

THE CANYON CRIER

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For all residents of the Chevy Chase Canyon . . .

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THE 58TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

with a triple header program . . .

The City Treasurer discusses Glendale's investments

The School Board candidates give their views on education

The City Council candidates describe their positions

Wednesday, March 15, 1995, at Chevy Chase Country Club

Social hour at 6:30 p.m., business meeting at 7:15, program at 7:30

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES TO GIVE BRIEF TALKS, THEN RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS

At the 58th Annual Meeting of the Chevy Chase Estates Association, all canyon residents will have a chance to hear the views of the City Council candidates -- Larry Zarian, David G. Weaver, David E. Wallis, Eileen Givens, and John Beach. Listen to their remarks, ask them any questions you want, and then decide which candidates merit your votes.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES VIE FOR VOTES

Many people think the quality of education provided by the Glendale schools is declining. Each of the four candidates for the School Board -- Peter Musurlian, Lina May Harper, John M. Gantus, and Pam Ellis -- thinks he or she is the most qualified to reverse this trend. This is your chance to decide which two you think is best suited for the job. Again, there will be short presentations and shorter answers to audience questions.

INVESTMENTS: ORANGE COUNTY VS. GLENDALE

Are the Glendale monies invested in the same risky securities that sank Orange County? Are the City's financial holdings placed in high-risk bonds to get maximum return? At the Annual Meeting, you can hear City Treasurer Betty Evans discuss the City's investment goals.

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This Annual Meeting will give all homeowners a lot of information in a short time. Candidates will be limited to 3 minutes--just time enough to give the facts. Note the early start time.

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. One of the four incumbent Directors will not be

seeking re-election this year, so there will be vacancy on the Board.

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 13. If you have a question, please call the secretary, Jerry McKee, at 956-5404.

1995 ASSOCIATION DUES NOW DUE

We live in Chevy Chase Canyon because we like the rural ambiance, the hillside views, the low crime rate, and the high quality of the neighborhood. Help keep all of those admirable characteristics by joining your homeowners' association--the Chevy Chase Estates Association. If you aren't yet a member, then join and share the continuing battle to "keep us the way we are." The annual dues are just \$20 per residence. Please complete the enclosed dues notice and return it with your check in the envelope that is enclosed. New members will receive an auto decal (useful to prove residency in an emergency) and a copy of "The History of Chevy Chase Canyon" book.

VIDEO OF CANDIDATES FORUMS ON FREE LOAN

The Chevy Chase Estates Association co-sponsored (along with the Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association) two early forums involving the City Council and School Board candidates. These sessions were professionally videotaped and copies of the tape are available on free loan from the Chevy Chase Library or from House of Video, 1612 Chevy Chase Drive (at the bottom of the hill). If you are unable to attend the candidates' forum at the Annual Meeting on March 15, drop by either location and pick up a free rental copy.

GERRY GIBBS CELEBRATES 90th BIRTHDAY

When Gerry Gibbs -- a longtime canyon resident, a faithful Association member, and a genuine character -- turned 90, members of the Chevy Chase Estates Association and Chevy Chase Garden Club were on hand to present him with a cake, flowers, and champagne. The *LA Times* also gave him a nice write-up. If you see Gerry Gibbs in front of his blue-doored home at 2460 Chevy Chase Drive, give him a wave.

THE PAVING OF CHEVY CHASE . . .

Rain and paving are incompatible, which is why the paving of Chevy Chase Drive seems to be going on forever. It isn't that the workers get wet, but that wet subsoil sags as it dries and ruins the paving over it. So the paving contractor needs at least a week of warmer weather to dry out the soil before paving can begin. If not interrupted by more rain, the paving should be completed in two weeks, maximum. During that time there will be sections of one-lane traffic and flagmen. But then, but then, we will have a smooth and pristine passageway

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But a note of caution, please. With a smooth roadbed, the urge to speed will be even greater. Don't let excessive speed cause you to broadside the car of one of Chevy Chase Drive residents who must back out of their garage into the traffic -- or to swerve to avoid such a car and head-on an oncoming car. The posted speed limit is 25 mph. While few hold to that, there is also no reason to hurdle down this narrow, crooked road at 45 mph either. Let's compromise at 32!

GARDEN CLUB PLANS SALE

The Chevy Chase Garden Club is having a "garage sale plus" -- plants, baked and cooked goods, craft items, some great Mother's Day gifts, plus all the usual garage sale items -- on Friday afternoon, May 5, and all day Saturday, May 6, at 2908 Chevy Chase Drive. Proceeds go toward the Club's scholarship fund. If you have plants or other items you would like to donate, or have questions, please all Sheila Murray at 240-2305.

As 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 its many diverse functions, including luncheon speakers, evening activities, and field trips. For more information, call Eileen Walroth at 246-6110.

NO PUBLIC BUSINESSES FROM PRIVATE HOMES!

Rigid city ordinances forbid conducting a business from a private home, when that business requires the public to come to the home (as in furniture sales, for example) or when the nature of the business is apparent from the outside (as a front-yard auto repair shop). If you are aware of any activities that may be violating these laws, please notify the Glendale Neighborhood Services Department at 548-3700.

START A "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" PROGRAM

Neighborhood Watch programs are simply groups of neighbors informally banding together to keep an eye on their neighborhoods. When they see something odd or suspicious, they report it to the Police Department--and that's all. It may

be just a stranger walking in your neighborhood, or it may be someone loading a neighbor's furniture into a moving van when they are away (this has happened!), and you find it a bit odd. The police can then act on your call because you have given them "justifiable cause" to investigate suspicious activity.

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 Glendale Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 548-3211. They will send you materials to distribute to neighbors and have you select a time when you and your neighbors can get together for a 90-minute program. At that time, police 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.

Never forget! The last bear was shot in Chevy Chase Canyon in 1906.

BUT REMEMBER . . . Your Homeowner Association's Annual Meeting,
7:15 p.m., Wednesday Evening, March 15, 1995,
at the Chevy Chase Country Club
3067 East Chevy Chase Drive

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