



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Chevy Chase Canyon Neighborhood Watch

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WELCOME!

The goal of this newsletter is to provide information and news on safety and security in the Canyon, as well as upcoming safety-related training and crime statistics for the area. We hope you find it helpful.

Yes, We Have Bears!



In recent months, there have been multiple bear sightings in the Chevy Chase canyon especially around trash collection days. There have been reports of residents being caught off guard and coming face to face with these bears. This could be a very scary and dangerous encounter with these wild animals.

In order to educate the residents about bears, Glendale Police Department hosted an informative meeting on April 30 at the Chevy Chase Country Club. Rebecca Barboza, an environmental scientist from California Department of Fish and Wildlife presented some interesting facts about bears and provided information on what to do when encountering one on your property. Here's a summary of some of she discussed:

- There are about 25,000-35,000 black bears in California

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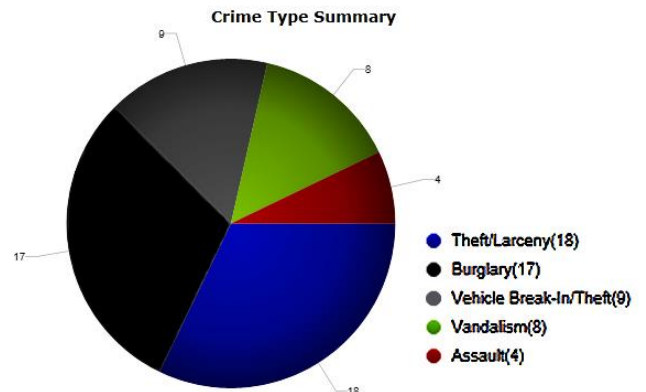
Fire Safety Training May 29

The next neighborhood watch training will be on Fire Safety and Prevention. It will be presented by Glendale Fire Department by Captain Harges (from our station #23). The training session will be held at the Chevy Chase Library (3301 East Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale, CA 91206) on May 29 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

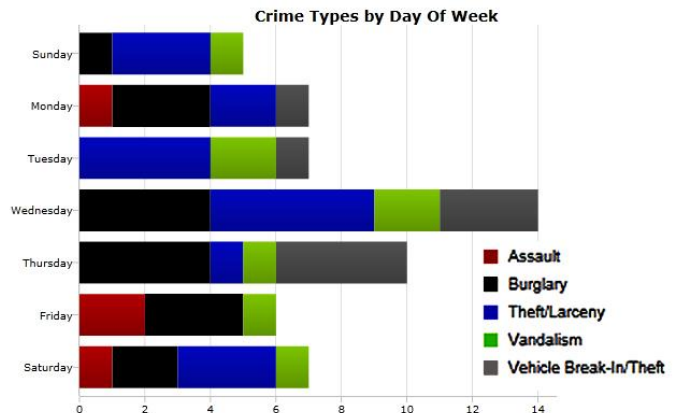
Crime Trends

Theft and Burglary top Canyon crime stats

We continue to see break-ins, but theft crimes are on the rise, possibly owing to the flood of criminals released into the public as prisons are being flushed to alleviate state budget problems and meet federal requirements. The following is a plot of crime trends for the first quarter of 2013 in the Chevy Chase area (obtained from www.crimemapping.com).



Below is a graph showing on which days of the week these crimes have been taking place over the first quarter of this year.



- Their main source of food are seasonal fruit, berries and nuts; However, being omnivores, bears will eat just about anything that looks edible
- If you encounter a bear in your yard, slowly back away, do not approach the bear and allow the bear plenty of room to pass or withdraw; Once you are a safe distance away, encourage the bear to leave by banging pots and pans or making other loud noises
- If you encounter a bear in your home, do not approach the bear, remove yourself from danger, then when safe, call 911; Do not block any exits that the bear may use to escape

Here are some tips to help you bear-proof your home:

- Wait to put trash out until the morning of collection day
- Don't leave trash, groceries or pet food in your car
- Keep garbage cans clean and deodorize them with bleach or ammonia
- Harvest fruit off trees as soon as it is ripe and promptly collect fruit that falls
- Securely block access to potential hibernation sites such as crawl spaces under decks and buildings

For additional info on California Black Bears, read this article http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ocal/archives/bear_ja02_04-08.pdf

The City of Glendale Urges You to Watch the Road

- Speeding, aggressive driving and traffic weaving are not going to get you home to your family any faster or perhaps at all. Aggressive driving is the cause of 54% of all car collisions.
- Lose one minute of your life or your life in one minute. Running red lights and stop signs are the leading cause of fatal and injury car collisions in urban areas. They endanger everyone – other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Cycle on the right side and ride right. Cars can't always see you. Riding against traffic and playing dodge with cars will get you one or two things: a ticket for bicycling on the left side of the road or getting hit by an oncoming car.

POLICE ALERTS!

Glendale PD APBs (All Points Bulletins)

By accessing the web link below and entering your email address and name, the Police Department will send you an email whenever a significant or emergency event takes place in the city:

http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/police/email_list_signup.asp

NEIGHBOR NOTES

This is a place where our Canyon neighbors can pass on news about safety and security. Contact your block captain with any safety-related news that others may find interesting.

A number of Canyon residents reported their frustration with Glendale Police in the way access to Canyon residents' homes was handled during the May 3 fire. The CCEA Board will be meeting with the GPD and GFD to address this and other emergency procedure problems.

Jake and Heather Wills on **Graceland Way** report that Ross, their very large Rhodesian Ridgeback is now safely contained and can no longer get out and scare people (even though he's just a friendly, very large puppy). Thanks to all the neighbors for their patience !

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

For information on Neighborhood Watch in Chevy Chase Canyon, visit the **NW** page on the Chevy Chase Canyon website at

http://www.chevychasestates.us/?page_id=1493