



# Reseda

## RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

May 2009

### RESEDA GRAFFITI TOWN HALL MEETING

On April 18, 2009, the Reseda Neighborhood Council held its first Graffiti Town Hall. A great deal of information on graffiti and ways to curtail its effect on our community were presented. The line up of speakers included Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Deputy Chief Michael Moore, Captain Nick Zingo, Neighborhood Prosecutor Raffy Astvasadoorian, West Valley Alliance's Daniel Ruiz and L.A. City Office Beautification's Paul Racs.

Senior Lead Officers Royal Barber and Isela Parra and Graffiti Officer Marie Sadanaga were also introduced. Officer Sadanaga can be reached at: (818) 374-7875, 37206@lapd.lacity.org

Each person that attended received a packet of information and a graffiti removal kit. Daniel Ruiz demonstrated on a street sign how the graffiti kit worked to the amazement of those present.

A power point presentation, by Anthony Richards of Graffiti Tracker, showed how taggers could be tracked and apprehended using new data technology.

Reseda Stakeholder Michael Cohen recorded the entire program and posted it to the internet so that those who were unable to attend could catch up on what they missed

These are the links to the videos:

Part 1 <http://www.viddler.com/explore/MC91335/videos/23/>

Part 2 <http://www.viddler.com/explore/MC91335/videos/24/>

Part 3 <http://www.viddler.com/explore/MC91335/videos/25/>

Graffiti vandalism is a blight on our community that must be addressed in order for our community to once again become a bright spot in the West Valley

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### WELCOME TO RESEDA

At a time when the economy is suffering and many businesses are closing their doors, there are some bright spots in our Reseda Community.

New businesses are opening shop in our neighborhood. They are braving the economic climate and inviting you, the stakeholders of Reseda, to patronize their establishments.

In January, the following businesses opened in Reseda:

A2Z Wireless 19377 Victory Blvd. (818) 881-2200, Shawn Noor

Enchilada Grill, 6800 Reseda Blvd. (818)

708-9024, Angela Duenas

Izzy's Taquizas, 19304 Vanowen St. (818) 881-7634

Nerida's Barber Shop & Beauty Salon, 7225 Tampa Ave. (818) 885-1675

In February:

Little Angel Kids, 18231 Sherman Way (818) 708-3099, Manager Elisa Sedgh

In March:

Fashion4Less, 18346 Vanowen St. (818) 344-1716, Manager Myra Juarez

Mira Cuisine, ( Halel cuisine) 18845-D Sherman Way (818) 343-2924, Syed Ali

New Mr. Wok, 18300 Vanowen St. (818) 342-3636 Cun Tac Hong

In April:

Homepro Services, 7455-C Reseda Blvd. (818) 453-1147, Ralph Cabrera

Sue's Dog Grooming, 7455-D Reseda Blvd.

The Reseda Neighborhood Council welcomes the new establishments to the community. If you know of others, let us know and we will try to include them next month.

### NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

By Faye Nia, Vice-Chairperson

On April 18, 2009, the Reseda Neighborhood Council presented its first Graffiti Town Hall meeting. The time has come to stop being a victim of this crime and take control over our neighborhoods.

These days when we are all facing harsh economic realities and are witnessing

changes in the world around us, it is up to us to come together and unite our efforts in making our community a better and safer place to live. Our ancestors did it in the past so now is our time to roll up our sleeves and get working on cleaning up our blocks, neighborhoods, communities and cities.

Did you know that nationwide the Ameri-

can public spends nearly \$12 Billion each year to clean up graffiti? Our tax dollars pay for this crime. This money could be used to build our roads, improve our hospitals, and most importantly fund our schools. With our country's current economic state, it is our duty to get involved and commit ourselves to take the first step

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## EMERGENCY, DISASTER & COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

### EMERGENCY 911 CALLS

When you call 911 from your home or office phone you are connected to a Los Angeles City 911 operator who assesses your call and connects you to the proper community service, LAPD, LAFD or other emergency service.

If you call 911 from your cell phone, the call goes to the California Highway Patrol 911 operator and then has to be routed to a Los Angeles City 911 operator and then

to the proper emergency service.

There is a way to speed up the process. You can program into your cell phone either of these two numbers and it will bypass the CHP operator and go direct to a L.A. City 911 operator.

Pick up your phone and add: (213) 928-8206 or (213) 928-8208. Don't hesitate, Do it now!

DO NOT call 911 to ask the score of the Dodger game or complain about your

neighbor. This phone line is for emergencies only. A lot of times 911 calls result in a long wait as the 911 operator answers non-emergency calls.

### RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Reseda Neighborhood Watch will hold it's monthly meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the West Valley Police Station, 19020 Vanowen St.

## YOUTH CORNER

### A SPECIAL DEAL FOR

#### RESEDA RESIDENTS

AYSO Region 33 at Balboa Park has agreed to extend the early bird registration fees to the Stakeholders of Reseda, please mention the Reseda Neighborhood Council during registration to receive the discounted rate, please check out registration dates and location at [www.ayso33.org](http://www.ayso33.org)

#### FREE PRACTICE SAT EXAMS

Free Practice SAT Exam for High School Students! As part of the Los Angeles Public Library's Student Smart Program, Princeton Review will administer the full-length test on Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Scores and feedback provided Saturday May 30. Call or visit the West Valley Regional Library, 19036 Vanowen St., (818) 345-9806, to sign up today. Space is limited!

#### YMCA SUMMER CAMPS

For almost 100 years, YMCA summer programs have helped children and teens in the Los Angeles area grow into leaders and caring, creative, contributing adults. West Valley YMCA has a great solution for parents looking for a summer program where the kids will gain confidence, develop leadership skills and make memories that will last a lifetime. We are offering a variety of camps from Traditional Day Camp, Teen Camp and Specialty Camp (Theater & Arts, Cheerleading, Cooking, Dance, Fit Kids and Sports Camp). Day camps offered weekly, Monday- Friday from 7am-6pm. Stop by today and Sign up! West Valley YMCA, 18810 Vanowen St. Call Debbie Lizano for more information at (818) 774-2840 extension 3325.

#### PARENT-CHILD PROGRAMS

West Valley YMCA -Adventure Guides is currently accepting Registration for the 2009-2010 program year. The Y-Adventure programs foster companionship and understanding while setting a foundation for positive, lifelong relationships between parent and child by spending enjoyable, constructive, and quality time together. Fun activities include Dodger Day, Pinewood Derby, Camp Catalina, Father/Daughter Dances and Rocket Day plus many more exciting activities. We are accepting registration for children ages 3 years old to 11 years old. Come and join in on all the fun! For more information please call Ashley Russell at (818) 774-2840 extension 3326 or visit [www.ymcala.org/wv](http://www.ymcala.org/wv).

#### RESEDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Reseda Elementary, a Los Angeles public school, serves the Reseda community. As visitors approach our school, they are always pleasantly surprised. What they see is not the typical LAUSD type facility. They see, instead, a beautiful, mission-style building with a distinctive Spanish architecture and picturesque charm so representative of Los Angeles' history. However, it is not only what is on the outside that makes Reseda special but also what is in the inside - a highly dedicated staff and community with a shared vision committed to providing a quality education for all students regardless of their ethnicity or socioeconomic level. As a result, we have been recognized by the state of California as a California Distinguished School, a very high honor.

We feel our API (Academic Performance Index) of 803 is a direct result of not only a strong core curricular program but also our focus in the areas of intervention, gifted/high achievement and enrichment.

Next school year will be the first year that we will have Open Enrollment. We will be allowed to accept only 30 students from any area. You do not have to live within our designated boundaries to attend our exceptional school!

Applications will be available MAY 1, 2009. For further details, please call us at (818) 343-1312.

#### WEST VALLEY YMCA FAMILY CAMP

Plan a fun camping trip this summer for the whole family! West Valley YMCA is offering three exciting family camps this summer; Memorial Day Family Camp at YMCA's famous Camp Whittle, Camp Round Meadow located in the San Bernardino Mountains and Surf Camp located in San Diego. All camps run for one week and include meals.

Memorial Day Camp- May 22-25<sup>th</sup>

Camp Round Meadow - July 5-11

(including Counselor in Training Camp)

Surf Camp, ages 7-12- July 26-31

Surf Camp, ages 13-17- August 16-21

Visit our website under Summer Camps for more information at [www.ymcala.org/wv](http://www.ymcala.org/wv) or call Debbie Lizano at (818) 774-2840 extension 3325.



**NOTE FROM THE CHAIR CONTINUED**

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in reducing the debt we are passing on to our children and grandchildren. Every little bit helps.

Our fight against graffiti vandalism is not going to be won by one person, one police department or even on e city. It will be won by the dedication of all of us individuals devoting the time to clean up graffiti around our blocks and neighborhoods.

The graffiti vandals like to see their signs up at all times, therefore, once they see that their signs are getting cleaned up or painted over regularly and once enough vegetation is planted to take away their blank canvases, they will be discouraged and give up.

The RNC provided the community with the opportunity to listen and learn from the professionals about this problem. While we had a nice turnout, we did not have in

attendance the hundreds of people who regularly complain about seeing graffiti in their neighborhoods. The few individuals in our community, Councilman Zine, and the LAPD who have dedicated themselves to this cause, will not be able to do this on their own. However, if we muster up the commitment and join together in this cause.; we c can make Reseda the beautiful place it once was!

**RESEDA GRAFFITI TOWN HALL**



**RNC Vice-Chair Faye Nia**



**City Councilman Dennis Zine**



**Faye Nia with RNC Graffiti Committee Chairman Garth Carlson and LAPD West Valley Graffiti Officer Sadanaga**



**Daniel Ruiz from West Valley Alliance**



**LAPD West Valley Division Captain Zingo**



**Deputy City Attorney Raffy Astvasadoorian**



**Paul Racs, Director-Office of Beautification**



**LAPD Valley Bureau Chief Michael Moore**

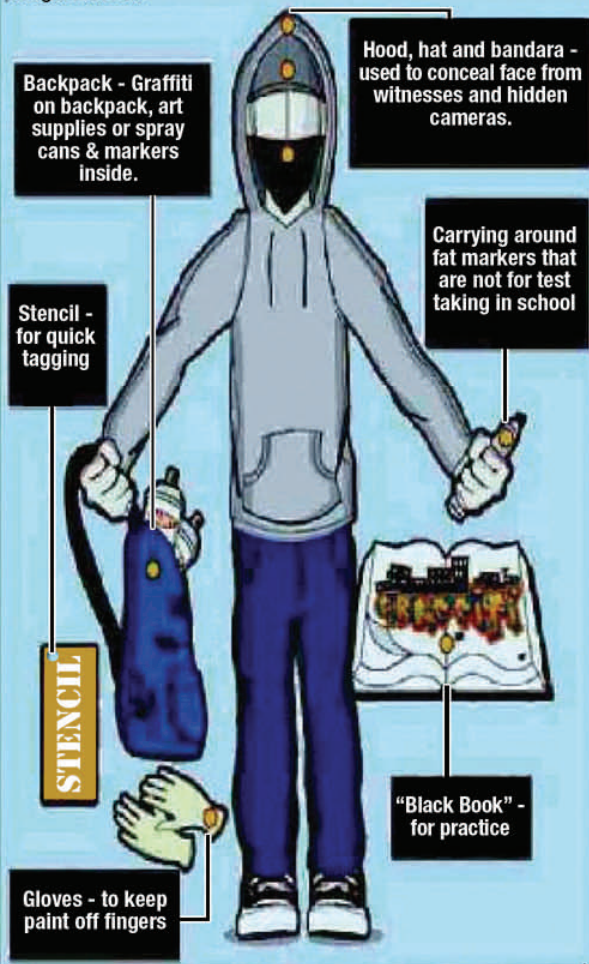


**Moderator Cary Iaccino**

# RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## IS YOUR CHILD A TAGGER?

Most likely, your child will not leave the home looking like this. But if you find two or more of these items among his or her things, you child is probably writing graffiti (tagging) in your neighborhood.



How do I find out if my kids are tagging?  
. . . You Ask.

- A Simple investigation can reveal whether or not your child is involved with tagging.
- Does your child create and keep cartoon-like art in art folders or sketch books?
- Does your child have a nickname that is primarily used by his friends?
- Does you child scribble words with a marker on items of his personal property, like his shoes and notebooks
- Look for similiar writing on walls and curbing in your neighborhood or near the school your child attends.
- Does you child have access to aerosol spray paint? Does he/she have a collection of paint can spray tips?
- Does you child sneak out of the house late at night to spend time with friends?

### Importance of finding out whether your child is tagging.

- This behavior 'tagging', puts them in danger.
- This behavior leads to children sneaking out of the house in the middle of the night.
- Places they tag are often dangerous ( freeway overpasses, train tracks, billboards, multi-story buildings).
- Confrontations have involved violence.
- Tagging leads to truancy, problems with school and the criminal justice system.





## SENIOR CORNER

### FRIDAY MOVIES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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

5/1 Marley and Me [Owen Wilson](#), [Jennifer Aniston](#), (2008) (115 min)

5/8 A Date with Judy [Leon Ames](#), [Wallace Beery](#) (1948)

5/15 Maid of Honor [Patrick](#)

[Dempsey](#), [Michelle Monaghan](#) (2008) (101 min)

5/22 The Palm Beach Story [Claudette Colbert](#), [Joel McCrea](#) (1942) (88 min)

5/29 Doubt [Meryl Streep](#), [Philip Seymour Hoffman](#) (2008) (103 min)

### CALLING ALL SENIORS 60+

### NEW MAYBERRY MONDAYS

Each month West Valley YMCA will be holding a free breakfast or lunch gathering for all senior members, 60+. Members will

enjoy a light and healthy meal while enjoying conversation with your peers plus having the opportunity to meet new friends. All Gatherings will be held on the last Monday of the month, call today for scheduled dates and times or learn about how you can become a member of the West Valley YMCA. Classes included in membership range from Water Aerobics, Joyful Fitness, Forever Fit, Arthritis Chair, Stretch, Core & More, Arthritis Water Fit, Low impact Dance, Yoga and Line Dancing and much more. Get involved today! For more information call Laura Casciato at (818) 774-2840 extension 3320.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESEDA THEATER UPDATE

At the April 20th Reseda Neighborhood Council General Meeting, Brian Pendleton from The Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) updated us on the status of the Reseda Theater renovation. Due to the current situation with the economy very few banks are making construction loans. As a result, the CIM Group is attempting to put together a funding plan to be coupled with the CRA/LA funds to begin the project. In a follow-up conversation, Brian Pendleton further explained that if the funding plan is approved, construction may resume by mid-summer/early fall.

### WILLIS SHERMAN

Willis Sherman, 90 years young died on April 24. Willis and his wife Betty were active for many years as part of the 1038 Neighborhood Watch group, attending meetings and functioning as a Block Captain though he never actually signed up to be one. Willis has suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for the past couple of years, but most meeting nights they would both be there.

We will miss you Will.

### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeater's Anonymous is an organization made up of men and women who suffer from a seemingly hopeless disease of compulsive overeating, anorexia, and/or

bulimia. Together we have found recovery from this disease. My name is Linda and I'm a compulsive overeater. I found abstinence in this program that works for me and after working this program for over a year and a half I am now maintaining a 67-pound weight loss. It's more than just the weight though; I now have a design for living that helps me with all my affairs in life so that I don't have to eat over them. Overeater's Anonymous San Fernando Valley is located in Reseda and our website can guide you to dozens of meetings in the valley and beyond.

Contact Information: [www.oasfvalley.org](http://www.oasfvalley.org)  
(818) 881-4776

### 311 IS FOR INFORMATION OR TO FILE COMPLAINTS

When you wish to contact any Los Angeles City Department for information or complaints, 311 is the call to make. 311 operators are trained and have the information available to direct your call to the proper department to provide you with information or to register a complaint with. The operator will quickly ascertain the Department that you need, provide you with the phone number and connect you at no charge.

When placing a complaint, always ask and record the name of the individual that you lodge the complaint or request for service with. This individual should also provide you with a reference number. This information will provide you with a way to check on the service or complaint if you receive no action in a reasonable period of

time. The probable length of time can usually be provided by the person taking the call. A side benefit is that by asking for this information, you are informing the person that you are serious and that you will likely be checking back on the progress.

### HEALTH TIP

It's recommended to drink 8-10 glasses of water everyday. Dehydration can cause headaches. In fact, if you or a child gets a headache, drink a full glass of water. That "ache" is usually your brain telling you your body needs water. Other problems associated with lack of hydration are loss of short term memory and lack of concentration skills. Drinking enough water also reduces the chance of bladder and breast cancer by as much as 80%.

If your children are drinking only bottled water they're not getting the necessary amount of fluoride for prevention of tooth decay. DWP adds fluoride to our water. If you're worried about tap water safety, run the water for approximately 3-4 minutes before filling your pitcher of drinking water. Then put it in the refrigerator so the family can use it for an entire day. In this way, "undesirables" i.e. mineral deposits from old piping will have been flushed out in the preceding minutes of running the water. Try it, It works.



# CONTACTS, MEETING LOCATIONS, EVENT CALENDAR

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<b>RNC OFFICE</b>	Meeting Location	18341 SHERMAN WAY, SUITE 102
<b>AMERICAN LEGION</b>	Meeting Location	7338 CANBY AVE.
<b>ONE GENERATION</b>	Meeting Location	18255 VICTORY BLVD

## RECOGNIZING RESEDA BUSINESSES

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

McClave Veterinary Hospital 6950 Reseda Blvd. (1948)	The Anchor 6616 Reseda Blvd. (1956)
Dallas Boardman & Associates (1963)	Juliet Hair Design 6900F Reseda Blvd. (1987)
Coltur Travel 18462 Sherman Way (1991)	Ready Wholesale Lighting 18315 Sherman Way (1991)
H. Fakhrian Consultant 7122 #206 Reseda Blvd. (1997)	A Neon Sign 18524 Sherman Way (1998)

# MAY 2009

## RESEDA EVENT REMINDER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Do you have events coming up in Reseda that you want to see here? Please contact Garth Carlson at gcarlson@resedacouncil.org about possible inclusion in our Calendar.					1. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Marley and Me	2.
3.	4. 7 PM RNC General Meeting	5. 3 PM Senior Advocacy Committee 7 PM Liaison	6.	7.	8. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: A Date with Judy	9.
10.	11.	12. 7 PM RNC Outreach Committee	13. 7 PM West Valley CPAB	14. 7:30 AM Chamber of Commerce 7:00 PM Neighborhood Watch	15. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Maid of Honor	16.
17.	18. 3:30 PM Youth Advocacy Committee 7 PM RNC General Meeting 6 PM Finance Committee Meeting		20.	21. 7 PM 1038 Neighborhood Watch	22. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: The Palm Beach Story	23.
24.	25. Memorial Day	26.	27.	28.	29. 1:30 PM Senior Movie: Doubt	30. Valley Regional Congress of Neighborhood Councils. 8 AM Panorama High