

LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETS AT

Lake View Terrace
Recreation Center
11075 Foothill Blvd.
Lake View Terrace, CA

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Saturday
November 6, 2010
6 am to 3 pm

GENERAL MEETING

Monday
November 1, 2010
7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETING

Monday
November 8, 2010
7:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKERS
DAVE RIDDICK

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Ramon Barajas, from Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles, was the main speaker at our October 4, 2010, LVTIA general meeting. He gave some updates regarding the Children's Museum in Lake View Terrace. Mr. Barajas reported that the goal is to open the museum in March 2011. If this deadline is not met the monies from Proposition 40 will be lost. He said nothing has been decided yet concerning who will provide the exhibits and displays, although the City has been talking to different groups. Anyone who is interested in getting involved should call Dale Ford at (213)202-2682.

In response to one of the audience member's question regarding the different possible uses for the museum, Mr. Barajas said the 57,000 square feet facility was funded by the State for the Children's museum and it should stay the same.

Some ideas from the audience were shared, concerning obtaining display materials from Hansen Dam, Pacoima Dam, and the Sepulveda Basin.

The second speaker was Mary Benson, Field Deputy for Council member Paul Kerkerian, the Councilmember will be our LVTIA guest speaker for the Monday December 1, 2010 meeting. Ms. Benson recommended that people e-mail their questions before the meeting so that the councilman will have time to prepare. Ms. Benson can be reached at Mary.Benson@lacity.org. She also mentioned that there is a bicycle path plan being considered for Foothill Blvd. She informed us that bicycles are illegal in any City Park or equestrian area dirt trail.

The last speaker was Dr. Dariush Bakhtar, the chair person for the LVT Garden Club. He asked for ideas from the audience about how to raise money to turn the land behind the LVT recreation Center, into a community garden. Before anything can be done a plan of our intentions must be submitted to the Department of Recreation and Parks. If our plan is approved, then the soil of that land must be investigated to know how rocky it is and how we can change it to usable soil. The next step would be to fence the area. At the next garden club portion of our monthly general meeting Dr. Bakhtar will be demonstrating how to plant bulbs in small pots before putting them directly into the ground to achieve the best growing results. The time for Daffodil planting is fast approaching.

Please come and see your neighbors, make new friends and learn about our community and gardening. ~ *By Mali Bakhtar & Cile Borman*

CHANGE OF DIRECTORS AT FENTON AVE SCHOOL



Irene Sumida the long time Director of Fenton Ave Charter School, her teaching staff along with input from parents and community leaders, decided that David Riddick is the new Director of the school. Mrs. Sumida will remain as Executive Director, with a salary of one dollar per year to help with the transition.

Mr. Riddick's realizes that he will have to be the type of administrator who can maintain the high standards that Fenton is known for under Mrs. Sumida's leadership while taking Fenton forward into the future.

Mr. David Riddick, the new Director of Fenton Ave Charter School, will be addressing our LVTIA Monday, November 1, 2010 General Meeting. Our LVTIA members and community are looking forward to meeting him and learning about his vision for the school. ~ *By Cile. Borman*

2010 "SPIRIT" RECIPIENTS CHOSEN BY NHOER BOARD

The 2010 "Spirit of Johny Carpenter" Awards recipients have been chosen. Richard Troy of the Reel Cowboys & Santa Claus on Horseback, Eva Lund of "Special Spirit" and Andrea & James Guttman, community activists from Shadow Hills. This years honoree's were chosen, for the first time, by the Board of Directors of the "New Heaven on Earth" Ranch, which is now its own independent 501 c3.

The "Spirit" awards will be presented at the 8th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner/Korean BBQ on Friday November 19th, 2010, 6-9pm in the cafeteria of All Nations Church, 10000 Foothill Blvd. Lake View Terrace. Admission is free. If you would like to attend, have a silent auction item to contribute, would like to purchase an ad in the program or can bring a homemade dessert to share, please call 818 470-5235 or email: lamikec@yahoo.com. ~ *By Michael Carpenter*

LANDSCAPE RETROFITTING PART – 5

In the course of this monthly article, I have brought up the term "physical properties of soil" repeatedly. The most important of these properties are soil texture, and soil structure that cause or influence the physical, chemical, and biological behaviors of soil, and create the degree of soil productivity accordingly. There are many other important physical properties of soil to discuss that I don't see them necessary here, since they are not in the scope of this article.

Soil texture is a soil quality. It determines by the proportional abundance of sand, silt, and clay within the soil volume. For our purpose here, I name three major soil texture classes; sandy soils, loamy soils, and clayey soils. Coarse textured (sandy) and fine textured (clayey) soils are those with sand and clay being their major components respectively. A loamy soil is an intermediate soil with properties between fine and coarse textured soils. These three textural classes of soil behave distinctively when soil, water, and plant relate to create a medium for plant growth, and/or other natural dynamic activities.

Soil Structure includes one or more three dimensional units of soil within the soil volume. These units form through the physical combination of the organic particles and the physical orientation of sand, silt, and clay in the soil volume. The presence or the lack of decomposed organic residues helps for the formation of different types of soil structure. Granular structure that is the most workable and permeable to water, forms within the upper part of the soil, where the largest amount of organic residues add to soil, particularly to a loamy soil. Blocky structure that is compact and least permeable to water, forms within the subsurface layers of soil because of the lack of decomposed organic matter within soil, particularly within a medium fine to fine textured soil.

Simply soils differ from each other by their texture and structure, among other varying factors. Hence fine textured (heavy) soils require different management practices than the coarse textured (light) soils. Presence of a heavy clayey soil beneath a permeable loamy soil will create an impermeable layer that can cause the water to remain on the surface and/or begin to run off in case of heavy rainfall or irregular heavy irrigation. This emphasizes that a soil retrofit project will not succeed unless the soil physical properties are and considered precisely.

The above information will help us to know how to plan for landscaping retrofit projects.

To be continued

~by *Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D., CPSS., LVTIA Garden Club Chair SS*

RECIPIENT OF LVTIA 2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



After reviewing transcripts, resumes, applications and other required documents of all applicants, the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association selected Jannine Rojo as the recipient of a \$500 scholarship for the 2010 year.

Jannine, who lives in Lake View Terrace with her parents, attended Sylmar Magnet High School and was the valedictorian for the last academic year. She was accepted to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) as a freshman majoring in Biology and is hoping to get into medical school after finishing her Bachelors degree. Jannine received many awards including the Sylmar Women's Club scholarship, the Kiwanis Club scholarship, the President's Award for academic excellence and the Departmental Award in Biology and Government. Jannine's GPA for her senior year is 4.225 ranking her number one in her class.

Jannine gave a beautiful speech at the graduation ceremony addressing other graduates and audience. She finished her speech with the following paragraph:

"My final words to you are this: Emerson also states "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail". Like Gandhi did for India, like Martin Luther King Jr. did for America, and like Les Brown did for generations to follow, let us not leave a trail, but blaze one. Let us each make our stand in the world, not in the future, but in the present, in every action we take, and every decision we make. As my favorite children's book author, Theodore Seuss Geisel, or better known as Dr. Seuss, once said, "don't cry because it's over, and smile because it happened".

Jannine is a remarkable young lady and the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association is wishing her much success at every step of her life. ~ *By Mali Bakhtar*

A NEIGHBOR TO KNOW: GUILLERMO GONZALEZ



Guillermo "Willy" Gonzalez is the proud owner of Willy's Bikes. This small, independent, neighborhood business has been an established member of our community for 17 years. In addition to selling and repairing bikes, Willy sells skateboards and offers U-HAUL rentals and moving services.

Willy has been lauded for providing great customer service and having a shop well stocked with parts and accessories. If he doesn't have it, he can order it.

Willy's Bikes is located at 11968 Foothill Blvd in the Lake View Terrace shopping center and is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00am to 7:00pm and Sundays from 11:00am to 4:00pm. You can also visit Willy online at <http://shop.willysbikes.com>. ~ *By Vanessa May*

GARDEN CLUB WORD OF ADVICE FOR NOVEMBER 2010



October and November are the months for planting daffodil or tulip bulbs. The temperature is suitable for the bulbs to vegetate.

Plant bulbs in early October and enjoy the flowers at Christmas; Plant bulbs in mid October and pick the flowers in February; Plant bulbs in early November and enjoy your backyard in March and April.

We at the Garden Club will practice planting bulbs in pots. Attend November's LVTIA/GC in recreation center and enjoy the art and the science of planting plants. See you on Monday, November 1st at 7:00 PM.

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

FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NC
GENERAL MEETING
 LAKE VIEW TERRACE REC. CENTER
 11075 FOOTHILL BLVD.
 LAKE VIEW TERRACE, CA 91342
 NOVEMBER 18, 2010 AT 7 PM

CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS
 Visit the U.S. government's official web portal at <http://usa.gov>
 You may tweet a message to your Representative at <http://2.gov.org>

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Cilé Borman -- 818.896.6058	Angie Carter -- 818.203.9231

LAKE VIEW TEARERS
MONTHLY MEETING
 Tuesday, November 2, 2010
 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
 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 Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342

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.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Circle Your Calendar
 Saturday, November 20, 2010
MONTHLY BOOK SALE -- MONTHLY MEETING
 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. -- 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
 Lake View Terrace Library
 12002 Osborne St.
 Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
 Please join us.
 For more information call
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Happy Thanksgiving

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

LVTIA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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).

CHIMNEY SAFETY

We are entering the cold season and many home owners will use their fire place in rainy and cold days. You should ask yourself how long ago your chimney was inspected and cleaned before igniting the wood in your fire place.

Different types of inspections are available. They are not that costly but one little inspection may prevent a big disaster of burning a house. *If it's been a while* since you've had an inspection of your chimney or fireplace, contact an expert soon.

HOMES SOLD IN LVT IN SEPTEMBER 2010

ADDRESS	#BD	#BA	SQ FT	YEAR BUILT	SOLD PRICE	COMMENTS
11414 Ruggiero Ave	2	3	2,892	1953	\$374,000	Short sale
11860 Glamis St	3	2	1,200	1960	\$250,000	Bank Owned
11538 PRAGER Ave	3	2	1,144	1959	\$295,000	Regular Sale
11739 Gruen St	3	2	1,215	1963	\$253,000	Bank Owned
11754 Terra Bella St	3	2	1,576	1958	\$310,000	Regular Sale

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