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Wed. Sept. 9th, from 7:30-9:00 PM

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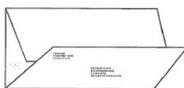


IMPORTANT LANDFILL UPDATE!

**The Public Comment Period for the
Biogas Project is underway,
ending Sept. 30, 2020 at 5:00 PM.**



- ♦ **Please use pre-addressed trifold* in this issue to send in your comments. Email address for comments in President's Column.**
- ♦ **Use suggestions on page 4 to help you write your comments.**
- ♦ **Join to Zoom meeting on Sept. 9th at 7:30 (link at www.glenoakscanyon.org) to learn more.**



*Please use pre-addressed trifold inside this issue to write and send in your comments about the proposed Biogas Plant to the City of Glendale. Just fold, staple, stamp and send.

2020 CANYON CALENDAR

ANNUAL MEETING - Via Zoom

Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 7:30 PM

Please find Zoom link at

www.glenoakscanyon.org

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—Cancelled

“We’ll be back next year with an even better breakfast than before!”

David Weeks, Pancake Breakfast Chair

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM NEEDED IN GLENOAKS CANYON

Glendale Police Department has noted that crime in Glenoaks Canyon is currently on the rise and that it would be in our neighborhood’s best interest to form a Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood Watch involves neighbors working together and with the Glendale Police Department to fight crime in their area. Having this program in place will ensure regular patrol of our Canyon. To form a Neighborhood Watch, one Leader and a few Block Captains are needed. If you’re interested in Volunteering for this very important program, please contact Officer Karibyan.

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The President’s Column

As I write this message, I cannot help but be amazed with how much has happened in the last 12 months on a local, national and global level. Even though more than 5 months have passed since Governor Newsom declared a Stay-at Home Order, we remain heavily impacted physically, economically, and socially by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Because of this continuing crisis, we have had to cancel our Annual Pancake Breakfast, originally scheduled for Oct. 17th.

I invite all of you to join me and the GOCHA Board of Directors for this year’s Annual Meeting which will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:30 pm. This meeting will provide our Glenoaks Canyon Community an important update on the status of our local landfill. The City of Glendale and Glendale Water and Power have finally issued a draft Environmental Impact Report concerning the proposed construction of a Biogas project on the Scholl Landfill. You can view the DEIR at <http://glendalebiogasgeneration.com/#draft-eir>.

Some of our concerns about the Biogas Project are listed on page 4 of this issue. Please use the enclosed preaddressed trifold to submit your comments/concerns about this proposed project. (Comments can also be emailed to Mr. Eric Krause ekrause@glendaleca.gov

SUBJECT: Scholl Canyon Biogas Plant DEIR.)

Please, let your voice be heard!

It was just a little over a year ago that we faced a wildfire in the canyon. Isabelle Meyer, GOCHA’s Disaster Preparedness Chair, has an important message on the back of this issue concerning the purchase of a siren to alert residents in case of another fire.

Congratulations to our 2020 GOCHA Scholarship winner, Kieren Ferris! We wish him well with his studies at UCLA. Finally, all of us in Glenoaks Canyon lost a great friend, Gerry Rankin, on May 17, 2020. Because of his tireless efforts over many decades to help our community, GOCHA has renamed its Community Service Award the “Gerald E. Rankin Community Service Award”.

Rick Marquis
President, GOCHA

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**Our 2020 Scholarship Winner:
Kieren Ferris!**



Kieren Ferris is a young man who seeks challenges. This Glendale High School graduate is the 2020 recipient of the GOCHA scholarship and will attend UCLA in the fall. His flawless academic record includes at least nine Advanced Placement and honors classes. He found the heavy coursework to be a valuable lesson in time management and organization.

However, for Kieren, school has not been simply a matter of acing academics. He most enjoyed extracurricular activities that introduced him to new friends, new skills, new interests, and new challenges. Throughout high school, he was a member of the boys varsity swim team, a sport he began as a fifth grader on a club team. He said swimming allows him to free his mind, master solo skills, and enjoy the mutual support and camaraderie of a team. Academics and swimming tone the mind and body, and music tones the soul, so Kieren joined his high school's concert band as a trumpet player.

Meeting a leadership challenge, Kieren achieved his Eagle Scout status by coordinating the Boy Scouts, the Verdugo Hills YMCA, and the Tierra del Sol Foundation, an organization that supports developmentally disabled adults. He brought them together to build a sustainable vegetable garden at the YMCA. The garden continues to be a source of learning and pleasure for Tierra del Sol and the YMCA. Through his project, Kieren learned management skills and patience. He is now off to new challenges and we wish him continued success!

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**Gerald Eckart Rankin 1936-2020
by Karen Rankin Nero**



Gerald Eckart Rankin, born on July 7, 1936, was almost eighty-four when he succumbed to leukemia in Glendale on May 17, 2020. He grew up in Scholl Canyon at a time when streams flowed in the surrounding hills. He attended Glenoaks Elementary School, Glendale High School, Occidental College, and graduated from

the University of California at Berkeley with degrees in history and English. He spent the summers of his youth working with his father and two brothers for the National Forest Service on Fire Lookout Stations in the mountains of Oregon. His experiences working in the rugged wilderness of the Cascade Mountains influenced him deeply and contributed to his conviction that nature is sacred and that it was his duty to protect it. As an adolescent, Gerry became active in the First United Methodist Church of Glendale and remained a pillar of the church throughout his life. It was at church that he met the love of his life, Mary Mordoff, whom he married in 1961. The young couple purchased his family home in Scholl Canyon, and lived there for the rest of his life. Their loving marriage produced two daughters, Karen and Martha, and flourished for fifty-nine years. Gerry began working in 1960 for the US Customs Service, which he served for 44 years with the loyalty and diligence that he devoted to all of his endeavors. He dedicated his free time to improving his community. He helped create the Glendale Human Relations Council in the sixties with the goal of promoting understanding among people of all races and ethnicities in the city. After retiring, he poured his energy into protecting the vulnerable and the environment. He volunteered at the Free Health Clinic in Glendale, which offers medical care to those without insurance, and served meals to the homeless in programs based in nearby churches. He took on many leadership positions in the local Methodist Church and taught a weekly adult Sunday school class, lavishing hours of preparation on each lesson. In his later years, Gerry became a staunch environmental activist. He was a leader in the Glenoaks Canyon Homeowner's Association and, even as his health was declining towards the end of his life, he worked tirelessly to protect the surrounding hills from careless urban development. In 2007 he began active opposition to plans to expand the Scholl Canyon landfill, often speaking at City Council meetings. He took care of his environment also in quiet ways. For decades he was seen picking up trash with his dog in the hills of his beloved canyon. Gerry's passions were intense and followed him throughout his lifetime. He was an avid reader and loved history, geography, sports and world events. He enjoyed travelling, especially to Europe and scenic road trips, which he planned meticulously. He found inspiration in classical music and attended music and art appreciation classes until the end of his life. He liked to express his ideals and values in writing and contributed regular articles to the newsletters of his church and Homeowners' Association, "The Glendale News Press" and occasionally, "The LA Times". He found solace in taking care of his rose garden and hiking in nature and continued to take walks with his dog until the end of his life.

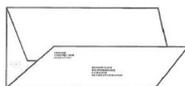
Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Suggestions for what you could say in your public comment on the Biogas Project using the Preaddressed Trifold Insert

“I have the following concerns/comments about the proposed Biogas Project:”

- 1. It would be too close to residents in Glenoaks Canyon, only 1/2 mile from the nearest house.**
- 2. It would be processing methane, a highly explosive gas, to produce electricity in a very high fire zone.**
- 3. It would increase air pollution.**
- 4. It would increase cancer risk.**
- 5. It would be running 24 hours a day/ seven days a week and would be noisy.**
- 6. It would be located only 1/2 mile from the Verdugo Hills Fault which has the potential to cause a 6.7 magnitude earthquake.**
- 7. It would have a 60,000 gallon water tank and 40 foot engines on a primary ridge line, visible in the Eagle Rock area.**
- 8. The Environmental Impact Report says the landfill will reach capacity in 2030, why bring a plant here now with so few years left in the landfill? It should be located at Grayson and the landfill gas should be piped there as in the past.**
- 9. Alternative 2, cleaning landfill gas to Renewable Natural Gas, would be a better choice for nearby residents as it would have minimal air pollution and less health hazards.**

PLEASE USE ENCLOSED TRIFOLD INSERT TO WRITE DOWN YOUR COMMENT, FOLD, STAPLE, STAMP AND SEND. ADDRESS IS ALREADY ON TRIFOLD. THANK YOU! HURRY! THIS IS DUE BY 5:00 PM ON SEPT. 30TH.



ELECTION PROCEDURES

The GOCHA Constitution, Section 1.B, states, in part, that the Board of Directors members whose terms are not expiring “shall serve as a Nominating Committee and shall submit to the membership, at each annual meeting, a slate of not less than five candidates for designation of Director”. This year there will be four (4) vacancies on the board. Four current members have indicated interest in serving another term. Your Board of Directors hereby submits the following people for positions on the Board: Susan Vercelli, Larry Meyer, Mitchell Rubenstein, and Marie Freeman.

Section 1.c states, in part, that “other and additional candidates for Directorships may be made by members submitting to the President of the Association, at least two (2) weeks prior to such an election, a petition signed by at least six (6) members of the Association, to effect that they would like to nominate a certain person as a candidate for Directorship and containing also the consent of the person to be so named. Thereupon such name or names will be added and admitted as candidates”. Any active, paid-up member of the Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association may be nominated for the Board of Directors. Those persons nominating a candidate must print and sign their name legibly on a sheet that contains the nominee’s name. Attached to this sheet should be the proposed candidate’s statement of their willingness to serve on the Board and abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

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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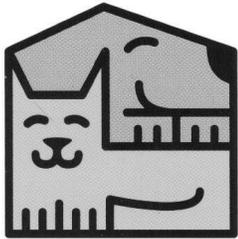


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WILDFIRE SEASON IS BACK!

By Isabelle Meyer

THE CANYON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE HAS PURCHASED A LOUDLY WAILING SIREN THAT MAY BE USED TO ALERT RESIDENTS OF A NEARBY FIRE.

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

1. LOOK for signs of fire.
2. LISTEN for emergency response.
3. SMELL for smoke.

Remember: **THERE IS ONLY ONE EXIT OUT.**
(GLENOAKS BLVD.)
LEAVE EARLY.