

## Police and Fire Chiefs to Discuss Improved Emergency Procedures



Wall of smoke billows from May 2013 Canyon brushfire

**Brush fires. Earthquakes. Mudslides.** These constant threats are trade-offs for the beautiful weather we enjoy most of the year. **Effective disaster plans – by the City as well as residents – are critical to the safety of the Canyon’s thousands of residents and pets, as well as homes and belongings.**

May 3, 2013 was a very scary day for us. Police blocked all access to the Canyon as scores of heroic firefighters climbed to our ridgelines to battle a **brushfire which could have destroyed hundreds of Canyon homes.** Miraculously, the firefighters saved every home, but many Canyon residents were **extremely concerned** by what appeared to be a woeful lack of coordination between Police and Fire, and virtual non-existent communication between Police and residents.

During the fire, the Police Department closed all access to the Canyon and held dozens of anxious homeowners at barricades despite residents’ pleas that they be permitted to enter the Canyon to reach elderly family members and pets trapped in homes. A young police officer dutifully wrote down everyone’s information on a small notepad, but it quickly became apparent that the officer was not communicating that information to anyone in charge. When some residents became panicked and attempted to walk into the Canyon to rescue their loved ones, the young police officer threatened to arrest anyone who tried to cross the barricade.

While words cannot express our gratitude at the City’s extraordinary work which avoided calamity last May, **the event highlighted some very serious shortcomings in the City’s emergency-response procedures.** As a result of ongoing discussions with CCEA, the Police and Fire Departments have agreed to re-assess some of those procedures. Police Chief Robert Castro and Fire Chief Harold Scoggins will address Canyon residents at our Annual Meeting to discuss how the City can improve its procedures for the next emergency.

Effective emergency preparedness is far more reliable than luck in avoiding tragedy. **Don’t miss this important opportunity to hear what Chief Castro and Chief Scoggins have to say about how we must all work together to ensure everyone’s safety during emergency situations.** ■

## ANNUAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014**

**TIME:**

**7:00 p.m.**

## LOCATION

**Chevy Chase Country Club  
3067 East Chevy Chase Drive**

The 77th Annual Meeting of the Chevy Chase Estates Association will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 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, after which we will hear important news from our special guests, the City’s Police and Fire Chiefs. ■

### Join CCEA!

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 be involved! Won’t you come and join us on Wednesday, March 12th? Meet the CCEA Board of Directors and the hundreds of CCEA members who donate their time and talents throughout the year to make the Canyon and our city better for all of us. ■

**Come join us, and join CCEA!**

# Presidents' Message

by Brian Duran and Leigh Torgerson

Activity in the Canyon has been relatively flat over the last few years as our economy has been inventing a new normal, but we've seen a number of developments during 2013 that signaled a revitalization in our community. For instance:

- **real estate development** re-emerged as investment dollars have become available,
- the **Chevy Chase Country Club** finally found owners who are committed to restoring the gleam to our long-neglected Canyon gem,
- there has been a significant increase in **Neighborhood Watch** coverage in the Canyon, and
- the **Library** has seen a significant surge in activity, especially after many Brand Library programs were moved to the Chevy Chase branch.

Your CCEA was involved in all of the above by continuing to **monitor and defend** against irresponsible and unpermitted development, coordinating closely with management of the Country Club as they redefine their place in the community, and by continuing **financial and logistical support and encouragement** for Neighborhood Watch and Library activities.

As the **rate of development** of vacant lots and improvements to existing structures **increased** in 2013, your CCEA Board of Directors ramped up its efforts to defend against those developers who will stop at nothing to exploit loopholes in the Hillside Ordinance. We hired an outside engineering firm to compare Los Angeles City's recent, well-thought-out ordinance with Glendale's to determine whether Glendale is behind the curve on defining what is "reasonable" development for hillsides. The results showed that the L.A. ordinance contains a critical protective measure which CCEA has long advocated, but which the Glendale City Council has failed to implement: L.A.'s new ordinance restricts house size when the slope of a lot goes beyond 60%; Glendale's ordinance contains no such protection. This "variable floor area ratio" concept makes sense because it **prevents mansionization** on fragile hillsides, and would provide Canyon residents with a valuable tool to prevent irresponsible development of the many remaining steep-sloped lots in the Canyon. CCEA will be bringing the significant results of our engineering firm's analysis to the attention of City Hall in the near future and we intend to **push for a responsible update** to Glendale's Hillside Ordinance. **We urge all Canyon homeowners to support us in our efforts to keep unsightly projects out of your backyard.**

During 2013, CCEA continued several **long-established programs** for Canyon residents, including the Candidate's Forum before last year's election and the annual Members' Event in the fall, and added **several new or improved programs**, including a membership-benefits package that provides CCEA members with discounts from local merchants and creating an enhanced digital footprint with an ever-evolving **website (ChevyChaseEstates.US)** and more frequent email bulletins with information you need to know as a Canyon resident.

After the fire scare in May 2013, CCEA received many complaints from Canyon residents about **communication problems and access**. In response, CCEA Directors met with officials from Glendale's Police and Fire Departments to discuss setting better procedures for Canyon access and improving inter-department and resident communication during emergencies. **The Police and Fire departments will address Canyon residents at our Annual Meeting to update us on their progress in this area.** Yet another good reason to join us at the Annual Meeting on March 12th at the Country Club! ■



More than 100 people turned out for the 2013 CCEA barbecue

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The following CCEA Directors whose terms will expire in March 2014 have agreed to serve another three-year term and will stand for re-election by the membership at the Annual Meeting: Greg Crawford, Mary Jamora, Bill Nicoll and Brit Trydal. 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. ■

# CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY NEWS

by Denise Meyer

Chevy Chase Library has long welcomed kids to encourage and foster a love of reading. The library has acquired new books especially for children (with new titles being added all the time), and library staff and the Chevy Chase Library Volunteers continue to organize a variety of fun and interesting programs for kids, families and grown-ups.



During the past year, the library held a summertime **Kids Film Festival**: films created by school-aged kids were judged by a

panel of industry producers, writers and actors; the library hosted a fun awards ceremony (complete with red carpet) and screened the submitted films. The **Lego Club** (3:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month) continues to be a big hit with kids.

The past year has also included a host of programs for adults: **Computer classes** (PC and Mac; taught by Brian Duran and Julia Dzwonkoski), **Writing classes** (personal poetry and prose for adults; taught by Jane Hancock), the **Jewel City Knitters knitting club** (whose members meet at 2:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month, teach newbies and experienced knitters to knit and crochet, and create handcrafts for charity), **Fun with Charms jewelry classes** (taught by Sharon Anderson), a **Cookbook sale** to benefit Friends of the Glendale Library (thanks to Canyon resident Sheila Murray for donating her huge collection of cook books), **Gardening with California Native Plants** (with a speaker from the Theodore Payne Society), a **Jungle Jenny book signing** (with author Jane Hancock) and **Affordable Care Act seminars**.

Join us for these upcoming events: **Music at the Library** (March 15), **Rolling Robots** (April 12), the National Library Week **Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt** (April 16 and April 19) and **Family-Friendly Matinees** (2:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month).

**Call for volunteers!** The Chevy Chase Library Volunteers would welcome volunteers to read at the new Wednesday afternoon **Storytime** program for kids or to help with other events at the library. We have some programming ideas for kids, teens and adults, and would love to hear your ideas as well. If you would like to join our volunteer group or have any questions, please contact me at [meyerdnglendale@yahoo.com](mailto:meyerdnglendale@yahoo.com). ■

# REAL ESTATE NEWS Chevy Chase Canyon Home Sales in 2013

by Brit Trydal

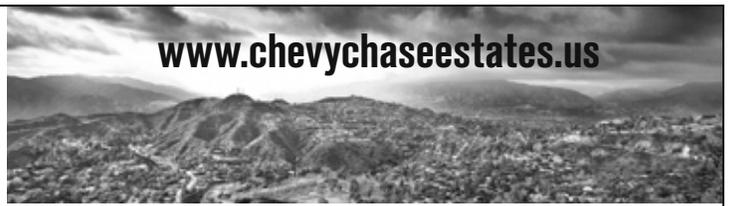
Sales were brisk in Chevy Chase Canyon during 2013. The following sales were recorded by the Los Angeles County Tax Office:

Address	Br/Ba	Sq Ft	Sales Price
2024 Ashington Dr	4/3	3,198	\$1,025,000
2090 Ashington Dr	3/2	1,854	\$670,000
2154 Ashington Dr	5/5	3,422	\$1,200,000
1483 Belleau Rd	3/3	2,446	\$630,000
1496 Belleau Rd	3/2	1,968	\$700,000
3255 Buckingham Rd	3/3	2,576	\$998,000
3271 Buckingham Rd	3/3	2,370	\$975,000
2325 Cascadia Dr	2/2	1,414	\$535,000
3138 Chadney Dr	3/2	1,861	\$855,000
3157 Charing Cross Pl	3/3	1,532	\$682,000
2248 E. Chevy Chase Dr	3/3	1,879	\$725,000
2437 E. Chevy Chase Dr	3/3	1,821	\$520,000
2501 E. Chevy Chase Dr	5/2	1,816	\$613,000
2750 E. Chevy Chase Dr	3/2	1,671	\$715,000
3058 E. Chevy Chase Dr	2/2	1,927	\$569,000
2535 E. Chevy Chase Dr	5/3	3,281	\$1,590,000
3202 E. Chevy Chase Dr	2/2	1,685	\$610,000
3411 E. Chevy Chase Dr	3/2	1,988	\$701,000
3232 Cornwall Dr	3/2	1,842	\$623,788
2001 Dublin Dr	5/6	6,688	\$4,900,000
2910 Edgewick Rd	3/3	3,346	\$781,000
3243 Emerald Isle Dr	3/2	1,742	\$815,000
3314 Emerald Isle Dr	3/2	1,854	\$720,000
2025 Erin Way	4/3	3,013	\$840,000
2051 Erin Way	4/3	2,770	\$875,000
2432 Flintridge Dr	5/4	4,235	\$1,172,500
2501 Flintridge Dr	5/5	4,119	\$1,500,000
3526 Foxglove Rd	4/3	2,502	\$865,000
1709 Golf Club Dr	3/2	2,402	\$853,000
1757 Golf Club Dr	3/3	1,965	\$475,000
2926 Graceland Way	3/2	2,422	\$800,000
3164 Hollyburne Ct	4/3	3,070	\$998,000
3011 Hollywell Pl	3/3	2,400	\$870,000
3102 Kingridge Way	5/4	2,700	\$1,150,000
3127 Kingridge way	5/5	3,120	\$1,055,000
3161 Kirkham Dr	4/3	2,560	\$1,125,000
3217 Kirkham Dr	4/3	2,187	\$850,000
3299 Kirkham Dr	6/4	3,566	\$1,225,000
2154 Lenore Dr	3/3	2,301	\$851,000
2223 Lenore Dr	3/2	1,948	\$749,500

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3498 Linda Vista Rd	3/4	3,200	\$850,000
2645 Olympic Dr	3/4	3,362	\$1,075,000
1102 Outlook Ln	3/2	1,870	\$565,000
1616 Parway Dr	3/3	3,402	\$1,160,000
2339 Paseo de Cima	4/4	3,425	\$446,000
3549 Pheasant St	4/3	3,029	\$988,000
3508 Saint Elizabeth Rd	3/2	2,296	\$700,000
3660 Saint Elizabeth Rd	3/2	1,624	\$825,000
2984 Saint Gregory Rd	2/3	1,741	\$790,000
3002 Saint Gregory Rd	4/3	1,953	\$725,000
3956 San Augustine Dr	3/2	2,046	\$850,000
3610 Shannon Way	6/3	3,060	\$1,040,500
1535 Sheridan Rd	3/2	1,905	\$725,000
1590 Sheridan Rd	3/2	1,620	\$651,000
2216 Sherwood Pl	5/3	2,821	\$860,000
1042 Thornwood St	3/3	2,094	\$905,000
1411 Thurlene Rd	4/4	2,875	\$920,000

Water-dropping helicopter fights Canyon blaze



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Get your Canyon News and Alerts for free from CCEA's website. Go to ChevyChaseEstates.US (or Google Chevy Chase Estates), click the blue Subscription button and sign up. It's that simple to get e-mail updates about raging wildfires, rampaging bears and bobcats, burglar and crime alerts, hillside development updates, and fun kids' activities around the Canyon. And we promise not to bombard you: CCEA sends out regular bulletins about twice a month (unless, of course, a wildfire or other emergency occurs, in



which case CCEA works hard to send up-to-the-minute reports, sometimes several times an hour). And naturally, your email address never, ever leaves our top-secret vault! Sign up today and start getting the news: ChevyChaseEstates.US. ■



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