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E-NEWSLETTER - APRIL, 2013

Citrus Sunday

Sunday, May 5, 2013

**Pick your citrus from your trees.
Drop off to GHNNC at
Knollwood Country Club!**

**A fresh fruit drive to benefit struggling
San Fernando Valley families.**



*Drop-off to GHNNC, Sunday, May 5 between 9:00AM - 1:00PM at Knollwood Country Club parking lot, 12024 Balboa Blvd. Granada Hills
For more information call Semea Park at Councilman Mitch Englander's office (818) 882-1212.*

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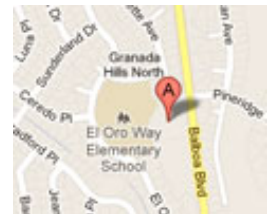
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**GHNNC April Board Meeting will
be held on April 29th, 2013**

**Please note the date and location for
[GHNNC's Regular Board Meeting](#) will be
held 6:30PM, Monday, April 29th, at
Bethlehem Lutheran, 12227 Balboa Boulevard.**



*Please remember to bring a can of food to the meeting as we are
collecting donations to support local food banks.*

[Click here for directions!](#)

COMMUNITY ALERT NOTIFICATION

Los Angeles Police Department - Devonshire Area
ATTENTION ALL DEVONSHIRE AREA RESIDENTS

We are experiencing a rash of Burglaries From Motor Vehicles (BFMV's) in the area North of Rinaldi between Tampa Avenue and Woodley Avenue. This crime is occurring during all hours. We have had ten (10) reported BFMV's in the past seven days! It is highly recommended that you don't leave any valuables visible inside your vehicles.

We are asking for your help by being vigilant in your communities. If you see anything suspicious please call our LAPD



dispatch at 877-272-5273.

Important Telephone Numbers | EMERGENCY CALL 911
CITY-WIDE DIRECTORY 311 | NON EMERGENCY 1-877-ASKLAPD
for additional Crime Prevention information,
Log on: www.lapdonline.org Support the LA Police Foundation: www.lapolicyfoundation.org

Soccer is Alive and Kicking at AYSO Region 174 for the next 45 years

[Sue DeVandry](#), GHNNC Finance Officer, on the board of the American Youth Soccer Organization Region 174.

During Opening Day of the 2012 Fall soccer season, Councilmember Mitch Englander announced the AYSO soccer and North Valley Youth Baseball will be playing on these fields for the next 45 years.

Your children deserve a chance to participate in one of the best youth soccer programs in all of California for the past 50 years.

Registrations will take place at the AYSO fields on May 2, May 9, and May 16 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Your last chance to register will be on June 22 and June 23, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Current Registration fees decrease for each additional child up to the 4th child. Prices increase July 1 with no sibling discount. Sign up today!

All registrations will be held at the Granada Hills Youth Recreation Complex in North Granada Hills at 13100 Balboa Bl. Soccer camps, coach and referee training, and field improvements are all planned before the fall season begins on September 7, 2013.

Visit their website at www.ayso174.org to print out registration forms, and read about all their great programs, including Tournament Teams, Extra teams, and Adult Co-ed Leagues.

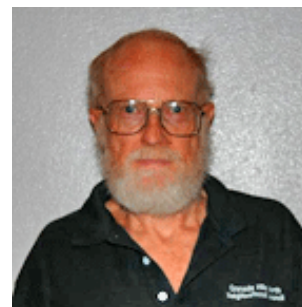
PLEASE come and register your kids. You can watch them play soccer now and down the road, you can come back and watch your grand kids play soccer on the same fields.



On Being Prepared

[Bill Hopkins](#), GHNNC Emergency Preparedness Chair

Recent events across our nation continue to remind us of our need to always Be Prepared. True, that is a Scout motto, but it also applies to our everyday existence. Start working on your emergency kit *today*. Don't wait - you never know when you'll need it. Gather some basic supplies and put them in your car, backpack, fanny pack, bicycle pack, motorcycle saddle bag, purse, purse, shopping bag, your kid's backpack, baby stroller, briefcase, wallet (every Scout has two bandaids in his wallet), or whatever else you generally carry around with you. We have [several suggested lists on our website](#) to get you started. Some items may not apply to you, and some you may not want to carry. That's OK. Carry something. We will help you assemble your supplies. At each of our regular board meetings (last Monday of the month, [see our calendar](#) for locations and date changes) and at each of our Emergency Preparedness (EP) meetings (see below), we offer a free preparedness item. If you attend both meetings, you'll build your kit twice as fast.



April is Earthquake Preparedness Month. You can't predict, but you can prepare. This would be a good time to review your emergency plans, both at home and work/school, dust off your EP kits (under or by your bed, in your car, at work/school, extra kit near the front door, etc.), replace outdated supplies (including any medications you included), update your emergency contact lists (both yours and the info you've given to your out-of-state contact), make sure your kit still has small denominations of currency, and learn to be aware of your surroundings at all times.

If you have the time, please [sign up for a CERT](#) (Community Emergency Response Team) course. [Take a Red Cross first aid and/or CPR class](#). Attend one of the many free [EP classes at SOS Survival Products](#) in Van Nuys. There are other courses offered by other organizations as well.

A while ago, one of the free EP items at our board meeting was an elastic "Ace" bandage. One of our stakeholders put it in

her purse as she was leaving the meeting. A couple of days later, she fell and sprained her ankle. Guess what was in her purse that she used to bind her ankle to reduce swelling and limit motion, thus preventing further injury? You just never know.

Our EP meetings are the first Tuesday of the month (holidays excepted) at 7:00 pm, at our Neighborhood Council office, 11139 Woodley Ave. Granada Hills, 91344 (corner of Woodley Ave. and San Fernando Mission Blvd., facing Woodley Ave.). Everyone is welcome to attend. See you there!

LOOKING OUT FOR YOU

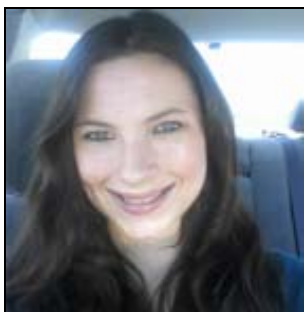
[Anne Ziliak](#), Chair Planning and Land Use Management Committee

At our last GHNNC Board meeting a representative from Sempra Energy (The Gas Company) gave a presentation on the upcoming changes to their service. We were told that they will be installing Data Collection Units (DCUs) to nine street lights within the GHNNC area as the first phase of their plan to upgrade the meter reading system. The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee was very surprised that The Gas Company did not come to the PLUM Committee first. We reviewed the documents

provided by The Gas Company and our first question was why they waited so long to disclose their plans to the public. The pictures presented showed the old sodium lighting and we now have Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights, so this meant that this was planned many months ago. With other planning projects we are given enough time to review and make recommendations to our GHNNC Board. We question The Gas Company's lack of inclusion and decided to move forward with our review. We went to the sites that they listed in the documentation. There were nine sites listed and of the nine only eight are in our boundary. Pictures show two of the sites we visited and the center photo shows how each street light will look after the installation of the antennas and communication unit. Some of these sites will have a visual impact and there are other better choices that could be used instead. We will be expressing our concerns to the Council office and The Gas Company.



Next month the PLUM Committee will be reviewing and discussing an application to sell beer and wine for off-site consumption (at 17000 Rinaldi Street). PLUM Committee members would like to know what you think. Our meeting begins at 3:30pm on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 11139 Woodley Ave. Granada Hills, 91344 and we welcome the public. If you can not attend and would like to submit comments please email them to aziliak@ghnnc.org.



GHNNC BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SHANNON WEST

Representing Students "I joined the GHNNC board because of two things. One, I wanted to know what was going on in my neighborhood. And two, I wanted to be around people who really have a passion for their community. Most teens my age seem to worry too much about insignificant things — but for me, it was THE LANDFILL! I was horrified and disgusted to learn about the impact it has had on the environment. By joining the GHNNC, I am able to take part with the active community members and have a voice!"

[Click here to learn more about the GHNNC Board Members!](#)

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