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- The Council meetings were no longer televised by Charter Communications. Deputy Sussy Nemer got Charter to post the meetings as Video on Demand as Government/Community programming starting immediately.
 - Adopt-a-Tree Program – Anyone can adopt a tree and it doesn't cost anything. You can sign your name to a tree and take care of it – watering, trim sucker branches, etc.
 - Next month's meeting will have both Glendale Community College & GUSD Board candidates at a forum.
9. CV Town Council 20th Anniversary Recognition – Council members from 2007 & 2008 Councils
- Bruce Campbell - unable to attend
 - Virginia Choate - unable to attend
 - Curtis Cleven – 1991 Alternate and 2007-2008 Regular Councilmember. He is the current Treasurer of the CV Arts Council.
 - Sharon Raghavachary - to be recognized with the 2001 Council
 - Krista Smiley was with the Council 8 years, starting in 1984, and is a former Vice President.
10. Comments from the Community & Introductions
- a. CV Chamber of Commerce – Jean Maluccio
- Hometown Country Fair will be April 24-25
 - Working with Glendale Planning regarding the Foothill Blvd. Study regarding the Glendale Portion
 - Walgreens – Will bring in employment opportunities
 - Pre-Smart-a-thon at Bob Smith Toyota March 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Day at the Races with the CV Sheriff Support Group at Santa Anita Race Track on March 15
 - Smart-a-thon March 25, at Verdugo Hills Hospital
- Recognition of Howard Hakes and Dave Drucker
- b. Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce – Jane Kane (not present)
- March 10 at the La Canada Country Club - Installation of new officers. Contact the Chamber office at (818) 249-7171.
- c. Crescenta/Canada Verdugo Hills YMCA – Kim Beattie
- The YMCA is not just a pool, wellness center, and summer camp
 - Part of their mission is getting the word out, such as financial assistance and scholarships. “We build strong kids, strong families, and strong Communities.”
 - Youth and Government Program
 - Senior Services Community Director – free
 - The YMCA has donated 3 family memberships to the CVTC, valued at \$414 each. Go to www.crescentavalleytowncouncil.org for information. Bidding ends Sunday, April 5.
- d. CV High School – Matthew Schick, Music Director (not present)

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- e. L.A. County Parks & Recreation Dept. – Al Evans
 - Read a letter to the Girl Scout Council regarding Brianne Johnson’s Girl Scout Gold Award Project, a California Native Garden, at Two Strike Park.
 - Looking forward to this summer – science camp event from Descanso Gardens, Two Strike Park Youth baseball clinic on a daily basis or a \$10/week drop-in clinic.
 - Putting on a number of special events with the CVTC including movies in the park, go lean go green circus (free), and concerts in the parks.
 - Discussion about a call from a CSA coach regarding CV2 field (the smaller one) being used a dog park and owners not picking up after their dogs. The Coach asked for signage or enforcement early Saturday morning and Friday evening. Reminder that dogs must be on a leash at all times. Al Evans will contact the County Police.

11. Presentations/Updates of Projects for Girl Scout Gold Award – Brianne Johnson & Nancy Au
 - Brianne Johnson – Plan on making it an educational center with signage and brochures regarding water conservation.
 - Murals include the carbon cycle
 - There is a sign for the garden thanking everyone involved in the project
 - There is a pamphlet designed regarding water conservation
 - Suggestion to contact the CVWD regarding water conservation efforts
 - President Pierce read a letter from the Council to the Girl Scout Council regarding Brianne Johnson’s Girl Scout Gold Award Project

 - Nancy Au – Overview of Senior Garden Project at CV Park
 - Renovating the current Senior Garden, including adding trees and a gravel pathway, colorful tables and chairs with boards painted on them, birdhouses, and slat fencing to frame the flowers in the garden

12. CV Town Council Business of the Month Recognition
 - Todd Thornbury, American Softub. They sell and service portable hot tubs
 - The house was formerly a weekend hunting shack
 - American Softub is a family business - Winston does servicing, Madison bookwork, Morgan helps with UPSing accessories and chemicals
 - Introduction of Todd Thornbury’s in-laws, Don & Linda O’Hare. Don is a local business owner.

 - Certificate of Appreciation honoring Danny Andrus, our videographer, presented to Councilmember Andrus. Danny has been doing the Council’s Website for the past two years. The website was Danny’s creation, and he maintained it and kept it updated.

 - Our website has a new look. Please visit our Web site at www.crescentvalleytowncouncil.org

13. First Responder’s Reports
 - a. CV Sheriff Station – Captain Dave Silversparre
 - Ralph Martin, a past CV Sheriff Captain, is retiring. There will be a party at noon, March 7. Tickets being sold by the Captain Silversparre’s secretary.

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- There was a new Narcotics Sergeant in January, but he's leaving. Rob Knutson will be coming soon.
 - Saturday, February 21 - Amgen tour through La Canada at 3:00 p.m., southbound on Angeles Crest highway
 - Saturday, May 2nd - Gifts for guns
 - There is a new watch commander, Lt. John Roberts, on the early morning shift
 - January 2008 statistics
- b. CHP – Officer Chris Cracraft (New COPS officer)
- 2008 versus 2007 statistics – arrests up, but collisions down
 - The focus for 2009 is to continue getting arrests up and collisions down
 - The CHP now has online interactive maps. Please email Officer Cracraft at ccracraft@chp.ca.gov and he will email the link
 - The main complaint is speeding vehicles and pedestrian safety around the schools. Just the other day, they had an officer present when a student was hit. The CHP will step up enforcement and writing tickets for double parking, speeding and not yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
14. Allied Waste Services report & presentation – Susanne Passantino
- Allied Waste merged with Republic Waste. Their name will remain the same for now and trucks, drivers, and routes will all remain the same. Six months from now, your bill might say “AWS a subsidiary of Republic Waste.”
 - They will have a booth at the Council's Arbor Day event
 - Residents do a wonderful job recycling!
 - Spring cleanup – The first four Saturdays in June, you can put any waste on the curb for pickup.
 - Question about what to do with compact fluorescent bulbs – They should not go into the regular trash, but should go to Household Hazardous Waste with batteries. (See www.888CLEANLA.com or call toll free at 1(888)CLEAN LA.) Allied will pick up e-Waste.
 - Suggestion to have a place, centrally located in La Crescenta for drop-offs. Suggestion to speak with Public Works regarding possibility of having it at the Library, Sheriff Station, or Goodwill.
 - Councilmember Beyt thanked Allied Waste for their donation of \$1,000 to the Town Council's scholarship program.
15. CVWD Presentation – “Trenchless Technology” Sewer Relining – David Gould, CVWD District Engineer. (Dennis Erdman and Dennis Maxwell were also present.)
- Sewer Main Rehabilitation Using Trenchless Technology
 - 66 miles of sewer lines
 - 1.7 MG/day transported to Los Angeles waste processing centers
 - Sewer inspection by CCTV
 - Cracks in the sewer lines allow rain water and roots to get into the sewer line
 - Sewer Rehabilitation – open trench vs. trenchless technology
 - Trenchless – lip lining or cure-in-place pipeline, using PVC Pipe liner

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- Cost – 10 locations would normally \$33,000 using trenchless technology versus open trench technology where 14' could cost \$45,000
 - Relining lasts just as long and by having PVC pipe, which is smooth, it allows easier cleaning of grease off the inside
 - For the last six months, they have been videotaping the sewers. They did an assessment and next July, they will start replacing for the next 5-10 years.
 - New activity at the Shell station is a test well regarding the MTBE issue. Putting in three more wells and a new system to extract the hydrocarbons from the soil.
16. L.A. County Public Works presentation – Jalaine Quintrell Madrid, Traffic & Lighting Division and Kim Bishop, Principal of La Crescenta Elementary
- Rosemont and Los Amigos – Contacted the vendor today, but the shipment did not leave when it was supposed to. Solar panels should arrive next week and they will be setup and tested. They will work with the school to ensure the students know they must push the button to activate the lights.
 - La Crescenta/Prospect Avenue proposed left turn pockets
 - Right-turn exclusive on eastbound Prospect onto La Crescenta
 - There is a protected, permissive left turn arrow from La Crescent onto Prospect. That #1 lane northbound allows through and left turn movement, resulting in delays in the through traffic. They can install left turn lanes, but it would affect parking. They do not want to take out parking on the west side of the street, but removing some parking on the east side between Prospect and Community, directly affects four homeowners.
 - Timeline is before the next school year begins
 - Need 18' for the right lane – 10' for the traffic and 8' for parking
 - Observation is that most cars parked in that area are parents waiting to pick up their children
 - Everyone from Mary to the 210 Freeway received a letter to attend tonight's meeting and it was also in the newspaper.
 - Discussion that the high school traffic impacts traffic and in the past, there was a backup. The right turn out of Prospect triggers the left turn light. If a left turn lane on La Crescenta is installed, the loop would be triggered by traffic backup on La Crescenta.
 - Principal Kim Bishop commented that when signage was posted before prior changes, the residents really noticed
 - 4416 and 4408 (both north of Prospect) and 4334 and 4330 (both south of Prospect) will be affected by proposed no parking areas.
 - Motion to request Council approval to start the process to notify the effected residents made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by both Councilmember Goldsworthy and Councilmember Andrus. Discussion about concern that the owners of properties be notified, but not just the occupants. Approved 9-0 by regular members.
17. Public Comments - none

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18. Council Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee – Council members Beyt and Andrus
 - Tuesday, February 24 #8 on the agenda is the CSD on Foothill Blvd.
 - Tuesday, February 24 #11 on agenda is the hearing of the CUP to authorize construction of 5 units on an R2 lot at 2128 Glenada Ave.
 - Request to re-add the two links to the County agendas under the Land Use section of the new Website
 - Cell tower issue – There is a petition online. A group contacted Councilmember Andrus about interest in our petition, which will be discussed at the EC meeting.

- Art Commission - Councilmember Thomas
 - Nothing to report

- Banner - Councilmember Erickson
 - Looking for more honorees

- Community Events - Councilmember Erickson
 - Arbor Day Ceremony is Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m. at Two Strike Park, saluting pioneers of our community, honoring Charles Bausback, historian and researcher for Huell Howser for 20 years.
 - 600 flyers will be mailed out by Supervisor Antonovich's office

- Election Committee - Councilmember Davis
 - Nothing to report, but still looking for other Committee members

- Fundraising and Finance – Councilmember van Bremen
 - The Silent Auction currently has three YMCA 3-month family memberships up for auction
 - October 10th will be the Pancake Breakfast at CVHS

- Flag Committee - Councilmember Thomas
 - Ordered a flag, 3x5, to arrive the first week of March and will be flown at the Arbor Day event
 - The Park family, who designed the local flag, has been invited to Arbor Day

- Outreach Committee - Councilmember Beatty
 - Thursday, March 12th 6:30 a.m. - Glendale Mayor Prayer Breakfast at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. Keynote Speaker is Tim Dreesen. Tickets for \$20 each are available at the Glendale Chamber of Commerce and the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber of Commerce.
 - Healthy Kids Day put on by the Montrose-Verdugo City Chamber will be Saturday, April 18th 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 140 N. Louise St. in Glendale
 - The Tri-Chamber Legislative Committee met on February 11th. Senator Huff's office is sponsoring SB8 to establish a pilot project to select performance based budgets
 - Matt Zakarian, Glendale Police Department, asked businesses in Montrose to have addresses on the back side of buildings as well as on the back side of the building

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- Mike Escalante will be at March meeting to discuss budget and safety
 - Parks Committee – Cheryl Davis
 - Met with Friends of CV Parks and LA Department of Parks and Recreation to go over dates for various activities at the parks:
 - Saturday, May 23rd – Rosemont & CV Jazz Band & Classic Movie at CV Park – “Name the Bowl” contest
 - Saturday, July 18th – Dennis Morgan Classic Film Festival at Two Strike Park. CV Historical is organizing this event.
 - Saturday, August 29th – “Back to School” outdoor BBQ and movie at Two Strike
 - Saturday, September 26th – “Cartoonfest” at Two Strike
 - Cheerleaders for the Montrose Parade. A fee covers a class, special sweatshirt, pom poms, and a Santa hat to be worn in the Parade.
 - One Ring Circus at the end of summer
 - “Go Green, Go Lean”
 - Public Relations Committee – Councilmember Arnold
 - Developing the first newsletter, premiering in early March. It will be available via email and hard copies will be available at the Black Cow and Starbucks.
 - Scholarship Committee - Councilmember Beyt
 - The current silent auction is for 3 YMCA family memberships valued at \$414 each. Minimum bid is \$50.
 - Silent rolling auctions to include – Extreme Boot Camp certificates, Allied Waste bins, hot air balloon ride, a \$300 Gas ticket auction
 - The Pancake Breakfast – The kitchen, pancake mix, eggs, and sausage already squared away
 - Suggestion to have sign-ups for the silent auction at our meetings
 - Streets, Roadways, and Public Safety Committee - Councilmember Goldsworthy
 - Top three issues are Rosemont and Los Amigos, La Crescenta and Prospect, Dyer and Foothill
 - Discussion about Community and Prospect traffic near dismissal time of La Crescenta Elementary regarding westbound traffic toward the high school. There is a lot of double parking, especially on Community, which can be enforced by the CHP
 - Youths and Seniors Committee - Councilmember Battles
 - Meetings regarding tentative date toward end of May for the first senior series about free stuff available for seniors. Veterans can get a \$1,900/month benefit and a spouse \$1,500/month, with honorable discharge, some type of disability, and they will look at your finances. There is a service that will bring you whatever you need as long as you can show you are on Medicare/Medicaid.

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- Emergency Preparedness - Councilmember Lauterback
 - Attended a CERT meeting January 18 – David Haver from ASPCA LA
 - Stressed importance of having making arrangements regarding pets/animals with your neighbors, IN ADVANCE of an emergency
 - Requested to list ASPCALA as a link under Disaster Preparedness
 - ASPCA.org has free decals to alert organizations that you have pets in your home
 - Will spend a full weekend in March – Animal Disaster Response Team
 - Next CERT I training will be Saturday, March 14 8:00am-5:00pm, Tue-Wed-Thur 6:00p-9:30p, Saturday March 21 8:00a-4p
 - 16 members of CERT are licensed ham radio operators. Some day in April, there will be a drill to synchronize radios
 - Fire Safety Council – mission statement is to survive a major brush fire. Rollout will be in the Pinecrest area and coming soon to the Pickens Canyon neighborhood.
 - Request to meet with Briggs Terrace residents. Sharon Raghachary was at the last Fire Safety Council meeting. Discussion about revisiting a bridge over and across to Ocean View.

- Legislation committee Councilmember Andrus
 - California budget – Councilmember Andrus received and read two emails from the Governor’s office
 - “4-legged stool” analogy – expense reductions, revenue increases, economic stimulus, making Government more efficient
 - U.S. Congressman David Dreier voted against the bill for economic stimulus
 - Suggestion to add these emails to our Web site, via links

- CV Clean and Green Committee - President Pierce
 - Saturday March 14 – La Crescenta off-ramp cleanup with the CV Chamber of Commerce
 - People can adopting streets or areas to clean up

19. Items from Council

- Proposed donation of \$150 to the CV Arts Council to show support for an organization that does a lot for the community - Motion by Councilmember Beatty and seconded by Councilmember Arnold. Approved 9-0.

- Relay for Life May 16-17
 - \$100 to form a team and each team member to raise \$100-150
 - President Pierce would like to see the Council form a team this year
 - Motion for \$100 to start a team – suggestion to table until the EC meeting, although they are trying to get teams together as soon as possible or we can join with another team. Next team meeting is Tuesday. Discussion tabled until March EC meeting.

- a. New Council website www.crescentavalleytowncouncil.org – Councilmember Battles
 - It’s up, it’s live
 - Anyone can add a meeting or event to the Community Calendar

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- Very user-friendly
 - Each committee has its own page. Each Committee Chair is responsible for the content on their page. All content should be filtered by Councilmember Arnold. Put a regarding line of “Info for Website” on the email.
 - Hometown Military Heroes – Danette gave Robbyn a video to post
 - Send comments to President Pierce regarding what you want to see on the home page
 - You can bid on the silent auction online or print bid sheets out to hand to people
- b. Community Flag – Councilmember Thomas
- Nothing additional to discuss
- c. Board of Supervisors February 24th meeting – Foothill CSD and Glenada review
- Letter to the Girl Scout Council regarding Brianne Johnson’s Gold Award Project – Motion to approve by Councilmember Andrus and seconded by Councilmember Erickson. Approved, 9-0.
 - Women’s Club Hop into Spring Fashion Show - Saturday March 28, 11:00 am \$30 ticket
 - Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, March 12th. Howard Hakes bought a table of 8 for the CV Chamber of Commerce.
 - Sunday May 3 – Taste of Montrose benefiting Prom Plus. Tickets are now on sale.
20. Executive Meeting scheduled at CV Water District Boardroom - 7 pm Thursday, March 5th
21. Next Council Meeting (GCC & GUSD Candidate Forum) - 7 pm Thursday, March 19th at CVHS Library
22. Adjournment in memory of Darren Silversparre at 9:45p

Approved March 19, 2009
