

North Central Open House

■ Sanitation's North Central Yard hosts an open house for families and neighbors. Recycling is emphasized.

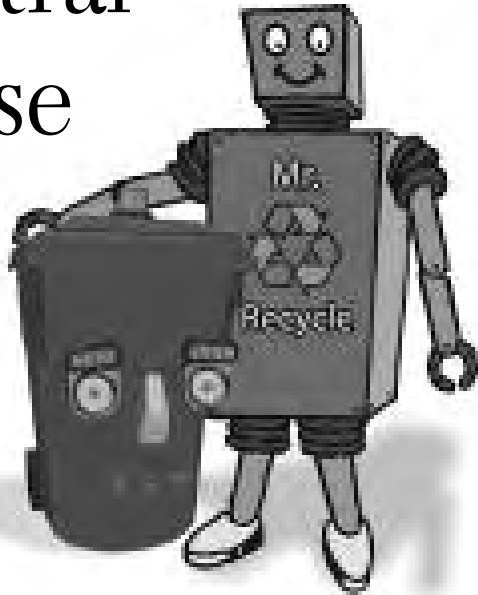
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

PUBLIC WORKS — The North Central District Yard of the Bureau of Sanitation hosted its annual open house June 2. The yard is at 452 San Fernando Road in the San Fernando Valley.

Showcased were the various refuse trucks they use on a daily basis, giving the public a chance to see how the trucks operate.

"We want to show our appreciation to our customers for their cooperation in working with us to ensure efficient and safe collection of their refuse, green waste and recyclables," said Sal Miranda, Solid Resource Manager I who coordinates the open house program, "and to show them what happens to the contents of their containers once we take them away. Our key message is to encourage recycling, and we want to make the open house an educational and fun experience both for adults and children."

The Club thanks Andriana Nunez for assisting us in producing this article.



Mike Solis, Supervisor and coordinator of the open house, 23 years of service.



From left: Roland Gonzalez, Equipment Mechanic, 5 years of service; Jose Gonzalez, Equipment Mechanic, 8 years of service, Club Member since 2004; Rick Pinon, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years of service; Eric Ceballos, Garage Attendant, 7 years of service, Club member since 2005; Miguel De Anda, Garage Attendant, 5 years of service, Club member since 2003; and Marin Hernandez, Equipment Mechanic, 5 years of service, Club member since 2003.



Jose A. Rosas, Refuge Truck Operator II, 6 years of service, is the facility tour guide for the public.



From left: Nanette Tavella, Accounting Clerk, 1.5 years of service; and Herlinda Rodarte, Chief Clerk, 13 years of service.



Mateo Jimenez, Maintenance Laborer, 1 year of service.



From left: Russell Harris, Truck Driver, 20 years of service, Club Member since 1989; and his wife, Laurel.



From left: Sal Miranda, Solid Resource Manager I; and Robert Sosa, supervisor, 17 years of service.



From left: Desmond Gardner, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years of service; and Carlos Rodriguez, Maintenance Laborer, 8.5 years of service.



Kenny Fox, Refuge Truck Operator, 20 years of service, Club Member since 2005.



From left: New Latt, Accounting Clerk, 1.5 years of service; and Cathleen Chavez, Multifamily Residential Recycling Program Manager, 6 months of service.



From left: Matthew Ellis with his dad, Quintin Ellis, Refuge Truck Operator, 17 years of service, Club Member since 1994.



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Abbassi Made Permanent GM

■ Pouria Abbassi becomes full General Manager of Convention Center. Previously he was Interim General Manager.



Pouria Abbassi

CONVENTION CENTER — Pouria Abbassi was appointed as the new General Manager of the Convention Center (LACC) March 19 by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Mr. Abbassi, who has served as interim general manager of the LACC

convention center," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Chair of the City Council's Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee. "I know that he will continue to serve the department and the City with dedication and professionalism."

Chief among Mr. Abbassi's immediate goals for the Convention Center is to transition the facility to the DWP's green power program. As part of the program, the Convention Center will run on 20 percent green-generated power this spring, with a goal of operating with 100 percent green power by the end of the next fiscal year.

The Convention Center is also in the process of becoming one of the few national venues to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

Prior to joining the Convention Center, Mr. Abbassi served as Senior Technology Analyst for the Chief Administrative Officer, conducting cost/benefit analysis and reviewing the budgeting, financing and implementation of over \$100 million of information technology-related projects.

His broad professional experience includes work in project engineering, debt financing and environmental analysis. He played a key role in designing and implementing the City's Automated Recycling, Refuse and Yard Trimming Curbside Collection programs.

Mr. Abbassi holds advanced degrees in engineering and executive business management from UCLA and is a registered professional mechanical engineer in the State of California. Mr. Abbassi lives in Tarzana with his wife and two children.

since June 2006, was chosen after a three-month national search to fill the post.

"The Los Angeles Convention Center is one of the leading convention centers in the nation and it will play an integral role in our downtown revitalization," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "Pouria's energetic and results-oriented management style makes him the clear choice to lead our convention center. There is no doubt in my mind that Pouria is the right candidate to maximize the potential of this economic engine for our City."

Mr. Abbassi has been at the LACC since 2000 and has served as Executive Assistant General Manager and Chief Operating Office of the facility. He has been employed in various departments of the City since 1991. His appointment is subject to City Council approval.

"I am greatly impressed with Mr. Abbassi's enthusiasm and unique approach to continuing to enhance the many services provided by our