



The Woodlands GRAPEVINE

MAY 2017

Verdugo Woodlands and Glenoaks Canyon Homeowner Associations Host Successful City Council Candidates Forum!

Co-hosting an event such as this was a first for us. Our forum was scheduled for late March with April 4, election day, looming. Noting that Glenoaks Canyon HOA's forum was scheduled even later than ours, the idea of combining our forums was discussed. Our go-to guy, Dennis Guyer, offered to contact a Toast Masters colleague who is on the board of Glenoaks Canyon (GCHOA) and viola! More than 150 Glendale voters heard candidates (seated in ballot order): Ara Najarian, Mike Van Gorder, Vrej Agajanian, Susan Wolfson, Mark MacCarley, Mike Mohill, Grant Michaels and Rick Dinger present their vision and solutions for Glendale. Unfortunately, incumbent Councilman Sinanyan and candidate Mehrabian were absent. Assemblywoman Laura Friedman moderated our forum and, to no one's surprise, did a magnificent job. It was good to see her.

Thank you Woodlanders, for your kind and constructive comments. We appreciate them.

Lastly, congratulations to incumbents Ara Najarian and Zareh Sinanyan on their re-election and to Vrej Agajanian on his election.



Thanks Dave Watson for taking photos, helping with last minute changes at the candidates' table. You're a lifesaver!

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❧ *President's Message* ❧

Hi Woodlanders!

Would prefer to start this article on a more positive note, but I need to be sure you're taking the necessary precautions regarding the frequency of bear sightings. The Station Fire a few years ago forced the wildlife to flee to wherever they could find safety and shelter. Guess that would be here! Bears are coming down from the hillsides as early as 8:00 pm. Residents of Via Saldivar, San Luis Rey, Hermosita, Hillside Drive, the Oakmont area, etc. have all reported bear sightings. Recently, a bear was seen at Del Valle near Cañada which is dangerous for lots of reasons. Unfortunately, there isn't much our police department can do. Bears fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and they are not doing much to solve the problem. Our only recourse seems to be a massive communications campaign with our State Senator and Assembly member. Let them know of the escalating nature of bear sighting and ask that funding be made available so *Fish & Wildlife* can come out to tranquilize the bears and relocate them to the Angeles Crest area. Perhaps there is a better option, but something needs to be done.

Please call or email State Senator Anthony Portantino: 818-409-0400 senator.portantino@sen.ca.gov and Assemblymember Laura Friedman: 818-558-3043 assemblymember.friedman@assembly.ca.gov

Additionally, all bear sightings should be reported to Sgt. Traci Fox at GPD, who is maintaining a list. Include the date, time and location: tfox@glendaleca.gov

Enjoy the coming *May Gray* and *June Gloom* because you know what follows! Hope to see you at the Memorial Day Observance on May 29th, outside City Hall @ 9 a.m. and on June 17th for our Wine Tasting!



Mirna Stanley
President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Representing **Cañada Boulevard**:
Marine Janikyan and Nick Khachian

*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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MADE IN THE SHADE! BUT, DO NOT CALL NOW!

Mark your calendar for July 1 (a Saturday, so Monday, July 3rd will do)



Every year our Glendale Water & Power's Public Benefit funds** are replenished, triggering the availability of our Tree Power Program.

Mature trees not only add curb appeal and value to your property but, when strategically placed, can help cool your home and reduce air conditioning costs from 10% to 50%. Our city's Tree Power Program offers residents as many as 3 shade trees, free! There are thirty varieties of trees from which to choose; and you would be working with a city arborist to select the appropriate trees for the optimum location on your property.

On July 3 via the Internet, go to: **GlendaleWaterandPower.com**. Click on *Residential Customers*. Under *Money Saving Programs* you will see two links: *Low Income* and *Residential Programs*. Click *Residential* and scroll down to: *Tree Power Free Shade Trees*. Alternatively, call: 818-957-4425.

This is a great program. Good luck! **(Attempting to access the program now is futile as funds for this fiscal year are expended).**

**All California water & power bills include a *Public Benefits Fund* charge which is used for programs that promote conservation.



A Few Tips about Pruning and Protecting Your Woodlands Trees.....by Cathy Jurca

Tree-trimmers seek work all year around, but there are right times and very wrong times to prune your trees. Please remember that trees do not naturally require pruning, and removing too much off can damage the health of your tree.



In Glendale permits are required for all but minor pruning of native California oaks and sycamores. Damaging a native tree can result in substantial fines, even if the tree is on private property.

Oak trees should be pruned, when necessary, during July and August, in the heat of the summer. Winter trimming can stimulate growth and promote a fungus that attacks new tissue.

California sycamores should be pruned, when necessary, in winter, after they have lost their leaves and before they begin to bud.

Pine trees are extremely vulnerable to beetles, a situation that a warming climate has only made worse. These trees should only be pruned when the weather is cold, usually December and January, when these insects are less likely to attack.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Ninth Build in Glendale project for San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity.....by Marcia Hanford

At the March meeting of your Board of Directors, a brief update was given on behalf of San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity about the recent groundbreaking on Lomita, its ninth build in Glendale. Six families have been selected, and they are undergoing training about home ownership and its responsibilities. As part of the commitment, each family will contribute 500 hours of sweat equity, a real investment in their future homes.

VWWHOA residents may be on the mailing list for Habitat for Humanity International, with its many worldwide worthy causes. However, the board learned that the San Gabriel Valley affiliate focuses on projects in this area.

You can support the Lomita project in several ways:

- send a donation for "Glendale Lomita Homes"
- donate building materials for Lomita
- donate lightly used household goods and building materials to the ReStore at Broadway and San Fernando (5201 West San Fernando Road, Los Angeles 90039 - Atwater Village)
- volunteer your time for the Lomita Build
- share the Lomita news with your friends and join them on a Habitour (tour of Habitat homes)

If you aren't familiar with Habitat ReStore, you're in for a treat. In addition to donating, you can find building supplies including hardware, doors, windows, lighting, kitchen cabinets and appliances, bathroom sinks, plumbing and electrical supplies, tile, paint, tools, furniture, and more. Prices are at least 30% below retail. If you're renovating a historic home, this is an essential location to check out.

San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity has received nine consecutive 4-star ratings from Charity Navigator. In 2016, they received a PERFECT SCORE for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Less than one percent of the thousands of charities rated by Charity Navigator have earned perfect scores.

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Could it be nearing “that” time again?

Yes, indeed! Save the date: Saturday, June 17th for our Annual Wine Tasting. Julie Hoskins and Amy Yazzetta are planning great things for our event!



Thank you, Paulette Powell for donating the bottled water for our City Council Candidates’ forum. You and your donation are very much appreciated.



TOO FUNNY!

Tip for Men: When a woman says, “correct me if I’m wrong, but.....”

DON’T DO IT! It’s a trap! Do not, I repeat, do **NOT** correct that woman!

...sent in by Margie Schuler
