

LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you Lorna Apper & Family for your New LVTIA membership.

Join LVTIA or renew your membership. Your yearly membership to LVTIA contributes to the Newsletter publication.

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LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETS AT

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

\$ SWAP MEET \$

Saturday

**September 4, 2010
6 am to 3 pm**

GENERAL MEETING

Monday

**September 13, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

A representative of the LA Dept. of Rec. & Parks, Planning + Construction Division will speak concerning the new Children's Museum.

BOARD MEETING

**Monday
September 20, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

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

TED MINOR CELEBRATES NINETY YEARS



Pictured left to right are Marcos Sanchez, Field Deputy for California Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, Ted Minor and Cile Borman

If you are looking for inspiration to get into physical shape look no further than Ted Minor. Ted is a long time resident of Lake View Terrace. He is generous with his time and can be depended upon to assist individuals or groups putting forth efforts to improve their health through exercise. I recently had the privilege of have an interesting conversation with Mr. Minor.

I was having coffee and discussing community issues with Marcos Sanchez, Field Deputy for California Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, at our local restaurant the Ranchside Café, when Ted Minor walked in, called out an all inclusive hello and ordered a nutritious breakfast. Deputy Sanchez who had been actively attending meetings and events in our area of the valley was very interested in meeting Ted. We learned that he had just turned "ninety years young," and we wanted to know the

secret concerning his upbeat attitude and healthy appearance. His answer was exercise and good eating habits.

Mr Minor a United States Military Veteran, had for many years worked for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. While at the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, among his other duties, he has taught classes that include yoga and physical fitness for seniors and anyone else interested in fitness activities. He continues to offer his expertise and volunteerism at the center concerning these issues. Helping others to improve their quality of life by staying physically active and mentally alert is his mission. The Lake View Terrace Improvement Association is honored to thank Mr. Minor for his heart felt contributions to our community and the City Of Los Angeles.

By L. Turner

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR OPEN SPACE UPDATE

Community Alliance for Open Spaces Files Lawsuit Against the City of Los Angeles

On July 29, 2010, the Community Alliance for Open Space filed a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles; Case Number BS127621. The lawsuit challenges a June 30, 2010 zone variance, approved by the Los Angeles City Council and subsequently by the Mayor, that would allow a trucking school to operate on the open space zoned Lopez Canyon Restoration Project site.

The lawsuit seeks to preserve our open space areas and to stop the opening of the trucking school at the Lopez Canyon Restoration Project site by having the court set aside the City Council's approval of the industrial-use variance.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich's office sent out a press release dated August 10, 2010 supporting the lawsuit. In it, Supervisor Antonovich stated: "Despite massive opposition from more than a dozen civic associations, environmental

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organizations, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved this site -- rejecting a dozen more suitable locations suggested by residents."

A court hearing date is pending for the lawsuit. Please check the Community Alliance for Open Space's twitter page <http://twitter.com/CA4OpenSpace>, and/or Facebook wall for updates. *By V. May*

LANDSCAPE RETROFITTING PART – 3

The term retrofit as it applies to the green industry includes any quantitative and/or qualitative alterations of the landscape components in respect to the ecstatic demands, economical issues, and/or climatic conditions. The landscape components are:

- Soil and/or soil constituents,
- Plants species and plant maintenance practices,
- Water and /or watering system and practices

Presently, we in southern California need to retrofit our landscape, due to economic issues and climatic conditions including, shortage and mismanagement of water by the consumers and by the water authorities.

Technically, it is impossible to break the soil-water-plant relationship and discuss each of the components independently. However, here to make it easy for everyone, I discuss these components individually and then relate them when I need to.

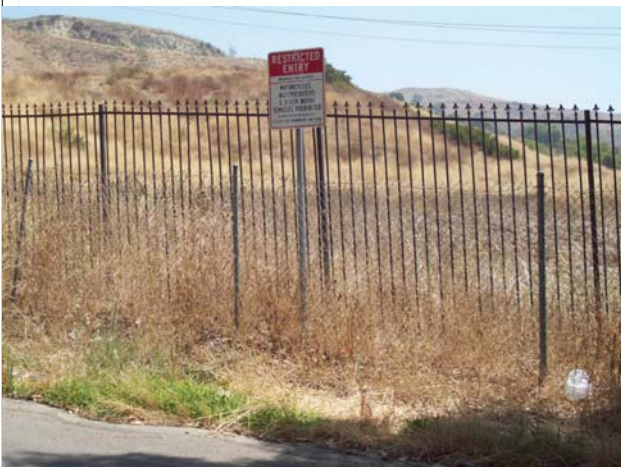
Soil: Soil is a voluminous mixture of mineral particles and organic fragments with pore spaces within and between. The size and the shape of the pore spaces vary according to the variability in the population of the particle sizes and their orientation in the mixture. The pores might be full, partially full, or empty of water. The less the amount of water in the pores, the more the available the soil air. That is why we do not recommend the saturation of soil through irrigation practices.

The soil minerals place in three size classes;

- **Sand** (.05 – 2 mm) the inert coarse fraction of soil. It does not exhibit any chemical reactions in soil. However, it's quantity in the soil body determines the physical properties of soil such as permeability and water percolation rate.
- **Silt** (.002 to .05mm) with some chemical activities. Its abundance may cause permeability problems.
- **Clay** (< .002 mm equivalent to 2 micron) the highly chemically active component of soil minerals. Clays exhibit a negative electrical charge that plays a great role in chemical, biological and very much in physical properties of soil.

The quantity of different mineral sizes cannot change easily. However, the organic content may change by adding decomposed organic residues to the soil volume. This addition should be done carefully since it may cause a need for nitrogen that can result in damaging of the green plants. To be continued. *By: Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D., CPSS*

UPDATE ON FIRE HAZARDS IN OUR COMMUNITY



There is a great concern about **FIRE HAZARDS** in our community. In August, Cile Borman, one of LVTIA Board members, spoke with a Lake View Terrace resident at the "National Night Out" event who was complaining about tall dry weeds on vacant land on Wheatland. Also, Mali Bakhtar, vice president of LVTIA, received telephone calls about a hill on the corner of Eldridge and Kagel Canyon with the same problem. The issues were brought to the attention of the City authorities and also the owners of those properties. Some actions have taken place on both properties, but the issues are not hundred percent resolved. At 11326 Wheatland the weeds have been mowed but the edge outside of the fence has not been taken care of. The hill on Eldridge has been cleaned partially.

If you see any non-**compliance** property, please writes to us or call a LVTIA board member (phone numbers are on page 3 of this newsletter).

We all remember the recent fires in this area and we do not want to put our neighborhood in danger again. Help us to keep Lake View Terrace clean and safe..

REGARDING DWP WORK AT LAKE VIEW RECREATION CENTER



On 7/13/2010 at 11075 Foothill Blvd, PTDS 109 (Pole top Distribution Station) had a 34.5 Kv transformer fail. DWP electric trouble lineman removed PTDS 109 from service and placed a temporary transformer at the base of the power pole.

DWP crews are currently working to replace the failed transformer and repair the poles and equipment related to PTDS 109.

The repairs could take 4 to 5 weeks or very possibly more depending on weather, and other power system needs and priority work.

For more information contact: 818-771-4039 Joe Phipps, Line crew foreman, LADWP Van Nuys District.

ANONYMOUSLY REPORT CRIME

Three ways to provide anonymous tips:

CALL: 1-877-LAWFULL (529-3855)

TEXT: CRIMES (274637) begin the message with the letters LAPD

WEB: <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=365>

FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NC

GENERAL MEETING

STONEHURST AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

9851 STONEHURST AVE.

SUN VALLEY, CA 91352

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 AT 7 PM

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Community neighborhood watches meeting held every third Tuesday of the month at 7p.m.

Municipal Building
7747 Foothill Blvd.
Tujunga, CA 91042

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://2gov.org>

LAKE VIEW TEARERS

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, September 7, 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

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

September 15, 2010 at 11 A.M.

Location to be decided

For more information call
Phyllis Hines 818.897.7644

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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, September 18, 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

Phyllis Hines
818.897.7644

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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).

HOME REFINANCING DEMAND AT HIGHEST LEVEL

U.S. mortgage applications leaped last month as rock-bottom interest rates lifted demand for home refinancing to its highest level in 15 months, a development that could portend stronger economic growth as Reuters announced on Aug. 18th. Home loan refinancing puts extra cash into consumers' hands that can be used to pay off existing debt or funnel money into the economy through extra spending.

By lowering a monthly mortgage payment it may also help some homeowners avoid default and foreclosure if their credit is good enough.

HOMES SOLD IN LVT IN JULY 2010

ADDRESS	#BD	#BA	Sq FT	YEAR BUILT	SOLD PRICE	COMMENTS
<u>11350 Foothill Blvd 3</u>	2	2/2	1,029	1985	\$145,000	Bank Owned Condo
<u>11300 Foothill Blvd 91</u>	3	3/2	1,360	1987	\$210,000	Condo
<u>11877 Pierce St</u>	3	2/1	1,242	1964	\$240,000	Condo
<u>11350 Foothill 26</u>	2	3/2	1,029	1986	\$180,000	Condo
<u>11542 Luanda St</u>	3	2/1	1,600	1985	\$180,000	Major Fixer, Short Sale
<u>11627 Fenton Ave</u>	3	3/0	1,534	1959	\$332,000	Standard Sale

Information deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.

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