

## **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 1990 ANNUAL MEETING: MARCH 20**

Canyon fires and canyon traffic will be the two primary topics to be discussed at the 1990 annual meeting, March 20, at the Chevy Chase Country Club.

One speaker will be Tom Horne, Traffic and Transportation Administrator for the City of Glendale. He will give the background on some of the measures that have been taken to lessen the impact of traffic on the canyon - the additional speed caution signs, the high-visibility street signs, the white curbside lines. This will be your opportunity to ask the questions, voice your complaints, and offer suggestions to the man who can respond to these queries and problems and who welcomes your suggestions.

Also on the program will be Captain John Orr of the Glendale Fire Department, who will focus on measures we can all take to prevent the hillside fires that are likely to hit the canyon in the coming drought years. This will be more than the usual "clear your brush" lecture (although he will show pictures of some Chevy Chase canyonside homes that are in danger of burning to the ground). For example, he will show how some wooden fences (but not others) can "wick" fire from brush into a house. He will also outline a free inspection program that the Fire Department offers which could lower your fire insurance rates.

The annual meeting will unofficially begin at 7 p.m. with a social half-hour and officially begin at 7:30 p.m. with the business meeting. The program with Mr. Horne and Capt. Orr will start at 8 p.m. Coffee, punch, and light refreshments (read: cookies) will be served.

### **FOUR DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED**

Four three-year Directorships of the Chevy Chase Estates Association will be filled at the annual meeting. Incumbent Directors seeking re-election are Archie G. Eley of Linda Vista Road, Al Leland and Ted K. Osborn, both of Buckingham Road, and George W. Young of St. Elizabeth Road.

Additional candidates for the position of CCEA Director may be nominated by any member who submits to the Association President at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting a petition signed by at least ten paid-up members of the Association, stating that they would like to nominate a certain member (who confirms willingness to run) as a candidate for Directorship. All candidates who are nominated in this manner will be added to the written ballot; the four candidates who receive the greatest number of votes in the election at the Annual meeting will become Directors.

### **THE 1990 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE . . .**

The notice of the 1990 dues for membership in the Chevy Chase Estates Association is enclosed with this newsletter, along with a return envelope. Payment of dues makes you a member of the oldest homeowner's group in the entire state of California! And your membership helps the Association better monitor the outside factors that continually threaten our "canyon way of life."

New members of the Association receive a book that tells the fascinating history of Chevy Chase Canyon, a useful guide to city services, and a decal for your car that

will identify them as members of the Chevy Chase Estates Association.

#### **ARE YOU A "CURRENT RESIDENT"?**

The Association's last mailing had a "Current Address Requested" note on it, which enabled the Secretary to drop from the mailing list those former residents who no longer live in the canyon. Their names were replaced on the mailing label with "Current Resident" - which is much too impersonal!

If you are a "Current Resident" on your mailing label, why not call the CCEA Secretary (or his answering machine) at 956-5404 and give him your name or names and your street address, so he can address future mailings to you, and not just to "Current Resident."

And, of course, any mailing list is vulnerable to mistakes ranging from simple typographical errors or incorrect street numbers to incorrect or incomplete names (like leaving off the name of a spouse or including a name of a person who no longer lives at your address). If that has happened, please call the Secretary and give him both the incorrect and the correct listing, so it can be changed on future mailings.

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

#### **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES PLANNED TO FOCUS ON CANYON CONCERNS**

At one of their recent monthly meetings, the Board of Directors of the Chevy Chase Estates Association established four committees to help the Directors and the Association keep in closer touch with the problems confronting the canyon and its residents.

These committees will each be chaired by members of the Board of Directors, but the Board strongly and urgently solicits members to serve on these committees. The obligation will be for no more than an hour or so each month, at the most, to get together and discuss problems in specific areas and to recommend actions that the Board of Directors could take.

The committees are:

**City Liaison:** This committee will monitor city affairs as they might have an impact on canyon life. Residents who would enjoy attending City Council meetings on Tuesday afternoons, other City Commission hearings, and other sessions that may have an effect on canyon life are urged to join

this vital committee. Heading it are Archie Eley and Ted Osborn.

**Development:** This crucial committee is charged with monitoring the progress of present developments and the threat of future developments in the canyon. Open space and canyon parks also come under the purview of this committee. Those who have an interest in this sphere would work with Jerry Briggs, Mike Graves, and George Young on this committee.

**Internal affairs:** This is the important "nuts and bolts" committee that will look into and offer suggestions on the improvement of such integral Association matters as membership, communications (the newsletter and such), annual and social meetings, election of directors, and fiscal affairs. Those interested in these matters should sign up for this committee, or contact Ken Boss or Carole Dougherty, who head it.

**Safety and Compliance:** This is the committee that will help the Association do what it can to make our canyon a safer and more pleasant place to live: traffic and parking, beautification, trash and other nuisance factors, and maintenance of city facilities in the canyon. Ken Boss and Mary Ann Edwards are in charge of this committee.

If you would like to help out on one of these committees, either (1) indicate your preference on the back of your dues notice, or (2) sign up at the Annual Meeting. Either way, you'll be contacted about how you can do your part in keeping Chevy Chase canyon a wonderful place to live and to enjoy life.

#### **TWO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CANYON**

Developers continue to show interest in undeveloped parcels of land in Chevy Chase Canyon. There are two developments, one probable and one potential, which the Association is monitoring.

The probable development is in the canyon area north of the golf course, east of Sunset Ridge, and south of Emerald Isle. This development, which is currently in the survey stage, calls for about 18 homes to be built after substantial cutting and filling. So far, no applications have been made to the City, as far as we know, for any permits.

The possible development is on a tract of about 130 acres extending roughly from Laird to St. Gregory on the east canyon wall. This land is presently owned by the Murchison Trust. One of the builders of the Rancho San Rafael tract (between the

Glendale freeway and our canyon) is seriously pursuing the future development of the Murchison tract. About eight years ago, one developer (Goldrich-Kest) made plans to build over 100 houses on this hillside. That tract, fortunately, did not materialize. Your Association is already investigating all measures that can be taken to halt or limit this development as well.

#### **TIME TO START "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH"**

Simply because some thieves consider the Chevy Chase canyon an "affluent" area, crime is not uncommon here. To stop the burglars, robbers, car thieves, and vandals, as well as arsonists, child molesters, con artists, muggers, all of them - the Chevy Chase Estates Association, in conjunction with the Crime Prevention Unit of the Glendale Police Department, urges that a Neighborhood watch program be formed on each street in the Canyon. These programs are simply neighbors working together to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods. It requires very little time, no personal involvement with suspected law-breakers, and yet gives many benefits.

To get a Neighborhood Watch program started, just call the Crime Prevention Unit of the Glendale Police Department, 956-4922, and they will take it from there. You will be given material to distribute to those living in your area and asked to pick an evening when those wanting to protect their neighborhood can get together for a short program

At that time, crime prevention officers will explain how Neighborhood watch operates and what to look for. You will hear what you can do to insure personal and child safety and how to help prevent home burglaries and auto theft. In this way, you will be helping to fight crime in the Canyon in the best way-before it begins!

#### **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 offer some low-cost or no-cost ways to make your home safer, with fewer chances of becoming a crime victim. Call the Crime Prevention Unit at 956-4299 and schedule an appointment. The inspection takes only about 20 minutes, and there is no charge.

#### **ACTIVITIES AT CHEVY CEASE BRANCH LIBRARY**

We have, in middle of our canyon, a great educational and entertainment resource-the Chevy Chase branch library. Not only does it house books and magazines, references and newspapers, but it also is the site of many activities of interest to all age groups . .

**Toddler time:** continues each Friday morning at 10 a.m. until October 27. This 45-minute program offers stories, songs, fingerplays, 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 August and December) features stories, crafts, and a movie.

Upcoming programs:

April 25 Velveteen Rabbit  
May 30 Let's Give Kitty a Bath

**Sunny Side Up:** on Wednesday, April 4 at 7-8 p.m., will be a program of stories and egg decorating for the whole family.

The Library offers these hints to make the story programs special times for children. First, your child may be more comfortable at a story program if he or she has visited the Library before coming in for stories. If you arrive 5-10 minutes before the program begins, your child will also feel more relaxed. On the other hand, entering a story program late may disturb the other children and can be embarrassing to your child.

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. On March 14, Prof. Bart Edelman of GCC will discuss Cities on a Hill as part of the series, "The Common Good: Individualism and Commitment in American Life." On April 18 the topic will be two books about the Native American experience, Ceremony and Storyteller, by Leslie Marmon Silko.

Any questions? Call Mindy Liberman at the 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 952-0128.

#### **RV PARKING**

The Board of Directors have received several complaints from concerned neighbors about RVs parked on the street. The Glendale municipal code clearly says that, in a residential area, any vehicle larger than 20 x 8 x 8 may not be parked overnight on the street, in the driveway or on the right-of-way strip between the curb and sidewalk or property line. Them's the facts and that's the law.

#### **"DISTRICTS" IN THE CANYON**

At some time in the past, the canyon was informally divided into five areas, or districts. The plan at that time was to have a designated number of Directors from each of these districts. However, there was concern that, as with any such 'districting' plan, this might become divisive as directors might vote in the interests of their area, rather than for the good of the canyon as a whole. So that plan was never enacted. Still, the Association does try to elect Directors from all five districts.

And what are these 'districts'? First is the lower canyon, up to the country club. Second is the area served by Golf Club Drive. Third is roughly the St. Gregory-Linda Vista-Buckingham area, and fourth is the Figueroa-Fair Oaks section (known officially as 'Flintridge Highlands,' incidentally). Finally, the fifth district is the Emerald Isle area. All of these areas have about the same number of homes in them.

That number on your mailing label indicates the area in which you live.