

# Our Neighborhood News



Lake Balboa - Where good neighbors make a great community

August 2011

**\*\*\*Attention all Stakeholders, both Residential and Business\*\*\***

**Please come to our next Community meeting August 3 at 7PM and meet Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield AD 40 from Sacramento! He will be addressing our community and please come with all your question and concerns!**

**Come Join us at LAPD National Night Out Event ! Tuesday August 2, 2011 5pm to 9pm supported by your Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council!** Again this year it will be at Randall Simmons Park, on the corner of Vanowen St. and Wilbur Ave., next to the West Valley Police Station, This is an opportunity for the West Valley Community to join with the L.A.P.D. for an unique crime and drug prevention event. Last year, over 3,000 residents met the police officers who protect their neighborhoods, enjoyed a variety of food and visited information booths. The event is **FREE** to the public. The event is presented by Valley Cultural. Check out there website for FREE concerts in the park and movies! [www.valleycultural.org/happenings/](http://www.valleycultural.org/happenings/)

### Beautiful Lake Balboa Projects

We need more requests for "Beautifying" of our area from Stakeholders, both Property Owners and Business Owners. If any property/business owner is landscaping their property or there is a surrounding area that needs improvement we can get any Stakeholder and Business owners plant materials at a discount pricing. Please contact us or email us for more information. We will have to place the order and you can pick up or pay a small fee for delivery. This is available only for Lake Balboa Community!

In our effort to "green" our neighborhoods to mitigate the pollution of the expansion of our near by freeway system, some of you will be getting in the mail your FREE TREE package for those qualified designated areas. Send in your signed permission slips or, if you like, you may go to the website and fill out the form : [www.enviromentla.org/treeplanting.cfm](http://www.enviromentla.org/treeplanting.cfm) These Free Trees mailers will be sent continuously until we are finished with this particular grant. If you have not yet received your package please feel free to contact us for information.

There is another program from our city that is part of greening program. Go to the website: [www.milliontreesla.org](http://www.milliontreesla.org) for up to 7 free trees for your property!

**We had a successful Clean Up Day on July 17! We want to Thank You for Supporting your Community and making a difference! Please look out for future Clean Up Dates on our website or Newsletters!**

*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.*

### What's Happening!!! 2011 Important Dates

**Wednesday, August 3—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. Discussion of proposed L.A. Department of Water and Power rate hikes will be on the agenda.

**Sunday, August 7 (and every Sunday) Encino's Farmer's Market from 8 a.m.—1 p.m.** ONEGeneration Center at 17400 Victory Blvd.

**Wednesday, August 10— Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting, @7:00PM,** at LAPD West Valley Station Community Room, 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda.

**Saturday, August 20—VNY Aircraft Display Day, 10 AM to 2 PM,** at Skytrails North, 7535 Valjean Ave. Van Nuys.

**Note—NO Emergency Preparedness meeting in August.**

**Saturday, September 10—Special Emergency Preparedness Meeting, 9 AM.** This Special meeting will be at 7412 Balboa Blvd. (our regular General meeting location). The topic will be "Mapping Your Neighborhood." This is the FEMA award-winning program formulated by Washington State Emergency Management. Call Linda Pruet at (818) 345-9809 or email [textmgt@att](mailto:textmgt@att) for more information.

### 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.*

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

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

# Beautiful Lake Balboa

Did you know that we have a great wildlife refuge?



## KEEPING LAKE BALBOA BEAUTIFUL, NATURALLY

**Steve Hartman, California Native Plant Society**

Our Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council boundary includes the Sepulveda Basin. Large parts of the area surrounding the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and Balboa Park and Sports Complex are protected wildlife areas. Promoting native plants is essential to the survival of native bird and wildlife species in the area. In addition to providing essential habitat for native bird species, native plants are drought tolerant and require less maintenance than imported ornamentals.

Since 1986 **Steve Hartman** of the **California Native Plant Society** has worked tirelessly to preserve the native plants in the Sepulveda Basin. Eliminating non-native plants like mustard and thistle is an integral part of this effort. Through a program called WEED WARS, Mr. Hartman and other CNPS members weed the wildlife areas twice weekly. CNPS members volunteer their time to educate the public and make the Wildlife Area more accessible to our community.

Beyond their efforts in the Wildlife Areas, the California Native Plant Society members encourage the public to use drought tolerant native species in their home landscaping. The CNPS holds several plants sales a year at the Sepulveda Garden Center located at Magnolia and Hayvenhurst featuring demonstrations on planting and pruning water wise plants. Their next sale will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. You can keep up to date or join in this service to our community at [lasmmcnps.org](http://lasmmcnps.org).

Contact us with your requests or questions on areas that need to be improved, let us know if you would like Volunteer and show your community the support it deserves. Improve Property Values, make it a safer place to live and be active! We need your help with the continued success of improving and getting our "Lake Balboa" name established. Change your mailing addresses to Lake Balboa, instead of Van Nuys.

Did you know that you can replace your damaged trash cans? LA City Bureau of Sanitation will repair/ replace refuse containers at NO CHARGE! Call 1-800- 773- CITY to schedule a replacement or repair of your Black , Green or Blue containers. Have your serial number on the container available when you make your call.

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

Keep your neighborhoods "Clean" and beautiful by reporting illegal signs so the city can have them removed by Street Services personnel. Call 800-996-2489 or to report illegal signs, Please have location's such as the intersection or street address handy.

NEIGHBORHOOD WARNING ! Especially the northern part of Lake Balboa just south of Roscoe Blvd. area. Remember folks even though we live in the city we still have lots of wildlife around us. Please be aware of Coyotes and other wild life. **Keep small pets and children indoors between dusk and dawn.** Be aware of your surroundings and leave the wildlife alone! Call LA Animal Control (888) 452- 7381 or Wild Life Waystation (818) 899-5201

**We had a successful Clean Up Day on Sunday July 17! On Balboa Blvd. We want to Thank You and Starbucks, McDonalds, Stop In Donuts, Tony Cardenas Council District 6 Office, City Of LA Public Works, West Valley Alliance for your participation and support of your Community and making a difference! Please look out for future Clean Up Dates on our website or Newsletters!**

