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*Happy New Year
2021*

To our Glenoaks Canyon Community,

I hope all of you are having a happy holiday season, albeit one that is a bit more restrained and safer due to the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic. I know my wife and have personally enjoyed spending more quality time with our children during this very challenging year. Who says good things can't come in small packages?

With the beginning of the new year, it is time for the Glenoaks Canyon Homeowner's Association (GOCHA's) annual membership drive. Consistent with last year and with just a few clicks of a mouse, you can pay your annual membership fee as well as donate to our Legal and Disaster Preparedness Funds. Please visit our website at www.glenoakscanyon.org to sign-up or renew your annual membership and to learn more about GOCHA.

We invite all of the 700+ households in the Glenoaks Canyon to become members 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 just the last few years, 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. Due in part to GOCHA's involvement, we were informed this year that the expansion of the Landfill and the addition of an Anaerobic Digestion Plant are now off the table. Also, rather than fast-tracking approval of a Biogas Plant to burn-off methane gas at the Landfill, GOCHA works closely with members of the community to push for an Environmental Impact Report to better evaluate the potential impact of a Biogas Plant.

Early next year, we would expect that the City will complete its review of comments received from the community on the draft Environmental Impact Report. Once the comments have been reviewed and addressed, GOCHA remains poised to persuade GWP and the City to come-up with a responsible and cleaner way to deal with methane gas at the landfill, while at the same time push for a certain timetable for closing the landfill as well.

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

Rick Marquis
President, GOCHA

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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: SPRING EVENTS (DOG PARADE AND CLEAN UP DAY) HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR 2021. SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE FOR NOW. EVENT DETAILS WILL FOLLOW DEPENDING ON THE COVID-19 SITUATION.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT-TBD

Tuesday, August 3rd

ANNUAL MEETING-TBD

Wednesday, September 22nd

PANCAKE BREAKFAST-TBD

Saturday, October 16th

LANDFILL/BIOGAS PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you to all who submitted public comments on the Biogas Project. Erik Krause, Deputy Director of Community Development, who is our liaison with this project, has informed us that the consultants are still preparing their responses which will then be reviewed by city staff. He estimates the project will not go to the Planning Commission for vote until February or March. The meeting will be held virtually but the public can call in to make final comments on this project. We will keep you posted.

LANDFILL CLOSURE

The DEIR for the Biogas Project states the landfill will reach capacity around 2030. Recently the following question was asked at a City Council meeting, "What are the plans for the landfill after it reaches capacity in 2030?" In following up on this question, Councilmember Dan Brotman reached out to a city official and learned that the closure timeline is closer to 5-7 years based on the rate it is being filled now. It could take a bit longer to hit capacity if the new commercial franchise is successful and Glendale gets more waste diversion but that's guesswork at this point. **Note that there is no plan for landfill expansion, i.e., to seek a permit to increase the allowed tonnage limit. In addition, there are no specific plans for the site after closure, but past City Councils have generally seen it going back to a natural setting maybe with walking/hiking trails and a nature center.** Councilmember Brotman also learned the Sanitation District is responsible by contract for all closure costs. However, if we put in trails or a nature center, restrooms etc., that would have to be budgeted separately. There could be a park with the methane processing plant in place. Methane processing or flaring would still be necessary in some form even after the landfill is closed.

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