

Homeowner Helps: How to keep the cost of cool within reason. It's easy.

Your air conditioning system has two energy using components: A fan that costs very little to operate and a compressor that uses a lot of energy to cool the air the fan blows through the system of ducts in your house. The goal is to use the compressor less without sacrificing comfort. The key is your thermostat.

When the hot weather arrives, it's time to start cooling your home. Open the windows, turn on your air conditioning and set the thermostat for, lets say 68 degrees. Let the system run for say 30 minutes, then close the windows. What you'll be doing is having the cool air push the warmer air out of the house. (You'll save money by not cooling the warmer air). The idea is to cool the house quickly. Once the

house is cooled down, set the thermostat at the temperature you're comfortable with. Then forget about the thermostat until summer is over. It will maintain the temperature you've selected throughout the summer.

TIP: Keep closets closed. They don't need cooling.

TIP: Keep windows closed.

TIP: Close vents in rooms not used daily; keep their doors closed.

TIP: Take heavy blankets off beds. They're energy robbers.

TIP: Kitchen appliances generate heat. Wide open vents help keep kitchens cool.

TIP: It takes a lot to cool a bathroom. Unless really needed, close the vents and keep the doors closed.

The idea is to keep the living/sleeping areas cool and comfortable, and to avoid cooling areas not used. The smaller the area the less you'll spend. It's that simple. That easy.

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Special Summer Edition! Look inside for great things to see and do in your area!

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Stay Cool & Save Money



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A quarterly newsletter from the neighborhood builders at Montage Development, Inc.

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A Good Job Well Done

Renovation of Fire Station 81 is complete! Fire Fighters celebrate with their first team meal!

ARLETA – If you've been following our Fire Station 81 project, you'll remember where Montage began. It started with a space that was so cramped and run-down that the Fire Fighters could hardly prepare a meal, let alone gather to enjoy it. After meeting with the Fire Fighters, plans were drawn and work began.

The result is an efficient, comfortable, expanded, air conditioned kitchen and dining area with completely new flooring throughout.. In short, it's a place where on-duty teams can unwind and enjoy meals together.

On May 4, 2006, District 6 Councilman Tony Cardenas and the LA Fire Department opened the new facility with a special ribbon cutting ceremony. The Fire Fighters themselves celebrated with a terrific meal after the ceremony.



Above: The old kitchen, last year. Below: The same kitchen after completion of renovation



Councilman Tony Cardenas congratulates Montage President Stephen Ross on a Job Well Done.



The Pool is Cool!

AROUND THE VALLEY – No doubt about it: the Valley can get really hot in the summertime. And when the temperature starts climbing toward triple digits, our community pools are the place to take the kids and cool off. Check 'em out. There's one near you.

Seasonal Pools

Granada Hills Pool
16730 Chatsworth St.,
Granada Hills
818-360-7107

North Hollywood Pool
5301 Tujunga Ave.
North Hollywood
818-755-7654

Reseda Pool
18411 Victory Blvd.
Reseda
818-756-9361

Ritchie Valens Pool
10731 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Pacoima
818-834-5176

Sepulveda Pool
8737 Kester St.
Panorama City
818-894-0144

Sylmar Pool
13109 Borden Ave.
Sylmar
818-367-6727

Woodland Hills Pool
5858 Shoup Ave.
Woodland Hills
818-756-9363

Year-Round Pools

Cleveland H.S. Indoor Pool
8120 Vanalden Ave.,
Reseda
818-756-9798

Hansen Dam Aquatic Center
11798 Foothill Blvd.
Lakeview Terrace
818-899-3779

Hubert Humphrey Pool
12560 Filmore St.
Pacoima
818-896-0067

Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Pool
14201 Huston St.
Sherman Oaks
818-783-6721

EVENT	GENL ADM	XXXX	XXX	COMP	MONTAGE06
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EVENT	HOLLYWOOD BOWL				EVENT
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saturdays

July 22

California Wine Festival

1 P.M. – 4 P.M.
Santa Barbara
Chase Palm Park
Box OFFICE (800) 850-4370
Famous California wineries will pour more than 350 wines. Live music, gourmet appetizers and other attractions.

July 29

Oxnard Salsa Festival

11 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Downtown Oxnard
A celebration of Salsa music, food and dance. Live entertainment, marketplace, salsa challenge dance competition, children's activities.

August 5

Family Festival

11 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Los Angeles
Getty Center
Inspired by the exhibition *Rubens and Brueghel: A Working Friendship*. Families will discover how storytellers and musicians come together to create new works and performances.

Every Saturday

Chatsworth Farmers Market

8 A.M. – 1 P.M.
On Devonshire, between Topanga and Canoga
FOR INFO: (818) 470-0808

San Fernando Farmers Market

8 A.M. – 2 P.M.
At the San Fernando Mall
FOR INFO: (818) 361-1184

sundays

Every Sunday
(through Labor Day)

Concerts in the Park

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Woodland Hills
Lou Bredlow Pavilion
Warner Center Park,
(818) 704-1358
www.valleycultural.org

Every Sunday
(through Sept. 24)

Antony and Cleopatra

3:00 P.M.
Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum
1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd.
Topanga
www.theatricum.com
(310) 455-3723

July 30

Central Avenue Jazz Festival

11 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Live music from the 20's to the 50's. Celebrating the African-American contribution to the LA lifestyle. Ethnic food, cultural arts, crafts, and educational displays.

Every Sunday

Encino Farmers Market

8 A.M. – 1 P.M.
At Victory Blvd. and White Oak
FOR INFO: (818) 708-6611



every wednesday

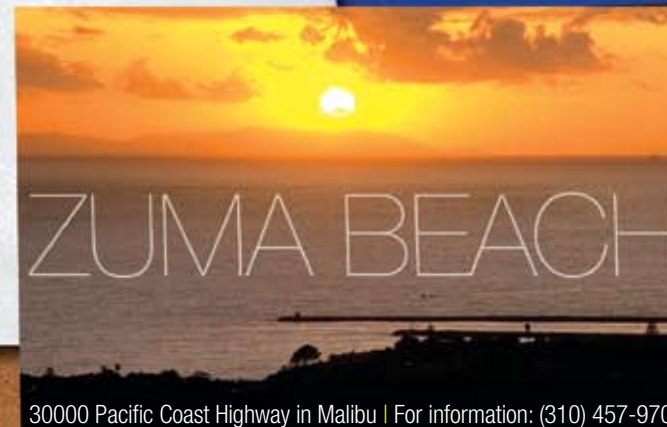
Northridge Farmers Market

5 P.M. – 9 P.M.
Northridge Fashion Mall
FOR INFO: (805) 643-6458



Sepulveda Basin Recreational Area

There's never a dull moment at the Sepulveda Basin Recreational Area. For information and activity schedule, call (818) 756-8060, or check the web site at www.laparks.org.



30000 Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu | For information: (310) 457-9701

In The Works

Right now, the Montage staff and crews are at work on several Montage neighborhoods. We list them here in the event you may want to tell friends looking for a new home about them.

Project Name: Langdon Village
Location: North Hills
Homes: 18
BR/BA: Up to 5 bedrooms/
2.75 baths
Approx. Size: 1,800 – 2,000 SF
Price: From \$499,950
Sales Begin: Selling now

Project Name: Bradley Village
Location: Sylmar
Homes: 13
BR/BA: Up to 5 bedrooms/
2.75 baths
Approx. Size: 1,700 – 1,950 SF
Price: From \$509,000
Sales Begin: Selling now

Project Name: Herrick Village
Location: Sylmar
Homes: 11
BR/BA: Up to 5 bedrooms/
2.75 baths
Approx. Size: 2,400 – 2,550 SF
Price: From the \$600's
Sales Begin: September 2006

To learn more about Montage's upcoming projects, go to our new web site at www.montagedev.com. If you would like to add your name to our "Interest List," please call us at (818) 758-2202.



Sold Out!

Our Glade Village, Plummer Village and Remmet Village neighborhoods are completely sold out! Glade Village is an 18 home community in Canoga Park, Plummer Village is an 11 home development in North Hills, and Remmet Village is a 6 home neighborhood in Chatsworth.