



Reseda

Neighborhood Council Newsletter

COMMUNITY NEWS

May 2011



Councilman Dennis P. Zine and YMCA Manager Greg Koubek address the attendees at Healthy Kids Day

HAPPY KIDS DAY AT THE YMCA

The West Valley YMCA hosted the Healthy Kids Day for Reseda and the surrounding communities.

A great time was had by all as kids and Parents circulated through the various activities and visited the various information booths. A Free Healthy Breakfast was served to all that wanted to eat.

Thanks to all the organizers, sponsors and attendees. We look forward to next year's event.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

During these slow economic times, we welcome new businesses to our Reseda Community and hope that our stakeholders will try their goods and/or services. We have listed several businesses that have opened here recently. Stop by, give them a try, and support local job growth.

- ◆ Aura's Xquisite food, juice & coffee, 18401 Sherman Way, 818-757-1400
- ◆ Daniel's Barber Shop, 19325 Vanowen St., 818-345-1996
- ◆ Fabkutz Barber Shop, 7325 Reseda

Blvd., 818-514-6610

- ◆ Five Star Laundromat, 18252 Sherman Way, 818-705-1500
- ◆ L.A.'s Auto Insurance, 19315 Saticoy St., 818-775-0003
- ◆ Libreria Restauration, 7245 Canby Ave., 818-654-9386
- ◆ Reseda Glass, 7131 Lindley Ave., 818-430-0551

In addition to these, at least 3 more are in the process of preparing their business to open probably this month. Watch for them and welcome them to Reseda,

SENIOR SYMPOSIUM

On May 14, a great event for Seniors and caretakers will be held at the ONEGeneration, 18255 Victory Blvd. The day begins with final registration and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Experts on various issues that affect Seniors will speak throughout the day. There will be a free lunch served and raffle prizes will be given to those that attend. There will also be tables set up for non-profit and for profit vendors that deal with Seniors.

You must pre-register for this event. Only 300 Seniors will be registered. To register, call 213-252-3335, and clearly leave your name, address and phone number.

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BIG SUNDAY 2011

Magnolia Science Academy is hosting a Big Sunday event here in Reseda this year. It takes place on Saturday May 14th and begins at 8 AM. They will be cleaning up the areas in front and behind the school, as well as taking part in beatifying projects on the facility.

Contact Shandrea Daniel at s.daniel@magnoliascience.org

Magnolia Science Academy is located at 18238 Sherman Way

RELAY FOR LIFE

The days are dwindling down to the May 21st start of the Relay for Life of Reseda. This is the second year for this event in our community and it will be held again at Reseda High School. It would be great to have you involved in any way; as a survivor, a team member, become involved in the Luminaria Ceremony. Of course you can just plain make a donation to the American Cancer Society. Every little bit helps.

To donate online, go to:

www.relayforlife.org/resedaca or contact Sonia Lopez at sonia.lopez@cancer.org

RELAY FOR LIFE—LUMINARIA

Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor that has had cancer? The Luminaria ceremony recognizes these folks whether they are fighting, winning or have lost in the battle against cancer. Lighted bags with their name on them are placed around the track at the Relay for Life ceremony.

There are also ceremonies for survivors. Let Sonia know of any cancer survivor that you know that can participate in the survivor ceremonies.

RELAY FOR LIFE—GOT TALENT?

During the 24 hours of the Relay for Life of Reseda, 24 hours of entertainment is planned. There are still some openings available and if you sing, dance play an instrument, play in a group or otherwise entertain a large group of people, contact

Sonia Lopez at sonia.lopez@cancer.org

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOSE WEIGHT

TOPS Club, Inc. is the original, nonprofit, weight-loss support and wellness education organization. TOPS was established in 1948 to champion weight-loss support and success. TOPS promotes successful, affordable weight management with a philosophy that combines: healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness information, awards and recognition, support from others at weekly chapter meetings.

The Reseda Chapter meets at the Frist United Methodist Church of Reseda located on the corner of Lindley Ave and Satcoy St, Room 10.

For information contact:

Orpha at 818-881-3964

ABS EXPANDS

Advanced BioServices (ABS) will be celebrating completion of its state-of-the-art Center in May.

The Center location remains the same, at the corner of Tampa and Vanowen. However the new entrance will face Tampa. This change will provide a nice facade for donors and visitors. There is also an enclosed shipping and receiving area at rear of the building. The parking is well lit with camera monitoring. ABS is an industry leader in the collection of high quality plasma that is processed into life-saving plasma based therapeutics.

The Center has been located in Reseda for 25 years and the company is excited to invest in the growth of the Reseda community.

It now employs around 60 staff that provide technical skills and public health education to the donors and community. Donors contribute the source of live -saving therapeutics and the center supports commercial vitality to the community. Fees are paid to responsible donors, which are spent and re-spent locally multiplying the impact to business and the community at large.

ABS is committed to community safety. They use single use supplies and highest quality devices and controlled waste disposal for safety to donors and community as well as patients who receive life-saving plasma based products. The Center complies to regulatory requirements of multiple government health agencies. The ABS International Regulatory offices are located at this center.

YOUTH CORNER

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL

By Robert Rakauskas

Grover Cleveland High School is now enrolling for the Fall Semester of the 2011-2012 school year, which begins on Monday, August 15. At 8140 Vanalden Ave., one block south of Roscoe Boulevard, we are the local residential public high school for the general area between Plummer St. to the North, Valerio St. to the South, Mason St. to the West, and Louise Ave. to the East.

We are proud of our history as a California Distinguished School and are the home of several award-winning small learning communities, including our Media Academy and Academy of Arts and Technology. We are also able to enroll students who reside outside our attendance area in our School for Advanced Studies and Humanities Magnet School.

For more exciting information about our school and for the enrollment dates and process, please go to our Web site, www.clevelandhs.org, or e-mail us at admin@clevelandhs.org.

ESSAY CONTEST

All students can use a little help with their post secondary pursuits. Here is the opportunity to receive a cash reward but, also, a certificate of recognition.

ACLU has been on the forefront protecting all civil rights. Our goal is to promote students' thoughts on difficult current political issues, with special emphasis on relevance to student concerns and issues. Applicants will respond to one of three questions.

Judging is based on originality, clarity, writing style, depth of research and analysis, spelling, and grammar. The essay shall also demonstrate the student's serious reflection on the question he or she has selected.

Awards will be presented at the ACLU-SC SFV Chapter's Garden Party in Van Nuys on June 12, 2011 where the first prize winner will read the winning essay aloud.

Applications may also be downloaded from the ACLU web site, www.aclu-sc.org/sanfernandovalley. If you or your staff have any questions about the contest, contact me at 818-996-1630 (days and eves.) or e-mail at SFVChaptACLU@aol.com.

RESEDA SCHOOLS

OpEd by Alexi Chidbachian

There are many schools that fill the city of Reseda; 33 in total, 17 public and 16 private. Local residents are able to send their children to elementary, middle, and high school without having to leave the 91335 area. Some of the highest scoring schools in Reseda are Newcastle Avenue Elementary, Sherman Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (SOCES), Magnolia Science Academy, and Reseda Senior High School. All these schools have inspirational staff members, spirited students, and superior academics; but of course there are major problems dealing with LAUSD, that hinders educational levels, teacher lay offs, and student funded activities.

With tremendous high test scores, Newcastle Elementary has an API score of 839, where an average score is 800; SOCES having the highest score in the valley of 882. According to www.GreatSchools.com, a website that ranks and describes every school in the United States, has given all Reseda public schools a ranking of 6 out of 10.

For an extended version of this article: go to <http://blog.resedacouncil.org/6-2/>



SENIOR CORNER

SENIOR SYMPOSIUM

On May 14, the Senior Symposium will be held at the ONEGeneration Center. All Seniors and their caregivers are invited to come and get knowledge of services and programs that can make our journey through the Senior Years a better trip.

Speakers will present information on brain fitness, health issues, finances, home safety, fall prevention, emergency preparedness, and crime issues that affect seniors. All of this and much more with information tables from various agencies and businesses.

In addition, there will be raffle prizes, continental breakfast and lunch.

The Senior Symposium is free and we encourage you to make your reservations for this great event as soon as possible.

To register please call 213-252-3335 and give your name, telephone and/or email address to the operator.

This event will accommodate up to 300 Senior and Care Givers, so register early. It is important that you leave your call back number at least so your information can be verified.

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
ONE Generation Center

18255 Victory Blvd.

This event is sponsored by Councilman Dennis P. Zine, ONEGeneration, and the Canoga Park, Lake Balboa, Reseda, Tarzana, and Winnetka. Neighborhood Councils.

Friday Movies

Each Friday at 1:30PM, the ONEGeneration Center shows free movies for Seniors at 18255 Victory Blvd.

Here are the selections for this month:

5/6 "Hereafter" Matt Damon, Cecile DeFrance (2010) (129 min)

5/13 "How Do You Know" Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd (2010) (121 min)

5/20 "The Switch" Jennifer Anniston, Jason Bateman, (2010) (101 min)

5/27 "Little Fockers" Ben Stiller, Robert DeNiro, (2010) (98 min)

EMERGENCY DISASTER & COMMUNITY SAFETY

RESEDA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Reseda Neighborhood Watch meets on Thursday, May 14 in the Community Room at the West Valley Police Station, 19020 Vanowen St. Crime stats for our community are discussed and guest speakers address specific issue that affect our community.

SOBER LIVING HOMES

Sober Living homes are a form of therapy that allows recovering alcoholics and drug abusers to become adjusted to living in our communities. A well run Sober Living home often has little or no impact on its neighbors. And often most of it's neighbors are unaware or unaffected by the home being located in residential areas.

As this subject has moved into the awareness of our community, we have had several community meetings where this has been discussed. Unfortunately the laws that govern this type of establishment are not adequate in some cases. They are permitted to have up to 6 recovering residents without having to be licensed. Laws currently on the books cover only licensed facilities.

Currently, the Los Angeles City Council is considering a new regulation that will help to govern these establishments.

In the interim, the only recourse that our stakeholders have is to be vigilant and note any problems that arise from these homes. Such problems should be discussed with the management of the home first because they have the best chance to prevent it from recurring

If they are uncooperative or unable to alleviate the problem, then it should be reported to the appropriate L.A. City Department, such as LAPD, Building and Safety and/or the

Council Office.

These reports can be used by the City Attorney to get the people evicted or the property abated. These processes require good record keeping. When dealing with any City department a record of the person taking the report

with the time and date as well as a computer

number that will identify the report. In the event that the facility becomes offensive to the neighborhood, these are important records to keep and pass on.

RNC BOARD MEMBERS:

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To contact Board Members, visit the RNC website at: www.resedacouncil.org or email us at: RNC@resedacouncil.org.



CONTACTS, MEETING LOCATIONS, EVENT CALENDAR

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Youth Advocacy Committee	jguzman@resedacouncil.org

RECOGNIZING RESEDA BUSINESSES

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

- 1948 McClave Veterinary Hospital , 6950 Reseda Blvd.**
- 1956 The Anchor, 6616 Reseda Blvd.**
- 1987 Juliet Hair Design , 6900F Reseda Blvd.**
- 1997 H. Fakhrian Consultant, 7122 #206 Reseda Blvd.**
- 2000 Reseda Pharmacy, 6900E Reseda Blvd.**
- 2003 Sign FX, 7357 Reseda Blvd.**

Register your business with our Outreach Committee and have your yearly anniversary included here. Contact RNC@resedacouncil.org and we will add you to our database.

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7:00 PM Reseda NC General Meeting *	3	4 7:00 PM Outreach/ Public Relations *	5 7:00 PM Relay for Life of Reseda Com	6 1:30 PM Free Movie	7 Crebs Ave. Aliso Creek Clean up project.
8	9	10 3:00 PM RNC Senior Advocacy	11 7:00 PM CPAB	12 3:30 PM Senior Adv 7:00 PM Reseda NW	13 1:30 PM Free Movie	14 8:30 AM Senior Symposium
15	16 6:00 PM Finance, 7:00 PM General Meeting **	17	18 7:00 PM Economic Development	19 7:00 PM 1038 NW	20 1:30 PM Free Movie	21 9:00 AM Relay for Life of Reseda
22 9:00 AM Relay for Life Closing Cere-	23	24	25	26	27 1:30 PM Free Movie	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

Do you have an events coming up in Reseda? Contact Garth Carlson at GCARLSON@RESEDACOUNCIL.ORG about inclusion in our newsletter.

For events address and full details use the Reseda NC online calendar at www.Resedacouncil.org