TPC Chef Daniel Otto creates culinary magic in the new West Hills Mosaic Series kitchen. Vietri stoneware provided by Cobblestone Cottage. Photo by Ed Ouellette.
When Newhall Land associates were challenged to participate in a regional event to help promote environmentally sustainable lifestyles, they did not hesitate to answer the call and took a leadership role. In fact, the support amongst associates was almost overwhelming.

Dubbed the “No Pollute Commute” and sponsored by the City of Santa Clarita and Los Angeles Metro, the 4th Annual Bike to Work Day Challenge was aimed at encouraging individuals to take the simple step of riding a bicycle to work to reduce traffic, help the environment and improve personal health.

To encourage participation in the business community, the event was staged as a competition, with the winner being determined by the highest percentage of participation of bicycle riders. When the day arrived, 50 Newhall Land associates left their cars at home and peddled their way to work.

Most associates who live locally took advantage of the extensive paseo system in Valencia, Newhall Land’s renowned masterplanned community, while others used a combination of public transportation (train/bus/bicycle) to make it to work. Nearly 80 percent of associates live within a short distance of the office.

When the final tally was released, Newhall Land had the highest level of participation of any business in Los Angeles County.

And, while the Bike to Work Day Challenge is an annual event, some associates continue to use alternative means of transportation to get to and from work on a daily basis to help promote a sustainable lifestyle.

When Elizabeth Hopp moved to Valencia in 1980, the community was a convenient place to live. She worked for Bank of America in Chatsworth, and her husband Steve commuted to Bakersfield.

But by the mid-1980s, the couple had reached a point in life where they were ready to make a change. With one son having graduated from high school, and the other old enough that relocating wouldn’t be too disruptive, the Hopps thought of selling their home and leaving Valencia.

“We could pretty much live anywhere we wanted…within the L.A. area,” said Hopp, who now serves as senior vice president and regional manager at Bank of Santa Clarita. They considered Thousand Oaks or the San Fernando Valley, but ultimately decided to stay in Valencia. “(It) had everything we wanted. We love the community feel.”

In the 20 years since, Hopp has done much to contribute to the community’s feel by contributing her time and energy to the Santa Clarita Valley’s nonprofit organizations. She is a dedicated volunteer who serves on the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club and the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, while also chairing the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

At first, Hopp didn’t volunteer to become a volunteer in Santa Clarita’s vibrant nonprofit community. “Originally it was work saying, ‘you will get involved with something and

When Newhall Land riders left their cars parked and rode to work for the annual Bike to Work Day. Photo by Patty Miller

I think it will be the Child & Family Center.’ It was a mandate,” she said. Any reluctance on her part soon faded. “It just became something that I enjoyed so much that even when I was employed where it was being resisted, I insisted (on staying involved),” Hopp said. “I really believe that this is a great community and it stays great because so many people are willing to get involved. I feel like I get a lot from it and I should give back.”

Her desire to give back has not gone unnoticed. The Betty Ferguson Foundation named her as their Woman of Honor for 2007. The Foundation, which supports and promotes the personal and professional growth of women and teen girls, found Hopp’s dedication to community service to be an example for other women.

When she is not helping a nonprofit organization, or helping to guide the growth and development of Bank of Santa Clarita, Hopp enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with her four grandchildren. Scotty, 7, and Hannah, 3, are in Santa Clarita, while her cousins Rebecca, 7, and Isabel, 5, live in Quito, Ecuador, where Hopp’s son, Matthew runs a private school.
The TPC at Valencia has just completed an extensive remodel and expansion of the clubhouse. The Oaks Grille restaurant, which is open to the public, and both the men’s and women’s locker rooms were renovated to help complete the vision of Newhall Land for the private golf course clubhouse.

The newly renovated Oaks Grille now features a beautiful new dining atrium and seating for over 200 people. The sweeping views of the golf course, the entire Santa Clarita Valley and beyond, combined with the culinary talents of renowned chef Daniel Otto, make The Oaks Grille one of the area’s finest restaurants. The dining area, complete with stone fireplace, dramatic wood beam ceiling and granite-topped bar, opens onto an outdoor veranda with ample seating and a cozy fire pit.

The Oaks Grille and veranda play host to Friday night entertainment featuring a variety of artists. It has become a favorite gathering spot for members and local residents to enjoy the finest that Santa Clarita has to offer. The Oaks Grille is also available for private parties and events.

In addition, the TPC at Valencia boasts a new men’s locker room, which sets a new standard for clubhouse luxury. As you enter the finely appointed 5,000-square-foot “casita,” you pass a tranquil fountain and outdoor seating. The interior is not only equipped with nearly 500 lockers, but is complete with its own lounge, bar, card room, dry cedar sauna, a shoe valet and upscale shower facilities.

The women’s locker room was expanded into a lounge featuring a new vanity, tables and lounge chairs as well as a 60-inch plasma TV.

“It has been exciting to see the TPC evolve, not only with the recently completed renovations, but through the privatization and our growing membership,” said Ron Horton, general manager of the TPC at Valencia. “We have prided ourselves on providing our members and guests with the best experience and finest service and amenities in the entire Santa Clarita Valley. I believe we are continuously exceeding those expectations.”

Opened in June 2003 as the 23rd club in the TPC Network, and the only TPC in California, the TPC at Valencia offers private membership opportunities. The TPC at Valencia is owned by Newhall Land and managed by Western Golf Properties. It’s located in the Valencia village of Westridge, just off Interstate-5 in the Santa Clarita Valley. For membership information or dining reservations at The Oaks Grille, please call (661) 288-1995.
FOREIGNER’S LOU GRAMM TO HEADLINE HOEFFLIN GALA

Building on the continued success of its annual “Evening Under the Stars Gala,” which features big-name entertainment and exciting auction items, the Michael Hoefflin Foundation is set for another fabulous event on the evening of September 15.

Lou Gramm, lead vocalist with the multi-platinum band Foreigner and a successful solo artist, will headline the event with his dynamic live show. Foreigner has had a string of hits since their debut in the mid-1970s, including “Feels Like the First Time,” “Cold As Ice” and “Hot Blooded.” As a solo artist, Gramm scored hits with “Midnight Blue” and “I Want to Know What Love Is.”

More than 1,000 guests are expected at the 14th annual Gala, which begins at 6 p.m. and will again be held outdoors on the expansive lawn of the Mann Biomedical Park in Valencia. With an extensive silent and live auction, the Gala serves as the Hoefflin Foundation’s largest fundraiser.

“Because of the generous participation of our sponsors and guests at the gala, we’re able to make a tangible difference and provide real help to local families whose children are battling cancer,” said Foundation Executive Director Scott Schauer.

Since its founding in 1995 in honor of Michael Hoefflin, a 10-year-old Santa Clarita boy who lost his battle with brain cancer, the Foundation has infused more than $2 million into medical research efforts. Staff and volunteers bring emotional, financial and practical support to families coping with childhood cancers.

For additional information, or to purchase tickets to “Evening Under the Stars,” call the Michael Hoefflin Foundation at (661) 250-4100 or visit their website at www.mhf.org.
Central Park served as something of a time machine this summer.

The City of Santa Clarita’s popular Concerts in the Park series featured 8 weeks of tribute bands covering everything from the 1950s through the 1990s, with sounds that ranged from doo-wop to Duran Duran.

“Some of our most popular shows in past summers were tribute bands, so we decided to do a whole line-up in 2007 with the best of the best and bring back some of the crowd favorites,” said city spokeswoman Gail Ortiz.

Throngs of Santa Clarita Valley music lovers filled Central Park on Saturday nights between July 8 and August 25 to dance the night away with groups like Savor, which brings the sounds of Latin-rock legend Carlos Santana to life, and to take it easy with Hotel California, a sought-after Eagles tribute band.

Many of the performers, like the 1950s-inspired Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries, and the ‘80s-flavored Spazmatics, are Santa Clarita favorites, having played at Concerts in the Park during previous years.

Rounding out this summer’s line-up were classic rock specialists, Back Pages; Teresa James and the Rhythm Tramps, described as a cross between Janis Joplin and Bonnie Raitt; Platinum Groove, an 8-member ensemble covering ‘80s new wave and ‘90s hip hop; and Boogie Knights, billed as “the greatest disco revival show in the world.”

The City made some changes to the 2007 installment of the popular concert series based on feedback received from concertgoers. Surveys conducted last year showed people were concerned about the heat, especially at Central Park, which lacks shade trees.

In response, the concerts were moved to a later (and cooler) start time, 7 p.m., and from Sundays to Saturdays so audience members wouldn’t have to worry about getting home late on a Sunday night only to face an early Monday morning of work or school.

City officials were pleased with this year’s series. “Our audiences were thrilled with this year’s line-up and said this was one of the best Concerts in the Parks series ever,” Ortiz said.

A TASTE OF EXPO COMING IN OCTOBER

It won’t be long before the familiar white tent rises in the College of the Canyons parking lot at the corner of Valencia Boulevard and Rockwell Canyon Road, serving notice that it’s time once again for the annual Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce Home and Business Expo.

Featuring more than 150 area firms showcasing their products and services in one convenient location, the 23rd annual Expo kicks off Friday, October 12 with “A Taste of Expo.” Local restaurants and caterers will be on hand to serve up samples of their tastiest selections from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is $20.

Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., live entertainment will be provided throughout the day from a variety of local groups like the Canyon Theatre Guild, Jazzercise and different karate clubs. On Saturday and Sunday, the $1 suggested donation for adults (kids are free) will get you into the Expo and give you a chance to win a big screen TV.

Sunday will feature the third annual installment of the Expo Classic Car Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone with a vehicle from 1975 or earlier and the $10 entry fee is invited to enter and compete for trophies in more than a dozen categories, including Best of Show, Best Interior and Best Under Construction.

The Chamber of Commerce is expecting this to be the best Expo yet. “We’re set and ready to go!” said event organizer Robin Choppe.

For more information about the Home and Business Expo, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (661) 702-6977.
On Saturday, September 15, Valencia celebrates the Grand Opening of its new village, West Creek and West Hills. Visitors will enjoy an unforgettable afternoon of fun with live music, BBQ and cooking demonstrations, a party planning and organization presentation and DJ mixing lessons. There will also be delicious cuisine, refreshments, kids’ activities and other great attractions.

Those who join in the celebration will also have the chance to enter the Grand Opening Giveaway.* The Grand Prize winner will receive a home theater system valued at $3,000 courtesy of Wilshire Home Entertainment. Four winners will enjoy First Prize, which is a golf foursome at the TPC at Valencia, valued at $450, four Second Prize winners will receive a coupon for $100 for The Oaks Grille, and two Third Prize recipients will enjoy a $100 gift certificate to Westfield Valencia Town Center. Five Fourth Prize winners will receive a set of Valencia lounge chairs.

West Creek and West Hills currently offers a choice of 19 model homes by Lennar in a sought-after location with unbeatable amenities. With two community parks, pedestrian-friendly paths and paseos, three recreation centers with pools, a convenient neighborhood retail center and on-site elementary and junior high schools, homeshoppers will appreciate a living experience that can only be found in Valencia.

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*A drawing will determine the winner of the Grand Prize as well as the winners of four other valuable prizes. Official rules available at any Lennar Welcome Home Center or Valencia.com.

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Valencia homeshoppers are in for a treat as Halloween approaches, when RiverVillage celebrates the opening of its first two neighborhoods with a Pumpkin Patch Party. Families are invited to stop by RiverVillage on Saturday, October 20, pick out a pumpkin and celebrate the season with delicious food, great entertainment and tours of the new model homes. With Halloween excitement in the air, the thrills will be plentiful—at least when it comes to the event’s main attraction—the stunning new Brookville and Heirloom at RiverVillage model homes!

Who says spring is the time to begin anew? A whole new way of life is making its debut this fall at RiverVillage in Valencia.

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A groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 30 for West Creek Elementary School, part of the Saugus Union School District, which will serve West Creek and West Hills, one of Valencia’s newest villages.

Newhall Land has proudly undertaken the responsibility of constructing the new school, which will be the first developer-built school in the Santa Clarita Valley and will serve the approximately 2,300 new homes in West Creek and West Hills. Developer-built schools are becoming more common throughout California because they generally save time and money.

“Our partnership with Newhall Land makes good sense,” said Judy Fish, Superintendent of the Saugus district. “We have been working together to build quality schools for many years, and this developer-built school concept is a logical next step in our collaborative relationship.”

The new elementary school is planned to open in 2009 and is located at the corner of Copper Hill Drive and West Hills Drive.

TERRY MILLER MEMORIAL PARK

On August 14, Newhall Land dedicated the Terry Miller Memorial Park at West Creek in a private ceremony with Terry’s family, friends and former coworkers.

Terry Miller, the man for whom the park is named, was a longtime Newhall Land employee and local resident. Responsible for much of the infrastructure of the Valencia masterplan, Terry passed away in 2005 after a tragic motorcycle accident. His friends at Newhall Land designed and named the park to honor his memory and great work in helping make Valencia a reality.

TERRY MILLER MEMORIAL PARK DEDICATED

“Terry would be proud of how this park provides a place for children and families to gather for years to come,” said Greg McWilliams, president of Newhall Land. “Terry’s sense of community and passion for designing parks and open space makes this dedication a fitting honor.”

An intimate neighborhood park centrally located in West Creek across from Rio Norte Junior High School, Terry Miller Memorial Park features lush open space dotted with trees where children can run and play. A lighted promenade connects the park to adjacent homes and branches off into curving walkways that each end with contemporary interpretations of traditional basketry art and cozy seating areas.

The focal point of the park is a majestic coast live oak surrounded by a gracefully curving river rock wall, creating a stunning architectural element and a signature feature for the park of which Terry would be proud.
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and L.A. County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman joined Newhall Land in dedicating Interim Fire Station 156 in the new Valencia village of West Creek and West Hills. The station is a public/private partnership between Newhall Land and the County of Los Angeles. The interim fire station will service West Creek and West Hills as well as other areas of the Santa Clarita Valley.

“As the Santa Clarita Valley continues to grow, we will need to grow with you,” said Chief Freeman at the dedication event held on June 4. “Our partnership with Newhall Land serves as a model for how we can work with the private sector to bring fire safety services to new communities as quickly as possible.”

A permanent county fire station, which is scheduled to open in 2010, will be built just north of the interim site along Copper Hill Drive. Construction will begin in the coming months.

Fifth District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (center), Newhall Land’s Greg McWilliams (center left), Chief P. Michael Freeman (center right) and firefighters at the interim station dedication. Photo by Patty Miller

Forty years after its first residents moved into Valencia’s first neighborhood, Old Orchard I remains one of the most sought-after communities in all of Valencia.

Today, original residents are seeing third generation community members return. “On one street alone, we have three homes—three couples—either with a baby or one on the way, where at least one parent grew up in Old Orchard I,” said Frank Schranz, president of Old Orchard I Homeowners Association. “What’s most telling is the great number of people who move back to Old Orchard I. Moving from one street to the next is not unusual.”

To commemorate the 40th anniversary, Newhall Land, with the help of Valley Crest Tree Company and Oakridge Landscape, created a new Anniversary Garden with four crepe myrtle trees, one for each decade. Located adjacent to the clubhouse swimming pool, the new garden area had been covered in 4-foot-high groundcover, which hid some of the original landscaping details, including some large boulders. Those details were incorporated into the Anniversary Garden, which now allows more room for children to play and has a spot already reserved for a fifth tree to celebrate the 50th anniversary in 2017.

“When people visit Valencia to see our award-winning masterplanned community, we always bring them to Old Orchard I first,” said Marlee Lauffer, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Newhall Land. “They are impressed that our smart growth principles and sustainable design concepts are strongly rooted in our first neighborhood and how the community has matured so beautifully over the last four decades. This type of thoughtful planning is what makes Valencia so unique.”

Original Old Orchard I residents pose with Oakridge Landscape, Valley Crest Tree Company and Newhall Land associates in the new 40th anniversary garden area. Photo by Patty Miller

Annual Fourth of July fun at the Old Orchard I clubhouse. Photo by Scott Grolier
In just four years, the Boys & Girls Club Festival of Trees has become a favorite holiday tradition in the Santa Clarita Valley. Just one look at the festive trees is all it takes to understand why. Individuals and teams take ordinary Christmas trees and transform them into dazzling displays of holiday spirit. Some use traditional holiday themes, while others express their creativity and celebrate things like favorite sports teams.

The event will have a new twist this year, as the artistry will be on display for one night only—Saturday, November 10—at the Hyatt Valencia during “The Magic of the Lights” gala. The evening will feature live and silent auctions of the Festival trees, as well as live entertainment and a cocktail reception.

“By holding the event in a more intimate venue than years past, only the ‘choicest trees’ will be on display and available for auction,” said coordinator Judy Belue of the Boys & Girls Club. And the earlier date means the event kicks off the community’s holiday season.

“We’re planning to make this a real gala with a great band and dancing so that this is the holiday event in the Santa Clarita Valley,” she said.

The auction benefits the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley, which serves more than 3,500 local young people between the ages of 7 and 17 at clubhouses in Newhall, Canyon Country and Val Verde. Its mission is to inspire and enable young people to become responsible, productive, healthy adults. Club programs emphasize education, character and healthy lifestyles.

To purchase tickets for Festival of Trees, call the Boys & Girls Club at (661) 254-3063.
10 WAYS TO LIVE A LITTLE GREENER

Going green doesn’t have to be a challenge, expensive or time consuming. Make it fun and practical with these suggested ways to green your lifestyle. They aren’t just good for the environment, they’ll make your life a little easier too!

1. ONE BRIGHT IDEA—If you do just one thing to “green” your life, change out your light bulbs to Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs). While they do cost more, CFLs last up to 10 times longer. And because CFLs use 75 percent less energy, swapping one incandescent bulb for a CFL reduces carbon dioxide by 500 pounds a year; replacing 17 is the equivalent of taking one car off the road for a year.

2. ELIMINATE JUNK MAIL—The average American receives 41 pounds of junk mail each year. Shed the pounds. Save trees and stop annoying junk mail by registering with the National Do Not Mail List at www.directmail.com.

3. PAPER OR PLASTIC?—The inevitable question at the grocery store. But which one is better for the environment? Plastic bags are not biodegradable and are made from petroleum. Paper bags are made from a renewable resource and are biodegradable, however, they use more energy to produce. So, use reusable cloth grocery bags. If you need to use paper or plastic, reuse the bags to save other resources.

4. RECYCLE AND REUSE—Make sure to recycle newspapers, aluminum cans, plastic and glass containers, phone books, boxes and product packaging. Fill your home’s curbside pick-up recycle bin each week and make it a goal to reduce what’s in your trash bin. Check to see if you can recycle your printer’s ink or toner cartridge. Some manufacturers offer incentives. Buy products that use recycled materials such as napkins and paper towels. And buy in bulk to reduce the amount of packaging.

5. SAVE WATER—Taking one or two minutes off your shower can save up to 700 gallons per month. Turning off the water while brushing your teeth can save 150 gallons a month. Install low-flow toilets and repair leaky faucets. Running only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher can save 300–800 gallons per month.

6. ZAP YOUR ELECTRIC BILL—A one-degree change on your thermostat can save 3 percent of heating or cooling costs. Put your computer to sleep at night. Turn down the temperature on your water heater, and turn it off when you go away on vacation.

7. BUY LOCAL—Our local farmers markets are excellent places to buy locally grown produce, nuts and flowers, not to mention eggs and bread. Because it travels a shorter distance to get to the market, local food is not just fresh, it uses less fuel to get there. Thus, you benefit from not only lower costs, but also cleaner air. And you can help support local growers.

8. REUSABLE VS. DISPOSABLE—Try using a real mop and a reusable rag instead of throwaways. Take a mug or reusable water bottle to the office. Refill your soap dispenser. Use rechargeable batteries.

9. CLEAN UP—Use clean green products to clean your home. Many cleaning products are made with petroleum by-products, which are nonrenewable resources. They can contain phosphates that are harmful to our oceans or chlorine and other chemicals that aren’t good for your health or for the environment. Try switching to ecological, “green” cleaners. They will help keep your home and our oceans clean.

10. TUNE IT UP—You may not have a hybrid, but you can make your car more efficient, which can reduce your use of fossil fuels and save money at the gas pump. Inflate your tires properly. Low tire pressure burns 2 percent or more gas. Regular oil changes help your engine run cleaner. Empty your trunk, as a lighter load uses less gas.

A NEW VIEW

Newhall Land takes seriously its stewardship of the land and its commitment to the environment. Among its efforts to institute environmentally sustainable practices, Newhall Land has begun printing The View From Valencia on FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified paper.

FSC printed projects are run using papers that are independently certified to meet Forest Stewardship Council standards and produced by certified printing companies. The standards FSC sets are to ensure the wood and pulp used in the production process are grown, harvested and manufactured to high environmental standards. All aspects of the manufacturing process are audited to ensure adherence to these standards. If all of the standards are met, the projects can be considered FSC certified and contain the FSC tree and checkmark logo.

Only companies that are committed to environmental stewardship can attain FSC’s certification.
Lennar, parent company of Newhall Land, recently received the Business of the Year Award from the Child & Family Center. Steve Zimmer, executive vice president of Newhall Land, representing Lennar, proudly accepted the award on behalf of the company.

In presenting the award, President and Executive Director of the Center Lois Bauccio stated:

“Our Center and the children we serve are indeed blessed by financial support from generous local businesses, which literally make the ongoing improvement of our programs possible. This year, our honoree is a relative newcomer to our community, but has already made a mark through its corporate generosity. The Lennar Corporation inherited some major philanthropic responsibilities for the Santa Clarita area when it assumed the leadership of Newhall Land. The company could have shirked these relationships entirely, but instead, Lennar has recognized the critical importance of Newhall Land’s legacy to the nonprofit sector of our community. While Newhall Land is a past recipient of the award, this year we wish to praise a new parent company, which has honored the past through a continuing philanthropic relationship with Child & Family. This year, Lennar made an important gift to us over and above the Newhall Land Corporate Family Program through their Foundation in support of Kid Expo. In addition, the company supported us actively through their United Way Campaign. We hope that this award will adequately express our deep gratitude to Lennar Corporation.”

Newhall Land’s Steve Zimmer accepts the award from Lois Bauccio, left, and Liz Seipel, CEO and founder of the Child & Family Center.

Photo by Gary Choppe