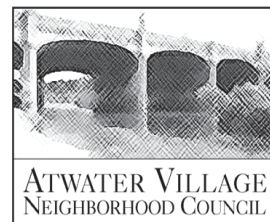


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Atwater Village, where progress is tradition.

A Quarterly Newsletter

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WOMAN OF THE YEAR

This article is a contribution by ELU chair Luis Lopez.

ATWATER VILLAGE LOCAL, NETTY CARR, HONORED AS "WOMEN OF THE YEAR" FOR THE 21ST SENATE DISTRICT

Each March, during Women's History Month, the State legislature celebrates the remarkable women whose

contributions improve the lives of so many Californians. This tradition began in the State Capitol in 1987 and continues here, in the 21st District which includes Atwater Village, today.

On March 20th, 2009 Senator Carol Liu, in a intimate ceremony at her home, honored Netty Carr as 2009 Women of the Year. Senator Liu also honored four other outstanding women in the 21st District: Marcia Amoroso, Rachel Chen, Georgina Holloway and Mercy Valezquez.

About Netty Carr

Netty Carr is a native Angeleno and longtime resident of Atwater Village where she has committed herself to community issues with a special focus on beautification and the Los Angeles River.

Netty is the co-founder of Friends of Atwater Village (FAV), 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, and currently serves as FAV's Co-President. Through her active involvement with FAV, Glendale Blvd now showcases unique trash receptacles tiled with pictures of historic Atwater Village. She conceived of and personally funded several community beautification murals at Glendale Blvd, Glenfeliz Blvd, and Dover Street.

Highlights of Netty's community activism also include spearheading the Coalition to Save the Van de Kamp's building in response to a developer's

plan to tear down the historical monument and replace it with a "big box". The Coalition eventually grew to over 23 community groups and succeeded into only saving the building but also was instrumental in helping to bring an extension campus of Los Angeles City College to the site.

Netty vigorously pursued the creation of the Red Car River Park and advocates Los Angeles River improvements for passive recreational use in Atwater Village, including improvements for the Red Car River Park. She organizes and actively participates in neighborhood and river clean-up events and actively advocates for a community center / park to serve central and south Atwater Village.

Atwater Village clearly bears the fruits of all Netty's energy, creativity and commitment to her community.

Senator Carol Liu

Senator Carol Liu represent the 21st District, which includes the cities of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, La Canada Flintridge, San Gabriel, Temple City, and Los Angeles communities including Tarazana, Encino, Reseda, Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, North Hollywood, Silverlake, Los Feliz, Eagle Rock, Echo Park, Chinatown, and Atwater Village.

www.senate.ca.gov/liu

Dear Atwater Abby,

This column is a contribution by AVNC co-chair Roberta Javier.

Atwater Villagers have many questions and with today's hectic schedules, too often a question arises and there's no time to figure out who to ask or where to go to begin the research. Worse, the frustration can impede and make you forget the best ideas. Call your questions in to the AVNC Hotline number 24 hours a day at (323) 634-2862 or email questions to:

dearatwaterabby@gmail.com

Dear Atwater Abby,

My family has a lot of backyard summer parties and bbq's. While we always try to be considerate of our neighbors, I would like to know if there is a time that we should stop all noise?

**Thank you,
The Life of the Party**

Dear LoP –

Atwater is the home of some famous BBQ and some BBQ specialists—Perhaps you know Cowboy Chef Layne Wootten? His recipes took front seat at Universal Studio's Country Star, he fed stars and audiences alike for the American Country Music Awards prior to their move to Las Vegas. He has his own label; Cowboy Chef Products.....but I digress...your question was about noise – the LAPD is the final word on noise enforcement here in Atwater Village.

Please check out http://www.lapdonline.org/special_operations_support_division/content_basic_view/1031 for your complete answer; you may be surprised, I sure was!

Since we are already hearing the Fireworks (all of which are illegal here in Los Angeles) and it is unnerving to humans and animals alike without warning – please know that your neighbors will certainly appreciate your kindness and respect.

Thank you for your kind inquiry...their ears will thank you!

Atwater Abby

**Dear Atwater Abby,
How often is the Atwater Farmer's Market and can I sell the tomatoes I grow in my backyard?
From,**

Trying to make money

Dear Trying –

The Atwater Village Farmer's Market has been in place (June 28th was their 4 year anniversary) in the Wells Fargo parking lot on every Sunday from 10AM to 2PM. To find out whether you can sell your homegrown produce, please email Joyce Chan at joyce@see-la.org

Joyce is at every Farmer's Market—Come one, come all, bring all your family and friends. Early birds get the best !! Hope to see you there!

Atwater Abby

Dear Atwater Abby,

My family is new to Atwater Village and would like to be involved in this great little place, but don't know where to begin. We haven't really met new people (we all work), so I was wondering if there are any community events that involve the residents where we might meet new people on the weekends or in the evenings? We are willing to volunteer or attend planned functions, whatever.

**Hope you can help,
The Newbies**

AH....Welcome Newbies!!

Where shall I begin? Atwater Village has a community activity and organization to match each and every one of its diverse residents and businesses. This publication is written and produced by the volunteer efforts of the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council (AVNC). You can call and leave a message at (323) 634-AVNC

Or use the forum, you will see AVNC's most recent meetings and activities listed there and based on your question/concern, you can ask and often get sage advice by logging on to atwatervillage.org.

The AVNC meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7PM at Christ's Church – announcements, activities and concerns are threaded throughout the gatherings. At the July 9 meeting they will discuss their Movies under the Stars series. They meet again on August 13.

The business oriented may want to checkout the local Chamber of Commerce, call (323) 634-2535 or visit atwaterchamber.org.

Friends of Atwater Village is an organization that works in various creative ways to maintain and beautify the Village, you can find their activities and those of others by checking out atwatervillagenews.org.

One of the very first community **CONT'D on Page 5**

Caroline's Fantastic Food Finds

This column is a contribution by AVNC board member Caroline Netzorg.

It is rare to find a restaurant with such extraordinary character. I have happened upon a gem. Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to announce "The Desert Rose." This magical restaurant is nestled between rose bushes, Japanese Maples and twinkle lights with the sound of live jazz seeping through the streets. Their Sunday brunch is beyond reasonable, with any entree one can dream of and prices to match. You can have an exquisite meal for under \$10.00, while sitting outside on a lively patio while the jazz band plays from within. The iron fence that surrounds The Desert Rose is sprinkled with red stained glass. In fact, the entire restaurant is filled with this magnificent red stained glass to remind us of the beauty of the rose. The floor inside is laid with Italian tile and the exterior, gorgeous brick. There is a full bar, 2 televisions and free wi-fi. The restaurant is located on the corner of Hillhurst and Prospect. As you sit and dine, you will also enjoy a beautiful view of the Observatory. This is truly one of the most romantic restaurants I've ever had the pleasure to dine in, not to mention its rare, exquisite ambiance and its affordability. I encourage all to experience this decadent masterpiece.

Next I would like to re-introduce to all, drum roll please.....EATZ! Bring the family everyone! In our very own Atwater Village, "Eatz" has been taken over by new ownership. I recently enjoyed breakfast at this friendly outdoor restaurant and was happily surprised by the difference in my omelet. The cheese was melted through and it over flowed with vegetables. I couldn't figure out why it was so different, until I remembered, "new Management!" The new owners pride themselves on quality, their meat is "100% beef and you get 100% attention on each item." They are introducing a new line-up, "something for everyone." Here we go! They are keeping the original breakfasts and adding Mexican food; taco's, burritos, and quesadillas. They will also feature an Italian Pastrami sub on fresh French bread. Have any of you noticed that incredible kabob smell wafting through our Village as of late? Yes, fresh barbequed kabob every Saturday and Sunday right on Los Feliz Blvd.. You get a choice of beef flank, chicken or eggplant as well as dill rice and a salad; all for \$9.95! Oh! They also have awesome new deserts! Come on out, enjoy your neighborhood and have a fantastic meal.

Atwater Movie Night

This column is a contribution by AVNC Events-chair Jenn Hoffman.

Last December, about seventy of our neighbors bundled up and braved the cold to attend the first inaugural Atwater Movie Night. They brought their blankets, Open Air Productions set up the movie screen, tylerspencer studio designed the artwork, and Friends of Glenfeliz Elementary brewed the hot chocolate. Although it may have been the coldest night of the year, everyone had a great time watching "Elf" under the stars. The show was a success!

Now that it has warmed up, the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council is bringing Atwater Movie Night back for a summer series! The show will kick off on Friday, July 17 with a free screening of the classic 1985 film "Goonies". Doors open at dusk at the Los Feliz Par 3 just east of the 5 Freeway on Los Feliz Blvd. The show will start just after dark but we recommend getting there early to get a good seat!

We plan to continue the series on the third Friday of each month as long as the AVNC's budget and our co-sponsors' contributions will keep it going. For details regarding upcoming screenings, you can check our website at www.atwatervillage.org. Also, if your business is interested in becoming an Atwater Movie Night sponsor or if you have any ideas about Atwater Movie Night, please post comments on our message boards or email the events chair, Jenn Hoffman, at jhoffman@atwatervillage.org. Hope to see you at the show!



An Oldie but a Goodie... at 3207 Los Feliz Blvd. next to the Par 3 Los Feliz Municipal Golf Course where The Goonies will be screened July 17th!

Who's Who on the AVNC

An ongoing column in the AVNC to help you get to know your representatives on the council. This month we introduce you to our three newest representatives, as well as Bruce Fleenor, our treasured treasurer.

Lara Pranger, Non-Profit Representative

I am Lara Pranger and I have lived with my family in Atwater Village for just over a year and have joined the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council to actively participate in our local community. I am a co-founder of the recently-organized Friends of Atwater Elementary which is working together with the school administration to support and enhance the educational opportunities of all children attending Atwater Avenue Elementary School. I really love this community and what it has to offer and plan on doing what I can do to make Atwater Village more of what we all envision it to be.

Lara can be reached at: laralov@yahoo.com

Robert Fixer Smith, Central Atwater Rep

Hello neighbors in Atwater Village. My name is Robert Smith, and I am a fairly recent homeowner in the Central Atwater neighborhood. I am a digital media/entertainment professional, having moved from Detroit in 1994 to work in film visual effects and quickly jumped on the Internet bandwagon. I'm currently head of post production for Live Nation Studios. In my past, I have been on the board of non-profits as well as having been part of several business startups.

Once I made Atwater Village my home, I knew I had to get involved locally to do my part to help make the neighborhood better. I was inspired by the passion of current co-chair Leonora Pitts-Gershman and others on the board and felt I should start here and see what I could do to help.

Robert can be reached at: fixer@vigilante.net

Alex Ventura, North Atwater Rep

Hello, my name is Alex Ventura. I have a BA from California State University of Northridge in anthropology and run my own business as a licensed residential mason.

My wife and I recently purchased our first home here in North Atwater Village in January this year. While I had heard good things about Atwater, I was surprised to encounter a real sense of community here from the very start. I grew up in the San Fernando Valley and never knew the sense of community that I feel here. In fact, after attending a town hall meeting out of curiosity, I found myself wanting to participate in the betterment of our community and learned there was a position open on the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council.

As a representative, my hope is that Atwater Village can become a safer place with strong community bonds, where diversity, creativity and happiness prosper. I have no background in community organizing -- just a belief that participation is the key ingredient to prosperity and human welfare. I see this neighborhood as I see the home I bought: It is classic Los Angeles -- beautiful, charming, and in need of TLC. I hope I can encourage others in North Atwater to participate in improving this unique neighborhood.

Alex can be reached at: alexalejandro@sbcglobal.net

Bruce Fleenor, AVNC Treasurer & Church/Religious Organization Representative

I am Bruce Fleenor, the AVNC Treasurer and pastor of Christ's Church at Griffith Park at 3852 Edenhurst Ave. I am on the Board as one of two Church/Religious Organization Representatives. I am a California native and was raised in Morro Bay, 200 miles north from here. I graduated from Pacific Christian College in Fullerton and eventually moved back to the Central Coast. After vowing never to move back to the city, I moved to Highland Park to work in a church in 1992. Three years ago I came to my current position here in Atwater Village. Right away I noticed that there is a small town feel here, in the midst of one of the great cities in the world. I know they say you can't have it both ways, but in Atwater Village, maybe you can.

Treasurer's Report

This column is a contribution by AVNC treasurer Bruce Fleenor.

Your Atwater Village Neighborhood Council Board recently dodged a financial bullet. Along with many other budget cuts, Los Angeles considered cutting each Neighborhood Council's funding from \$50,000 to \$11,200. This would have severely hampered the numerous community events and beautification projects that the AVNC sponsors annually. Many board members and citizens made a strong case to keep the Neighborhood Councils funded and lobbied various city officials to do so. The Mayor's office and the City Council agreed and only reduced the Neighborhood Council's budget by \$5,000.

If any of you are curious as to what this money gets spent on I would encourage you to attend the monthly board meetings held at 7 PM on the second Thursday of each month at Christ's Church, 3852 Edenhurst Ave. This is where the decisions are made on how the funding from City Hall is disbursed. We welcome your participation in the process.

ATWATER ABBY CONT'D FROM PAGE 2 many residents organizations in Atwater Village is the Atwater Village Resident's Association. You can call (213) 488-4431 and leave your name/number for a call back, become a member and receive their quarterly newsletters, attend their informative meetings.

For the kids? Chevy Chase Parks has a full board listing after school and sports activities for young and old alike. There is a Summer Day Camp program. Call (213) 485-4867 for details.

Mornings you can get your coffee and 411 at Starbucks on Los Feliz or Glendale. Be sure to check out the info boards at Kaldi coffee.

With your coffee, stroll down Glendale Blvd and check out the galleries—they list their hours and individual genres along with upcoming events.

Evenings find Atwater Village has cozy clubs for fun and cocktails – check out Bigfoot Lodge or the Roost on Los Feliz and visit Club Tee Gee on Glendale Blvd.

Buy spirits at Bill's Liquor to go or at 55 Degrees to go or to stay; check out their flights and other activities.

Exercise? Bikram on Glendale Blvd., Dance? See Dance Garden and Heartbeat House, both on Glendale Blvd too.

Enjoy joining in, signing up and moving forward....Atwater is for Lovers!

Love away!

Atwater Abby

Medical Marijuana Shops

This column is a contribution by AVNC ELU-chair Luis Lopez.

L.A. CITY COUNCIL DENIES HARDSHIP EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS FOR ATWATER VILLAGE MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

The L.A. City Council voted to deny the hardship exemption applications for three (3) Atwater Village marijuana dispensaries. The marijuana dispensaries that got their applications denied include L.A. Collective (3401 Glendale Boulevard - CF 05-0872-S215), Friendly Collective (3405 Glendale Boulevard - CF 05-0872-S170) and Global Meds Collective (3425 Glendale Boulevard - CF 05-0872-S282).

The remaining two (2) marijuana dispensaries, A.A.C.C (3106 Glendale Boulevard - CF 05-0872-S435) and Accurate Services Medical Dispensary (3429 Glendale Boulevard - CF 05-0872-S462), withdrew their hardship exemption applications prior to the City Council vote.

With their hardship applications either denied or withdrawn the Department of Building & Safety will now refer all five cases to the City Attorney's office for prosecution to force their closure.

Get Your Chops Back Snare Drum Choir

This column is a submission from AVNC Arts & Education chair Ginger Damon.

Haven't played in a while and need some stick control? Ready to tune up your drum and get your chops back? Participate in an ensemble of snare drums of different sizes and tunings played with a variety of implements (sticks, brushes, mallets, hands, etc.). Participants will explore drumming with a melodic sensibility, experience original compositions, regain solid hand technique, learn concepts for tempo/rhythmic awareness, drum maintenance, and tuning advice.

Register online at http://www.musiccenter.org/events/aa_chopsback.html through July 5, 2009. Space is limited, must be at least 18 years old to participate. You will receive final confirmation by July 8. Admission Fee: Sliding scale from \$10 to \$25.

Save the Dates! Once confirmed, Snare Drum Choir rehearsals are 3 hours long, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, on July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22, September 5, and September 19, and held in Atwater Village at the Casitas Warehouse. A final open rehearsal is scheduled for September 26, 2009 at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

GYCB Snare Drum Choir is for nonprofessional musicians who are familiar with rudiments and the ability to read sheet music. Please provide your own stand and snare drum (no marching drums).

Fletcher Dr. Bike Path

This is a contribution by AVNC ELU-chair Luis Lopez.

ATWATER'S FLETCHER DRIVE INCLUDED IN CITYWIDE BICYCLE NETWORK PLAN

Fletcher Drive, in Atwater Village, has been included in a preliminary citywide bicycle network plan. The proposed plan calls for the installation of a dedicated bicycle lane on Fletcher Drive that would link San Fernando Road to the L.A. River Bike path and other existing bicycle routes.

For more information or to comment on the proposed plan contact: jordann.turner@lacity.org or visit www.labikeplan.org

atwatervillage.org Final Countdown

In the last issue of the Atwater Village Voice we announced the coming of our new website... The final kinks are being worked out, expect it to launch very soon! In the meantime, we thought we would wet your appetite with a little preview.



Chamber Update

SPECIAL EVENT - SAVE THE DATE!

Good afternoon Atwater Village,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce, I am happy to announce to you the first "Summer Nights on The Boulevard" event. Slated for Thursday, July 23rd, this Summer Night is an opportunity for all restaurants, galleries, stores and boutiques to showcase what you're all about to Atwater Village and beyond. We encourage all businesses to stay open until at least 9PM on July 23rd in order to give everyone the opportunity to wine, dine, and shop Atwater Village.

For those Atwater Village merchants not located on Glendale Boulevard, there will be a special area for you as well to set up tables to showcase what you're all about.

More in-depth details will follow shortly, but start spreading the word now to your fellow merchants, friends, family, your entire mailing list, and beyond. NOW IS THE TIME for us to work together in a unified spirit to share our business. With the Los Angeles spotlight shining brightly on Atwater Village, your Chamber of Commerce is working to keep the business flowing in our Vibrant Village now and beyond.

Best wishes,
Mark Newman-Kuzel
 Chamber President

A Vibrant Village - Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce

Creating a positive and successful business environment in Atwater Village

www.atwaterchamber.org


Summer Calendar

AVNC Board Meeting – All are welcome!
 Thursday, July 9th – 7p.m.
 Christ's Church at Griffith Park
 Community Room, 3852 Edenhurst Ave.

AVNC Board Meeting – Join us!
 Thursday, August 13th – 7p.m.
 Christ's Church at Griffith Park
 Community Room, 3852 Edenhurst Ave.

AVNC Board Meeting – Come take part!
 Thursday, September 10th – 7p.m.
 Christ's Church at Griffith Park
 Community Room, 3852 Edenhurst Ave.

*Remember to check the AVNC website at
www.atwatervillage.org for other important
 updates & committee meeting announcements!*



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 FARMERS' MARKET**

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Sundays 10AM - 2PM on Glendale Blvd.
 The Wells Fargo Bank Parking Lot

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2010 ATWATER VILLAGE VOICE

SPECIAL EDITION – 100th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

Help make the Atwater Village Voice the best it can be!

Atwater Village to celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2010
 Atwater was annexed to the City of Los Angeles in 1910 under the terms of the law that provided for the aqueduct being built to bring in water from the Owens Valley. Please help us prepare to celebrate! Are you an octogenarian of Atwater? Do you have details or old photos of the village's history you're willing to share? As we prepare a special edition of the Atwater Village Voice in honor of Atwater's 100th, we want to hear your stories (in English OR Spanish)! Please email questions and submissions to recneps@mac.com. Thank you!

Atwater Village celebra su 100 Aniversario en 2010
 Atwater fue adjuntado a la ciudad de Los Ángeles en 1910 en conformidad con la ley que aprobo el acueducto que se construía para traer agua del Owens Valley. ¡Ayúdenos por favor a prepararnos para celebrar! ¿Es usted un octogenario de Atwater? ¿Usted tiene detalles o fotos históricas de Atwater Village que usted está dispuesto a compartir? Estamos preparando una edición especial del Atwater Village Voice en honor del 100 aniversario, queremos oír sus historias (en inglés O en español)! Envíe por correo electrónico por favor las preguntas y las sumisiones a recneps@mac.com. ¡Gracias!



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Extra!

**ATWATER
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THE

GOONIES

UNDER THE STARS

**FRIDAY
AT DARK**

JUL 17

**AT THE LOS FELIZ MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE
IN CENTRAL ATWATER VILLAGE**

The Goonies is screened for **FREE** through the sponsorship of the
Atwater Village Neighborhood Council & Open Air Productions

MPAA: Rated PG

Doors Open at Dusk