

CANOGA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Public Forum



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Canoga Park Neighborhood Council

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Region:
SOUTH VALLEY AREA

Council District(s): 3, 12

Boundaries:
NORTH: NORDHOFF ST.
SOUTH: VICTORY BLVD.
EAST: DE SOTO AVE.
WEST: SHOUP AVE.

Meetings:
Fourth Wednesday of every month
Community Center
7248 Owensmouth Avenue
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7:00 PM

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Stakeholder Self-Assessment Survey Form available online

This form serves to fulfill the requirements of the Plan by soliciting stakeholders' views and perceptions of their Neighborhood Council's efforts in areas such as outreach, participation, and organizational effectiveness. The Stakeholder Survey was designed to meet the requirements of the Plan, while minimizing burden of participation to allow for ease of completion by stakeholders. Once completed, please return to your Neighborhood Council or contact DONE. The deadline to return completed surveys is June 30, 2008.

Visit www.canogaparknc.org and click on link for Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Another first for Canoga Park!

By Ed Moreno, Public Forum Managing Editor, CPNC Chair Senior Committee

The Greening Initiative Team of the Canoga Park Improvement Association decided to have a "Light-Bulb Exchange" Project. The intent was to ask Canoga Park businesses to exchange their incandescent bulbs for florescent bulbs. Thus there would be a savings in their cost of energy. After a small pilot effort, partnerships were formed to establish this project.

On May 3rd of this year, the Canoga Park Improvement Association, the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council and the Department of Water and Power invited the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley to join them in going to each business and participating in the "Light-Bulb Exchange" Project on the Mayor's Day of Service.

It was not only the exchange that was important, but there were teams that walked the business district and documented how much wattage was being used before and how much wattage was being used now with the florescent bulbs. So far this project has saved 40,000 watts of energy. The businesses will save money. The Executive Director of CPIA, **Mary Paterson**, merits a very strong thank you for her leadership in the "Light-Bulb Exchange" Project.

The incandescent bulbs that were removed will not be destroyed. Margaret Pontius, Executive Director of Guadalupe Center, accepted them and will distribute them to needy families in the neighborhood along with food and clothing.

All the residents in Canoga Park can feel proud of this singular accomplishment by the partners and youth volunteers who proved the project a success.

On another note, the Main Street Performing Arts Dance Studio will miss their outstanding dance teacher and Director. For personal growth, **Kathy Graupman**, will be moving to Orange County. During the four years at the Studio, this dance instructor has grown the studio into a very professional operation. She and her teachers

have served hundreds of individuals and youth organizations like the West Valley Boys and Girls Club, Guadalupe Center and NEW Academy Canoga Park. The residents of Canoga Park, especially the children, will miss this excellent dance teacher.

As the 2008 – 2009 President of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, this energetic and dedicated young lady, Kathy Graupman, exhibited leadership skills and a positive influence on all the Council members. Her up beat spirit prevailed in all her actions. Not only will the children miss their dance teacher, but members of the Neighborhood Council will also miss her. Everyone wishes the best of everything to a gracious and giving young professional.

If you are a local resident, property owner, or a business operator in Canoga Park, get involved, make a difference in the community. Join the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council and let your voice be heard.

The mission of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council is to provide an innovative forum for all community stakeholders to contribute to a healthy, vibrant, and inclusive Canoga Park. All of the Board and committee meetings are open to the public and provide you with an opportunity to speak. The Board procedures are more formal than committee meetings so your time to address the Board is limited. Committee meetings are generally informal, and discussions between participants are commonplace. This is important because the heart of Neighborhood Council work happens at committee meetings.

The Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC) meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Canoga Park Community Center at 7248 Owensmouth Ave., at 7:00 PM.

Visit www.canogaparknc.org to learn more about CPNC activities and other important links.

Coach Rudy Lugo to be Honored by Canoga Park Social Service Center

Daughter, son to receive Community Service Award on behalf of coach who mentored local youth.

Reflecting a spirit of service and dedication to local youth that is matched only by the admiration his former students and athletes hold for him, former Canoga Park High School coach **Rudy Lugo** will be honored by the Guadalupe Community Center at its 9th Annual Mary Logan Orcutt Awards Dinner Friday evening.

The center's annual awards dinner and fundraiser honors those who exemplify a spirit of service to the local community and its members. The ceremony on Friday evening at the Calabasas Country Club will also honor

volunteer **Christine Battle** and Wells Fargo Senior Vice President **Vince Liuzzi**.

Nobody involved in the community fabric of Canoga Park and Canoga Park High School can think of this West Valley community without thinking of Coach Rudy Lugo. A legend among his former students and the athletes he guided, he's known for the knowledge he held that transcended sports and crossed over into the game of life. Now in his retirement, coach Lugo will be honored with the Guadalupe Community Center's Community Service Award.

Battle's countless hours of volunteering to improve the quality of life for local residents earned her the Volunteer Service Award and

Vince Liuzzi and Wells Fargo will also be honored with the Mary Logan Orcutt Award due to the support of the financial institution Liuzzi helps lead.

Battle, a member of St. Bernadine Church, has been volunteering with the Guadalupe Community Center for more than five years. "It is a pleasure to work with such dedicated volunteers and staff members who can make a difference in the lives of many people," she said.

A Senior Vice President with Wells Fargo, Liuzzi is active in the community and is a member of the boards of directors of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, the Valley Industry and Commerce Association and the Los Angeles Children's Museum.

The sports Lugo coached were a tool he used to instill confidence in athletes and guide them in the trek as boys became men.

A former graduate of Canoga Park High School himself (along with his son, daughter and late wife), his involvement with Our Lady of the Valley Catholic church and community spirit helped earn him the nickname of "Mr. Canoga" among community members. That community mindlessness and resilient dedication and support of Canoga Park's youth is why he's being honored on Friday by the non profit social service center.

"I think young people need to find other people, even outside of their parents, who have faith and confidence in them," Lugo said in a recent interview. "In other words, you earn a young person's trust and you let them know you care about them and their future. You want to build their self-confidence."

Typically, those involved with the center are honored, but Lugo's work with youths who participated with the center is notable, said **Laura Wilson**, president of the advisory board for the Guadalupe Community Center.

"A lot of the kids that go through the programs at the center go to Canoga Park High School," Wilson said. "So a lot of them are affected by Rudy and Rudy's fight for his life."

Lugo, now undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancer, has received accolades for his work with Canoga Park youth in and out of high school sports.

In September 2007, Lugo was honored with a plaque on the Walk of Hearts in downtown Canoga Park. Similar to a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The plaques on Sherman Way honor educators in recognition of their dedication and record of excellence in education.

Lugo was also named as ABC7/NFL High School Football Coach of the Week for Southern California in September 2006 and was honored on ABC7's "Sports Zone."

When it came to coaching football, the kids were more important than winning or losing—but Lugo still pushed his players to win. Football was more of a vehicle to inspire and support young people to fulfill their dreams.

In the sport, Lugo said, young athletes deal with the disappointment and discouragement that comes with losing, and the flare of the ego that comes with the winning.

"So it was more of a guide, as a teacher, as a coach, as a parent you're a guide," Lugo said. "Let them discover their talent and believe in themselves." Lugo credits his outlook on coaching and his work at Canoga High to his parents and his wife, who passed away shortly after he

CPNC Community Quick Reference List of City Services Telephone Numbers

Graffiti Removal	(818) 227-9722	Health Department	(818) 902-4470
	(818) 780-6618	Housing	(818) 756-1180
Trash Pick-up/ Large Item	(800) 773-2489	Landlord/ Tenant Questions	(866) 557-7368
Bulky Item Pick up	(800) 773-City	All other phone numbers please call	311