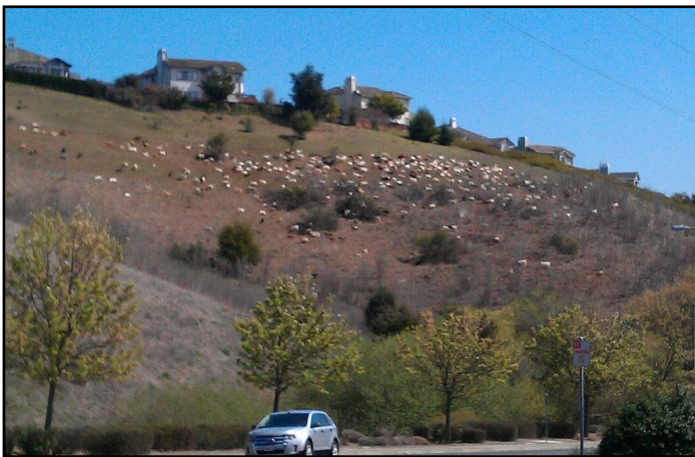


Last Hardcopy Edition

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Lions and Tigers and...Goats?
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Spring Community Garage
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G.C.C.A. General Meeting, Thursday April 26, 7:00p, G.C. School

A Message from the Board President, Miguel Castillo

LAST HARDCOPY GLEN COVE NEWSLETTER - TRANSITIONING TO AN ALL EMAIL FORMAT

– Please be advised that this is the last hardcopy edition of the Glen Cove Newsletter. As explained in our previous hardcopy edition, the reason for the change is a simple one. We cannot afford the expense of creating a hardcopy edition of the newsletter and it doesn't help that only 10% of Glen Cove's residents have actually bothered to join the association despite our best efforts to increase our membership. Membership is only \$20.00 per year.

We have routinely mailed the newsletter to all 3,000 households in Glen Cove regardless of membership status to ensure that information about Glen Cove is available to all of Glen Cove's residents. We intended to limit the email edition to members only but have since decided to make the newsletter available to any resident or interested party regardless of membership status; however, you will need to provide us with your email address in order to receive the newsletter. While we currently have the email addresses for most of our members, you can ensure that we have your address and/or sign up for the newsletter by visiting our website.



There is a link on the Home page of our website that will allow you to enter your email address. **The Glen Cove Community Association will never give out or sell your information.** It will only be used for distribution of the newsletter and other important community information. They will **not** be available on line, nor seen as forwards in any emails. The G.C.C.A. will be using a newsletter template company and database to send out the mass e-mailings.

The new email format will make it possible for the Association Board to provide important information to residents between newsletter editions. We have not been able to provide information to all residents on an ongoing basis other than through the regularly scheduled newsletter. We do have internet avenues to communicate with our website and Facebook page as well.

P.G. & E. Work

P.G. & E. crews have been working in our area for the last month upgrading equipment circuits. They have moved up Glen Cove Parkway with as few minimal power outages as possible.





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Measure “K” (K for kids)

Over the past three years the most dependable revenue source for the Greater Vallejo Recreation District has shrunk by approximately 30%. Property taxes are directly related to the value of the property. As property values have decreased so have the taxes paid on those properties. As a result funding to maintain parks, operate swimming pools, and to offer programming to the residents has been reduced.



The Board of Directors for the Greater Vallejo Recreation District has made a commitment to the public that GVRD will operate within its means. However, before cuts are made such as closing parks and swimming pools, the Board wants to give the public an opportunity to increase their property taxes by about \$4 per month. The Board has authorized a parcel tax to be voted on by all the registered voters in Vallejo. The ballots will be mailed out on April 4th.

The proposed parcel tax will generate approximately \$2 million per year (about the same amount that has been lost in property tax reductions). After 6 years the tax will sunset. The revenue will **not** be used for employee raises or for administration costs. Seniors will have an option to opt out of the tax. The actual tax amount will be \$48 per parcel. The tax revenue will be used to improve park maintenance, make necessary capital repairs and improvements, provide additional recreation programming, and other facility improvements. Such improvements include play ground replacements, painting and repairs to community centers, tennis courts, sports fields, and more.

Residents should receive their ballot in the mail soon after April 8th, and it must be physically received by Solano County no later than May 8th (post marks will not be counted).

Glen Cove Waterfront Park Update

The construction of the Glen Cove Waterfront Park is moving ahead with the anticipated opening in mid May. The demolition of the mansion and caretakers house was started on March 21st after several delays due to weather conditions. The structures will be demolished as soon as the ground dries sufficiently to



allow access for equipment. The park trail system is 70% complete and work on the small parking lot should begin soon. The District is planning the Park Dedication celebration for **Saturday June 16th** with times and events still to be finalized. We hope to see everyone at the Dedication to celebrate the official opening of your community park.

General Meeting

FIRST 2012 GLEN COVE COMMUNITY MEETING IS SET FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 26 -



Please mark your calendars - Glen Cove will host its first 2012 community meeting this coming April 26, starting at 7:00PM at the Glen Cove Elementary school auditorium. New Vallejo City Manager, **Daniel E. Keen**, has accepted our invitation to speak at the meeting and will take questions from the audience. We will also have a presentation by representatives from the **Greater Vallejo Recreation District (G.V.R.D.)** about Measure K. As you are probably aware, G.V.R.D. is

a separate entity from the city of Vallejo and exists on a separate tax base from the rest of the city. Due to property tax depreciation, G.V.R.D. has lost more than \$2 million dollars or 30% of its budget. Measure K will hopefully restore some of the lost revenue that will insure that important services remain available to city residents. G.V.R.D. services help contribute to Vallejo's quality of life by providing parks, trails, pools, and programs for children, at risk youth, families and seniors.

Get a \$5.00 discount on your membership investment when you sign up at the up at General Meetings.

Check out **reported** crimes in your area at www.CrimeReports.com. The Glen Cove area is coded as 301.

Chairs

New chairs will be available at the April general meeting as the G.C.C.A. membership's school donation fund and a private donation have allowed the Glen Cove Elementary School to purchase 40 brand new folding chairs. These chairs are used for school assemblies, community meetings and parent participation days including 5th grade promotion ceremonies. We thank all the residents that donated extra monies for the school's donation fund with their membership sign ups and renewals. Each year the G.C.C.A. asked the school's principal to identify something needed for the school not usually covered by school budget funds. In the past, these donations have purchased a wireless microphone for the weekly chorus assembly and special programs; die-cuts for teacher's projects, classroom decorations, and small sports equipment for recess.



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G.C.C.A. Website Changes Again

If you have visited www.GlenCoveVallejo.com recently, you may have noticed a new look to our website. It is still under construction, so please bear with us. The Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/GlenCoveVallejo is still running and can be used as a message board. We ask that you do not post your business solicitations on "The Wall".



Why the new site? The original site built over 10 years ago was written in HTML and very few of our volunteers over the years have been able to edit it in that format. The new site is designed based and can be edited much easier.

The plan is to add copies of the C.C. & R.s for every development for downloading or printing. Past newsletters and the newsletter rate guide is available and pictures of our community will be uploaded as well. If you have any feedback for the website, please email us at GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com.

Glen Cove #3 Bus Changes

SolTrans will have a final meeting to decide the new routes for the Glen Cove #3 bus on April 19th at 7:00p held at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador. They propose to add service times, and create a route that only services south of Highway 780. It will not cross Hwy 780 and service schools or Springs Road businesses.

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In 2011-2012, the State reduced the State Parks allocation and identified two local parks in Benicia: the Benicia State Capitol Historic Park and the Benicia State Recreation Area (which borders Glen Cove along South Regatta) for closure. The Benicia State Recreation Area is 720 beautiful acres along the Carquinez Strait between Vallejo and Benicia. It is used by hundreds of dog walkers, runners, bicyclists, fisher folks, and bird watchers every day. It has a 2.2 mile paved trail which is part of the Bay Ridge Trail. It also has the Forrest Deaner Native Plant Botanic Garden – a project of the California Native Plant Society. It is currently open only five days a week.

Stepping up to the plate, the City of Benicia in partnership with the Benicia State Parks Association (BSPA), propose to have the city of Benicia taking over several of the functions at each site, but the vast majority of functions will have to be funded by fees and donations, and the work done mostly by an army of volunteers. The BSPA needs to raise at least \$50,000 annually to support park operations. . For more information, please check out the website: www.protectbeniciastateparks.com.

To donate or volunteer, please contact:

BSPA
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Benicia, CA 94510
Phone: 707.742.4108

Grab Bag - Questions & Answers and sometimes just answers....



Anything New on the Glen Cove Tax Surplus Fund? – We outlined in our previous newsletter some of the frustration we've experienced in working with the city to identify and move forward on capital improvement projects for Glen Cove. The projects would be funded from Glen Cove's tax surplus fund. We recognize that some of the delay in moving forward was due to the City's bankruptcy, interim city manager and Finance Director, and possibly other related factors. Regardless, we're hoping that the installation/replacement of all 585 Glen Cove street lights will happen sometime this summer. We asked to meet with the City's Finance Director, Deborah Lochner, and staff to explore moving forward on a variety of fronts. A meeting is now set for April 3rd.

New Citizen's Public Safety Review Committee? – The city council recently approved and staffed a citizen's public safety review board. While I'm not perfectly clear on the role the committee will play just yet or even that "committee" will be its final designation, I do hope that it will result in improved utilization of existing resources. Fortunately, the committee will include two public safety employees who can be depended upon to provide technical assistance to the committee. The Glen Cove board is grateful for the cooperation and responsiveness of the Vallejo Police Department despite diminished resources and Fire Chief Paige Meyer has been very responsive to our concerns about the closure of the Glen Cove Fire Station. We'll keep you posted on developments.

Can Any of Glen Cove's Tax Surplus Money be Used to Improve Security in Glen Cove? Answer, we're not sure. The Tax Surplus Fund has restrictions that require that the funds be used for capital improvement projects. A capital improvement project is defined as one that has a life span of twenty-five years or more, however, we have noted some flexibility during our discussions with the city. While there are other pressing issues that need to be addressed such as potholes and code enforcement, we will continue to push for projects that will improve Glen Cove's security.

Glen Cove Center Invests in New Signage and Building Expansion



Glen Cove Center has served south Vallejo residents for many years. The center is located on Robles Way and Glen Cove Parkway and is anchored by a Safeway supermarket.

The shopping center has recently invested in a new pole sign that provides updated visual identification from Highway 780. Additionally, 2,500 square feet of expanded retail building space is under construction to accommodate a new Chase bank branch.





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Questions? Call Shana Jones @ 552-3060 or email GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com

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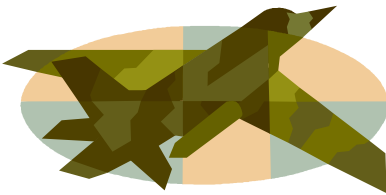
The goats arrived in the area during the week of March 5th and will stay for approximately 4 weeks. While grazing, the goat handler will remain with the herd around the clock. During this time, the goat handlers will systematically progress through the open space with the herd. While the goats are present, the handlers will install temporary fencing to restrict the goats' movement. In addition to the fencing, highly trained herding dogs will also be used to contain and move the goats through the area.



Photo by Ron Beffa

Travis Flight Path

A resident recently queried why Glen Cove is in the Travis AirForce base flight path. A pilot and staff officer at Travis AFB explained that there are several factors determining which vector pattern planes must take to land at Travis. Most of the planes heard overhead at Glen Cove are in an approach corridor to landing Runway #3 on the Northeast tarmac. This pattern is used mainly when wind is out of the North and also due to air traffic from Sacramento and San Francisco airports. The most notable aircraft flying over Glen Cove is the C-5 cargo plane, but all aircrafts will fly this pattern when directed by air traffic control. The pilots are keen to avoid direct paths over homes when possible and try to fly over water and the Bay. As part of the charm of Glen Cove is being along the water, the fly over are unavoidable.



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April

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| Apr 06 | Movie and Music: <i>Breakfast at Tiffanys</i> , Empress Theatre |
| Apr 07 | Easter Egg Hunt, Childrens Wonderland |
| Apr 07 | Golf Ball and Easter Ball, Mare Island Heritage Preserve |
| Apr 13 | Movie and Music: <i>Send No Flowers</i> , Empress Theatre |
| Apr 13 | Mira Comedy Series w/ Darren Carter & David Jew, Bay Terrace Theater |
| Apr 14 | Vallejo Comedy Circuit w/ Sean P., Fetterly Playhouse for the Arts |
| Apr 14/15 | North American Model Train Show, Solano County Fairgrounds |
| Apr 14 | Rita Hosking in Concert, Bay Terrace Theater |
| Apr 15 | Carlitos Medrano and the Vinales Project, Bay Terrace Theater |
| Apr 19 | SolTrans Public Hearing, Florence Douglas Senior Center |
| Apr 20-22 | Chief Solano Kennel Club Dog Show, Solano County Fairgrounds |
| Apr 20 | Movie and Music: <i>Stormy Weather</i> , Empress Theatre |
| Apr 20-May 19 | Reefer Madness, The Musical, Benicia Old Town Theatre Group |
| Apr 20-May 06 | Arsenic and Old Lace, Fetterly Playhouse for the Arts |
| Apr 21 | Earth Day at Vallejo Farmer's Market; Downtown Vallejo |
| Apr 21 | Mare Island Straits and Napa River Boat Tour, Dolphin Cruises |
| Apr 22 | The Santa Margherita String Quartet, Bay Terrace Theater |
| Apr 27 | Movie and Music: <i>Splendor in the Grass</i> , Empress Theatre |
| Apr 28 | Renovatin' Rocks the Green 2, Blue Rock Springs Golf Course |
| Apr 29 | 19th Annual Benicia Classic Car Show, Downtown Benicia |
| Apr 29 | The Albany Jazz Big Band, Bay Terrace Theater |

May

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| May 04/05 | Nancy Jo Vallejo Doll Show, Solano County Fairgrounds |
| May 04 | Movie and Music: <i>Planet of the Apes</i> , Empress Theatre |
| May 05/06 | 113th Annual Vallejo-SF International Yacht Race, Vallejo Yacht Club |
| May 06 | 40th Annual Vallejo Coin Show, Vallejo Veterans Building |
| May 06 | St. Peter's Chapel Organ Concert, Mare Island Historic Park Foundation |
| May 11 | Movie and Music: <i>The Day The Earth Stood Still</i> , Empress Theatre |
| May 11-27 | Oliver! The Musical, Bay Terrace Theater |
| May 12 | Glen Cove Community Garage Sale |
| May 12 | VOENA, Voices of Life Concert, Empress Theatre |
| May 13 | 3rd Annual Mother's Day Tea, Mare Island Heritage Preserve |
| May 18-20 | Coyote Hills Kennel Club Dog Show, Solano County Fairgrounds |
| May 18 | Movie and Music: <i>Back to the Future</i> , Empress Theatre |
| May 19 | Loma Vista Farm Spring Festival, Loma Vista Farm |
| May 19 | Vallejo Choral Society "Broadway Extravaganza", Glen Cove School |
| May 19 | 2nd Annual Armed Forces Day Dance, Mare Island Museum |
| May 20 | Vallejo Garden Tour "New Beginnings", Vallejo Museum and around town |
| May 20 | Magical Moonshine Theatre, Puppetry as Folk Art, McCune Library |
| May 25 | Movie and Music: <i>Barbarella</i> , Empress Theatre |

June

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| Jun 02 | Pista sa Nayon Independence Day Festival, Vallejo Waterfront Park |
| Jun 02 | 5th Annual Lynch Canyon Trail Run & Community Hike, McCary Road |
| Jun 02 | Gay Pride Comedy Night featuring Morgan, Bay Terrace Theater |
| Jun 07-10 | Contra Costa Kennel Club Woofstock Cluster Dog Show, Solano Fairgrnd |
| Jun 09 | Art and Concert in the Park, Childrens Wonderland |
| Jun 09 | Previously Secret Information, Bay Terrace Theater |
| Jun 16 | Juneteenth Celebration, MLK Unity Park, Downtown Vallejo |
| Jun 16/17 | 6th Annual Northern California Pirate Festival, Vallejo Waterfront |
| Jun 22-24 | Toyota/SaveMart 350 NASCAR race, Infineon Raceway |
| Jun 24 | An Afternoon in the Admiral's Garden, Mare Island Historic Park Fnd |

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