paid for by the City.

The Food Faire event will be held on Oxnard St. between AMC Place and Owensmouth Ave. from 11:30 pm to 2:00 PM and is open to the public.

Attendees will be able to purchase Grateful Hearts "Fire Bucks" and use them to enjoy food and beverage from many local restaurants.

Entertainment will be provided by "A Ticket to Ride" Beetles tribute band and Councilman Dennis Zine and KRLA's Kevin James will present a live auction.

### HELP US HELP OTHERS

Revitalize Reseda is assisting a local food bank to collect canned and boxed goods for the upcoming holiday season. If you would like to sponsor a "collection box" in your workplace, neighborhood, apartment complex, classroom, Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop, please contact us by October 15th and a collection box will be dropped off for you.

We will be picking up the filled boxes the first week in November.

We hope you will join our efforts to assist those in need in our community. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact Revitalize Reseda at 818-832-2280 or by e-mail at [revitalizereseda@aol.com](mailto:revitalizereseda@aol.com).



# CONTACTS, MEETING LOCATIONS, EVENT CALENDAR

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<b>ONE GENERATION</b>	Meeting Location	18255 VICTORY BLVD

## RECOGNIZING RESEDA BUSINESSES

The following businesses are celebrating anniversaries in our community during **OCTOBER:**

David Spore Vitamins 6919 Zelzah Ave. 1974	Mouchian Auto Electric 7001 Reseda Blvd. 1980
Las Fuentes Restaurant 18415 Vanowen St. 1982	Kennedy Lock & Key 18512 Sherman Way 1985
Brake & Parts 18330 Sherman Way 1986	Gift Collection 18307 Sherman Way 1993
Melody's Restaurant 6747 Reseda Blvd. 1994	Carnitas Michoacanas 18507 Victory Blvd. 1996

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## RESEDA EVENT REMINDER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1. 7 PM RNC Planning & Zoning Committee	2. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Being There	3.
4.	5. 7 PM RNC General Meeting	6. 3 PM Senior Advocacy Committee 7 PM Liaison	7. 7 PM RNC Emergency Disaster & Community Safety Committee	8. 7:30 AM Chamber of Commerce 7 PM Neighborhood Watch	9. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Confessions of a Shopaholic	10. 12:00 Noon 1038 NW International Luau
11.	12. 7 PM Graffiti Committee	13. 7 PM RNC Outreach Committee	14. 7 PM West Valley CPAB	15.	16. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: State of Play	17.
18.	19. 7 PM RNC General Meeting 6 PM Finance 3:30 PM Youth	20.	21.	22.	23. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Defending Your Life	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Funny Face	31.

Do you have an events coming up in Reseda? Please contact Garth Carlson at [GCARLSON@RESEDACOUNCIL.ORG](mailto:GCARLSON@RESEDACOUNCIL.ORG) about inclusion in our newsletter.