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From The President

Members, I decided to use my space in this Villager to reprint part of an article from our June Villager. My message is this: go out and vote in Neighborhood Council Valley Village election on October 17th, 4pm to 8pm. If you take nothing else from this issue please mark you calendar, and get to Colfax Elementary School and vote.

(Reprint of the June article) The April 25th meeting of the Neighborhood Council Valley Village passed a controversial motion recommending that Valley Village be divided into two zones for determining allowable single-family home size and setbacks. The parcels generally west of Laurel Canyon/Laurel Grove would have far less limitations than those to the east. The heart of the issue is what many Los Angeles residents refer to as mansionization. The Colfax School auditorium was filled to capacity. The exchanges between the stakeholders and the sponsors of the motion were heated in many cases. Each Board member had an opportunity to weigh in on the motion before the public comments. The common complaint against the motion was on two levels: that it should not have been brought to a vote before taking a survey of the community and the undesirability of large scale homes on small lots designed for traditional smaller homes. After lengthy debate, the motion passed 7-5, with two abstentions.

In May, The Association sent out its own postcard survey. The full results were printed in the June Villager. The overwhelming majority of you want some limitations on over-development. There was no difference in the results whether you lived east or west. That tells me that this current Neighborhood Council board does not represent what you want on this issue. So it is imperative that you get out and vote for the kind of board you do want. I have listed here the candidates that are running. Their 100 word statements can be found in a sample ballot that will be mailed to your homes by the NCVV. Peter

NCVV Board Candidates

**Neighborhood Council Valley Village
Board Election 2007**

**Date: Wednesday October 17, 2007
4:00pm to 8:00pm**

**AT: Colfax Elementary School
11427 Addison Street – Auditorium**

The candidates are listed in alphabetical order.
Seats up for election are:

Business Representatives (vote for 3)

Annalisa Engelbach
Fritz Friedman
Richard Gautier
Ben Lautner
Andrew Sacher

Renters (vote for 3)

Israel Bick
Tony Braswell
Suzanne Lewis
Steven Stokes
Paul Wiener

At Large (vote for 1)

Paul Hatfield
Mark Silver

Community Service Organization (vote for 1)

David Engelbach

There may be additional Write-In Candidates. At the time of publication four other candidates filed applications but have not completed the required paperwork. If they do so and qualify, their names will be posted at the polling place as available write-in candidates.

The Community Service Organization seat is not usually in this election cycle – it is open due to a resignation. Valley Village Homeowners Association, being a Community Service Organization, wrote a letter on behalf of David Englebach to verify his eligibility for this seat. Mr. Englebach is member and Boardmember of VVHA.

Mini Lots?

A property at 11476 Huston was bought by a speculator who applied for permission to split the 90ft. by 130ft. lot into two lots, with 50 and 40 foot frontage. The zoning administrator of the City denied that request pointing out repeatedly that a 40 foot lot was not in keeping with the Valley Village neighborhood.

In February 2007 the owner offered the existing house on 60ft. by 130ft. of the property for sale, leaving an empty 30ft. by 130ft. "lot". Now the owner has applied for a building permit for a 24 foot wide house on a 30 foot lot. The City is not clear on whether this is a legal lot, however, they are allowing the application for a building permit.

Residents on Huston Street are showing their concern and Valley Village Homeowners Association believes this issue is a bad precedent for the neighborhood. Letters and phone calls should be made now to: City Planning Department 201 No. Figueroa St., 4th floor Los Angeles, CA 90012. 213-482-7077 or 818-374-5074 Also contact Councilmember Wendy Greuel's Office at 818-755-7676.

If you would like to assist the neighbors on Huston St. Call Lory Oberg at 818-763-3226.

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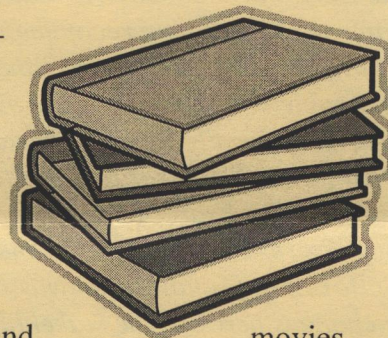
to leave valuables in sight. With your help, our area will continue to shine!

Don't forget the monthly Police meetings. Upcoming dates are: October 16, 2007 & November 20, 2007. All meetings are held at Victory Elementary 6315 Radford Ave. at 7:00 p.m.

Early in September there was a decrease in overall crime in this area. This drop was a result of good police work, which resulted in several burglary arrests. Nevertheless, your help is still needed. Even though we showed a drop in crime, there are continuing problems with car break-ins. The top items being taken are GPS systems that have been left behind in the car. Please warn your friends and family members not

Books & Other Things

North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Library at 5211 Tujunga Avenue offers a cornucopia of programs for Valley Village residents. There are Story Times and Crafts for toddlers, volunteer grandparents who read books to and with kids three days a week, teens have hip hop performances, self defense lessons, games and movies. For adults there are the First Run Film Series and movie classics, Sunday At The Library performances include live drama, play reading, music concerts and more. Computer classes with one-on-one basic internet and computer skills are given by VVHA member Virginia Raucher.



If what you want most is a good book, there are more books in this library than in any other for miles around. Come on in to check it out.

All the above are supported by the volunteer group Friends Of The Library. Funds to carry on these programs come primarily from book sales. Donations of books are needed now. Please look through your shelves, bring in those books you have read that are just taking up space. Then you can come to the next Book Sale **Saturday, November 3, 2007, 10:00am to 2:00pm.** and stock up on some new ones.

The Valley Village Sign

What more can be said? It took two years, but finally the new and improved Valley Village sign at Laurel Canyon and the 101 Freeway has been installed. Valley Village is now identified for people driving by. Thanks to all helped get this project completed.

Tell a Friend – Tell a Neighbor

Invite someone to join Valley Village Homeowners Association

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 Tugunga Wash on the west, the Hollywood Freeway on the east and Burbank Boulevard on the north.

Why join the Valley Village Homeowners Association?

- VVHA provides a strong voice in local, county and state government.
- VVHA serves as a watchdog on land use proposals, transportation systems and airport expansion that affect our area.
- VVHA promotes a graffiti-free, secure community.
- VVHA creates an opportunity for residents to know and interact with each other.
- VVHA keeps members up-to-date and in the loop with a quarterly paper, *The Valley Villager*.

Neighbors Working Together To Improve The Quality Of Life

JOIN NOW

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Mail with your check made payable to Valley Village Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 4916 Valley Village, CA 91617

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Valley Village Homeowners Association welcomes active participation by all members. More residents than ever are inquiring about how they can help support our community. Find out how you can help, attend the membership meeting, see the back page. The Association needs help with the following committees:

- Airport: Monitor Burbank Airport activities and proposals that may affect Valley Village.
- Neighborhood Watch: Help organize N.W. groups along the new guidelines, arranging for someone to attend and report on local LAPD meetings.
- Business directory: Help prepare a comprehensive list of business addresses and services available in Valley Village.
- Land use and development: Track building permits and projects proposed and in progress in Valley Village.
- Legislation: Maintain a record of legislation in LA city council that impacts on Valley Village. Tabulate voting records of District 2 representative (Wendy Greuel) and District 5 representative (Jack Weiss).
- Membership Promotion: Raise community awareness of the existence and benefits provided by Valley Village Homeowners Association.

Homeowners Association Meeting

*Wednesday, October 3, 2007 - 7:00pm
Colfax Elementary School, 11724 Addison Street
Valley Village, CA 91607*

The format at our last meeting was open discussion between the board and membership in attendance. The feedback we received was, "do it again." There are many topics still to be examined that we will, "do it again" at this meeting. You will have the opportunity to:

Meet and speak to the board.

Discuss the Association's goals.

Give input and ideas for solutions to Valley Village issues.

The refreshments were very popular too. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00pm.

There will be an opportunity to meet Captain Sharyn I. Buck
Area Commanding Officer, North Hollywood Community Police Station
Manny Arreygue, Senior Lead Officer

VOTE ON OCTOBER 17th

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