



August 2016 LBNC Board Meeting Highlights

LBNC Board Meeting held August 3, 2016 at Gault Avenue Elementary.

- Ankur Patel from LAUSD Scott Schmerelson's Office spoke about Education Round Tables to be held on 9/30, 12/2, 3/31/17 and 6/30/17.
- On 10/29, from 11 AM to 4 PM, Artist Magnet, in partnership with L.A. Tourism Convention Bureau and Metro, will be creating an immersive theater festival in the San Fernando Valley along the Orange Line from Woodley Park through the Eclectic Company Theatre on Laurel Canyon.
- The Emergency Preparedness Committee announced they would meet on 8/13 to replace EP supplies in the bin at Stagg St. Elementary School.
- The board approved the Health & Safety Committee's request for \$2,500 for aluminum Neighborhood Watch (NW) signs with brackets/strappings and 1,500 NW window signs.
- The board voted to approve Council File (CF) [14-1057](#) (Regarding Residential Neighborhoods as Unregulated Campgrounds / Homelessness and Constitutional Rights / Legal Options) and forward a Community Impact Statement.
- Ad-Hoc Database Committee appointed to create a database of email addresses for our stakeholders to keep the community informed via our electronic newsletter, committee specific emails, and meeting and event information emails.
- Click here to see the complete [LBNC agendas and meeting minutes](#).



The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board.

LBNC President's Message

The LBNC's 2016/2017 goals are to unite the stakeholders around the local elementary/middle schools (whether or not you have children) to help the hardworking faculty and promote the Neighborhood Watch, CPR training, and emergency preparedness programs so that we can create an environment of community.

Reminder: The mayor has NO CONTROL over the schools. That area is 100% LAUSD's responsibility and WE VOTE them into their positions. Once we get help for our schools and the students begin to flourish, watch your property values skyrocket!

Please be on the lookout for our online questionnaire coming later this month, so that we can find out more about you in order to leverage our combined talents and passion for continuing to grow and help our community. Also, please help us to spread the news to your neighbors. Ask them to sign-up for our email list too at www.lakebalboanc.org, to ensure they receive their monthly copy of the LBNC Neighborhood News directly to their inbox, just like you! This is a huge undertaking and we need your help!

Together we are Lake Balboa.

— Linda Gravani,
President of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

Outreach Committee News

Have you seen the beautiful murals on the fences/walls of Haskell Avenue in Lake Balboa just north of Victory Boulevard? Sponsored by the LBNC and painted in conjunction with our local Lake Balboa high schools and famously talented muralist, Levi Ponce, these inspiring works of art are here to welcome visitors to our city while showcasing the talents of our students and beautifying our community.

Students who participate in the mural painting are given community service credit towards graduation requirements. We've worked with Daniel Pearl Magnet High School as well as High-Tech High Los Angeles and the Police Cadets, and are looking forward to an upcoming mural project with Levi Ponce to continue sharing art with our community while also deterring graffiti.

The Outreach Committee also participates in events that are sponsored by our City Councilwoman, Nury Martinez, 6th District, and our State Assemblyman, Adrin Nazarian.



Education Committee News

Our schools are at the center of this year's Master Plan for the LBNC. As a council, we have decided that in order to better serve our community and make an impact, we need to look towards our Lake Balboa elementary and middle schools to unite the community and build stronger relationships.

As part of this Master Plan, we will be working with the school faculty, parents and community members and will be helping with community events. If you can help us build and grow a relationship with your school, please let us know. Inform us of ways that you would like to see the council involved at your school by completing the form at www.lakebalboanc.org/contact-us/. You can also use this form to notify us of any school event that you'd like us to share with the community.

Health & Public Safety Committee News

A key goal of our Health & Public Safety Committee is to strive to create greater Community awareness of the critical importance of learning to save a life through the use of CPR. Each day, more than 1,000 persons fall victim to Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) events – more than 90% do not survive because they don't get treatment in time. "If CPR is performed during the critical moments before EMT's and Paramedics arrive, we can drastically increase survival rates," said James Brown, Committee Chair. 4 out of 5 Sudden Cardiac Arrest events occur at home so chances are that the life you save is likely to be a child, parent, spouse, friend or other loved one. To date, more than 300 neighbors & residents have been trained to save a life by learning CPR.



Community members attending the Health and Public Safety Committee Meeting on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at The FlyAway in Lake Balboa.

[Join our next training class. Learn CPR and become a Superhero.](#)

Emergency Preparedness Committee News

Along with other Neighborhood Councils, the LBNC proudly supports the [9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair](#), to be held on Saturday, 10/1/16 from 10 AM to 2 PM, behind Fire Station 87, located at 10124 Balboa Blvd. (SE corner of Devonshire), in Granada Hills.

Everything is free and family friendly! Free admission! Free parking behind the shopping center. Free lunch and free EP Starter Kits as long as supplies last (to registered families only). Five great speakers, including our own Brian Tessier! Free exhibits and displays. Child ID, Kids' safety puppet show and Shakey-Quakey schoolhouse! Pet safety and preparedness! Drawings for EP items! And much, much, more! [Register now!](#) Questions? Call Linda Pruett, EP Co-Chair at (818) 384-8375.

The EP Committee will not be meeting in September so that our EP Committee Co-Chairs, Linda Pruett and Sandy Joseph, can attend the 30th Anniversary National CERT Conference. We are delighted to have them attend and look forward to the wealth of knowledge they will bring back to us during our next regularly scheduled EP meeting on 10/8/16 at 9 AM at The FlyAway Bus Terminal, 2nd Floor.

Recreation and Parks Committee News

During our August Recreation and Parks (RAP) Committee Meeting, 27 people attended, bringing about passionate discussions after a long respite from the last committee meeting.

The Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park was a hot topic with discussion about progress regarding the removal of an area with soil contaminated by glass shard and the potential for neighborhood meetings to discuss possible future installation of lights at the park. We will be writing to Councilwoman Nury Martinez's office to express the community's interest in the lighting project. Also, congratulations were given to Eagle Scout Conrad Rutherford for his completion of the agility courses with community support and funding.

The LBNC is still trying to get recycled water to the Dog Park. Present plans call for the "purple" pipe to stop at Balboa and serve Birmingham. We need you to write to the DWP! Contact Co-Chair, Jim Stein for more info: jimstein@lakebalboanc.org.

Ramon Barajas, Assistant General Manager of the Dept. of Recreation and Parks explained that the equivalent of 56” to 62” of rain is needed to maintain trees in parks. During a drought, this must be made up by watering, which RAP must pay for and is limited to only three times a week.

The 2016-17 RAP budget is \$227 million for the entire city. Since 2005-06 RAP reduced its full time staff from 2,200 to 1,400 and had to start paying directly to other city departments for fire, police, DWP, etc.

As a result this year’s budget is reduced automatically by \$60 million for these services. Maintenance is paid from the remaining \$167 million and improvements must come from grants, donations and permitted projects.

Los Angeles County required an assessment in all areas to establish priorities for new projects. This was completed and the [results](#) were released in May. The goal of RAP is to have 65% of the population within ½ mile of a park. Presently that figure is 54%. There will be a measure on the November ballot.

Last year the LBNC met with members from an organization representing a Bike Skills Park and voted unanimously to support their plan for a park in Lake Balboa. They have been meeting with RAP and others continuing to develop and finalize plans and have secured substantial private funding. This event will be introduced at the 2024 Olympics, which L.A. is bidding on and could be right here in Lake Balboa!



Playground safety maintenance is performed monthly with daily site visits and sand screening twice weekly.

The graphic features a blue background with a black silhouette of a playground structure, including a tower with a ladder and a slide. A small figure is shown on the slide.



Are there bulky-items left in your neighborhood?
See graffiti? Want a pothole repaired?
Want to pay your Los Angeles Department of Water and Power bill right from your mobile device?

Download the MYLA311 app for FREE

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Quickly and easily use the 'Create New Service Request' feature to get started.

The graphic has a blue background with white text. It lists common neighborhood issues and promotes the MYLA311 app as a free solution for reporting them.

Land Use Committee News

The Land Use Committee will be meeting in October with Budweiser to find out how they will save millions of gallons of water. If you would like to be informed about Land Use issues, please sign up for committee info on our [website](#).

Business Committee News

Formerly known as the Economic Revitalization and Development Committee, the newly re-named Business Committee is here to partner with local businesses in Lake Balboa to help grow our community. If you are a business owner in Lake Balboa, we want to hear from you! Find out ways your business can be a part of our Master Plan. Email us at info@lakebalboanc.org.

NURY MARTINEZ

CITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNCILWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A LAKE BALBOA COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

**Saturday
Oct 8th
2016**



**9:00 AM
TO
12:00 PM**

We will be cleaning
the neighborhood
around Bassett St.
Elementary in Lake
Balboa



Tools and bags will
be provided.

Students can earn
service
learning/hours.

For more information, contact: Lauren Padick at 818-778-4999 or lauren.padick@lacity.org



As stated in the flyer, we will be cleaning the neighborhood around Bassett St. Elementary. Please look for Councilwoman Martinez's office's tent and the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council tent, located toward the back of the school along the fence on the sidewalk.

[Bassett Street Elementary School](#)

15756 Bassett Street

Lake Balboa, CA 91406

We look forward to seeing you and helping to clean up our community! Thank you for your support!

**September 2016
LBNC Board Meeting and Committee Meetings**

- **LBNC Board Meeting**
 - 9/7 at 6:30 pm at Gault St. Elementary School
- **Recreation and Parks Committee Meeting**
 - No September meeting. Meetings held every EVEN numbered month at 7:00 pm at the Balboa Sports Complex
- **Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting**
 - Cancelled for September, will resume in October
- **Health & Public Safety Committee Meeting**
 - 9/17 at 10:00 am at the FlyAway
- **Land Use Committee Meeting**
 - 9/19 at 7:00 pm at the FlyAway
- **Business Committee Meeting**
 - 9/21 at 6:30 pm at the FlyAway
- **Outreach Committee Meeting**
 - 9/27 at 7:00 pm at the FlyAway
- **Education Committee Meeting**
 - To be determined

Meetings held at the FlyAway Bus Terminal are located at 7610 Woodley Ave. (NE corner of Saticoy and Woodley), Lake Balboa, CA 91406 in the Community Meeting Room on the Second Floor.

Park for FREE out front in the spaces closest to Woodley Avenue.

