



GRANADA HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025 SPECIAL EDITION – CENTENNIAL MURAL

It is with great excitement that we announce the near completion of the Centennial Mural depicting the historical milestones in the evolution of “The Valley’s Most Neighborly Town!” The mural also serves as a beautiful entryway into Old Granada Village and exudes our community pride!

Here is a brief description of the mural’s four panels and the history that has inspired them:

Panel 1 – Year 1913 “The Cascades”

The opening of the Los Angeles Aqueduct Pipeline overseen by DWP Chief William Mulholland enables water from the Sierra Nevada Owens River to be transported two hundred thirty-three miles, by gravity, to the lower San Fernando Reservoir serving the City of Los Angeles. The Terminus is just north of the community of Granada Hills and the water introduced agriculture and a four thousand plus acre orange grove known as “Sunshine Ranch” in the North San Fernando Valley.

Panel 2 – Year 1926

The Sunshine Ranch is acquired by a holding company, Suburban Estates, Inc., from J.H. Moshier and the new town of “Granada” is born! The name Granada is selected in a naming contest held on April 18th, 1926 because of the similarities in climate and topography to Granada, Spain.

Local Realtors, Edwards-Wilkey, whose office was on Chatsworth Street and east of White Oak are appointed to advertise and sell home sites. The Granada Rabbit Association is created as a backyard industry of rabbit meat and fur.

Panel 3 – Year 1942

Our Town becomes “Granada Hills” in 1942 after a request by the U.S. Post Office to avoid confusion with Northern California's Grenada. The beautiful Spanish Colonial architecture of the “Granada Building” located on the northeast corner of Chatsworth Street and White Oak serves as the main commercial gathering place for early residences.

Panel 4 – Present Day

Reflects the proud community of Granada Hills on the occasion of its Milestone Centennial Anniversary – 100 Years of Founding. Featured are the Monument Township entrances of the “Old Granada Village” Business Improvement District on the Chatsworth Street Business Corridor as well as the Rotary Club of Granada Hills Veterans Parkway Triangle and “Rita's Tree.”

Please join us for the Dedication Ceremony on April 26th, 2025 at noon. Please turn for more details. We hope to see you there!



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You're Invited!

Join the festivities as we dedicate the Centennial Mural, the BID's latest project, and kick off the 100 year anniversary celebration!

Saturday, April 26th, 2025

12:00 pm at the corner of Chatsworth Street and Encino Avenue.

A light lunch will be served at the Veterans of Foreign War immediately following. We look forward to sharing this momentous occasion with you!



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With Tremendous Gratitude For a Spectacular Endeavor!

The BID would like to thank many people for their participation in making this effort possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

A special thanks to our very own, and very talented, **Susan Ciccarelli** for her outstanding conceptual design of The Centennial Mural. Her love of Granada Hills clearly shines through each panel as she thoughtfully and artistically depicts the history of "The Valley's Most Neighborly Town!" **Mike McMorro**, BID Mural Chair, for getting the project off the ground and seeing it through to fruition. BID stakeholder **Frontier California, Inc.** for their participation and use of the building facade. **Phil Leonard and his team from Writing on the Walls, LLC** for so beautifully bringing Susan's design to life in their outstanding craftsmanship. We have already received such positive feedback from the community and are so excited for the completion!