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2022 CANYON CALENDAR

For the first time in two years we're meeting in person! Please join us for the following:

DOG PARADE

Sunday, May 22nd

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Glenoaks Park

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 2nd TBD

Glenoaks Park

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 14th

7:30 to 9:00 PM, Glenoaks Park

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 17th

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

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, Oct. 15th

Meet at Canyon Marker, 9:00 AM

Scholl Landfill Status and

City Council Election

By Jackie Gish and Marie Freeman

As most of you know, on November 30, 2021, the City Council voted 3-2 to certify the final environmental impact report and approve the conditional use permit (CUP) to allow the Biogas Power Plant project to proceed. No funds were approved. The CUP reversed prior code restrictions against energy production on the site. Councilmembers Ara Najarian, Vrej Agajanian, and Mayor Paula Devine voted in favor of the EIR and building the project, which could open the Scholl Canyon Special Recreation and Residential zones to greater industrialization. Councilmembers Dan Brotman and Ardy Kassakhian voted against the project's EIR and the conditional use permit. In addition, Councilmember Dan Brotman made a request, seconded by Councilmember Kassakhian, directing staff to come back at the earliest possible date to confirm that the landfill will not be expanded once it reaches its licensed fill level, which is expected to occur within about three to five years. The request also was for staff to start working on closure and post-closure planning. Since it was a request that was seconded, it will return to City Council. Other information that we have seen says that this is expected to return to City Council in spring or summer.

The City is seeking a contractor for the Biogas Project, hoping to approve a contract by August, 2022. However, funding for the power plant has not yet been approved. Outcomes of these and related critical decisions will depend upon the composition of the City Council.

There are three City Council seats open in the June 7, 2022 election. They are likely to be filled before the Council makes final decisions about the Biogas Project's contractors and funding. Eight candidates are running, and among them are three incumbents: Dan Brotman, Ara Najarian, and Vreg Agajanian. The election will have a significant impact on the City's plans for Scholl Canyon, so voters should carefully consider the candidates' records and vote for those who have demonstrated support for issues important to Glenoaks Canyon. Ask questions of the candidates and VOTE!!

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A Message from the President

As you may be aware, Glenoaks Canyon Homeowner's Association (GOCHA) has taken legal action against the City of Glendale because the City did not adequately address our deep concerns about the negative environmental impact of the proposed Biogas Power Project at the Scholl Canyon Landfill and because of the conflicting and inaccurate information we were provided by Glendale Water and Power.

To date, many of you have supported our efforts by visiting www.GoFundMe.com, typing the words "Stop Scholl Canyon Power Plant Now" in the search area, and then making a donation. With your generosity, we have had much success in raising funds to date, but we are still in the early phases of our legal efforts so please donate if you have not already done so.

We will be posting updates on our website and in the next ECHO as they become available. In the interim, I ask the members of our community to get involved and help GOCHA oppose the proposed Biogas Gas Power Project. You can help not only by donating to our Legal Fund, but also by making your voice heard at the next City Council election in June 2022.

In our previous ECHO, I advised you of the GOCHA annual membership drive. If you have not already done so, please sign-up to become a new member or renew your current membership. Your annual membership dues payments help GOCHA run this 100% volunteer organization, including the funding of our community events and producing our seasonal ECHO publications. With just a few clicks of a mouse at www.glenoakscanyon.org, you can pay your annual membership dues, as well as donate to our Legal and Disaster Preparedness Funds.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on May 22 at Annual Dog Parade Event.

Rick Marquis
President, Glenoaks Canyon Homeowners Association



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**Grayson Repowering
Project Update**
by Kate Unger and Jackie Gish

Glendale Water and Power (GWP) has been advocating for new gas-burning equipment at the Grayson Power Plant on San Fernando Road since at least 2017. Most of the existing generating units produce too much air pollution, and must be retired or modified before January 2024. GWP wants to replace those units with new ones, financed with a 25-year bond, which would keep burning gas potentially until 2045.

Members of the Glendale community, led by the Glendale Environmental Coalition (GEC), have advocated for the city to replace the old Grayson units with clean energy instead of new fossil-fuel equipment. Despite community opposition, GWP continues to pursue the gas “repowering.”

The first proposal for the Grayson repowering was 262 MW of equipment—more than the units being replaced. After community advocacy led City Council to reject that project, in 2019 GWP proposed a plan with 93 MW of new power capacity (5 internal combustion engines), and that also included a large battery energy storage system and some clean energy programs—energy efficiency, demand response, and a rooftop solar + storage “virtual power plant.” When Council approved that energy portfolio, it directed GWP to look for ways to add more clean energy and reduce the number of engines. These engines would produce tons of greenhouse gases, contributing to the climate crisis, in addition to local air pollution.

Almost 3 years later, GWP is still seeking 93 MW of gas equipment, at a cost of about \$260 million (\$389 million including the batteries). City Council considered the project on February 15. Councilmember Brotman proposed to defer a decision on the gas equipment for several months, to give an opportunity to identify more environmentally friendly alternatives. City Council approved the project 3-2, with Councilmembers Agajanian, Devine, and Najarian voting yes and Councilmembers Brotman and Kassakhian voting no, but the Council also agreed to consider Councilmember Brotman’s proposal on March 1.

After hearing from hundreds of residents, at the March 1 meeting, Council passed Councilmember Brotman’s motion 5-0. The city now has an opportunity to find cleaner ways to power Glendale without this large investment in polluting equipment—though it must move quickly, as the motion only delays the decision until December at the latest. The Sierra Club and an association called Glendale Residents Against Environmental Destruction have both filed lawsuits against Glendale for approving the project. Those lawsuits are in early stages.

GEC has proposed numerous ideas involving solar, storage, and ways to reduce peak demand. GWP is studying installing solar on some city-owned properties and says it will pursue other ideas. City Council should push GWP to move forward with all these ideas and more. With continued strong community support for this plan, Glendale may be able to finally set aside the gas repowering and instead invest in a clean energy future.

Hello, neighbor!
I'm Natalie and have lived in the Canyon for 27 years. My partner Anh and I are local real estate professionals. Come say "HI" if you see us on the trails!



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Canyon Corner By Rebecca Mieliwocki



It may not have been love at first sight, according to this pair, but after 35 years of marriage, it's certainly a true & lasting one for long-time canyon residents Brad and Devon Curry. Both happily ensconced in a pretty Spanish on Hollister Terrace, you know the Curry's yard for its eye-catching variety of succulents, flowering plants, a burbling spill fountain, and a whimsical hand-made stone garden ledge Brad fashioned out of leftover concrete, filled with bits and bobs of glass, tile and other fun curiosities. Brad's wall is a much visited & admired spot on most neighborhood strolls. The Curry's have called Glenoaks Canyon home for almost 30 years, long enough to see several generations of canyon kids grow up and to meet & make friends with just about everyone who lives here. You've surely seen Brad on daily walks with his best mate, the mellow & handsome Charlie, (a retriever/ridgeback mix). They adore our gorgeous neighborhood, the hillsides and enjoy walking the streets and trails that make it so special. Thank you for being such kind and lovely Glenoaks Canyon neighbors!

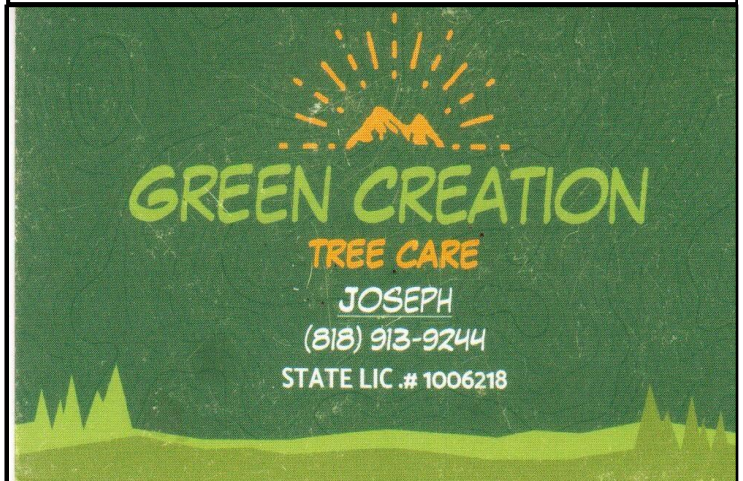
GOCHA Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the GOCHA legal fund to stop the building of the Scholl Power Plant. The lawsuit is in the beginning stages. We could not have done this without those of you who gave so generously. Our Spring Fundraising Campaign will be ending May 30, 2022. You can make online donations through this link <https://gofund.me/dbe52f7e> or by scanning the QR code below. If you prefer to donate by check, make your check payable to:
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Questions or comments? Email gocha.fundraiser@gmail.com

GLENDALE RECYCLES

Food waste must now go into our green waste carts.

As of April 1, residents are required to separate food scraps in a clear plastic bag, tie a knot, and place them in our green yard trimmings cart. Acceptable food scraps include coffee grounds and filters, bread, cheese, bones, meat, softshell seafood, grains, beans, pasta, and food soiled paper products (no Styrofoam or waxed paper). At a later date, the city will distribute small buckets for our kitchen counters to hold these bagged organics. This is great news for our community. This simple act will help reduce the trash that goes into the landfill and the amount of methane that comes out of the landfill. And most importantly, it is good for the environment. So, let's get started! If there are any questions about this program, contact the Glendale City Recycling Coordinator, Regina Wheeler, at 818-5503432.



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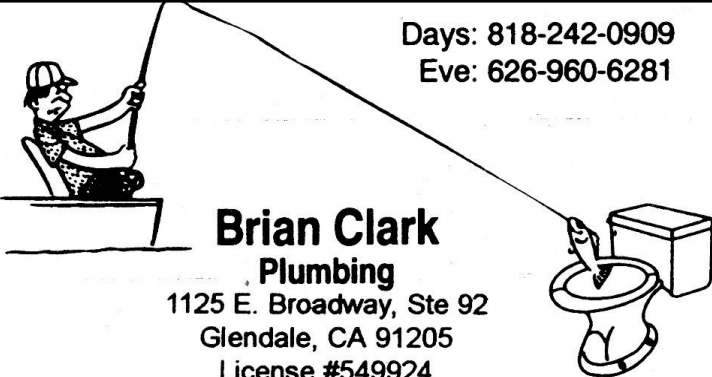


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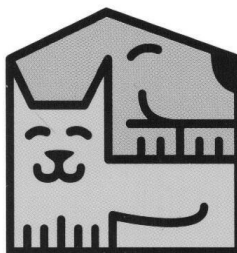
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