



Say Something



Dear Friends,

As families prepare for school in the weeks to come, the safety of students is at the top of many of our minds. For years, the Department of Mental Health's School Threat Assessment Response Teams have prevented on-campus violence in our schools with the help of mental health professionals who respond to reports about students who may be a threat to themselves or others. This program really encourages those who see something concerning to say something about it

While this invaluable resource has saved many lives, it is primarily used by teachers and school staff. At this week's [Board of Supervisors](#) meeting, my colleagues approved [the motion](#) I coauthored with Supervisor Janice Hahn to encourage, empower, and educate students to proactively contact START to report a threat. Students are usually the first to notice concerning behavior and it's crucial they know this resource is available, which is why the [Department of Mental Health](#) will be launching an educational campaign to share this information with students. Anyone can contact START and make a referral by emailing START@dmh.lacounty.gov or calling (213) 739-5565. Together, we can make this a safe school year for students in Los Angeles County.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

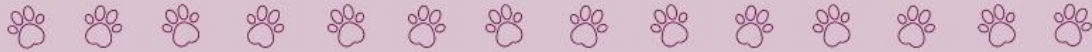
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Antelope Valley: Back-to-School giveaway

Sunday, August 7, 1 to 5 p.m.

Sol Plaza, Lancaster

Pets of the Week



Angel



Oliver



Bella

Meet Angel (2), Oliver (7), and Bella (2)! We have so many pets of all ages who need loving furever families. If you're interested in opening your heart and your home to a pet, you can make a morning appointment at your nearest Animal Care Center or drop by in the afternoon from 2 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday or 2 to 5 p.m. any other day!

Pick your perfect pet.

Celebrating Bradbury



There was a lot to celebrate this week in Bradbury! As the city marked its 65th anniversary, residents gathered for the [National Night Out](#). This special event invited residents to connect with local law enforcement and access resources from community partners.

[Engage with Bradbury.](#)

Fire Safety



This week, I went live on the Citizen app to discuss wildfire safety and disaster preparedness to equip residents with the resources they need to protect their loved ones and property. I'm grateful to Acting Fire Chief Marrone for joining the conversation with me and to Station 63 in La Crescenta for hosting us!

[Watch the live stream.](#)

[Download a wildfire action plan.](#)

Election Officials



County clerks and election officials do incredibly important work in our local government that is often overlooked. These public servants support election integrity, improve technological advancements, and safeguard the ability for our constituents to use their voice and vote. Thank you to the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials for inviting me to meet with leaders from counties across the state at their event in Burbank!

[Learn about voting in L.A. County.](#)

Grocery Giveaway



Los Angeles County is proud to maintain its partnership with the L.A. Regional Food Bank to ensure communities are fed. This Wednesday, Aug. 3, we'll be hosting another grocery giveaway at the Public Works Service Yard at 252 Mountain View St. in Altadena from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please share with your networks to make sure those who need it can attend.

[Find food resources near you.](#)

Youth @ Work

Find your path.
ELEVATE
your career.

Learn more: bit.ly/YouthElevate

LA County youth ages 17-24 can explore new career pathways, partner with mentors, and earn \$16.04/hr through Elevate.

The first cohort of the Youth @ Work Elevate program will launch on Sept. 26 for young people ages 17 to 24! The experience will provide 500 of L.A. County's foster youth, youth experiencing homelessness, LGBTQ+ youth, and justice impacted youth with pathways to jobs in high-growth and emerging sectors. Participants will receive 400 hours of personal enrichment training, paid mentoring, and work experience in industries including hospitality, trade and logistics, advance manufacturing, IT, and health care. The new [Department of Economic Opportunity](#) is now recruiting eligible youth and employers!

[Apply as a youth.](#)

[Apply as an employer.](#)

Water Connects Us All



This week, Team Barger was grateful to join Kollab Youth for their Water Connects Us All Summit, which provided an educational, inspirational, fun, and collaborative day for youth ages 13 to 18 to learn about water conservation. The next generation is our future and it's inspiring to see students get involved and do their part!

[Connect with Kollab.](#)





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