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LVTIA's January 2012 General Meeting

Joyce Williams, President of the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association, chaired the General Meeting on January 9, 2012 at 7 PM at the Lake View Terrace Recreational Center. The many Lake View Terrace residents in attendance posed the following topics of discussion or announcements.

• Council District Redistricting

The subject of Redistricting of the Council Districts was the main topic of discussion. Every ten years, the City Council's District Boundaries are re-drawn. The responsibility of the Redistricting Council is to make recommendations to the City Council as to where the boundaries are set.

The consensus was that the Lake View Terrace residents, in attendance, were adamant about remaining in Council District 2. At present, Lake View Terrace is divided between Council Districts two and seven.

The Redistricting Commission needs the input from the public to aid them in making the critical recommendation decision(s) as to where the boundaries lines should be drawn.

A "Comment Form On Communities Of Interest", designed by the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission, was distributed amongst the audience. Many audience members completed the form at the meeting, which the LVTIA's President took the responsibility for the delivery of the forms to the Redistricting Commission.

The Audience members were advised to visit or call the Redistricting Commission often to ask questions, keep abreast of the meeting locations, to give their input on the boundary lines and to stay informed.

The Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission encourages the public to contact them by mail at 200 N. Spring Street, Room 275, Los Angeles, CA 9001, email redistricting.lacity@lacity.org or visit www.redistricting2011.lacity.org.

• Recycling Horse Manure

The Foothill Trails District NC Equestrian Committee Chair, Vikki Brink, spoke on the financial possibilities of recycling horse manure into a useful product.

Mrs. Brinks, as an enterprising entrepreneur, would like to generate revenues from the horse manure instead of paying the expense for the disposal of the horse manure. Mrs. Brink mentioned several instances of successful manure recycling operations throughout the country and was searching for suggestions as to how to best approach and develop a recycling venture locally.

• The Children's Museum Property

Mrs. Borman expressed a desire to use the "Children's Museum" property as a cultural arts center for the youth in the community. At the present, the property is sitting vacant and incurring expenses like the security personnel, water and power and possibly taxes just to mention a few.

Being an artist and seasoned performer, Mrs. Borman has envisioned generating revenues from plays and musicals by the youth in the community and holding regular community social events. Audience members suggested other revenue generating venues like concerts, a farmers market, daycare, a senior activities center and after school tutoring center.

It was suggested that the Councilmember for the district be contacted and presented with the ideas. Also, LVTIA would like to invite the Councilmember to be a guest speaker at an upcoming general meeting.

Mrs. Borman took on the task of contacting the Council Member and will update LVTIA at the next General Meeting.

• Friendship Run

The 17th Annual 18-Mile "Friendship Run", presented by Richard and Rebecca Lewis, on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 8 AM is open to the community. Runners of all ages and abilities are welcomed to take on the challenge with the 3,000 SRLA (Student Run Los Angeles) runners. The course is designed to be a training run for the renowned LA Marathon.

The course consists of two 9-mile loops starting in Hansen Dam Park and going out along the bounding streets, crossing the two-mile Dam and then finishing at the park.

The top three finishers in the male and female in their age categories will receive a medal for their achievement in the run. All registered runners participating in the 18-mile Friendship Run will receive a finisher medal and T-shirt along with post-race nutrition.

Parking is free inside the park, but vehicles will not be able to depart the event until after 1 PM. There is also street parking as well.

For registration or more information visit www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1998418. To volunteer, please call 818.654.3360 or email nikki@srla.org

• LVT Recreational Center

The new Winter/Spring 2012 Classes at the Lake View Terrace Recreational Center are open for enrollment.

There are adult activities and dance classes, activities for seniors, a new low impact "Stretch-er-cise" class,

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the regular gymnastics, Ballet, Tennis, Hip Hop, Jazz/ Modern Dance, Tap, Self Defense and Performing Arts Classes for Free L. A. Kids is available.

The Free Snack Program is ongoing. There are low cost Tiny Tot Classes for potty-trained children.

The spring Girls softball league registration will begin on February 11, 2012. For more information call 818.899.8087 or visit www.laparks.org.

• Proposed Fenton Elder Care Project

The question was raised as to the status of the Proposed Fenton Elder Care Project that developers want to build on the vacant lots at Fenton and Kathyann St. in Lake View Terrace, CA.

The LVTIA Garden Chair Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D., who is also a member of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee, will contact the developer in hopes that they will be able to attend the February 6, 2012 General Meeting.

• Fundraising Projects

LVTIA desires industrious ways to find other resources to support the Organization. Several ideas were presented like a dance, a dinner, a pancake breakfast and movie nights.

The pancake breakfast seemed to be the main winner with the audience. As soon as the details are finalized, the pancake breakfast date will be announced a month in advance.
~ By Cris Hughes

Acknowledgement of LVTIA Renewal/New Memberships

LVTIA acknowledges the following members, in good standings, for promptly sending in their membership dues.

Thank you James Taylor, Meredith Margaret Wills, Jess Hudec, Dorothy Martin, Eppie Hartsuiker, Janice Parnell, Jose & Margarita Lopez, Cris Hughes and Edna Agee for your loyalty.

LVTIA welcomes new members Rodney Gallman and Maria Cabigao who are also in good standings.

Your membership dues assist in the operations of the organization, the monthly newsletter, the Scholarship awards, funding of community events and other expenses.

As always, we are recruiting volunteers to serve in whatever capacity is convenient for the volunteer. Hope to see you at the next General & Board Meeting.

Fenton Eldercare Project : ZA2011-1408

Rodney Singh, Land Acquisition/Forward Planning Manager at D.R. Horton, Inc. Greater Los Angeles Area will be the Guest Speaker at the February 6,

2012 General Meeting. Mr. Singh should be prepared to answer you questions about the proposed Fenton Eldercare Project. Please attend this meeting and bring your questions.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. 2012 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Pacoima Community Youth Culture Center's V-RAP Program along with members from the San Fernando Valley, NAACP Youth Council, Mount Zion Baptist Church and a host of active community volunteers from all over the Northeast Valley, including Lake View Terrace, came together and held a commemorative event in recognition of a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration on Monday, January 16, 2012 in the Community Room at the Pacoima Community Center.

The audience represented a diverse group of people from all ethnic, political, business and religious backgrounds. They were there demonstrating part of Dr. King's dream. People coming together, "not because of the color of their skin but because of the content of their character".



People who actually knew him shared first hand experiences. Those who never knew him personally spoke about how they thought he would feel about the America of today.

The youth in attendance took an active part in the event's planning and gave speeches influenced by their studies of Dr. King's life. Some of the adults gave samples of his historical speeches, quoted authors influenced by his works or sang original and traditional

gospel songs.

Everyone who felt motivated shared their views about Dr. King's impact on their lives and his legacy of non-violence that is still important today.

There were refreshments and with the cutting of the cake a lively rendition of the birthday song written by Stevie Wonder especially for Martin Luther King. The celebration concluded with a video of Dr. King's life and work.

We all realize that there are many people who did not like Dr King or what he stood for. They may even resent that there is a National Holiday dedicated to him. This to, is a part of what make this country unique and exceptional, we have the freedom to disagree.

Leaders from countries the world over recognized and have been encouraged by his example.

He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964.

It would be wonderful if his birthday was celebrated every year, everywhere and we would all pause for a moment, if for no other reason than to pray for peace.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

~ By Cilé Borman & Leroy Geter

LANDSCAPE RETROFITTING PART-18 A TECHNICAL ARTICLE FROM LVTIA/GC

Regular sprayers – non rotating sprinklers - At this point, it will be helpful to introduce the different models of the non-rotating sprinkler heads and explain how they work.

These heads normally pop up to a pre-defined height. They are composed of a cylindrical hollow body, internal hollow pop up piece, and a spray nozzle. The nozzle screws on the top of the central hollow column. The pop up piece functions due to the exertion of water pressure at the bottom of the sprinkler body. The pop up sits back after water pressure drops down when the RCV shuts off the flow of water to the body.

A nozzle identifies by three characteristics, (a) pre adjusted area of coverage that varies from 45 to 360 degrees, although there are adjustable nozzles that can adjust from 0 to 360 degrees manually, (b) Radius of throw, (c) to angle trajectory, and (d) the precipitation

rate (PR) that reflects the height of water that the nozzle emits per unit of time. PR commonly denotes in inches of water per hour in British and/or cm of water per hour in metric system.

The radius of throw and the precipitation rate (PR) are in direct relation with the system's operating pressure. It is crucial to make sure that precipitation rate is always less than the soil's intake rate. The city water pressure runs between 60 to 80 PSI. The pressure at the valve's exit is approximately at 50PSI. You should select your heads according to the distances that the design recommends, water pressure and sprinkler heads PR. Selection of an incorrect nozzle would cause excessive runoff.

Different manufacturers present pre assembled heads, and/or separate bodies that can match a series of nozzles with different radius, trajectory angle, coverage angle etc. Please note that pop up heads install inside the soil, at a depth equal to the pop up height.

~ *By Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D., Soil-Water-Plant Specialist*

LVT Resident Works to Provide Shelter for the Homeless

Volunteer Vanessa May is to be commended for her leadership in helping to move the local homeless population into the Sylmar Warming Shelter. The great lengths that she has taken to get all the needed government agencies on board to establish a safe pick up site in the Hansen Dam area is amazing. She had to address the issue of the possibility of a local shuttle pick up location encouraging the homeless to congregate more during the day, while they are waiting to be picked up. To avoid this possibility the pickup location is not advertised beyond the homeless already sleeping in the park.

She secured permission from LAPD, LA OPS/GSP, and Barbara Pleasant from LA Recreation & Parks. She worked closely with Jose A. Rodriquez from CD7, the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association's Board Members, Tim Davis the Warming Shelter Director and many others. Bringing this all together has not been an easy task. The planning and implementation of this pilot project has taken well over a year.

By having social service personnel from organizations like People in Progress and CornerStone present, in addition to local law enforcement. Those homeless people who are waiting to be picked up can avail themselves of the services offered. Those that remain after the shuttle leaves can deal with the repercussions with law enforcement. An increase won't be a problem if more people can be helped, via social services and/or dealt with, via law enforcement. The key is supervision of the location by those most qualified and employed to work with the homeless (social service personnel and law enforcement).

Law enforcement will need to patrol the location daily during the pickup time. Furthermore, social service personnel can be present at least twice a week during pick up time. When social service personnel isn't present, law enforcement can have ready information, provided by the organizations, about their social service programs so when the reps are present the people can sign up for the services. Thanks Vanessa.

~ *By Cilé Borman*

LOOKing for
volunteers to join the
LVTIA Board. Several
executive positions
open. Meeting
February 13, 2012

LVTIA BOARD
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Mali Bakhtar
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Cilé Borman
818.896.6058
Rec. Secretary
Cris Hughes
818.419.5645

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012
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

LAKE VIEW TEARERS
Senior Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
LVT Recreation Center,
11075 Foothill Blvd.,
Lake View Terrace, CA
Phyllis Hines 818.897.7644

JOIN THE LVTIA AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.

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 & mail it with your check to:
Lake View Terrace Improvement Association
P O Box 224
Sunland, CA 91041-0224

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME

STREET:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
 Saturday, February 4, 2012
 7 AM to 3 PM
 11075 Foothill Blvd.
 Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

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LVTIA'S GENERAL MEETING
 Monday, Feb. 6, 2012 @ 7 PM
 LVT Recreational Center
LVTIA'S GARDEN CLUB
 Meets immediately after

LVTIA'S BOARD MEETING
 Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 @ 7 PM
 LVT Recreational Center

FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NC
 Equestran Committee Meeting
 3rd Monday @ 7 PM
 9747 Wheatland Ave, Shadow Hills
 General Meeting
 Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 @ 7PM
 LVT Recreation Center

HANSEN DAM ADVISORY BOARD
 4th Tuesday @ 7PM
 LVT Rec. Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd.,
 Lake View Terrace, CA

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!
 It's that time of year to renew
 your membership for 2012.
 The yearly membership is \$10
 per person or \$20 per family.
 Use the form on page 3.

FEBRUARY 2012
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LVTIA invites the community to submit informative articles electronically (200 to 300 words doc with digital picture if possible) for publication consideration to articles@lvtia.org (articles may be edited).

FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS: 14TH VALENTINE'S DAY ~ 20TH PRESIDENT'S DAY ~ 22ND ASH WEDNESDAY

HOME SALE ROSE, PRICE FELL

According to DataQuick, a residential real estate information firm based in San Diego, home sales in California rose slightly in December 2011, boosted by a pickup in the Bay Area and investor activity in Southern California. But with foreclosures and other low-cost homes dominating the market, the median home price for the state declined. Sales rose 4.2% from the same month a year earlier. A total of 37,734 homes were bought throughout the state in December 2011 with more than half purchased in Southern California. The median price for the state fell 3.1% to \$246,000 compared with the same month a year earlier. That made for the 15th consecutive decline.

HOMES SOLD IN LVT DURING DECEMBER 2011

Address	BD	BA	Area Sq. Ft.	Lot Sq. Ft.	Sold Price	Yr. Blt.	Comments
11682 Eldridge Ave.	2	2	961	6,076	\$200,000	1983	Sort Sale
11548 Bonham Ave	4	2	2,275	9,219	\$308,000	1964	Short Sale, Fixer
11683 Terra Bella St.	3	2	1,215	7,560	\$180,000	1963	Short Sale, Fixer
11314 Goleta St.	3	3	1,600	5,806	\$240,000	1985	Short Sale, Fixer
12028 Pierce St.	3	2	1,144	7,558	\$265,000	1959	Standard Sale
12028 Jouett St.	4	3	1404	7,506	\$312,000	1963	Standard, Flip
11817 Jouett St.	3	3	2251	6,600	\$358,000	1964	Standard, Flip
1036 Jimenez	4	3	1986	10,768	\$383,000	1957	Standard Sale
11470 Kagel Canyon St.	4	3	2400	8,087	\$425,000	2010	Brand New

Information deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.

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