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Northridge West Neighborhood Council Update

Community Joins Together for Latest Operation Clean Sweep

On Saturday, August 15, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council organized its most recent Operation Clean Sweep in conjunction with the Northridge Christian Church, the Northridge Kiwanis and their Key Club members, Councilmember Mitchell Englander, his staff at the Council District 12 and Enrique Zaldivar, Director at the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and his staff.

More than 40 people including 25 teen volunteers from the Northridge Kiwanis Key Club showed up to clean the sidewalks along both sides of Chatsworth St. from Wilbur Ave. to Vanalden St. and along Wilbur Ave. between Tribune and Kingsbury Sts.

“For the past three years, Operation Clean Sweep has partnered with my office, the Northridge Kiwanis Club and the Northridge Christian Church to organize dozens of volunteers each Thursday to clean leaves and debris from our streets,” said Councilmember Mitchell Englander. “They represent the best of community engagement and volunteerism maintaining the commitment each week to keep our neighborhood beautiful.”

Tagging onto the Councilmember’s comment, Don Gennovario, a church elder, noted: “This is one of several community improvement and disaster preparedness events the church has also been working on with NWNC.”

The volunteers swept the sidewalks and streets, ridding the area of discarded buckets, palm fronds, Styrofoam cups, plastic containers and pine needs. The collected debris filled 106 garbage bags.

Monique Basto, a member of the Northridge Kiwanis Club, was thrilled at the number of teenagers from the Key Club who came to help. The Key Club are high school service organizations supported by local Kiwanis Clubs. “Cleaning the area was important not only because it was ‘giving back to our community’, but because it means less going is going to the ocean.”

For NWNC’s part, President Tom Johnson added: “NWNC enjoys sponsoring these events. It not only helps



to keep the community clean, but brings a greater awareness to the folks participating that littering is not the way to go. I’d like to thank everyone involved in this event for their help and support. As a community we can change our surroundings, people attitudes and make a difference.”

If your organization would like to get involved with the events NWNC sponsors, please contact Tom Johnson at NWNC90473@hotmail.com.

Three board members needed. If you know of a Northridge West resident who is a resident, a renter or a senior citizen please urge them to join our board. We need their input. Community members are also welcome to join committees, or just help out with our community projects. For more information, contact Tom Johnson at tjohnson@northridgewest.org or nwnc90472@hotmail.com.

Join NWNC, Tuesday, September 8 at Calahan Elementary School, 18722 Knapp St., Northridge, where President of the Board of Public Works Kevin James will be our guest speaker. Meet & Greet starts at 6:00 p.m. and meeting 6:30 p.m.