

PUBLIC WORKS

# Open House Roundup: West Valley

Sanitation hosts its annual yard open houses, focusing on recycling.



Residents take photos with Recycle Robot and his friends.



Richard Guzman 19 years of City service, Club Member, cooks hot dogs and hamburgers.



Miguel Lopez, RCTO, 22 years of City service, show Anto Chahmelikian a semi-automated vehicle.



Ray Rice, Sweeper Mechanic 29 years of City service, Club Member, with Edley Rondinone, Parts Store Keeper, 27 years.



Learning how to planting tomato plants are residents Michael, 5, and Tylea, 4.



Barron, 7, and Byron, 6, enjoy some hot dogs.



Juan Tabares Truck Operator, 12 years of City service, Club Member, gives Daryl Crone and his family a ride around the district yard in one of the satellite vehicles.



Refuse Collection Truck Operators, from left; Rick Miner, Retired, 30 years of City service, Club Member; Al Guidry, Retired, 33 years, Club Member; Richard Guzman, 19 years, Club Member; and Felix Alonso, 24 years, with West Valley Supervisor James Moore, 24 years, Club Member; Supervisor Daniel McKay, 18 years; and Supervisor Kenney Lampton, 30 years, Club Member.



LA's Clean Mascot, Robbie Recycle, dances with a refrigerator.



Jaden and Mason 3, enjoy the open house.

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Sanitation's West Valley Yard held its annual Open house May 18.

The annual open house is set up mainly to educate the public on Sanitation's operations. The importance of the Open House is to have an open dialogue as well as letting the public bring family and friends to just enjoy themselves while sharing in "giveaway" game prizes, food and drink, rides and music. It's just a great day out!

The great thing about who comes to our Open House is, Sanitation never knows how many different people will show up, from the daily resident customers to City Council representatives, newspaper reporters, neighborhood representatives, or church groups.

Those who helped setting up – the West Valley Supervisors and drivers and mechanics, also gave tours of the yard and equipment, cooked the food, and welcomed the guests. LA Conservation Corps volunteers helped with various jobs from setup and distribution of trees, also cleaned up and did a wonderful job. Radio Disney was also present.

The West Valley Yard extends a simple thank you to everyone who attended and participated.

General Services/Fleet Services (West Valley District) also participated.

Thanks to all the West Valley employees, who each and every morning get up to do their job. This includes the box truck operators picking up E-waste and white goods, to the

semi-auto drivers and full-size automated truck operators, our front loader drivers picking up bulky items, and our D.A.C. vehicle operators. It also includes maintenance laborers, truck operators, clerical staff, frontline supervisors, and General Service maintenance staff, shop mechanics, sweeper mechanics and the supply storekeeper. All of these people are vital in keeping the operation running fluidly with professionalism.



Daniel Denering, Superintendent, Solid Waste, talks about mulch and its many uses.



Neighbors Sally Wood and Henry Wood enjoy the open house with Truck Operator Tim Moen, 22 years of City service, Club Member.



Roy Jimenez, Mechanic, General Services, 13 years of City service, Club Member, in front of one of the automated trucks on display. Also shown: visitors Natalie, Peter, Jerod, David and Nathen.



With Steve Tennet driving, Nathen, Rob and Blake Santos ride the DAC truck.



Steve Tennet, Truck Operator, 6 years of City service, demonstrates the "Lightning Loader" to Fletcher B., 9.



Sanitation trucks give residents a short ride in the yard. A line is forming.



The Radio Disney kids at the West Valley open house.



Truck Operator Tim Moen, 22 years of City service, Club Member, shows the front loader to Mattan Firouzatala and Dad Payam.



Kyle and Aiden Colavitti 2, enjoy a ride around the yard with Miguel Anguiano, Mechanic, General Services, West Valley 7 years of City service, Club Member.



David Rader, 3 years of City service, shows the operations of the rear loader to Tom Walker and Johannie Walker, 3.



James Moore, Supervisor, 24 years of City service, Club Member, gives a tour to the Boys Scouts of America Pack 229 from Encino.



Hector Juarez, 18 years of City service, Club Member, helps demonstrate a semi-automated vehicle with Dominique and Anthony, 3.



From left: Edith and Gary Sibert, parents of Brian Sibert, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, 25 years of City service; and Yvette Moore, wife of Refuse Collection Supervisor James Moore, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Tony Morris and Kirk Johnston from the LA Conservation Corps, with neighbors Amy Crofoot and Cameron, checking out the full-size automated vehicle.