

T H E C A N Y O N C R I E R

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For all residents of the Chevy Chase Canyon . . .

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THE 55TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

with updates from the Glendale Police, Fire, and Planning Departments

Wednesday, March 17, 1992, at Chevy Chase Country Club

Social hour at 7:00 p.m., business meeting at 7:30, program at 8:00

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

All homeowners in Chevy Chase canyon are invited to attend this informative and provocative meeting and hear the leaders of some important city service departments discuss some of the issues affecting the canyon and the city . . .

The newly-appointed Police Chief, James Anthony, will consider the growing problem of crime in the canyon. The city's new Fire Chief, Richard Hinz, will give his perspectives on what he, and we, can do to reduce the threat of fire in the canyon. And the City's Senior Planner, James Glaser, will discuss the proposed revisions of the hillside Ordinance, and how it will affect further building and further developments in the canyon.

Members will also be brought up-to-date on the status of approved or pending new developments in the canyon, and on other matters affecting canyon residents.

FOUR DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED

Four Directors will be elected at this meeting. All four incumbent Directors -- Ken Boss, Gerald Briggs, Carol Wolf, and

Jerry McKee--are seeking re-election to new three-year terms.

In accordance with Association bylaws, any dues-paying member may also be nominated by securing 10 signatures of members supporting his or her nomination and sending them to the Secretary (2915 Graceland Way) by March 16.

1992 ASSOCIATION DUES NOW DUE

Your Board of Directors voted in January to retain the annual dues at \$20.00 per residence. Thanks to the lack of abnormal expenditures in 1991, the Association was able to meet all expenses out of current income. We can do the same this year, if membership increases by just 10%. In 1991, less than a third of the canyon residents joined the Chevy Chase Estates Association. You and your neighbors' support of the Association will keep the dues down and will insure that your Association continues to monitor and address canyon issues.

And remember the added membership bonus: In the event of fire, flood, earthquake, or other disasters, where canyon access is limited to "residents only," the fire and police department accepts the Chevy Chase

decal on an auto windshield as proof of canyon residency--and the decal comes only with Association membership.

So, complete the enclosed dues notice and return it with your check in the enclosed envelope. New members will be sent their decal and a copy of "History of Chevy Chase Canyon." More decals can be ordered from any Director.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

We all missed the lighted Christmas Tree at the mouth of the canyon last holiday season. The reason for the darkness was the property owner's concern about the dryness of the tree as a result of the prolonged drought. We all hope the tree will benefit from the recent rains and that, once again next December, the "Canyon Christmas Tree" will announce that the holidays are here.

Still, we were fortunate that the Chevy Chase Estates Garden Club heralded the holidays last December with the silver angels at the portals. All residents thank the Garden Club for brightening the canyon's "doorstep."

ABOUT THE GARDEN CLUB . . .

As the canyon's social and philanthropic group, the Chevy Chase Garden Club invites all residents, new and old, to join and to partake of their diverse activities. For more information, call Joan Glascock, 242-9917, or Brit Trydal, 500-1238.

CANYON DEVELOPMENTS

Hillside development has been virtually nonexistent in Chevy Chase canyon due to the current moratorium on building. Now in its third year, the moratorium is due to expire in April, 1992. It is doubtful that any further extension will be granted, putting pressure on the city Planning Department to complete work on the revisions to the Hillside Ordinance.

The City Planning Department took on the project last year after the consultants hired to redraft the ordinance failed to produce a workable document. Without a revised ordinance in place, the expected flood of new projects would be subject only to the standards which allowed the massive grading projects of the 1980s.

The Association hopes that the planning staff will further restrict hillside development by increasing the ratios of pad size to structure size, increasing minimum lot size and setbacks, limiting grading, and maintaining height restrictions. The effect of these changes will be to reduce the number of potential strain on city services and traffic in the canyon.

Look for notices in local newspapers about hearings on the revised ordinance-- and then attend them. Your association will monitor the revision's progress through the complex review and approval channels, and keep you current. And, of course Jim Glaser will give us a full report at the Annual meeting.

NEW LIBRARIAN AT THE LIBRARY

The Chevy Chase Branch Library at last has a permanent librarian--Jill Connor. We would encourage all residents to drop by and meet Ms. Connor, and also "check-out" this modern library, which is computer-linked to the main library.

Incidentally, for those planning some home improvements or needing a "how-to" book, Jill says she would be happy to order a suitable book for you from the Central Library downtown.

REPORT FROM THE SICOMORO FORESTERS

(by Dick Knudson, 244-2631)

[The Sicomoro Foresters are residents dedicated to planting native trees in the canyon and in restoring the forests that once were here.]

Several recent newspaper articles about the Sicomoro Foresters generated lots of interest but no firm offers of help. Right now only Charles Parker and I are growing plants, although others have contributed milk cartons for next year's planting. We each have about 100 plants growing in milk cartons: oaks, toyons, and other native trees and bushes.

We have transplanted 135 oaks along Camino San Rafael below street level inside the sprinkler line, so we won't have to keep watering them. Oaks take a lot of water in their early years; When an acorn sprouts, it puts down a foot of tap root for each inch of above-ground growth. Being uphill from the canyon, the acorns

these trees will eventually produce will naturally be distributed downhill toward us.

We have now learned that a better way to start oak trees is to gather the acorns, sprout them, and plant them immediately -- rather than nursing them in milk cartons. Next year we hope to plant sprouted acorns all over the canyon. Unfortunately, 1991 was a poor year for acorns; the trees had a small crop and, of the few acorns there were, the squirrels and woodpeckers got to them first. We will soon transplant the other native plants now growing in cartons into larger pots and later plant them in the canyon. This will give them a better start, since they don't have the root problems of the oaks.

This spring we will also be growing cuttings of many other trees and bushes native to the canyon--lemonade berry, black and silver sage, white alder, western sycamore, currant, gooseberry, California cherry, and many more. These and the sprouted acorns will be planted next winter. I would be delighted to talk to anyone interested in learning more about native trees and shrubs (and helping us nurture them).

YOUR AREA AND YOUR DIRECTORS

The Chevy Chase canyon is geographically divided into five areas; each of these areas is served by two or three members of Chevy Chase Estates Association Board of Directors. The Directors are elected to represent you, and they urge that you call them if you have a question or a problem; they can answer some and may refer others to various city offices that might be able to resolve them.

Here are the canyon areas, and the names and telephone numbers of the Directors that represent them:

Lower canyon:

Mike Dickerson	246-6824
Carole Dougherty	246-0508

Golf Club area:

Ken Boss	246-4281
Jerry McKee	956-5404
Ann Zabriskie	244-2208

Linda Vista area:

Al Leland	241-0482
Ted K. Osborn	240-9721

Figueroa area:

Archie Eley	793-6012
George Young	790-9060
<u>Emerald Isle:</u>	
Michael Graves	790-9961
Carol Wolf	790-2663

THE 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY/FIRE STATION

The Chevy Chase Estates Association is planning a reception at the Library on Saturday afternoon, May 9, in honor of Howard Van Heuklyn, the canyon resident and architect who designed the building. Association members who were members in 1972 will also be recognized, as will those who helped keep the library open in the late 1970s when a city financial crisis threatened its closure. You will receive more details later--but keep the date open! The Fire Station will also have an open house on May 9.

AND REMEMBER . . . THE ANNUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 18, AT THE NEWLY REMODELED CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB