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Wednesday, June 1st, 2011

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Granada Hills Charter High School- Rawley Hall



Happy Father's Day

- 7:00** Introductions, Disclaimer
- 7:05** Reading of Minutes, Agenda Review
- 7:10** Community Announcements; News; Events
- 7:15** OGHRG Committee Reports
Financial; Zoning and Density; Newsletter
- 7:20 Guest Speaker; Sharon Mountford**, Genealogy; find your heritage through the internet
- 8:10** Updates and reports: Naming of Hospital High; Citrus Sunday
- 8:20** New Business and Wrap-up

July meeting is July 7th, Granada Hills Charter High School

OGHRG President's Message

Change in Meeting Date: Please note the change in our meeting date this month; we will be meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at our usual 7:00 p.m. start time. This is due to graduation ceremonies scheduled at GHCHS on June.2nd. We have a terrific guest speaker lined up, please plan on attending.

Citrus Sunday May 15: Our Sixth annual Citrus Sunday was held on Sunday, May 15 at Granada Hills Charter High School, who held their own student drive prior to the Sunday event. In addition to the GHCHS, we had eight other drops points sponsored by Neighborhood Councils and other local organizations. Together, we collected an astounding 18 tons of fresh citrus fruit for food banks throughout the San Fernando Valley.

I want to give special thanks to Bob and Gayle Biava, who worked the second shift of the drive, and to Richard Fisk and Raymond Kitamura who provided transportation. Additionally, Sean Rivas, Sally Kolstad, Debbie Wubben, Bob Stevens, and Brandon Schindelheim from the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council participated. And we could not have done it without Megan Lim and her army of Key Club volunteers from GHCHS who helped sort and load the fruit as it came in throughout the day and at the end of the event. I also want to thank Ralph's Market, located at Zelzah and Chatsworth for donating 200 unused boxes for the event.

Still waiting on a vote for the **Community Care Ordinance:** On April 5, 2011, the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) voted unanimously to send the Community Care Ordinance to the full city council for a vote. We have now learned that it will take a simple majority (8 votes) rather than a 2/3 vote to pass. This motion has wound its torturous path through two major rewrites in Planning, four hearings before the Planning Commission and two hearings before the PLUM.

The motion was originated by Councilman Smith after requests from OGHRG and GHSNC. Even though Councilman Smith is 100% behind this ordinance, he needs to hear from you. Opponents to this ordinance are flooding Council Offices with phone calls and emails in a last ditch effort to kill it. Phone Councilman Smith at 213- 473-7012 or 818-756-8501 or email him at Councilmember.Smith@lacity.org. Tell him you are in favor of the ordinance and thank him for his initiative and support on this issue. Additionally, if you have friends or relatives in other Council Districts,

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June Guest Speaker - Sharon Mountford

Sharon Mountford has been an amateur genealogist for 25 years. Her mother had done extensive research and left her with three "problem women" to find. Those found, she created dozens of new "problem people" who have kept her occupied ever since. Every time you find one ancestor, of course, you have two new people to trace.

The advent of the internet has drastically changed, at least the introductory steps, in establishing your family tree. However, the world wide web has become so clogged with information that it is often difficult to locate a good point to start looking. Mrs. Mountford will share what she has learned about negotiating the internet to find your ancestors and will try to help you avoid some of the pitfalls and bogus information that floats in cyberspace.

If you would like to be part of the demonstration, come equipped with the data you know about your immediate forebears. Someone living in 1880 is a great starting point.

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contact them and ask them to call their respective Councilperson in support of this ordinance. The word is that this may be a very close vote.

Hospital High Update: LAUSD held a meeting with interested members of the public to come up with names for the Valley Regional High School #4. Richard Fisk and I both attended. Three names were recommended; James Cagney Academy of Arts and Science; DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science; and Valley Academy of Arts and Science. I submitted the James Cagney name, as he was a resident of Granada Hills and a recognized giant in the motion picture industry.

Although we were told that these would be the names considered, a second meeting has now been scheduled for May 26 to consider other names. While I don't have a problem considering additional names for the school, it would be nice if LAUSD could put together a plan and then stick to it. The next step is to let folks vote on the names at a meet and greet to be held at the school on June 2, 2011. Of course, if five or six names are submitted, there is going to be no clear consensus or winner, and we will be back to square one. We will keep you posted.

Annual Yard Party: Our annual yard party will be held on Saturday, July 23 at the home of Brian and Cheryl Ford. As always, this will be a pot luck affair with OGHARG furnishing the meat, drinks and soft goods and members bringing salads, side dishes and desserts. More detail on this event next month, but mark your calendars now. This will be the second time the Ford's have hosted, and those of you who attended before know they have a perfect back yard for a big party. *Dave Beauvais*



To find out more about the Fire Department's new deployment plan, go to their webiste: <http://lafd.org/>

An Invitation

Councilman-elect Mitch Englander would like to invite you to his Inauguration and garden reception on **Saturday, June 25th** at 10:00 am. Dress is California Casual. It will be held at the LAPD Greig Smith Youth Center located at 8721 Wilbur Ave. in Northridge (just north of Parthenia). Please RSVP by calling 818-350-2312 or by email: RSVP@MitchEnglander.org

Free Movies in the Park



It is the beginning of the summer season and once again that means "Movies Under the Stars". Thanks to retiring Councilman Greig Smith, the free movies in the park series begins with "**Shrek Forever After**" on **Saturday, June 11th**. Bring picnics, blankets and chairs for a night of family-friendly fun outdoors. (No alcohol, pets, or BBQ's please) As always, free popcorn, facepainting, drawings for prizes and more. The movie begins at sundown- about 8:00pm. Holleigh Bernson Park; 20500 Sesnon Blvd.; Porter Ranch 818-756-8501



Saturday, June 18th, is the Granada Hills Summer Movie Night at Granada Hills Recreation Center (aka Petit Park). Also being called Father's Day Outdoor Fun Night, the movie will be "**MEGAMIND**" starring Will Ferrell, Brad Pitt, and Tina Fey. Fun begins at 6:30pm with the movie starting at sundown.

Bring picnics, blankets and chairs for a night of family-friendly fun outdoors. (No alcohol, pets, or BBQ's please) The evening is sponsored by: Granada Hills South and North Neighborhood Councils; Granada Hills Recreation Center; GigaGranadaHills.com; and [FunFlicks](http://FunFlicks.com).

*Happy Father's Day
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Congratulations to all Graduates*

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Coming Events



June 1: WEDNESDAY !;Old Granada Hills Residents' Group Meeting; 7:00 See cover page for agenda

June 2: Oakridge Estate PAB public meeting; 6-8; see article

June 3-5: Northridge Park Heritage Festival; free admission; see article

June 7: GH Chamber Gov't Affairs Committee monthly meeting; 11:45AM, Chamber office, 368-3235

June 9: Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, 7:30pm Granada Pavilion in Trader Jo's shopping center near Pep Boys: www.GHSNC.org

June 11: Free movie in the Park - see article

June 13: YMCA Golf Tournament; info in this newsletter

June 14: Flag Day

June 14: CSUN focus group; see article

June 16: 17A35 Neighborhood Watch 7:00 pm St. Euphrasia Church, 11766 Shoshone; SLO Dario Del Core

June 17,18: Friends of Library Book sale; Granada Hills Library, 818-368-5687

June 18: Free movie in the Park - see article

June 19: Father's Day

June 20: Valley Vote meeting; 6:45 Galpin Ford; contact Joe Vitti; javittisr@cs.com

June 21; first day of **Summer**

June 25: Mitch Englander Inauguration; see article

June 27: Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, 6:30pm see website; www.ghnnc.com

50¢ To The Beach



From June 20th through September 5th, 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.

North Valley YMCA 22nd Annual
Kids to Camp Golf Tournament
Monday, June 13th
Porter Valley Country Club

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

deborahmayer@ymcala.org
 www.ymcala.org/hv

818 368-3231

Northridge Festival

There are changes to what was the annual Northridge Community Hawaiian Festival at Northridge Park. This year, the Kiwanis Club of Northridge presents the North Valley Heritage Festival celebrating Western Heritage. The event begins **Friday, June 3rd** and continues through **Sunday, June**



5th. All 3 days there will be Carnival rides starting at 6:00 pm, Friday. There will be a Children's area with games and facepainting, Live Entertainment, Food and More. Don't miss the fireworks Saturday at sundown.

It will be a popular event with something for everyone to enjoy. Free admission. Parking on premises for \$3. Hours: Friday; 6-9pm; Saturday, 10am-9pm; Sunday, 10am-6pm. For more information: 818-377-4566. Northridge Park is on Reseda Blvd. at Lemarsh St., one block south of Devonshire.

Input Wanted

Last month at our monthly meeting, Brittny McCarthy, director of Government and Community Relations at CSUN discussed the interaction of CSUN with the surrounding community. In order to strengthen neighbor and community relations, her office has developed a survey and will host a series of focus groups to assess the campus' neighbor relations and determine areas of strength and areas for improvement.

Six focus groups are planned. The next one will be at the Northridge West Neighborhood Council on Thursday June 14th, at Beckford Elementary School which is at 19130 Tulsa St., Northridge. There will also be a focus group in July (14th) at the Orange Bistro on the CSUN campus. It will be hosted by the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council. Contact the CSUN Gov't & Community Relations office at 818-677-2123 or email: communityrelations@csun.edu

39 Years

The Daily News reported that on May 24th, 1972, the Board of Trustees of the California State University and Colleges unanimously approved renaming San Fernando Valley State College to California State University, Northridge.

The name change became official on June 1st, 1972. That year, a few more than 4,800 students received diplomas bearing the new name of the university. This year more than 10,300 students will have earned their degrees.

Devonshire Division Crime Stats 4/17 thru 5/14	
Homicide0	Burglary 14
Rape 5	GTA 41
Robbery 11	BFMV 144
Aggravated	Personal/
Assault 11	Other theft.....100
Shots fired .. 4	Arrests 359

Data from LAPD Compstat

Repair of Dripping Faucets

Want to try to tackle a small annoying home project? Pat Sturgeon, who used to own and run the True Value hardware store on Chatsworth street sent this article in. Remember when you could just go into his store, get some helpful advice even if you just needed a 15 cent washer?



This is for faucets with separate hot and cold control knobs. Delta and other single knob faucets use a cartridge system.

- 1. Turn of the water using the valves under the sink
2. Remove the handles/knobs and trim covers
3. Remove the stems with a socket wrench or plumbers tool
4. With stem out, remove the seat washer (usually black and held on with a screw)

The size can sometimes be found on the washer itself i.e. 0, 00, Y4, 3/8

- 5. Replace washer with a new one and make sure the smooth side (without the size mark) is facing up.
6. Check the seat (a brass part where the washer compresses against) for rough edges. You will need a small flashlight to look into the faucet body. If it is damaged, it needs to be removed and replaced. Be careful not to strip the threads.
7. Reinstall the stem with the new washer.
8. Reinstall the trim and handle/knobs.
9. Turn the water valves on.

The drips have stopped and congratulate yourself for a job well done.

Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce

Texas Hold'em Poker & BlackJack Fundraiser



Saturday, June 11th
6:30 pm to 11:00 pm



At the VFW Post; 17522 Chatsworth St. in Granada Hills. For more information call Paul at the Chamber 818 368-3235 or email him at ghcoc@verizon.net



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Neighbor Spotlight - Recording Artist; Chorale

When shopping in our local Trader Joes or listening to the radio you've probably heard his music. Local resident, Michael Tinholme has made Granada Hills his home for over 14 years and that home includes his recording studio, a grand piano and a large variety of instruments. But Michael's story



didn't begin here in Granada Hills. Michael's life unfolds like a feature film having gone from homelessness as a teenager to having his music played on the radio around the world and working with some of the most acclaimed artists in the music business today. Michael's

life has taken many turns but music has always been the constant in his life. Today, Michael is a singer, songwriter and entertainer whose warm romantic style is known for creating magical moments and he is finding enthusiastic audiences, not just here in Granada Hills, but around the world. Three critically acclaimed CD's and 'It's Christmas Time in the City,' which was voted one of the best Christmas CD's of 2009/2010, Michael Tinholme has also been featured in MSNBC, USA Today, OC Register and on National Public Radio.

Come and see your neighbor and international recording artist Michael Tinholme LIVE! with his All-Star band at world famous Catalina Jazz Club in Hollywood on June 23rd at 8:00pm. (6725 W Sunset Blvd #100; Los Angeles, CA 90028 323-466-2210)

General ticket price is \$20.00. Special \$15.00 ticket price for all Granada Hills residents-please mention promo code GHR611. Tickets are available from www.ticketweb.com or call (888) 222-6608 .You can also buy tickets at the door. Portions of the concert proceeds go to benefit Covenant House-opening doors for homeless youth. www.michaeltinholme.com



Two of our own OGHRG Board directors, Bob and Gayle Biava, will be performing with the Angeles Chorale at UCLA Royce Hall on Saturday June, 4th. The evening is billed as;

Opera Gala II; an evening of Passion with the Angeles Choral and the UCLA Chorale with UCLA Philharmonia featuring Vladimir Chernov, baritone, Donald Neuen, conductor. Call 818-591-1753 or www.angeleschorale.org for tickets and further information.

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Proposed Zoning Code Simplification

In 1946 the city's first ever comprehensive zoning ordinance went into effect. And in the 65 years since then, the City's ordinance has been amended so many times that it has grown from 84 to over a 600-page document. In 2008, the Los Angeles Department of City Planning launched an initiative to streamline, update and simplify the zoning code. The Code Studies Unit, under the auspices of the Planning Department has identified a few selected 9 components to be revised and updated. Two of the proposed ordinances to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code are now undergoing review:

(1) Core Findings - Generally address the relationship of a proposed project to the general Plan and the public welfare and convenience. Core findings are a set of standards used to analyze the merits of a proposed development. This proposed ordinance included suggested revisions that clarify ambiguous language, delete redundant findings and consolidate findings that would result in clearer and shorter staff reports. The City Planning Commission (CPC) approved the ordinance and recommended adoption by the City Council. A Planning and Land Use Management Committee public hearing to review this proposed ordinance was scheduled for May 17, 2011.

(2) Multiple Approvals - Developers of complex projects may request multiple entitlements with dissimilar expiration deadlines. These variable expiration dates are problematic and may disable a project. The proposed ordinance included methods to better synchronize the expiration dates for these types of development. A CPC hearing may be scheduled for early June 2011.

It is evident that our City's zoning code requires updating. However, after reviewing the details within the above mentioned proposed ordinances, their relationship to each other, and additional city protocols, many citywide Neighborhood Councils and Organizations have raised the following concerns:

1. A more pressing priority is the revision of the General Plan (GP). This State mandated "constitution for development" has a 2010 horizon year. It is now 2011 and where are the plans to update the outdated GP?

2. An outdated GP compromises the consistency and integrity of the zoning code. Zoning code revisions must be legally consistent with the GP.

3. Why wasn't the entire zoning code updated during times of financial stability?

4. Aggressive streamlining can result in less oversight, compromise the public review process and allow for poorly planned development to move forward.

5. Rather than a piecemeal presentation of so many separate ordinances, these must be presented to the public as an integrated package. And this entire package must also be subjected to a comprehensive CEQA analysis of their cumulative environmental impacts.

◆ This issue was proofread by Bart Mills ◆

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 - 101

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 70.1 million fathers in the United States with 25.3 million of those within a married family having children younger than 18. *U.S. Census Bureau 2010*

Oakridge Estate Meeting




The Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board (PAB) was set up by Councilman Greig Smith to guide the development of OakRidge Estate (on Devonshire just west of Reseda next door to the car dealership) into a community facility and public

park. They are having their next meeting on **Thursday, June 2nd**, from 6-8pm at the Northridge Park Recreation Center which is at 18300 Le LeMarsh St.

You are welcome to attend to view and discuss preliminary preconceptual plans for the development of the 9.47 acres of property. Please bring your friends and neighbors.



Recently Sold Homes

17950 Tulsa	\$405,000	11341 Bertrand	\$479,000
10550 Encino	\$296,000	11331 Jellico	\$511,000
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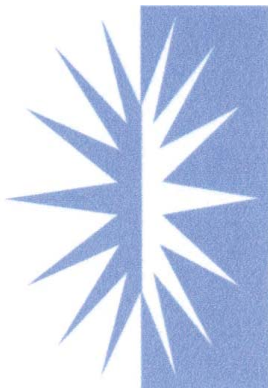
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