



Reseda

RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Anyone passing through the Downtown Reseda Business District has probably noticed that the Reseda Neighborhood Council Banners have been replaced by Holiday Decorations. The Reseda Neighborhood Council hopes that they will kick off the holiday season in Reseda. The Reseda Neighborhood Council would like to thank Traders and the Peter Hankwitz Production and Management Inc. donations assisting with funding. If you or your organization would like to help with the funding for this or next year's holiday decorations, contact us at mnc@resedacouncil.org or (818) 832-7540

The purpose is to expose families and their children to activities that do not include: gangs, crime, graffiti and other activities that are not good for our community. Did your child bring a copy home? If not, or if you want to suggest changes to the directory, contact us at gcarlson@resedacouncil.org or (818) 832-7540

STREET REPAIRS

At the Reseda Neighborhood Council Meeting on Monday evening, November 16, a representative from Street Services gave a report on the status of street maintenance and why many streets sit in disrepair for so long.

YOUTH PROGRAM

DIRECTORIES

The Reseda Neighborhood Council distributed over 22,000 Youth Program Directories to the elementary, middle and high schools as well as other organizations that strive to educate the youth of our community.

One of the reasons is when a city department, utility or other entity has plans to tear up the street for a project, such as power, water, sewer telephone, gas, cable or other reasons, the entity puts a hold on resurfacing or repaving until their project is completed. We have been told that a report that contains this info will be sent to us soon.

The directories are a guide to activities and programs that occupy the minds and bodies of the youth of our community during those hours that they are not attending regular school classes. The age range is from toddler to young adult and feature arts, camping, education, family, religion, sports and other activities.

The stretch of Valerio St. between Reseda and White Oak has been one of the most complained about stretches in Reseda, as it is a well used thoroughfare and is in terrible condition. It has been scheduled to be done a couple of times, but this is its current status:

"Valerio St, Lindley to Reseda as well as

Valerio St, White Oak to Lindley have been "proposed" resurfacing projects since the 06-07 program. Both segments however are currently on "Hold", meaning they are unavailable for resurfacing until their current release date of 12/31/2011. They are both on hold by the L.A. City Department of Transportation's ATSAC Section, for signal coordination."

This information was supplied to the RNC by David G. Ronge, a supervisor for the Street Services Coordinating section.

We hope that more information will soon be available and we will share it here and in our Weekly Email when it is available.

NOTE FROM THE CHAIR Cary Iaccino

As the holiday season picks up, and 2009 comes to a close, I look back over a busy year for the Reseda Neighborhood Council. Led by our departing Chairman, Peter Hankwitz, the RNC has accomplished quite a bit this past 12 months.

1. The Youth program directory, which has just been released, compiles a great bunch of activities for our youth to get involved in.
2. A Town Hall meeting on graffiti attended by Councilman Zine, LAPD representatives and many local volunteers, served to educate stakeholders

of what they can do to fight community blight.

3. Ongoing funding of the Reseda Holiday Decorations.
4. Many important community issues were presented and debated at RNC Meetings. Many recommendations as well as funding allocations were made by the RNC Board. A sampling of these:

- A. Community Police Activity Board funding
- B. Sepulveda VA hospital prop-

erty recommendation

- C. VIC food bank funding
- D. Reseda Big Sunday organizing and funding
- E. Emergency Safety Kit funding and distribution
- F. Outreach like this newsletter

The small sampling may give you an idea of why your participation will continue to be important in 2010. Please stop by a RNC Committee or General Meeting and tell us what you think the Board should focus on for the new year.



EMERGENCY DISASTER COMMITTEE

RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Reseda Neighborhood Watch will hold a Potluck Holiday Dinner on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the West Valley Police Station, 19020 Vanowen St. Attendees can meet the Reseda Senior Lead Officers (Isela Parra for South Reseda and

Royal Barber for North Reseda).

SAFETY KITS

At recent RNC General Meetings, there have been emergency safety kits available to attendees. Be sure to pick one up at the next meeting as supplies are limited. No purchase necessary, just bring your opinions.

GET CONNECTED

The LAPD has begun a new program that will connect you by text message or email to latest news or events in your area.

In an emergency or crime situation that affects your neighborhood you will receive by text message or email an alert to the situation.

Just go to nixel.com and sign up.

YOUTH CORNER

BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

On November 9, 2009, Alice Cayen and Officer Joel Frias, of the Reseda High School Police Academy and 4 cadets and members from the TKO (Turning Kindness On) non profit organization filled a van up with crate of donated books (Alice donated a copy of her children's book and the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation added 300 more) and headed off to every police station in the Valley Bureau.

The books were given to each station's juvenile soft rooms- these are rooms that keep young victims of crime while they and/or their parents are waiting to be questioned. Some of the rooms are tiny and need TLC, and they all could use books and activities for the kids. It was a wonderful event and a teachable moment for all that were involved



Pictured above: Alice Cayen, Officer Joel Frias and the crew that distributed the books.

ful program at her school and one of the first things she will describe is the Music Unlocks Success in Children (M.U.S.I.C.) Foundation. Reseda Elementary has seen an increase in student achievement thanks to the Foundations' weekly on-site professional development for K-12 teachers, which helps them achieve standards-based goals through music education. "Many of our families," Kubena explained, "do not have the resources to expose children to extracurricular activities, including music lessons."

Facing a shortfall in funding, the program was rescued at Reseda this year thanks to the Woodland Hills Rotary Club. At Reseda's parent council meeting last Friday, members of the Rotary Club presented a large-sized check for \$10,000 to the school. LAUSD School Board Member Tamar Galatzan, who represents Reseda, joined the celebration and presented certificates to the Club and some of its members who were instrumental in securing the donation.

One member in particular, Bob Einzig, had



personally contributed funds to buy a hearing aid for a young girl and sponsored youth soccer league participation for an-

other student. This marked the Woodland Hills Rotary Club's first large-scale domestic donation; it usually makes its significant donations to charities abroad. "At a time when No Child Left Behind's increasing emphasis on testing combined with the District's budget crisis has impacted arts and music education in our schools, the Woodland Hills Rotary is helping to counteract this trend," said Galatzan.

CHILDRENS DAY

Were you and your kids among the thousands that thronged Woodly Park for the 2nd Annual Children's Day?

If not you missed a great event. There were more than 80 booths that provided information about youth programs. There were also many attractions for the kids.

Many booths had long lines waiting, such



as the Disney booths and Child ID.

Many thanks go to The Coalition on Gangs, Disney Radio, LAPD, LAFD, and the many other organizations that made this a great event. Don't miss next year's event.

RESEDA ELEMENTARY AND MUSIC

Ask Reseda Elementary School's Principal, Rosemarie Kubena, about a success-



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:

12/4 Nothing Like the Holidays-Freddy Rodriguez, John Leguizamo (2008) (98min)

12/18 Ghost Of Girlfriend Past -Mathew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner (2009) (100min)

12/11 NO MOVIE – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHOW

12/25 NO MOVIE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

YMCA CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPENS DECEMBER 1ST

As 2009 comes to an end, it is time to reflect on the blessings received during the year, and celebrate the holidays with our loved ones. The fresh scent of a Christmas tree or a lovely wreath on the door will welcome you home throughout the season and will help usher in the New Year.

We can spread our celebration to others by supporting Christmas Tree Lot at the West Valley YMCA. Goodwill comes from knowing that all profits from our Christmas Tree Lot are returned to the West Valley YMCA facility. Our local 'Y' sponsors events year-round that benefit our community; women & men; young and old; rich and poor. This is possible because of your support.

The West Valley Y' Service Club will coordinate sales at the Christmas tree lot from December 1st -23rd, daily from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm. This will be the 58th year that the Tree Lot has been in operation.

Come on over and help us support our community by buying your tree at our lot. Bring the family and choose from our large selection!

YMCA members will receive a 10% discount on the purchase of any regular - priced tree (over 4').

FOOD BANK DRIVE

On November 7th, Revitalize Reseda partnered with Councilman Zine to host a food bank drive, to assist a local food pantry. Due to the high unemployment rate in the San Fernando Valley the need for assistance has more than doubled since last year. With the community working together, over 2,400 pounds of non-perishable food was collected. In addition, contributions from Councilman Zine, Revi-

talize Reseda, and others made it possible to purchase 100 turkeys to assist families in need for the upcoming holidays. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event a successful one. Together we made a difference! For more information on Revitalize Reseda please visit www.revitalizereseda.org.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Some of the Holiday Celebrations to be held in our Reseda Community:

OSEC Holiday Show - Friday December 11 1:30-3:00pm

Its that time again for our lovely seniors and guests to entertain you an bring some Holiday cheer to the senior center. This annual show is always a hit. A special holiday lunch will be served before the show.

Lunch will be served at noon and then the room will close to set up for the show. The Holiday Show will start at 1:30 PM and there will be a \$1.00 per person entrance fee. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Carpenter at (818) 708-6605

Reseda Recreation Center Annual Holiday Show - Friday December 18, 6:30 PM

ONEGeneration Center
18255 Victory Blvd.

American Legion Post 308 Holiday Dinner & Dance - Saturday December 12, 2009

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Social Hour,
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Ham/Turkey Dinner
7:00 PM Special Award Presentation,
7:00 PM Dance

Special Guest Peggy Gohl from Dean Martin's Goldiggers

\$15 Donation

Support the Troops/Hospitalized Veterans/Homeless Veterans/Military Families.

"Chanukah in Winterland" by the Chabad of Chatsworth - Tuesday December 15. Festivities start at 6:00 pm Menorah lighting at 7:00 pm

Porter Ranch Town Center
Corbin Ave. and Rinaldi St.

For more information, call (818)718-0777 or email: info@ChabadChatsworth.com.

2010 CENSUS

Every 10 years, the United States embarks on the project of counting the residents of our great country. The next Census will be conducted in 2010, which is only a few weeks away.

The counting of people living in this country is extremely important. Using the figures from the Census the government allocates the number of Representatives each state sends to the House of representatives. These are your representatives to our U.S. Government.

In addition, and possibly more important to those that live in our community, Federal Funds are allocated based on the number of people counted. Therefore, if you do not participate and have yourself, your family and anyone living with you participate, you are short changing our local government in Federal Funding.

It is important to note that this information is not shared with the Immigration Officials and therefore cannot be used to find illegal immigrants. Stand up and be counted when the forms or a representative come to your household or business.



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AMERICAN LEGION	Meeting Location	7338 CANBY AVE.
ONE GENERATION	Meeting Location	18255 VICTORY BLVD

RECOGNIZING RESEDA BUSINESSES

The following businesses are celebrating anniversaries in our community during December:

Kolbe Honda 7514 Reseda Blvd. 1959	Padco Brake Parts 18709 Sherman Way 1990
Ralph's Grocery 18300 Vanowen St. 1996	Dragon Express 6900H Reseda Blvd. 1999
I. Kagan DDS 17720 Sherman Way 1999	ADPS 18337 Arminta St. 2004
American Smile Dental Lab 18440B Sherman Way 2005	Thai Pot 18505 Victory Blvd 2005

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RESEDA EVENT REMINDER CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1. 7 PM Outreach Committee	2. 7 PM RNC Emergency Disaster & Community Safety Committee	3. 7 PM RNC Planning & Zoning Committee	4. 1:30 PM Senior Movie	5.
6.	7. 7 PM RNC General Meeting	8. 3 PM Senior Advocacy Committee	9. 7 PM West Valley CPAB	10. 7:30 AM Chamber of Commerce 7 PM Neighborhood Watch Potluck	11. 1:30 PM OSEC Senior Holiday Show	12. Chanukah 5 PM American Legion Post 308 Holiday Dinner and Dance
13.	14. 7 PM Graffiti Committee	15. 7 PM Outreach Committee 6 PM Chanukah in Winterland	16.	17.	18. 1:30 PM Senior Movie 6 PM Reseda Rec Center Holiday Show	19.
20.	21. 7 PM RNC General Meeting 6 PM Finance 3:30 PM Youth	22.	23.	24.	25. Christmas	26.
27.	28.	29.	30.	31. Do you have an events coming up in Reseda? Please contact Garth Carlson at GCARLSON@RESEDACOUNCIL.ORG about inclusion in our newsletter.		