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Vice Chair Janet Evans
(Olympic four gold medal winner)



Olympics in Los Angeles:

- *How Will The San Fernando Valley Benefit?**
- *What Will Be The "Costs" Of The Olympics?**

Special Date



COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016 - 7:15 PM
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
RIVERSIDE & WOODMAN, SHERMAN OAKS

The Olympics may be returning to Los Angeles. At our Wednesday, January 27, 2016 Meeting (NOTE SPECIAL DATE), LA 2024 CEO Gene Sykes and Vice Chair Janet Evans will be our guest speakers. They will discuss the timetable and process for the International Olympic Committee's selection of the host city and will further discuss why Los Angeles is the best choice for the event. Janet Evans won 4 gold medals at the 1988 and the 1992 Olympics.

What are the benefits of Los Angeles hosting the Olympics? Will there be permanent venues after the completion of the event? What are the risks of Los Angeles hosting the Olympics? How will the financial risks be minimized? How will the City be protected from terrorist attacks?

The Committee has estimated the costs of the event at \$6 billion. Beijing spent \$40 billion for the 2008 Games. The 2012 London Olympics cost \$14.8 billion. (Of course, the costs depend on the extent that capital expenditures are needed.) Paris, Rome and Budapest are also seeking to host the 2024 Olympics.

This will be your opportunity to obtain information about this exciting development and to get your questions answered.

If Los Angeles is awarded the Olympics, this would be a major event for the City with potentially significant permanent benefits. The International Olympic Committee will award the event to a city next year.

Jules Feir announces that On the Thirty will be our Restaurant of the Month. Established in 2013 at 14622 Ventura Boulevard., in the heart of downtown Sherman Oaks, it has in just a few short years become a hot spot destination.

Owner Shawn Kerwin and the talented creative chef and co-partner Justin Urich both have enjoyed their success in a restaurant with an awesome atmosphere.

Some of their menu items include gourmet pizzas, artesian sandwiches, rockin' salads, and so much more. They also use local, organic produce and hormone-free grass-fed meat which is major part to their award winning menu. And, the bar selection of wines and craft beers are exceptional.

We look forward to enjoying a sampling of their delicious food during our Social Hour that starts at 6:15 p.m. We thank them for their continued community support.

Our 17th Annual Toy Drive was a great success. The event collected over 1,700 toys. The toys were then donated to the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. The Agency held a Holiday event for foster children. The toys you donated were the only ones distributed at the event.

Thanks to the following officials for attending the event:

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (retired), Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell, and City Attorney Michael Feuer.

Also, our State Senator Robert Hertzberg, Councilmen Bob Blumenfield, Assistant LAPD Chief Michel Moore, Assistant LAFD Chief Gregory Reynar, former City Controller Wendy Greuel, former Assemblyman and current LA Planning Commissioner Richard Katz, our former Councilman Tom LaBonge and our Assistant City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor Tamar Galatzan.

Our Councilman David Ryu was not able to attend (in Israel), but his Chief of Staff Sarah

be very interested!

El Niño is here! If you see blocked storm drains and culverts or illegal dumping, please call the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation hotline at 800-773-2489. The hotline is open 24 hours a day.

Make sure to place your City trash containers out 1 foot from the curb or on the sidewalk. There can be severe water back-ups due to trash containers placed right against the curb or problems with the containers rolling down the streets.

Sand and bags can be obtained at the following fire stations in the Sherman Oaks area. Fire Station 88 located at 5101 North Sepulveda Boulevard-(818) 756-8688 and Fire Station 99 located at 14145 Mulholland Drive-(818) 756-8699.

For additional information from the Los Angeles Fire Department on ways to prepare for the rains, go to www.lafd.org/news/valley-bureau.

The Los Angeles River is coming to Sherman Oaks and the Valley. Well, it's always been here, but it's now being revitalized in wonderful ways. LA City and LA County have recently partnered to fund \$6 million for complete design of LA River greenways and bikeways across the entire Valley, with several projects expected to start as early as 2018. More than 100 River projects are underway or being planned for the Valley. To learn more, go to <http://www.lariver.org/Projects/ProjectList/index.htm> to see the interactive maps. And, the LA River Corporation (<http://www.larivercorp.com>) is developing an exciting vision for all 51 miles of the River from its headwaters in Canoga Park to its terminus in Long Beach.

Want to complain about noisy helicopters? Bob Anderson, SOHA Board Member and President of the Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition, says that more and more people are using the free HeliTracker smartphone app to make complaints. HeliTracker remembers your name and email, and uses GPS to find your location – so making a complaint takes less than 15 seconds. You can get HeliTracker for Apple and Android smartphones from your app store, or you can go to <http://LAHelicopterNoise.org/Complaints/> to learn more. Thank you for helping stop helicopter noise in Los Angeles and Sherman Oaks.

The Village at Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District announces the opening of a delightful new casual restaurant! Presseat, located at 14518 Ventura Boulevard, serves tasty, kosher burgers and subs, as well as a variety of delicious side dishes and vegan burgers, in an attractive and inviting new eatery. The staff is warm and helpful and the seating is ample and comfortable. We hope Sherman Oaks homeowners will support Sherman Oaks' new dining establishment.

Have you been reading about the proposed Neighborhood Integrity Initiative to place a moratorium on major construction projects in Los Angeles and make it tougher for developers to get projects approved in the future? Jill Stewart, former Los Angeles Times reporter and L A Weekly managing editor, will be in charge of the campaign. The measure would be on the November ballot.

Our Councilman Ryu co-chairs a joint Hearing of the City Council Health, Mental Health and Education Committee with the Homeless and Poverty Committee to hear from community leaders on gaps in access to care and steps that can be taken to improve access to health and mental health services for homeless individuals and families. Councilman Ryu and his staff are currently studying options to better coordinate mental health services between the County and the City of Los Angeles. (Our March Meeting will focus on the homeless issue in the City and in Sherman Oaks. What is the solution? Who is responsible to spend the money to solve the problem?)

The Association is looking for someone to go out door to door explain the activities of SOHA and to solicit new memberships.

This is paid (commission). If there is interest, contact Matt Epstein at somatt@aol.com.

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