



Neighborhood Council



# Winter Newsletter

2011

Where good neighbors make a great community



**\*\*\*Attention all Stakeholders (Property Owners) and Businesses Please come to our next Community meeting December 7 at 6:30 pm at a NEW LOCATION: Next to the Japanese Gardens at the Donald Tillman Reclamation Plant—Meeting Room -Park in the Japanese Garden parking lot 6100 Woodley Ave.**

JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD  
Get in there and make a difference!

Being a board member is a great way to get involved in community services and needs, and gives you direct access to city officials, council members and law enforcement working in our neighborhood. If you want to make a difference, please consider joining the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board. There are currently several vacant positions on our Board. One vacancy is a Business seat. To qualify you must own a business or business rental property or real property; or work within The Council's boundaries. There are also two At Large seats. To qualify for this appointment, a) your primary residence or living space must be within the boundaries of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, or b) you must own a business or business rental property or real property; or work within The Council's boundaries or c) you must participate in a religious institution, educational institution, community organization, non-profit organization, neighborhood association, school/parent group, faith based group, senior group, youth group, arts association, service organization, boys and girls club, cultural group, or environmental group within the Council's boundaries.

There is also one Youth Representative seat. To qualify you must qualify under the either standard above AND be between the ages of 14 and 17. Persons appointed will hold the board seats until the regular elections are held in the Spring of 2014.

For consideration for appointment to these board vacancies, please submit a written application to the board via email on website, [www.lakebalboanc.org](http://www.lakebalboanc.org).

The board will vote on the applications as an agenda item at the December 7th regular board meeting. Consider taking action in your own community!

## It's HOLIDAY TIME OF YEAR!!!

This Holiday season West Valley Division will be hosting a Christmas Tree Lot at the station from **Dec 5th to Dec 11th**. All the profits from the sales will be going to purchase gifts for needy families within the West valley area. Trees can be purchased in advanced at the West Valley Police Station from now until Dec 4th for \$35.00. All trees are from 6' to 9'. After Dec 4th trees will be \$40.00.

Contact: 19020 Vanowen St. Reseda , CA 91335 (818)374-7688

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

**Wednesday, Dec, 7—Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Regular Community Meeting @ 6:30 PM.** meeting at Donald Tillman Water Reclamation Plant Meeting Room, 6100 Woodley Ave., in Lake Balboa. **No meeting for January, Our permanent Location will be announced on our website and postings for February 2012**

**Sunday, Dec 4 (and every Sunday) Encino's Farmer's Market from 8 a.m.—1 p.m.** ONEGeneration Center at 17400 Victory Blvd.

**Wednesday, Dec 14— Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting, @7:00PM,** at LAPD West Valley Station Community Room, 19020 Vanowen St., Reseda.

**Saturday, Dec 10—Emergency Preparedness Meeting @ 9:00AM,** at the Flyaway Bus Terminal, NE corner of Saticoy and Woodley, 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Call Linda Pruet at (818) 345-9809 or email [textmgt@att](mailto:textmgt@att) for more information. Denise Edwards will be our guest speaker to tell us about a brand new class, and we'll have great suggestions for your EP Holiday gifts from SOS! **NO MEETING FOR EP IN JANUARY!!**

## 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 business 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; and Balboa Sports Center, 17015 Burbank Blvd.*

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



## Beautiful Lake Balboa Projects

For your information in the next few months You will see some great changes to improve the look of our community with more beautiful trees being planted in our commercial street areas. These will be flowering trees adding a beauty to the environment and improving the look of Lake Balboa. We appreciate all the kindness to the hardworking people that will be planting them.

In the near future we will be doing clean up days. Landscaping areas, adding trash cans to different areas that need it, we need your help with all these projects. We need more requests for "Beautifying" of our area from Stakeholders (Property Owners) and Business owners. If any property/business owner is landscaping there property or 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 greening 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 website:

[www.milliontreesla.org](http://www.milliontreesla.org) for up to 7 free trees for your property! **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!**

**Sepulveda Basin Bird Walks: For Beginners and Families !** Come and learn about the wildlife in your neighborhood. Join experienced Docents eager to share their knowledge and experience in the wildlife areas. These are FREE monthly Second Sunday of each month at 9 am through March ( Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar 10, 2012) Meet at the amphitheater near the entrance to the wildlife area located off of Woodley Ave. pass the Japanese's Garden. For more info: Call 818-346-6712 San Fernando Valley Audubon society

**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.

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, not 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.

**NEIGHBORHOOD Advisory WARNING!** From West Valley Police There is a potential residential burglary problem in this area. A recent spike of burglary in this area and is a reminder that there is a history of spikes burglaries throughout the last several years. The area is attractive to burglars, as many residents in the area I are in their later years and all of us often times forget to secure windows or doors prior to leaving the house. The bathroom window is the most often entered as many leave it open for ventilation during the morning. As with most all residential burglaries, those in this area occur during the working hours and work days. Most burglars do not want to be seen or confronted. Sometimes a suspect would knock on the door pretending to look for dog or some other excuse to check if someone is home. If nobody answers the door they will often go to the side/rear and find a way in. If you are home and in doubt of anyone's true identity, talk to them through the door don't open it! IF they seem suspicious, call the police and wait. You are not bothering us. Be vigilant ! Help us help you. Please consider joining an existing or starting a new neighborhood watch program in your neighborhood.

For more crime prevention information Log on to : [www.LAPDONLINE.ORG](http://www.LAPDONLINE.ORG) You can always West Valley Police 818 374-7730 Detectives for more information on crimes.

Remember 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

## Business of the Month

### Top Bar Burger

### American & Southwestern Inspired Grill



Top Bar Burger opened in July 2010 and gives burgers a tasty twist!

Gourmet meal styles burgers, It's not fast food. Fresh ingredients are made for orders and included homemade sauces, salsas and creams, There are gourmet cheeses for many menu items. Try the pastrami , homemade chili, or stop in for breakfast.

Top Burger is located at 17238 Saticoy St, ( corner of Louise Ave.) Hours: Mon.- Sat. 9am - 9pm, Sunday 9am - 5pm