



# Our Neighborhood News

Neighborhood Council



Lake Balboa - Where good neighbors make a great community

**October 2009**

**September Was National EP Month  
Did YOU Get Ready for a Disaster?**

The only thing harder than getting prepared is explaining afterward why you didn't! Get a real jump on being ready by just participating in the events listed on the right! Attend the Granada Hills Street Fair, 10/3/09, 10AM to 5PM. The NC tent is at Chatsworth/Yarmouth. First 1,000 families receive a bag loaded with EP goodies! Bring the whole family and enjoy a great day of food, music, activities and fun!

**Ralph Ricketson**, a member of the Earthquake Research Affiliates based at Caltech, (a consortium of academia and various other agencies for the purpose of earthquake research, seismic hardening of various infrastructure, and public education), will be our very special guest speaker at the **10/10/09 EP Meeting at 7412 Balboa Blvd., @ 9:00 AM. THIS LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING ONLY.** You will NOT want to miss his presentation! And, **Steve Wardlaw**, President of the SFV Amateur Radio Club, will talk to us about a simplex for our use in a disaster. Invite all the HAMS in the Valley that you know!

### Watch Out For Census Scams

During the U.S. Census, households will be contacted by mail, telephone or visited by a U.S. Census worker who will inquire about the number of people living in the house. Unfortunately, people may also be contacted by scammers who are impersonating Census workers in order to gain access to sensitive financial information such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? The BBB offers the following advice:

- If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.
- Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.
- Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the look out for e-mail scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

### What's Happening!!! Dates & Updates

**October 3rd, 2009 - Granada Hills Street Fair 10AM-5PM.** Chatsworth St. from Zelzah to Encino Ave. Seven neighborhood councils, including LBNC, will be handing out Emergency Preparedness info in a neat EP Bag with some fun/useful items inside. Enter from Zelzah. We're at Yarmouth. **Great HAM radio demo, too!**

**October 7th, 2009 — Neighborhood Council Regular Community Meeting @ 7:30 PM.** The meeting is at our regular location, Lake Balboa Studios, 7412 Balboa Blvd., in Lake Balboa. Special guest BongHwan Kim, General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (postponed from our September meeting).

**October 10th, 2009 - LBNC Emergency Preparedness Meeting @ 9:00 AM. LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING ONLY- 7412 Balboa Blvd.** Great Speaker, Ralph Ricketson of Earthquake Research Affiliates (Caltech—see above left) and exciting HAM radio info! Steve Wardlaw—Simplex for us in a Disaster! **INVITE ALL THE HAM OPERATORS YOU KNOW IN THE VALLEY!** More info: 818-345-9809

**October 15th, 2009 - The Great California ShakeOut @ 10:15AM.** Register @ [www.shakeout.org/register](http://www.shakeout.org/register). Practice your Drop, Cover, and Hold technique with millions of other Californians. Be part of the biggest EP Drill in the history of our nation! Get ready for the **BIG ONE.**

**October 17th, 2009 —Adult CPR & AED Class @ 1:30 PM.** Taught by **Stacy Gerlich**, Disaster Specialist at the SOS Training Center, 15705 Strathern St. #11, Van Nuys. \$35 fee. Limited to just 25 students. Call now 800-479-7998, to register. **Red Cross certification given.**

**October 24th, 2009 – Senior Health Fair, 9AM-1PM.** City Councilman Tony Cardenas (CD6) is presenting a Senior Health Fair at The Japanese Garden, 6100 Woodley Avenue, Lake Balboa. There will be **FREE Educational Services, FREE Health Services including Flu Shots** (Limited number - first come, first served basis), and **Free Food & Entertainment.** For more information call the Councilman's Van Nuys District Office @818-778-4999.

**Don't forget to visit our website at  
[www.LakeBalboaNC.org](http://www.LakeBalboaNC.org)**

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