



Neighborhood Council

# Our Neighborhood News



Lake Balboa - Where good neighbors make a great community

July 2011

### Let's Keep Lake Balboa Clean and Beautiful

Join us for CLEAN UP DAYS!

Starting Sunday JULY 17, 2011 , 7:30am to 11am on Balboa Blvd. Just South of Roscoe to Strathern. Have a fun filled morning beautifying our streets with cleaning up our landscapes, enjoy refreshments & a lovely free T-Shirt for supporting your community of Lake Balboa!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

**JULY 15 7pm,16,17,18 till 6am the 405 freeway will be closed from the 101 to 10 fwys. Instead of dealing with the insane traffic come join us for our Clean Up day on Sunday July 17, 2011. So plan ahead!**

In an effort to reduce congestion, improve mobility and increase safety, Caltrans is working on the 405 Freeway in the Sepulveda Pass. They are adding a high-occupancy vehicle lane, standardizing lane sizes, and improving on-and off ramps along a 10-mile-long stretch of the freeway between the 10 Freeway (Santa Monica) and the 101 Freeway (Ventura). Work on this project is causing frequent closures of off-and on ramps and various other work that could disrupt the commute for Valley residents.

Be sure to check <http://www.metro.net/projects/I-405> for the latest updates. *Send your questions and comments to 1405@metro.net or call (213) 922-3665.*

### Where to watch fireworks in and around the San Fernando Valley FREE Fireworks Shows:

**Annual San Fernando Valley Independence Day Celebration at Hansen Dam** holiday celebration featuring music and other live entertainment, food, and fireworks. Hansen Dam Recreation Area, 11770 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace. Info: 1-888-LA PARKS (527-2757), [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org)

**4th of July Spectacular in Northridge (Porter Ranch)** FREE fireworks show at Shepherd of the Hills Church Gates open at 4:30. Shepherd of the Hills Church , 19700 Rinaldi Street, Porter Ranch, CA 91326. [www.theshepherd.org/events/4th-of-july-spectacular](http://www.theshepherd.org/events/4th-of-july-spectacular).

**Annual Dennis P. Zine July 4th Extravaganza in Woodland Hills** fireworks festival in the West Valley Fireworks begin at 9:05 pm. Warner Park, 5800 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills. Info: 818-704-1358, [www.valleycultural.org](http://www.valleycultural.org).

### What's Happening!!!

#### 2011 Dates & Updates

**Sunday, July 3 (and every Sunday)** Encino's Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. - 1p.m. ONE Generation Center at 17400 Victory Blvd.

**Wednesday, July 6 - 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.

**Saturday, July 9 - Emergency Preparedness Meeting @ 9:00AM,** at the Flyaway Bus Terminal, NE corner of Saticoy and Woodley, 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Call Linda Pruett at (818) 345-9809 or email [textmgt@att](mailto:textmgt@att) for more information.

**Wednesday, July13 - Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting, @ 7:00PM,** at LAPD West Valley Station Community Room, 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda.

**Saturday, July 16 - VNY Aircraft Display Day, 10 AM to 2 PM,** at Skytrails North, 7535 Valjean Ave. Van Nuys.

**Tuesday, July 26 - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (WASC) Meeting @ 6:30pm** at Recreation and Parks Valley Region Headquarters 6335 Woodley Ave. Lake Balboa.

**The 2011 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program** takes place on July 9 in Northridge. Once you have pre-registered (required), you can turn in your gas-powered lawnmower and get a major discount on a brand new, electric lawnmower that reduces pollution and will cost you less to operate. You can choose from three models that cost \$100, \$160, or \$230 after you turn in your gas-powered lawnmower.

*Proof of residency in Los Angeles (or other AQMD jurisdictions) is required. For more information or to register, call (888) 425-6247 Tues. to Fri., 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, or visit [www.AQMD.gov](http://www.AQMD.gov) and click "Lawnmower."*

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*Please leave your phone number so we can return your call.*

**To send your request to join our e-mail list click the website's "Contact Us"**

## BEAUTIFUL LAKE BALBOA PROJECTS

All Stakeholders & Businesses owners we need your support for "Beautification of Lake Balboa". WE are starting Pilot programs to help improve the look of our community, with your support of time, donations and adopting available locations for landscaping, murals, and improvements in coordination with your Lake Balboa Council. If you would like your area to look fantastic please participate in the beautification of our area. Some of you will be receiving in the mail a mailer with information & "Permission Slips" for FREE TREES that will be planted along the street in front of your home or business, you must sign it and send it back. WE are greening our neighborhoods and creating a pleasant safe environment in which to be. You will start seeing the improvements shortly and we will continue with all the improvements through out Lake Balboa with your support of the community. WE need your input and cooperation with all our efforts. Volunteer, ADOPT a location for landscaping or improvement. WE will work with you and make it happen!

Improve Property Values, make it a safer place to live and be active!

Lake Balboa was featured in Los Angeles Magazine this past month because of the beautiful parks and wildlife area. WE need your help with the continued success of improving & getting our Lake Balboa name established !!!

In Creating a Beautiful Environment there is another greening program that is presented from the City of Los Angeles, [www.milliontreesla.org](http://www.milliontreesla.org), for up to 7 free trees for private property.

Please help keep our neighborhoods "clean" and beautiful by reporting illegal signs so the City can have them removed by Street Services personnel. Call 800-996-2489 or 311 to report illegal signs. Please have the location's, such as the intersection or street address handy.

Report Graffiti Immediately to 311 or West Valley Alliance (818) 885-8885.

Contact us with your requests or questions on areas that need to be improved, let us know if you would like to Volunteer and show your community the support it deserves.

We are already implementing a "Welcome to Lake Balboa" monument and landscaping.

Now City of LA will let you cut that annoying dangerous tree that is in the parking medians in front of your home or business with out getting fined. YOU MUST APPLY FOR A PERMIT !! The permit is FREE! But you must apply before you take action to cutting the tree down. You can obtain a free permit by calling 311 for information.

Did you know that the L. A. City Bureau of Sanitation will repair/replace your damaged refuse containers at no charge? A call to 800-773-CITY will schedule replacement or repair of your Black, Green, or Blue container, usually for the day after your next collection day. Have the serial number on the container available when you make the call.

## New LBNC Business of the Month Express Media



16900 Sherman Way #2,  
Lake Balboa, CA 91406.  
(818) 908-9126 Hours M-F  
9-7, Sat 9-6. Carlos

Villanueva, owner of Express Media, is a long time resident of Lake Balboa. He opened his print and sign shop in Lake Balboa in August of 2004. Located on the southwest corner of Balboa and Sherman Way, Mr. Villanueva caters to business as well as individuals. His shop specializes in full color professional signs, banners, advertising materials including car magnets and business cards. They also offer affordably priced, professionally silk screened t-shirts, pricing them affordably even for small orders - a great idea for your next block party or family reunion!

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The LBNC newsletter is distributed to all of our stakeholders at the beginning of every month. This is your newsletter and we welcome and encourage your participation. If you have any suggestions for articles of interest to the LB community please let us know.

Information on community events, public meetings, school, religious, or seasonal events, classes, volunteer opportunities, are encouraged and may be sent to [Roxan@lakebalboanc.org](mailto:Roxan@lakebalboanc.org) for consideration. And if you are a new business (less than two years old) in our community or know of one you would like to feature, please send contact information. *Submissions may be edited and the LBNC reserves the right not to include and/or publish articles at its discretion. Thank you.*

*LBNC meeting agendas are posted for public viewing 72 hours prior to each meeting at the following locations: Vallarta Market, 16107 Victory Blvd.; Balboa Shell, 6801 Balboa Blvd.; 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.*