

THE CANYON CRIER

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For all residents of the Chevy Chase Canyon . . .

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RESTROOMS AT EMERALD ISLE PARK

At the request of many Canyon residents and with the cooperation of your Association Board of Directors, the City Parks & Recreation Department is planning to add restroom facilities at Emerald Isle park. However, some nearby residents have expressed concern about the implications of these improvements.

A **public forum** will be held on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:15 p.m. in Emerald Isle park (off Lenore) to discuss plans and location of the proposed restrooms. All canyon residents who use Emerald Isle park should attend this meeting and express their views about expanding (or limiting) the facilities at the park.

OF DETOURS AND LITTLE DITCHES

A trench to house the storm drain for the new Paragon housing development is being dug from the top of the hill to connect onto the county storm drain that runs under Chevy Chase Drive - and that is the reason for that narrowed 'detour' at the 2600 block of Chevy Chase Drive. According to City engineer Bob Nathan, the connection should be completed by about October 15 and the detour barricades will be taken down.

Far less massive, but sometimes just as annoying, are the 6-inch wide channels being cut in streets throughout the canyon. These are to house the new underground conduits for Sammons Communications cable-TV. Sammons is replacing all of their TV-cables, including older ones already underground and those now hanging from telephone poles. Again, bear with it; once the fuss is over, we will have one less overhead utility, and possibly, cable-TV reception will be improved.

ABOUT THAT ROAD . . .

Grading on "The Road" - the extension of Mountain Street to Emerald Isle - as been completed, the first coat of pavement has been laid, and the street lights are being installed. The road will be open to traffic early next year.

The contract to landscape the cuts and fills around the road, which will soften the harsh visual impact of the road, has been signed. Landscaping will be done in two phases: The first stage, which should be completed by early November, will be the planting of trees and large shrubs. Completion of the second phase, placement of smaller shrubs and groundcover, should start this fall (depending on the weather), but may not be finished until next spring.

ACTIVITIES AT CHEVY BRANCH LIBRARY

Our local library had a busy summer. Under the direction of Mindy Liberman, 77 children joined the summer reading program, with 67 of them reading and reporting on eight books to earn a book bag, a certificate, and an invitation to the Summer Reading Program Party. It was attended by over 100 children and parents. And the activities go on . . .

Toddler time continues each Friday morning at 10 a.m. until October 27. This 45-minute program offers stories, songs, and crafts for children age 18 months to three years (and their parents!).

Storytime, for children ages 3-8, held from 7-8 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month (except December) features stories, crafts, and movies.

The annual **Halloween Haunted House** party will be held between 7-8 p.m. on

Wednesday, October 25. wear a costume and come for stories, snacks, and spooks.

For adults in the community, there's **Books You've Always Wanted To Read**, an informal reading group that meets one Wednesday evening (7 p.m.) a month for discussion and coffee. Dates and topics:

October 11	Cults
November 8	Books from Down Under
December 6	Our Neighbor to the North

Starting in January, the Reading Group will be led by Prof. Bart Edelman of GCC as he leads discussion of books dealing with "The Common Good: Individualism and Commitment in American Life." Readings will include Toni Morrison's Beloved and The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Any questions? Call Mindy Liberman at our Chevy Chase Branch Library, 956-2046.

THE CHEVY CHASE ESTATES GARDEN CLUB

As the Canyon's social and philanthropic group, the Garden Club invites all residents, new and old, to join the Club and to partake of their diverse activities. For membership information, just call Carol Deegan at 952-3209.

A NEW DATA BASE OF NAMES, ADDRESSES

The Association's unpaid and overworked office staff has discarded the outdated mailing list of the names and addresses of all canyon resident and has generated a new membership list for newsletter and other CCEA mailings. But this involves re-typing everyone's name and address - and errors are bound to occur. These may vary from simple typographical errors or incorrect street numbers to completely wrong names (people do move) or incomplete names (like leaving off the name of a spouse, or including the name of a departed one).

So please, please . . . if your name and/or address is incorrect in any way, telephone the errant secretary (at 965-5404) and give him the correct label information. If you get his answering machine, be sure to give both the incorrect and the correct listing, so he can correct it in the data base

Incidentally, our thanks to Hoffman Realty, at the bottom of the hill, for their help in updating our membership list

ARE YOU A DUES-PAYING MEMBER?

In other words, have you paid your 1989 dues and thus become a genuine member of the Chevy Chase Estates Association? If so, you are a member of the oldest homeowner's group in the state! But if you haven't yet remitted, just send your check for \$20 (made out to CCEA) to the Association's treasurer:

Mrs. Ann Zabriskie
1545 Sheridan Way
Glendale, CA 91206

If you are a new member, you'll receive a fascinating booklet giving the history of Chevy Chase Canyon, a useful guide to city services, and a decal for your car that identifies you as a member of the Chevy Chase Estates Association.

The Spanish explorers called our canyon "Sicomoro," because of all of the native sycamore trees they found growing here.

YOU NEED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH!

Has a Neighborhood Watch program been formed in your neighborhood? All it takes is a desire to protect your family and children from crime, and one or two persons to serve as block captains. The only requirement is for neighbors to get together once a year for a presentation on some aspect of crime prevention - the choice is yours. You can hear about personal safety, child protection, or prevention of home burglaries or car theft, or any of several other topics.

Just call the Crime Prevention Unit of the Glendale Police Department, at 956-4922 and they'll take it from there.

There is one other thing: To remain (and to retain the crime-detering Neighborhood Watch sign), the group must meet each year. Since this can be a social event where one can meet one's neighbors, this should be no problem

But the following Neighborhood Watch groups risk losing their official status (and their signs), because they haven't met in over 18 months:

2700 East Chevy Chase Drive
1600 Chevy Knoll Place
3200 Dunsmere Road
3500 Emerald Isle Drive

Those living in these areas should contact their block captains and schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting soon.

HOME SECURITY CHECKS

Another service of the Glendale Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit is

their home security check. An officer will visit your home, inspect your security measures, and suggest some free or inexpensive ways to make your home safer and to make you and your family less likely to become crime victims. Call the Crime Prevention Unit at 956-4299 and schedule an appointment. The inspection takes only about 20 minutes, and there is no charge.

THAT 25-MPH SPEED LIMIT . . .

The speed limit on Chevy Chase Drive is 25 miles an hour. Few residents rigidly observe that limit, but most stay well below 35 mph (beyond which you can be ticketed), realizing that it is a narrow curving road and that a slower speed insures our own safety. But there are a few (often young) residents who consider themselves immune to speed laws; these are the ones that, in a burst of speed, cross the double lines to pass a slower car in front of them, and then often having to dart back quickly into their own lane to avoid an oncoming car - a car that may be driven by one of us.

The slow speed may annoy many of us - but the street is narrow, there are kids playing in the drive, people getting out of parked cars, and drivers trying to back out of their garages. So try to stay at least within earshot of 25 mph!

To further curb speed on Chevy Chase, the City has painted white outer lane lines, increased the number of speed limit signs, replaced the reflectors on caution signs and guardrails, and added more side-street signs. If you have any questions or comments about these measures, please call Tom Horne, Traffic and Transportation Administrator for Glendale, at 956-3960.

PRESERVATION OF OUR NATIVE TREES

It is against the law to cut down any native tree - live oak, sycamore, or bay - in the City of Glendale without a written permit. The natural beauty of our canyon has been marred recently when a few such trees were illegally chopped down. If you see anyone removing a live tree, call the police immediately, for they are empowered to act promptly to halt this destruction of our trees. If you have any questions, doubts, or even suspicions, call Jim Kurkowski, Park Service Administrator, at 596-2000.

Join your homeowners association today.