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Annual Valley Village July 4th Parade

Every July residents and visitors alike proclaim the Valley Village July 4th Parade a rousing success, and this year should be no exception. The dream of small town America that sometimes seems lost in a metropolis materializes as our community comes together for this home grown celebration. Creative, hard-working committee members of the Homeowners Association plan to make this a banner event.

Every year Valley Village residents gather at Colfax Elementary School, and with the help of volunteer members of Valley Village Homeowners Association, form a block long parade. Balloons and flags; noisemakers and all sorts of red, white and blue decorations are handed out. The participants walk, ride their bikes and include folks of all ages and sizes. Pets are welcome too! If you don't join the parade, cheer on your neighbors as they pass by.

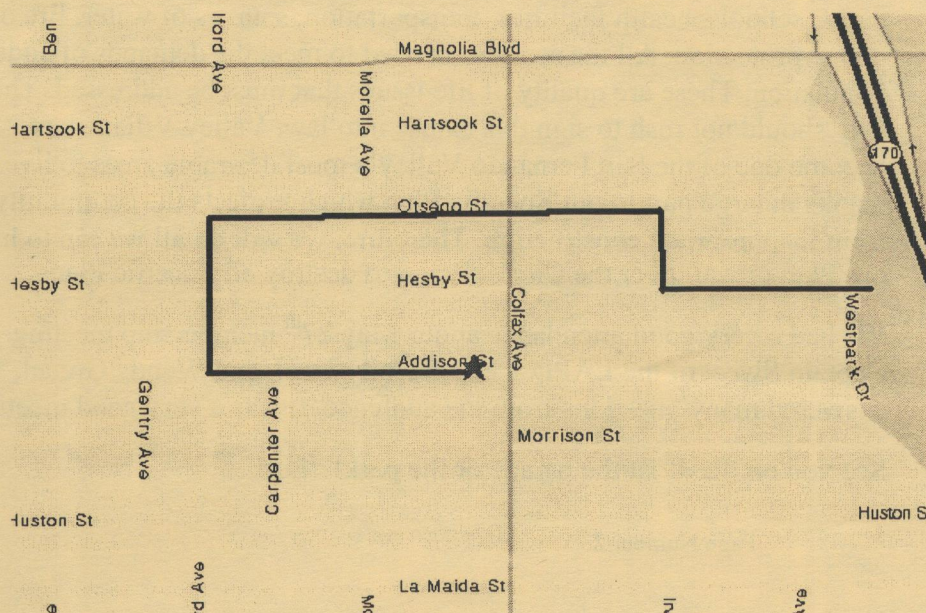
Many Valley Villagers are getting together creating floats to represent their block. This year the theme is "Village Adventures." Join the fun and create a homemade float to express your fantasy. As the Parade passes the "reviewing stands" on Otsego Street, a committee will assign the floats numbers, and awards will be given to the most outstanding entries at the Park.

Founding member and Association President, Lori Dinkin, will be honored as Grand Marshal riding in Cameron Frankley's classic blue 1964 Buick Wildcat convertible.

The Parade will march into Valley Village Park on Westpark Drive where The Association will provide free refreshments which include the traditional watermelon and Independence Day cupcakes, and NEW this year will be Corn Dogs and Pizza. Bottled water will also be provided.

Valley Village Homeowners Association will give raffle tickets for gift certificates contributed by local merchants to all new members who sign up at the membership table at the park. Raffle tickets will also be given to current members who bring a friend or neighbor to join the Association.

Parade Route



West on Addison
North on Radford
East on Otsego
South on Irvine
East on Hesby



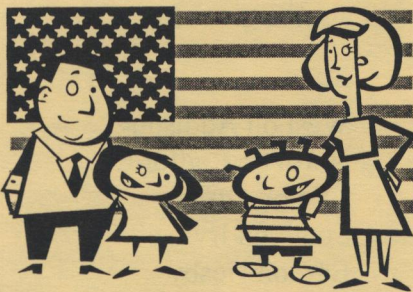
New at the Parade

The success of the July 4th parade is the result of volunteers. This year The Association had it's largest committee yet. This has resulted in expanded refreshments and a larger new member raffle. New refreshments are pizza and corn dogs.

Thanks to all our volunteers:

Jerry Fagin - chairperson
 Bryna Kersha
 Cynthia Fagin
 Stuart Simen
 Marc Woersching
 Julio Noirarianni
 Steve Simon
 Linda Simon
 Ken Hearn
 Mimi O'Keefe
 Ticia Perenchio
 Breice Reiner
 Peter Sanchez

If you want to volunteer for next year's parade call The Association at 818-508-5158.



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From The President

There has been a change in Valley Deputies in Wendy Greuel's North Hollywood office. Maricella Gomez has been assigned to Wendy's downtown office. We will miss her and wish her good luck in her new position. The new Valley Deputy is Deana Tryon. She already is addressing several problems: the median strip on Laurel Canyon (at exit/entrance to 101 Freeway). We had originally asked for a 4 ½ foot wall, legible "Welcome" sign, two trees and better landscaping. We hope the city will follow through on these reasonable requests.

Have you noticed how unsightly the empty lot at Laurel Canyon and the 101 Freeway looks? (The site of the protested carwash project.) It now holds equipment for Caltrans. We have asked that plastic sheeting be place over the chain-link fence to camouflage this mess.

Manny Arregue, our SLO (Senior Lead Officer), at our request has been able to have two hour parking signs installed on Laurel Canyon south of Magnolia Boulevard. Cars with "for sale" signs had been using the parking spaces as if it were a used car lot. Thank you, Manny!

Could you believe the car wash project hearing has again been postponed at the request of the lot owner's attorney? The lot owners are drawing up plans for a storage unit project instead of a carwash. However, the application for the carwash has not been withdrawn and the new date for the hearing before PLUM (Planning and Land Use Management) is now August 4th. We are frustrated by the delay and have reservations about their sincerity. We are assured by Wendy Greuel's Planning Deputy Dale Thrush that she is strongly behind our opposition to the carwash. Again, it's wait and see. If any of you wish to attend the PLUM Committee hearing, please get in touch with The Association at 818-508-5158.

Further studies are under way regarding the Inclusionary Ordinance (refer to our May "Villager"). There has been intense opposition from residents and the Southland Regional Association of Realtors regarding this ordinance. An agreement was reached to postpone recommendations for three months. In this Inclusionary Ordinance there is no provision for parks, schools, health facilities, transportation, sources of water, fire or police protection. All the services needed to meet the demands of added population. These are quality of life issues that must be addressed. The City should not rush to sign this clause into law. Valley Village has become one of the San Fernando Valley's most desirable areas to live, thanks in large part to our Specific Plan which protects the community from inappropriate construction. Therefore, we will do all we can to have our Plan prevail over the City's design to destroy all Specific Plans.

We had a very good attendance at our May 27th membership meeting. Captain Sweet of the LAPD – North Hollywood, and Wendy Greuel, answered many questions from the audience. It was a very good meeting.

See you on the 4th at the parade or the park! Lori

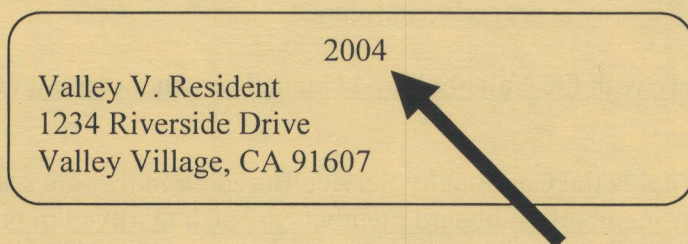
Tell a Friend – Tell a Neighbor

Invite someone to join Valley Village Homeowners Association

Please give this page to a friend or neighbor and ask them to join Valley Village Homeowners Association. Membership is open to residents of the area bounded by the Ventura Freeway on the South, the Tujunga Wash on the West, the Hollywood Freeway on the East and Burbank Boulevard on the North.

Or Renew your membership now:

Check your mailing label to see if it's your time to pay:



- If you see 2004 at the top of your label it's time to pay your dues.
- If you see 2005 your dues are paid. Give this page to a friend or neighbor and ask them to join the Association too.

Remember, when you support your Valley Village Homeowners Association,
you support your community!

Cut out and return with your check made payable to Valley Village Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 4916 Valley Village CA 91617

New or Renew Membership

Annual dues per household: Basic Dues **\$18.00** Donor Dues: **\$25.00** Patron Dues: **\$50.00**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

The Association welcomes any comments, questions, suggestions
or offers to volunteer. Just include them in the same envelope.

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Neighborhood Council Valley Village

Meetings are held the Fourth Wednesday of each month , 6:30pm

Colfax Elementary School Auditorium

11724 Addison Street

Valley Village, CA 91607

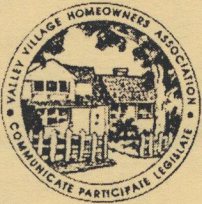
Valley Village Homeowners Association (VVHA) supports and encourages participation in Neighborhood Council Valley Village (NCVV). The Neighborhood Council is a volunteer branch of City government and is another voice for our community.

NCVV passed a motion in support of our opposition of the Laurel Canyon carwash project. VVHA and NCVV are also working together to insure that the Orange Busway is properly landscaped.

The Association looks forward to working closely with the Neighborhood Council on other community and quality of life issues.

VVHA Executive Vice President Breice Reiner holds the Community Service/Based Organization seat on the NCVV Board of Directors. Several other VVHA members and board members are also involved in both groups.

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