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Burbank Airport Wants New Terminal

For years Burbank Airport (aka Bob Hope Airport) has wanted a new passenger terminal and has met much opposition. The plan has once again been resurrected and the Airport Authority is seeking public support for construction of a new terminal to replace the existing building. The Federal Aviation Administration favors relocating the terminal to a site further from the runways.

Since Valley Village is heavily impacted by the noise, air pollution, number of flights and hours of operation, Valley Village Homeowners Association has invited the airport executives to speak at our meeting Wednesday, April 18.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear what Bob Hope/Burbank Airport is planning and to ask questions and voice your opinion about the proposal.

Red Moon Neighbors Want Peace & Quiet

For the last several years the Red Moon Restaurant, formerly known as the Time Out Cafe, located near the intersection of Riverside Drive and Whitsett Avenue has blasted the neighborhood with loud music. Neighbors within blocks of the Red Moon have had their quiet evenings completely disrupted. Sleep becomes impossible as windows rattle and floors vibrate. Enjoying outdoor activities in the evening is a thing of the past.

Now, the owner of the Red Moon is asking the Planning Commission for permits to extend the hours that they can serve alcohol until 2:00 a.m. Additionally, the owner is seeking permission to allow dancing, live entertainment, a disc jockey and private parties as well as signs advertising the above. The neighbors are opposed to the creation of what will be a nightclub in a primarily residential area.

To join in opposing these permits please come to the Planning Commission meeting Thursday, June 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the Marvin Braude Constituent Center. It is located at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd. 1st Floor, Van Nuys, CA 91401.

At the Valley Village Homeowners Association meeting on Wednesday, April 18 there will be a petition and a sign-up for anyone wishing to carpool to the Planning Commission hearing.

Manny's Beat

As the leader of my basic car, I am happy to report that there are many positive developments in our ongoing struggle to keep crime down. Although overall crime remains at a low level, we are still experiencing problems with property related crimes in Valley Village. In the past I have asked for your assistance by reporting suspicious activity in your neighborhood and calling 311 when you see graffiti or trash. Please continue to do so. We cannot allow Valley Village to become a high crime area.

As always, I am counting on you, the Valley Village community, for your support. You are our eyes and ears in our neighborhoods, and we rely upon you. What's more, your involvement in Neighborhood Watch groups has never been more essential. These efforts, in which the community and police work together, are already having a great impact on crime, and they'll continue to impact our community in positive ways as we move forward.

*Thank You!
Your Senior Lead Officer,
Manny Arreygue*

Valley Village Park

Valley Village Park improvements are almost complete. Spring is here, start enjoying the handsome new picnic tables, the walking path that winds around the entire park, rest for a while on the new benches that have been added. Bring a buddy along for a game of chess or backgammon on the game tables. There are now shade structures over the children's play area; all that remains is to install shade structures in the picnic area.

Valley Village Homeowners Association and Neighborhood Council Valley Village worked closely through many meetings with the Recreation and Parks Department to create this plan which incorporates all the features requested by community residents.

Thanks also to the City of Los Angeles and the contractors for a quality job.

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A Letter from the Past President

I have been wanting to write this letter for a long time. Why? Because I am very unhappy that we don't have larger attendance at our Valley Village Homeowners Association meetings. Is it boredom or is it indifference? Government is only as good or bad as the citizens attention to their local community. We must take an active and informed interest in our community if we want to have an effective government.

We have had excellent and interesting speakers who were not only well informed but who listened to our problems and concerns. Many times our representatives or speakers were sensitive to our concerns and were able to help resolve the problems. It is disheartening to see the low attendance, not only for our speakers, but also for those of us who attend the meetings.

We have only four meetings a year. Please make an effort to attend them. You will greet old friends and meet new neighbors, enjoy the comradeship and make new friends. I know that you will be glad that you came.

Hope to see and greet many of you at the next meeting.

Lori Dinkin - Past President

Our web site is www.ValleyVillageHA.com

On it you can find help with ... contact information to reach us ... membership application and renewal ... previous Valley Villagers ... the history of Valley Village ... Valley Village map ... emergency and community organization phone numbers and web links ... recommended local vendors useful for homeowners ... local weather forecast ... Neighborhood Watch ... LAPD crime map ... The Association's positions on controversial topics ... our accomplishments ... the July 4th parade ... the official Valley Village Specific Plan ... photos of some unique homes in Valley Village. Want to add yours? Suggestions to improve and enlarge on these topics are welcome.

Board Elections - New Faces?

Next January, yes, after the elections for U.S. President are over, the Homeowners Association will have its own elections. Some of us have been on the board for a long time and we are looking for some new faces. Surely, some of you can spare an hour or two or three a month for the betterment of Valley Village.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, you can contact our Nomination Committee Chair Leslie Owens at DMBBNNY@roadrunner.com or Stuart Simon at stucsr1568@juno.com or 818-506-5158.

It is a two-year commitment. Board meetings are usually every other month. Regular membership meetings are four times a year. Nominees need to be members of The Association.

Rockin' For Colfax – April 28th

On Saturday, April 28, Colfax Charter Elementary School will be transformed into Mini-Woodstock as they hold their 2nd annual *Rockin' for Colfax* concert. Burbank Music Academy donates their time and expertise to help 100 lucky Colfax students who form 21 different bands. The kids rehearse once a week for four weeks, then entertain the crowd with rock & roll classics like "One Way or Another" or "Louie Louie." Gates open at 4:00 pm and the first band goes on at 4:45 pm. Ticket prices are \$5 and there will be food available for purchase including Chinese, pizza and tamales. All proceeds go to help fund art programs at Colfax School.

Burbank Music Academy organizes concerts like this one throughout the city and hopes to create a non-profit group so even more schools can experience the gift of music.

Colfax World Fair – June 2nd

The annual Colfax World Fair is coming to Valley Village on Saturday, June 2nd from 12:00 noon until 7:00 pm. Last year's fair was record breaking with an estimated 7,000 guests attending. This year inflatables will cover the school grounds, and adjacent Morella Street will be transformed into a water park. Two popular attractions from last year, Toddler Town, a play area for babies and toddlers, and Growing Green Area includes custom t-shirts and plant booths.

One of the biggest attractions is the huge silent auction. Donated items are greatly appreciated, especially restaurant certificates, getaways and collectibles. Contact Tracy Ostermann at trileydesign@yahoo.com or Sam Fisher at samdfisher@gmail.com to donate.

Volunteers are needed, and this is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to earn community service hours. Any members of the community are welcome to volunteer. All those interested should contact Jamie Garson at jamiegarson@att.net or Cathy Fromkin at cfromkin@sbcglobal.net.

What I like About Valley Village!

Like everyone else, I like the beautiful trees, attractive homes, great people, friendly dogs and elegant cats. I like the warm village atmosphere and the comfort of feeling very safe in our neighborhood.

Here is another plus that Valley Village offers which is often overlooked. This is a very convenient neighborhood. Within its boundaries are markets offering a wide variety of foods, quality super-markets, delis with ethnic specialties. If you don't feel like cooking there are some excellent restaurants and a choice of franchise take-outs.

Within a few blocks of your home you can find whatever you need. There are pharmacies and dentists, doctors and fitness centers. There are florists and stores where you can find much to improve your décor and your environment.

There are banks and the U.S. Post Office. There is the Valley Village Park, beloved to kids and doggies. And just over the line on Tujunga Avenue is the historical building that houses the wonderful Amelia Earhart Los Angeles Regional Public Library.

And if all that doesn't keep you home, this neighborhood is embraced on every side by public transportation and boulevards and freeways that make it easy to leave. But I know you'll be happiest when you come back home to Valley Village.

A 48 year resident

Neighborhood Council Valley Village Events

April 10 – Blood Drive

Neighborhood Council Valley Village (NCVV) will sponsor a blood drive for Children's Hospital Los Angeles on Tuesday, April 10th from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Colfax Charter School.

April 29 – Green Living Workshop

NCVV is hosting a free green living workshop on Sunday, April 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Participants will learn about water and energy conservation and how to save money on utilities. There are also giveaways and raffle prizes. Sign up at Sustainableworks.eventbrite.com.

VVHA & NCVV Working Together

Now to May 1 – Garden Tour

The 3rd annual Valley Village Garden Tour, co-sponsored by Valley Village Homeowners Association and Neighborhood Council Valley Village is taking place now through May 1st. All Valley Villagers are invited to participate including businesses and apartment residents. For additional information, please go to the www.MyValleyVillage.com or call Suzanne Lewis at 818-759-8204.

March 15 - Berman

Valley Village Homeowners Association partnered with the Neighborhood Council to hold a community meeting with Congressman Howard Berman.

Oakwood School

Oakwood School has been reviewing their master plan and considering improvements to their campus in future years. They want to share that vision with Valley Village and hope to hold a neighborhood meeting sometime in April. Oakwood School is located at 11600 Magnolia Boulevard.

**Get a VVHA Lawn Sign
Call 818-506-5158
We Deliver!**

Homeowners Association Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 - 7:00pm

Colfax School Auditorium

11724 Addison Street

Valley Village, CA 91607

Featured Speakers:

Mark Hardymont, Victor Gill and Marty Cooper

Regarding a New Terminal at Bob Hope/Burbank Airport

Mark Hardymont is the Director of Environmental Programs for the Airport, a post he has held since 2005. He first joined the staff at the airport in 1989. Hardymont oversees such programs as the Airport's Residential Acoustic Treatment Program, the Part 150 Study/Update and infrastructure improvement initiatives.

Victor Gill is Director of Public Affairs & Communications at the Airport and has been on staff since 1984. He participated in the original Part 150 Study from 1985-1989 and has had ongoing involvement in most airport issues.

Marty Cooper has operated Cooper Communications, a public relations and community outreach firm in the Valley since 1982.

And of course, an update on Neighborhood Watch and news from LAPD with Manny Arreygue.

Refreshments will be served

Mark Your Calendar

Other 2012 Membership Meetings: July 18, 2012 & October 17, 2012
July 4th Parade – Wednesday, July 4, 2012 – 10am

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