



# The Woodlands

## GRAPEVINE

JULY 2016

### WELL, THAT WAS FUN!

A good time was had by all who attended our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Tasting event put together by Board member Karen Ferkich. Even the weather cooperated! It was good to meet and visit with new members and to reunite with those who have been so loyal and supportive over the years. We're a good group!

Your HOA Board members came through again with terrific appetizers and to those who helped set up and take down tables, furniture, chairs, thank you. This event, and all our events, for that matter, would never be possible without them.



## President's Message

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Hi Woodlanders! We're racing to get this newsletter finished and to the printers as quickly as possible so we can timely alert you to upcoming events. Before we do that, business first: thanks to all who attended our 4<sup>th</sup> annual wine tasting event and a big thank you to our Board members who made it all happen, from helping set-up to taking it all down. The fantastic appetizers, savory and sweet, were quickly devoured (maybe we'll accept some of your offers to bring a sampling of your favorite appetizers next year). That would be super and, if not a family secret, we could share recipes! A big thanks to Karen Ferkich, who chaired this event, selected the special wines showcased by Palace Liquors, provided all the glassware, prepared amazing appetizers (those little "potato things" were the best!); the list is endless. We sincerely appreciate all her efforts which made for a very successful event and a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

Don't forget to calendar Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual National Night Out. We have special surprises. *The Subs* will knock your socks off with their upbeat tunes from the 50's to whatever it is we're calling current music! I think you'll be amazed with the options and quality offerings from the food trucks this year. Docent-led tours of the Adobe will be available and our favorite balloon artist will be there creating animal balloons and making balloon bracelets for our Woodland Sprites. You will soon notice signs popping up throughout the Woodlands announcing this event. Don't forget! This is your opportunity for a one-on-one with our police officers!

As if that weren't enough, our annual meeting is fast approaching. We're doing our best to set a neutral date and secure a venue. Lots to do.

Lastly, I need you to think about sharing your time and talents with your homeowners association. We simply cannot do this without more help. Pending workload includes scanning a binder of Meeting Minutes to a thumb drive or CD, technical computer assistance and, we are in need of a Secretary. The position, while important, does not entail complicated reporting and thankfully, we all help each other. If you signed up to help at our wine tasting, a huge thank you, and we'll be in touch.

See you on August 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Mirna Stanley  
President

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Representing Andenes, Sombra, Opechee Way:  
Mary and Strohe La Croix, Joe Neary, Jack & Deanna Hlajajian

*Thanks for your support!*

### 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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# Verdugo Woodlands Homeowners Association

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 2, 6 pm – 8 pm  
Catalina Verdugo Adobe, 2011 Bonita Drive

**Everyone welcome!**

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event held on the first Tuesday of August. Its purpose is to foster and enhance relationships among neighbors, raise crime prevention awareness and strengthen our interaction with our police department. Our homeowner association's inaugural National Night Out last year was amazingly successful with 300+ attendees, who made new friends and visited with their neighbors on the grounds of our historic Adobe. We believe this year's event will surpass our initial effort. Please plan on attending. Scheduled for your enjoyment:

- The Grilled Cheese food truck, with their signature melt sandwiches: French Onion Soup Melt, Cheesy Mac & Ribs on French bread, Cheesy Mac Melt, etc.
- Shaved Ice and Ice Cream truck with selections you won't believe! Ice Cream sandwiches, various toppings, etc.
- Live music by the **Subs!**
- Tours of the Catalina Verdugo Adobe
- Balloon artist for the children
- Meet members of our police department

We ask that you please leave your pets at home for this event.

"Members of the Glendale Police Department understand that only through strong community support and participation can we reduce crime and improve safety and security for residents and visitors." Raul M. Castro, Glendale Chief of Police



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# F.Y.I.

## GOT 'EM!

Our monthly Association Board meeting in May hosted Lt. Oscar Rodriguez, Officer Abe Chung and Crime Analyst Abigail Luczon, who provided current crime stats in our area and an update on the October 2013 home invasion in the Woodlands. GOOD NEWS! Los Angeles Police arrested three suspects in connection with pending home invasions and, thanks to mutual cooperation among all police departments, the "MO" of these three thugs was noted by a Glendale Police Department crime analyst.



**Dwight Ladale Stephen**

28 years old. Van Ness gang. Sentenced to 30 years to life for 2 home invasions in Orange County, August 2013. Admitted to the home invasion robbery on Andenes in Glendale.



**Andre Ricardo Pierson**

25 years old. Van Ness gang member. One prior DUI arrest in Glendale. Sentenced to 30 years to life for 2 home invasions in Orange County, August 2013.



**Curtis Ray Robinson**

27 years old. Sentenced to 19 years, 8 months for 2 home invasions in Orange County, August 2013.

Those who attended our meeting with the Glendale Police Department in October 2014 might remember meeting Glendale Robbery / Homicide Detective Jeff Davis, who provided many tips on how to stay safe and protect our homes. Detective Davis interviewed Dwight Stephen who admitted his involvement in the home invasion on Andenes Drive. The other 2 males arrested with Stephen in connection with the Orange County home invasions did not admit guilt with the Andenes robbery however, GPD says it is highly likely they were also involved.

All 3 were tried and convicted in late July 2015 for crimes committed in Orange County.

*Importantly, should any of these 3 criminals parole early, the LA Deputy Attorney's office will file the pending case on Andenes and then it's Glendale's turn to put them away. Again.*

Good news indeed.

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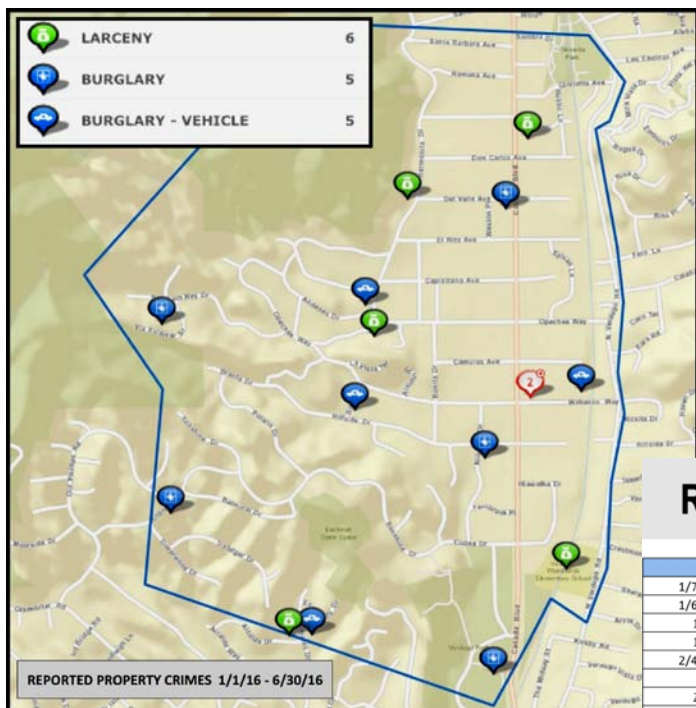
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### REPORTED PROPERTY CRIMES - 1/1/16 - 6/30/16

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	NOTES
1/7/16 - 1/8/16	7:00 PM - 12:05 PM	THEFT PTY	1700-BLK WABASSO WY	THEFT FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE
1/6/16 - 1/7/16	9:30 PM - 7:30 AM	THEFT PTY	1500-BLK OPECHEE WAY	THEFT FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE
1/14/2016	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BURGLARY	2200-BLK VIA SALDIVAR	ATTEMPT RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
1/26/2016	7:15 PM - 9:39 PM	BURGLARY	1900-BLK NIODRARA DR	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - REAR WINDOW SMASH
2/4/16 - 2/5/16	7:15 PM - 7:10 PM	BURGL AUTO	2300-BLK HERMOSITA DR	VEHICLE BURGLARY
2/9/2016	2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	BURGLARY	1600-BLK CANADA BLVD	BURGLARY OF PARK OFFICE
2/26/2016	7:29 AM	BURGLARY	1000-BLK KILDONAN DR	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - REAR SLIDER SMASH
3/16/2016	3:46 PM	THEFT PTY	1700-BLK N VERDUGO RD	THEFT
3/22/2016	12:00 PM	THEFT PTY	2700-BLK CANADA BLVD	PACKAGE THEFT
4/29/2016	5:02 AM - 6:00 AM	BURGL AUTO	1700-BLK WABASSO WY	BURGLARY OF WORK VAN
4/29/2016	4:25 AM - 5:00 AM	BURGL AUTO	1700-BLK WABASSO WY	BURGLARY OF WORK VAN
5/10/16 - 5/11/16	3:00 PM - 10:30 AM	BURGL AUTO	1600-BLK ARBOLES DR	VEHICLE BURGLARY
5/10/16 - 5/11/16	6:00 PM - 6:15 AM	THEFT PTY	1000-BLK ALCALDE DR	THEFT FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE
5/11/16 - 5/12/16	10:00 PM - 12:00 PM	THEFT PTY	2500-BLK HERMOSITA DR	MAIL THEFT
6/1/16 - 6/2/16	10:10 PM - 3:15 AM	BURGLARY	2500-BLK CANADA BLVD	COMMERCIAL BURGLARY
6/8/2016	12:05 AM - 7:09 AM	BURGL AUTO	1500-BLK HILLSIDE DR	VEHICLE BURGLARY