

Landscape Maintenance Department (LMD) Update

Spring is in bloom and so is Glen Cove. For those that are unaware, most of the public spaces throughout Glen Cove, most notably the parkway, are managed and maintained by the City of Vallejo Landscape Maintenance Department (LMD). We are in region 8 which is managed by Sean Arnott. One of the biggest problems with LMD is that much of their work goes unnoticed. Some of those projects are in the images and descriptions you see in this edition. It is only when things go wrong do we normally notice this department.

Now let me take you back to the beginning of 2015. The Glen Cove area had not had an LMD increase since the development was originally established in



the late 80's. Inflation had increased without increasing the fees. We found ourselves with the problem that as of 2015 we were running a deficit budget for services and within 6 years would find ourselves out of money. Thankfully, due to the efforts of the Glen Cove Community Association (GCCA) board, the city, and fellow Glen Cove residents, we passed measure K which established an annual assessment of \$100 for most Glen Cove residents (A few fell on the border which

gave them a slightly reduced amount).

Along with the assessment came the ability to increase the annual assessment to coincide with the SF Bay Area Consumer Price Index (CPI). It was increased last year and this update is about how it will be increased again this year. At the request of the city, the GCCA Board requested that the LMD increase the assessment by the SFCPI rate of 3.51%. For most, the 2016 increase was \$3.16 a year. This increase will add \$3.63 per year to your property taxes.



Letter from the President

Happy Spring Glen Cove! We have had our rain (and well needed), and now the flowers are blooming, the grass is growing, and my allergies are letting me know it's all happening. We live in such a beautiful area I just cannot help but be amazed every time I walk around our neighborhood.

Speaking of walking around our neighborhood, I hope you will join us for our April 20th Community Meeting at Glen Cove School at 7:00pm where we will hear information on Neighborhood Watch programs and the upcoming GVRD Measure K. I'm looking forward to this as I plan to start a neighborhood watch in my area (California Lighthouse) immediately after the presentation. The vast majority of crime in our area is non-confrontational property crime. With an active neighborhood watch, we can reduce these types of incidents. It is also an excellent way to meet neighbors and get some exercise. I hope you will join us for the meeting as well as in the neighborhood watch program.

Community Meeting
Thursday, April 20th
7:00pm
Glen Cove School



If spring is here, then that means it's time to start cleaning out all the junk in our homes. Saturday, May 6th will be our annual Glen Cove Community Yard Sale. In this newsletter on page 10, you will find the application to have your house placed on the community map. This is a FREE service to all Glen Cove Community Association members. If you are not a member, don't worry, the annual dues are only \$20.00.

I promised in my last article that I would report back on a couple of items. The South Regatta fence continues to be a bureaucratic frustration. It involves the city and the state park. We continue to try to find a solution. We will continue to keep you updated on any progress we make. The good news is that the speed sign located at Glen Cove Parkway and Saybrook has been replaced and I have personally noticed people slowing down because of its presence.

Finally, please help support your community. There are many ways people do this and I am grateful

to you all. Thank you all for being dues-paying members. The money helps us organize the events we put on as well as our operational fees. Thank you to those who pick up trash they find on the road. To those slowing down when heading towards the school, our children thank you. There are so many ways to be a good neighbor. The vast majority of you are good neighbors, however, here is what we need. (You know there was a catch to my being nice, didn't you?) We need area representatives. The odds are that your area could use representation. You can check at the association directory at www.GlenCoveVallejo.com/assn-directory.html or email me at GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com. It is not a difficult commitment. Come to the monthly meetings and get involved as much as you like.

Happy Spring everyone and see you around Glen Cove.

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Glen Cove Community Association President



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This money is to simply keep up with rising overhead costs that happen every year. The LMD has done a good job keeping up with the maintenance but there is always room for improvement. I encourage you to use [SeeClickFix](#) for any issues you might find in Glen Cove. Communication is the



key. That being said, there is one specific issue that is being addressed that you should be aware of. Besides the ability to pay the bills, the assessment was advertised to start seeing capital improvements. Much of this is things like new irrigation systems that most of us will never see. However, the GCCA and the LMD agreed that the entry way sign is in need of some TLC. While we were told this would be a priority, little has been done. Bureaucracy has slowed this, not lack of drive from the LMD. With the request for the CPI Increase the GCCA board stated the need for progress on this project and an updated timeline. The LMD has stated that they will have a timeline for us by the time of our next news-

letter. We will update you at that time.

Thank you for reading this and keeping up to date on what happens in our community. I was trying to explain the details and complexities of this situation with my wife as we were driving. She looked at me and said "Ya! What does the LMD do?" It just happened that we were near a public place that had overgrown shrubs and grass. I pointed to it and said "They keep that from happening." That is their job and if you find it lacking, please contact LMD through [SeeClickFix](#), Sean Arnott (707-648-5237), or the GCCA at GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com.



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Watch Out for Wildflowers

The area known as “the Meadow” (circled by “the Loop” trail) is the main feature of lower Glen Cove Waterfront Park. The Greater Vallejo Recreational District (GVRD) says the intention is to leave this park in a “natural state” to the extent possible. But each year, they are asked by people afraid of fire to mow the meadow as soon as the rain stops. The meadow is home to a dwindling and endangered number of wildflower species, including the California Poppy. Every spring, the area erupts with wildflower plants, but early mowing cuts them before they can flower. This deprives us of their beauty and deprives the flowers of a chance to go to seed. So we get fewer and fewer wildflowers every year, and soon we’ll have none.

This year, the GVRD will hold back on the mowing until the flowers have had a chance to bloom and then drop seeds. This means the meadow will have some tall plants for a while, and it won’t be so much of a lawn. But it will be in its natural state, and it will comply with California law, which protects our state flower the Golden Poppy from being picked or disturbed anywhere it is found on public lands.

As for fire, there is no serious fire hazard until weeks after the greenery has turned to brown. Take what seems to be a brown stalk of dandelion and bend it, and you will notice it is still soft and therefore retaining water and not dangerously flammable. It’s only when the stalk breaks crisply that it needs cutting.

Keep your eye on the park this year and delight as the flowers make a comeback. The birds and the bees will be delighted as well. No need to pick one and terminate all of its children: use your phone camera! Remember, don’t pick, just “pic.”



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Measure K



During the recent recession, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (G.V.R.D.) which has direct responsibility for administering parks and other recreational venues had a difficult time maintaining a revenue stream from property taxes (parcel tax) to cover the costs related to the upkeep, capital improvements, and maintenance of the city's parks. G.V.R.D. depends on property tax revenues and the recession caused a reduction in property values which reduced the amount of available money by as much as 30%.

Despite the loss in tax revenue G.V.R.D. still managed to provide the necessary maintenance although some projects and infrastructure improvements had to be deferred. Measure K will add an additional two million dollars to G.V.R.D.'s budget. If passed, Measure K will last for six years. The revenue stream is improving based on recovering property values and hopefully an extension of the Measure K beyond six years will not be necessary.

Glen Cove Community Association

There will be a speaker from G.V.R.D. speaking on the Measure K topic at the G.C.C.A. Community Meeting on Thursday, April 20th, 7:00pm at the Glen Cove School.



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The Cycle 4 Vote is here!

Voting begins **Saturday, April 1** and runs through the entire month of April.

Vote online at www.PBVallejo.org, or, if you prefer a paper ballot, stop by the City Manager's Office, 3rd Floor of City Hall during regular business hours.

There are **19 projects on the Cycle 4 ballot** - at the PBVallejo website you can click on the list below to learn more about each project.

[Local Parks Improvements](#)

[Afterschool for Youth: Websites, Apps and Robots!](#)

[Firefighter Youth Academy](#)

[Mare Island Way Flagpoles Improvements](#)

[Safer Streets - Bike Lanes & Markings](#)

[Break the Cycle: Math Development for Most At-Risk](#)

[Debt Free Vallejo](#)

[Afterschool: Do You Want To Be A First Responder?](#)

[9-1-1 Emergency Call Center Equipment](#)

[Drought Tolerant Landscape Demonstration Garden](#)

[Air Monitoring Network for Hazardous Materials](#)

[Fixing Pets and Feral Cats for Better Health](#)

[Water Break Repair Equipment](#)

[Afterschool S.T.E.A.M. Machines](#)

[Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Measures](#)

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The Vallejo Admirals begin their fifth season in the Pacific Association of Professional Baseball Clubs on June 2nd when they host the San Rafael Pacifics at Wilson Park in Vallejo. PJ Phillips, the franchise's all-time leader in hits, doubles and RBI begins his first full season as Admirals player-manager after leading Vallejo the final two months of last season. You can check out the schedule here www.vallejoadmirals.com/schedule.

The team is also looking for host families for the 2017 season. Host Families are a long-standing and highly honored part of Minor League Professional Baseball. Virtually all teams in Independent Leagues and Major League affiliated teams below Class AA have host families for the majority of their players. Our goal is to give the players a home away from home, and help them feel more a part of the community while they're here. It's like having an exchange student who's on his way to the big leagues! Learn more about the perks of being a host family at <http://vallejoadmirals.com/host-family>.

The Admirals offer affordable family fun and entertainment, including group ticket packages that accommodate 10 or more people. Whether it's a birthday party, family reunion, company get together or little league outing, the Admirals have you covered with professional baseball at a price everyone will love. Reserve an enclosed, private booth that holds up to 16 guests where the Admirals staff will bring food and drinks to you. Contact the front office for more information about group ticket packages and discounts at info@vallejoadmirals.com or call (707) 641-1111 for more details.

The Pacific Association is scheduled to host its annual tryout camp for all players interested in playing at the professional level from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Winter Chevrolet Stadium located at 60 Civic Ave. in Pittsburg, Calif. The cost for the camp is \$125 in advance and \$150 at the gate. For comments or questions regarding the tryouts, please email the host team at pittsburgdiamonds@gmail.com or by calling (925) 260-4764.

Be sure to check www.vallejoadmirals.com for upcoming events, player news and schedule information, and you can subscribe to our newsletter at the bottom of our web page!

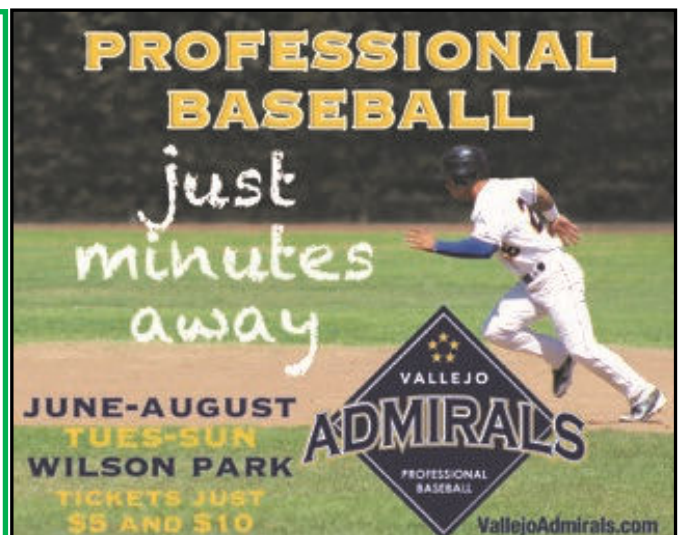
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Unintended Consequences

As we experienced severe drought conditions during the last few years, residents were encouraged to replace lawns with landscaping that requires less water. I was one such person who replaced lawn with drought-tolerant plants and drip irrigation. Although there has been above average rain this winter, residents may still be compensated one dollar per square foot up to 1000 square feet by the Solano Water Agency for removing lawns.

As it turns out, replacement of lawns on a large scale could affect local temperatures according to a study by Vahmani and Ban-Weiss.* The researchers noted that Los Angeles has programs like Cash for Grass that encourages the replacement of water-hungry grass with native vegetation requiring less irrigation. They created a theoretical climate model that takes into account environmental conditions in the Los Angeles area including sea breezes, various mixed land uses, and the surrounding mountains. Using this model they simulated situations in which existing vegetation was replaced by native plants and irrigation was stopped.

The researchers found that replacing lawns with drought-tolerant vegetation raised summer daytime temperatures by 3.42 degrees Fahrenheit as predicted by their models. This temperature rise can be mainly accounted for by the decrease in irrigation and the subsequent decrease in evaporation that has an air-conditioning effect on the environment. Conversely, their model suggested that the hotter daytime temperatures may be balanced by cooler summer evening temperatures. The switch from lawns to drought-tolerant plants lowered nighttime temperatures by an average of 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit because the decrease in soil moisture allowed surface temperatures to change more quickly since water has a moderating effect on temperature change. The cooler evening temperatures could help residents of the LA Basin recover from the hotter afternoon temperatures during extreme heat events.

The authors noted that their study describes extreme conditions in which all irrigation is stopped. Nonetheless, their work can help scientists study the effects of lawn replacement on different regions and determine what overall affects it has on the regions' climates.

What was interesting about this study is that attempts to conserve water, which certainly make sense given the years of drought we have experienced, may have broader consequences and thus contribute to climate change. Also, we live in a land of microclimates. Considering this question on a very small scale, one area of a person's yard may have a very different climate than another part based on the amount of sun it receives, the amount of wind, the slope of the land, and the reflective

(albedo) quality of the area (light surfaces reflect more sunlight than darker surfaces), to name a few variables. If the amount of moisture present is added to the above factors, a more comprehensive picture of the microclimates may emerge. While these factors may each contribute a small amount to the variation in the local environment, there are plants that are more likely to thrive in some of these microclimates than others.

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- **Route 78:** Improved departure times from Diablo Valley College and Walnut Creek BART to reflect the actual travel time due to increased traffic.
- [Route 78 Map and Schedule- Effective April 2, 2017](#)
- **Route 80/82:** Improved times to the weekday afternoon peak service for more reliable departures from El Cerrito Del Norte BART.
- [Route 80/82 Map and Schedule- Effective April 2, 2017](#)

Please check the schedules when planning your trips, as changes in time points may affect your connections.



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Glen Cove Community Association



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**A legible email address is important! It is the only way we will contact you if we have questions.*

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Next Door is a great way to communicate with your neighbors on crime, happenings, lost pets, and events. The Vallejo Police and Fire Departments frequently use the Next Door boards for announcements, police actions and warnings. Apps are free for iPhones and Android phones. Website sign up is at NextDoor.com.

A resident of our community is taking on the position of Lead for the NextDoor app and is reorganizing the groups. There will be a general Glen Cove group as well as small Glen Cove development groups. If you have already signed up for Next Door information postings, you will receive an invite to your development's group. To find your development by street name, visit our website

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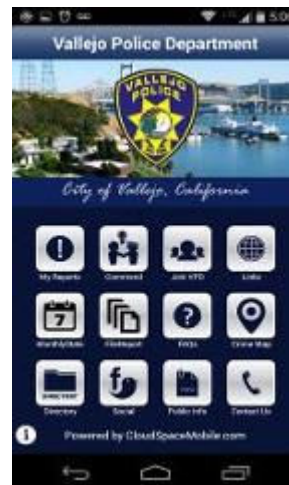


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From GlenCoveMarina.net

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. 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.



Have a great photo or picture of Glen Cove?
You can submit your entry to GlenCoveVallejo@gmail.com

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