



WEST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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Log onto www.lapdonline.org today! You can view information on the crime in your neighborhood, get the monthly newsletter and sign up for e-policing, a real-time way to get information from LAPD to you!

WEST VALLEY AREA TOWNHALL MEETING

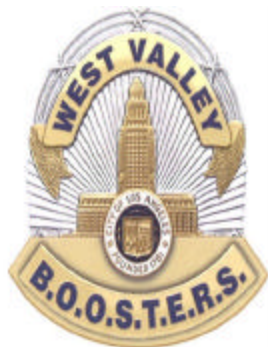
SHERMAN OAKS CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES

18605 Irwin Street, Tarzana (Corner of Irwin Street and Yolanda Avenue)

October 29th at 7:30 pm, in the auditorium

- Come out and meet the officers and command staff from your community police station
- Learn about what crime is occurring in your neighborhood and how you can help make your community safer.
- Get information on police programs and services that benefit you and your community

*For more information, please call the Community Relations Office
at (818) 374-7690*



***DO YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION
PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY?***

**JOIN THE WEST VALLEY BOOSTERS AND HELP THOSE
WHO HELP YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY**

For more information, please contact: Jeanette Capaldi
At (818) 374-7690

LAKE BALBOA COMMUNITY

Senior Lead Officer David Ham – Office: (818) 374-7634
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Officer Michelle Lopez – Office: (818) 374-7635
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*SLO Saul Paredes will be unavailable in October.
Contact Officer Ham or Lopez for information on the
next Lake Balboa Neighborhood Watch Meeting.*



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is an exciting night for all the young kids in your neighborhood. It is also a very important time for all parents to be extra vigilant for potential safety hazards. Here are a few pointers, so everyone has a fun night:

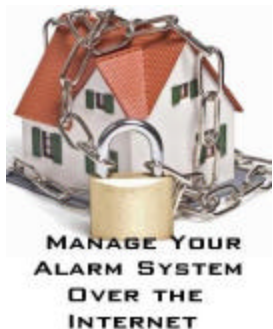
PARENTS

- Always escort your children and carry a flashlight
- Always know who is “trick-or-treating” with your kids
- Tell your kids to NEVER enter a strange house on Halloween
- Set a specific time for your children to go out and “trick-or-treat”
- Inspect ALL treats before allowing your children to eat them

CHILDREN

- Walk on the sidewalks, not the street
- Don't go out by yourself
- Don't take shortcuts, especially through alleys
- Obey all traffic signals and look in all directions when crossing the street
- DON'T RUN
- Only “trick-or-treat” at homes with the porch light on

Keep these points in mind when you and your children are out having fun on Halloween Night. If you have any questions about this or other topics, please contact Senior Lead Officer Ham or Officer Lopez at the West Valley Senior Lead Office.



New Online Services for Alarm Systems

The City of Los Angeles requires that all residents and business owners that have an active alarm system have a City permit for their alarm on file with the City of Los Angeles. This permit must be renewed on a yearly basis.

The City now offers residential or commercial alarm system users the ability to manage their alarm permits over the Internet. Users can now register, renew and pay their alarm permit fees over the Internet.

These new services are available on the Office of Finance website at www.lacity.org/finance.



THE COMMUNITY OF RESEDA

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Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting: October 15, 2009

West Valley Station – Community Room

ILLEGAL VENDING IN RESEDA

Illegal food vendors are those vendors that do not obtain a permit from the Department of Environmental Health and operate either openly or covertly in a manner that compromises food safety. These operations are usually found outdoors, in vacant lots, on street corners or roaming door to door through neighborhoods. Sometimes the vending takes place out of the trunk of a car. Health concerns are commonly associated with illegal vendors, such as food stored and prepared directly on the dirt; little or no protection from airborne contaminants; no refrigeration or hot holding equipment; build-up of garbage and food debris on ground; vermin and insects; no way to trace the food back to its original source; and no food safety training for the employees

There is an elevated risk for illness to be transmitted through food sold in this manner. Without bathrooms, the vendors are forced to urinate and defecate on the ground and resume their food preparation activities without washing their hands. Garbage and discarded food are allowed to blow about or accumulate on the ground adding to the sanitation problems generated by this activity.

THE COMMUNITIES OF TARZANA AND ENCINO

Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins – Office: (818) 374-7632

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Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting: October 20, 2009

West Valley Station – Community Room

Senior Lead Officer Robert Trulik – Office: (818) 374-7637

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Contact Officer Trulik for information on the next Encino Neighborhood Watch Meeting.



LOUD PARTIES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The poor economy has put everyone on edge. Many of your neighbors have or will soon lose their homes. The abandoned home on your block may be a target of “party crews” that look for vacant homes to set up their weekend parties in. Please be vigilant and keep an eye on the vacant homes in your area.

If you see any unusual activity at a vacant home, especially with young men 18 to 30 years of age, please call SLO Scoggins or SLO Trulik immediately. Once the party begins, it's too late. We have seen a correlation between these parties and crime in the neighborhoods that they occur in. Car break-ins and thefts, vandalism, narcotics activity, and various VICE crimes follow these parties. **DON'T LET THE PARTY BEGIN!**

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14th



WEST VALLEY STATION

OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday Nov. 14th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, come out to the West Valley Police Station for our annual Open House:

- Take a tour of one of the newest police stations in the city
- Meet the officers that patrol your neighborhood
- Check out the latest in crime fighting equipment and technology
- Test your skill on the Force Option Simulator
- And so much more...

For more information, contact the West Valley Community Relations Office at:
(818) 374-7690

JOIN THE WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

The West Valley Area Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) is a civilian advisory board that works in conjunction with the LAPD-West Valley Area. Their mission is to solve problems that are of concern to the community and to support the officers of the West Valley Area in reducing crime and the fear of crime in the West Valley area.

If you are interested in finding out what C-PAB is all about, you are invited to attend their monthly meetings at West Valley Station. The West Valley C-PAB meets at 7:00 pm, on the second Wednesday of every month. If you live in the communities of Encino, Tarzana, Lake Balboa, or Reseda, you are welcome to come to the police station and meet the board.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday October 14, 2009 @ 7:00 pm
Valley Bureau Communications Center
23001 Roscoe Blvd, West Hills