Westlake North Neighborhood Council

Community Clean Up and Resource Fair Event.

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2016

Location: 303 S. Loma Dr. Los Angeles, Ca, 90017

Time: 9.00am–1.00pm

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, Westlake North Neighborhood council hosted a wonderful community clean up and resource fair. The event was in honor of Jennifer Virgen who after years of dedication and hard work to the council was promoted to ambassador of Westlake North Neighborhood Council.
Although the event was scheduled to start at 9:00am we had eager families coming in before this time. The families were greeted with refreshments and continental breakfast.

Once 9:00am arrived, everyone warmed up with a Zumba demonstration hosted by Salsa a program offered by one of our many participating agency. During the event, many families were trained on how to use L.A.’s 3-1-1 application. They were shown how they could report bulky items, graffiti and other issues to the city with this application. We made sure that they knew about the app and how to use it before they went out to clean the city. This would make it easier for them to report any issues with graffiti bulky items, etc.
We had over 170 enthusiastic people who attended the event; 110 of the participants were volunteers that went out to help clean up the Westlake North Neighborhood. The volunteers were separated by teams and dispatched to different streets, to cover as much as the neighborhood as possible. Our borders were Westlake North Neighborhood as well as District 1 section of Councilman Gil Cedillo. The families went down Witmer and up to Union. The families worked together children and the elderly helping hand in hand to make their community great.
*Volunteers hard at work cleaning up the neighborhood together as a community.
After families returned from the clean up, they were enriched with valuable information provided by the resource fair. The children and families were excited to visit the many different agencies giving out information regarding community service. The families, especially the children were excited to see the cute animals that were brought by two of our wonderful participating agencies. We had over 20 agencies come and participate in the event.
The successful outcome of the Westlake North Community Clean up and Resource Fair was made possible because of the participation of the community, families, and participating agencies. Working together, we helped beautify our community, as well as bring awareness of what the council of Westlake North does and the importance of civic participation.

The culmination of the event included the presentation of the award to Jennifer Virgen. Ms. Sandra Villa-lobos gave a beautiful speech thanking Ms. Virgen for her years of dedication to the community and spoke of the legacy she would leave behind. Ms. Virgen is the first to receive the honor of ambassador, an accomplishment made possible because of her dedication and love for the community.