

...to identify, discuss, and resolve problems and issues within our community...

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Join Us At  
**Our 7th Annual  
Yard Party**  
**Saturday, Aug 2nd**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Dave & Terry Beauvais' Home**  
17515 Horace St.  
See OGHRC President's Message for further information

**OGHRG President's Message - Hot Time, Summer in the City**

Four major topics of interest this month. First, you will find a flyer for a community workshop regarding the Knollwood/Granada Hills Community and Specific Plan in the newsletter. This is another, and perhaps our last opportunity to provide input to the planning department during the review process. The workshop is on July 29, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Granada Hills Charter High School, Highlander Hall. Don't worry; you don't have to sit through a three and a half hour workshop. Just show up any time during those hours and give your views, comments and ideas to planning department officials.

Second, an update on the unlicensed, unsupervised group home on Horace Street. The Ad Hoc Committee held a block meeting on July 14, 2007. We passed out flyers to residents in the immediate area around the group home. We had about twenty-five residents present; they ranged in age from a toddler to one of our oldest residents, who has lived in her home for almost sixty years. We gave everyone some background information about OGHRC, and how the Ad Hoc Committee was formed.

Committee members then discussed various issues we face with this unlicensed facility. For instance, we advised the residents that there have been nineteen paramedic calls, and eight police calls to this address since the first of the year. One of those paramedic calls involved a death at the facility. After a question and answer period, we discussed how we can all document events at this facility, and how to continue to build a file with LAPD. We will coordinate reports on the OGHRC website on a discussion thread in the feedback section. We will continue to coordinate our efforts with our Senior Lead Officer and Neighborhood Prosecutor. And we will continue to pursue legislative remedy at the city and state level.

Next, in this edition of the newsletter, you will find an envelope. If you have not done so already this year, we hope you will use the envelope to submit your annual dues. Dues for this organization have not changed in eight years, they are ten dollars per person, or twenty dollars per household. Normally I nag about submitting dues in the first three months of the year. But

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Local Neighborhood and Community Organizations

There are several grassroots and other volunteer organizations within Granada Hills. Their function is to promote public participation in government and encourage elected officials to be more responsive to local needs. Some groups share similarities and others have a more narrow focus of responsibilities. Below is a brief description and summary of each group that will hopefully serve to clarify some uncertainty and confusion that have been expressed by our members:



**Old Granada Hills Residents' Group** is a grass roots, nonprofit residents' organization, Founded in 2001. Members are residents/business owners who live/own businesses within Old Granada Hills.

Boundaries: Rinaldi St on the north, Louise Ave on the east, Devonshire St on the south, Lindley Ave/Aliso wash on the west. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at Granada Hills Charter High School, Rawley Hall, from 7:00-8:30 PM. There are currently 7 volunteers serving as Board of Directors (listed on front page of this newsletter. President: Dave Beauvais. Website: www.oldgranadahills.org



**Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council** is a Los Angeles City sponsored organization, certified on 1/17/06. Stakeholders are those who live, work or own property within area.

The Council is allocated a yearly budget of \$50,000 by the City from your tax dollars. Boundaries: 118 frw on the north; 405 fwy on the east; Devonshire St on the south; Lindley, Aliso Canyon Wash on the west. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of most months, First Baptist Church of Granada Hills, 11011 Hayvenhurst Ave, from 7:00-9:30 PM. There are 23 volunteers serving as Board of Directors. President: Jim Summers. Website: www.ghsnc.org

**Planning and Land Use Committee** is a subcommittee of the GHSNC. Members are appointed by Jim Summers, GHSNC president. Representatives from the OGHRC Zoning and Density Committee attend meetings on a regular basis. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at Coldwell Banker, 10324 Balboa Blvd, from 7:00-9:30 PM. Committee Chair: John Seletos.

**Granada Hills Specific Plan Design Review Board** established 1/08 as required by our Specific Plan. 7 volunteer Board Members have been appointed by Councilman Greig Smith. Depending upon the availability of cases for review, meetings are generally scheduled the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Town Hall, 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Committee Chair: John Wheatkamp.

All meetings listed above are open to the public. At each of these meetings, many very important items that impact our community are discussed such as Community/Specific Plan updates; proposed development (commercial/residential); applications for liquor licenses; LAUSD new school construction/adequate parking; group homes; graffiti task force/abatement; beautification projects; future trails; illegal signs; blight; nuisance crimes; access to city services; etc.. After a thorough review and discussion, position statements or decisions are voted upon and forwarded to the appropriate city agency for further action/follow-up. You (members of the community) are invited to attend meetings and your involvement is highly encouraged! Many of these items that are reviewed affect each and every one of us, personally. Don't forget "organizations are built on the participation of its volunteers". So please join us in helping make Granada Hills a better place to live! *Maria Fisk*



this year, we really need everyone to step up and support this organization. For the last two years we have operated in the red. We will not continue

as an organization unless we turn that ink from red to black. The Executive Board has taken action to reduce expenses, but the other part of that equation is that we also have to increase income. Please, when you finish this article, pick up your checkbook, write the check, place it in the envelope, affix a stamp and mail it.

Finally, don't forget our **7th Annual Yard Party on Saturday, August 2nd..** Terry and I are looking forward to hosting the party this year. As usual, this will be a potluck event, with each resident bringing their favorite dish. OGHRC will furnish the meat, beverages, and dinnerware. Please give us a call at 818-831-2318 or email to davebeauvais@verizon.net and let us know what you intend to bring (so we don't end up with too many deserts and not enough salads). We already have a few responses, but don't wait until the last minute; call or email us now while you are thinking about it.

*Dave Beauvais*

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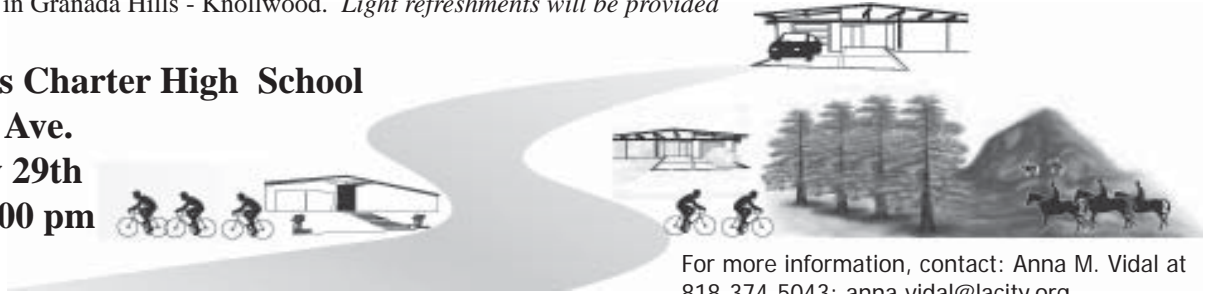
*You're*  
invited to the **Granada Hills**  
**Knollwood** Community Plan Workshop



Help create a Granada Hills - Knollwood Community Plan that will maintain a small town atmosphere that is primarily residentially oriented, will sustain and protect quality residential areas and historic resources, increase and enhance its recreational area and improve its commercial and multi-family areas.

Please attend anytime between **4:30** and **8:00** pm and give the Planning Department your input on how to affect positive change in Granada Hills - Knollwood. *Light refreshments will be provided*

**Granada Hills Charter High School**  
**10535 Zelzah Ave.**  
**Tuesday, July 29th**  
**4:30 pm to 8:00 pm**



For more information, contact: Anna M. Vidal at 818-374-5043; anna.vidal@lacity.org

**Mosquito Spray...Worth a try?**

I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used



it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it.....Pass it on.

OUR FRIEND'S COMMENTS: I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works - in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought a bottle that cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of Bug-spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days. Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames, and even inside the dog house. *from the internet, submitted by Hal Singer*

**Recently Sold Homes**

10536 Shoshone	\$389,000	11227 Yarmouth	\$525,000
17044 Tribune	\$349,000	11314 White Oak	\$650,000
17324 Ludlow	\$410,000	17821 Horace	\$700,000
17103 Los Alimos	\$356,000	11114 Amestoy	\$410,000
11588 Yarmouth	\$1,300,000	17835 Minnehaha	\$535,000

Courtesy; Marla Rhoades, Realtor 818 571-0678  
Information from the SoCalMLS is believed to accurate but not guaranteed

**Exercise?**

Think of riding a bicycle to save gas or get some exercise? Going to a gym for aerobics or to work out on those machines? Want to try something that might be new to you, but has been around for a long time? Try Skateboarding.



Pedlow Skate Park offers a skate camp and one-day classes where participants can learn how to sharpen their skills, learn new tricks, and learn to be safer skaters. One-day skate classes every Saturday for

Participants of any skill level can attend the skate camp on a per-day or per-week basis, weekdays from 9:00 am to noon, through August 29.

Participants in any of the classes or the camp must bring their own skateboard and safety equipment. Children under 18 years old must have an adult sign a waiver in person.

**Pedlow Skate Park 17334 Victory Blvd. Encino**

For more information, please call (818) 756-8501 or email Megan.Cottier@lacity.org.



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Coming Events



July 29: City Planning Dept Community Plan workshop; 4:30 - 8:00 Granada High; see article

Aug 2: Yard Party, see info in this newsletter

Aug 5: LAPD Devonshire Division National Night Out; "Picnic in the Park";

Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks; across from the station at Etiwanda and Devonshire; 6:00-10:00pm

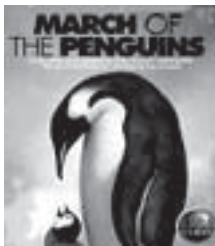
Aug 8: Free movie in the Park - March of the Penguins; Balboa Sports Center, Encino; 8:00pm

Aug 14: Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, 7:00pm First Baptist Church; 11011 Havenhurst

Aug 14: 17A45 Neighborhood Watch; 7:00pm St. Nicholas Greek Church, Balboa and Plummer.; Interim SLO

Aug 21: 17A25 Neighborhood Watch; 7:00pm St. Euphrasia Church, 11766 Shoshone Ave.; SLO Dario Del Core

Free Movies in the Park



The August movie of the season will be "March of the Penguins" on August 9th. Bring picnics, blankets and chairs for a night of family-friendly fun outdoors. (No alcohol, pets, or BBQ's please) As always, free popcorn. The movie begins at 8:00 and

is at Balboa Sports Center, Encino. For more information, please call Councilman Smith's office at (818) 756-8501 or email Megan.Cottier@lacity.org.

Wanted

Someone interested in helping the OGHRG and the Board of Directors with the public relations functions. A representative will focus on maintaining and growing the viability of Old Granada Hills Residents' Group. Contact Dave Beauvais at 818-831-2318 or email at davebeauvais@verizon.net

- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

Singer's Zingers - SELECTION

In a recent article for this column, I noted that neither of the two current candidates for president have one week of executive experience evidenced in their respective resumes. Yet, they are seeking election to the number one executive position in the free world, President of the United States of America. To the best of my knowledge, there isn't as much of a requirement as a grade school education.

Isn't it odd that medical doctors, dentists, attorneys, realtors, insurance brokers, optometrists, etc. have specific educational requirements to satisfy in addition to passing qualifying examinations plus a degree of supporting vocational experience. Hence, I would like to suggest to our overpaid members of Congress to pass a law incorporating some of the following as a prerequisites for anyone seeking the office of President or Vice President of our country.

1. A bare minimum of six years serving as governor of a state or mayor of a city with a population of at least 2,000,000 or more people.
2. A degree from an accredited college or university with emphasis on such subjects as accounting, speech, arbitration, marketing, political science, labor relations, real estate and property law.
3. Complete financial history including disclosure and acquisition thereof.
4. A public meeting before a committee hearing, comprised of a Supreme Court Judge, head of the FBI, head of the C+ IA, Senate Majority leader, House Minority leader, Chairmen of the Federal Reserve Board.
5. At least two years service in the military since the President is Commander & Chief of the Armed Forces of the USA.

Since our vote basically endows the President with some powers of life and death, I believe the applicant thereof should be willing to "lay it all out on the line" and thereby deserve the inherent public confidence that the position warrants.

- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

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**Crime Definitions**

**Burglary:** (breaking or entering) The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted forcible entry is included. *[if items were taken from your home when no one was there, you were technically not robbed, you were burglarized]*

**Grand Theft Auto (GTA):** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

**Theft from Vehicle (BFMA; BTFV):** The theft of articles from a motorized vehicle, whether locked or unlocked.

**Personal/Other Theft:** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples include thefts of bicycles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force and violence or by fraud.

**Robbery:** The taking or attempting to take of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault:** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

**Rape:** The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Rapes by force and attempts or assaults to rape, regardless of the age of the victim, are included.

**Vandalism:** To willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disfigure, or deface any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law. Attempts are included.

**Vagrancy:** The violation of a court order, regulation, ordinance, or law requiring the withdrawal of persons from the streets or other specified areas; prohibiting persons from remaining in an area or place in an idle or aimless manner; or prohibiting persons from going from place to place without visible means of support. *Compiled with information from the Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Program*

Devonshire Division Crime Stats  
6/15 thru 7/12

Homicide ....0	Burglary ..... 76
Rape ..... 0	GTA ..... 45
Robbery ..... 30	BFMV ..... 120
Aggravated	Personal/
Assault ..... 23	Other theft ..96
Shots fired .. 7	Arrests ..... 321

Data from LAPD website COMPSTAT section

**Tamara's Column - Millicent R. Ford**

We all know the residents of Old Granada Hills like to stay around for a long time, but what about the businesses? As one drives down Chatsworth Street, the epicenter of Granada Hills' commerce, one specialty shop in particular should come to mind as the "pioneer" for longevity.

Granada Hills Florist, a family business owned by Millicent R. Ford, has been located on Chatsworth since it's creation in 1954.

"I'm the old timer on Chatsworth now," Millicent says, who started the business with her mother. "I've lasted longer than anyone else."



Millicent, who lived in Granada Hills for 25 years (and in the valley her entire life), not only runs the business, but also buys the flowers, creates the marketing, waits on customers, answers the phone, and does all of the bookwork. She even dropped off the flowers door to door in her younger years.

"I love taking care of everything," says Millicent, whose motto at the shop is 'We Deliver the Goods.'

December through June are the busiest months at Granada Hills Florist. The shop specializes in arrangements for weddings, proms, birthdays, anniversaries, fairs, churches, and much more. The flowers range in style and color and include roses, daisies, carnations, hydrangeas, lilies, mums, and sun flowers.

"I am never tired of flowers, ever," she says.

What is the most popular flower?

"The red rose, no question about it," she says.

In her free time, Millicent enjoys gardening and being out in the yard. She loves flowers and plants and working at the flower shop. She also enjoys discussing politics.

Millicent has three children, four grandchildren, and three great grand children. She also has a dog, Amy, who travels to the shop with her everyday.

Millicent is a member of the Old Granada Hills Residents' group, has volunteered for the Rotary Club, and has been a member of the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce for 54 years.

She is also the Honorary Fire Chief for the Granada Hills Parade.

"If you last long enough, they don't know what else to do with you," Millicent says jokingly.

"Granada Hills has the same charm that it had 54 years ago," she says. "There has been an excellent heritage throughout the years." *Millicent Ford has been one of the longest continuous supporters of this newsletter. Next time you want some flowers stop by Granada Hills Florist at 17637 Chatsworth St. and meet Millicent in person. Editor*



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**Old Granada Hills Residents' Group is a non profit organization of volunteers and concerned residents of our community. In our 8th year, we are a voice well known to our elected representatives with issues that affect us all - please join us.**

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