

# THE VALLEY VILLAGER

## VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



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### Valley Village July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

The annual Valley Village July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade keeps growing bigger and better. This is its 19<sup>th</sup> year, and from its inception in 1993 with 50 marchers and no spectators, it has grown to over 1200 participants, 800 spectators and a huge community gathering at Valley Village Park.

The parade is organized by the Valley Village Homeowners Association with about 20 hardworking volunteers guiding marchers to July 4<sup>th</sup> snacks and fun at Valley Village Park. This year's parade features Grand Marshals Peter Sanchez, President of the Valley Village Homeowners Association and Tony Braswell, President of Neighborhood Council Valley Village, and hundreds of Valley Village neighbors.

Neighborhood Council Valley Village has arranged for two marching bands, one from North Hollywood High School and another from Birmingham Community Charter High School in Van Nuys. Our Senior Lead Officer Manny Arreygue will lead the parade.

Decorated golf carts and trucks are allowed. **Safety rules require that no one stands in a moving vehicle and no sitting or standing on the back of trucks.** Many marchers decorate their bikes, scooters and wagons in red white and blue and wear their patriotic colors as they walk in the parade and wave to onlookers. Awards will be presented in multiple categories for parade participants.

Although parade participants outnumber the spectators, many Villagers host parties along the parade route.

The Parade route starts on Addison Street in front of Colfax Charter School. It heads west on Addison Street, turns right on Ben Avenue (north), right on Otsego Street (east), across Colfax Avenue to Irvine. Turn right on Irvine Avenue (south) and then left on Hesby Street (east) to Westpark Drive. The parade ends at Valley Village Park

At the park, Valley Village Homeowners Association provides bottled water, corn dogs and cupcakes. Jon's Marketplace donates watermelons.



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### Manny's Beat

Dear Friends,

Thefts and Burglary from Motor Vehicles (car break-ins) are among the highest occurring crimes in Valley Village. This is due to valuable personal property being left unsecured and inside unattended vehicles.

An automobile is not a safe or secure place to leave any small electronics or valuables even when locked. If any property is left unattended, **IT WILL BE STOLEN!** Even something as simple as a small sunglass case will cause your car window to be smashed.

The Los Angeles Police Department is making every effort to combat this problem. Community awareness and involvement is instrumental in the prevention of these crimes. Help us in preventing these crimes by removing all valuables and property. Please do not leave ANY personal property visible in the car!

**Lock It - Hide It - Keep It!**

*For your information! Year to date, we are up in overall crime by 3% percent. This is in comparison to the same time period as last year. By working together, we can achieve an overall crime reduction by year's end!*

**A Quick Reminder!**

Mark your calendars for the 29th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. It is a night where communities and neighborhoods come together and take a stance against crime, drugs, and violence. National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships;
- It sends a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year's event is sponsored by Neighborhood Council Valley Village! The event will take place at Valley Village Park (5000 Westpark Drive). At 6:30 p.m.

Your Senior Lead Officer,  
Manny Arreygue



## **39<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out**

**Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm to 8:30pm  
Valley Village Park  
5000 Westpark Drive

JOIN Neighborhood Council Valley Village in sending a message to criminals that our neighborhood is organized against crime!

**Join NCVV & VVHA for the  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony For the  
Newly Renovated  
Valley Village Park  
Music, Food, Games, Informative,  
Flashlight Walk, Fun & More!**

Any Questions Contact:  
Suzanne Lewis at: 818-759-8204  
[www.myvalleyvillage.com](http://www.myvalleyvillage.com)  
or Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/Neighborhood  
CouncilValleyVillagencvv](http://www.facebook.com/NeighborhoodCouncilValleyVillagencvv)

## **Colfax PACE July 4<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser**

Colfax PACE (Parent Association of Colfax Elementary) will sell Colfax/Valley Village apparel at the start of the parade. All sales go to PACE and the money is used for the school and the children.

- Tanks \$15
- Tees \$20
- Hoodies \$40
- Patriotic Wraps \$15

Bring some cash or your credit card to the parade and get some cool "Double V" apparel and support Colfax Charter too!

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## **A Letter from the President**

Dear Neighbor:

Our next meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> is going to be all about community involvement. If you have ever had an urge to get more connected to your neighborhood and our Association, now is the time.

At this meeting we will be announcing the retirement of several long-time boardmembers, including me. I will not be a candidate rerunning for president in January 2013. I've been volunteering with The Valley Village Homeowners Association since 1997. I helped form the Neighborhood Council Valley Village and I was its first president and I have been The Homeowner Association president for the last five years. I will remain on the board because our by-laws make the immediate past president an automatic boardmember. I'll still be around, but in much smaller role.

Others on our board with much more service than me have also decided it is time for them to take a smaller role. Our board is 11 members in all and about half will run for reelection. This is an excellent opportunity to run and to help shape the future of the Valley Village Homeowners Association.

We will begin the transition process at our next meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>. We will take your suggestions, write down some goals and begin the search for candidates and volunteers. Remember too, you can always volunteer for a committee even if you are not on the board of directors.

I love our neighborhood and I happen to think Valley Village is the best community in Los Angeles. It is up to all of us to keep it that way.

See you on July 18<sup>th</sup>, ***Peter***

Email: [petermsanchez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petermsanchez@sbcglobal.net)  
Call our voicemail: 818-506-5158.

### **The Valley Village Homeowners Association Board of Directors**

#### **Executive:**

President: Peter Sanchez  
Vice Pres: Breice Reiner  
Vice Pres: Stuart Simen  
Treasurer: Cynthia Fagin  
Secretary: Betty Velasco

#### **Members at Large**

Steve Ajalat  
Jerry Fagin  
Ken Hearn  
Leslie Owens  
Julio Notarianni

Past President: Lori Dinkin

**V V H A Membership Meeting**  
**July 18, 2012 - 7:00pm**

## Pay Your Membership Dues Now

The Valley Village Homeowners Association is a membership organization. Your membership is vital to our success. Your dues support the operation and activities of The Association. The fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30. It is time to pay dues and renew your membership. It is essential that we present a united, active and determined membership.

*Check your mailing label ...*

Pay dues: June 30, 2012  
Valley V. Resident  
1234 Laurel Canyon Blvd  
Valley Village, CA 91607

*... if you see JUNE 30, 2012 pay your dues now.*

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.

VVHA boardmembers are volunteers and are elected every two years by the membership.

### Neighbors Working Together to Preserve The Quality of Life

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Or use Paypal at our website: [www.ValleyVillageHA.com](http://www.ValleyVillageHA.com)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Association needs opinions and volunteers.  
Include the information with your payment and  
you will be contacted.

**OR USE PAYPAL AT OUR WEBSITE:**  
**[www.ValleyVillageHA.com](http://www.ValleyVillageHA.com)**

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## Homeowners Association Membership Meeting

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012 - 7:00pm*  
*Colfax School Auditorium*  
*11724 Addison Street*  
*Valley Village, CA 91607*

**Open Panel Discussion**  
**Community Involvement -**  
**What is it? Why do it?**  
**Discuss the Association's goals.**  
**Consider new ideas & projects**  
**for Valley Village.**  
**Neighborhood Watch Update.**

Light Refreshments will be served at 7:00 pm.

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### Mark Your Calendar

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – Wednesday, July 4, 2012 – 10am  
National Night Out – Tuesday, August 7, 2012 – 6:30pm  
Next Membership Meeting - Wednesday, October 17, 2012  
Neighborhood Council Election – September 20, 2012  
Valley Village Homeowners Association Election – January 2013

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# PARADE



Meet at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Addison Street parking lot  
Colfax Charter  
Elementary School

Put on your Red, White & Blue.  
Decorate your bike, trike, wagon  
stroller or skates.

The parade will travel west on  
Addison to Ben, north to  
Otsego, across Colfax to Irvine,  
south on Irvine to Hesby, then  
east to Valley Village Park.



Refreshments  
and Fun!  
All ages welcome!

If you don't join the  
parade, cheer on  
your neighbors as  
they pass by.

Sponsored by:  
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### *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 July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 LAPD North Hollywood Police Precinct.
- Valley Village Homeowners Association communicates neighborhood issues. We publish an association newspaper, *The Valley Villager*. Association meetings are held quarterly.

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