Encino Neighborhood Council

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Upcoming ENC Meetings

See what's happening this month: Visit our Calendar

LA City COVID-19 Information

The City of Los Angeles has a dedicated website to get updated information on the Covid-19 pandemic as well as valuable resources. Please use the following link to visit the site: <u>LA City</u> <u>Covid-19</u>

LA Public Health

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health works to protect and improve health and well-being in the largest county in the U.S. Nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, Public Health serves over 10 million residents and millions of travelers each year. Access the latest COVID-19 statistics and important info: Department of Public Health

ONEgeneration

ONEgeneration's mission is to enrich the lives of seniors, children, and their families throughout our diverse community. One such resource is a drivethru food pantry, currently available on Tuesdays at 10am. Please visit their website so you can read their latest newsletter and view all the services they offer: <u>ONEgeneration</u>

Follow us on social media:

Facebook: Encino Neighborhood Council

Twitter: <u>@ENCINONC</u>

Email us: mailto:info@encinonc.org

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Mayor Eric Garcetti has issued an order requiring Angelenos to wear face coverings when they leave their their homes and will be near other people. You can download the art to display in your store. To download the poster please visit: LA City Mask Art

Need to talk?

If you are feeling stressed, depressed or anxious and need to talk with someone contact @lacdmh LA County Dept. of Mental Health 24/7 Access Line: (800) 854-7771 Text: "LA" to 741741

County Crisis Line

Public Health

If you're feeling stressed or anxious and need to talk with someone, the LA County Department of Mental Health has resources available to help during these trying times. LACDMH's 24/7 Access Line (800) 854-7771 or Text "LA" to 741741 for mental health support, resources, and referrals.

Caltrans US-101 Encino Ave. Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) Project.

At a recent public meeting held by Caltrans the public was allowed to weigh in on the proposed renovation of the pedestrian overcrossing bridge. The ENC had previously passed a motion supporting the community and had an opportunity to weigh in on the project. The ENC supports the removal of the bridges and rather than renovating them to use some of the funds for community improvement projects near the site. The majority of the members of the community support the removal of the bridges. It's now up to Caltrans to make a decision.

New Additions to the ENC:

At the July ENC General Board meeting we added two new board members:

- Jess Whitehill Area 4 Alternate
- Erik Yoo Youth Representative

Jess took a short break from the ENC but has returned. Most recently Jess served on the ENC's Bylaws Committee.

Erik has previously interned at Assemblymember Gabriel's office and will major in Political Science

Let's welcome Jess & Erik!

Motions Passed at the last Neighborhood Council Meeting regarding the Van Nuys Airport and Chick Fil A in Encino (7/22/20):

- Voluntary Quieter Nights Program at the Van Nuys Airport
- Recommendations Sent to the FAA from the Task Force
- Chick Fil A

Click on the links above to read the full motions that were passed at the last ENC General Board Meeting.

Additional Items Passed at the General Board Meeting

Two additional items were passed at the July General Board Meeting:

- The ENC will use the NCs Zoom account for other City meetings that will be scheduled. These may include neighborhood watch updates and meetings with elected officials.
- The ENC will use the NCs Zoom account for informative presentations such as home gardening, ways to stay active and other informative presentations

The Encino Neighborhood Council's Encino Enterprise Article - July 2, 2020

The Encino Neighborhood Council had an article in the Encino Enterprise! The Encino Enterprise has been gracious to allow the ENC to print an article every so often in their newspaper and they always publish our upcoming meetings! Click the following to read the ENC's article: <u>Encino NC Encino Enterprise Article</u>

2020 CENSUS

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. This is our opportunity to make sure that Los Angeles receives its fair share of Federal Funding so funds can be diverted to schools, roads and important community improvements. To take the 2020 Census please click on the following link: 2020 Census



Foster or Adopt a Pet

If you've been thinking about adopting a pet, this is a great time to get a companion. Centers are still open but by appointment only. To learn more about adopting or fostering a pet, please visit the LA Animal Services website: LA Animal Services

Partial List of Open Restaurants in Encino

Did you know that many of our restaurants are open for pickup, delivery or outdoor dining? Check out the list of restaurants that are open. Don't see your favorite on the list, let us know! We're updating our list as quickly as we can. Click the following to review a partial list of open restaurants: <u>Partial List of Open</u> <u>Restaurants in Encino</u>

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Neighborhood Council Elections are right around the corner. They will be held in March 2021. Now's a great time to start thinking about running for a seat. All positions will be available as long as you qualify for the specific seat. Keep reading our newsletter for updates on the upcoming elections. As of August 26^{th} , 2020 - LA City Council has requested a report on having the elections by mail only due to the pandemic.

We will continue to provide updates as they develop.

THE LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS IN ITS 37TH YEAR OF OPERATION AND IS DEDICATED TO SERVING CRIME VICTIMS LOCATED IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA AND BEYOND. VICTIM ADVOCATES HAVE OFFICES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN VARIOUS LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AREA STATIONS, THE VAN NUYS CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND DOWNTOWN. CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK TO ACCESS THEIR SITE: VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Have you registered to vote? Don't let your voice go unheard in the upcoming elections. Click here to register to vote:

<u>RegisterToVote.ca.gov</u>

Ready to get involved?

Is there something in the community that you would like to see change? Have you ever seen something and thought, "how can I make a difference?" The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) has open positions where *YOU* can make a difference without having to wait for the NC elections. Our open positions include:

- Area 1 Alternate
- Area 2 Alternate
- Area 3 Alternate
- Area 4 Alternate
- Area 5 Alternate
- Area 6 Alternate
- Area 7 Alternate
- Business Representative and Alternates
- Education Representative and Alternate
- At-Large Alternates
- Planning and Land Use Alternate
- Public Safety Alternate
- Religious Organization Alternate
- Volunteer Service Alternate

Want to get involved but not ready to make the commitment to serve on the board? Did you know you can join one of our committees without being a Board Member?

Click here to see a map of how Encino is divided up into 7 areas: Encino Man.

If you would like to apply as an alternate, please click here to download our application: <u>Application</u> To see a list of our committees and availability click here: <u>ENC Committees</u>



Summer Heats up West Nile Virus Threat

A message from Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control:

Think mosquitos are just annoying? No big deal?

Think again.



There is no cure for West Nile Virus (WNV), a disease transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. One in five persons infected with the virus will exhibit symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, nausea, or a skin rash. Symptoms can last several days or several months. One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, even death.

"Heat has a direct impact on the amount of WNV activity ... hot weather leads to an increase in mosquito abundance and causes the virus to replicate at a faster rate resulting in a higher incidence of WNV positive mosquito samples." According to Susanne Kluh, Director of Scientific-Technical Services for the Greater LA County Vector Control District (GLCVCD).

Follow these tips to prevent mosquito bites:

• Apply mosquito repellents to exposed skin before going outdoors and reapply as recommended on the label.

• Wear insect repellent containing CDC and EPA approved active ingredients: DEET®, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

- Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Close or repair all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home.

Follow these tips to reduce mosquito populations on property:

- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs, air conditioner drip pans/buckets, or anything that holds water for more than a week.
- Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained.
- Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths, and other small containers weekly.
- Request mosquitofish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds.
- Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district.

For more information and resources, community members can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at 562-944-9656 or online at www.glacvcd.org. Follow District on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram @GLAmosquito for the latest mosquito news.



Remove standing water to help eliminate potential mosquito population.



Throwing away any old and unused containers to eliminate potential mosquito breeding sources.



Drill holes on the bottom of containers to prevent water from accumulating.



Regularly sweep street gutters to remove debris and any standing water.



Culex *quinquefasciatus*, aka the Southern House Mosquito, is native to So Cal. It is known to transmit West Nile Virus, St. Louis encephalitis, and Western equine encephalomyelitis.