

The Valley View

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City Council in the Valley

I am thrilled to announce that this month marks the beginning of the Los Angeles City Council's official schedule to hold meetings once a month at the beautiful Van Nuys City Hall.

For too long, valley residents have had to take an entire day off work to fight the traffic into Downtown Los Angeles to participate in meetings. So now we are coming to you!

Meetings will be held on the first Friday of every month from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Van Nuys City Hall is located at 14410 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys, CA 91411.

I hope Valley residents will join us regularly for these very special meetings.

Legislative Highlight

Smart Meters

In an effort to promote water conservation, Wendy asked the Department of Water and Power to develop a program that offers incentives to rate-

Pedestrian Safety

As a result of a number of complaints from senior citizens and pedestrians with special needs in the Sunland-Tujunga community, I have asked the city's Department of Transportation (DOT) to explain how it determines signal timing for pedestrians. I asked them to also report back on how those signals accommodate slower moving pedestrians throughout the city, particularly in areas with high concentrations of elderly pedestrians.

Traffic safety is a top priority for the city and it is important that there be a strategy for accommodating not only young and able-bodied pedestrians but also seniors and slower moving pedestrians as well.

City Council offices receive complaints every year from senior citizens and slower-moving pedestrians who feel the walk time allotted in certain crosswalks are not long enough for them to get across the street safely. City Council offices work with DOT on a case-by-case basis to evaluate the signals and crosswalks in question, and make alterations to the walk times.

The standard speed used for timing pedestrian clearance intervals is four feet per second. However, this speed may not be adequate for some seniors and slower moving pedestrians.

It is crucial for all pedestrians to remember to press the signal buttons and wait for walk signs before entering a crosswalk. Pressing the signal button gives pedestrians additional time and makes all the difference in getting from curb to curb safely.

I asked DOT to report back to my Transportation Committee



payers who install "smart meter" sprinkler systems.

"Smart meter" technology utilizes wireless weather data to regulate irrigation systems to adapt water use to actual water needs, helping to prevent over-watering.

Upcoming Events

Annual Blessing of the Animals

El Pueblo Historical Monument

125 Paseo de la Plaza
next to Olvera Street
Downtown Los Angeles
Saturday, April 15, 2006
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
All pets are welcome!

Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, April 23, 2006
1:30 p.m.
Pan Pacific Park
7600 Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036

91st Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide

Sunday, April 23, 2006
4:00 p.m.
Armenian Monument at
Bicknell Park
850 Via San Clemente,
Montebello, CA

Office Hours

Wendy will hold office hours on Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please contact Pat Davenport at (818) 755-7676 to schedule an appointment.

in 30 days to ensure that the City of Los Angeles is doing everything it can to accommodate all pedestrians.

Safe Moves

Early this month I was joined by County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LAPD officials, and instructors from Safe Moves - a non-profit organization widely recognized as the leading authority in traffic safety education in the country - to highlight and raise awareness about bicycle safety along the brand new Orange Line busway bike path.



As parents, educators and public officials, we must equip our children with the necessary tools to stay alert and vigilant while they navigate their way through our city streets and that's exactly what Safe Moves does.

Funded since 1983 by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT), Safe Moves has conducted the city's School Bicycle Safety and Transit Education Program in schools across Los Angeles. Every year, Safe Moves instructors teach more than 175,000 children the leading causes of collisions, explain traffic laws, and how to make smart moves in traffic on bicycles and as pedestrians. Since the program began, Safe Moves has educated more than 3.5 million Los Angeles children.

With the new 14-mile bike path along the Orange Line busway in the San Fernando Valley there is a great need to increase education on traffic safety in order to make the Orange Line a safe route for all bicycle riders.

I want to encourage all cyclists – children and adults - to stay aware, vigilant, and safe around the Orange Line.

Little Landers Park

Last month I joined the Sunland-Tujunga

community to celebrate the grand re-opening of Little Landers Park. The celebration culminated a year of construction on a variety of park improvements, including a new children's play



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