

General Meeting: November 16, 2004

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) had a very informative and well-attended meeting on November 16th at the Shepherd of the Hills Church. The meeting featured an Identity Theft seminar sponsored by City Councilman Greig Smith and presented by Mr. Robert J. Rebhan, a recognized expert in the area of identity theft. Councilman Smith was recognized by the PRNC for his direct involvement in the Porter Ranch Cleanup Day event on Saturday, November 6th, through his Community Partnership program and his help in making the Mason/Rinaldi traffic signal operational on Monday, November 8th.

A number of announcements were also made, which included the Boy Scouts Food Drive, Adopt A Fire Station Program, Friends of the Porter Ranch Library volunteer and fund-raising drive, UCLA's Landscape Architecture Program presentation on "Reinventing Gopher Canyon" (located north of the 118 Freeway and west of Browns Canyon Road) on December 14th at 7:00 P.M. at the Rockpointe Clubhouse located at 22300 Devonshire Street, Chime Charter School Fund-raiser and other items .

The PRNC is supporting the "Scouting For Food" project sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America. Canned foods and other nonperishable items were presented to Mr. Lester Salay of the Boy Scouts. Special bags for the food drive will be handed out at the next PRNC meeting on Tuesday, December 7th. For more information, please contact Mr. Lester Salay at (818) 831-1213 or scoutingus@aol.com. For more information on the other programs, please contact: Ms. Pam Birnkrant (Adopt A Fire Station Program) at (818) 831-2330; Mr. Irwin Cohen (Friends of the Porter Ranch Library volunteer and fund-raising drive) at (818) 363-5133 or check with the information desk at the Porter Ranch Library; Ms. Andrea Jordan (Reinventing Gopher Canyon) at (310) 430-5935, and Mr. Mike Brooks (Chime Charter School) at (818) 363-4108 or www.helpchime.com to register online to sign up for "eScrip" for a no cost, no risk, and no hassle way to raise money for the Chime Charter School.

The Board of Directors voted to give the LAPD's Volunteer Surveillance Team \$1,500.00 for video equipment subject to City of Los Angeles review and approval. The Board of Directors had also voted at a previous meeting to request the City of Los Angeles, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and/or the State Department of Transportation to conduct a transportation and traffic study along the 118 Freeway corridor from the 5/14 Freeways to Simi Valley. A representative from the City's Department of Transportation will discuss traffic and transportation issues at the PRNC's December 7th meeting.

Please join the PRNC for another informative meeting on December 7th that will begin with a potluck and mixer from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. The PRNC will also be accepting nominations for the Board of Directors election to be held on January 15, 2005. This will be followed by our discussion regarding traffic and transportation issues along the 118 Freeway corridor. The PRNC will also be collecting canned goods and other nonperishable items for the Boy Scouts to give to Meet Each Need With Dignity, a Pacoima food bank. Please join us for this fun and informative meeting where you can learn how the PRNC is trying to improve your quality of life and how the PRNC is trying to get our fair share of City services.