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# The Valley Village Story

### Big News in 1939 Community Of Valley Village Formed

According to the Los Angeles Times, Valley Village was born and articles of incorporation were granted in May 1939. In June of 1939, 500 women met on the grounds of the King Charney Rancho on Magnolia Boulevard to launch a beautification committee. It was the start of neighbors working together to improve the quality of life.

#### The 50's

THE GLAMOUR AND PROXIMITY OF HOLLYWOOD OVERPOWERS VALLEY VILLAGE AND THE NAME NORTH HOLLYWOOD BECOMES MORE COMMONLY USED.

# CHANGES COME TO VALLEY VILLAGE

In 1986, with the threat of uncontrolled high rise buildings, residents formed a homeowners group. The community name Valley Village was reclaimed and the Valley Village Homeowners Association was formed.

#### It's Official

Since the Post Office branch always had carried the name Valley Village, it was felt it should be made official. The request was taken to the Los Angeles City Council and with the help of former City Council members Joel Wachs, John Ferraro and Zev Yaroslavsky (now a County Supervisor) it was approved.

# Protecting The Community From Overdevelopment

The Valley Village
Homeowners Association
developed a Specific Plan to
restrict height and guarantee
low density in new
construction, whether
commercial or private homes.
The Specific Plan, conceived
by the dedicated board
members, took seven years to
be approved and was ratified
in February 1993. These
planning restrictions work and
have proven to be invaluable.

# The Valley Village Specific Plan

- Limits certain types of commercial enterprises;
- It regulates the placement of balconies and rooftop installations on apartment buildings;
- Requires appropriate landscaping.
- No new commercial buildings may be higher than 36 feet, and no homes higher than 30 feet.
- There are other restrictions as well.

## JOIN NOW!

Valley Village Homeowners
Association is an organized group of

Neighbors Working
Together To Improve The
Quality Of Life

Membership is open to all residents of Valley Village.

Numbers count and speak to our politicians.

Become a member today.



# 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:



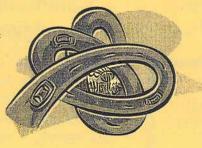
Limiting super-expansion of Burbank/Bob Hope Airport has been a top priority for many years. The Valley Village Homeowners Association has been a strong voice for compromise, staying in contact with political representatives and community leaders on the impact of uncontrolled airport growth on our property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



Welcome to Valley Village 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.



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## **Invitation to Join Valley Village Homeowners Association**

Membership is open to all residents living in the area bounded by the Ventura Freeway on the South, the Tujunga Wash on the West, the Hollywood Freeway on the East and Burbank Boulevard on the North.

#### Why join the Valley Village Homeowners Association?

- To protect and improve your community, Valley Village Homeowners Association provides leadership and a strong voice in the halls of local, county and state government.
- Valley Village Homeowners Association serves as a watchdog on all land use proposals, transportation systems, including airport expansion and rapid transit that affects our area.
- Valley Village Homeowners Association encourages residents to become acquainted with one another. We sponsor the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade to Valley Village Park.
- Valley Village Homeowners Association promotes Neighborhood Watch and a graffiti-free, secure community. We maintain a close relationship with the North Hollywood Police Department.
- Valley Village Homeowners Association communicates neighborhood issues. We publish an association newspaper, The Valley Villager. Association meetings are held quarterly.

Neighbors Working Together To Improve The Quality of Life

Cut out and return with your check made payable to Valley Village Homeowners Association P.O. Box 4916 Valley Village CA 91617

#### NEW MEMBERSHIP

Valley Village Homeowners Association has had notable success, and if it is going to be influential in important issues, it is essential that we present a united, active and determined membership. Join today.							
	Annual dues per household:	Basic Dues \$18.00 I	Donor Dues:	\$25.00	Patron Dues:	\$50.00	
Name:							
Address:					Zip		
Phone: _		En	nail:				
Amount en	nclosed: \$						
The Association welcomes any comments, questions, suggestions or offers to volunteer. Just include them in the same envelope.							VS 2008

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## **Homeowners Association Meetings**

Quarterly meetings are held at Colfax Elementary School 11724 Addison Street, Valley Village, CA 91607 Dates are announced in <u>The Valley Villager</u>, which is mailed to members.

People frequently comment that those who live in small towns benefit from knowing their neighbors and have more influence on how their community is run.

Residents of Valley Village have the opportunity and the means to have these benefits without giving up the resources of a cosmopolitan city. Valley Village Homeowners Association meetings provide all residents with a chance to socialize and to meet each other, to share their concerns and to keep in touch with new developments. They can make sure their opinions are heard.

Speakers have included State and City officials of the highest rank. Speakers from the Police Department and representatives of the various City services have come and answered individual questions. Solutions to local problems are often worked out on the spot.

The Association meetings are one of the major benefits of membership. These are not rubber stamp meetings. Don't miss the opportunity to share an evening with the people who make your community the great place it is.

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