

# The Village Drummer

## Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

City Council District 10 Region 6

### JOINING the EMERGENCY NETWORK CAN BE VITAL

By David Miller

When it comes to emergency preparedness, it is important to think of things on two levels: first, as an individual, and second as a community. In each instance, having a support network of “response partners” to assist you in the event of a natural or man-made disaster is key to survival, and establishing this network *before* the disaster occurs is even more important.

As individuals, we should all make sure that we have a personal stockpile of emergency

goods and supplies such as canned food, water, flashlights, batteries, and clothes, etc., to last at least three days, but preferably a week or even a few weeks if possible. Also key to one’s personal level of preparation is the *pre*-disaster identification of other individuals who can help you. As mentioned in a previous article, doctors, nurses, plumbers, electricians, and carpenters, etc. are amongst the people you should (*cont. pg. 2*)

### Harvest Fest, Oct. 25th

By Luis South

Our annual block party will be Saturday, Oct. 25th from 2-5:00 p.m. On the 2000 block of 30th Street.

We will have a few interesting open air discussions on: turning solar energy into

electricity, baby bathing info from Childrens Hospital LA, and the clarification of the 12 propositions you will vote for on Tuesday, November 4th—the key day in American history.

We’ll also have lots of fun, competition, and great prizes for the youth who come to play.

Harvest Fest is a free open event sponsored by KAGRO, Jeff. Park Neighbors, and Say Yes.



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### Harvest Fest

Free to the  
Families &  
Friends of  
Jefferson Park

2:00-5:00 p.m.  
Oct. 25, 2008  
2000 30th St.

- **Harvest Festival**  
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**2:00– 5:00 p.m.**  
**2000 30th Street**  
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Luis South @ (323) 370-9140

**Creating & Joining an Emergency Network** By D. Miller  
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identify in advance as resources to be able to help those in need when an emergency hits.

Additionally, a large earthquake or other disaster may impact thousands or even millions of people in this area. Entire neighborhoods and communities should have a network of response partners that can store large amounts of vitals (blankets, dried and canned foods, etc.). So we, the staff at ENLA, join you to begin the creation of your very own neighborhood network.

Know thy neighbors in order to be best prepared for disaster.

Jefferson Park Neighbors' Harvest Festival is possibly the first time a Los Angeles neighborhood has tied a block club party to the idea of creating an emergency network among residents. We salute and will fully support your efforts.

The food, music, and entertainment will all be free—and so will the information, handouts, and registration for the Jefferson Park Neighbors' emergency network.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Individuals contact  
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 EMERGENCY NETWORK LOS ANGELES (ENLA) through  
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**Harvesting Strong Youth** By Luis South, LAPD

**Say Yes to Life** is a community nonprofit that sponsors each and every major event put on by Jefferson Park Neighbors. That organization has a contract with LAUSD to receive funds for after school tutoring of our youth.

This year they have agreed to sponsor the Harvest Festival by providing selected neighborhood chefs with a wide variety of fresh produce. This is the first time they

have also committed to organizing academic competitions for all students (2nd –7th grades) in Haiku poetry writing (to demonstrate creativity and critical thinking) and math. Each competitor will receive a combined score in order to determine winners. There will be three **\$25** first place prizes, three **\$10** second place prizes, and three **\$5** third place prizes.

**Teachers' Union: A Cornerstone to 3rd World Development**  
 By Luis South

**Unionized** labor has always held a special place in 20th Century American history. To be clear, the difference between a union job and a “regular” job has everything to do with respect vs. slavery. Union jobs have a constant voice interacting with management on matters concerning pay increase and work environment. A union

worker then can concentrate on being an efficient professional while having peace of mind that their most important professional interests are being handled by competent, caring representatives. This is an ideal basic understanding offered here to help us distinguish union jobs from regular jobs.

A very important idea related to teaching is this phenomena of union

organization. Especially, why are today's teacher union efforts of any value to the future of children and other hardworking non-union adults experiencing inner city life? This article is the beginning of reasoning to help form a better communication line between educators (including genuine administrators) and community members.

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**Teachers' Union: A Cornerstone to 3rd World Development**  
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The particular focus of this article is on the common ground experience between educators from African American and Spanish speaking cultures and their place in the development of their respective cultural group's development. At every point in the history of African American and people from Spanish speaking cultures most unionized educators have performed as pillars in their communities, giving support to strengthen institutions such as churches, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and all other service organizations. It is the vigilance of union that has allowed teacher salary to barely keep up with the cost of living adjustments (COLA). It is time to bring forth the understanding that what educators do today will have a direct affect on our students' future. Every move we make to secure workplace integrity and a decent salary helps the present community circumstances as well as ensures a better future for young teachers, ranks that will have

**Greens for Good Health**

*Tirhasi Kiflezghie, NP*

Pray before you begin eating because it helps you to be calm, relaxed and focused.

If we are concerned about eating right it doesn't take a lot of thinking. Make sure to eat greens as much as possible. The cholesterol, sugar content, and salt are never factors that are found in

serious increases of professionals from African American and Spanish speaking cultures. These communities become economically stronger as a result of increased teacher salary. However, public school educators will be easier to embrace if the community gets a clear message that all union actions must have a sincere and evident push towards improving the delivery of educational services. The drive to improve education has to be clearly stated up front before we get thrown into a light where teachers and union seem only interested in their own pocket books. There must be a set of attainable goals leading to greater respect for the workers in the present and the future public schools.

Union representation may consider it is high time to publicly share the reality that there has



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edible green plants typically served as part of the American diet. By including a lot of greens in each meal we greatly reduce the risk of developing diet related illnesses. Our internal systems also work and feel better.

Practice eating vegetables before going for that main course. If

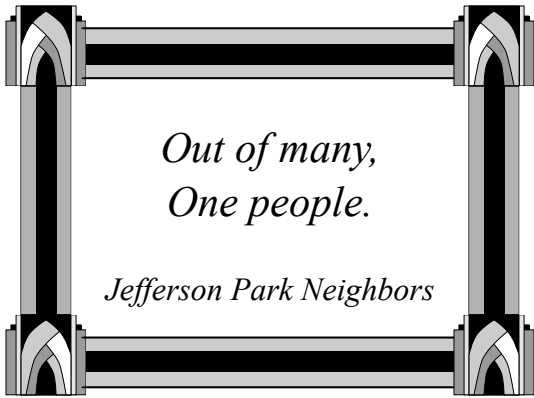
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been, and continues to be, a constant need for public school educators of the historically disenfranchised African American and Spanish speaking cultures. This fact requires more guarantees focused on professionalism in our educational system.

you're thinking about losing a few pounds it helps to eat a lot of vegetable before starting that main course because those vegetables fill an otherwise empty space in your stomach and often serve to protect the lining of the intestines.

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## **On The Corner: Western at 30-31 Street**

**A continuing series focused on community development**

It's a matter of great concern to the residents of Jefferson Park. Whatever is built on the former original site of Fatburger eatery is very important to the hardworking people living in this area. This project signals how seriously we are taken. To be clear, when it comes to community development taking place on any level, all folks in Region 6 of City Council District 10 continue to express themselves clearly: the voices of the people must be included in open public forum. The final decision about what to build and

what other considerations need to be made in order to serve the community well, are ideas that develop best through community discussions. Transparency helps to move the project along in a way that best serves the interest of the us real people.

Mercy Housing, the nonprofit property development company negotiating to buy the property has been contacted about walking around to hear from the many residents of Jefferson Park during the Harvest Festival. They have agreed to come.

The Village Drummer has made it clear that moving from talk to beginning the actual building project shouldn't take much more time. We're noticing that completion of projects go beyond the time it takes to complete projects in other areas around town.

We're going to eat, drink, and be merry at our final Harvest Festival for 2008. Come enjoy colorful vegetarian dishes that represent the harvest season from a variety of cultures around the world.