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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Happy New Year
2020

To Our Glenoaks Canyon Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

With the beginning of the new year, it is time for the Glenoaks Canyon Homeowner's Association (GOCHA's) annual membership drive. But this annual membership drive will be different from years past. Now with a few clicks of a mouse on our new website, you can pay your annual membership fee as well as donate to our legal and disaster preparedness funds. Please visit our new website at www.glenoakscanyon.org to learn more. Or, you can fill out the enclosed form and submit a check as in years past.

We invite all of the 700+ households in the Glenoaks Canyon to become a member of GOCHA. For a ridiculously small annual fee of \$25, you can support GOCHA activities and stay apprised of what is going on in and around the Canyon. In 2019, GOCHA played a very active and critical role in motivating GWP and the City of Glendale to rethink their strategy for the Scholl Canyon Landfill and Grayson Power Plant.

In the coming weeks, we expect that the City will complete its Environmental Impact Report on their proposed Biogas project up at the Scholl landfill. Once this report has been completed, the City will invite comments from all interested parties. We urge you to read this important report (which we will post on our website) and submit your comments/concerns to the City as this proposed project will impact each and every member of our community.

I wish you all a very healthy and prosperous new year.

Rick Marquis
President, GOCHA

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2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ANNUAL DOG PARADE

Saturday, April 18th

11:00 AM—1:00 PM Glenoaks Park

GOCHA 2020 SCHOLARSHIP DUE

Friday, May 1st

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 2nd

Meet at Canyon Marker, 9:00 AM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 4th

Glenoaks Park

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 9th

7:30 TO 9:00 PM, Clubhouse, Glenoaks Park

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 17th

8:00 AM- 11:00 AM, Clubhouse, Glenoaks

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Biogas Power Plant EIR due in early 2020

by Marie Freeman

In November, Jackie Gish and I, members of the Coalition for Scholl Canyon Landfill Alternatives, met with Director of GWP, Steve Zurn, for an update on the proposed Scholl Landfill methane-to-electricity power plant. Mr. Zurn explained that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project, originally to have been released in the summer of 2019, is now planned to be available for public review and comment in early 2020. He assured us that the response period would be open for at least 45 and up to 90 days. He also emphasized that the report would evaluate a full range of alternatives to the proposed power plant, including whether it would be located on the landfill or at Grayson where landfill gas had been processed for decades until summer, 2019. However, Zurn's explanation did not detail how the alternatives would be compared, and it was not clear how the City would consider cap and trade credits in its decisions about the power plant's location and about the specific technologies for converting methane to electricity. Therefore, it is extremely important that when the EIR is released, experts as well as informed community members and agencies thoroughly evaluate the report and submit their comments to GWP. The community wants only the most reliable and environmentally sound developments on Scholl Landfill. The CLFA members also asked -- as they always do -- about landfill expansion and closure. Mr. Zurn confirmed that expansion is off the table for now but that a new city council could open an expansion option in the future. The City does not yet have a firm closure plan in place even though the fill rate has increased since the end of the recession, and the landfill is within less than 10 years of meeting its fill level.

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GOCHA 2020 Scholarship By Marie Freeman

What are you doing after high school graduation? If you plan to continue your education, Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association might be able to help. This year, the homeowners association will award a \$400 scholarship to a high school senior who will attend a university, college, or community college following graduation. The applicant must live in Glenoaks Canyon, and at least one family member must belong to GOCHA. In addition to academic merit, the Scholarship Committee will carefully consider the applicant's service to the local community, especially to Glenoaks Canyon. If you are interested, apply through the GOCHA website:
<https://www.glenoakscanyon.org/annual-scholarship>.

Questions or need a hard copy: please emailing admin@glenoakscanyon.org
Due Date: Friday, May 1st, 2020

GOCHA 2020 Membership Dues

Thank you to all who regularly pay membership dues to GOCHA. Your dues fund our canyon activities such as the Dog Parade, Pancake breakfast, GOCHA Scholarship (which returned last year) and National Night Out (returning this year). GOCHA pays all legal costs in our battle to prevent further industrialization of the landfill. This year you can either pay online at www.glenoakscanyon.org or can use the membership form and envelope provided to send in your dues.

~Thank you.

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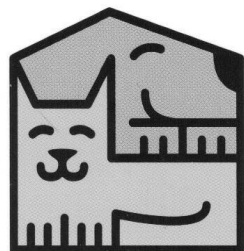
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Disaster Preparedness

Isabelle Meyer,
GOCHA's Disaster Preparedness Chair,
found the following article, "Lay of the Land,"
(October 2019 *Westways Magazine*) to be helpful if you should be on the road during an earthquake. It is summarized below.

An earthquake centered on the San Andreas fault would affect thousands of roads, making it difficult to get resources to the Eastern Region.



Earthquake Kit for Your Car

(Isabelle suggests keeping supplies in a cooler with wheels.)

- Bottled water
- Class ABC Extinguisher
- First aid kit and manual
- Emergency-signal device such as a Whistle, light stick or CD
- Reflective Triangles
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Thick work gloves
- Jumper cables
- Duct tape and scissors
- Sneakers, socks and extra clothes
- Toilet paper and zip lock bags
- Matches
- Cash
- Suntan lotion
- Plastic ties
- Tool kit and multipurpose utility tool
- Paper maps with alternative routes marked
- Snack food

Remember to Fuel Up. During an emergency gas stations will be unable to dispense fuel. Keep your tank at least a quarter full.

Safety on the Road

Do you know what to do if an earthquake hits while you're in the car?

1. Get to the side of the road and set the parking break. Avoid parking on a bridge, near a power line or other hazardous area. Stay inside your car until shaking stops. When you begin driving, proceed with caution and watch for debris, cracked or shifted pavement, etc. Watch for emergency vehicles and pull over as usual to let them pass.
2. If a power line falls on or near your car, do not get out and do not touch metal items inside, such as your seat belt buckle, the steering wheel or the door handle, which could result in electrocution. Stay put, call 911, and place your hands on your lap. Wait for help.
3. If you're driving on a coastal road, stay tuned to a local station and listen for tsunami warnings and evacuation routes and then head inland.

AFTER THE QUAKE...

Within 30 minutes

Caltrans will identify freeway damage using traffic cameras, road sensors and other systems in place. Officials will gather heavy equipment, such as cranes, forklifts and bulldozers, to begin clearing debris.

Within 2 hours

State and local emergency operation centers, the CHP and Caltrans will coordinate road closures and detours and arrange transportation for stranded motorists. Police will direct traffic at intersections if power is out.

Within 72 hours

Damage inspection will continue and abandoned cars will be towed off major highways. Traffic signals will be restored and temporary road signage will be erected in most communities in the Western Region.

For more information about what GOCHA recommends for Disaster Preparedness, please check our website, glenoakscanyon.org.

Springtime in California

By Gerry Rankin

Gerry is a Glenoaks Canyon neighbor who has lived in the canyon, in the home he was born in, for most of his life.

It just occurred to me (a few weeks ago) that it's Springtime, not Winter. There is no such thing as Winter in Southern California. How do I know that? I take my dog Carter for a walk. Walking the paved streets on a cloudy day provides more than enough proof for Spring in early December.

My neighborhood in Glenoaks Canyon is full of nice houses with lawns in front. In recent years, a number of neighbors have let their lawns go unattended. They reason that water for lawn sprinklers cost too much; the work to maintain lawns in the summer and fall is too arduous; and, besides which, people have stopped criticizing a neighbor for letting his/her yard look like it belongs to an unkept vacant lot. Due to the recent years of dry weather, neither the neighbors nor any others have dared to criticize homeowners for letting their yards look bad for lack of watering. In fact, these homeowners with unattended yards are often grudgingly thought by the rest of us to be winners. Maybe they are. Now their unattended lawns are turning green. Meanwhile, other homeowners are taking advantage of the recent rainfalls to spread grass seed and fertilizer, as if this was April, not December. And, many of the lawns at these other homes are more beautiful than they have been in years. Even the sections of property that have been left without any grass or foliage of any kind have suddenly turned into lovely green pastures, even more beautiful than the lawns in some cases.

The best way to experience this splendid Springtime is to take your dog up to the hills on the dirt trails that weave through our hills. Glenoaks Canyon is almost surrounded by hills and ridges. The most beautiful are those that separate Glenoaks Canyon and Sleepy Hollow from Eagle Rock. My dog Carter and I have been walking these trails frequently since the rainstorms. Delicate green grass, the graceful single-bladed kind of grass that anyone would want on his or her lawn, have popped up all over the north side of the ridge line between Glenoaks Canyon/Sleepy Hollow and Eagle Rock. The oak trees, and the other wild plants, are green and healthy.

In Glenoaks Canyon we must continue to fight against attempts to build houses in beautiful hill sites that are on rugged, unspoiled terrain unsuitable for development and much more likely to fuel fires, create erosion, and be destroyed by earthquakes than the houses that are built on more level sites within the Canyon below. Meanwhile, in Glenoaks Canyon the unsightly Scholl Canyon Landfill spews the fumes into our atmosphere from its ever-increasing holdings of trash, contributing to "Global Warming," threatening to destroy the life-giving atmosphere of this Earth of ours. It is time to stop the project to build another gas-fired electric power plant there. It is time to turn to solar, wind, hydroelectric, hydrogen, and other non-polluting methods of producing power. Thousands of smart people are working on these non-polluting methods. We should support their projects rather than hinder them, as is happening now by some elements of the Federal Government and by the industries that rely on coal or gas.



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