

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 57TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

featuring a conversation with Councilwoman Eileen Givens

Wednesday, March 16, 1994, at Chevy Chase Country Club

Social hour at 7:00 p.m., business meeting at 7:30, program at 8:00

**HEAR THE VIEWS OF EILEEN GIVENS . . .
AND GIVE HER SOME OF YOUR THOUGHTS!**

All Chevy Chase Canyon homeowners are urged to attend the 57th annual meeting of our Association and hear Eileen Givens, Glendale City Councilwoman and Chairperson of the Glendale Redevelopment Agency, outline her views on key issues facing the canyon and the city.

In a question-and-answer session after her talk, you can ask Councilwoman Givens any specific questions you may have, which could range from Glendale's long-range goals to gangs, graffiti, and noisy trash trucks. Perhaps more important, you can also tell her what you think about these matters.

Come early, meet your neighbors, and chat informally with Mrs. Givens and other city leaders--something you can't do at most cities of our size. Punch, coffee, and cookies will be served.

FOUR DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED

A Board of Directors oversees affairs of the Chevy Chase Estates Association. At each annual meeting, four Directors are elected to serve three-year terms.

Any canyon resident willing to share the responsibility of initiating and guiding the actions of our homeowners association is urged to seek election to the Board. The job takes a modest amount of time, and the only pay is the pride in knowing that you are helping to maintain our quality of canyon life

In accordance with Association bylaws, any dues-paying member may be nominated for the Board of Directors by securing the signatures of 10 members supporting his or her nomination and presenting them to the Secretary (2915 Graceland Way) by Monday, March 14. If you have a question, please call the secretary, Jerry McKee, at 956-5404.

a first-person report . . .

"YOU WANT TO LIVE WHERE???"

by Dan Birman

That was my first response to moving away from the beach. All it took, though, was one drive through Chevy Chase canyon and one look from a scenic vantage point to convince me that it would be a good idea to move here.

Nine months later, it *still* was a good idea. The few months of smog, heat and

the threat of fire are balanced by trees, quiet, deer, and hiking trails. The Chevy Chase canyon is a unique world unto itself. But then, most of you already know that.

Yet, how many of you know what's going on behind the scenes? There is a small group of residents who work on behalf of nearly 1500 homes in the canyon. Their mission is to keep this area quaint with the charm that the canyon residents chose when moving here.

In 1993, about 400 households contributed to these efforts by maintaining their membership in the canyon's homeowner group, the Chevy Chase Estates Association. Each month its Board of Directors meets to discuss issues pertaining to the Association's mission.

Participation is the key ingredient. On the simplest level, participation means contributing \$20 per home per year to help cover the Association's operating costs.

What you get for this stipend is collective muscle. With each membership, the association becomes stronger in the on-going battle to keep this place unsullied. The membership's money is allocated for disaster preparedness, legal and consultation fees and deemed necessary, support of the ranch library and fire station, plus the usual stationery, postage, and supplies whatever it takes to protect the peace and serenity of our canyon. The allocation of moneys does not include any salaries nor any incidental expenses of any of the Directors.

If you haven't had the opportunity to join your local homeowners association, now is a good time to do so. At the very least, you can join knowing we are all working together. I joined soon after I moved into the canyon, just to protect the canyon lifestyle that I so quickly acquired.

If you are racing to your checkbook at this very moment, please make your check payable to Chevy Chase Estates Association (or just CCEA) and mail it in the return envelope enclosed with this newsletter. And even if you are not racing to your checkbook, contact your local Director anyway. He or she would like your input.

THE DIRECTORS FOR YOUR AREA . . .

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:

Ginger Bremberg	243-8393
Ted K. Osborn	240-9721
Jerry Briggs	956-7547

Figueroa area:

Dan Birman	790-9906
Jeanne Olwin	790-7043

Emerald Isle area:

Michael Graves	790-9961
Carol Wolf	790-2663

1994 ASSOCIATION DUES NOW DUE

Your Board of Directors voted to keep the annual dues at \$20.00 per residence despite spending much of our reserve fund to help pass the revised Hillside Ordinance that limits canyon growth.

So, complete the enclosed dues notice and return it with your check in the enclosed envelope. New members will be sent a decal and a copy of "The History of Chevy Chase Canyon" book.

CRIME IN THE CANYON: a special report

There were 70 thefts, mostly from cars, reported in Chevy Chase and Glenoaks canyons in 1992. However, canyon homeowners should be relieved to learn that Glendale neighborhoods north of Glenoaks Blvd. and the 134 Freeway are safer than the areas south of Glenoaks and the 134.

Jack Altounian, administrative and crime analyst for the Glendale Police Department, has provided crime figures for 1992, the latest year available. Major crime statistics are kept by census tracts and include both violent and property crimes. Violent crimes include murder, rape, felony assault, and robbery (theft accompanied by intimidation or violence against a person). Property crimes

include stealing cars, theft from cars, burglary (theft from a building without confronting a person), and arson.

Chevy Chase and Glenoaks canyons are grouped together in one of the 27 census tracts in the City of Glendale. Statistics show this area ranks 8th in the city for the number of major crimes committed, accounting for 1.6% of them. In our two canyons (with an estimated population of 7,461) there were three robberies, three felony assaults, 35 burglaries, 70 other thefts, mostly from cars, 22 cars stolen, and one case of arson. These figures all decreased from 1991, except for felony assaults, which remained the same.

The area with the least crime in the city (0.3%) is a low-density residential area below and to the east of the Brand Library. With a population of 1,992, the area reported just 2 robberies in 1992, 10 burglaries, 11 thefts from cars and of other items, and four stolen cars. These figures reflect a rate of 14 crimes per 1,000 people. In comparison, our canyons' rate is 18 per 1,000 people

The census tract with the largest percentage of crime is that bounded by Verdugo Road, Central Avenue, Lexington Drive, and Broadway. This area accounts for 9.1% of the crime in the city, or 72 crimes per 1,000 people.

The Glendale Galleria was the site of 14.1% of all major crimes, primarily crimes against property -- 713 thefts, 334 burglaries, and 118 cars stolen.

Overall, according to 1992 statistics, our two canyons and Glendale itself are relatively safe. Of the 45 cities in California with a population of 100,000 or more, Glendale ranked 7th, while Pasadena was much lower, because of its high crime rate. Altounian felt that Burbank, with less than 100,000 people, had somewhat less crime than Glendale.

Compilation of Glendale's 1993 crime statistics awaits the implementation of a new computer program, which will separate data by more clearly defined neighborhoods, not by census tracts.

START A "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" PROGRAM

Neighborhood Watch programs are simply groups of neighbors banded informally together to keep an eye on their neighborhoods. When they see something odd or suspicious, they report it to the Police Department--and that is all. The incident may be just a stranger walking around behind your house, or it may be someone loading your furniture into a moving van while you are away (that has happened!). The police can then act on your observation; it may be innocent or you may have prevented a burglary.

Once a year, you and the neighbors will meet to hear police officers describe how to burglar-proof your house, stop auto thefts, or avoid personal attack.

To start a Neighborhood Watch program on your street, just call the Crime Prevention Unit at 548-3211. They will send you materials to distribute to neighbors and have you select a time when the neighborhood can get together for a 90-minute program. At that time, officers will explain how Neighborhood Watch operates and what to look for. In this way, you will be fighting crime the best way--before it begins.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY PLANNED

On May 14 (although this date is yet to be confirmed), the Chevy Chase Estates Association will sponsor and host a "Disaster Preparedness Day" at the Branch Library/Fire Station plaza. An array of exhibits and speakers will give area homeowners instructions and advice on how to prepare for the next emergency that nature inflicts on us.

With the scanty rain this winter, fires may again be a threat. We have had one major earthquake this year, but that doesn't preclude a second one. We should not forget that the Sicomorro Earthquake Fault, a branch of the Sierra Madre Fault, runs right down the middle of Chevy Chase Canyon.

FREE HOME SAFETY CHECK

To help protect your home from residential burglaries, the Glendale Police Department offers free home security checks to all Glendale residents. The check takes approximately 30 minutes. The officer will check lighting, locks, shrubbery, and

windows, and then give you written recommendations on how you can make your home more secure.

All canyon residents should take advantage of this service, by calling Kathy Allen, community service and crime prevention officer, at (818) 548-3211. She will schedule an appointment with you at your convenience, day or night, Monday through Friday.

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 participate in their diverse activities. For information, call Frances Muir at 790-3087.

**THE SYCAMORA FORESTERS ARE AT WORK,
RESTORING THE FOREST TO THE CANYON**

An intrepid group of canyon residents, the Sycamora Foresters, are working to restore the native trees and shrubs that once grew rampant on the canyon hillsides. This is the start of their new year, and they are cutting slips to start Western Sycamore, Ceanothus (wild lilac), Elderberry, White Alder, Toyon, and Holly Leaf Cherry.

If you have any of these plants on your property from which the Foresters can cut

AND REMEMBER . . . Your Homeowner Association's Annual Meeting,
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limb tips, please call Dick Knudsen at 244-2631. And why not get out into the fresh air, become a Forester, and help to collect, grow, and/or plant these California natives on our hillsides.

SMALLER TRASH CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

For those who must wrestle with those large wheeled trash barrels each week, the Glendale Sanitation Department has a slightly smaller barrel available on special request. This barrel is about the same size, only shorter in height. And, since those ordering the smaller barrel are presumably recycling much of their trash (especially bulky newspapers), the city will reduce their monthly garbage fee from \$10.10 to \$6.45. To make arrangements for the smaller trash barrel, call 548-3616.

Or, like many residents who recycle much of their trash and subsequently don't fill the large barrels each week, you can simply take the barrel out to the street every other week.

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