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2018 RESOURCE GUIDE



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Glen Cove is Surprisingly Diverse

Most of you may know that Vallejo is one of the most diverse cities in America's.

No one cultural or linguistic group has a majority in this city.

Glen Cove's diversity is almost as unique as Vallejo's. Other groups are also well represented. Glen Cove's real estate is made up mostly of medium sized single-family homes or townhouses but there are some developments with larger homes. The overwhelming majority of Glen Cove homes are owner occupied. The vacancy rate in Glen Cove is less than 1% which is far below the national average. Home values are up but available inventory is very low. Glen Cove residents ride the ferry or carpool to work at rates that are among the highest in the state. More than 50% of Glen Cove's residents are employed in professional level jobs with income levels that are higher than most adjoining areas. We also enjoy the presence of a Yacht Harbor, open spaces and parks, and a local grocery mall with restaurants and banking. We live in a very special place and we need residents to help maintain the quality of life in Glen Cove by maintaining their property, reporting problems to the appropriate city department, and by remaining vigilant to ensure security.

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President's Letter

Hello! My name is Johnathan Douglas and I am the Glen Cove Community Association (GCCA) and California Lighthouse representative. I'm honored to be given this opportunity to welcome you to the 2018 "Connections" Resource Guide., our first print publication in over five years. The Glen Cove Community Association (GCCA) would like to take this opportunity to re-introduce ourselves. Like you, each one of us lives in one of over 20 developments established in Glen Cove. While the membership in the GCCA is optional, I would ask for your support by considering becoming a member. When I take calls and emails from throughout the community, I never ask if they are members until I have finished helping. You can find our complete mission statement on the front of our website ... www.glencovevallejo.com

What does the GCCA do?

- We handle day to day interactions with residents as well as with the city
- Donate annually to the Glen Cove Elementary School in the form of requested supplies
- Donate annually to the Christmas House, a landmark for our community that draws thousands of visitors every holiday season.
- Host two community meetings at Glen Cove Elementary School that include speakers that impact our community.
- Organize the annual Glen Cove Garage Sale, a date saved on many calendars.
- We added "Glen Cove Day with the Vallejo Admirals" in 2017. GCCA members and their families received free tickets as well as prizes throughout the game. July 22, 2018 is the next event!

All of this is accomplished thanks to our members, sponsors, and the countless hours supplied by our board members and volunteers.

We have more plans and we are always looking for more help as well as development representatives. For example, we need people with graphics arts skills to help with our publications, and people with great organizational skills to help us create fun events for Glen Cove residents. If you are interested, you can contact us at 707-563-1226 or via email at GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com. I cannot fully express how much this is a wonderful way to get involved with your local community. When I started, I only knew my immediate neighbors. Since then I have formed fantastic relationships with people throughout Glen Cove who have made me feel "Connected" to our community. "Connections" will reach 100% of our 10,000+ residents! The ONLY way we have been able to deliver this to your mailbox is with the help of our sponsors. I urge you to pick up this directory anytime you are in need of services and look to the advertisers as trusted sources to solve your problems. By the way ... we also produce a quarterly *digital* newsletter that goes out to Glen Cove's residents. You can subscribe to it at www.glencovevallejo.com.

Enjoy the directory and please take time to fill out our 2018 "Connections" survey. It is brief, easy to use, and 100% confidential. We plan to share our findings with residents at an upcoming Glen Cove community meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our events and if there is anything I can help with, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Johnathan Douglas
GCCA President

Home Improvements That Require a Building Permit

1. Detached accessory buildings with floor areas greater than 120 sq. ft.
2. Construction of a new building or structure
3. Remodeling of a kitchen or bathroom
4. Installation or relocation of hard-wired electrical appliances or fixtures
5. Installation or relocation of gas-fired appliances or fixtures
6. Installation of a new roof or new siding
7. Addition of a skylight
8. Replacement of windows with larger or smaller sized windows
9. New windows

Some building projects may require review/ approval from your G.C.C.A. Rep., pending feedback from your immediate neighbors before building permits will be approved.

Home Improvements That May Not Require a Permit

1. One-story, detached accessory buildings used as storage and tool sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 sq. ft. **NOTE:** The location and construction of sheds must meet the zoning and building setback requirements. Permits will be required for any plumbing, electrical, or mechanical work to be included in the building.
2. Fences not over 6 ft. in height
3. Movable cases, counters, and partitions not over 5 ft. 9 in. high
4. Platforms, non-covered decks, walks and driveways not more than 30 in. above grade and not over any basement or story below or used as an exit
5. Painting, papering and similar finish work
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When in doubt, call the City of Vallejo Building Division before beginning your project.

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Neighborhood Watch Program

Effective Crime Prevention

The Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) has historically proven to be one of the most effective crime prevention programs to date. The program organizes residents to work cooperatively with law enforcement, with a goal to deter criminal activities and secure safer neighborhoods.

The absence of neighborhood familiarity and relationships with one another, have contributed to an increase of certain types of criminal activities. Local residents are the experts of their own neighborhood and are the best source of knowledge when it comes to identifying activities that are out of the ordinary. As an organized NWP group, local residents are trained by members of the Community Services Division Crime Prevention Unit on how to identify, document and report criminal activities to the police department, without directly intervening or confronting suspected criminals. Each NWP groups are asked to designate leaders so that they can act as a liaison with the police department.



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It's Time for "21 Questions" By Diana Dowling

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- AT&T wonders how long you were on hold.
- Starbucks wants to know if you liked your latte at their store on Admiral Callaghan Lane.

We invite you to take an important survey, the FIRST Glen Cove community survey in 30 years. Why is it important?

- The Glen Cove Community Association works closely with the City of Vallejo to represent the interests of all **3,000 households ... over 10,000 adults ...** within Glen Cove.
- We watch what the City of Vallejo is doing in other areas, and ask that Glen Cove receive the same consideration as other Vallejo communities.
- We monitor the Landscape Maintenance Department to keep Glen Cove beautiful, an important factor in maintaining the value of your home.
- We suggested the speed reminders helped improve safety on Glen Cove Parkway and we will not stop trying to get the fire station back in Glen Cove.



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- Seven demographic questions ... family size, occupations, income, etc.
- Seven questions about issues you care about and events you might enjoy.
- Seven questions to tell us what you’re planning for your home in the next 6 to 18 months.

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- We do not ask for your name, address, email address ... nothing that identifies you.
- We will never sell any information about Glen Cove residents.
- If you do not have access to a computer, please call **707.563.1226** and we’ll mail a hard copy to you.

Help us help you even more.

- ◆ Sign up today to become a member of the Glen Cove Community Association. The membership information can be found on Page 13 of “Connections”.
- ◆ Sign up to receive our quarterly newsletter. Go to: www.glencovevallejo.com, and enter your email address in the box under “*Sign up for our Email Newsletter.*”



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GLEN COVE —

We wake up each day, start the coffee, get the kids ready for school, head off to work, or to someplace we volunteer, or to Blue Rock Golf Course or to ...

Do you ever wonder what Glen Cove looked like long **before** the Glen Cove “monument” was built near the corner of Glen Cove Parkway and Robles that welcomes residents home each day?

Hundreds of year ago, the Glen Cove area was a Native American meeting place for tribes such as the Patwin, Ohlone, Wintu, Yokut, and Miwok. The Glen Cove Shellmound at the site was removed from the park in the 1900s and were last donated to UC Berkeley in 1952 now housed in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology there.

The area then became a meeting place for Navy personnel, fishing huts and dance hall. In the 1980's Vallejo found the need to provide housing to a burgeoning middle class. Families were moving to developments in Fairfield and Vacaville. Glen Cove was Vallejo's last Redevelopment Agency project to create the existing community. There were several developers, creating 22 developments, but with consistent themes to enhance a community cohesion.

Several folks that are among the original Glen Cove homeowners agreed to share their recollections.



Grading of the Parkway at N. Regatta

The original house at the Glen Cove waterfront was built by the Demmings the 1890's in an Italianate style. A small model of the house was built before construction, (a common practice back then before building a house), and is in the Oakland Museum, where it is labeled a "doll" house. The house was later used as apartments and at one time was a saloon. The house burned down sometime around 1917. It was rebuilt and then underwent a major renovation in 1929 by the Stremmells. Surrounding the house was a horse ranch and a very popular recreational area with Vallejoans. A dance floor was once built over the bay. St Vincent's societies held their picnics here as did the American Legion's 4th of July celebrations. Many a Mare Island retirement party was held at the Cove.



DENNIS: We wanted to know what they recall and why they chose to make Glen Cove their home. Dennis is someone who not only is an original Glen Cove homeowner, but who also lived nearby *prior* to buying in Glen Cove. He shared several thoughts that add color to our story.

“I lived about a mile away on the other side of I-780 in the early 1980's. He was an avid runner and his twice-a-week four mile run to the “Elliot Cove Marina” and back was one of his favorites. “My running path followed “Old Glen Cove Road” which branches off Glen Cove Parkway at Robles Drive and wound through our hills whose topography appeared much different from that perspective back then. It was barren but natural.”

THEN & NOW

The Glen Cove area had a history of dairy and cattle farming, but Dennis recalls only one active farm and a few dilapidated structures. There were only a couple significant structures in the area. One was the Stremmel Mansion near the cove where the Glen Cove Waterfront Park has been developed.

“The landmark structure at the marina was, and still is, the beautiful old mansion which was moved to the marina by barge in the 1950’s,” said Dennis. “It was moved from its original location at the end of the “light house pier” which also serves as the breakwater where the Napa River enters the Carquinez Strait. I sometimes launched a small aluminum boat into the cove in order to get out to the center piers of the bridge ... there was only one span then. The striped bass fishing there was fantastic on strong tidal currents.”

Construction on Humphrey Lane



As major housing development evolved, Dennis’ favorite trails and roads became inaccessible and he became quite

resentful. “I was initially off-put by what then appeared to be these new, strange looking housing designs, all painted in earth colors. Ultimately, I realized I could get even with the loss of ‘my terrain’ by buying a house in Glen Cove and enjoying the benefits of that quantum change. A new chapter in my live evolved and I never looked back.” Dennis went on to discover many other great local routes and areas to run, especially Glen Cove’s beautiful neighbor, Benicia State Park.

BOB: Vallejo, and Glen Cove’s proximity to major highways, was a powerful lure for Bob and his wife. “I was a Navy vet and Vallejo was a safe Navy town,” said Bob C, a professional in the public safety sector. “I had a VA loan and Vallejo had what we wanted ... good shopping, good schools and a terrific location. My wife was a banking professional and Glen Cove was a reasonable commute to the East Bay, and close to Vacaville where my mom lived.” Bob loves the beauty of Glen



Original lot condition

Cove. He hopes Vallejo can bring in new retail and take advantage of Mare Island in creative ways.

PHIL: Phil lived in South Vallejo in 1989 before he and his wife bought their new home in Glen Cove near the fire station. “There was a lot of gang activity in South Vallejo and I wanted a safer place for us. We wanted to stay in Vallejo. It was a beautiful city ... a Navy town.” Phil remembers Glen Cove before it was overgrown as he calls it. “You could see the Carquinez Straits from the bicycle path.” Phil would like to see Glen Cove return to certain things that made it a wonderful place to live including the reopening of the fire station, more attention paid to the CC&R’s and slower speeds on Glen Cove Parkway. He added, “Garbage cans should not be left out front of people’s homes except on garbage day. It’s a code violation in Vallejo that should be enforced.” He remembers when community reps in each development walked around in the neighborhood and left “friendly reminders” for homeowners about the CC&R’s.

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MARYANNE: Maryanne and Dick had sold Orinda home and were living in a Lafayette condo. Maryanne was a teacher ... Dick was in the boat business. "We went to the Glen Cove Marina to see one of Dick's customers," said Maryanne. "Condos were planned above the marina and the view sold them. The pool had already been built so we chose a lot behind the pool with a great view and we still have it 29 years later." Maryanne thinks Glen has a great location. "It's close to the ferry for trips to San Francisco and my neighbor loves that SolTrans serves our community", she said. "We hope the schools will improve for the sake of the kids." Of course, not everyone has been in Glen Cove for 29 or 30 years. Many folks came to be near family, start a family, or found that Glen Cove was a convenient location for a household with two working adults. Many were seeking a home they could afford in the super-heated Bay Area real estate marketplace.

MONICA: Monica and her husband rented for a year in Benicia after moving from LA to northern California in 2001. Both were in sales. She commuted to Sacramento and he commuted to San Francisco. They looked at Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Vacaville. They asked the Vacaville realtor how many people lived there, and she said, "About 70,000 ... unless you count our prisoners." Benicia and Vallejo seemed to be the best choices, but Benicia was just too expensive. It came down to the Vistas and Glen Cove. "We spoke to the woman who eventually became our next-door neighbor," explained Monica. "Our neighbor called Glen Cove 'affordable water.' Great weather and being close to the water. We chose Glen Cove!"

RYAN: Ryan and his wife initially chose Glen Cove a few years ago after finding an apartment that met their needs. When they recently welcomed a new baby to their family, there was no doubt where they planned to look for a home. "Glen Cove is really beautiful and affordable, and the weather is great. We paid a fair price for our home and the value has shot up recently."

LITA: Lita and her husband rented in the South Bay and worked in San Francisco. Like many young families, they wanted to find a home they could both enjoy and afford. "We found our way to Glen Cove thanks to a newspaper ad," said Lita. "Neither of us knew anything about Vallejo. What we found eight years ago was a beautiful home with a beautiful view and friendly neighbors."



Glen Cove Marina's "white Victorian house" was originally built

as a twenty-eight room residency as part of the Carquinez Strait Lighthouse and Life Saving Station, which was located at the entrance to the deep water channel leading to Mare Island and the Napa River now known as Sandy Beach. First occupied on January 15, 1910, the lighthouse was one of a chain of seventeen stations that started at the entrance to San Francisco Bay (Point Bonita) and ended at Roe Island in Suisun Bay. In 1955, the U.S. Coast Guard automated the light and fog horn mechanisms, and the main building of the Carquinez Strait Lighthouse was sold to a private party who, in 1957, moved the building by barge up the Strait to its present position at Elliot Cove, overlooking the scenic marina. Of the seventeen original lighthouse buildings, only two others remain in existence: the St. Francis Yacht Club on Tinsley Island, and the East Brothers lighthouse in San Pablo Bay (now a bed and breakfast establishment).

Coyotes in Glen Cove

Coyotes in Glen Cove As many of you know, Glen Cove has a urban Coyote pack living in the open spaces. There are frequent postings on Next Door about sightings. Some hints regarding dealing with coyotes are: **1.** Never feed coyotes! **2.** Coyotes are attracted to areas with rodents, so remove sources of food and rodent hiding places in your yard and garden. **3.** Remove fallen fruit and bird seed. **4.** Secure trash with a locking lid or put your trash out on the morning of trash pickup. **5.** Use compost containers that do not attract rodents instead of having compost piles on your property. **6.** Trim vegetation and remove unnecessary piles of wood and clutter to reduce rodent hiding places, and store necessary items off of the ground. **7.** Work with your neighbors to discourage coyotes from your neighborhood. **8.** Frighten coyotes away by spraying them with a garden hose, yelling, or banging pots and pans to help them re-learn their healthy and natural fear of humans. **9.** Keep your pets on a short leash when walking outdoors. Do not use retractable leashes or allow them to walk or run on their own, off-leash. Pick up small pets if confronted by a coyote. **10.** If a coyote approaches you and your pet, yell, stomp your feet and throw small rocks or sticks at it.

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Sign Replacements

Quite a few of the blue reflective street signs in Glen Cove are bleaching out, mainly those with direct sunlight. The City has a committee that must approve how the signs look and there is not a standard design yet. If your street sign is illegible, take a picture of it and report it on SeeClickFix. The City will then replace the sign with temporary ones. Once the City's committee has made a design decision, the City will replace many street signs including Glen Cove's. See trash dumped, street light burned out or a city maintenance problem? The SeeClickFix app and website allows you to immediately report the problem, and upload a photo and track the response and corrections. The Vallejo Maintenance Dept acknowledges receipt of the report and adds follow ups or completion notifications appropriately.

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Please consider joining, if you have not already done so, or renewing your membership. You can mail us a check or go to our website: www.glencovevallejo.com where you can join using PayPal.

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Barking is for the Dogs

As much as dogs can supply an owner with love and affection, they can also create a nuisance to neighbors. Even friendly lovable dogs will bark and bark and bark morning, noon or night, when their owners aren't home and sometimes when they are. If you are unfortunate enough to have a neighborhood canine that barks continuously and disturbs the peace, your first step is to call Animal Control at 645-7906.

Animal Control will file a barking dog complaint, but you must have two essential pieces of information.

- **The exact address of the offending dog(s).** If you have to ask a neighbor with a two story house to help determine the location, do so. That neighbor most likely has the same problem as you and may be willing to join the complaint as a witness.
- **General description on the offending dog(s).** Vague information such as color and size are acceptable. Breed if known helps, but the specifics such as gender or age are not necessary.

Animal control will send out an "Abatement" letter to the dog owner letting them know that a nuisance noise complaint has been filed and that they must take action to avoid a fine for violating Vallejo Municipal Code 7.36.020.VMC. On the back of the letter is a list of suggestions to control barking.

- Animal Control will send the complainant a log to establish a 14 day pattern of the barking. This log **MUST** be sent back to Animal Control within 30 days of the initial complaint. On the bottom is a place for witnesses to sign.
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- If the dog owner is cited, they will have to go to court to settle the municipal code violation ticket and pay a fine up to \$250.00
- If the barking continues or starts up again, advise Animal Control and they will take more aggressive action.

Most people can appreciate the security a dog lends to a neighborhood, but continual barking doesn't allow for distinction of a crime in progress, it only disturbs the tranquility of our great community. Please take the time to make sure you are a responsible dog owner and you may find you will have better relations with your neighbors.

Save the Dates :

July 22nd - Glen Cove Day with the Vallejo Admirals

Sept 20th or 27th - Candidates' Night General Meeting

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WHAT TO HAVE IN YOUR "GO BAG" FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

WEATHER RADIO
Consider a hand-crank type, so you are protected even if you can't get batteries. Look for one with a "public alert" feature.

FOOD & WATER
One to two bottles of water per person. Non-perishable snack foods and a can opener.

PET FOOD
Make sure to have food and water for any pets as well.

BASIC TOOLS
Flashlight with batteries, spare batteries, pocket knife, and a lighter or matches.

CASH & DOCUMENTS
Important family documents and cash in small denominations.

CLOTHING
Spare clothes for each family member. Consider changing climates.

FIRST AID
Small first aid kit. Also include one week's supply of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

HYGIENE & SANITATION
Toothbrushes and toothpaste, moist towelettes, garbage bags.

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PROTECTING FROM WILDFIRE: CREATING A DEFENSIBLE SPACE

To provide extra protection, create a defensible space by clearing any brush away from your home or items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.

KEEP A MINIMUM OF 30 FEET BETWEEN YOUR HOME AND POTENTIAL FUEL SOURCES.