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PLANNED AMENITIES AT HANSEN DAM

The youth from LVT and the surrounding communities will be benefiting from the planned amenities slated for Hansen Dam. Amenities such as a 10,000 square foot concrete street-style skate plaza with features such as "hubbas", quarter pipes, transitional elements, stairs and rails, ledges and curbs, pads and gaps on approximately a one acre site within the recreation area that is leased by the city from the Los Angeles District of US Army Corps of Engineers. The skate park would have similar operating hours as the rest of the Hansen Dam Recreation Area, which is from dawn to dusk. Skateboards from LVT took part in the design phase of the skate park. These design sessions were held at our Lake View Terrace Recreation Center.



Camp ground amenities will also be availa-

ble in the near future at Hansen Dam. The scope of this project consists of the construction of a new single story 4,600 square foot building. The building will include offices for the park rangers, a visitor center including the entry point for the patrons of Hansen Dam campgrounds and equestrian trails, public restrooms, a community meeting room, a communication center, lunch room and storage. The project will include park ranger and visitor parking, road improvements including reconfiguration of the park entrance to monitor site access, site grading and landscaping, and new utility connections including an extension of the sewer line. The building roof line will extend beyond the building envelop providing a shade structure covering most of the front lawn to allow for outdoor events to be held comfortably. ~ By Borman

JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

C/1SG Reggie Almario, a 2011 Graduate, C/CPT Sam Al-thakafi, Senior, C/SFC Joaquin Gonzalez, Junior and C/MSG Andrew Gregoire, Junior, all members of the Los Angeles Unified School District's All-City Color Guard from Verdugo Hills High School under the supervision of JROTC Instructors Hardy Murray Jr. Senior JROTC Instructor and Rodney Scott JROTC Instructor, opened the official July 4th Independence Day



Celebration at Hansen Dam 2011. Their presentation of the colors was inspirational. Verdugo Hills High is an outstanding comprehensive four-year high school located in the Sunland-Tujunga Community. C/SFC Joaquin Gonzalez, a junior student at the school and a resident of LVT volunteered to assist in getting his Color Guard unit to present the colors at the opening of the event. ~ By Cile Borman

Domestic Violence is never okay! If you or someone you know is a victim of Domestic Violence call the 24 hours National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1 (800) 799-SAFE for help.

LANDSCAPE RETROFITTING PART-13

Calcium is a primary nutritional element. This element is abundant in the soils of arid regions in the form of calcium carbonate, CaCO_3 and in semi arid to sub humid regions in the form of calcium sulfate, $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Calcium involves with cell elongation and division, membrane permeability and activation of several critical enzymes. For animals, the amounts of calcium in the vegetative materials they consume determine their bones and teeth strength because calcium is the major component of animal bones. Calcium absorption in general happens through young root tips because the inner layer of cells (endodermis cells) have not yet matured to the point to be impermeable to soil water absorption. Calcium is the most abundant cation in the soil exchange complex of the soils of arid to sub humid regions. For these reason efficiencies of calcium is rare in soils except in soils with low pH that results from high concentration of hydrogen H^+ and /or Al^{3+} on the exchange complex.

In case of calcium deficiency, it begins with growing points or meristems such as buds, fruits and root tips. Calcium deficiency also causes other cations like magnesium, manganese, and zinc to act toxic. There are cases that calcium deficiency is noticeable although when soil is rich in calcium content and pH maintains appropriately, which it will be due to internal unbalanced distribution of calcium within the plant. There is times that tomatoes become soft and rotten and peanuts become empty in shells when the absorption of calcium interrupts by unevenness in watering practice. The solution is to use gypsum properly and manage the water application. During the reclamation of sodic soils (black alkali soils) application, the cat ion Ca^{2+} replaces Na^+ , coagulates the dispersed clay particles, and improves the soil permeability.

Magnesium (to be continued)

~ By **Dariusz Bakhtar, Ph.D., CPSS.,**
LVTIA Garden Club Chair

UPDATE: HELP FOR THE HANSEN DAM HOMELESS

A meeting of local law enforcement, social service organizations, community members, and Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcón's District 7 Director Jose Rodriguez convened July 13, 2011 at the new Neighborhood City Hall in Pacoima.

The discussion focused on the many improvements and child-centered installations in the park and how they are incongruent with the current homeless and/or illegal activity that takes place there. Among the installations presently under construction are a skate plaza and Rangers' Station.

Thanks to the efforts of law enforcement and the social service agencies, the pervasive public drunkenness that was taking place at the bus

stop on Terra Bella Street and Foothill Blvd. and making its way to the park has, for the most part, been eradicated.

However, the homeless encampment and/or open air beer garden and crack house still exist against the retaining wall between the library and Children's Playground. Moreover, the volunteer Foothill Mounted Patrol supplied a map showing the various homeless encampments and day use spots throughout the dam.



An onsite intake program is being devised to deal with the aforementioned. Many of the homeless and/or substance

addicted people can't get to or won't go to where the services are located within the city. The onsite intake program will bring the social services to them. Stay tuned... ~By Vanessa May

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new member Nancy Mraz and thank you Dorothy Tatum, Chris Leptuch and Water & Yolanda Conner for renewing your membership. Join LVTIA or renew

your membership today. Your yearly membership to LVTIA contributes to the Newsletter publication. Please use the membership form on page 3.

LVTIA GARDEN CLUB PLANT OF THE MONTH SERIES

Beginning the October issue of LVTIA monthly newsletter the LVTIA Garden club will provide the readers with a series of articles regarding the herbs, vegetables and/or ornamental plants that can grow easily in the backyards, on the patios and even indoors.

Prior to this presentation, I would like to familiarize my readers with the naming method for the plants, which directly relates the readers to the plants nomenclature. This will enable the readers to use and to read extra scientific articles about the plants easily and efficiently if they wish. In the simplest form of naming, each plant identifies by two individual **botanic** and **common** names.

A botanic name is a name ordinary in Latin that is independent of any regional language or

dialogue. The everyday method of creating a botanic name for a plant is to form a two **parts** or a **binary system**. This system identifies the **species** of a plant by combining the **genus** and **species** names. A **common** name is the name to a plant that a community, a language or a dialogue provides and identifies the plant accordingly.

Examples are the species **Aronia arbutifolia** and **Aronia melanocarpa**. Both species begin with the same **genus** that is **Aronia**. The species **Aronia arbutifolia** is a **botanic** name that associates with RED CHOCKBERRY, where **Aronia melanocarpa** that associates with BLACK CHOCKBERRY.

~ By Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D.
Garden Club Chair

Hansen Dam Advisory Board

meets at 7PM on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the LVT Rec. Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342.

Foothill Trails District NC General Meeting

August 18, 2011
Visit www.ftdnc.org for Time & location.

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Friends of The Library

Saturday, August 20, 2011

Monthly Book Sale

10 AM to 2 PM

Monthly Meeting

2 PM to 2:30 PM

Lake View Terrace Library
12002 Osborne St.
Lake View Terrace CA
Phyllis Hines 818.897.7644

Lake View Tearers

Are you a Senior? Are you looking to join an active group of your peers? Then search no more. Join the Lake View Tearers on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the LVT Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 2011
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Fellowship Luncheon

August 10, 2011 at 11 A.M.

Location to be decided

For more information call
Phyllis Hines 818.897.7644

LAPD FOOTHILL COMMUNITY COFFEE KLATSCH
Meets from 8AM -10AM the 1st Tuesday of every month at Alberson's/Starbucks, 6240 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga CA 91042

NOTICE OF 2011 MEETING HIATUS

The Lake View Terrace Improvement Association will NOT meet in July and August.
The meetings will reconvene in September.

Get Involved! Join LVTIA

LVTIA Membership is available to all who live in Lake View Terrace and the vicinity. The yearly membership is \$10 per person or \$20 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 LVTIA and let your voice be heard.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State : _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

White Elephant Sale

Saturday, August 6, 2011

7 AM to 3 PM

11075 Foothill Blvd.

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ICE (In Case of Emergency) YOUR MOBILE PHONE

If a medical emergency should arise where you're unable to speak for yourself place ICE in front of the name of the person(s) you want contacted in case of an emergency.

Blood Drive

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011

13631 Van Nuys Blvd.

Pacoima, CA 91331

10 am – 12 pm & 1:30 pm – 4 pm

Free pint of Baskin Robbins Ice
Cream for Donors

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Newsletter

LVTIA invites the community to submit informative & timely articles (200 to 300 words doc with digital picture if possible) electronically for publication consideration to articles@lvtia.org (articles may be edited). Also, any community event (flyers) that you would like posted on the LVTIA's calendar.

WHAT IS THE HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION?

Being a Real Estate broker, many times when I buy or sell a house, the new owner ask "what is the home owners' exemption? The California Constitution provides for the exemption of \$7,000 (maximum) in assessed value from the property tax assessment of any property owned and occupied as the owner's principal place of residence. The exemption reduces the annual property tax bill for a qualified homeowner by **up to \$70**. (Article XIII Section 3 of the California Constitution, Rev & Tax 218). The proper form can be obtained from County Assessor's office and there is no fee for filing.

HOMES SOLD IN LVT IN JUNE 2011

Street address	BD/ BT	Living SqFt	Sold Price	Year Built	Comments
11350 Foothill Blvd. Unit 37	1/1	708	\$77,000	1986	Very Small Condo
11350 Foothill Blvd. Unit 15	2/2	1,007	\$195,000	1985	Bank Owned Condo
11230 Jacinto Ave.	3/2	1,285	\$313,000	1958	Regular Sale
11643 Prager Ave.	4/2	1,333	\$206,000	1964	Bank Owned
11654 Elderidge St.	3/1	1,215	\$220,000	1963	Short Sale

Information deemed reliable , but not guaranteed.

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