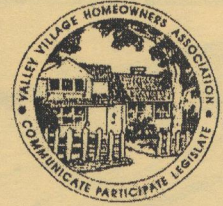


# THE VALLEY VILLAGER

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## From The President

Hello. Well, this is the last communication from me to you as President of the VVHA. I am retiring at the end of this month, but will still serve on the Board as Past President. I am leaving with a good feeling as I have done the very best that I could for our community. Valley Village is a great place to live. Our Specific Plan must take credit for this! And we aim to keep it that way.

I am taking this opportunity to thank our members for their support and interest in our Village. I have had the privilege to work with several dedicated Boards of Directors; some have been on the Board for years. "No man (or woman!) is an island". Without the hard work of many Board members nothing could have been accomplished.

As Hillary Clinton says, "it takes a village..." And yes, that can apply to our lovely Valley Village. We have had terrific, positive response to our survey on the Mansionization Plan. We thank you for the many surveys that you returned as well as the calls and emails to Councilmembers Jack Weiss and Wendy Greuel. Of approximately 300 mail-in responses only 5 were negative.

These results, as well as our proposed plan, have been forwarded to our Councilmembers and to Dan Scott of the City Planning Department. I hand-carried the plan to Mr. Scott and discussed it with him at length. His feedback was very positive. We have

requested that the Mansionization Plan be added as part of the Specific Plan. Also we are asking for an updated addendum to the plan. This is needed because former city planner Bob Sutton (who has now retired, hurrah) had kept our previous addition in his office for seven years without taking action.

I recently had a telephone call from the Tarzana Homeowners Association regarding Mansionization. I recommended our consultant, Mike Melcalf, to them. I heard from Mike that they were in touch with him. We are so glad that other communities share our concerns and we hope that our politicians will finally see the light and really act on the constituents concerns.

That brings me to our membership meeting on Thursday, February 22. Gangs are a very serious, very troubling presence in the Valley. They are making their territory move closer to the southern part of the Valley. What can we do? We hope to get some answers at the upcoming meeting. We will have important speakers from the Police Department and the City Attorney's office to inform us. It is important that we show them by the number of citizens attending that we are concerned, even alarmed.

To all our members once again...thank you; thank you!

Lori

## Happy 68<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Valley Village - March 11, 2007

What could be more fun on a Sunday afternoon than a birthday party with ice cream sundaes and cake? There will be a coffee bar, gourmet fruit and cheese platters, too. The Steve Aho Jazz Trio will entertain as well as other family fun. Take some time to visit with your neighbors and connect with those you have been meaning to get to know better. The second annual Valley Village Birthday Party will be Sunday, March 11, 2007 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the East Valley Senior Center Dining Hall, 11630 Hesby Street, Valley Village. The Valley Village Homeowners Association and Neighborhood Council Valley Village will co-sponsor this event to celebrate the friendly, warm spirit of our neighborhood.

# Happy Birthday Valley Village!

IT'S TIME TO PARTY!!!!

Valley Village is turning 68<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate the occasion  
The Valley Village Homeowners Association  
& Neighborhood Council Valley Village  
are throwing a party and you're invited.

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007

From 2:00 to 5:00PM

At the

East Valley Senior Center Dining Hall  
11630 Hesby Street, Valley Village

Come for an afternoon of socializing, there will be  
music and entertainment and great food. Come visit  
with your neighbors and connect with those you have  
been meaning to get to know better. This party is all  
about ► Your Valley Village ► Your Community.

You'll need a ticket (\$5.00 per person), tear off  
the ticket form on page three and send in your reservation.  
Be sure to list the name of each person attending.

The East Valley Senior Center Dining Hall is  
east of the intersection of Colfax and Hesby.  
We'll have signs. Come Join the Party!

## Park Tree Planting

In 2002 a collaboration of City of Los Angeles Forestry Department, the organization of Tree People, and the Valley Village Homeowners Association organized a tree planting in Valley Village Park. Volunteers from the neighborhood had a wonderful time. Those trees, which helped replace some of the old eucalyptus trees, have thrived.

Now is the time to get together for the second stage of the project. Trees planted now will create another generation of mature trees in the future.

Call the VVHA voice mail 818-506-5158 to find out what needs to be done and how you can help. There are lots of things to do besides digging holes...the city workers actually did the digging!

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## Happy News

Congratulations to our Senior Lead Officer Manny Arreygue and his wife Liliana on the birth of their son Nicholas.

## Graffiti Removal

For graffiti removal call New Directions For Youth at 818-375-1000. You must give them the exact address or cross streets location.

## Homeowners Association Elections

At the Association meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2007, the membership will vote for the officers and board of directors. Nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. Requirements are that the nominee is a paid up member in good standing and has agreed to serve if elected. Nominations for the Officers and Board of VVHA are as follows:

- President: Open
- Executive Vice President: Breice Reiner
- Vice President: Stuart Simen
- Secretary: Bryna Simpson-Kersha
- Treasurer: Cynthia Fagin
- Immediate past president: Lori Dinkin
- Board of Directors at Large:
  - Steve Ajalat – Jerry Fagin
  - Kenneth Hearn – Peter Sanchez
  - Betty Velasco

### BYLAW CHANGE NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

#### **ARTICLE V, DIRECTORS**

*5.02 Number and Qualifications. The Association shall have no less than four (4) and no more than six (6) Directors, who collectively shall be known as the Board of Directors. The Directors shall be residents of the State of California and must own and reside in single family dwellings or condominiums within the geographic area defined in Section 1.05, and must be members of the Association in good standing.*

*ADD: The immediate past president shall become an automatic member of the Board.*

*VOTE: This change will be voted on at the February 22, 2007 Association meeting.*

### **Birthday Party Ticket Form**

Valley Village Birthday Party

Date: Sunday, March 11, 2007

Place: East Valley Senior Center Dining Hall - 11630 Hesby Street  
Valley Village, 91601

Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Tickets available only by mail, on a first come, first served basis for \$5.00 per person. Cut out this form and mail with check payable to:

Valley Village Homeowners Association  
P.O. Box 4916 - Valley Village, CA. 91617

Pick up tickets at the door on the day of the event.

Names attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Homeowners Association Meeting

*Thursday, February 22, 2007 - 7:30pm*  
*Colfax Elementary School, 11724 Addison Street*  
*Valley Village, CA 91607*

What part of the crime picture in Valley Village does gang activity represent? How can we be vigilant in containing it? **Lt. Gregory Baltad** Head of the Gang Impact Team for Los Angeles Police Department at North Hollywood Station will inform us of what is currently being done and what the plans are for the coming year.

Deputy City Attorney **Brian Sottile** and Deputy City Attorney **Jonathan Galatzan** will be featured speakers. Mr. Sottile has been with the City Attorney's office for 8 years. He is now assigned as Neighborhood Prosecutor at the North Hollywood Station addressing criminal activities pro-actively before they are able to grow into serious offenses and larger problems that lead to urban decay. Prior to joining the LA City Attorney's office, Mr. Galatzan worked on complex civil defense cases. He is now assigned to Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP) and works on targeting structures, abandoned properties that create blight plaguing neighborhoods.

We urge you to attend this important and interesting meeting.

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