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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

GOCHA 2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS THIS MONTH

GOCHA 2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE KICKS OFF THIS MONTH OF JANUARY. YES, WE NEED YOU!!

January marks the beginning of our annual membership drive. As of 2010, we are now on a calendar year - January 1st to December 31st. This year we have re-designed our membership application to make it easier to enroll and to give you more choices on how to support your homeowners association.



Only with your support can we monitor and address our Canyon issues, provide a forum for information, create activities that bring together our residents and continue to assist all of our Canyon homeowners

An early response to the enclosed membership renewal form would be greatly appreciated. Kindly complete the form and mail it with your payment check. Only with everyone's support can we

continue to work for the benefit of our canyon families.

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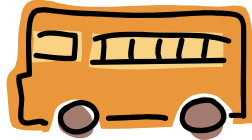
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION RE-DESIGNED

We hope you enjoy the new application form and find it easier to use.

BEE LINE UPDATE

According to flyers on the Glendale Beelines, the City Council is currently considering the changes to Beeline fees and schedules recommended by the Transportation Department. It is VERY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME to contact the Mayor and Council Persons by mail and e-mail. The TD has recommended permanent removal of Beeline #13 which serves our canyon. Approximately 1,000 passengers use this service every month. If we loose this service, what will our neighbors do for themselves and those who come into the canyon to work or help them. We recommend to retain the Beeline #13 or restore the one mile service of the Metro line 201 (which would be a no cost to the City).

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PROGRESS ON CANYON FIRE SAFETY PROPOSALS

Progress on Fire Safety Proposals

Progress has been made on GOCHA's proposals to improve fire safety in the Canyon's hills. This fall and winter GOCHA has continued to pursue its proposal to have the hills rimming Glenoaks Canyon declared off-limits to hikers, partygoers, and other users during nighttime hours. Armed with statistics showing that 96% of survey respondents approve of nighttime closure, representatives of GOCHA have communicated with all members of the City Council about this proposal.

The most important contact occurred on September 28, 2010, when GOCHA President Joan Morris, along with Isabelle Meyer and Gerry Rankin, met with Mayor Ara Najarian at City Hall. Mr. Najarian invited representatives from the Police and Fire Departments to attend. Among those invited was Officer Sue Shine, who had been the featured speaker at GOCHA's annual business meeting six days before and who has served as the liaison between the Police Department and GOCHA. Sue Shine brought a Power Point presentation showing some of the problem areas in the hills and on Canyon hillside streets. She made a strong presentation in support of nighttime closure of open space throughout the entire City. In response to Sue Shine's presentation and to comments from the GOCHA delegation, Ara Najarian expressed a commitment to supporting the proposal. Once he was shown a copy of Sec. 9.20.165 of the Municipal Code, the Mayor suggested that it be amended so that it would clearly include open space accessed by fire roads maintained by the City. He assured the delegation of his belief that the City would implement nighttime closure on all undeveloped hillside terrain in the City. When asked whether appropriate signs at the entrances to fire roads would be erected before the Year 2011 fire season, the Mayor responded that everything necessary to make nighttime closure happen would be in place before that time.

Section 9.20.165 of the Glendale Municipal Code currently provides that no person, other than a peace officer or a City employee, is to enter or remain on property owned, operated, administered, or maintained by the City unless expressly authorized by a responsible City authority. A contact in mid-November with Bobby Odesco, the attorney assigned to write the amendment to this provision, revealed that this work had not yet been done. However, the attorney said he had been instructed to extend 9.20.165 to have it explicitly cover fire roads in the hills and that he did not anticipate any difficulty completing his assignment. Odesco promised to inform GOCHA when the amendment is scheduled to come before City Council for approval.

Together with Joan Morris, Isabelle Meyer, and Gerry Rankin, a fourth Canyon resident, Deborah Dentler, has also been active in contacts with City Council members. These contacts have been, for the most part, reassuring, as they seem to indicate that City Council members will continue to give GOCHA's nighttime closure proposal their full support.

The second major fire-safety issue in the Canyon involves problems with the access of emergency equipment on some narrow hillside streets. On November 15, 2010, GOCHA submitted petitions for restricted parking on Arch Place, Pennerton Drive, and

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Fire Safety Proposals, continued.

the upper section of Sleepy Hollow Drive. Violet Nielsen, a supervisor in the City Traffic and Transportation Department, indicated that the petitions appeared to be in good order and that they had been assigned to a case worker who would investigate the problems on those streets. She said he would determine whether to recommend implementation of the proposed solutions, which primarily involve restricting parking to one side of each of the three streets.

Now that the holiday season has passed, GOCHA intends aggressive follow-ups on both of these fire safety proposals now before the City.

Gerry Rankin, Chairman of GOCHA Fire Prevention Committee



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CLARENCE HALL - CANYON RESIDENT OF THE YEAR

In the morning of December 13, a small group gathered in upper Scholl Park to perform a tree planting ceremony. GOCHA had asked Glendale City to plant a young California sycamore in honor of Glenoaks Canyon resident, Dr. Clarence Hall, a highly respected science professor at UCLA. Bill McKinley, representing the City as Park Services Supervisor, told about the characteristics of the tree and about the City's vision for the tree's place within the park. Angie Vukos, GOCHA Treasurer, presented a prayer of thanksgiving for Dr. Hall and the tree.

In September at GOCHA's annual business meeting, Clarence Hall had been honored as the Canyon's resident of the year. At that time, Angie Vukos made a presentation describing Dr. Hall's contributions to our community and to the community at large. The following is excerpted from Angie Vukos' comments:

"Please meet Dr. Clarence Hall, the man we are honoring as our Glenoaks Canyon resident of the year. This evening we are honoring a resident who has achieved a world-wide reputation in an obviously important field but one that may not come to mind every day even though it involves higher education and science. Dr. Hall's field, which he has pursued as a UCLA professor, is paleontology and geology. Paleontology is the study of fossils. Geology we know better, as it includes exploration for oil and the study of earthquake faults. Dr. Hall does not do petroleum exploration (although those engaged in that activity may benefit from his work in geological mapping). However, the study of earthquake faults is one of Dr. Hall's specialties.

"When Clarence Hall was born, his parents brought him to a home in the 1900 block of Glenoaks Blvd. While he was still a young boy, Clarence's parents moved the family up the Canyon to a beautiful house they built at the corner of Ashburton and Hollister Terrace. That is where Clarence now resides with his wife Lauri.

"A product of Glendale public schools, Clarence's educational foundation was formed at Glenoaks Elementary School, Wilson Junior High School, Glendale High School, and Glendale Community College before he completed his education at Stanford University where he attained his Ph.D. in geology.

"Having joined the staff of science professors at UCLA in 1956, Clarence has built a distinguished career of 54 years as a UCLA professor and administrator. Among his academic responsibilities has been service as Chairman of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences and Dean of the Division of Physical Sciences at UCLA. He was also Director of the White Mountain Research Station in California, where the oldest trees in the world are studied for the clues they offer regarding climate change.

"Clarence has performed geologic mapping in many parts of California and in the Brooks Range of Alaska and the Pyrenees of France. He has researched the major fault systems of California, scientific work that is particularly useful for understanding

and preparing for earthquakes. Clarence has published more than 70 studies on geology and on the plants and animals that existed millions of years ago. His latest project is the revision of a 500-plus-page textbook he wrote on the geology and native plants of Southern California. Concerned for his neighborhood, Clarence also has found time to provide expert testimony on the geologic stability of property in Glenoaks Canyon. He is currently teaching a course about the geology, plants, and animals of California, which involves over-night field trips to Yosemite Valley and Death Valley among other highlights.

"We are proud of the extraordinary service our native son, Dr. Clarence Hall, has given to the scientific world at large, to the scientific understanding of the land we know as California, to UCLA, and to our own small canyon. We take this opportunity tonight to bask in his light."