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- - Annual Meeting Edition - -

CCEA Annual Meeting in March

The annual meeting for the Chevy Chase Estates Association is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th, at the Chevy Chase Country Club. The social (*half hour* will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The Board of Directors oversees affairs of the Chevy Chase Estates

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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 Board meets monthly to discuss and review issues affecting our Canyon. 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.

Any dues-paying member may be nominated to the Board of Directors by securing the signatures of ten members supporting his or her nomination and presenting them to the Secretary, Jerry McKee, by Monday, March 18. Jerry's address is 2915 Graceland Way. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, please call Jerry at 956-5404.

The four Directors whose terms will end this March are Ginger Bremberg and Ted Osborn, from the Linda Vista area -- and Jeanne Olwin and Dan Birman, from the Flintridge Heights area.

BYLAWS

Another item on the meeting agenda is a change to the CCEA Bylaws. The Association's Constitution and Bylaws were last revised in December of 1962. Since the, much has

changed in the Association and in state and federal regulations.

Jerry Briggs, vice president of the Board, and former Director, George Young from the Law Offices of Young and Young, have amended the CCEA bylaws. (Young, no longer a Canyon resident, volunteers his services as general counsel to the CCEA and attends our monthly Board meetings.)

The amendments were approved by the Board last month. The changes must now be approved by the membership at our annual meeting. A copy of the proposed changes is included with the newsletter.

A Few Words from the Prez. . .

Why did we choose to live in Chevy Chase Canyon? Serenity, beauty, safety, congeniality of neighbors, prestige, proximity of a fire station and library, and good schools nearby -- these are all part of canyon living, right?

Of course. But I suspect we weren't thinking of these things when we chose our homes! We all just 'liked' it here! The other benefits became apparent later - - and aren't they exactly what we want?

However, living here and belonging to the oldest homeowner's association in California gives us a status and responsibility that is unlike any organization in Glendale.

Come join us at the annual meeting. We will give you an opportunity to meet with the Directors and learn how diligently and expertly they have monitored the proposals of various developers or testified before commissions and the Council, to ensure that our quality of life is maintained.

Every resident must participate or we will all be the losers to the undesirable, the unwanted and the unnecessary schemers.

Please come and be part of the on-going efforts of the Chevy Chase good neighborhood spirit!

-- Ginger Bremberg

CCEA President, Ginger Bremberg, is a former Mayor of Glendale. She has been an active mover-and-shaker in our city since 1974.

Why CCEA Members Pay Dues

It's dues time again. Your \$20 contribution to the CCEA helps maintain OUR Canyon. As a relatively new resident of the Canyon, and an active Director on the CCEA Board, AND because I'm editing the newsletter, I thought it would be a good idea to write a few words about these dues, and how they help.

A history of the CCEA is available to dues-paying members. I cannot possibly add to the marvelous work written by one of our directors, Jerry McKee.

On the other hand, I can recap some of the events that have occurred in recent years that are underwritten by Association funds. Here are a few of the

many ways that our dues have been spent. (Many thanks to Ann Zabriskie, CCEA Treasurer, for providing the information.)

Keeping the Canyon residents informed is one of our costs -- like the printing and postage for this newsletter, for example. Whenever we host events, such as the Disaster Preparedness program or this year's dinner/dance, the Directors volunteer their time to prepare and send invitations.

The elegantly written history of our Canyon and the decals that members receive when they join the CCEA are available because of membership dues.

We spend a small amount each year maintaining the property taxes on a parcel of land that was deeded to the CCEA after its efforts to restrict development during our famous involvement with the Baldwin Tract. That tiny parcel got in the way of more development.

Legal fees have been paid out of our dues, especially during our victory battle with the Hillside Ordinance.

The CCEA is a member of the Glendale Hills Coordinating Council. This allows us to keep our fingers on the pulse of changes within the City. We have, in past years, donated to other groups whose interests assist our cause, such as monies that were spent following the College Hills fire.

The CCEA has hosted forums to bring issues and candidates together for our members.

And the list goes on. The money from dues is spent entirely on, and for, our members. The \$20 we spend each year, when

combined with other members' dues, allows us to adhere to the basic tenets of our Constitution and Bylaws.

We live in Chevy Chase Canyon because it allows us to be somewhat removed from the fray of city living. To keep it that way means that we, as residents, must work together and contribute.

So please, don't forget to send your dues. It's a small contribution for your way-of-life.

-- D.B.

CCEA Report: Possible Canyon Gridlock

For the past two years, a group of Glendale residents have been meeting to develop a vision for the next 20 years for the *Downtown Strategic Plan*. If it is successful in making downtown Glendale a more desirable place to visit, there will be serious consequences for residents in Chevy Chase Canyon.

How? There are only a limited number of freeway entrances to Glendale, one of which is 'Harvey Drive. Traffic diverting from congested freeway entrances in the downtown area will soon discover it may be quicker to get on and off the freeways at Harvey. Canyon residents could face increasing delays in using that entrance and its surrounding streets.

Among the many guests were City of Glendale's Mayor Richard Reyes and his wife, Gloria, who are new residents of the Canyon; School Board Member Lina Harper and her husband Homer also attended; and to show you can never be too old to *party*, 92-year-old resident Jerry Gibbs

danced the night away flirting with several dancing partners!

Board President Ginger Bremberg spoke briefly after dinner -- reminding everyone that our Association and its Directors all have one special interest in common -- the Canyon. With that and much applause, the dancing began.

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree, What Happened to Your Lights?

A tradition in the Canyon ended when a tree got too large.

For years, the CCEA has draped Christmas lights on a prominent tree on Chevy Chase, adding color and sparkle to our holidays. That is, until the tree got too large for the equipment we rented.

The tree is now over 60 feet high. If any of our residents have access to equipment that will hoist one of our members high enough to add the lights once again please call Director Ken Boss at 246-4281. He'll be sure to let me know when I am to be volunteered for light-draping duty!

Current Board of Directors

Here is a list of the Canyon areas represented by the Board and telephone numbers of the Directors who 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 790-0115

Emerald Isle area;
Michael Graves 790-9961
Ken Morrow 952-6483

Thanks, Jerry!

Writer and CCEA Secretary Jerry McKee, the talent behind our newsletters for more years than he wishes to count, relinquished the newsletter's quill and ink. Actually, it was more of a "I volunteer Dan Birnan to continue the newsletter."

Jerry did a splendid job of keeping our Canyon informed. A few words in the newsletter can't repay him for his dedication and service. Thank you!

-- Special thanks, too, to Carole Dougherty for reminding me that even I neeeeed an edditorr,....

Changes in Bylaws/Constitution

1. Combine the Constitution and Bylaws into one document to eliminate repetition.
2. Delete as a purpose of the association:

"To enforce charges, restrictions, conditions, and covenants existing upon or created for the benefit of parcels of real property over which this Association has or may hereafter acquire jurisdiction, and to which said parcels may be subject, to the extent that said Association has the legal right to enforce same."

The Association has no power, legally, to do any of these things. There are no "common areas" or any property in the canyon that the Association can acquire jurisdiction. Therefore, this "purpose" is not effective and irrelevant.

3. Add as a purpose, to conform with the Articles of Incorporation;

"To encourage and promote the maintenance of the environment and character of Chevy Chase Canyon and the surrounding area."

4. To change the stated meeting of the Board of Directors from the second Tuesday of every month to regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The reason for the change is that City Council now meets on Tuesday nights. By having the Directors' meeting on another night, the Board can attend Council Meetings or have Council members attend a Board meeting.
5. To separate the office of "Secretary-Treasurer" into two offices, to conform to practice.
6. To eliminate the reference to the mandatory architect advisory committee. This is not legally enforceable.
7. To change the reference to the annual membership meeting from the first week in March to in March, in order to provide flexibility in scheduling.
8. To eliminate references to building site construction owners as a qualification of membership as it no longer exists.
9. Other minor procedural changes to conform to practice as to the operation of the Board of Directors, as reflected in the AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF CHEVY CHASE ESTATES ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED which will be available for inspection at the annual meeting.