



The Woodlands

GRAPEVINE

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GOOD FOOD, GOOD PEOPLE, GOOD TIMES



We assembled for the 21st time to conduct our 21st annual meeting in October. I guess we're now official adults! Though we experienced summer weather, we celebrated fall and the upcoming holidays. A delicious lunch, terrific door prizes, great music, talented crafters, and an amazing police presence all made for a good time. Because our October newsletter is mailed to more than 1,000 homes, we had a good turn out and lots of new members.



Heaps of gratitude to Dave Watson and Charles Cooley for helping us set up and take down the tables and chairs (you guys make it look so easy) and to Curtis Stanley for faithfully carrying out his banner installation duties. We also had a great welcome table overseen this year by Dianna Greenfield, who stepped in for Marcia Hanford. Marcia had prior plans to visit the Castro brothers in Cuba; she returned safe and sound with great photos.

And to all our members...your supportive kind words are very much appreciated. We could never do it without you.



Annual Meeting.....*Dianna Greenfield*

Our 2015 annual meeting in October was held without the leadership of Marcia Hanford, Association organizer extraordinaire, who was soaking up sun, culture, music and food in Cuba. In her absence, I volunteered to chair the Welcome tables. Annet Arakelian joined me and together I think we helped the event run smoothly. Many thanks to Annet. My thanks also to the ever-loyal welcome table volunteers: Carol Doll, Meg Patrick, Judy Pondella, Karin Jonke and Dana Poag, who kept the sign-in tables moving, and to Christine Saucedo, our raffle runner.



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President's Message

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you're enjoying the rain and that you've not experienced any damage. Your automatic sprinklers are turned off, right? Thankfully, the huge storm drain was completed last year on Hermosita near Ramona; it's the best thing that could have happened with El Niño bearing down. FYI, sand bags are available at all fire stations at no cost as is sand which is available locally at The Glendale Sports Complex, 2200 Fern Lane (off North Verdugo Road). Be sure to take the bags and a shovel with you.

Our ever patient VP, Dennis Guyer is herding us through the final throes of our website's redesign. We're so close; just a few minor items to complete and we're "there." We'll let you know when it's ready. I think you'll be pleased and proud!

By the time you're reading this, your Board will have completed its first meeting of the year. Lots to do: we're monitoring and attending meetings regarding the Armenian American museum proposed at the corner of Verdugo and Mountain (the parking lot adjacent to the Civic Auditorium); we're out of our HOA coffee mugs, so need to order more; we need to plan our annual wine tasting, National Night Out, our annual meeting and a Woodlands volunteer clean-up day at the north entrance to Verdugo Park where the dead redwood trees were removed (specifics to follow). By the way, if you know of a reputable, reasonable and dependable food truck operator, please let us know. We need one for our National Night Out event; not as easy to find as you might think.

Please know that we continue to attend Design Review Board and Planning Commission meetings for projects that affect our Woodlands

and remain committed to working with our police department for the safety of our Woodlands.

Stay safe and watch out for one another. It's what good neighbors do!



Mirna Stanley
President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following Woodlanders have joined their homeowners association since our October 2015 newsletter:

Garnick and Victoria Shabanian, Hrair and Annie Balian, Joyce Delaney, Ann Miller, Francis Callahan, Gladys Kabateck, Andrew Awaida, Julie and Gerry Hoskins, Traute and Gene Gleeson, Gary Parikian & Jenny Golanian, Glenn and Nancy Becker

They represent: Opechee Way, Camulos Avenue, Wabasso Way, El Rito, Colina, Andenes, Cañada Boulevard.

Thanks for your support!

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Our Mission Statement:

To preserve the low-profile, single-family characteristics and the aesthetics which are unique to the Verdugo Woodlands; and to provide a forum for discussion of civic issues which may directly affect the Verdugo Woodlands

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IN RESPONSE.....by Mirna Stanley

Many of you have included notations on your renewal forms dealing with the sad condition of many of our streets and intersections in the Woodlands. We contacted the Department of Public Works and this is what we've learned:

Funds for street rehabilitation generally come from Gas Tax Funds which are generated per gallon of gas sold and distributed based on population. Recently, the state reduced our City's Gas Tax Fund allotment by approximately 15%. Further reduction will most likely occur due to the increase in the number of hybrid/electric vehicles, as well as higher fuel-efficiency vehicles. Additionally, federal and state grants are available for arterial streets; very few grants can be used on residential streets.

Pavement rehab on residential streets west of Cañada Boulevard is not included in the City's 3-year Capital Improvement Plan. Considering improvements recently completed on Cañada and the streets east of Cañada, it is unlikely the city will return to our area in the near future. There are many streets in the same or worse condition and funds need to be spread evenly throughout the City and the potential of changing to city council districts could further complicate the future rehabilitation timeline. *(Not my words)!*

Hope you find this informative, albeit disappointing.



Restore

The San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity is working on its 9th Build in Glendale project. Its building of affordable homes is supported by its retail store for lightly used and new household goods and construction materials. **Restore** often has antiques as well as new items and the stock is always changing.

Donations are most welcome...and it's a great way to de-clutter your home! And, if you donate excess building materials, you will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Access **Restore** from San Fernando Road by taking the Broadway / Brazil crossing over the railroad tracks. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday.



Thanks, Suzanne!



We are indebted to Suzanne Edwards, HOA member and local Realtor, who chaired our successful National Night Out on August 4th. She also arranged and funded the Dad Beats, the band comprised of Verdugo Woodland dads, which we all enjoyed.

There were lots of obstacles to overcome in planning this event, but it was certainly worth it!

Note: This article somehow did not make it into our October newsletter; our sincere apologies.

☞ In Loving Memory ☜.....by Mirna Stanley



We lost a dear friend and huge supporter of our HOA when Joan Mandell passed on October 9th. As our Membership Outreach chair she had so much fun contacting new homeowners in the Woodlands, sharing her love of the area and nearly always convincing them to join their homeowners association. Some of you might remember meeting her at our annual wine tasting or annual meeting. Joan so wanted to attend our National Night Out event, but it wasn't to be. Cancer, which she had beaten many times, returned, but it couldn't dampen her incredible spirit. I miss chatting with her during her frequent neighborhood walks and sometimes catch myself looking for her. Our sincere condolences to her loving family. We are all better for knowing her.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SHOW YOUR WOODLANDS PRIDE!



The north entrance of Verdugo Park at Colina Drive has become a bit tattered in appearance and the removal of dead redwood trees has resulted in a barren appearance. It needs to be cleaned before irrigation and reforestation begins. We can help expedite the process.

Can you spare a couple hours to help clean, remove vines from trees and bag all we remove? We would be under the supervision of Parks & Recreation.

Schedule (weather permitting) would be on a Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. We'll select one of the following Saturdays:

January 30th or February 6th or 13th. We will advise you as soon as we secure a firm date.

Wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves. Maybe we can find a pot of hot cocoa for us!

Please RSVP to: Dianna Greenfield 818-548-5676

Thank you! You're the best!



2015 ANNUAL MEETING RAFFLE WINNERS

Trader Joe's Merchandise: Sharon Uretz

Surface Fitness Classes: R Thishell, Ara & Ani Hoonanian

Alex Theatre (2 Tickets): Ann Miller

Fro-Yo \$10 Certificates: Ed Shamdass, Rick Stern, Jennifer Weissmuller, Betty Tanaka, Joyce Delaney, Gladys Kabateck, Art & Melinda Gillman, Alvars Jerumanis, Don Margolin, Vic & Rosa Kalaba

Nestle Basket: Donna and Jim Jaeger

Palace Liquor: Dot Ward, Tom Stires, Leslie Gavin, James Nutting, Karin Jonke, Mike Browne, Frances Callahan

Halloween Goodie Bag: Charlie & Terri Hassenmiller

Copper on Glass Tile: Rob Sherwood

Equinox Membership Free Intro Pilates Class: Christine Saucedo

Ferrero Rocher Chocolates: Tania Wolfe-Steiner

Vendome Wine Tasting Certificate: Mary Arevalo

Chef's Pad (Cookbook CD, \$10 Gift Card Vons): Doris McKentley

Etc Gourmet Kitchen \$20 Gift Certificate: Ann Wacker

Barragan's Mexican Restaurant 4 Dinner & Drink Certificates: Charles Cooley, Esther Entz

Fish King \$20 Gift Card: Mike and Vicki Shimaji

Olive Garden \$50 Gift Card: Karen Helphand

Music from the Heart CD by Elias Thomas, (Verdugo Woodlands Resident): Jim & Evelyn Reichgelt

50/50 Cash (\$105): Annet Arakelian

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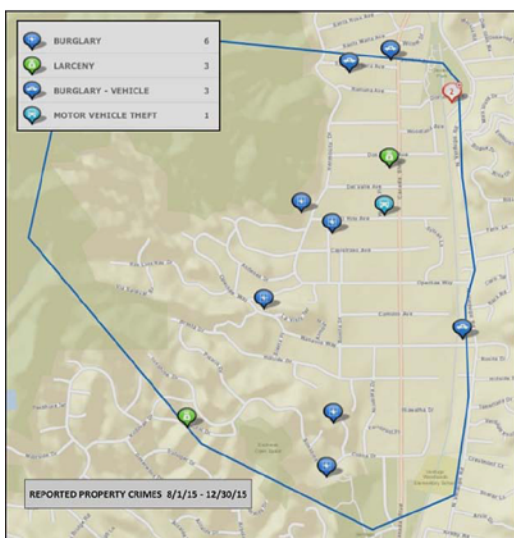
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Verdugo Woodlands West



VERDUGO WOODLANDS PROPERTY CRIME



REPORTED PROPERTY CRIMES 8/1/15 - 12/30/15



DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	NOTES
8/18/2015	6:00 AM	BURGLARY	2400-BLK BONITA DR	VEHICLE BURGLARY - WINDOW SMASH
8/30/15 - 8/31/15	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	BURGLARY OF AUTOMOBILE/TRUCK	1700-BLK WABASSO WY	VEHICLE BURGLARY - UNK ENTRY
6/1/15 - 9/12/15	XXX	GRAND THEFT	1700-BLK WOODLAND AV	GRAND THEFT FROM HOME
10/3/15 - 10/12/15	XXX	PETTY THEFT	2600-BLK CANADA BLVD	PACKAGE THEFT
10/19/2015	8:15 PM - 8:38 PM	BURGLARY	2500-BLK HERMOSITA DR	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - REAR WINDOW ENTRY
10/20/15 - 10/21/15	4:30 PM - 8:20 AM	BURGLARY OF AUTOMOBILE/TRUCK	1600-BLK SANTA BARBARA AV	VEHICLE BURGLARY - UNK ENTRY
11/4/2015	2:00 AM - 12:00 PM	STOLEN VEHICLE (AUTO/TRUCK&BUS/MC/OTHER)	1600-BLK EL RITO AV	STOLEN VEHICLE
11/11/15 - 11/16/15	XXX	BURGLARY	1700-BLK WOODLAND AV	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - UNK ENTRY
11/24/2015	10:00 AM - 12:54 PM	BURGLARY	1400-BLK WABASSO WY	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - UNK ENTRY
11/25/2015	3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	BURGLARY	1500-BLK SUNSHINE DR	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - POSSIBLE UNLOCKED FRONT DOOR ENTRY
11/30/15 - 12/1/15	8:30 PM - 7:30 AM	PETTY THEFT	1300-BLK BALMORAL	THEFT FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE
12/1/2015	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BURGLARY	1500-BLK COLINA DR	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - FRONT DOOR FORCED ENTRY
12/8/15 - 12/9/15	8:00 AM - 6:25 AM	BURGLARY OF AUTOMOBILE/TRUCK	2900-BLK CANADA BLVD	VEHICLE BURGLARY - LOCK/HANDLE FORCED ENTRY