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Next Meeting is:

Thursday, March 6th
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Granada Hills Charter High School- Rawley Hall



- 7:30** Introductions - Sign In
- 7:35** Reading of Minutes,
- 7:40** Community Announcements; News; Updates; Events
- 7:45** OGHRC Committee Reports
Financial; Zoning & Density; Newsletter; Communication
- 7:55** **Guest Speaker; David Brewer III;**
LAUSD Superintendent
- 8:50** New Business and Wrap-up

April meeting will be at Granada High, Thursday, April 3rd;

OGHRG President's Message

This month I want to talk about recycling, and what we can all do to reduce trash going to the Sunshine Canyon landfill just North of us. As you may know, our Councilman, Greig Smith, has spearheaded the RENEW LA initiative, which has a goal of eliminating 90 to 95 percent of the trash going to our landfills over the next 20 years. But 20 years is a long time, and there is a lot we can do as residents to reduce that number in the meantime.

Lets start with the trashcans furnished by the city sanitation department. They come in three colors, green, blue, and black. The green can is for your yard trimmings. This can include grass, weeds, trimmings from trees, bushes, shrubs, ect. The blue can is for recyclable trash. More on that below. The black can is for non-recyclable trash. Trash for this can should be contained in plastic or paper trash bags when possible.

So just what can you recycle now, of effort? First, get organized. There redeem at a local center, and other ma- in your blue barrel.

Here is how I do it. In the garage separate aluminum cans, glass bottles The aluminum cans seem to fill up them, the other two for plastic and is redeemable, look for the recycle logo on the can, or the letters CA CRV on the bottles. When the 55-gallon cans are close to full, I take them to the recycle center in the Albertsons parking lot at Reseda and Devonshire. They give a fair price for all the recyclable containers, and there is usually someone there to help. The center is open Tuesday thru Saturday, the best time to go is early afternoon. You will get a receipt redeemable at Albertsons. I normally get \$15 to \$25 every time I redeem recyclable containers. That comes to about \$100 every year for very little effort.

In the blue container, you can toss tin cans, non-redeemable plastic containers, plastic bags, and paper. Again, a little organization goes a long way. First, tin cans that contained food must be thoroughly rinsed before they are thrown away. Keep a small scrub brush with a handle under the sink for just this purpose. Rinse plastic containers as well. Plastic bags can be stuffed into



and how do you do it with a minimum are containers that you will want to terial that you will simply want to place

I keep four 55-gallon trashcans. I and plastic bottles that are redeemable. the quickest, so I use two trashcans for glass bottles. If you are not sure what

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March Guest Speaker - **DAVID L. BREWER III**; Superintendent, LAUSD



David L. Brewer III is a retired Three-Star Vice Admiral who served 35-years in the United States Navy. He hails from a family of educators and has overseen several educational initiatives during his illustrious military career. On October 12, 2006, Brewer was unanimously selected by the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education to become the 46th superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). He was awarded a four-year contract that took effect November 13, 2006.

Brewer's accomplished leadership skills and history of career successes make him ideal to head the LAUSD, the second largest school district in the United States. As Vice Chief of the Naval Education and Training Command, Brewer spearheaded innovative programs to support students in their academic and personal development. During his tenure, Brewer was responsible for educational programs for hundreds of thousands of sailors and their families, and developed models to provide customized learning by leveraging technology and 21st century teaching strategies to accelerate student learning and deepen comprehension. Under his leadership, Brewer helped develop the Navy College Program and negotiated a contract with 11 colleges, universities and community colleges to provide bachelor and associate degree programs to more than 300,000 sailors.

Brewer's extensive experience managing both large and complex organizations serve him well as superintendent of the LAUSD, which comprises more than 712,000 students, 800 schools, 77,000 employees, and a \$ 7.5 billion budget. In addition, he also oversees the largest public works project in the United States, a \$19.3 billion voter-approved transformation to build new schools and improve existing facilities to reduce overcrowding throughout the District.

With a family tradition of educators, Brewer possesses a passion for public education and a dedication to youth in the U.S. In his role in the Navy, Brewer developed partnerships between the maritime unions and public schools in the San Diego area to motivate students to stay in school and participate in apprenticeship programs. Over the years, he has visited hundreds of high schools across the country to inspire students to stay focused on

their academic goals and to earn their diploma. His message to today's youth: Good Habits + Goals - Drugs = Success.

Charismatic and energetic, with a commanding leadership style, Brewer is focused on transforming the LAUSD into a world-class school district and educating Los Angeles' diverse student population. With proper support and opportunity, he believes all children can learn and achieve academic success regardless of their ethnicity or socio-economic condition. It is Brewer's belief that everyone who lives in Los Angeles, whether they have children in the LAUSD or not, has a stake in the education of children. As he visits school sites and communities throughout Los Angeles, Brewer has made it his mission to enlist everyone he meets to join him in making academic improvements a reality for every child in LAUSD schools.

Brewer heads The David and Mildred Brewer Foundation, a family foundation that provides scholarships for African American students. It is named in honor of his mother, a retired school teacher, and his late father, who taught at Brewer's high school for more than 33 years.

Brewer was born in Farmville, VA., and attended elementary and secondary schools in Orlando, FL. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, TX. He also was a member of the first graduating class of the first Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp unit at Prairie View A&M University. He later earned a Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College in Newport, RI.

During his distinguished naval career, Brewer was honored with the National War College's Distinguished Graduate Leadership Award - 10th recipient, the Navy League of the United States Vincent T. Hirsch Maritime Award, the National Defense Transportation Association's Department of Defense Distinguished Service Award and numerous other military and civilian awards.

Brewer is married to Dr. Richardene "Deanie" Brewer, a middle school teacher, in Loudoun County, Virginia. They have a daughter who resides in New York.

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Coming Events



Mar 4: GH Chamber Gov't Affairs Committee monthly meeting; 11:45AM, Chamber office, 368-3235
Mar 5: Community Plan meeting at Granada High; see article this issue-
Mar 6: Old Granada Hills Residents' Group Meeting; 7:00 See cover page for agenda

Mar 9: Daylight Savings Time; move clocks 1 hour ahead
Mar 13: Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, 7:00pm Tulsa St. Elementary School
Mar 13: 17A45 Neighborhood Watch 7:00 pm St. Nicholas Greek Church, Balboa and Plummer; SLO Ken Cioffi
Mar 15: Spring Egg hunt-O'Melveny Park 10-2
Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day
Mar 17: Valley Vote at Galpin Ford: 7:00
Mar 20: 17A25 Neighborhood Watch; 7:00pm St. Euphrasia Church, 11766 Shoshone Ave.; SLO Dario Del Core
Mar 20: First day of Spring
March 23: Easter Sunday
Mar 31: Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, 7:00pm Van Gogh Elementry School

President's Note - continued from front page

a larger bag with handles. When full, simply tie the handles together, and toss the ball of plastic into the blue can.
 I recycle almost all of our paper. Newspaper, magazines, envelopes, single sheets of paper, everything, including shredded paper goes in the blue can. I use paper sacks with handles to store the paper. When the bag is full, I tie the handles with a small piece of twine. You can also use paper bags without handles, don't fill the bag as completely full, and you can slip another paper bag over the top, enclosing all the paper in the bags. Cardboard boxes are broken or cut up and placed in the blue container.
 I am writing this article on a Monday, and the trash containers are at the curb. My green containers are pretty full (rain plus wind equals lots of oranges on the ground). My blue container was about half-full. My black container had one small lonely bag of trash in it. One. We can all do our part. Recycle, reduce the amount of trash in your black container, and increase the amount in your blue container. Redeem aluminum, plastic and glass bottles and put the money back in your own pocket. *Dave Beauvais*

Recently Sold Homes

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|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| 17078 Kingsbury | \$370,000 | 10919 Lindley | \$670,000 |
| 16358 Flanders | \$518,000 | 10958 Rubio | \$412,000 |
| 11610 Babbitt | \$542,000 | 16345 SF Mission | \$499,000 |
| 11901 Cameo | \$425,000 | 17124 Lorillard | \$500,000 |

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

Granada High Open Enrollment

FOR STUDENTS WHO RESIDE OUTSIDE THE GHCHS ATTENDANCE AREA

March 3rd thru April 4th: Open enrollment applications are available in the Granada Hills Charter High School Attendance Office or on line for the 2008 -2009 School year.

The application deadline is noon on April 4th. Applications will be accepted at the Attendance Office.

Schools for Advanced Studies (SAS) applications are available in the Counseling Office or on line. Submit applications signed by the school of attendance and attach proof of eligibility for the SAS program. Proof of eligibility must show gifted identification and/or the appropriate test scores. The application deadline is noon April 4th. Applications will be accepted at the Counseling Office.

Both applications are available to download at www.ghchs.com beginning March 3rd.


On April 8th, the drawing for both permits will begin in the Attendance Office at 10:00am and will be open to the public. Attendance is not required.


April 11th, is the beginning of notification of selected applicants. A waiting list will be established, and as openings become available, selected students will be notified.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the GHCHS Attendance Office (818) 360-2361 x 331

LAUSD Breakup?

You might want to follow Cameron Smyth's State Assembly bill AB 1865 introduced January 2008. If passed, school districts in the state could not be larger than 50,000 students. With LAUSD having approximately 700,000 students, LAUSD would have to break up into about 15 separate school districts. The bill, coauthored by State Senator George Runner, was referred to the Education Committee and a hearing date now scheduled for March 12th. Go to www.assembly.ca.gov then click on Legislation and enter AB 1865 for current status, history, and the actual bill.

 Easter is the only time when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket.



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GH-Knollwood Community Plan Update

The City of Los Angeles will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in connection with the revision/update of the Granada Hills-Knollwood Community Plan and will be holding a Public Meeting to assist issues to be addressed in the EIR.

**Granada Hills Charter High School
Wednesday, March 5th, 6:30 PM**

During the Scoping Meeting, participants will have the opportunity to provide input to the Granada Hills planners and consultants preparing the EIR.

The Community Plan is intended to guide development by informing the general public of the City's broad planning goals, policies, and objectives, as well as specific development standards for the Community Plan area.

The Community Plan would allocate land for the range of uses that the community will need through 2030, including land for housing, jobs, and recreation, and would improve the link between land use and transportation in a manner that is consistent with the General Plan Framework Element, the Citywide growth strategy. The Community Plan's goals, objectives, policies and programs are specific, action-oriented ideals that the City will promote for the duration of the Plan.

The Community Plan will change zones, amend plan designations and districts, and establish overlay zones, as appropriate. Plan amendments will potentially change or refine plan designations, plan footnotes, and make changes to other Citywide Elements, as necessary. Zone changes (implemented by ordinance) will regulate development standards such as heights of structures, setbacks, lot coverage, density and intensity, open space, use of land, parking, and design.

This Community Plan will replace the existing 1996 Community Plan.

You can visit the planning department's website at <http://cityplanning.lacity.org> to stay informed of the Community Plan progress and view other opportunities to participate. Click on Plans & Ordinances, then New Community Plan Program, and then Granada Hills-Knollwood.

More Information: Anna M. Vidal; City Planning Associate; (818) 374-5043 Anna.Vidal@lacity.org

⚙ The weakness of public opinion is that most people express it only privately.

Village Shopping Center Expansion Approved

Despite massive community opposition, (1200 letters/petitions against, supporters claim 400 mailer cards/letters) along with formal opposition from 3 Neighborhood Councils and OGHRC, Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved the Granada Village Shopping Center expansion. From the outset, our Councilman, Planning Commission, Planning Land Use and Management Committee, and Los Angeles City Council never had a meaningful discussion regarding the flawed traffic/parking studies, Community/Specific Plans & Ordinances that limit the size and configuration of proposed development, improper filing, or legitimate justification for requested variance. Yes, the Planning Commission granted a reduction in setbacks/height, and limited extended hours of operation but the main issues of this case were not thoroughly reviewed at public hearings - the Size and Scope of this project. Our research on the details of this project was also confirmed by other experts, as well.

Legal representative, Mark Sellers, attorney noted:

1. "lack of legally required evidence (a physical land constraint) for a variance to Zone [Q] Conditions (no.3 for maximum 240,000 sq ft center and no.10 for Plot Plan)".
2. "a modification of any zoning Q condition needs a zone amendment, not a variance"

Los Angeles Department of City Planning Officer, Frank Quon noted:

1. "staff recommends that the variance for additional floor area and modification to the plot plan condition be denied due to the incorrect nature of the case filing. Changes to "Q" conditions must be files as a zone change..."
2. "staff could not make findings of approval for the variance request since no physical hardship exists"

For the past year, our community's legitimate concerns have been summarily denied, ignored, and disregarded. There has not been a viable debate on the above issues and still our questions go unanswered:

Why were Ordinances/Community Plans overlooked
What's next? What about the future proposed developments, will our laws matter then?
Why hasn't a smaller Kohl's (68,000 sq ft been considered?
What if Kohl's pulls out- who will move in to a 95,000 sq ft big box structure?




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KCSN Award

Cal State Northridge's acclaimed public radio station, KCSN-FM 88.5 has won its 55th "Golden Mike" award from the Radio and Television News Association of Southern California. The award, for "Best News Reporting," was in Division B, which consists of stations with five or fewer full-time employees in their news division. KCSN's news division is made up of only one full-time employee, News Director Keith Goldstein, and Northridge students majoring in broadcast journalism.

The award was presented to recent journalism graduate Joannes Pamatmat for her four-and-a-half-minute story, "Driving Distractions." Her piece aired on KCSN's 30-minute news program, "The Evening Update," in the spring of 2007, just before she graduated.

KCSN-FM 88.5 is a non-profit, member-supported public radio station broadcasting live from the campus of California State University, Northridge. Since 1987, the station's news division has won more than 400 awards in national, state and regional competitions against professional broadcasters and other university students.

KCSN was recognized by *Los Angeles* magazine as the area's best university-sponsored public radio station. The station, billed as "Arts and Roots Radio," is also one of the last to include classical music in its playlist. To learn more about KCSN-FM 88.5, go to the Web site www.kcsn.org.

Devonshire Division Crime Stats
1/20 thru 2/16

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Homicide0 | Burglary 78 |
| Rape 0 | GTA 76 |
| Robbery 26 | BFMV 156 |
| Aggravated | Personal/ |
| Assault 16 | Other theft ..118 |
| Shots fired .. 4 | Arrests 302 |

Data from LAPD website COMPSTAT section

Neighborhood Watch

How can I report narcotics activity in my neighborhood?

There are several ways to report narcotics activity in your neighborhood. The Field Enforcement Section (FES) of the Narcotics Division (ND) is the entity that handles citizen complaints concerning narcotics activity at the street level. The ND FES is divided into four units which cover the City of Los Angeles: the ND FES Valley Bureau Unit, Central Bureau Unit, West Bureau Unit, and the South Bureau Unit. Each unit is further divided into squads which are assigned to each of the City's 19 geographic Areas. Narcotics activity may be reported by contacting the appropriate Bureau Unit within which a citizen resides. The following number may be used to report narcotics activity in the Valley :

The FES Valley Bureau Unit (encompasses the San Fernando Valley): 818-756-8361.

Additionally, the City provides a "Mayor's Hotline" to report narcotics activity, 1-800-662-BUST. Each City Council District also has field offices that are staffed with field deputies. The field offices are equipped to receive complaints of narcotics activity in neighborhoods. These complaints are channeled to ND where they are assigned to the appropriate FES squad for enforcement action. You can also access the web site of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (www.nida.nih.gov).

Laws regarding Pepper Spray

What is the legal way to use pepper spray? Using pepper spray irresponsibly can incur criminal or civil liability. Spraying an innocent victim in the face is a crime. Much like a punch in the face, it would be charged as an assault or battery in most jurisdictions. The justification of using pepper spray must either be self defense from personal injury or an arrest situation, and the force must be reasonable under the circumstances. For example, the law says you cant lawfully spray someone in the face for using obscene language or because you are simply afraid because they looked mean.



What is the pepper spray law in California? Misuse of pepper spray in California comes with state penalties of up to \$1000 fine and/or up to three years in prison, not to mention a possibly felony conviction on record. Examples of misuse include using pepper spray on people in anger, spraying it as a joke, or possession of pepper spray by prohibited persons. Minors, drug addicts or persons convicted of felonies are generally prohibited from possessing pepper spray. To be legally possessed or used in California, any canister must have a label that says "WARNING: the use of this substance or device for other than self defense is a crime under the law"

- The best defense is a good offense, and the more offensive the better.
- The weaker the defense, the stronger the language.

Tamara's Column - Nancy Norris



With the complexity and changing dynamics of the real estate market, it is important to make sure everything is done correctly.

Nancy Norris, a real estate and business litigation lawyer, specializes in real estate fraud. She works with her clients (buyers, renters, and sellers) in a variety of situations which often includes a breach of

contract or fraud during the sale process.

"I can help people who have been cheated in real estate deals," Nancy says. "There is so much fraud going on right now."

Nancy recalls working on a case where she represented an elderly woman who had been looking to buy a foreclosure. The woman gave a large amount of money to a supposed real estate agent for a property he found her, but he never put the deed in her name.

"This man was defrauding so many people, from Long Beach to Lancaster," says Nancy. "I am glad to see he is now behind bars."

Nancy's husband, Robert Norris, is also a lawyer and has a general practice. Together they work out of the "Law Office of Robert N. Norris," recently relocated to White Oak Ave. Robert was named Granada Hill's "Citizen of the Year" for 2007.

Before practicing law, Nancy graduated from the California State University of Northridge and attended the Southwestern University of Law.

After law school, Nancy worked as an insurance defense lawyer where she represented policy holders. She handled cases involving "slip and falls" for Wal Mart and Vons, and defended self insured entities like the MTA Bus Company. She has taken 7 jury trials to verdict.

In 2004 Nancy started working for herself as a sole practitioner. She also serves as a temporary judge for the Superior Court.

"I have always wanted to be a lawyer," says Nancy of her profession. "I love what I do."

Besides practicing law, Nancy loves reading and has two sons (ages 9 and 12) to keep her busy.

The Norris family enjoys traveling to national parks and plans to go to Yellowstone sometime in the future.

Nancy is glad she both lives and works in Granada Hills.

"Granada Hills is unique and all the people involved in the organizations really care about the area," she says. "I'm so glad I work here now so I can be involved."

Singer's Zingers - FRAUD!

If we were to hire a person to teach at one of the local schools at full salary, we could expect a full-time effort as designated contractually. If that person chose to spend the majority of their time trying to better themselves in another position while accepting our remuneration, I believe that borders on fraud.

Well -- we currently have three U.S. Senators doing just that ! Obama Barack, Hillary Clinton and John McCain for the past nine months or so have, at best, exerted little effort as legislators for which they were elected. However, each one of them accepted their \$168,000 annual salary last year. If they worked only one-fourth of the contractual time, they each owe the taxpayers \$168,000 (times three is a half million dollars), I know of nowhere in their job descriptions that calls for efforts to seek higher office at the taxpayers expense.

I am sure that one time or another each one of them has alluded to their personal integrity. It seems to me if they want to exert a part time effort we should only have to pay them a *part time salary*.

Stamp Increase



Stock up on 1¢ stamps. First class postage will rise to 42¢ on May 12th. It was just last May, 2007, that stamps went from 39¢ to the current 41¢. Look for increases every May due to a law that went into effect in 2006.

The Postal Service is allowed to increase rates with 45 days notice as long as the changes are within the rate of inflation for the previous 12 months.

\$1,000 Reward

Illegal dumping harms the environment and defaces our neighborhoods. If you see illegal dumping, you can report it by calling 3-1-1. If your tip leads to an arrest and conviction, you could receive \$1,000 from the City.

Don't know how to dispose of your own bulky items? Call 3-1-1 and the Bureau of Sanitation will come by and pick up those large items such as mattresses, couches, and other furniture.

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Saturday, March 15, 2008, 10am - 12pm O'Melveny Park 17300 Sesnon Blvd. City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks

FREE Spring Egg Hunt

Children are grouped based on ages: 5 and under; 6-8; and 9-12.

Photos with bunny, moon bounce, and face painting available for a small fee. Refreshments and food will be available for purchase.

Women's History Month

National Women's History Month's roots go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the president has issued a proclamation.

As of October 1, 2007, there are 153.6 million females in the United States. Males number 149.4 million.

Irish-American Heritage Month

Originally a religious holiday to honor St. Patrick, who introduced Christianity to Ireland in the fifth century, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a celebration for all things Irish. The world's first St. Patrick's Day parade occurred on March 17, 1762, in New York City, featuring Irish soldiers serving in the English military. President Truman attended the parade in 1948, a proud moment for the many Irish whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and prejudice to find acceptance in America. Congress proclaimed March as Irish-American Heritage Month in 1995, and the president issues a proclamation each year.

There are 36 million U.S. residents that claim Irish ancestry which is almost 9 times the population of Ireland itself.

Notice Something New?



As part of the Business Improvement District (BID) plan, 63 street light poles along Chatsworth Street and Zelzah were recently adorned with decorative scroll brackets.

These powdered coated steel enhancements were built and installed by Sequoia Lighting of La Habra and are believed to be the first installation of add on decorations of street lighting in the city of Los Angeles.

You won't see the brackets on the street lights that have traffic signals on them, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has a different set of rules. BID is also in the process of getting all the Lighting Poles cleaned up and painted black.

Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce

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Well Deserved Recognition

Two of Old Granada Hills Residents Group Founding Members were honored as Nominees for the Gil Benjamin Citizens of the Year Award at the recent Installation Dinner for the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Maria Fisk, (chair of the Zoning and Density Committee) was honored as a nominee for Citizen of the Year. Maria is an expert in the zoning laws, ordinances and the community plan that affect our neighborhood. Maria has given up her own time to familiarize herself with the planning process. Maria's credibility in the area of planning and zoning is unsurpassed. There is no single individual who works harder to keep this group informed of building plans that affect our neighborhood.

Jim Summers (founding member and President of GHSNC) was honored as a nominee for Citizen of the Year. Jim has devoted countless hours and significant amounts of his own money to protecting our neighborhood against the onslaught of unbridled development. Jim is driven by a sincere love of this neighborhood. Jim's dedication to preserving the quality of life we enjoy in Old Granada Hills is unsurpassed.

Maria Schwarz and Jake Parunian (Kenn Cleaners) were also honored as nominees. Maria makes a difference in a number of groups including the Granada Hills Woman's Club, and St. John De La Salle Church. Jake has generously supported this community for over 30 years.

... And now for the Winner of the Gil Benjamin Citizen of the Year Award: This resident is also well deserving of the award. Cheryl Ford is also very active in making Granada Hills a better place to live. Cheryl is in charge of the Granada Hills Business Improvement District; was instrumental in installing the wrought iron benches, and the medium strips along Chatsworth Street. Cheryl has also chaired the Granada Hills Street Faire for the last 3 years, to name just a few of her accomplishments. Congratulations Cheryl!

These nominees all deserve much credit for their hard work and the time they volunteer to our community every single day. The nominees were honored at the Granada Hills Chamber Installation Dinner at the Odyssey on Friday February 8, 2008. *Nancy Norris*

OGHRG Board of Directors

Nominations for the Old Granada Hills Residents' Group Board of Directors will be conducted at the March 6th meeting. Any member in good standing may nominate a fellow member, or themselves, for the Board. There are seven (7) Board positions. In accordance with the by-laws, the Board of Directors will then select the Officers for the next two-year term.

- He who says nothing, says nothing wrong; he who does nothing, does nothing right.
- Half the world, dissatisfied with what it has, doesn't know how the other half can be satisfied with what it hasn't.



March 2008

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Old Granada Hills Residents' Group is a non profit organization of volunteers and concerned residents of our community. In our 7th year, we are a voice well known to our elected representatives with issues that affect us all - please join us.

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