



# YOUR PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



My goal as President has been to focus on building a strong foundation for the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council by using the overwhelming talent we have in our community. We have done this by developing strong committees and holding monthly meetings with community members. These meetings allow community members to bring their concerns and sugges-

tions to the Board and to air them in an environment that supports the needs and desires of each person that participates. We are working on projects side by side and having fun at the same time. Living in Porter Ranch is a lifestyle, not just a place to live. Since the foundation has been established, it allows all of us to work within a structure that will secure the future of Porter Ranch for future generations.

Our Board is working very hard. However, we have many hurdles still ahead of us. One of them is to build a K-8 school in Porter Ranch. We cannot do it alone. We can only be successful if you join in and get

involved. There is strength in numbers. Believe me, the powers that be respond to those numbers. We have created the structure and now we need you to create the content. Make a commitment to attend one meeting this month. Pick one of our committees that you have an interest in, and go for it...**GET INVOLVED**...bring a friend. You will be glad you did. Please log on to our website at [prnc.org](http://prnc.org) to get updated information on meeting dates and locations. I look forward to meeting you very soon.

*Becky Leveque*

## LAND USE COMMITTEE

The **PRNC** Land Use Committee has been active since we became certified in 2003 specifically to address land use issues affecting the Porter Ranch community. The committee began its work by reviewing the Porter Ranch Land Use/Transportation Specific Plan and has been working to ensure that any new development is in compliance with these important guidelines. We have met with the

Porter Ranch Development Company several times to discuss PRNC issues, initiated a project to install a new crossing/traffic light on Tampa Avenue for the Porter Ranch Library, prepared a position letter to the Mayor on the City's proposed Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance, and have worked with other Neighborhood Councils on North Valley land use issues. Our current project is to partici-

pate in the City's review of the proposed Hidden Creeks Estates project located immediately adjacent to the western border of Porter Ranch.

More information about committee activities is available at [prnc.org](http://prnc.org), and attendance to all meetings is open to the public.

Mel Mitchell  
Chair

## Accomplishments:

- Voice mail/emergency notification system
- PRNC Website, developed and implemented
- 2 successful clean up days
- Purchased sanitizing washer and dryer for Fire Station 8
- Donating to Fire Station 28: Brush box storage container and other items
- Donations to Castlebay Lane School; computers & printers
- Donations to YMCA: computers, printer & computer table
- Donations to LAPD, Devonshire Division: a laptop computer for VST
- Hosting a luncheon for Fire and Police Appreciation Day held at Station 28 with 400 stakeholders present
- Organizing CERT Training
- Petitioning the LAFD to keep the paramedic unit at station 28. We were successful.
- Published our first newsletter
- Created community awareness signs
- Tours of a proposed construction project in Browns Canyon have been ongoing. Board Members and Stakeholders have been participating. They have been organized by our Land Use Committee. The name of the project is Hidden Creeks Estates.

**Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Shepherd of the Hills for the past 2 years for providing jumping rooms for children.**



## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council's Education Committee is working hard to meet the needs of Porter Ranch's school-age children.

Currently, we have been able to help Castlebay Lane Elementary School, the YMCA After School Program at Castlebay, and Little Shepherd's Learning Center enrich the educa-

tion of our children by providing 5 CPUs & keyboards for Castlebay, 4 CPUs, 1 printer & 2 computer tables for the YMCA, and a portable sink for Little Shepherd's Learning Center. This is being done through specific financial gifts. These donations cover items that would currently not be available without our help. See the Porter Ranch Neighbor-

hood Council website, [www.prnc.org](http://www.prnc.org), for our other goals.

As a valuable stakeholder, you are invited to attend our committee meetings. We meet on a monthly basis. Please see the website for dates and locations.

Sue Hammarlund,  
Chair

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## **POLICE, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

We meet the third Thursday of each month at St. Euphrasia, one hour prior to LAPD Devonshire Division 17A27 Basic Car Meeting.

Our goals are to provide Fire Stations 8 & 28 and LAPD'S Devonshire Division with resources the city does not provide.

We receive current crime trends and fire information and forward it to our website to inform the stakeholders on how to protect and prepare themselves for certain events and emergencies.

We have 25 openings for people who would like to sign up for CERT training by the Fire Department in early 2006.

Join us at our next meeting! Log on to [www.prnc.org](http://www.prnc.org) for more information.

Becky Leveque  
Chair

## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Board of Directors of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council has established our spending budget priorities for the fiscal year 2005-2006. It is currently under review by DONE, but all indications are that it will be accepted as written.

While the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Board itself has final authority and will approve all projects and expenditures, our various committees have been given their individual budget line items so that they can create their recommendations. We are looking forward to a very productive year.

Paul Drogichen  
Chair

## **PORTER RANCH BOUNDARIES**

- The Southern boundary is the I 18 Freeway
- The Eastern boundary is Aliso Canyon
- The Northern boundary is the city line
- The Western boundary is on the East side of Brown's Canyon road. Starting at the City Line on the North end, down to the gate at the South end of Brown's Canyon and then proceeding in a straight line South to the I 18 Freeway



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Our committee goal is to improve the quality of life in Porter Ranch and create an upscale image through public artwork, installation of center medians on a number of streets, development of a landscaping plan for homes with back yards that face major streets, sidewalk

and street repair, city park improvement, tree planting and special street signs. Some results of our committee's efforts are the participation in the design of Rinaldi Street Park, tree planting on Sesnon, and curb and sidewalk repairs. We invite you to join us at

our meetings and get involved in making Porter Ranch a beautiful community. Please check our website, [www.prnc.org](http://www.prnc.org), for information on our meetings.

Ron Nagai  
Chair



Park Dedication  
September 29, 2005

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Outreach Committee's goal is to provide information to all stakeholders within our boundaries to the best of our ability. A stakeholder is anyone who lives, works, rents or owns a business in our community.

The purpose is to encourage all stakeholders to participate in the activities of the council by attending board and general meetings, joining

a committee and becoming involved in issues of concern to the community. We are continuing to do this with e-mail, voice mail, our website, flyers at schools, businesses, H.O.A. newsletters, etc. Let us know how we can improve this process by signing up for this or another committee, or sending your comments to [pamjb@prnc.org](mailto:pamjb@prnc.org).

Pam Birnkrant  
Chair



**2005 PRNC Board of Directors at Fire Station 28**  
Left to Right: Mel Mitchell, Matt Gluck, Pam Birnkrant, Pat Pope, Paul Drogichen, Becky Leveque, Tatiana Oueini, Joseph Martin, Ron Nagai, LAFD Captain Mike Franklin, Paula Cracium, Sue Hammarlund

## ADOPT-A-FIRE STATION PROGRAM

The program was established by the Board of Fire Commissioners to provide a method for local citizens to improve "their" community fire station. **PRNC** is the Community sponsor of the program. The concept is to obtain necessary funds for much needed maintenance and improvements to fire stations and to purchase advanced equipment.

In addition, the program has afforded the members of the Fire Department the opportunity to interact with their community. This program allows community members and organizations to donate funds, skills and supplies. Examples of donations have been a fax machine, brush box gear for fires, back-up computers and enhanced landscaping.

We have adopted Fire Stations 28 and 8 in Porter Ranch. Visit or call Captain Franklin, at F.S. 28, 11641 Corbin, (818) 756-9728, or Captain Archibald, at F.S. 8, 11351 Tampa, (818) 756-8668 for further information.

## OUR MISSION

- To provide an inclusive open forum for public discussion of issues and to advise the City of Los Angeles on issues concerning city governance, the needs of this neighborhood council, the delivery of city services, and on matters of citywide nature.
- To initiate, execute and support projects for the physical, social and cultural improvement of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood.
- To facilitate communication between the City of Los Angeles and Community Stakeholders on issues of concern to the community and /or the Stakeholders.



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**We're on the Web!**  
[www.prnc.org](http://www.prnc.org)

**PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 1, AT 7:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM)**

**AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHURCH  
19700 RINALDI STREET, PORTER RANCH  
(SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CORBIN & RINALDI)  
LIMITED SEATING**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ROY ROMER  
EDUCATION SURVEY**

**Porter Ranch has one school built for 400 children. Currently, 800 are enrolled. Come learn what is being done about schools in Porter Ranch.**

We invite you to attend our November meeting and hear our keynote speaker, LAUSD Superintendent of Schools, Roy Romer, as he speaks on issues

that affect education in Porter Ranch.

Other dignitaries scheduled to attend are Jon Lauritzen, Member of the Board of Education, Assemblyman Keith Richman, and Councilman Greig Smith.

We also invite you to let your voice be heard by participating in a brief **Education Survey** we will present at this meeting.



**Roy Romer**  
Superintendent of Schools