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Next Meeting is: **Wednesday, June 2nd, 2010**

**7:00 pm - 8:45 pm**

**Granada Hills Charter High School- Library**



**Happy Father's  
Day**

**7:00** Introductions - Sign In

**7:05** Reading of Minutes, Agenda Review

**7:10** Community Announcements; News; Updates; Events  
Neighborhood Watch, GHSNC

**7:15** OGHRC Committee Reports  
Financial; Zoning & Density;  
Newsletter; Communication

**7:30 Guest Speaker; Dario Del Core SLO, LAPD**

**8:00** Citrus Sunday, June 13th

**8:15** Cell Tower at Zelzah & San Fernando Mission blvd

**8:20** Annual Yard Party

**8:30** New Business and Wrap Up



*July meeting will be Thursday, July 1st; Guest Speaker, Bonnie Bursk; Law offices of Savin & Bursk*

**OGHRG President's Message**

Tuesday, June 8, is Primary election day. Please get out and vote or send in your absentee ballot. At our May meeting we had Trina Ray, a speaker for the California Clean Money Campaign, explain Proposition 15, the California Fair Elections Act. Trina gave a great presentation, and made the case for public financing of elections.

Proposition 15 is a pilot program that will offer public financing for candidates running for the office of Secretary of State. The pilot program will be in effect for the 2014 and 2018 elections. The pilot will be evaluated and could be extended and expanded by a majority vote of the legislature.

When you consider how much campaign money is sloshing around this state, and how that money corrupts the political process, this should be a no-brainer for a yes vote. The Governor's race alone is going generate well over 100 million dollars between the primary and general campaign.

There is another propositions that I am recommending a NO vote on; Proposition 16. Prop 16 would mandate a two thirds vote by citizens in a municipality to create a municipal electric utility. This proposition is sponsored by PG&E and has been put on the ballot to protect this privately owned electric company. It doesn't affect us in Los Angeles, but statewide it would put a huge roadblock in front of any city that wanted to create its own public electric utility.

Don't forget Citrus Sunday on June 13. This year we are working with Food Forward to designate selected picking sites. If you would like a picking team to gather your fruit, please contact me ASAP. I had these folks strip my trees last year. They did a terrific job, and completely cleaned up afterward. Otherwise, if you are able to pick fruit yourself, or have a family member(s) do it for you, the designated site for donation will be Fire Station 87, which is the new Station just South of Devonshire on Balboa. If you want to volunteer to help collect the fruit at Station 87 on the 13th, please call or email me. *Dave Beauvais*

## June Business Meeting

With July being the first month of our 10th year as an organization, the June meeting will be a time to reflect and project. Let's have an open discussion on where OGHRC should be headed, what projects should we all be involved with. Would you like to see any changes to the operation of organization or the Board of Directors? Any ideas for financial sustainability, fund-raisers, more effective community communication, future meeting topics, newsletter articles.

Specific events and topics coming up include; the summer Yard Party, contributing to Citrus Sunday, thoughts on a cell phone pole at Zelzah and San Fernando Mission.

Please come to the meeting and contribute thoughts and ideas to make Old Granada Hills Residents' Group a strong, cohesive group enabling all of us to maintain and improve our community.

### ALERT

There has been an increase of **home burglaries** in our area making LAPD Devonshire Division the worst in the entire city. Senior Lead Officer Dario Del Core will be at the meeting to explain and what we can do to help control the problem along with what LAPD is doing about it.

## The Valley Fair

This year's Valley Fair will take place beginning Thursday, June 17th and run through Sunday, June 20th at Birmingham Community Charter School in Lake Balboa at Balboa and Victory.

There is a Non-Stop Family Kids Zone featuring; train ride, rock climbing, bungee jump, laser tag, and an obstacle course. It will also have exhibits for home arts, livestock, toy trains, leathercraft and wild science. On going special attractions include; wild about monkeys show, Ag-Venture, cowboy boot camp, pony ride, petting zoo, pig races, and a tractor pull.



Live entertainment includes a magic and comedy shows along with; the Tierra Band, Grammy Award winner Pancho Sanchez, and the Journey Tribute Live Band. Of course there will be the usual carnival rides and concession stands. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. There is special reduced pricing on Thursday and Sunday, Father's Day. The Fair opens at 4:00p on Thursday and Friday, opening at noon on Saturday and Sunday. Parking is free.



**History:** Created by an act of the California State legislature in 1946, the 51st District Agricultural Association has dedicated itself to fulfilling its mission of: "...producing an event preserving the agricultural heritage and enhancing corporate and technological advances, while promoting educational and competitive exhibits and providing wholesome family entertainment"

Information: [info@thevalleyfair.org](mailto:info@thevalleyfair.org) 818-461-9431

## Father's Day

The idea of Father's Day was conceived slightly more than a century ago by Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington, while she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children on a farm. A day in June was chosen for the first Father's Day celebration - 100 years ago, June 19, 1910, proclaimed by Spokane's mayor because it was the month of Smart's birth. The First presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Father's Day was signed into public law, making it permanent, in 1972 by President Nixon.

There are an estimated 67.8 million fathers in the United States with 25.8 of those within a married family having children younger than 18. *U.S. Census Bureau*



**Happy Father's Day  
and  
Congratulations to all Graduates**

## Anti-Terrorism Tip System

The iWATCH system was launched in 2009 by the LAPD as a tool to allow members of the public to report suspicious activity that can help efforts to fight and prevent terrorist attacks.

Like a 21st century Neighborhood Watch, iWATCH brings tips and information from the public into SAR, the LAPD's Suspicious Activity Reporting system developed after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

To access iWATCH visit [LAPDOnline.org/iwatchla](http://LAPDOnline.org/iwatchla)



Drop off at Fire Station 87, Balboa south of Devonshire or other local stations between 10 am to 3 pm. For more detailed information, read Dave Beauvais' Message on the front page.

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## Book Sale - Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Granada Hills Library is having a 2 day used book sale in the Community Room at the Library. From 2-5 in the afternoon on **Friday, June 24th** and from 10-2 midday, **Saturday, June 25th**.



The Friends' Mission is to use our combined resources, ideas, and energies to enhance the library's environment.

The Friends support library programs, services, and cultural events. Programs which instill excitement and love of

reading in patrons of all ages are given priority.

Some of the books being sold are donations. Here is some information for donations to the Library: Donations must be books and materials (CD audiobooks, DVD movies) in EXCELLENT condition. Take them to the Reference Desk at the Granada Hills Branch Library during regular business hours. You will be given a blank receipt for your own evaluation. Please note that the Library does not place a value on donated materials.

The Library may include some of the donated materials in the Library's collection. If not, then the Library will determine if the materials are suitable for the Friends of the Library to sell at a Book Sale. Some materials may be recycled or just given away free to the public.

Please do not leave donated books and materials anywhere at the doorstep or exterior of the Library building.

Not accepted: encyclopedias, materials in poor condition.

**Granada Hills Library 10640 Petit Ave 818-368-5687**

- Avoid foods with "partially hydrogenated fats", a sneaky way of labeling trans fats. And watch saturated fat, it is often used to replace trans fats in food; limit saturated fat intake to 12-20 grams per day. "*Bette Says*"

## Free Movies in the Park



It is the beginning of the summer season and once again that means "Movies in the Park". Thanks to Greig Smith, the free movies in the park series begins with "**Monsters vs Aliens**" on Saturday, June \*\*th. 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 sundown. Holleigh Bernson Park; 20500 Sesnon Blvd.; Porter Ranch \*\*Call 818-756-8501 for date.

## Recently Sold Homes

11020 Encino	\$300,000	17615 Ludlow	\$564,000
10853 White Oak	\$330,000	17744 Horace	\$340,000
17230 Ludlow	\$361,000	11005 Babbitt	\$370,000
10632 Balcom	\$452,400	17229 Donmetz	\$365,000
10334 Aldea	\$430,000	17253 Rinaldi	\$410,000

Courtesy; Marla Rhoades, Realtor 818 571-0678

Information from the SoCalMLS is believed to accurate but not guaranteed

## Coming Events



**June 1:** GH Chamber Gov't Affairs Committee monthly meeting; 11:45AM, Chamber office, 368-3235

**June 2: WEDNESDAY !;**Old Granada Hills Residents' Group Meeting; 7:00 See cover page for agenda

**June 4-7:** Northridge Park Hawaiian Festival; free admission

**June 7:** Bicycle Master Plan meeting; see information in this newsletter

**June 10:** Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, 6:30pm Patrick Henry Middle School, room 41; www.GHSNC.org.

**June :** Free movie in the Park - see article

**June 14:** YMCA Golf Tournament; info in this newsletter

**June 14; Flag Day**

**June 17-20:** Valley Fair at Birmingham High School

**June 20: Father's Day**

**June 21:** Valley Vote meeting; 6:45 Galpin Ford; contact Joe Vitti; javittisr@cs.com

**June 21;** first day of **Summer**

**June 22:** 17A49 Neighborhood Watch 7:00 pm; LAFD Fire Station at Balboa and Devonshire; SLO Janine Angeles

**June 24:** LAPD Devonshire Town Hall Meeting; 7:00p, Shepherd of the Hills, Porter Ranch

**June 24, 25:** Friends of Library Book sale; see article

**June 28:** Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, 7:00pm Kennedy High School; website; www.ghnnc.com

## 50¢ To The Beach



From June 21st through September 6th, you can ride the bus from selected locations in the Woodland Hills area to 3 beaches via Topanga

Canyon Blvd. Fares are 50¢ each way for all children and adults. Senior Citizens - over 60 - and persons with disabilities can ride for 25¢. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. If you are planning a large group trip, please call at least 3 business days in advance, Monday through Thursday, to check space availability. That phone number is 626-458-3909. You can get more information, including a bus schedule, on this LA County service by calling 888-769-1122 or by visiting the website at: www.LAGoBus.info.

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Community Input Wanted

Bicycle riders are invited to participate in the second series of community workshops on the countywide Bicycle Master Plan, currently being developed by the Los Angeles County Public Works Department.



The Master Plan seeks to expand and connect County bikeways, improve existing County bicycle facilities, develop and prioritize a list of proposed new bike ways and bicycle projects, and promote bicycle usage.

The Public Works Department is hosting a 3 series of community workshops to obtain input on the Master Plan.

The second series is underway where workshop participants will have an opportunity to review the input provided to date, and recommend additional bikeways and bicycle facilities for the Plan. June 7th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Topanga Elementary School
141 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd.

For questions, contact County Bikeway Coordinator, Abu Yusuf, at 626-458-3940 or ayusuf@dpw.lacounty.gov



Most graffiti will be removed or painted over within 24-72 hours by calling the West Valley Alliance at 818-885-8885. Or call 311

Northridge Festival



The annual Northridge Community Hawaiian Festival at Northridge Park begins Friday, June 4th and continues through Sunday, June 6th.

All 3 days there will be Carnival rides starting at 4:00 pm, Friday, with wristbands available for unlimited rides. Both Friday and Saturday a 50+ Senior Dance begins at 9:30p. Don't miss the fireworks Friday at 8:45 or the Youth Tennis

Tournament Saturday. There will be an International Stage, a Business and Children's areas as well as a Beer Garden. And of course the Hawaiian Village with Entertainment, Food and Marketplace. It is a popular event with something for everyone to enjoy. Information prior to event: 818-756-8060 or days of event at 818-349-0535.

Student Arts Internships

Los Angeles County has given \$250,000 in grants to arts organizations to support paid internships for college undergraduates this summer. Information about the Arts Internship Program:

- A 10 week paid summer internship (40 hours/week) for 125 full-time undergraduate college students. Students are paid \$350/week to work with a nonprofit arts organization within Los Angeles County. Nonprofits include various performing, presenting, and literary arts organizations, and local agencies. Interns also participate in several educational events.
Undergraduates and graduating seniors may apply. Students must have completed at least one semester of college by June 2010, and be currently enrolled (full-time) in a community college or a four year university.
Graduating seniors are eligible only if they are to complete their undergraduate degree by September 1st, 2010.
Students must either reside in Los Angeles County or attend school in Los Angeles County

Candidates are welcome from all areas of undergraduate study and are not required to have demonstrated a previous commitment to the arts.

Interested students should act as soon as possible as there is stiff competition for a limited number of internships. Go to http://lacountyarts.org/internship.html to see the list of internships available.

The Getty Multicultural Undergraduate Internships program provides internships to Los Angeles Museums and Visual Arts Organizations

Through a related program, the Getty Foundation offers grants to museums and visual arts organizations in Los Angeles County for undergraduate summer internships. Application forms and information about these grants is available online at http://www.getty.edu/foundation/funding/leaders/current/mui\_students.html or by calling 310.440.7320.



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LAPD Devonshire Area Annual

Town Hall Meeting

Hosted by Captains Sean Kane and Maureen Ryan with Sgt. Larry Bavaro and the Senior Lead Officers (SLO's)

Topic:



How to be a Star Witness



Thursday, June 24, at 7:00 PM Shepherd of the Hills Church 19700 Rinaldi, Porter Ranch

**Local High School Choir in the Vatican**

With Performing Arts programs disappearing from school curriculums all over the San Fernando Valley, students flock to Hillcrest Christian School to participate in its internationally renowned Fine Arts Program under the tutelage of award winning choir director Galen Clark.

In the spring of 2006 the high school choir, toured England and Ireland and in the spring of 2008, Germany and Austria. Hillcrest received a letter of congratulations and recognition, from Governor Schwarzenegger for their performance in Vienna.

This spring Clark led the Hillcrest Christian School choir on a 10 day tour of Italy. The 45 Concert Choir members and 15 young ladies from the Women's Chorus held an impromptu concert at the Pantheon. Other trip highlights include singing at the 5:00 mass at St. Peter's Basilica, performing concerts at the Santa Maria Sopra Manerva Cathedral, Santa Stefano Church in Florence, the Duomo in Cremona and lastly in Venice.



Everywhere the students sang they were humbled by the reaction of the audience often filling the entire venue. A comment from a Canadian Art History Professor: "I come here every,"..."(and) take in an average of 10 concerts, mostly American choirs. None have been this good. Your choir is amazing. Your authenticity and musical interpretation is astounding and the languages you sing in amazed me".

Lastly the choir experienced a professional recording session before heading home to Granada Hills for their second semester of study.

The choir also participates in local and national competitions. Multitudes of shining trophies adorn the halls of Hillcrest highlighting their talents.

Music classes are part of the weekly curriculum for all students, kindergarten through 5th grade. Hillcrest also offers an elementary choir and an after school music academy where private and group lessons are available for students interested in learning guitar, piano, drums, violin or brass instruments.

Hillcrest Christian School is now enrolling students for the 2010-2011 school year in grades K-12. Call 818-368-7071 for more information or an enrollment packet.

**Neighborhood Watch**

Devonshire Division is distinguished as having the highest rate of property crimes in the entire city. So much so that extra resources - police officers - are being assigned to Devonshire to combat this problem. Granada Hills near the 118 freeway is a hot area for home break-ins. Criminals are coming from all over the city and county to prey on our area. Most home burglaries occur during the day gaining access to the house through a back window. Often, the thieves will work in teams with someone sitting in a car as a look out and diversion.



They usually hit homes when no one is there. So if there is a knock on your door, at least let them know someone is home, even if you don't want to open the door. If you notice a suspicious car on your street with someone in it. Letting them see you observing them will often result in them leaving. If you can safely get a license number, jot it down. Commercial burglaries are also on the rise.

Breaking into your car is still a problem in this area. Make absolutely sure that there is nothing visible sitting in your car that would attract a criminal. Many of the recent victims have even left a purse visible on the seat.

Sign up for e-policing and receive email alerts and bulletins from your area officers. [www.lapdepolicing.org](http://www.lapdepolicing.org)

Dario Del Core, our senior lead officer will be at the June 2nd meeting to further explain the situation.

**LAPD "TipOff" Line**

If you have any information regarding any suspicious activity or crimes in your neighborhood:



**(877) 527-3247**

The tipoff line is available 24/7 and messages can be left anonymously

**TEXT-A-TIP**

You can also provide anonymous tips through your cell phone if it is set up for text messaging. Text CRIMES (274637) on your cell phone and begin the message with the letters LAPD.

**Free Bulky Item Pickup**



The Bureau of Sanitation will pick-up large or bulky household items, such as refrigerators, mattresses, couches, and other furniture and appliances from all residents serviced by the City of Los Angeles free of charge. Call 3-1-1 at least 2 days before your scheduled collection day to arrange for the items to be picked-up.

**Devonshire Division Crime Stats 4/18 thru 5/15**

Homicide ....0	Burglary ..... 125
Rape ..... 3	GTA ..... 55
Robbery ..... 23	BFMV ..... 147
Aggravated	Personal/
Assault ..... 15	Other theft ..116
Shots fired .. 1	Arrests ..... 443

*Data from LAPD Compstat*

North Valley YMCA 21st Annual

**Kids to Camp Golf Tourna-**  
**Monday, June 14th**  
**Porter Valley Country Club**

Putting contest, Continental  
Breakfast, Lunch, Refreshments  
during Play, Awards Dinner, Hole  
in One Prizes, Gift Bag

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**Old Granada Hills Residents' Group is a non profit organization of volunteers and concerned residents of our community. In our 9th year, we are a voice well known to our elected representatives with issues that affect us all - please join us.**

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