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### **To our Glenoaks Canyon Community,**

I hope you and your families had a healthy and happy holiday season.

With the beginning of the new year, there are a few items I need to discuss with you. The first item on agenda for 2022 is the status of the Scholl Canyon Landfill and the other is our annual 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 fees as well as donate to our Legal and Disaster Preparedness Funds. Please visit our website at [www.glenoakscanyon.org](http://www.glenoakscanyon.org) to sign-up or renew your annual membership and to learn about GOCHA.

We invite all of the 700+ households in the Glenoaks Canyon to become a member of GOCHA. For the very small annual fee of \$25, you can support GOCHA activities and stay apprised of what is going on in and around the Canyon. Because GOCHA is solely a volunteer run organization, we cannot operate this organization without your support.

**Stop Scholl Canyon Power Plant Now!** Our GOCHA Board of Directors recently voted to take legal action to stop the City of Glendale from building a power plant on our hillsides. We are taking legal action because the City did not adequately address our deep concerns about this project and because of the conflicting and inaccurate information we were provided by Glendale Water and Power.

Let me say we are not taking this step lightly. However, the potentially grave consequences of this polluting power plant on our hillsides, near our homes, and in a high-risk fire zone, are real and can impact us all.

I ask that you support our efforts to pursue this legal action and donate today by visiting [www.GoFundMe.com](http://www.GoFundMe.com) and just type the words "Stop Scholl Canyon Power Plant Now" in the search box or by using the QR code on this page. We will not be able to effectively pursue this legal action without your support.

On behalf of the Glenoaks Canyon Homeowner's Association, I thank you for your support and generous donations, and I wish you all a very healthy and prosperous new year.

**Rick Marquis**  
**President, GOCHA**



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## 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**GOCHA EVENTS FOR 2022  
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THE SPRING ECHO.**



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## EVACUATION DRILL

by Isabelle Meyer

On Monday, November 29th, at 9 a.m., the Glendale Fire and Police Depts. held an **evacuation drill for all of Glenoaks Canyon** to assess how quickly all 750 homes could be evacuated in an emergency. Of the approx. 1,000 cars which would have to clear Glenoaks Blvd. to get out of the canyon, only 50 participated. This unrealistic scenario in no way indicates what we would experience in a real emergency when so many panicked residents would scramble to flee the canyon on a single-lane road. While it is true that many people were unable to participate due to the drill being scheduled on a weekday morning, there is no question that **many that who could have participated, chose not to do so** for their own reasons. The city agencies spent considerable time and money to publicize a evacuation drill at our request and GOCHA volunteers distributed the flyers. **Our disappointment at the result was overwhelming.**

After the many wildfires of the past few years that cost hundreds of lives on the West Coast, we do not have the luxury of leaving life-saving measures to public agencies. Every one of us must be prepared to flee at a moment's notice and leave the canyon by car or on foot, if necessary. As disaster chairman for the canyon, I will continue to **advocate for a secondary evacuation route over the landfill** (which used to exist, but was destroyed) into Chevy Chase Canyon and to insist that Glenoaks Blvd. above the gate be cleared of brush to make escape to the golf course an option for fleeing canyon residents. We cannot afford to give up on our effort to save our lives in case of a wildfire. Please join me in emailing to our City Council members and the Fire Chief. Their contact information: [www.glenoakscanyon.org](http://www.glenoakscanyon.org), under Resources.



**Introducing  
Jack Walworth,  
GOCHA's Newest  
Board Member**

Jack has lived in the canyon for over 25 years, riding his bike to the top of the mountain on a daily basis. He works in the entertainment business producing for many years on the long running series, *The Amazing Race*. Passionate about the issues in the neighborhood and across the city, Jack has been involved with many organizations that are looking to make a difference in how our world gets passed on to our children. He's excited to join GOCHA and work to solve the landfill problems and keep our hillsides beautiful.

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# SAVE OUR HILLSIDES OUR HEALTH OUR HOMES

Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association (GOCHA) is leading the charge to stop the City of Glendale from building a polluting power plant on our hillsides.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!** GOCHA is asking for donations to help finance LEGAL ACTION to stop this plant from being built.

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) convinced 3 of the 5 elected City Council Members to back this poorly planned project in a high-risk fire zone, near an earthquake fault, on a hillside surrounded by residential neighborhoods.

How did this happen? On October 6<sup>th</sup>, the Glendale Planning Commission UNANIMOUSLY rejected GWP's plan to construct a power plant at Scholl Canyon Landfill.

But then, on November 30, the City Council Members, despite overwhelming community opposition, overruled the Planning Commission's sound and thoughtful decision.

**Now it's up to the citizens of Glendale and nearby communities to STOP this power plant and the long-lasting damage it will have on our environment—and the clock is ticking.**

## Here's what we're fighting for:

### **OUR HILLSIDES**

The Scholl Canyon Landfill area is surrounded by recreational and residential areas. The site is not zoned for this project, so a conditional use permit, which would be required, could lead to the industrialization of the area.

### **OUR HEALTH**

The project would increase emissions as compared to the flares now in use for all six "criteria pollutants" (nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, volatile organic matter, two categories of particulate matter, and sulfur dioxide). For three, the increase would exceed the SCAQMD daily significance threshold. These pollutants will decrease air quality in the LA basin. More importantly, they could cause harm to the respiratory system, the central nervous system, the immune system, cardiovascular function, kidney function, and brain development in children.

### **OUR HOMES**

The power plant will be in a very high-risk fire zone. Wildfire is a huge risk to Glenoaks and Chevy Chase Canyons, the Linda Vista-Annandale neighborhood, and Eagle Rock. Escape routes in these communities are limited due to multiple narrow, single-access roads.

**The power plant would affect all of us, not just those who live in the surrounding canyons but all residents of Glendale, Eagle Rock, and Pasadena.**

**Please donate today for OUR HILLSIDES, OUR HEALTH, OUR HOMES.**

*GOCHA is a 501c4 organization. Donations are not tax deductible.*

*All proceeds will be used for current and future legal fees related to Scholl Landfill.*



# 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GOCHA needs your support more than ever before!

GOCHA's mission is to preserve the beauty of our canyon but this beauty is threatened by the city-council approved Biogas Power Plant to be built soon. It will be only a few miles from us and will be noisy, polluting, increase our fire danger to mention three of many concerns. The recreational area slated to be built after the landfill closes in 3-4 years will be greatly compromised by this power plant.

Please support us with your annual donation as well as a contribution to the legal defense fund to fight the power plant. Your donation can be made by:

1. Making a payment on our website ([www.glenoakscanyon.org](http://www.glenoakscanyon.org))
2. Filling out the form below, sending a check in the envelope provided.
3. Or by going to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com), and typing "Stop Scholl Canyon Power Plant Now" (<https://gofund.me/f85f812f>) and making a donation.

Questions? Please call any Board Member; names and phone numbers are on page 2.

**MEMBERSHIP IS FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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