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LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MONTHLY EVENTS

At

Lake View Terrace
Recreation Center
11075 Foothill Blvd
Lake View Terrace
CA 91342

MONTHLY SWAP MEET

Saturday JUNE 6, 2009
7:00 AM

GENERAL MEETING
Monday JUNE 1, 2009
7:00 PM

BOARD MEETING
Monday JUNE 8, 2009
7:00 PM

LVTIA MAY 2009 GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

By L.A. Turner

At this month's general meeting the subject of the graffiti on the fences of houses seen from the interchange of the 210 freeway west to the 118 freeway west was discussed. We will be investigating if the Los Angeles Department of Flood Control, who has an access road in the targeted area, and the Edison Company, whose electrical towers are also located in the affected area, can start taking some responsibility in helping us with this continued problem of visual blight.

We are also attempting to get The Salvation Army, who owns the senior citizen apartments located across the street from the Lake View Terrace Library, to give us an update concerning the vacant lot that they own next to the center.

We are requesting a speaker from Councilmember Richard Alarcón's office to give an update on the status of the Children's Museum as well as the need for handicapped curb access at the Foothill intersections of Osborne Street and Van Nuys Boulevard.

Please attend our next general meeting on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 11075 Foothill Blvd, Lake View Terrace, CA at 7pm. It will be our last general meeting before September, as we will not meet in July or August.

CILÉ BORMAN, PIONEER WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Councilmember Richard Alarcón of District 7 recently honored Lake View Terrace resident and local activist Cilé Borman by naming her "Pioneer Woman of the Year."

As a founding and current member of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Cilé is one of the most active members of the community. She also is vice president of the Hansen Dam Fourth of July committee.

Cilé is a strong participant in many other boards and committees, including the LVTIA, Friends of the Library, Lopez Canyon Advisory Committee, the Tujunga Watershed Council, the Day of the Horse Celebration, and has been an official judge for the Pacoima Christmas Parade.

Music is one of the motivating forces in Cile's life. As a recording artist for A & M Records, she traveled throughout the country cultivating her singing voice. She also studied news broadcasting to help perfect her audience communication skills.

Cilé co-wrote and sang the female lead in the original stage production of "We Are the Future." Before the camera, she's appeared in the television series ER, two "Comedy Central" episodes and a Verizon commercial, "Something Different."

A "Pioneer Woman" is defined as one that has made significant contributions toward improving the community within their council district and city in the areas of education, business, sports, arts, science, community, health or city government.

Cilé is not only that, she is a woman who looks to the future. Committed to helping the next generation succeed, Cilé is a mentor to high school girls as part of her Beta Pi Sigma Sorority Inc., Zeta Chapter.

Congratulations Cilé! And thank you for all you do!

Source: Council District 7 April 23, 2009 Newsletter

ATTENTION! MAIL THEFT IN LVT

There have been numerous reports of mail theft in LVT. The curbside mail boxes are the most targeted. If you observe a mail theft in progress, call the police immediately, and then call the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at **877-876-2455**. If you are a victim of mail theft, please file a complaint with the nearest U.S. Postal Inspector. **Lock your mailbox!** This is also a subject you may want to discuss at your next neighborhood watch meeting.

We're on the web!
www.lvtia.org

THREE \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED IN LVT

The Lake View Terrace Improvement Association will award a \$500 Scholarship to each of the three winners of the Lake View Terrace College Student Essay Contest.

To enter the contest the applicant must reside in Lake View Terrace and have a GPA of 3.5 or better.

The applicant must also write a 500 word essay titled "Why I Deserve the Scholarship."

The criteria for submitting your essay are:

1. 8.5 x 11-inch paper
2. 1 inch margin all sides
3. Arial or Times New Roman 12 pt font
4. Double line spacing
5. Page numbering
6. Attach a title page
7. Place your full name, address and phone number in the upper left corner of the first page of your Essay.

The required accompanying documentation, which will not be returned, are:

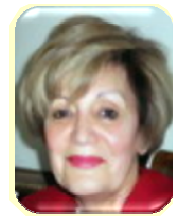
1. Current Transcripts from your College/ High School (must be unopened).
2. A Letter of Recommendation from your College/High School Teacher, Chair, Dean or Principal with contact information.
3. A current copy of your paid registration from the college.
4. A current copy of your Legal CA Identification that contains your name and address.

Place your essay with all the accompanying documentation in a manila envelope and mail to:

**LVTIA/Scholarship
P.O. Box 224
Sun Valley, CA. 91041**

Only one submission per family will be accepted. Submissions postmarked later than June 30, 2009 will not be accepted. The winners will be notified by mail.

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HOW ABOUT BEFORE THE FIRE PREVENTION

Opinion by Mali Barhtar

"REBUILDING: AFTER THE SAYRE AND MAREK FIRES" is the title of a news release from Richard Alarcón's District 7th Council Office. Consequently, going into the fire brush season, the article took my attention. When I read that Councilmember Alarcón has been working with those affected by the fire as well as coordinating with agencies and other levels of government to help bring the much needed resources to the area, I admired him and was overwhelmed with the news. At the same time, I thought about how about before the fire? Has Councilmember Richard Alarcón's Office ever thought of "before the fire prevention"?

During my daily walk in Lake View Terrace I come across many homes and vacant lots that are full of dried weeds that are sometimes as tall as five feet! These kinds of neglected locations are simply fire hazards to the community. As we all too well know, just one spark from a cigarette butt or any source can cause millions of dollars in lost property and even death.

The existing weed abatement regulations must be enforced in Lake View Terrace to protect the community from the anguish and destruction that a brush fire can cause.

If our City can give citations to neglectful pool owners, they should certainly do the same thing for neglectful property owners. I hope that Councilmember Richard Alarcón's Office will pay attention to my "Before the Fire Prevention" article as much as they paid attention to "After the Fires". Like a disease, it is certainly less distressing, expensive and time consuming to prevent beforehand than to cure afterwards.

HOOF BEATS—THE WAR HORSE FOUNDATION



By Fritz Bronner

The War Horse Foundation is an equestrian drill team based in Lake View Terrace that presents famous cavalry regiments from around the world. They were Rose Parade participants in 2005-06. At the recent Burbank Parade, they received the first place award for a mounted unit. This Memorial Day weekend, the War Horse is scheduled to perform in the La Canada-Flintridge parade. On June 27th they will be performing at the Moon Shadow Ranch in Shadow Hills for the Special Spirit Fund-

raiser. The War Horse holds its regular practices Saturday mornings in the large arena at Gabrieleno Park (Orcas Park). Skilled riders and horses are encouraged to come out and join the group. Contact them at www.warhorsefoundation.com.

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEWS AGAIN!!!

By Heidi Paul

Welcome to the NEW Lake View Terrace Newsletter! Inside our new format you'll find the latest happenings and upcoming events, helpful hints and insightful information. We'll keep you up to date on issues through the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association, The Foothill Trails Neighborhood Council and local school and community organizations. And we're inviting you to participate and contribute! Do you have an interesting or historical local story to tell? A question to ask your city or neighborhood council rep? A happening you'd like folks to know about? How about a great picture of an event, person or place that you'd like to share? We want this to be your paper! Open us up and share the views in the new Lake View Terrace Newsletter. You can contact us for submissions information at info@lvtia.org.

The strongest

shield is

Knowledge, the

greatest sword,

Compassion.

~ Gurustu ~

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SPRING HOUSE CLEANING

By Gil Wong

Out with the old and in with the new! Spring cleaning means a new beginning. The Lake View Terrace Improvement Association's monthly newsletter will soon be featuring a community classified section, where for a minimal cost, you can advertise your garage sale, yard sale or whatever else you need to sell or find. Our newsletter goes out to almost four hundred households a month, which is way more effective than a cardboard posted sign! And please consider getting a spot at the LVTIA "1st Saturday Of The Month Swap Meet," held in the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center parking lot, from 7am to 3pm. (In case of rain, the swap meet will be held on the following Saturday.) There are no reservations accepted. Spaces are issued on a first come, first served basis. Set up starts at 6am Funds raised are used to support LVTIA's newsletter, scholarship fund and many of the programs that benefit our community. We are a non-profit organization and your support is greatly appreciated.

Foothill Trails District NC Election Results

By Cris Hughes

At the General Board meeting held on April 16, 2009, the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council (FTDNC) held an election for new Executive Board Officers. Dale Gibson won the President seat. Billy Hays (district 2) won the Vice President of Administration seat. Cris Hughes (district 1) was re-elected Vice President of Communications/Outreach. Kevin Davis (district 1) was re-elected as Treasurer. Royan Herman (at large) was re-elected as Recording Secretary. Nancy Woodruff (district 6) was re-elected as Corresponding Secretary. The FTDNC is striving to bring about a positive change to the communities it serve. Come to our meetings and bring your concerns so that we can start working for you ... the Stakeholder. General Board meetings are scheduled to be held the third Thursday of each month. They are rotated through the three communities served: Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills and La Tuna Canyon. The June's meeting will be at the Stonehurst Elementary School, 9851 on Stonehurst Blvd. in Sun Valley, CA on June 18th at 7 p.m. Consult our web site calendar at www.ftdnc.org for monthly committee and board meetings and locations.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RAVEN AND A CROW



By Lynda Fenneman

What is that big, black bird in your yard making all

that noise? Is it a raven or a crow? Here are some clues so you can tell the difference the next time he, or 60 of his friends, shows up. The crow has a shorter squared off fan like tail. The raven (with a 'v' in its name) has a "V" in its wedge-shaped tail. Crows "caw." Ravens make 'gurgling,' croaking sounds. Crows are sleek, with a straight beak. Ravens have a scruffy head and a much larger hook like bill. Both have a dark eye, bill and feet. Crows like to gather in huge noisy flocks while ravens have smaller families and are very loyal mates. Ravens are often seen flying in thermals, high on the mountains with the hawks, turkey vultures, hang gliders and occasional California condor in the Kagel Mountain area. The crows usually stay down lower in the more populated areas of Hansen Dam. Both are expert fliers and considered fairly intelligent. Either one, but in particular the raven, can make a good outdoors "pet" if hand raised from a fledgling. Ravens and crows are opportunistic omnivores and very creative in their methods when it comes to getting a meal. They pester the Red-tail Hawk relentlessly, especially if it's bringing home dinner. Efficient and "green" in their conservation and re-cycling efforts, they clean up the neighborhood of "edibles", picking through trash and eliminating carcasses, performing a community service for free.

Please plan to attend the next Lake View Terrace Improvement Association monthly general meeting, which will be held at the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center in the Phyllis Hines Recreation Room on June 8, 2009 at 7pm. Please come and share the community problems, make comments and be a part of the solutions.

LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

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 Cile Borman, Corresponding Secretary — 818.896.6058
 Angie Carter, Recording Secretary — 818.890.3255

JOIN LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Get involved in your local association.

Membership to LVTIA is available to all who live in Lake View Terrace and the vicinity. The yearly membership is only \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Please fill out this form and mail it with your check to:

Lake View Terrace Improvement Association
 P O Box 224
 Sunland, CA 91041

Join the community and let your voice be heard.

First Name:

Last Name:

Street :

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY MONTHLY BOOK SALE

Circle your calendar

The book sale is on Saturday June 20, 2009

Lake View Terrace Library

12002 Osborne St.

Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

Corner of Osborne West & Foothill Blvd.

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

For more information call Phyllis Hines

818.897.7644

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Community neighborhood watches meeting held every third Tuesday of the month.

Municipal Building

7747 Foothill Blvd.

Tujunga, CA 91042

7:00 PM





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Another Good Reason Why It is a good Time to Buy

The housing market is looking healthier. Besides tax credit from Uncle Sam, as a buyer, you should consider where to invest your money. If you put \$10,000 into the stock market and it earns 10 percent, you've earned \$1000. If you put \$10,000 down on a home that its price is \$100,000 and its value increases 10 percent, you've made \$10,000.

Address	BD	BA	Year Built	House SF	Lot SF	Sold Price	Notes
11439 Jeff Ave.	4	3	1967	1656	11016	\$340,000	Short sale
11668 Gladstone	2	1	1954	1367	8235	\$240,000	Foreclosure Home, Fixer
11623 Azores	3	2	1959	1170	9290	\$178,000	Foreclosure Home, Fixer
11311 Hunnewell	4	2	1960	1380	10900	\$ 288,000	Short Sale
12125 Kagel Cyn.	2	1	1937	588	19540	\$ 103,000	Foreclosure Home, Fixer
11839 Hunnewell	5	3	1987	1492	5893	\$250,000	Foreclosure Home, Fixer
11605 Terra Bella	3	2	1984	1132	6150	\$250,000	Short Sale