



The Woodlands

GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY 2017

GREAT WEATHER AND GREAT NEIGHBORS!

The annual meeting of the Verdugo Woodlands Homeowners Association was held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the storied Catalina Verdugo Adobe. Neighbors delighted in visiting with one another while enjoying the glorious November weather as could only be found in Southern California. It was good to see Council members Laura Friedman (newly elected State Assemblywoman from this area), Vartan Gharpetian and Mayor Paula Devine. Lunch was catered by Tortas Mexico and, as always, we managed to have great door prizes with very appreciative winners (listed on page 4).



The food was great! It's wonderful to meet old and new neighbors. This is the best neighborhood ever! Thanks for putting this together. ~ Traute Gleeson



These gatherings provide such a wonderful feeling of community. Love to see the neighbors and very much enjoy the camaraderie. Food provided and treats are always delicious. ~ Unsigned

Thank you – everything was great! We enjoy the relaxing atmosphere at these gatherings ~ Andrea and Mike Lichtman

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President's Message

I can't believe it's 2017, another year behind us! On the bright side, it appears the dreaded drought is in our rear view mirrors. Here's to lower GWP bills!

My apologies for beginning with troubling news which will affect the density and street parking in all our neighborhoods. On January 1, Governor Brown signed into law regulations requiring all cities and counties in California to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) (also known as *granny flats*), on all single-family and multi-family properties **without discretionary approval**. That means no design review, no neighborhood compatibility required, no public notice, "no" to a lot of things. Cities and counties are now restricted with regard to certain setbacks, development within existing structures, height and setbacks for garage conversions and parking standards. Cities are prohibited from requiring on-site parking if the ADU is located within one-half mile of public transit! Glendale's Zoning Code does not currently permit ADUs (hence no standards), so our city council will accept public comments regarding adoption of an Urgency Ordinance while staff works on developing criteria that would fall within the purview of the new law. The matter will then be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review and public comment (date not set, but we will advise you).

The Commission's recommendations will then revert to the City Council for consideration and action. All this to "expand affordable housing opportunities to address a critical statewide housing shortage." The law is clear that local governments can create reasonable standards to guide the approval process and to mitigate some of the impacts on neighborhoods, so long as they are not so onerous as to radically restrict the creation of ADUs. We will be at the Council and the Planning Commission meetings to make sure such standards exist in Glendale. If you would like to attend

or provide written comments, we encourage you to email the members of our city council: pdevine@glendaleca.gov zsinanyan@glendaleca.gov vgharpetian@glendaleca.gov anajarian@glendaleca.gov

On another note, be prepared. Election time in Glendale is upon us. Election day, Tuesday April 4th, will be here in the blink of an eye. Familiarize yourselves with the candidates and attend as many Meet and Greet events and forums as possible. It's immensely important.

Meanwhile, a very happy and healthy new year to the best neighbors in Glendale and don't forget to watch out for one another. It's what good neighbors do.



Mirna Stanley
President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Representing **Glorietta, Hillside Drive, Hermosita, Blanchard Drive** and **Niodrara Drive**: Mark and Kathleen Richelson, Timothy and Cynthia Kendrick, Grace and Bob Mase, Sean and Kelly Cauvel, Kerry and Ed Silver

Thanks for your support and we hope to see you soon in the neighborhood at one of our events!

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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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THANK YOU!

Thank you to those stalwart souls who attended the meeting on December 20th at the police department's community room to hear what the police had to say about the spike in crimes in our area. Our Homeowners Association co-sponsored the meeting with Royal Canyon Homeowners Association which is located immediately south of our area. They were experiencing an alarming increase in burglaries, vehicle thefts, etc. in their area, which is too close for comfort. Collectively, 70 neighbors attended which was excellent for that time of year.



It was touching to see the banner that our homeowners association presented to Police Chief Rob Castro displayed in the police department lobby. Many of you will recall signing the banner and presenting it to the Chief at our National Night Out event last August. Please know our Glendale Police Department is very appreciative of our show of support.



Crime Stats



REPORTED PROPERTY CRIMES/ROBBERIES - 8/1/16 - 12/31/16

Report #	Incident Type	Location	Report Date	NOTES
160012922	RECOVERED VEHICLE	1600-BLK N VERDUGO RD	8/22/2016	RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE
160014205	STOLEN VEHICLE	1500-BLK HILLSIDE DR	9/15/2016	STOLEN VEHICLE
160014737	PETTY THEFT	1700-BLK WOODLAND AV	9/26/2016	THEFT FROM PORCH
160015530	BURGLARY OF AUTOMOBILE/TRUCK	2100-BLK CANADA BLVD	10/11/2016	VEHICLE BURGLARY - UNKNOWN METHOD OF ENTRY
160015432	PETTY THEFT	2400-BLK CANADA BLVD	10/9/2016	THEFT FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE
160015547	BURGLARY OF AUTOMOBILE/TRUCK	1400-BLK ANDENES DR	10/11/2016	VEHICLE BURGLARY - WINDOW FORCE OPEN
160016374	BURGLARY	1800-BLK CANADA BLVD	10/29/2016	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - UNKNOWN METHOD OF ENTRY
160016433	STOLEN VEHICLE	2500-BLK HERMOSITA DR	10/30/2016	STOLEN VEHICLE
160016540	PETTY THEFT	1700-BLK WOODLAND AV	11/1/2016	THEFT OF LICENSE PLATE
160017694	BURGLARY	1500-BLK SUNSHINE DR	11/27/2016	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - REAR SLIDER SMASH
160017950	STOLEN VEHICLE	1900-BLK POLARIS DR	12/2/2016	STOLEN VEHICLE
160018445	BURGLARY OF AUTOMOBILE/TRUCK	2700-BLK RUSTIC LN	12/12/2016	VEHICLE BURGLARY - UNKNOWN METHOD OF ENTRY
160018618	GRAND THEFT	1300-BLK OPECHEE WAY	12/16/2016	THEFT FROM UNLOCKED VEHICLE
160018735	PETTY THEFT	1600-BLK WABASSO WY	12/18/2016	PACKAGE THEFT FROM PORCH
160018955	ROBBERY	1500-BLK CANADA BLVD #C	12/23/2016	COMMERCIAL ROBBERY



Great food – we should do these events every couple months. Possibly open houses over the holidays. Is here a Neighborhood Watch / FaceBook/Website page? ~ *Charles Meier*

Saturday Woodlands HOA fiesta: 1) Excellent 2) food very good 3) beautiful day 4) Courteous Happy Welcomes! ~ *Jim Reichelt*

Thank You! ~ *Vic and Roseanne Kalaba*



Annual Meeting Raffle Winners - November 5, 2016

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| American Flag | Ketty Hanson |
| Trader Joe's Bag & Goodies | Marcie Haug |
| The Pilates Studio 3 Sessions | Harold Entz |
| Alex Theater 2 Tickets | Gene Gleeson |
| Paradis Ice Cream | Wendy Weicker, Dave Cole, Betty Naka, Karen Helphand, Vartan Gharpetian, Minerva Astengo, Jim Scofield, Melinda Gillman, Ruby Messner, George Sayeg |
| Palace Liquor Bottle of Wine | Armando Gonzalez, Don Margolin, Lin Soderlund, Haik Alexanians, Angie Browne, Roseanne Kalaba, Steve O'Bryan, Eric Axene, Nancy Marshall, Dave Cole, Ed Shandus, Charles Meier |
| Casa Cordoba \$40 Gift Cert. | Gia Firestone |
| Town Kitchen \$25 Gift cert. | Roseanne Kalaba |
| Starbucks \$25 Gift Cert. | Laurie Sayeg |
| Starbucks \$10 Gift Cert. | Mike Shimaji, Sue Scofield, Brenda Burke, Andrea & Michael Lichtman |
| Giuseppe's \$25 Gift Cert. | Grace Axene |
| Holiday Snowman | Scott Firestone |
| 50/50 Drawing | Minerva Astengo |



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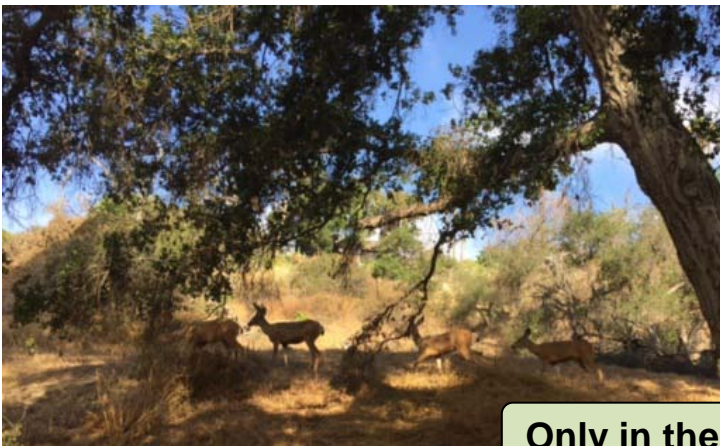
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Only in the Woodlands!

Photos taken from Hermosita Drive. Please drive slowly and safely.
