

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 56TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION**

featuring a forum of ALL the City Council candidates

**Thursday, March 4, 1993, 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 Chevy Chase Canyon homeowners are invited to attend this informative and provocative meeting and hear the City Council candidates expound their views on important issues facing the canyon and the city . Each candidate will give a very brief introductory statement, and then all will be asked to respond to your questions. This is your chance to determine exactly how each candidate would vote on city and canyon issues that will affect you.

A brief business meeting will precede the candidates forum. Residents will also be updated on the status of new or pending developments in the canyon, and on other relevant matters that affect all canyon residents,

Arrive early at the meeting, personally meet the candidates, hear their views, and give them your opinions.

**FOUR DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED**

Four Directors will be elected at this meeting. Three incumbent Directors--Al Leland, Ted K. Osborn, and George Young -- are seeking re-election to new three-year terms. Also to be filled is a vacancy on

the Board due to the resignation of Archie Eley. The Board directs all of the affairs of the Association. Any canyon resident who would like to share this responsibility is urged to seek election to the Board. The time required is modest and the pay recompense is nil, but the pride in knowing that you are helping maintain the quality of canyon life is great.

In accordance with Association bylaws any dues-paying member may be nominated for the Board of Directors by securing signatures of 10 members supporting his or her nomination and presenting them to the Secretary (2915 Graceland Way) by Monday, March 2.

**1993 ASSOCIATION DUES NOW DUE**

Your Board of Directors voted to retain the annual dues at \$20.00 per residence despite spending much of the Association's Reserve Contingency Fund in efforts to attain a revised Hillside Ordinance that would limit and control subdivisions in the Canyon.

In 1992, only about a third of canyon residents joined the homeowners' association. This year, urge your neighbors to join and be active in the

Chevy Chase Estates Association. Only with the continued support of you and your neighbors can the Association continue to monitor and address canyon issues.

And don't forget 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 departments accept the Chevy Chase decal on an auto windshield as proof that you live in the canyon--and the decal comes only with 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 the "History of Chevy Chase Canyon" booklet.

#### **HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENTS**

Several small developments have been proposed in the interval between the expiration of the building moratorium and the soon-to-be-enacted hillside ordinance. These projects do not conform with the proposed ordinance and, based on current codes, have "slipped in under the wire." Each one impacts relatively few existing homeowners, but nevertheless contribute on a cumulative basis to the overall density of the canyon. Your Association did voice the homeowner's concerns, through numerous meetings with City Staff, the Planning Commission, and City Council--who then attempted to mitigate these concerns as best they could under the current code.

The enactment of the Hillside Ordinance will not eliminate the need for ongoing involvement of your Association's and individual homeowners. It does put the City in a much stronger position to limit and control hillside development. Your Board of Directors believes the new ordinance will, by law, effectively halve the current 1,500+ potential home bomesites in the canyon that would be allowed under the existing code. This is still too many . . . but significant progress has been made.

Another way to limit density in the canyon is through the outright purchase of land by preservation-minded groups. Through the efforts of Nello Iacono of Glendale's Parks and Recreation Department, an 11-acre parcel between Buckingham Road and

Figueroa Avenue was recently purchased for open space. This parcel includes the head of one of the major "blue line streams" in the canyon. We applaud the City's efforts and capital funds to purchase this ecologically sensitive parcel of land.

#### **THE "CANYON CHRISTMAS TREE"**

Once again, the arrival of the holidays was announced by the lighted Christmas Tree at the mouth of the canyon. The darkness in years past was due to the concern of the property owners, Phil and Fran Anderson, about further damage to the drought-injured tree. But with the fall rains, the health of the tree improved and the owners again permitted the Association to string lights on it. On behalf of all canyon residents, the Board extends its appreciation to the Andersons for sharing their "Christmas Tree" with us. Thanks also to Jim VanDyke of VanDyke Painting for providing and operating the hydraulic lift.

And, we were fortunate that the Chevy Chase Estates Garden Club once again heralded the holidays last December with decorations at the portals--which many felt were the best yet. All residents thank the Garden Club for brightening the canyon's "doorstep."

#### **ABOUT THE GARDEN CLUB**

The canyon's social and philanthropic group, the Chevy Chase Garden Club, invites all residents, new and old, to join the Garden Club and enjoy their diverse activities. For more information, call Frances Muir at 790-3087.

#### **YOUR AREA AND YOUR DIRECTORS . . .**

Chevy Chase canyon can be logically divided into five areas; each of these areas is served by two or three members of the Chevy Chase Estates Association Board of Directors. The Directors are elected to represent you, and they want you to call them if you have a problem or a question; they can't solve all of your concerns, but they can answer some and may suggest that you refer others to various city offices that might be able to answer your questions or resolve your problems.

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

Lower canyon area:

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:

George Young 790-9060

Emerald Isle area:

Michael Graves 790-9961  
Carol Wolf 790-2663

**NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES: AT YOUR SERVICE**

Solving neighborhood problems continues to be one of the primary job of the Neighborhood Services Section of the Community Development Department, 141 N. Glendale Avenue, Glendale, CA 91206, telephone 548-3700. They respond to letters and phone calls immediately. If you have a problem that is affecting life in your immediate neighborhood--illegal construction, graffiti, weeds, poor property maintenance, signs, cars being repaired on the lawn, noise--call neighborhood Services!

**NEW LIBRARY HOURS**

The City's budget crunch has affected the Chevy Chase Branch Library, which is now open only on two days: Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

We hope that an improving economy will soon enable the City to lengthen these hours of operation.

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

If this copy of *The Canyon Crier* came addressed just to "Current Residents," call the CCEA Secretary (or his answering machine) at 956-5404 and give him your names and street address, so that issues will come to you personally, and not just to "current resident"?

**THE "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" PROGRAM**

The Chevy Chase Estates Association has long encouraged the formation of Neighborhood Watch programs in the Canyon,

in conjunction with the Crime Prevention unit of the Glendale Police Department. These programs are simply neighbors working together, learning to spot and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods. Becoming involved in a Neighborhood Watch takes little time and gives many benefits.

What does it take to start a program? Just call the Crime Prevention Unit, 548-3122, and they will take it from there. You will be given material to distribute to neighbors in your area and asked to select an evening when all your neighbors can get together for a 90-minute program. At that time, crime prevention officers will explain how Neighborhood Watch operates and what to look for. In this way, you will be helping to fight crime in the Canyon in the best way -- before it begins!

**THE SICOMORO FORESTERS**

The Sicomoro Foresters are a group of canyon residents dedicated to planting native trees in the canyon and, in this small way, in restoring the forests that once grew here. They have, for example, transplanted 123 native oak seedlings along Camino San Rafael. This year the Foresters had hoped to gather acorns and grow the oaks from seed--but both the acorn crop and the supply of seedlings has been poor this year.

However, the Foresters, led by Dick Knudsen, have also been raising other native plants from seeds and cuttings. These include Western Sycamores, Toyon, Lemonade Berry, and Mountain Mahogany. This spring the Foresters hope to begin slipping some native trees and bushes, just to see how this will go on a mass basis. It would be great to see the canyon once again blooming with Mountain Lilac in the spring and covered with red toyon berries in the fall. Other natives that once grew wild in the canyon include black and silver sage, white alder, currant, gooseberry, and California cherry.

If you enjoy working with native plants and would like to help restore the wild forests that once covered the canyon walls, why not give Dick Knudsen a call at 244-2631. He and his associate, Charles Parker, could use your help, ranging from

slipping the plants, raising them in milk cartons, searching for the best places to start them, and then actually planting the native trees and shrubs. Dick would be delighted to talk to anyone interested in learning more about native trees and shrubs (and helping him nurture them).

#### **SPEED, SPEED SIGN, AND SPEEDERS**

It is in the best interest of all of us -- drivers and the loved ones in the car with us--that we observe the speed signs posted on Chevy Chase Drive, or at least have a nodding acquaintance with them. Most of us have been witness to, and sometimes frightened by, those mindless drivers who zoom up behind us, tailgate until they think (or hope) the road is clear, and then cross the double-yellow line to pass. Someday, sometime, there will be an unseen car around the curve or backing out of a driveway . . .

The Chevy Chase Estates Association is the oldest continuously active homeowner association in the state. It was organized in 1937 to fight a bank's plans to subdivide the Chevy Chase golf course.

**AND REMEMBER . . . The Annual meeting, 7 p.m., Thursday Evening, March 4, 1993 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, where you can meet and hear ALL of the City Council candidates.**