

*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# I've Got to Be A Mulcho Man

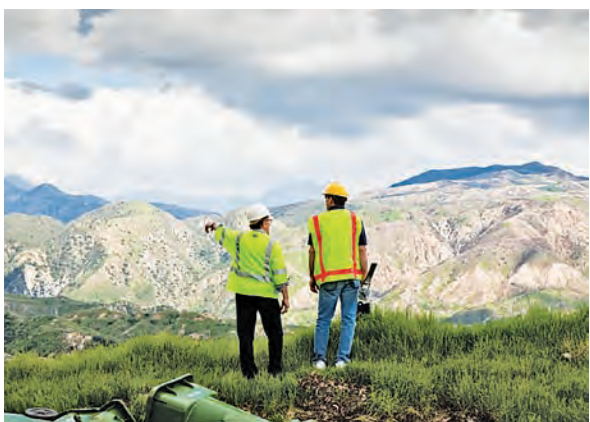
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There's a lot of talk these days about sustainability, and recycling, and being green. But in all of the talk about "green" jobs and carbon footprints and the like, I don't hear much about a project that's literally and figuratively green – the recycling of the City's yard waste into stuff that can really help the environment.

Sometimes I take for granted that green bin outside my house in the Valley. I fill it and watch it be taken away by the good Sanitation folks. Well, okay, I don't really watch it. That 6 a.m. on Mondays comes pretty darned early.

What happens to it then? Where does it go? Is it put to good use? Well, it is. Very much so. Farmers use it. Regular citizens use it to retain water, to prevent erosion, and on and on.

This mulching/composting program that **Paul Blount** runs is a really good thing. I didn't know what they do; I didn't have a clue, really. But I do, now. And I'm really happy I found out. Thanks to **Jim Kurz**, **Eric Wesson** and the rest of the gang for educating us. Next time I fill up that green bin, I'll do with even more conviction. It's the right thing to do!



Paul Blount, Operations Manager, and Club CEO John Hawkins, touring the Lopez Canyon facility.

Meanwhile, tell me you love the story about **Jim Hoerricks** as much as I do. Jim, a video whizbang expert with the LAPD, was called in an emergency to figure out the truth. When two LAPD officers were accused of lying about evidence, he got busy and set it straight. Check it out; the story is all about what we try to create here at the Club every day – that City Employees should be pulling for one another. Awesome job, Jim!

We're also introducing a new column this month, by our own **Tiffany Sy**. We're calling it "Peace of Mind," and that's really the idea. These can be challenging times for all of us. Tiffany really wants you to know that she's here to help. There are Club services and benefits that you can be taking advantage of. Drop her a line to get more information.

And finally, I can't put down the pen (or mouse, I guess) without a word about our favorite Ticket Guy, **Navin Cotton**, who has left the Club to pursue other opportunities. As you've seen in these pages or live and in person, Ticket Guy was a big part of what we do here at the Club, and that is customer service. He was an integral part of building up the Club Store to the point of it needing its own space. We all worked on it, for sure, to make it happen. But we owe special recognition to Navin for his hard work, his good ideas and his good spirit. Godspeed to you, buddy.

To all Club Members, get out there and enjoy your extra sunshine; being happy doesn't have to cost anything!

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