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CANOGA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS

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Meetings are held the
4th Wednesday of
every month
(7:00 p.m.) at :
Canoga Park
Community Center
7248 Owensmouth
Avenue
Canoga Park, CA
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A Rainbow Behind the Clouds

By E.P. McKnight

The downturn in the economy has negatively impacted every facet of daily life. Increased foreclosures, bankruptcies, unemployment rate, coupled with increased strains to government budgets that have negatively impacted education and services to our youth. Unfortunately, California is struggling again with what is projected to be a \$21 billion budget deficit. Strained government and personal budgets have made programs for youths less available.

Parents have to work, so what are they going to do with their kid?. Yes, some may find babysitters, but babysitters cost money too plus children should not be confined at home all day. This decreases their academic skills, creativity and social skills. There is a rainbow behind the clouds, A+ Renaissance Center, a place for arts, education and fun for children and adults that is located right here in Canoga Park at 7227 Owensmouth Avenue. The center's founder is

Jennifer Valdman who has worked to create founded by Ms. Jennifer Valdman, is the founder. (continue on page 2)



The A+ Renaissance Center in Canoga Park.

Message from the CPNC President

By Freddy A. Carrillo

Welcome to the first newsletter for the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC). This is an excellent opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to you and what we do in the community.

This newsletter will be a

valuable resource to you by providing you valuable information about community events, organizations and issues that impact your life such as developments, redevelopment, schools, and City services. There are approximately 89 Neighborhood Councils

(NC's) in the City of Los Angeles. They are an advisory committee to their respective local elected official. NC's make recommendations on land use projects, support or oppose legislation, assist community stakeholders with advisement, and decide how City funds are

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CPNC Mission Statement

The mission of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council (CPNC) is to provide a forum for community stakeholders to hear and address community issues, concerns, and needs.

Board and committee meetings are open to the public. Board meetings are formal, and speakers have the opportunity to speak on a 3-minute time frame. Committee meetings are generally informal and more discussion is available on certain items. Community participation is appreciated.

Canoga Park Neighborhood Council Boundaries

North: Nordhoff Street
South: Victory Blvd
East: De Soto Ave.
West: Shoup Ave.

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A+Renaissance is A+ for their expertise and renaissance, transformation of the students' academic and creativity skills.

Canoga Park was chosen for its artistic flavor as an arts district. In their first few months of existence, students and adults have been flocking to the center for classes and special events parties.

The new spacious facility includes a 2500 sq ft ballroom hall and two additional rooms. The center is for all ages and the professional staff train students to compete in competitions.

A testimony is worth a thousand words. A little boy said, "Mom I will not dance in a million years, what are you doing to me, I am a boy and ballroom dancing isn't for me?"



Right after one lesson he came up to his mom and said, "I want to do dancing next week." He found his rainbow! All academics, dance style and tutoring are provided. There is a Rainbow behind the Clouds, find yours!

To learn more about A+ Renaissance Center, please visit their website at www.renaissance4you.com, or call them at (818) 347-7587.

Board member E.P. McKnight and founder Jennifer Valdman taking a break from interview.

President of the CPNC

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allocated in the community. Funding items approved by the CPNC include the Canoga Park Memorial Parade, Dia de los Muertos festival, Lanark Recreation Center: "Extreme Teens" program Hire's LA Youth, Family Music Festival "Battle of the Bands", Girls Scouts, and Guadalupe Community Center. For an Annual Accomplishment Report list, go to www.canogaparknc.org.

The CPNC will be having elections on March 2nd from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Canoga Park Community Center, located at 7248 Owensmouth Avenue. It is very important community stakeholders come out and vote for our candidates. Each one will be representing Canoga Park. Please make sure to come out and vote!

Lastly we encourage stakeholders to get involved and participate. Anyone that lives (rents or owns property), works (or

owns a business), or belongs to a community organization, is considered a stakeholder. We are always looking for new stakeholders interested in participating in their local decision making process. For more information, please contact Freddy A. Carrillo, President of the CPNC, at facarrillo15@aol.com.

Your Vote Counts!

Tuesday, March 2 Noon-6 p.m. Canoga Park Community Center

7248 Owensmouth Avenue

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Canoga Park Neighborhood Council Elections

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