October 2010



## "Trick or Treat": Tips for the Holiday

It's that time of year again, time for goblins and monsters (or, princesses and firemen) to come out and ring our bells for treats. Planning to participate? Besides giving goodies that are oh, so delicious (and individually wrapped), make sure the area in front of your home is free from anything kids could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, trash bins and lawn decorations (except tombstones, of course); keep the path to your front door lit and easy to navigate; and, if you have porch steps—use jack-o-lanterns to light the steps (fun!) And please don't forget, if you have pets keep them restrained so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite the youngsters. Since we never know what can be lurking out in the dark, it's best for kids to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Additional safe practices—like making sure costumes are not only bright and reflective but also flame retardant and using Halloween style flashlights that increase visibility- ensure a safe and fun time for all!

### Talking About Pets...

While most of us pick up after our most treasured creatures, some of us forget and a few never give it a second thought. Please be considerate of your neighbors and your neighborhood. Keep in mind that by picking up after

your dog you are not only keeping lawns green (which keeps Lake Balboa looking beautiful) but keeping your dog and everyone else's from picking up parasites and/ or dangerous bacteria which can make them and YOU and/or your loved ones extremely ill.



#### LBNC Poll Extended—Make your Choices Count

Last month you were asked to let us know your favorite Lake Balboa park and restaurant. Before declaring the winners we would like to get as many of you to participate as possible. Results will be published in next month's newsletter. Call (818) 778-9026 or send an email at poll@lakebalboanc.org by October 21, 2010, and make your choices count!

Don't forget to visit our website at www.LakeBalboaNC.org

To send your request to join our mail / email list, click on the website's "Contact Us"

# What's Happening!!! Dates & Updates

October 2, 2010—North Valley Emergency Preparedness Team Disaster Preparedness Event from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at LA Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd., in North Hills. First 300 families will receive EP give-away bags; kids can experience what a real earthquake feels like at the Shakey-Quakey School House; get critical EP information; and visit the LAPD Mobile Command Center. Enjoy and get prepared at this great community event.

October 3, 2010 - Blessing of the Animals 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 17400 Vanowen St. Bring your animal, or a picture of him/her or something that is your animal's, i.e. blanket, toy, etc. Bring a picture of your animal who passed away. Treats for dogs, cats, humans after the service.

October 6, 2010 - Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Regular Community Meeting @ 7:00 PM. The meeting is at our regular location, Lake Balboa Studios, 7412 Balboa Blvd., in Lake Balboa.

October 9, 2010—LBNC Combined Emergency Preparedness and EP Communications Meeting @ 9:00 a.m. Community Meeting Rm, Flyaway Bus Terminal, 7610 Woodley Ave. (Take elevator at north end of building to second floor.) All-Valley HAM Radio check-in Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m., Simplex 145.570. Contact Linda Pruett at LindaP@LakeBalboaNC.org or 818-345-9809 for info.

October 10, 2010 (and every Sunday)—Encino's Farmer's Market from 8 a.m.—1 p.m. ONEGeneration Center at 17400 Victory Blvd. (Between White Oak & Balboa.)

October 23, 2010—Community Health & Safety Fair-9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., at the Japanese Gardens, 6100 Woodley Avenue in Lake Balboa Free flu shots and health information will be provided to area residents. Councilman Tony Cardenas (6th District) will host the annual fair. For info, call (818) 778-4999.

#### **JUST IN!**

On September 30th, AB 2756, proposed by our Assemblymember, Bob Blumenfield, which helps ban mobile billboards was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger. The law will take effect January 1, 2011.

LBNC meeting agendas are posted for public viewing 72 hours prior to each meeting at the following locations: Vallarta Market, 16107 Victory Bl.; Balboa Shell, 6801 Balboa Bl.; Ralph's, 17250 Saticoy St.; Food 4 Less, 16530 Sherman Way; Tam's Pet Foods & Supplies, 17635 Vanowen St.; and Balboa Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Blvd.

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