



# The Woodlands

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OCTOBER 2017

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017



Our Homeowners Association hosted another successful, fun-filled evening on August 1, at our Adobe for National Night Out. The Slanging Corea food truck (Korean fusion) was busy all night as was the popular Shaved Ice and Ice Cream truck. We appreciated the great police and fire department presence and the amazing turnout from the Verdugo Woodlands. We look forward to an even greater event next year!



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*President's Message*

A warm hello and welcome to all Verdugo Woodlanders; Homeowner Association members and non-members! Our Association's October issue is always sent to every single-family residence located within our boundaries (Santa Barbara on the north, the west side of Verdugo Road on the west then south to the commercial area across from the college, eastward to include Verdugo Park, west and up Colina to the fire road, then north including all the green space to Santa Barbara). A tad more than 1,100 homes! While all 1,100 homeowners are not HOA members, we're working on it!

On Saturday, November 4, you have a great opportunity to meet your neighbors at the Catalina Verdugo Adobe on Bonita Drive when the Verdugo Woodlands West Homeowners Association hosts its annual meeting/membership drive. Earlier this year, our members responded to an e-mail requesting comments/ideas as to whether we should change the day, time, venue etc. of our annual meeting. In response to those comments, rather than our usual lunch meeting, we will be hosting a Continental breakfast served from 9-10 a.m. Most of you advised that our Adobe was the perfect place! We'll still have great door prizes and the very popular 50/50 drawing (winner must be present). You'll have the rest of Saturday to jump back into your jammies or if you must, begin planning for the impending holidays just around the corner! We will be asking for a voice vote approval for those Board members who are up for re-election and hopefully introduce a few new members. You will have every opportunity to ask questions, find out what we do and we welcome your suggestions and advice.

Those who came down to the Adobe for our National Night Out event in August and just didn't get around to joining your homeowners association, this is a perfect time to do so. You will be joining hundreds of

your wonderful neighbors who make up the Verdugo Woodlands West Homeowners Association. We are very active with regard to city matters as they affect our Woodlands.

Again, a hearty welcome; plan on having breakfast with us and meeting your neighbors on Saturday, November 4.

Until then, enjoy the cooler weather and take care of one another. It's what good neighbors do.

Sincerely,



Mirna Stanley  
President



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Amanda and Albert Garcia. A special welcome and thank you to Albert, a former Marine pilot, who recently served our country in Afghanistan.

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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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# HELLO NEIGHBORS!.....by Diane Ferris



Did you ever wonder what your Homeowners Association does for you and the neighborhood? Find out on November 4, 2017, when we will be holding our annual meeting at the Catalina Verdugo Adobe. In response to a survey sent by email to our membership, we are changing our meeting format a bit this year.

We are always striving to be more effective and more responsive to the needs of the residents of the Verdugo Woodlands, so a big *thank you* goes out to all of you who provided the helpful feedback.

We would like to give everyone a better idea of our mission, how we go about accomplishing it and what you can do to become more involved in your neighborhood should you have an interest in doing so. We realize it is much easier to be supportive of an organization if you are fully aware of the scope of its activities.

Our meeting this year will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 am and we'll be serving a Continental breakfast. There will be plenty of time to meet new neighbors and catch up with those you haven't seen in a while. If you care about your neighborhood and want to maintain its charm and inviting character, please join us on November 4. You'll have a good time and be more informed. What a great way to spend part of your morning!

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## FYI

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### Donations

Thank you, Jim and Pam Elyea and Arthur Charchian and all those who contributed to our donation jar at National Night Out! We appreciate it!



### Trash Pick-Up

Our Friday trash collection day will be maintained on the day after Thanksgiving. Cans should not be at curbside earlier than 5pm on Thursday.



Our January newsletter sent exclusively to HOA members will include stats on crimes committed within our HOA boundaries. The stats are from June to December of this year and are provided by our police department.

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## ☞ CAN'T SAY GOOD-BYE ☞

As some of you are aware, after 45 years, we have sold our wonderful home and are re-locating out of California. It still hasn't quite sunk in, but it is reality. We have loved and appreciated the Woodlands and wouldn't trade it for anything. Some 20+ years ago, I answered a knock on the front door to find neighbors seeking funds to oppose a very inappropriate construction project on Hermosita Drive. The issues were familiar to me as I was working in the Planning Department of a nearby municipality at the time. Long story short, neighbors' opposition grew, we were successful, one thing led to another and eventually we had enough volunteers to form a homeowners association. It wasn't easy at times, but we prevailed. Looking back, it seems as if I've attended hundreds of Design Review Board hearings (not quite that much but **lots!**), at times as many as three different projects going through the system simultaneously, Planning Commission and City Council hearings and appeals, Task Force Committees, Glendale Police Community Committees, Heritage Tree Preservation (all representing your interests to maintain the ambience of our Woodlands). I must say, the most proud I've been of our homeowners association was our success in convincing the City Council to establish a Military Recognition Banner program. We held a fundraiser in our back yard and raised \$5,000! The banners grace Glendale Boulevard and honor military with ties to Glendale who are serving in areas of conflict. Way to go Woodlands!

If I still have your attention, I strongly encourage you to consider volunteering your talent, provide input, suggestions etc., as a board member, committee member or newsletter coordinator on your homeowners association. You would have the support and friendship of our amazing Board and Associate Board members. Please approach them on November 4 at our inaugural Continental Breakfast annual meeting.

So it is with anticipation and a long, sentimental look back that Curtis and I and Boo, head out on a new adventure in this last chapter of our story. I couldn't begin to adequately thank all of you for your caring friendship. I'll miss your smiling faces. Please promise me this; keep the Woodlands strong. God bless each of you and keep you in good health. Adios.

With great affection,

Mirna Stanley

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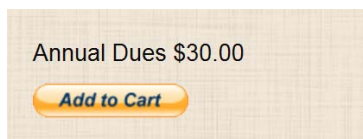
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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER.....By Annet Arakelian

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