



Happy Halloween

LA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS



TRICK OR TREAT VILLAGE



Dear Friends,

As we gear up for Halloweekend, there are lots of opportunities for family fun to round out this spooky season.

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is transforming local parks into **Trick or Treat Villages** where neighbors can participate in a costume contest, play games, enjoy music and dancing, and get free candy and food. This

JACQUE ROBINSON (LIMESTOCK), CASTAIC, DEALER (SYMMETRY), CRESCENTA VALLEY, and Dr. Richard H. Rioux (Stevenson Ranch) from 3 to 6 p.m., and tomorrow, Saturday Oct. 29 at Loma Alta (Altadena) and Stephen Sorensen (Lake Los Angeles) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get all the details [here](#).

For those who love animals, the Toluca Lake Residents Association is hosting a **Howl-o-ween Dog Parade** on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. The event will include pictures, prizes for the best costumes, and lots of tricks and treats! The event will begin on the 11100 block of Sarah Street. RSVP for the parade [here](#).

Descanso Gardens is back with **Carved**, a family friendly event featuring hundreds of carved pumpkins, a cute pumpkin house, a hay maze, UV black light experiences, and a special Día de los Muertos installation at the amphitheater. Guests can also watch artists sculpting pumpkins and enjoy festive food and drinks. The event is open from now until Halloween with entry times between 6 and 9 p.m. Buy tickets [here](#).

If you want to get creative doing your own pumpkin carving, the L.A. County Arboretum has an adorable **pumpkin tutorial** on their website where you can make a magical mini nature habitat. You can find the directions [here](#).

However you spend your weekend, I hope you have a sweet, safe, and spooky Halloween!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'K' being particularly large and stylized.

Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Pets of the Week



Nectar



Lola

Free Adoption Special!

There has never been a better time to adopt a furry friend. Until the end of October, adoption fees are waived for animals who have been staying at our animal care centers for longer than 60 days!

It's National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month and I know two great candidates for you. Nectar is a six-year-old male German Shepherd and Lola is a one-year-old female Pit Bull. These perfect pups are currently staying at the Palmdale Animal Care Center. If you'd like to meet them, you can stop by the center between 2 and 5 p.m. any day, 2 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, or make a morning appointment online.

[Pick your perfect pet.](#)

Village Venture



On Saturday, Claremont Village was bustling with booths, activities, and fun for the 40th annual Village Venture. The event was hosted by the [Claremont Chamber of Commerce](#) and featured hundreds of small businesses and local organizations who had the opportunity to connect with the community. My team was excited to host a booth, where they spent all day meeting residents, sharing the latest about the County, and handing out giveaway goodies.

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Together Inspired



Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital invests in the well-being of our community. It was a privilege to celebrate all the amazing work underway at their "Together Inspired" gala last Sunday, where we honored Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and the TELACU Education Foundation.

[Take a look at my Twitter.](#)

Industry & Commerce



The Valley Industry and Commerce Association is a strong advocate for businesses in the San Fernando Valley. At their meeting on Thursday, I was grateful for the opportunity to share my efforts to uplift the business community and to garner their members' input as we work together to make L.A. County more business friendly.

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Fun at Farnsworth



Farnsworth Park in Altadena recently underwent a major makeover! You can see the before and after photos on the left and two local children enjoying the new playground equipment on the right. The gorgeous play area accompanies updates to the Farnsworth Park pickleball courts, walking path, fence, batting cages, restrooms, Davies Memorial Building, and ADA improvements. Residents were incredibly engaged in the process and gave valuable insight into the design of the new facilities that feature a natural color palette and emphasize the importance of accessibility, inclusivity, and group play.

[Play at your local park.](#)

Make a Voting Plan



The midterm election is just a few weeks away. Now is the time to think ahead to how and where you're going to vote. There are locations across the County available for you to vote in person or to drop off your ballot. Find a vote center or a ballot drop box conveniently located near you. If you send your ballot in the mail, you can track its status to ensure it's counted. Also, if you'd like to serve your community and earn some extra cash, there is still a need for election workers.

[Find a drop box.](#)

[Find a vote center.](#)

[Track your vote by mail ballot.](#)

[Apply to be an election worker.](#)

Grants for Seniors



The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) is launching a grant for seniors to make improvements to their homes that enhance health, safety, and mobility. The goal of the grant is to make changes to seniors' residences that will enable them to continue to live in their homes safely and independently. Grants will be offered up to \$15,000 and are intended for property owners who are 62 and older and live in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Improvements include door widening, ramps for wheelchairs, handrails, shower accessibility, lighting/switches, cabinets, water heaters, roofing, plumbing, electrical, heating/air, flooring, and appliances. For more information on the grants, email Liz Bieber, Manager of Housing Strategies, at Liz.Bieber@lacda.org today.

[Learn about LACDA.](#)

Take Part in the Arts

We want you...



...to be a panelist!

The Department of Arts and Culture is looking for panelists with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and skills to serve on panels that review grants for arts organizations and select artists for special projects. If you are an artist, community member, arts administrator, educator, or funder, consider taking part. Nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out the brief questionnaire below.

Serve as a panelist.





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