



On December 14, 2009, Sheila Murray and others attended a tree-planting ceremony in Emerald Isle Park. Trees were planted around the city and dedicated to the memory of Dick Murray, CCEA's late president.

## Message From the President of Chevy Chase Estates Association

By Larry Varnes

**I**t seems hard to believe that a year will have passed since I announced that I would be serving the Association as its co-president. Unfortunately, as we all know, cancer took Dick Murray's life all too early and "co" became "only." No one, including me, could ever step into Dick's shoes. I often hear from community groups and activists throughout the City, "I wish Dick were here" for this or that. So do I, for no human could replace the passion and compassion for our jewel city that was held by Dick Murray.

We are living in an era where trust and faith in almost all institutions seem to be at an all-time low. The economy has set many families adrift, and there is an almost tangible fear that our children and grandchildren will not have the opportunities that we were so privileged to enjoy. But that fear should be a call to action for us all: to regain hope and confidence, we must become involved and work to make a difference. And what better place is there to start than right in your own backyard? Become engaged in your neighborhood. Look for ways to help your neighbors and ensure the quality of life to which we aspire in the Canyon. Take your concerns to commission meetings or, when necessary, to the City Council itself. If you disagree with positions being taken, express your displeasure. And if you like something that has been done, express that, too. Remember, City officials – including the City Council, City employees and the many individuals who serve on City boards and commissions – are supposed to be working for us, the people. But to be effective, they must know how we feel. Let yourself be heard!

Your homeowners association board of directors works hard to anticipate issues that will affect the quality of life in the Canyon and stand up for all our rights. But we can't do it without your input. Let us know how you feel. I am only an e-mail away at [larry\\_varnes@mac.com](mailto:larry_varnes@mac.com). Or give me a call at (818) 244-3893.

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# 73<sup>ND</sup> CCEA

ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Chevy Chase Country Club  
3067 East Chevy Chase Drive

## CCEA Annual Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2010

The 73rd Annual Meeting of the Chevy Chase Estates Association will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, 3067 East Chevy Chase Drive.

The evening will start with a half-hour social at 7:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., we will conduct the business portion of the meeting, including the President's report, the Treasurer's report and election of Directors.

## Chief of Police to Speak at Annual Meeting

Ron De Pompa, Glendale's Chief of Police, has kindly agreed to be the guest speaker at our Annual Meeting. Come and hear what Chief De Pompa has to say about crime trends in the City and what each of us can do to keep the Canyon safe and free from crime.

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## Message From the President of Chevy Chase Estates Association *(continued from page 1)*

Attend our Annual Meeting on March 10 at the Chevy Chase Country Club. The club has new owners who plan to upgrade the facilities and are committed to keeping the operation running as a golf course. We are hopeful they will be at the meeting to explain their plans first-hand. We will also have an update on the efforts to keep the Chevy Chase Library open with a whole new focus towards children. And finally, we are honored that Ron De Pompa, Glendale's Chief of Police, will be our featured speaker.

In a world filled with tragedy and conflict, we all hope for peace and a speedy recovery for those affected by recent disasters. But here in Chevy Chase Canyon, I wish you all a happy, healthy new year. I look forward to seeing you in person at our Annual Meeting on March 10.

## Help the Fire Department Protect the Canyon

Looking at our rain-soaked hillsides, fire season seems a long way away, but preparing for potential brushfires is a year-round job. Only a few months ago, a seemingly unstoppable fire raged in the La Canada hills above the Canyon, sending a mushroom-cloud of smoke hundreds of feet into the air. And shortly before that, walls of flames nearly made their way into Scholl Canyon – just one ridgeline away from Chevy Chase Canyon. We were very lucky last year, but we cannot depend on luck alone to keep the Canyon safe from brushfires.

Glendale has one of the best fire departments in the country, but our firefighters face significant challenges protecting lives and homes along the City's narrow canyon roads. To assist the Fire Department in preparing for potential disaster scenarios, CCEA would like to help identify roads in the Canyon which may pose particular access problems for heavy fire-fighting equipment such as hook-and-ladder trucks.

We are asking for your help to protect us all. If you know of any street, or even a stretch of road, which you think would pose access challenges for fire-fighting equipment, please let us know. Send us the specifics – the street name, block number and issue (street too narrow, parking allowed on both sides of the street, cars parking illegally, etc.) – and we will pass that information along to the Fire Department. Please e-mail your comments to our project coordinator at [john@jcmuir.com](mailto:john@jcmuir.com).

By sharing fire-safety information with each other and with the City, we can greatly increase the chance of saving lives and homes in the Canyon in the event of a disaster.

## Want Timely Canyon News? Join CCEA's E-mail List

From time to time, CCEA sends out e-mail messages of special interest or importance to Canyon dwellers. About 25% of the 1,600+ Canyon homes have already signed up to receive our e-mail alerts.

If you would like the most up-to-date news we have, join CCEA's Canyon e-mail list. Signing up is simple: send an e-mail to [info@chevychaseestates.us](mailto:info@chevychaseestates.us) with "CCEA" and your name in the subject line. (And be sure to add [info@chevychaseestates.us](mailto:info@chevychaseestates.us) to your e-mail program's list of acceptable e-mail senders. We don't want to end up in your spam folder!)

We send out only a few e-mails a month, and promise never to clutter up your inbox with junk, jokes, religion or politics. We only send out announcements related to living in the Canyon. And we never, ever share our e-mail list with anyone!

Please help us to help you by joining the Canyon e-mail list.

## Election of Directors

The following CCEA Directors whose terms will expire in March 2010 have agreed to serve another three-year term and will stand for re-election by the membership at the Annual Meeting:

<b>Viggen Garibian</b>	<b>Jean Simone</b>	<b>Larry Varnes</b>
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CCEA's bylaws provide, "Other and additional candidates for Directorships may be made by the Members by submitting to the Secretary of the Association, at least two (2) weeks prior to such election and not more than four (4) weeks before such election, a petition signed by at least ten (10) Voting Members of the Association, to the effect that they would like to nominate a certain person as a candidate for Directorship and containing also the consent of such person to be so named. Thereupon such name or names will be added as candidates." If you are interested in standing for election, you may send your petition to Bill Nicoll, CCEA Secretary, 1671 Chevy Knoll Place, Glendale, CA 91206.

## Come On Down!

Those of you who are not dues-paying members might be wondering why you are receiving notice of the CCEA Annual Meeting. The answer is simple: we want all Canyon residents to become involved in protecting the future of the Canyon. Won't you come and join us on Wednesday, March 10? Meet the CCEA board of directors and the hundreds of CCEA members who work hard to make the Canyon and our city better for all of us. Come join us, and join CCEA. See you at the Chevy Chase Country Club on March 10th!

## Chevy Chase Library Says Goodbye and Thank You to Longtime Librarian

Canyon library-goers bid farewell to longtime Chevy Chase librarian Steve Magallanes at the December Social Hour & Storytime. Young and old library patrons braved a Saturday afternoon downpour to pay tribute to a librarian who has helped us all for so many years. At Steve's party, we made a group going-away book, decorated holiday cookies, and read stories about St. Nicholas (the real man behind our modern day Santa Claus). And we enjoyed reminiscing with Steve, and singing a song written for the occasion by volunteer Pamela Tom.

Steve isn't leaving the library system altogether, though. You can still catch him driving the Bookmobile through the Canyon, or visit him at the Montrose library branch.



Library patrons attended a going-away party for longtime Chevy Chase librarian Steve Magallanes.

## Chevy Chase Library News

by Denise Meyer

In 2008, the City proposed closing the Chevy Chase Library due to low visitation and circulation. Community members rallied to save the library, and the City agreed to update the library and allow its use for community activities. Some of the wonderful programs the dedicated library volunteers have already organized are described below.

If you would like to be a library volunteer, or if you simply have ideas or suggestions for community events (classes, meetings or parties for scouting or other groups, birthday parties, etc.), please contact Denise Meyer at [meyerdnglendale@yahoo.com](mailto:meyerdnglendale@yahoo.com), Pamela Tom at [ptomfilm@yahoo.com](mailto:ptomfilm@yahoo.com) or Asiya Hasan at [ismi2@hotmail.com](mailto:ismi2@hotmail.com).



Kids at the January Social Hour & Storytime created their own desktop Zen gardens with sand, rocks and handmade rakes. The kids also learned about Zen philosophy, read stories, and wrote and illustrated their own haiku. Check out the library display case for a sampling of their artistry!

### Read 4 & Score! Resumes in February

Read 4 & Score! is a program which encourages kids to read 4 books (or at least 200 pages in larger books) per month. Readers are recognized in Glenoaks Elementary School publications and in the library display case. Read 4 and Score! was a big success in 2009. The 2010 program starts in February. So take your kids to the library, check out a few books and get reading!

### Social Hour & Storytime

This parent-volunteer program is held the second Saturday of each month from

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drop by for stories and activities. Because the library will be closed Presidents' Day weekend, there will be no Social Hour & Storytime on Feb. 13, 2010. See you on March 13!

### Wednesday Night Writers Group

This group of creative writers meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Whether you want to write a short story, a poem or a novel, this group could provide just the incentive and inspiration you've been needing.

### Help Keep the Library Open

"Vote" to keep the library open by visiting and checking out books! The City actually keeps track of the number of visitors and the book circulation when determining whether to keep a library branch open.

If our branch doesn't have a book you want, you can go online to request an inter-library loan from anywhere in the Glendale and Pasadena library systems. Go to <http://catalog.glendalepubliclibrary.org/#focus>. Your requested book will be delivered right to the Chevy Chase branch. There is no easier or greener way to obtain a book!

### LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesday:	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:	12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.



## REAL ESTATE NEWS Chevy Chase Canyon Home Sales in 2009

by Brit Trydal

(The following sales were recorded by the Los Angeles County Tax Office:)

Address	Br/Ba	Sq Ft	Sales Price
1495 Belleau Rd	3/3	1620	\$640,000
2059 Buckingham Pl	4/3	2174	\$715,000
3118 Buckingham Rd	4/4	3661	\$950,000
3124 Buckingham Rd	3/2	1794	\$590,000
3154 Buckingham Rd	4/5	3444	\$895,000
3229 Buckingham Rd	2/2	1650	\$635,000
2376 Cascadia Dr	2/1	1566	\$540,000
3130 Charing Cross Rd	3/2	1801	\$610,000
3163 Dragonfly St	4/3	3029	\$925,000
3189 Dragonfly St	3/3	2091	\$750,000
3295 Dunsmere Rd	3/2	1694	\$670,000
2935 E. Chevy Chase Dr	3/3	2309	\$855,000
3012 E. Chevy Chase Dr	2/2	1609	\$566,000
3030 E. Chevy Chase Dr	6/5	7500	\$1,400,000
3040 E. Chevy Chase Dr	2/2	2053	\$670,000
2990 Edgewick Dr	3/3	2103	\$599,900
2973 Edmonton Rd	3/2	1748	\$614,500
3236 Emerald Isle Dr	3/2	1742	\$699,000
3636 Figueroa St	4/4	4468	\$1,100,000
2326 Flintridge Dr	4/3	2403	\$1,199,000
2362 Flintridge Dr	5/4	3443	\$1,040,000
2515 Flintridge Dr	5/5	4363	\$1,175,000
1544 Golf Club Dr	3/2	1609	\$830,000
1602 Golf Club Dr	3/4	3870	\$965,500
2940 Graceland Way	3/3	2422	\$740,000
2955 Graceland Way	4/3	2864	\$900,000
3158 Hollyburne Ct	4/3	2498	\$850,000
3164 Hollyburne Ct	4/3	3070	\$825,000
3883 Karen Lynn Dr	3/3	2443	\$915,000
3901 Karen Lynn Dr	3/2	2354	\$899,000
3107 Kingridge Way	3/2	1861	\$710,000
3251 Kirkham Rd	4/3	2187	\$710,000
2223 Lenore Dr	3/2	1948	\$715,000
960 Norham Pl	5/4	3415	\$862,000
3100 Paddington Rd	n/a	n/a	\$600,000
1545 Parway Dr	3/2	2400	\$780,000
1650 Parway Dr	4/3	2676	\$730,000
3569 Pheasant St	4/3	2498	\$740,000
3501 St. Elizabeth Rd	3/2	1650	\$785,000
3703 San Augustine Dr	3/2	2083	\$780,000
3758 San Augustine Dr	3/2	1896	\$660,000
3800 San Augustine Dr	3/2	2046	\$695,000
3867 San Augustine Dr	2/2	1834	\$675,000

## Don't Take Out That Chain Saw Quite Yet Your Trees Might Be Protected by Law!

Before you cut down those old trees to make room for a cactus garden that will survive GWP's water-use restrictions, make sure your existing trees aren't protected by law. Over the past few years, Glendale has updated its regulations on protection of indigenous trees. Protected trees may not be removed, or in some cases even aggressively trimmed, without a permit. Penalties can include very stiff fines!

### What is Protected?

The following trees qualify for protection if they measure 6" or more in diameter at a point 54" above the soil:

California Live Oak	Valley Oak	Mesa Oak
Scrub Oak	California Sycamore	California Bay

Aside from the tree itself, the law also protects an area five feet beyond the "drip line" (the line around the tree where rainwater would fall from the tree) or fifteen feet, whichever is greater. Irrigation pipe and ornamental rock are allowed within this protected zone, but no closer than three feet from the trunk.

### What Is Not Allowed?

In short, anything that can damage or destroy any part of a protected indigenous tree is prohibited. You may not burn, cut, poison, overwater or underwater a protected tree; attach nails, tacks, spikes, guide wires or signs; or allow any toxic substances to enter the tree's protected zone. You also may not change the natural grade of the land within the protected zone or do anything that would harm the tree's root system.

### What Is Allowed?

Removal or relocation of protected trees is permitted only when approved by the Glendale Public Works Director. Before approval is given, the requesting party must submit a report from a Qualified Tree Expert (as defined by the Glendale Municipal Code) along with a permit application and an application fee. Permits are also required for pruning if branches to be cut are six inches or more in diameter.

### Who Can Place a Price on a Tree?

The City can, that's who! Damaging or removing a protected tree without a permit can result in three fees being levied: 1) a tree replacement fee equal to twice the value of the tree, 2) an administrative enforcement fee, and 3) a tree installation fee. (If a tree is removed or damaged after a permit has been denied, the replacement fee rises to three times the value of the tree.) Tree valuation is determined by the City's Director of Public Works.

### For More Information...

If you have questions about protected trees, contact the Public Works Maintenance Services Division at (818) 548-3950, or email them at [itp@ci.glendale.ca.us](mailto:itp@ci.glendale.ca.us).