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# ECHO

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## **ANNUAL GOCHA MEETING—VIA ZOOM\*** **WED. SEPT. 22ND, FROM 6:30-8:30 PM**



### **2021 National Night Out**

To our Glenoaks Canyon Community,  
It was great to see such a wonderful turnout at our recent **National Night Out** held at **Glenoaks Park on August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The food from Eagle Taco truck was great and the Sgt. Pepper's Beatles Tribute Band was the hit of the evening! Please help me in thanking Audry Zarokian, Dan Kruse, Justin King, and others for putting on such an enjoyable evening. Because of continuing concerns about the current COVID-19 pandemic, **we will again be holding our upcoming Annual Meeting on Zoom on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm (please note earlier start time)**. We are also going to **defer until further notice our Annual Pancake Breakfast originally scheduled for October 16, 2021**. I invite all of you to join me and the GOCHA Board for Directors for this year's Annual Meeting. This meeting will provide our Glenoaks Canyon Community an important update on the status of our local landfill. As presented in further detail in this ECHO on page 2, the City of Glendale and Glendale Water and Power have finally issued their final draft Environmental Impact Report concerning the proposed construction of a Biogas project on the Scholl Landfill. **On October 6, 2021, at 5:00 pm, the Biogas project will come before the Planning Commission for a vote. For those of you who call Glenoaks Canyon your home, the future of the landfill directly impacts you and your family.** Please join our Annual Meeting for important information presented by GOCHA's Landfill committee, who work diligently on a volunteer-basis to monitor planned landfill activity. **Given that we are in the middle of fire season, much of this ECHO is devoted to our preparedness for a fire in the Canyon and we will also discuss this topic in our Annual Meeting.** Please be sure to read the discussion herein prepared by our Disaster Preparedness Chair Isabelle Meyer.

Rick Marquis  
President, GOCHA

**\*Zoom link at [www.glenoakscanyon.org](http://www.glenoakscanyon.org). Link will be available the day of the meeting, September 22nd.**

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**GLENOAKS CANYON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

# GOCHA 2021 CANYON CALENDAR

## Power Plant Up for Vote on 10/6 By Marie Freeman

**ANNUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM\***  
Wed., Sept. 22nd at 6:30— 8:00 PM (new start time)

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
VOTE TO APPROVE LANDFILL POWER PLANT  
OCTOBER 6th at 5:00 PM

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST –Cancelled due to  
COVID - We'll try again next year!**

The City of Glendale has released the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Biogas Power Plant project to be built on the Scholl Landfill. The EIR will come before the Planning Commission for vote (certification) on Oct. 6, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. Currently, a virtual meeting is planned and will be broadcast live via Glendale's video portal. Public comments/questions can be made during the meeting by calling (818) 937-8100 at the beginning of the meeting. The project includes internal combustion engines that would produce about 12 megawatts of electricity by burning methane from landfill gas. A 3500 foot natural gas pipeline would be built above ground to supplement the methane in the engines, and a new waterline would also cross the landfill. In addition, a 60,000 gallon water tank would be built on the ridgeline marring views of the Verdugo Hills. The project is surrounded by residential and recreational areas with schools, hospitals, parks, and retirement communities. **Residents who have been following this project's EIR are concerned about significant risks from fire, air and water pollutants, noise, and threats to wildlife. The plant's location, three tenths of a mile from the Verdugo fault and on a Very High Fire zone, presents risks that the EIR does not adequately mitigate. Safety and the residents' health and well-being are of primary importance. Financial gain is secondary.** The Planning Commission may vote to approve or to deny the City's request for EIR certification and the Conditional Use Permit to build a power plant. In either case, the decision may be appealed to the City Council for a final decision. **Community groups from Glendale, Eagle Rock, and Pasadena consistently ask that the Planning Commission not certify the Biogas project, as the EIR has not shown a rigorous comparison of alternatives with the Biogas Project so the public and our elected officials can determine which alternative would be safe and environmentally sound.** The groups also continue to ask that the City pursue concrete plans for landfill closure when the facility reaches its legal capacity about 2025. The final EIR with responses to public comments: <http://glendalebiogasgeneration.com/#final-eir>

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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL IN  
2021 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FORM.**

**\*The Zoom Link for the Annual Meeting will be available on 9-22-21 at [www.glenoakscanyon.org](http://www.glenoakscanyon.org)**

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## FIRE PREPARATION PLAN

by Isabelle Meyer, Disaster Preparedness Chair

**Wildfires are devastating communities along the Pacific Coast. We want to prepare you for a possible fire emergency in our canyon by:**

1. Alerting you to the danger
2. Preparing you to respond quickly and safely
3. Helping to save lives during evacuation efforts

**IF YOU HEAR A SIREN, HELICOPTERS OR FIRE ENGINES, GO OUTSIDE AND:**

**LOOK** for signs of fire

**LISTEN** for emergency response

**SMELL** for smoke



**Remember: THERE IS ONLY ONE EXIT OUT ON GLENOAKS BLVD.  
LEAVE EARLY OR RISK BEING STUCK!**

**Our reality:** We are surrounded by highly flammable brush. Much of it is on City and County Property. How can we protect ourselves? This article will provide the answers.

For the past 30 years, our organization has focused on preparing our canyon for an earthquake or other disaster. Now we must address the most urgent issue of **HOW TO SURVIVE A WILDFIRE**. This newsletter will inform you how to protect your **PROPERTY** and your **LIFE** with these 6 Steps:

1. Sign up for the City of Glendale Warning System on the City website under Emergency Communications.
2. Write to Fire Chief C. Povilaitis ([cpovilaitis@glendale.ca.gov](mailto:cpovilaitis@glendale.ca.gov)) to urge the City to clear the brush along upper Glenoaks Blvd. leading to the golf course.
3. Keep an evacuation kit handy: wallet, insurance info., medications, cell phone and charger, pet needs, masks, disinfectant wipes, etc.
4. Turn off gas and A/C before evacuating. Leave garage door and entry doors unlocked and lights on in the house.
5. Leave at **FIRST SIGHT, SOUND OR SMELL OF A FIRE**. You can always come back when it's safe, but your window of opportunity to safely leave this canyon is very small!
6. Go to a family member or friend's house for safety or use a Red Cross shelter. If you wish to monitor from nearby, go to the West side of the Macy's parking lot in Eagle Rock (Don't use this site after an earthquake!). The lower level provides shade. Any items you need while parked there can be purchased from Target. Restrooms are available in the mall during business hours. Listen to your car radio (1070 AM, 980 AM or 106.7 FM) for updates. Several motels are located on nearby Colorado Blvd.

As of today, **CANYON RESIDENTS ARE ON THEIR OWN**. Prepare to evacuate at the first sign of danger and **DO NOT WAIT FOR EVACUATION ORDERS**. It could cost you your life.

The alternate exit through the landfill was destroyed during landfill expansions, leaving Glenoaks Blvd. the only escape route for the approx. 1,700 people living here.

The disaster preparedness committee owns a **siren with wailing sound** that will be used (if possible) to alert the canyon to the need for immediate evacuation. **Do not ignore it. Proceed in an orderly fashion out of the canyon.** In case of gridlocked traffic on Glenoaks Blvd., prepare to exit out of the canyon on foot.

If unable to exit on Glenoaks Blvd., drive up to the landfill and/or golf course (**IF SAFE TO DO SO**). Park away from trees and brush and wait for help. Take cell phone, wallet, bottled water, snacks, medicines, fire extinguisher, extra cotton clothing and sturdy shoes, bedding, disinfectant wipes and flashlight with batteries.

### **URGE THE CITY TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING NOW:**

1. Create a graded, unpaved road along the North side of the landfill to end at Marengo Dr. in Chevy Chase Canyon. Linda Vista and Chevy Chase can lead evacuees North into La Canada and South into Glendale.
2. The brush along Glenoaks Blvd. from the lower gate to the landfill must be trimmed back 5 ft. from the road to prevent fires from starting and allow evacuating cars to safely reach the golf course and landfill, where the Fire Dept. recommends we shelter in place.
3. On red flag days and in case of wildfire, all cars must be moved off Glenoaks Blvd, Hollister Terrace and Sleepy Hollow onto driveways. This facilitates and speeds up evacuation of up to 1,100 cars trying to exit on Glenoaks Blvd. The Police Dept. is responsible for planning and executing an evacuation.

### **PARTICIPATE IN OUR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM**

Send in the enclosed Questionnaire and pet care form **by September 30th, 2021**. This is your chance to have someone check on you and your family and pets after a disaster. We can reduce your trauma and share resources within the canyon to keep everyone safe. The emergency contact information will help keep your loved ones informed on your well-being. We update these forms every two years. All information is kept confidential.

If you would like to become a volunteer and participate in our annual 2-hour drill, please e-mail your name, phone #, address to [glenoakscanyonhoa@gmail.com](mailto:glenoakscanyonhoa@gmail.com) and I will get in touch.

Please visit [www.glenoakscanyon.org/disaster-preparedness-1](http://www.glenoakscanyon.org/disaster-preparedness-1) to learn about:

- \* *What to do when a Wildfire Strikes?*
- \* *Survival Tips if you Become Trapped*
- \* *What is a Red Flag Warning Alert?*
- \* *Fire Safe Landscaping*



## Election Procedures

Section 1.B of GOCHA's Constitution states GOCHA Directors whose terms are not expiring shall serve as a Nominating Committees, submitting a slate of five candidates to the members at each annual meeting. This year five current members are willing to serve another term: **Rudy Zaveruka, Rick Marquis, Mark Rothenberg, Angela Vukos and David Weeks.** Section 1.c states that "other and additional candidates for Directorships may be made if members submit their names to the President of the Association, at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual meeting along with a petition signed by at least six (6) members of the Association stating their support. The candidate's name, consent and statement indicating their willingness to serve on the Board and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The nominated individual must be an active, paid-up member of GOCHA. The required nomination documents may be mailed to GOCHA at P.O. Box 9949, Glendale, CA 91226 or hand delivered to any active Board Member by the above deadline. For any other questions, please contact Rick Marquis, Association President, at 818-216-4202.



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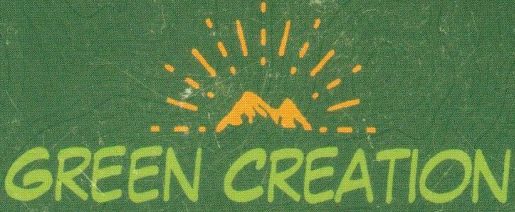
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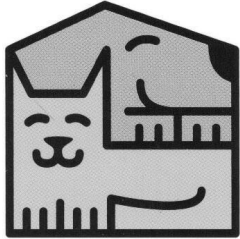


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