



The Woodlands

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PLEASE TREAT OUR TREES RIGHT!



Native oaks and sycamores are one of the treasures of our neighborhood. Glendale has an Indigenous Tree ordinance to preserve these valuable trees. A few problems have recently been identified by our professional city arborists. Here are some tips to follow if you want to keep these trees healthy and to avoid fines or other penalties for failing to take care of them properly.

--Do not install stones, rocks, or other paving underneath the drip line of a protected indigenous tree. (The drip line extends to the outermost perimeter of the tree canopy.)

--Do not change the natural grade of the land by excavation within the drip line.

--Do not install or maintain an irrigation system within three feet of the trunk.

And please remember, you need a permit from the Director of Public Works to prune any branch larger than 2 inches in diameter of a protected indigenous tree.

Thank you for your help in protecting the character of the Woodlands landscape.

For more information on indigenous trees and the policies governing them, please see section 12.44 of the Glendale Municipal Code: <http://www.qcode.us/codes/glendale/>

NEW BULBS FOR VINTAGE STREET LAMPS



Glendale neighborhoods are favored with beautiful vintage street lamps that have been undergoing an unfortunate update. Across our neighborhoods failing light bulbs have been replaced with 4000K LED bulbs. The problem seems to be particularly acute in Rossmoyne, but it has affected the Woodlands too. The too-bright lights have caused numerous complaints from drivers, night-time walkers, and homeowners with windows adjacent to the lamps. Steve Zurn, the head of GWP, has been alerted to the problem. We will consult with other HOAs to make sure the City comes up with a solution that works for everyone and also try to ensure that resident input is sought before making changes that affect the quality of life and safety of our neighborhoods.

❧ *Editor's Message* ❧

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This is our first newsletter without Mirna Stanley's wisdom, dedication, and in-depth knowledge of the neighborhood to guide us. I want to express our appreciation again to Mirna for her wonderful leadership. I first met her a year or so after I moved to Glendale, when I contacted her to discuss creating a Niodrara Drive Historic District. I was overwhelmed by her enthusiasm for preserving this unique part of the Woodlands. On behalf of the HOA she appeared at commission meetings and City Council to support the District, which was finally created in April 2016.

The VWWHOA is in transition with Mirna's departure. One sign of this is the rotating editorship of the newsletter, as each board member takes a crack at it. But we will continue to follow Mirna's lead in monitoring projects that affect us, attending Design Review Board and City Council meetings, and keeping our members informed about any issues that impact the Woodlands.

One important issue is a permanent ordinance regulating Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs, or "granny flats"). ADUs must be allowed in single-family zones without design review, but cities can create reasonable regulations to help preserve neighborhood character.

Last year your HOA was instrumental in getting Council to pass an interim ordinance with the following provisions: a 500 square-foot maximum; no increase in Floor Area Ratio (FAR, the total floor area of residential buildings relative to lot size) to create an ADU; no ADUs in front yards; no short-term rentals; replacement parking if a garage is decommissioned; and others. We continue to argue for an owner occupancy requirement.

Council will vote to adopt an ordinance on January 30th. Please come to the 6 p.m. meeting (613 E. Broadway). Evidence suggests that the four votes needed to pass these reasonable regulations may not be there. Council needs to know this is important to Glendale residents. Thank you for your support.

Catherine Jurca, Board Member

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Representing El Rito, Glorietta, Hillside, Niodrara, and Wabasso: Cindy Dugger and Byron Taylor, Jason Gottlieb, Joanna Hess, John and Graham McLaren, Edwin and Hasmik Sahakian, Daniel and Maya Told

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

WE BID FAREWELL TO HOA PRESIDENT MIRNA STANLEY



A beautiful day dawned on the Catalina Verdugo Adobe for our 22nd annual meeting on November 4, 2017. This year's continental breakfast was a new format, based upon a survey of the membership.

After socializing over a delicious buffet of quiche, donuts, and other goodies, the business meeting was called to order. Annet Arakelian, Loretta De Lange, Dennis Guyer, and Mirna Stanley covered agenda items that included a review of the

Association's activities, involvement in community issues, and our finances. The members who were present voted to appoint Marcia Hanford, Catherine Jurca, Dana Poag, and Alice Villaseñor for 2-year board terms. Door prizes and a 50/50 drawing concluded the program.

Mayor Vartan Gharpetian and Councilmembers Vrej Agajanian and Paula Devine presented a commendation to President Mirna Stanley on the occasion of the Stanleys' impending move. Mirna and Curtis were original signers of the VWWHOA bylaws in 1994 and have been working ever since to improve and protect the Woodlands. The Association is deeply indebted to Mirna for many years as president, which included countless meetings and appearances before City Council, boards, and commissions. The Stanleys celebrated Christmas and rang in 2018, along with their beloved pooch Boo, in Texas.

Many thanks to Associate Board members and volunteer members who helped at the event: Minerva Astengo, Angie Brown, Mike Brown, Carol Doll, Diane Ferris, Amanda Garcia, Dianna Greenfield, Dana Poag, Amy Yazzetta. Thanks also to Dianna for donating her 50/50 winnings back to the HOA!





In Memoriam...Art Moore

Our Association has lost one of its founding members. Art Moore was 104 when he passed away on November 8, 2017. His wife Ruth continues to enjoy the Woodlands in the home they built in 1953. Their daughter Karin Jonke was founding President of the VWWHOA in 1994. Art's numerous community involvements included the Dad's Club and its annual Fathers' Follies. The Grapevine featured Art's appearance in the show when he turned 100. Our neighborhood has been very fortunate to have this family in our midst for so many decades, and Art will truly be missed.

THE FUTURE OF GRAYSON

As most of you know by now, GWP is proposing to spend \$500 million to upgrade and expand the Grayson Power Plant. A number of Woodlands residents and HOA members have mobilized to oppose it. As a result of these efforts, the City Council will meet on February 6 to consider pausing the project and launching an independent study of clean energy alternatives.

Objections to the Grayson expansion reflect both economic and environmental concerns. Opponents point out that California is continually tightening regulations on fossil fuel generation. Pending legislation requiring 100% clean energy by 2045 would leave Glendale with a stranded asset and significant debt. The proposed plant is larger than GWP needs. Its own projections anticipate decreasing demand despite population growth and more electric vehicles. GWP had planned to sell excess power to contain costs, but as the state turns away from fossil fuels, this strategy is no longer viable. In addition, the expansion would significantly increase carbon emissions and smog-causing pollutants in the most densely populated area of Glendale.

The only vocal supporter of the plan thus far is GWP. No one is arguing that Glendale should do nothing. Grayson must be replaced. The question is whether the City will give serious consideration to rapidly emerging and increasingly competitive alternatives, as other cities including Los Angeles are doing, before it commits itself to a \$500 million expense.

Whatever your position on this issue, we hope you will make your voice heard on February 6. The meeting is at 6 pm in Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway.

Annual Meeting Raffle Winners Nov. 4, 2017

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| Alex Theater 2 Tickets | Hasmik Tsurlian |
| Casa Cordoba \$20 Gift Certificate | Sev Gregorian |
| Town Kitchen \$50 Gift Certificate | Jason Gottlieb |
| ETC. Café \$20 Gift Certificate | Marsha Wong and Minerva Astengo |
| Regal Theaters 2 Adult Admissions | Varog Niazi |
| Fish King \$20 Gift Certificate | Susan Roberts |
| Gift Bag of Wine | Rick Gavin |
| Music CD | George Sayeg |
| 50/50 | Dianna Greenfield |

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CRIME STATS



REPORTED PROPERTY CRIMES - 7/1/17 - 12/31/17

REPORT #	INCIDENT TYPE	LOCATION	REPORT DATE	NOTES
170010119	PETTY THEFT	1300-BLK OPECHEE WAY	7/10/17	STOLEN LICENSE PLATE
170011459	BURGLARY	2800-BLK CANADA BLVD	8/4/17	VEHICLE BURGLARY - WINDOW SMASH
170011851	GRAND THEFT	1400-BLK EL RITO AV	8/11/17	PACKAGE THEFT
170012478	STOLEN VEHICLE	1700-BLK DON CARLOS AV	8/24/17	STOLEN VEHICLE
170012513	PETTY THEFT	1700-BLK N VERDUGO RD	8/25/17	PACKAGE THEFT
170012685	THEFT GRD	1700-BLK N VERDUGO RD	8/28/17	STOLEN BICYCLES
170013063	ROBBERY	POLARIS DR/SUNSHINE DR	9/5/17	STREET ROBBERY
170013320	STOLEN VEHICLE	1800-BLK CANADA BLVD	9/9/17	STOLEN VEHICLE
170013439	PETTY THEFT	1700-BLK CANADA BLVD	9/11/17	MISC. THEFT
170013819	BURGLARY	1700-BLK N VERDUGO RD	9/18/17	BURGLARY FROM PARKING GARAGE
170013934	BURGLARY	1600-BLK DEL VALLE AV	9/20/17	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - OPEN WINDOW ENTRY
170016004	BURGLARY	2200-BLK CANADA BLVD	10/31/17	BURGLARY FROM GARAGE
170016030	BURGLARY	1600-BLK CAMULOS AV	10/31/17	BURGLARY FROM GARAGE
170016350	BURGLARY	2700-BLK CANADA BLVD	11/6/17	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - UNLOCKED WINDOW ENTRY
170016353	BURGLARY	1900-BLK N VERDUGO RD	11/6/17	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - DOOR GLASS SMASH
170017731	STOLEN VEHICLE	2600-BLK CANADA BLVD	12/4/17	STOLEN WORK VAN
170018906	BURGLARY	1300-BLK SAN LUIS REY DR	12/26/17	RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY - WINDOW SMASH

