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VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



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2013/2014 Board Elections

Election of Officers and Board of Valley Village Homeowners Association is held every two years. The next election will be at the January 16, 2013 membership meeting. With several of our board members retiring, the nominating committee did extensive outreach and found many energetic and qualified candidates.

Every candidate said that Valley Village is a great place to live and they want to see the work of the Valley Village Homeowners Association continue and grow.

The following volunteered to run for the board:

President: **Alan Brody**
Vice President: **Ken Hearn**
Secretary: **Betty Velasco**
Treasurer: **Bob Belz**

Boardmembers at Large:

Steve Ajalat	Jill Andre
Dorothy Apple	Jerry Fagin
Judith Ledford	Todd Lewis
Phil Raucher	Marsha Sill
Stuart Simen	Marc Woersching

Past President: **Peter Sanchez** (The past president is an automatic member of the board per the bylaws)

Short statements from each candidate will be available at the January 16th meeting.

If you wish to run, please contact Peter Sanchez before January 14, 2013 to be included on the written ballot. Email: PeterMSanchez@SBCglobal.net

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the January meeting.

Candidates must be willing to serve, be a home or condo owner and be paid up members of Valley Village Homeowners Association. This is a two year term. The election is by paper ballot. The results should be available at the close of the meeting.

See the back page for additional Election and Membership Meeting information.

Manny's Beat

Information from Valley Village
Senior Lead Officer
Manny Arreygue

A man suspected of many Los Angeles-area and Valley Village car burglaries has been arrested. Frank Chibbaro, 38, of North Hollywood was arrested January 1, 2013. Chibbaro allegedly began breaking into cars soon after he was released from prison and has served time for past car burglaries.

According to detectives, Chibbaro would look for cars to break into in subterranean parking garages. Video footage obtained by Manny Arreygue from a townhome management company in Valley Village has helped link Chibbaro to a November 2011 vandalism. In addition, Manny believes many car burglaries in Valley Village are probably connected to Chibbaro as they fit his usual practices.

Police say a security guard spotted Chibbaro breaking into a car at an apartment complex near downtown LA. He took off when he saw police cruisers approaching him. After a five hour search, a police dog found Chibbaro hiding in a storage unit in an underground parking garage a few blocks away.

In 2012, the number one crime in Valley Village was car burglaries. Police believe that Chibbaro could be linked to as many as 30 to 40 victims. Residents say they are relieved that police have made an arrest.

Lori Dinkin Retires

Hello Friends,

I am writing this short note of thanks to all of you who have supported me all the years I have served as president and past president on our board. Your affection and graciousness have been legendary. I am so grateful to you.

On Thursday, January 3, 2013 our board had a meeting with potential candidates in the coming board election. I was very impressed with the caliber of those willing to serve and feel it is time for me to make room for a new face. I am relinquishing my seat on the board to make a place for someone younger and enthusiastic (after all, I am an ancient 93 year old!!)

Of course, I will be around at all the meetings, so it's not goodbye, but au revoir!

I wish all of you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Lori

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The Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors:

Happy New Year! With every New Year comes the chance for new beginnings. For The Valley Village Homeowners Association it means it's time for new officers and board. Its election time again!

Several of our boardmembers are retiring or stepping down. I want to take this opportunity to thank Lori Dinkin, Breice Reiner, Stuart Simen and Cynthia Fagin for their long and devoted service to the Valley Village Homeowners Association. Each one contributed to the success of our organization by finding their passion.

There is still time to run for the board if you desire, see the article on page one about the election.

If running for the board is not your thing, every new board means revamping the committees. Volunteering for a committee takes little time and is usually very focused on one issue. What's your passion? Volunteer for that committee. If you have interest contact me and I will get you in touch with the new board and get you on a committee.

If you want to help The Association continue to be successful email me at PeterMSanchez@SBCglobal.net or call 818-506-5158.

Peter

An Editorial from Peter

Recently, I received in the mail a "Notice of Public Hearing for Los Angeles County Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measures". To simplify, this is a new parcel fee. The flyer tells me that if I object to this fee I must mail or hand deliver the protest form attached to the flyer. If I do nothing, it appears to mean I do not protest the fee.

While I do "protest" this fee, I think my bigger protest is with how the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has decided to gather our opinion on this matter. The flyer looks like an ordinary notice but it has much more significance. No form returned, no opinion counted, it seems a little deceptive to me.

Find this flyer amongst your mail (mine got sorted into the junk mail pile) and see if you agree with me. You should respond in the manner you feel is appropriate but do contact our county supervisor and tell him how you feel about this mailing, I will be. Zev Yaroslavsky's number is 213-974-3333 or email Zev@bos.lacounty.gov.

Peter

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BOARD ELECTION

January 16, 2013 - 7:00 pm at Membership Meeting

www.ValleyVillageHA.com

Voicemail: 818-506-5158.

Hard Work Pays Off For Valley Village

Members can be proud of the achievements of the Valley Village Homeowners Association. VVHA volunteers work very hard to improve our community and have had many successes. Here are just a few:

Limiting super-expansion of Bob Hope Airport (Burbank) has been a top priority for many years. The Valley Village Homeowners Association has been a strong voice for compromise, staying in contact with political representatives and community leaders on the impact of uncontrolled airport growth on our property values and quality of life.

Valley Village Homeowners Association successfully campaigned for extensive landscaping on the Orange Line Busway. The original Metropolitan Transit Authority plan included little greenery and no irrigation. VVHA advocated for a landscape design that included irrigation and lush plantings and trees.

The completion of a gateway sign for Valley Village is another example of how the tenacity and devotion of Valley Village Homeowners Association volunteers pays off. Improved landscaping and a monument sign are now completed at Laurel Canyon and the 101 Freeway entrance.

Valley Village Homeowners Association has a committee working hard to get a sound wall on the 170 freeway. This has proved to be a much longer and more arduous process than anticipated. Volunteers continue to pressure our elected officials for this much needed project.

Valley Village Park has been greatly improved. The Valley Village Homeowners Association working with the Recreation and Parks Department accomplished several successful projects. A community tree planting added 100 trees. New play equipment has been installed, walkways have been improved, the restrooms were remodeled to relocate the doors for better safety, and a new irrigation system keeps the grass green and healthy.

Whenever new commercial construction or expansion happens in Valley Village, the Homeowners Association is watchful and makes certain that they comply with our Specific Plan.

Tell a neighbor to join the Valley Village Homeowners Association.

A Thank You from Colfax Charter

For 20 years the VVHA has used the Colfax School Auditorium for meetings and other events. Around the holidays we give the school a donation as a thank you. We received the following note from the Principal:

"Thank you and the Valley Village Homeowners Association for your generous holiday gift. The funds will go to purchase plants for the front of the school. Thank you for always supporting Colfax. ☺"

Sincerely, Susana Gomez - Principal

City Elections **March 5 and** **May 21, 2013**

The City's upcoming elections are the Primary Nominating Election held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 and the General Municipal Election (runoff) will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

The candidates are:

Mayor:

Jan Perry
Emanuel Alberto Pleitez
Eric Garcetti
Wendy J. Greuel
Addie M. Miller
Kevin James
Norton Sandler
Yehuda "YJ" Draiman

City Attorney:

Carmen "Nuch" Trutanich
Noel Weiss
Mike Feuer
Greg Smith

City Controller:

Ankur Patel
Ron Galperin
Dennis P. Zine
Alalilia Joya
Jeff Bornstein
Cary Brazeman

Make Your Voice Heard



January 16th
March 5th
May 21st

Homeowners Association Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2013 - 7:00pm

Colfax School Auditorium

11724 Addison Street

Valley Village, CA 91607

Officers & Board Election

Also at the Meeting:

- > Senior Lead Officer, Manny Arreygue will give an update on Neighborhood Watch and police activities.
- > Deputies from our elected officials have been invited to introduce themselves.

Light Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm.

**Mark Your
Calendar:**

*The 2013 VVHA Membership Meetings will be:
April 17th, July 17th and October 16th.*

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