

The Canyon Crier

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PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM BRUSH FIRES

Don't Touch That Oak Tree!

Thinking of trimming that towering oak tree in your backyard? Is your giant Sycamore tree leaning menacingly over your roof? Before you pull out your chain saw, be aware that certain trees are protected by law.

Since 1982, native trees growing within Glendale city limits have been under the protection and administration of the Glendale Parks, Recreation and Community Services Division. This protection extends to trees on private, as well as public, property.

To qualify for legal protection, a tree must be at least eight inches in diameter (measured three feet above the ground). Protected species include oak, sycamore and California bay trees.

It *is* legal to remove dead wood and small branches less than two inches in diameter. Anything more drastic requires a permit from the City. Removing a protected tree without a permit can subject the tree owner of thousands of dollars in fines.

For more information, contact Bill McKinley (Glendale Parks, Recreation and Community Services) at 548-3736.



Library Corner

Library Survives Proposed Budget Cuts

At this year's Glendale City Council budget meeting, libraries were once again a hot topic. Faced with proposed budget cuts which would slash library hours even further, Canyon residents and others took City Hall by storm. Concerned citizens sent letters to the newspapers and CCEA Director Michael Rosenfeld addressed the City Council. As a result of this overwhelming support, our library services will remain intact — at least, for another year.

Got A Few Hours? Lend A Hand

Chevy Chase Library volunteers help keep our library running smoothly. Whether they're stamping books, designing displays or shelving books, the library volunteers are able to assist with day-to-day operations, giving the library staff a chance to help guests find exactly what they need.

Volunteering doesn't take a lot of time — an hour or two a month can really make a difference. If you can help, please contact Rosemarie Lossone at 243-6902, or Wendy Osborn at 240-9721.

Book Discussion Group

The Chevy Chase Library book discussion group meets at the library on the third Wednesday of each month, with refreshments and interesting topics. New members are always welcome to attend.

Depending on members' interests, discussions can center on a single book, a particular author or a certain genre. Recent topics have included Books to Movies and Biographies.

If you love to read, this group could be just the thing for you.

Internet and More...

The Library rummage sale last May raised more than \$2,000. Volunteers teamed up with library staff from throughout Glendale to price and display the hundreds of items donated by Canyon residents.

Through the incredible generosity of Canyon residents, the library has now purchase the Internet workstation, and has enough money left over to buy computer accessories and institute additional children's programming.

With the addition of another computer, which was recently donated, the library is also well on the way toward establishing a homework center.

Visit the library and watch *The Canyon Crier* for news about the library's upcoming computer orientation sessions and Internet classes.

Our thanks to everyone — especially Mary Alice Wollam and her incredible library staff — for donating items and volunteering their time to make the even such a huge success.

Library Open House Set for November 1st

Mark your calendars! The Chevy Chase Library will host an open house on November 1, 1997. Scheduled events include the dedication of the new Internet workstation, Internet demonstrations, and a special children's program. Refreshments will be served.

But don't wait for a special occasion to visit the Chevy Chase Library. New books and magazines arrive weekly, and the library also features popular videos, kids'



Letters to the Editor

We are so fortunate to live in the beautiful Chevy Chase Canyon and surrounding hills. The June issue of *The Canyon Crier* addressed brush clearance awareness as a top priority and we read about and were reminded of the devastating firestorm that hit Chevy Chase Canyon in 1964. Almost 25 years have gone by without any major fire and our canyon is green, lush and overgrown.

A new road has come into existence. This road is the extension of Mountain Street, which becomes Camino San Rafael and leads to the top of the mountain. It is carved through the most beautiful part of our mountains above Chevy Chase Canyon and through a very hazardous fire area. Many of the Chevy Chase residents, the City and the Fire Department are unaware of the severe fire danger which exists in this area. The brush and grass on the roadside and the pedestrian path are overgrown. The sprinklers which are supposed to keep the area green and moist are not working and, for the last eight months, no maintenance has taken place and trash has not been picked up. On the upper part of the Camino San Rafael, there are three open parking areas leading into the fire roads; every night, people park, socialize and smoke cigarettes there. These areas present the most fire exposure. The problem could easily be eliminated by closing these areas at street level.

For the sake of your and my home and our beautiful canyon, I ask you to help me address this problem by contacting City officials and making them aware of this dangerous situation before it is too late; or please contact me at 952-1627.

HARRY RICHTER
Chevy Chase Canyon

Flowers and Friendships Bloom At Chevy Chase Garden Club

was discontinued.

Have you ever wondered who built the Chevy Chase Estates portals at the base of the Canyon? Or who decorates them ever Christmas?

These are just a few accomplishments of the dedicated members of the Chevy Chase Estates Garden Club.

Canyon Tradition

Founded 50 years ago by long-time Canyon resident Ruby Barnett, the Garden Club has become a valued tradition in the Canyon.

The Garden Club was formed to exchange information and ideas about horticulture, landscaping and conservation, and to help beautify the Canyon.

While the Garden Club is perhaps best known for building and maintaining the Chevy Chase Estates portals, over the years, the Club has sponsored many Canyon activities, including children's Christmas parties at the Chevy Chase Country Club, socials for Canyon teens, Christmas open houses, poolside parties, fashion shows and progressive dinners.

Christmas in the Canyon

Each Christmas, the Club decorates the portals with a different Christmas theme.

One Christmas activity that was a little *too* successful was called "The Night Before Christmas." With the inspiration and assistance of Garden Club members, houses on Chevy Chase Drive were festooned with elaborate Christmas decorations and multi-colored lights. Unfortunately, the decorations were so lavish that people began driving from all over Los Angeles to see the Chevy Chase houses, clogging Chevy Chase Drive with bumper-to-bumper traffic every night. As a result, the annual event

Scholarships, Garden Awards and Symphony Tickets

In 1957, the Garden Club established a scholarship fund. Currently, the club awards two scholarship annually, one for architecture and one in landscape design.

The Club also sponsors the annual Ruby Barnett Award, presented each June to the Club member whose garden best characterizes the spirit of the Garden Club.

And at the Club's monthly meeting, one member receives two tickets to the Glendale Symphony.

September through June. Meetings are generally held at local restaurants and feature topics relevant to Canyon residents.

New Members Welcome

The Garden Club always welcomes new members. The Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month from



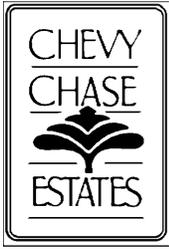
City Hall In Your Neighborhood

Ever wish you could just *talk* to City Council members without worrying that your neighbors will be watching you on TV?

City Hall In Your Neighborhood gives you that chance. In an effort to find out what you care about, Glendale City Council members and staff schedule neighborhood meetings to discuss City programs and listen to the issues which concern *you*.

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to make your views known to the people who can do something!

For more information about City Hall In Your



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