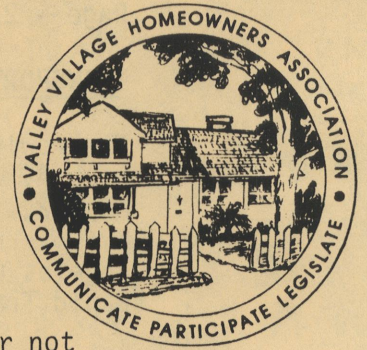


VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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March/April Newsletter

Serving the Valley Village Community located in the City of Los Angeles, bounded by Burbank Blvd. on the North, Ventura Fwy on the South, Tujunga Wash on the West and the Hollywood Fwy on the East.

HEARING SCHEDULED REGARDING BURBANK AIRPORT

CalTrans Division of Aeronautics has scheduled a Hearing for June 7, 1993 at the Airport to get input as to whether or not a variance should be granted. Currently the airport exceeds State noise regulations, therefore it needs a variance to operate. The State has the ability to impose restrictions on the airport as part of the variance. Restrictions may be imposed on the hours of operation, number of flights, location and size of the proposed new passenger terminal.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE by Marlene Seltzer, Governmental Affairs Committee

The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC), the City Council and Citizens Committee selected the Burbank-Chandler route in March, 1990. Supervisor Antonovich, the most vocal backer of the Monorail, claimed it would cost \$1 billion less than Metro Rail. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) stated the Monrail cost was under-estimated by \$1 billion.

Current Status: The new Metro Transportation Authority (MTA - combined LACTC and RTD) met January 27, 1993 and made two major decisions:

1. Ordered a Project Study Report on the Monorail
2. Ordered preliminary engineering on the Metro Rail.

Comparisons:

- * Metro Rail ridership 43,700 weekday trips; Monorail 30,700
- * Phase I construction costs equal
- * Metro Rail has faster trains
- * Metro Rail does not need to transfer at Universal City
- * Metro Rail displaces no homes, Monorail displaces 11
- * Metro Rail affects 56 businesses with 435 employees
- * Monorail affects 98 businesses with 1,200 employees
- * Monorail will seriously disrupt Ventura Freeway for more than one year.
- * Monorail displaces 18.7 acres of parkland
- * Monorail will travel within one foot of its support columns. Caltrans may not approve this, as being too close to freeway fast lanes.
- * Metro Rail needs only final design plans to start construction
- * Monorail needs five additional approvals and resolutions, federal environmental clearances, Public Utilities Commission clearances, relocation of Fire Station #88, Caltrans approval and coordination of construction at Universal City Metro Rail Station.

TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES MERGE

The newly created Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) now oversees all of L.A. County's transportation planning, funding and bus and rail line operations. AB 152, the reorganization bill authored by Assemblyman Richard Katz, and signed by Governor Pete Wilson last year, paved the way for the merging of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) and the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD).

New York State Transportation Commissioner Franklin White has been named chief executive officer of the L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Richard Alatorre, Los Angeles City councilman and former LACTC chairman, is the MTA's new chairman. Elected by his fellow board members in February, the two-term city councilman will preside over the merger of the LACTC and SCRTD, of which Alatorre is also a board member. Ed Edelman, L.A. County supervisor and member of both the SCRTD and LACTC, was named vice-chair.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVED SPECIFIC PLAN FOR VALLEY VILLAGE

It took six years to get it done, but it finally happened. The L.A. City Council approved our Specific Plan, aimed at preserving the single-family neighborhoods by restricting construction of "Towering" apartments, fast-food restaurants and other businesses incompatible and not commensurate with the area. President Lori Dinkin, and former President Tom Paterson were responsible for drafting the specific plan, and thanks to their diligent efforts and "iron and velvet glove" pressure on governmental officials, finally saw it come to fruition. They will continue their efforts to get the plan amended to include an architectural design committee. We will keep you posted! But this is a prime example of your Homeowner Association in action on your behalf. Please tell your neighbors about us, we need all your support. Your dues help us to help you! Call 506-5158 for a membership application!

GRAFFITI WIPE-OUT!!!

VVHOA is planning a major graffiti paint-out effort, spear headed by VVHOA board member Charles Gonzales. We ask that you get involved and help rid your neighborhood of unsightly graffiti. Call our VVHOA hotline at 506-5158 and leave your name and phone number to "wipe out" graffiti from Valley Village. LAPD will provide us with rollers and brushes. Councilman Wachs' office has provided us with paint - please provide us with your enthusiasm, energy and the willingness to get involved.

JAYWALKING COULD PROVE TO BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR LIFE

Officer Dale Turner, LAPD Traffic Division, states that the leading cause of fatal and injury traffic collisions is the pedestrian jaywalker. The second major leading cause of injury traffic collisions is the bicycle rider. Officer Turner mentioned that many in our community have turned to bicycling for fitness and as an alternate means of transportation, however, says Officer Turner, once we ride onto city streets we are governed by the vehicle code just like any other moving conveyance.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM

The candidates forum originally scheduled for March 9 will now be held at April 13, 1993 at Carpenter Elementary School, 3909 Carpenter Avenue, Studio City, at 7:30 pm. Six leading candidates have been invited to attend the forum - which will be a joint meeting of the Studio City Residents Association, Valley Village Homeowners Association, North Hollywood Residents Association and the Briarcliff Improvement Association. At this time, we have confirmation from Wachs' office, Katz's office, Councilman Bernadi and Nick Patsouris, Mr. Woo's office has declined and Mr. Riordan's office is keeping us in suspense, but we are hoping that he will be able to attend. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be there. It'll be your chance to ask questions and hear what the candidates have to say on those issues near and dear to you! One of them is likely to be our next mayor!

COMING SOON - OUR SECOND ANNUAL BLOCKBUSTER EVENT!

If spring is here, can our "Ice Breaker" be far behind? Actually, our 2nd annual day-in-the-park will take place again at Westpark on May 23rd from 1 - 4 pm - so don't forget to mark your calendar. Board members Jean Gillespie and Roberta Paulsen are in the process of contacting volunteers who have generously offered to help, but we still welcome others who care to become involved. Musical talents, who'd enjoy some local exposure can be assured of an enthusiastic audience - any volunteers? Please call 506-5158! Last years picnic/cookout was very well attended and everyone really enjoyed getting to meet their neighbors. We welcome your ideas and suggestions! Let's all pitch in and make this a Valley Village blockbuster picnic/cookout. Call 506-5158, leave your name and phone number and say that you wish to volunteer, or share some terrific ideas for the Ice Breaker, and Roberta "Bobbie" or Jean will call you back!

Membership Report!

The response to the February Newsletter was gratifying. There 101 new members - welcome - and many renewals to bring our membership count close to 500 households. This represents approximately 22% of Valley Village residents. Many members indicated their community concerns on the return tear-off. This is very valuable information and helps the Association in their continued efforts to make Valley Village a safe, attractive, neighborly place to live! Thank you! We value your input on community issues - call us anytime at 506-5158. You will get a recording, but your calls will be routed to the appropriate boardmember, who will call you back!

Household Hazardous Waste Contact List!

Household Hazardous Waste General Information Hotline	800-773-CITY
Enforcement Div. (to report illegal dumping).....	213-485-5886
L.A.P.D. (Hazardous Materials Unit).....	213-485-4011
Hazardous & Toxic Materials Project.....	213-237-1209
(General information on business hazardous waste)	
Poison Control Center - 24 hour hotline	213-222-3212
Emergency Response.....	9 - 1 - 1

BACK TO THE FUTURE!

In the early 70's, the city of L.A. had 7,400 Police Officers, a number many believe will be down by the end of this year to approximately 7,200! The crime rate, particularly in the Valley, has tripled, if not quadrupled since then! What about revenues - have they not increased? Where did the money go from all the condominiums being built or converted in the mid-seventies?

I don't know about you, but I am appalled to think that, as I load my groceries into my car, I could find myself with a gun stuck in my back! I am appalled to think that when I stop at a major intersection, someone might dart out amidst the waiting traffic demanding my car! I am worried for the safety of our children and grandchildren at school and school events! Aren't you?

When our current Police Chief Willie Williams was Police Commissioner of Philadelphia, a city approximately the size of the San Fernando Valley, he had 6,000 Police Officers at his disposal! With crime figures rising daily in our neighborhoods, how are we allowing our police force to shrink so dramatically?

All the Mayoral Candidates speak of putting more Police Officers on the street! How will they implement it? Is our neighborhood going to get its fair share? It takes approximately 7 months to train someone at the Police Academy, followed by one year of training "in the field" with a seasoned Police Officer! Many of whom are leaving or retiring from the force! Good Officers dedicated to getting the criminals off the street and behind bars! Officers disenchanted and disillusioned with our present legal system that puts the same criminals back on the street a few weeks later! Not to mention the shortage of police cars, no-pay for overtime, outdated equipment and the lack of support and appreciation from the public! What have YOU done personally to show your support for increased police presence in YOUR San Fernando Valley neighborhood? Have you written your Councilman, your State Representative, or organized a neighborhood watch group on your block? Or are you simply sitting back to watch what our next Mayor is going to do to increase our police presence in OUR neighborhood????

All the Mayoral Candidates agree on more Police Officers being needed in the City, but have YOU asked the question as to how they are going to implement their plans? We have read, or listened to their individual platforms as to where the money is going to come from! What are they doing to keep seasoned officers on the force? Experience is learned - not taught! We need new trainees, but we also need to hold on to those men and women who have passionately done their best to rid this city of its growing pestilence called crime! We need to put pressure on the City Attorney's office to get tough with these often young offenders! What is the message we are sending out right now? Crime does pay? Voice your viewpoint at our combined Mayoral Forum on April 13, 1993, 7:30 pm, at Carpenter Elementary School, 3909 Carpenter Avenue, Studio City.

VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS SPRING FEST!

At the recent Icebreaker committee meeting, it was decided to change the name to Valley Village Homeowners Spring Fest, which will be held on Sunday, May 23, at Westpark, from 1 to 4 pm.

Clowns, clowns, clowns, bring in the clowns! We need one to entertain the children! If you'd like to be a "Volunteer" clown, please call Beverly at 763-3676 or Eve at 761-5616, or the Valley Village number 506-5158.

VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS SPRING FEST CONT.

Bake Sale, Bake Sale, Bake Sale! Bake your favorite recipe to donate to our bake sale! Proceeds will be used to defray the costs of the "Fest". Remember, we need your involvement - call Beverly at 763-3676, or Eve at 761-5616!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - LORI DINKIN!

We are very pleased to announce that we have gained 100 new members since February! Welcome! Many of you have expressed interest in fighting graffiti, crime and other ills of our community. Our various chairmen will get in touch with you soon, and together we will make Valley Village an outstanding place to live in! Thank you one and all for your interest and your willingness to get involved!

It has been a busy month! We have gone to meetings with Congressman Howard Berman's staff regarding the Burbank airport expansion. (More on that subject at our next meeting!) We've been at the Metro Rail meeting. At this point in time, the Metro line will stop at Lankershim and Weddington, where large stations are to be built. We are looking four years into the future, however! We are planning to invite speakers from the Metro line to a Homeowner meeting in the future.

I urge you to attend both the Mayoral Candidates Forum on 4/13 at Carpenter School and the Valley Village Homeowner Association Meeting on 4/27 at Colfax Elementary School, where Deputy Chief Kroeker with L.A.P.D. will be our featured guest speaker. Chief Kroeker has been credited with setting up the community based policing program in the San Fernando Valley. Your presence at both meetings is NEEDED!

"VALLEY VILLAGE SQUARE" at the corner of Riverside and Laurel Canyon is taking shape! (Update at the next meeting!). Some time ago we urged you, through telephone calls and letters, to support two landmark bills authored by Assembly woman Barbara Friedman, designed to protect community residents speaking out on issues affecting their neighborhoods. "SLAPP" suits often demand millions of dollars in damages and take years to settle! We are very glad to inform you that bills SB 341 and AB 2828 have passed, protecting our right to speak freely without the threat of harassment and litigation. I have written a letter of thanks to Assemblywoman Friedman and I wish to thank all of you who have taken the time and trouble to make yourselves be heard and counted!

"IN NUMBERS THERE IS STRENGTH" - I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU ON APRIL 13th and the 27th! Thank you!

PATRON MEMBERS

Michal W. Arnett/Hong Tan

DONOR MEMBERS

Jim Herrick
Larry F. & Rosetta Gitlin
Charles Gonzales
Edward & Rose Clements
Dr. David & Mrs. Adele Newfield
Lorey & Ken Oberg
Eliza Thorne

Due to space problems we are unable to publish our complete list of PATRONS & MEMBERS, but we promise to catch up in the next newsletter! Don't let that stand in the way of telling your friends and neighbors of our Homeowners Organization! Invite them to join - call 506-5158 and ask for a sample copy of our NEWSLETTER and an application to join. Leave your name and phone number and someone will call you back! Together we can make a difference!

VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1993, 7:30 PM
MAYORAL CANDIDATES FORUM
CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
3909 Carpenter Ave., Studio City

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1993, 7:00 P.M.
DEPUTY CHIEF MARK A. KROEKER
COLFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
11724 Addison, Corner Addison/Huston

Guest Speakers:

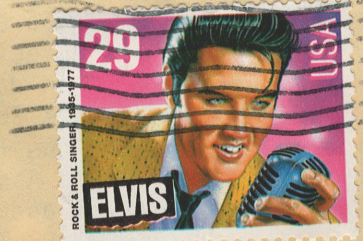
- LORI DINKIN
PRESIDENT OF VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSN.
- MILDRED WELER
PRESIDENT, N. HOLLYWOOD CONCERNED CITIZENS
- ED BRENTLINGER
SENIOR LEAD OFFICER, L.A.P.D. N. HOLLYWOOD DIV.
- MARK A. KROEKER
DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF, L.A.P.D.
- Discussion
Neighborhood concerns.

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COMBINED MAYORAL FORUM
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1993
7:30 PM, CARPENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3909 CARPENTER AVE., STUDIO CITY
(Please see other side)

MORRIS & LORI DINKIN

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