



Mar Vista Community Council's E-Calendar, April 2007

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Every Sunday 9am to 2pm Expanded Hours of operation **Mar Vista Farmers Market** Recently Announced
CLOSED this Sunday, APRIL 8th for Easter Sunday. www.marvistafarmersmarket.org

March 31 thru April 15

CHARLOTTE'S WEB Recently Added Event **Final Performances Ends Sunday, April 15** A play by Joseph Robinette - from the book by E.B. White. Directed by: Cyndy Turnage. Produced by: Mary Beth Sciarabba. Presented by: Y.E.S. and the Santa Monica Theatre Guild Performances. Times and Date: March 31 thru April 15 - Saturdays and Sundays at 11am Age Appropriate: 4 years to adult. Approximate length: 70 minutes Venue: Morgan-Wixson Theatre 2627 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica Directions: Located on Pico Blvd at 27th St., between Cloverfield and the 10 West Freeway. Tickets: \$5 for children under 12 - \$7 for Adults. Reservations: 310-828-7519 Reservations suggested Web Site: www.morgan-wixson.org More about YES and the Morgan-Wixson Theatre

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

LA City Council Hearing on Condo Conversions and Housing Demolitions Recently Added Event
Date: Wednesday, April 4 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m. **LOCATION:** LA City Hall - Room 340 200 N. Spring Street Downtown LA

Thursday, April 5, 2007

KPCC: Exposition Light Rail Remote Broadcast Recently Added Event On April 5, Larry Mantle and crew travel to the Palms/Rancho Park Branch of the LA Library to discuss Phase 2 of MTA's "Exposition Line," its light rail project to the Westside. The topic: where will the trains run...on the dormant tracks that currently pass through Cheviot Hills, or on a new route built down the center of Venice and Sepulveda? Come join us at 6:30 pm, 2920 Overland Avenue. Attendance is free but seating is limited. Please RSVP to airtalk@kpcc.org

Saturday, April 7, 2007

77th Annual Blessing of the Animals on Olvera Street The Olvera Street Merchants present the annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, April 7, 2007. The event takes place from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at El Pueblo Historical Monument, with a procession on Olvera Street commencing at 2:00 p.m. and blessing to immediately follow. Musical entertainment is free to enjoy throughout the afternoon and non-profit animal organizations will be available to provide general information to the public. In addition, there will be a petting zoo complete with camels, llamas, cows and other animals. The centuries-old ceremony of Blessing of the Animals dates back to the fourth century when San Antonio de Abad was recognized as the Patron Saint of the Animal Kingdom. In those days, the people would take their animals to the priest to receive a blessing and ask for fertility and health. Today, Blessing of the Animals is held in grateful recognition of the tremendous services given to the human race by animals. Contact: John Kopczynski, El Pueblo Historical Monument Tel: (213) 485-8225

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

“Who Really Runs LA?” @ the LA Central Library, 7 pm Moderated by Mariel Garza of the LA Daily News with panel members political consultant Kerman Maddox, LA Weekly Reporter Dave Zahniser, political scientist Jaime Regalado and LA Magazine write Jesse Katz. Admission is Free. RSVP Recommended: www.zocalola.org or 213-403-0416.

Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors Mtg. at the Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066. To view the agenda go to www.marvista.org

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Charnock Rd. School Playground Dedication Recently Added Event The Kirk Douglas Playground will be dedicated on Wednesday, April 18th from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Mr. Kirk Douglas will be there to dedicate the Playground and say a few words to the children.

Soroptimist International LA West/Santa Monica - from 6-8 p.m. at 926 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica 90401. The Speaker will be Sally Young director of the Santa Monica YWCA and we will be celebrating the winner of our Womens Opportunity Award. Please call Elza Ruhman at (310) 459-2465. Dinner will be served.

Thursday, April 19, 2007

“Is California Ready for its Close-up?” Recently Added Event at California Institute of Technology April 19 at 7 pm Moderated by Andres Martinez with panelists Ron Brownstein, Rosa Brooks and Jonah Goldberg, all columnists of LA Times, and editorial writer Rob Greene to discuss how an early California primary is likely to alter the substance and dynamic of the race. Admission is Free. RSVP Recommended: www.zocalola.org or 213-403-0416.

Friday, April 20, 2007

Earth Day at Whole Foods Market supports Grand View Parkway Project. Recently Added Event Whole Foods Market who has agreed to contribute 5% of all purchases at their National and Barrington Whole Foods Market on Earth Day, Friday, April 20 from 7 am – 10 pm to Ocean View Farms – some of the funds will be used for continuing upkeep of the Grand View Parkway Project at the Little League Field. Please support this effort by saving your weekly shopping for that day.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Congress of Neighborhood - One City Many Neighborhoods Working Together Recently Added Event @ 07:30 AM - 03:00 PM The Congress of Neighborhoods is OPEN TO ALL and is a FREE event. It will be held at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites (404 S. Figueroa Street) in Downtown Los Angeles and parking is free with validation at the City National Plaza, 400 S. Flower Street. (Please bring your parking ticket with you to the registration booth for validation) Please do not forget to register if you are planning to attend the Congress of Neighborhoods this year. You can register online www.lacityneighborhoods.com or fill out the form and fax it to (213) 485-4608 or call our office and talk to our Admin staff (213) 485-1360.

Community Demonstration re: Santa Monica Airport 12noon to 2 pm at the SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING: 3223 DONALD DOUGLAS LOOP SOUTH Requesting all airport neighbors and others who are concerned about the environment to join LA City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, California State Assemblyman Ted Lieu, along with other invited guest speakers to our community demonstration to support the urgent need to address airport pollution and safety concerns from Santa Monica Airport jet operations We will gather, peacefully, Parking is available at the site, but we request that, if you are able to, please park outside of the airport and walk down Airport Avenue from the Bundy Drive entrance. For more information: Contact Martin Rubin at (310) 479-2529 Or email: jetairpollution@earthlink.net

Used-Book Sale at Mar Vista Library, Recently Added Event 12006 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, April 21, 2007. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (310) 390-3454, sponsored by Friends of Mar Vista Library.

Saturday, April 28, 2007

3rd Annual Green Gardens Tour The 3rd Annual Green Gardens Tour – Los Angeles and Santa Monica, highlighting home gardens which demonstrate sustainably beautiful designs, practices, and technologies, has been set for Saturday, April 28, 2007, from 10am to 4pm. This year’s tour introduces the Green Sourcebook, a compendium of garden information, ideas and suggestions that will become the interested gardener’s “green” companion. And this year’s theme, The Value of Trees, dramatically emphasizes the tour’s motto, "Sustainable is Attainable!" Tickets and information are available from the Virginia Avenue Project, the tour’s beneficiary. Advance

tickets are available at a \$30 single ticket price, \$25 for seniors, and \$25 each for any group of four or more persons. Members of registered gardening and environmental groups will also receive a discounted \$25 ticket price for their members. The Project can be reached at 310-264-4224, or at www.virginiaavenueproject.org/whatsnew.html

CERT Refresher Recently Added Event 8:30am - 4:00pm (Registration starts at 7:15am) California Army National Guard Center 1351 West Sierra Madre Avenue Azusa, California 91702 (Thomas Bros 568G4) SIGN UP NOW! The drill is open to all graduates of training programs based on Los Angeles City and/or Citizen Corps CERT courses. Come practice and refresh the skills you learned during the Basic CERT Program Course. This Refresher will provide a small portion of classroom review followed by "hands on" exercises. Experience "Disaster Alley". Practice your skills in Search and Rescue, Triage, setting up a medical treatment area, Incident Command System, and more! Sign up at www.cert-la.com/refresher.htm

Earthquakes: Shift Happens - Dare to Prepare Recently Added Event Saturday, April 28, 2007, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dr. Lucille M. "Lucy" Jones, Loyola Marymount University, St. Roberts Hall Auditorium, Westchester. **Dr. Lucy Jones** is a seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey and Scientist-in-Charge of the USGS's Earthquake Program in southern California. Dr. Jones, who has become famous for her lively TV guest appearances whenever the Southern California earth trembles, will speak on "**Earthquakes: Shift Happens - Dare to Prepare**", living with earthquakes in southern California. The largest earthquake in southern California's history occurred on the San Andreas fault 150 years ago on January 9, 1857. Known as the Fort Tejon earthquake, it was a magnitude 7.9 yet killed only 2 people because the region had so few inhabitants. A repeat of this earthquake may happen anytime, and now there will be much greater devastation. It will break a fault bigger than 20 Northridge faults laid end to end, and last for over 2 minutes, so many more southern Californians will suffer damage and casualties! This event is co-sponsored by NCWPDR Public Safety Committee, Councilman Bill Rosendahl's Safety and Security Committee and LMU. LMU map -<http://www.lmu.edu/AssetFactory.aspx?did=7234>

Mayor's Day of Service Projects in Mar Vista – Big Sunday (and Saturday)

www.bigsunday.org

Project #0507

Plant, Plant, Plant, and Plant at Beethoven Recently Added Event The Friends of Beethoven Elementary School have recently been awarded a Community Beautification Grant, and they've chosen to complete the project on Big Sunday! They need "many volunteers" (their words, not ours) to plant new plants in three different areas surrounding their auditorium. They'll also be cutting out squares of grass and replacing them with stepping stones to create a winding walkway. Plus, they'll be planting trees and plants near their kindergarden and special ed areas. Come on by and help them make this beautiful area even better! Address: 3711 Beethoven St., Date: Saturday, April 28th From: 08:00AM To: 01:00PM

Project #0513

Give Grand View Elementary School some Curb Appeal. Recently Added Event Our old friends at Grand View are back this year with the goal of improving the school's curb appeal. Volunteers will be painting the face of the auditorium, touching up the landscaping, and power-cleaning the walls and sidewalks in front of the school. Address: 3951 Grand View Blvd., Date: Saturday, April 28th From: 08:00AM To: 01:00PM

Woodbine Street Block Party and Tree Planting Recently Added Event On **Saturday, April 28, 2007**, we, the neighbors and residents of Woodbine Street, will host a family-friendly block party for the entire community. Inspired by our desire to get involved and to get to know our neighbors from our block and from the surrounding community, we are organizing our first annual **Woodbine Street Block Party!** We are also inspired by the Mayor's *Million Trees LA* campaign and will commemorate our event with generously donated trees from LADWP and TreePeople for plantings that will beautify Woodbine St. between Overland Avenue and Glendon Ave. For more information contact Manuel Huerta at manuel@sparcmurals.org.

Project #0568

Community Service and Community Spirit at the Charnock Rd. School Recently Added Event Join us for our 1st Annual Big Sunday at the Charnock Rd. School! Charnock is a great and friendly school, and Sinai-Akiba is a great and friendly school. This year they're joining forces for a huge day painting walls and painting murals. There will be gardens and pots to fill with beautiful flowers, and other pots to paint and fill with paper flowers to bring to local shut-ins. There will be social action booths to let people know how they can get involved in their community. There will be special visits from a fire engine and ambulance (both educational and scheduled!) There will also be lots of good food – including a special Big Sunday lemonade stand – and lots of great entertainment, too! Mar Vista Address: 11133 Charnock Rd., Date: Sunday, April 29th From: 12:00PM To: 04:00PM

Mar Vista Library Garden Clean Up Recently Added Event South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association (www.neighborhoodlink.com/la/southmar), Mar Vista Neighborhood Association (www.mvna.net) and MVCC Urban Planning

Committee (www.marvista.org) are hosting a clean up the outdoor plantings of the Mar Vista Library. Bring your hoes, rakes, shovels and weeding tools as we clean and weed this important community resources outdoor area. Saturday 10a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Water will be provided.

Introduction to Computing and Information Technologies Course Recently Added Event

sponsored by UCLA Community Based Learning Program and Endeavor Inc. This free course will provide **ADULTS** with six weeks of introductory information about the field of Information Technology that includes: How to Use Your Computer; Learn to Surf the Internet; Email; Blogging; Get Familiar with Microsoft Word and Excel. Students will have the opportunity to continue their learning experience with more in-depth classes and tutoring opportunities for key boarding and the use of software applications from the Microsoft Office Suite. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon. The next round of classes are scheduled to start mid/late April. For additional information or to register please call (310) 572-7680. Classes are held at the West UCLA One Source Youth Center located at 3415 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Suite 130, Los Angeles CA 90034 which is just North of the Albertsons grocery on Sepulveda and Palms Blvds.

Community Emergency Response Team - CERT Classes Starting May '07

The Los Angeles Fire Department's **CERT Program** (free of charge) was developed because of the need for a well-trained civilian emergency work force. The CERT Program provides for community self-sufficiency through the development of multifunctional response teams who act as an adjunct to the city's emergency services during major disasters.

When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, and provide immediate assistance to victims. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. Through this unique program, people from community organizations, business and industry, and city employee groups will become CERT members. They work as team members and perform as individual leaders by directing untrained volunteers in the initial phase of an emergency. The complete CERT Program is comprised of three progressive courses. CERT members begin their education with 17½ hours of Level 1 training. Level 1 training is taught by professional experienced firefighters and paramedics. The course is followed by continuing education programs, including biannual refreshers.

All classes are open to the public. Be sure to make contact with the site contact so they know how many people are attending and can give you site specific information.

Whole Foods Market (National/Barrington) – Starts in May

Whole Foods Market Community Room (2nd fl.) 11666 National Blvd. (at Barrington) LA CA 90066 Is. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (6 consecutive weekly evening sessions) May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2007. Space limited, must pre-register for class. Contact: Cliff Cheng at CERTsponsor@Gmail.com or (310) 485-0324 Co-Sponsors: *Palms-Westside Village Neighborhood Watch, Mar Vista Neighbors for Peace & Justice*

Whole Foods Market (National/Barrington) – Starts in July

Whole Foods Market Community Room (2nd fl.) 11666 National Blvd. (at Barrington) LA CA 90066 Is. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (6 consecutive weekly evening sessions) July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16. Space limited, must pre-register for class. Contact: Cliff Cheng at CERTsponsor@Gmail.com or (310) 485-0324 Co-Sponsors: *Palms-Westside Village Neighborhood Watch, Mar Vista Neighbors for Peace & Justice*

Pacific Area Block Captain's Quarterly Meetings - 2007 (at Pacific Station)

www.pacificbeat.net

2nd quarter: May 17, 2007

3rd quarter, July 19, 2007

4th quarter, November 15, 2007

Mar Vista Community Council Meetings

For agendas and meeting specifics please go to www.marvista.org

1st Monday – MVCC Executive Committee, 7 pm location, TBD

2nd Tuesday – MVCC Board of Directors and Quarterly Stakeholder meetings, Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

2nd Wednesday at 7 pm – Mar Vista Concept Plan Sub Committee of Urban Planning and Land Use, Venice Grind, 12224 Venice Bl, Mar Vista 90066

3rd Tuesday – MVCC Urban Planning and Land Use 6 pm, Mar Vista Library, 12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066.

3rd Wednesday – MVCC Election and Bylaws Committee 7:30 pm @ the Coffee Connection, 3838 S.Centinela Ave, Los Angeles, 90066

4th Tuesday – Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee at 7pm followed by the MVCC Transportation and Infrastructure at 8pm, Santa Monica Airport Administration Building Conference Rm., 3223 Donald Douglas Loop South

4th Wednesday – MVCC Outreach Committee, 7 pm, 3547 Federal Ave, Mar Vista, CA 90066 – November meeting will be held Nov. 29th.

4th Thursday – MVCC Safety & Security Committee, 7:30 pm @ the Coffee Connection, 3838 S.Centinela Ave, Los Angeles, 90066

Regularly Scheduled Community & Civic Group Meetings

Every Sunday

MVCC Information Table at the Mar Vista Farmers Market, 9 am – 2 pm, Grand View Blvd. South of Venice Blvd. (www.marvistafarmersmarket.org)

Every Friday

Mar Vista Neighbors for Peace and Justice Weekly Vigil located at the corner of McLaughlin and Palms every Friday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. For more info, contact Elly at 310-966-4199 or marvista4peace@yahoo.com.

1st Tuesday – Richland Ave Elem. School Booster Club 8:30 am in rm. 22 (www.lausd.k12.ca.us/Richland_EL)

1st Tuesday – Friends of Palms MS/PTSA 7pm in the Library, 10860 Woodbine Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90034 (www.palmsmiddle.school.org) For more info. contact plawhon@kbwrinc.com or leelee104@comcast.net.

1st Wednesday - Palms-Westside Village Neighborhood Watch meetings 6:30 pm @ Iman Center, 3376 Motor Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90034, (Between Palms Blvd. and National Blvd., east side), Contact: Dr. Cliff Cheng, (310) 485-0324, commissionercheng@hotmail.com

1st Wednesday – Mar Vista Neighborhood Association, Board of Directors (www.mvna.net), 7pm. Meeting locations vary please contact danjack@ca.rr.com for meeting details.

2nd Monday – North Westdale Neighborhood Association, 7 pm St. Andrew's Church 11555 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064 (www.northwestdale.com)

2nd Tuesday – Friends of Beethoven (Elem. School) /PTSA, 6-8 pm Beethoven Parent Center, 3711 Beethoven Street, Los Angeles, CA 90066. For more info. contact Birgitta Kastenbaum and Corrie Ferguson FOB Co-Presidents @ 310-699-7591 or 310-430-9241

2nd Wednesday – Mar Vista (Elem. School) Student Enrichment Group (www.mvseg.org), 3330 Granville Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90066Fax

2nd Thursday – South Mar Neighborhood Assoc., at 6 pm Mar Vista Library, 12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066.

2nd Thursday – Venice H.S. PTSA, 7pm in the Cafeteria @ 13000 Venice Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90066 (www.venicehigh.net)

2nd and 4th Friday - Quilting From The Heart, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM in the Community room of the Mar Vista Library at 12006 Venice Boulevard. For more info call Nina Flores at 310-397-7845

3rd Tuesday – Mar Vista Recreation Center Park Advisory Board, 6:30 pm @ MV Park Auditorium, 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

3rd Wednesday – Pacific Division Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), 7 pm @ Marina Beach Marriott Hotel 4100 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA. 90292 (www.pacificbeat.net)

3rd Thursday – Mar Vista Historical Society, 7pm, location TBD. For meeting details please go to

www.marvistahistoricalsociety.net or call Glen Howell at (310) 398-7973.

3rd Thursday – Ven-Mar Neighborhood Association, 7pm, For locations and more information, contact: Marianne Brown (310-398-3708), Christy Boardman (310-391-2370), Alex Utas (310-401-1101), Michael Stenger (310-392-5581), or Evelyn Dravecky (310-397-2050). www.venmarna.com

4th Thursday - Friends of Mar Vista Library Group - Meets every 4th. Thursday at 6:30p.m. 12006 Venice Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90066

4th Friday - Quilting From The Heart, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM in the Community room of the Mar Vista Library at 12006 Venice Boulevard. For more info call Nina Flores at 310-397-7845

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Clubs meeting in and around Mar Vista...

Chess Clubs

Santa Monica Bay Chess Club meets 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mondays in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 11555 National Blvd. Variety of rated tournaments, casual play, simuls, over 50 years in business. Dues: \$40/year, free to women and juniors. Call Pete Savino at (310) 827-2789. Website: www.santamonicachess.com.

Los Angeles Chess Club (LACC) meets on the second floor of 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., above Javan restaurant. Variety of tournaments and instruction on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesday evenings and Wednesday evenings. Dues: adults \$120/year, juniors/seniors \$100/year or \$5/visit for non-members, first visit free. Call Mick Bighamian at (310) 795-5710 or send a message to Mick@LaChessClub.com. Web site: www.lachessclub.com.

California Chess Club at 11610 W. Olympic Blvd. offers a variety of tournaments and instruction for children and adults. For times and prices, contact Oscar Maldonado at (310) 473-2435 or at echessoscar@aol.com. Web site: www.californiachessclub.com

Scuba Dive Clubs

1st Tuesday - Eco Divers has an open club meeting the first Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM at Eco Dive Center main classroom. Meetings feature updates on upcoming dive trips, eco-events and eco-adventure trips and Special Guest Speakers to keep us all up-to-date on what's happening under water! 4027 Sepulveda Blvd | Culver City (Los Angeles) California 90232 (www.ecodivecenter.com/divesclub.php)

4th Tuesday – West LA Dive Club, 7 pm @ Spitfire Grill, 3300 Airport, Mar Vista, CA. The West LA Dive Club is a 501c7 recreational SCUBA diving club based in West Los Angeles in Southern California. They schedule beach and several boat dives throughout the year. (www.westladiveclub.org)

Garden Club

1st Tuesday - The Culver City Garden Club was founded in 1953 as a general-interest organization with an objective of sharing, acknowledging and appreciating the growing of plants, flowers, trees and fruits & vegetables. It is a state recognized non-profit organization and is co-sponsored by Culver City. It is also a member of California Garden Clubs, Inc. It usually meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Garden Room of the Veterans Memorial Complex. It holds an annual Garden Show & Sale in the summer. It has also sponsored the planting of trees around the Auditorium and in Veterans Park. Yearly membership dues are \$12 for one and \$18 for two. Everyone in the area is welcome to our meetings and to join the club., Everyone in the area is welcome to our meetings and to join the club. For More information contact Larry Ebner (310) 203-1482 larryebner@netscape.net or at PO Box 442 Culver City,CA 90232

Quilting Group

2nd and 4th Friday - Quilting from the Heart is a group of volunteer quilters, both women and men, who make and donate quilts to needy children and adults. They meet every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM in the Community room of the Mar Vista Library at 12006 Venice Boulevard, Mar Vista, CA 90066. The quilt group was started in 2004 by Evie Steinburg and has grown in size to over 25 dedicated quilters with various degrees of skill from beginner to advanced. There is no membership fee or quilt quota. In 2006 they produced over 200 quilts, which were donated to local organizations that serve the underprivileged. The quilters bring their own sewing machines and tools to the Library. They share fabric, patterns, techniques and friendship. They are seeking donations of 100% cotton fabric as well as monetary donations. If you would like more information please call Nina Flores at 310-397-7845.