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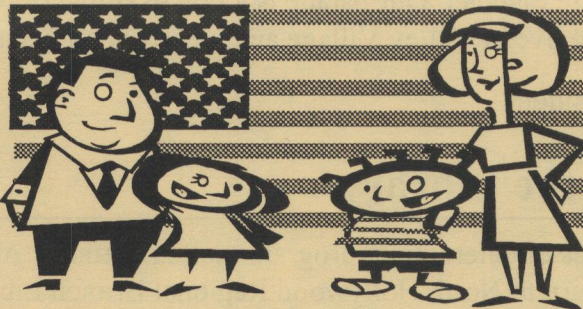
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SPECIAL EDITION

July 4th Parade Big Success

Every July residents and visitors alike proclaim the Valley Village July 4th Parade a rousing success and this year was 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.

This year more than 400 Valley Villagers gathered at Colfax Elementary School and with the help of volunteer members of Valley Village Homeowners Association, formed a block long parade. Balloons and flags; noisemakers and all sorts of red, white and blue decorations were handed out. The participants included folks of all ages and even dogs of all sizes.



Groups of neighbors worked together with their families in the days before the parade to design and fabricate floats. There was the Morrison Street "Coming To America" float featuring a real life Statue of Liberty, the "Kling Street Rules" float, the Halladay Fife and Drum Corps and the Otsego Street "Patriot Wagon". "Coming To America" won the first annual award for *Best In Parade*. The Grand Prize was gift certificates for ice cream cones at Baskin Robbins for everyone on the float. Congratulations go to all for their efforts, it sure made the parade more fun. Start planning to compete for next year.

Peri and Greg O'Connor erected bleachers for their friends and family on their front lawn on Otsego Street and used a bullhorn to announce the participants as they passed by.

The Los Angeles Police Department accompanied the parade making sure we had safe crossings and giving the children a thrill when they hit their sirens. Senior Lead Officer Manny Arreygue greeted the

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It takes Planning

While she is no longer a resident of the area, every year we are grateful to Gail Polevoi. Gail was an Association boardmember during the first Valley Village July 4th Parade and she created the plan that we follow each year to organize the parade. The success of the 4th of July Parade is the result of this careful and detailed outline.

The outline of what needs to be done includes: preparing flyers, ordering supplies for decorations, ordering refreshments, arranging for music, contacting LAPD for permission and help with traffic, reserving the Valley Village Park, recruiting volunteers to help formation of the participants and to be at the Park where the Parade culminates.

A good plan, devoted volunteers and community participation have made this event special.

Community events require community participation. You are invited to join in the activities, you will get acquainted with your neighbors, feel the warm glow of contributing to the fun and you will help keep Valley Village at the top of the list of great places to live.

If you want to help plan next year's parade please call The Association at 818-506-5158.

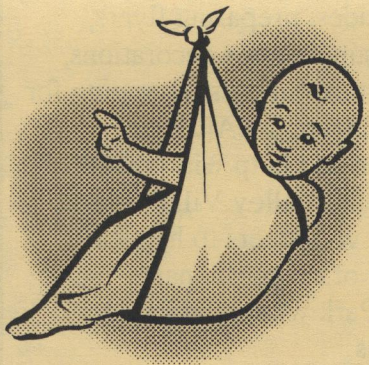
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participants, showing once more the value of Community Policing in connecting citizens with the Department.

The parade marched into Valley Village Park on Westpark Drive where the Association provided frosted cupcakes and ice-cold watermelon in the best 4th of July tradition. Thanks to Jason Sweeney who contributed free ice cream sandwiches.

People stayed to visit with the neighbors they know and to get acquainted with those they hadn't met. There were smiles and laughter all around.

What a party it was!

Greuel Has Baby

Congratulations to Councilwoman Wendy Greuel and her husband Dean Schramm who welcomed a baby boy, Thomas, on July 4th.

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From The President

Recently State Senator Richard Alarcon invited four community leaders from North Hollywood and Valley Village to meet with him and discuss local concerns. I was asked to represent Valley Village. His deputy, Scott Wildman, sat in for the Senator, who was in Sacramento locked into the final vote on the State budget.

Deputy Wildman stated that the Senator likes to be in touch with his constituents' local concerns. We talked about police response times and how they might be improved. Other important issues discussed were taxes and senior services.

I'm glad that I can represent our community and make our voice heard. Important issues are often brought to the attention of our representatives in small meetings like this.

Thanks to everybody who participated in the parade. I think this year was the biggest and best yet. Thanks to Realtor Jason Sweeney for his generous contribution of bottled water and ice cream. Thanks to Manny Arreygue our Senior Lead Officer for leading the parade and making the journey safe. It was nice to see Martha Gutierrez, I think this was the first time we had a Deputy City Attorney at our parade.

And a very special thank you to our members who worked so hard at putting this parade together. Our parade is a fine example of what wonderful people live in Valley Village and what a great place it is.

Lori Dinkin, President

Sunday at the Library

The popular series of entertaining programs called "Sunday At The Library" will return to North Hollywood Regional Branch Library on Sunday, September 7, 2003 at 2:00pm.

The performances will now be presented in the new Amelia Earhart Community Room at 5211 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood. A series is planned that will provide family entertainment including music, drama and storytellers; programs that will engage the entire family. The first performance will feature the Los Feliz Woodwind Ensemble. These much acclaimed, professional musicians whose experience ranges from first chair positions in the Los Angeles Philharmonic to featured players with the Mothers of Invention have a repertoire that stretches from Bach to Gershwin.

Do not miss this opportunity for a special musical experience. The season will continue on the first Sunday every other month. There will be a fine chamber quartet on Sunday, November 2, 2003. On January 4, 2004 extraordinary actor Stephanie Satie will perform "Coming to America" the insightful portraits of women who have made Southern California their home.

The Voluntary Curfew Ignored Again

If you think there's a curfew at Burbank Airport, think again. The 10pm to 7am curfew at Burbank Airport is voluntary. The airlines are requested to not schedule their flights during these hours, but that doesn't stop them. On June 14th American Airlines added a 6:49am flight to Dallas and United Airlines offers a 6:40am flight to San Francisco.

The airlines try to justify these very early departures in order to accommodate customers booked on connecting flights at other airports. Many Valley residents fear that two curfew breakers will soon lead to more.

The Association encourages residents to write or call the airlines, nothing speaks louder than the consumer.

United Airlines:

Write:

Customer Relations

WHQPW

P.O. Box 66100

Chicago, IL 60666

Phone:

877-228-1327

Fax:

877-406-1059

American Airlines:

Write:

Consumer Relations

P.O. Box 619616

DFW Airport, TX 75261

Phone:

817-967-2000

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817-967-4162

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Name: _____

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

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Neighborhood Council Pre-Election Information Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2003 - 7:00pm

Caldwell Hall, First Presbyterian Church of North Hollywood

5000 Colfax Avenue

Valley Village, CA 91601

On Tuesday, July 22, Ginny Hatfield, Chair of the Neighborhood Council Valley Village (NCVV) Election Committee, along with fellow committee members Breice Reiner and Stuart Simen, attended the Board of Neighborhood Councils' (BONC) hearing at Sutter Middle School in Winnetka. NCVV was petitioning BONC for several changes to the by-laws, which were needed in order to proceed with the election of a Board of Governors. BONC approved the request and cleared the way for the scheduling of the elections that should take place in the fall.

Please mark **Thursday, August 21st**, on your calendar, as NCVV will be sponsoring a **Pre-Election Information Meeting** to discuss all aspects of the upcoming election. Candidate filing forms will be available for those who are interested in running for a seat on the Board, as well as copies of the by-laws and election procedures. We need community involvement and want to encourage all stakeholders to come and find out about their neighborhood council.

A flyer with more specific information will be sent to you prior to the date.

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