



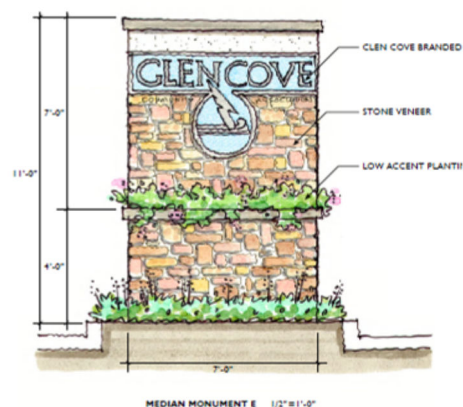
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Community Meeting & Monument Vote

On Thursday, April 18, 2019, the Glen Cove Community Association (GCCA) spring community meeting was called to order, at the Glen Cove Elementary School assembly room.

The main order of business was the landscape maintenance on a portion of Glen Cove Parkway, presented by the City of Vallejo's Landscape Maintenance District representatives. The topic included a review of what, where and potentially when landscaping improvement would occur. Included in the presentation were options to upgrade the existing Glen Cove Monument, located on Glen Cove Parkway, near Robles Drive. The options were presented, voted on and decided by the meetings attendees after very spirited participation and discussions. The monument, that was selected by a show of hands vote, is pictured below. Additional information will be provided once plans are confirmed.



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Also present was a representative (Kirk Williamson) of the Vallejo Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), who presented disaster preparedness information, for your home, family and neighbors, including gas and water shutoff, as well as securing the water heater, having a ("GO") readiness bag to grab in case of emergency evacuation and having non-perishable consumable food and water available. Sign-up sheets were available for interested Glen Cove residents, who would like to get involved in the CERT program. If you would like further information or are interested, you may contact Kirk Williamson at safetykirk@gmail.com.

The GCCA wishes to express their gratitude for all those who attended and participated in the Community Meeting.

The next GCCA Community Meeting will be (on) October 03, 2019. The new Vallejo Fire Chief Daryl Arbuthnott is a confirmed speaker. We hope to see many Glen Cove residents in attendance. The GCCA Board is actively seeking volunteers for upcoming events, newsletter contributions, etc. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the October 3, 2019, community meeting.

Letter from the President

Happy Summer Glen Cove! I'll try to make this short as summer tends to bring too much work and too much fun. This is the time of year where projects begin to happen so make sure you get an architectural review from your development representative before undertaking any project. Contact information can be found at the end of the newsletter. Also, if you notice a space open for your development, please feel free to contact me if you would be interested in volunteering for that position.

Activities seem to be going on as they normally do. Most crime continues to involve cars although Glen Cove is relatively safe overall. We have had an issue with homeless encampments lately. I received the following message from a concerned resident:



“Glen Cove home owners and residents please be aware of any homeless presence on or around your property as any smoking/cooking fires/lit drug paraphernalia represents an extreme fire risk to all of Glen Cove. The Vallejo police request that you contact Officer Christina Encarnacion at christina.encarnacion@cityofvallejo.net with homeless issues or the fire dept for an immediate fire emergency.”

First and foremost, thank you to the resident for reaching out and taking action over concerns in our area. This appeared to have happened around the same time as a tent was reported on Nextdoor and SeeClickFix. People mobilized, called, reported, and I am happy to say the issue was resolved. Of all of the homeless encampment reports that I have seen, this one was quickly resolved (5 days according to SeeClickFix). The city and county are stretched thin, but the squeakiest wheel gets the grease. If you see something, report it and if it is already reported, confirm/like/repeat so that officials know the severity of an issue.



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Glen Cove has some exciting events that I hope you and those around you will attend. On Sunday, August 11th, the Glen Cove day at the Admirals baseball game will take place! Tickets are free to GCCA members and it is a wonderful time to come out and meet your neighbors. National Night Out is set for Tuesday, August 6th. I tried for a few years to get my area involved without much luck but the few of us who did participate had a blast). Last year, Glen Cove residents gathered at the waterfront park and held festivities. More details will come out as we get closer to the date and you best believe I will be going back again this year. And finally, on October 3rd, we will be holding our fall general meeting. The new Fire Chief, Daryl Arbuthnott, will be there to tell us about the fire department and how it is affecting our community and yes I will ask about the fire station reopening as well as what it will take to make it happen. Also, the Greater Vallejo Recreational District (GVRD) General Manager, Gabriel Lanusse, will be in attendance to let us know more about our parks and the wonderful new pickleball courts.



It's shaping up to be a busy summer in Glen Cove. Enjoy this time with your friends, family, and yourself. We live in an amazing place with wonderful people. So say hi to your neighbors, wave as cars go by, and let me know how I can help.

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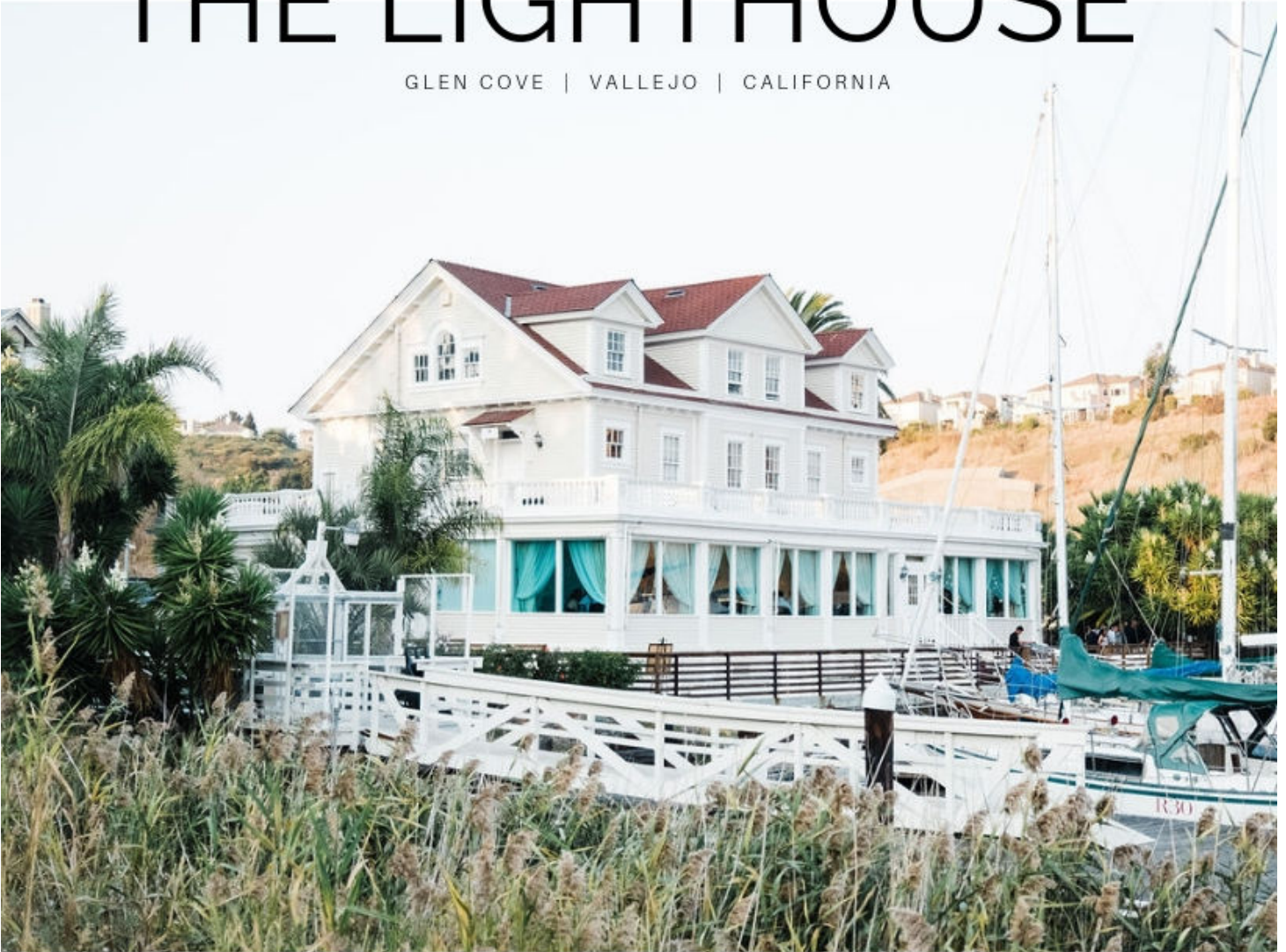
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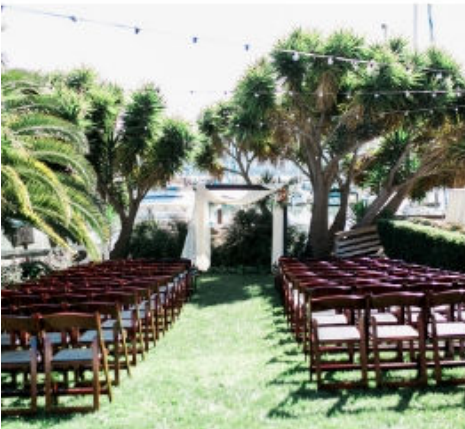
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A paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

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South Regatta Drive Fence Project Update

The first phase of the South Regatta Drive fence project is complete. With the old fence gone, there is a different feel along the street. The view is opened up and the community is more connected to the open space.

For the past six months on the last Friday of each month, a team of volunteers has been hard at work taking down the old fence. This group of volunteers usually works at Mt. Diablo State Park and they come from a variety of cities in the Bay Area. Residents should be very grateful for their efforts. All of the old fencing, posts, boards, and concrete have been removed. The accompanying photo shows California State Parks worker Daniel Carmichael on a tractor dragging away an old fence post and concrete.



The next phase will be the construction of over one-half mile of three-rail split-rail fence. Several sections of the new fence have already been installed at the upper end of the street. According to Mr. Carmichael, California State Parks staff will take the lead on construction. The intent is

to meet one day every other week, perhaps on Wednesdays, to do the work. Volunteers are welcome to assist. All residents need to do to help is show up, sign a waiver, and get to work. Bring your own gloves and appropriate clothing. We look forward to the completion of this project that has been nearly four years in the making.



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Person of Interest: Mark Porter

By Neal Zimmerman

If you have worked in multiple business categories during your life, you probably can appreciate Mark Porter's career trajectory better than most of us.

Mark grew up near Bakersfield in a small town called Pumpkin Center. Everybody around them had a different kind of farm. Beef farm, hog farm, goat farm, or sheep farm. Some grew corn. Mark's family had a dairy farm. Lots of people worked in the oil fields, his aunt and uncle operated a cotton gin for years, and his grandparents operated a flea market with a livestock auction. Farming was going to be Mark's future ... until he took an accounting class in high school and realized the farm wasn't making any money.

Mark was always a motivated individual so a change in direction became a priority. "I always knew that I had to do something to get something." When asked whether he grew up middle class, Mark replied, "Probably no class." We would trade a cow to fix our truck. We actually lost the farm twice and eventually sold it. "I learned a lot of lessons there."

Real estate became Mark's second career objective. Mark attended Sacramento State learning to be a real estate appraiser like his mom. His uncle was a general contractor and real estate broker. Mark's financial planner convinced him to drop out of college and get his real estate license. "I began selling FHA foreclosures and became one of the top FHA foreclosure salespeople in Sacramento County from 1992 to 1997." But the FHA foreclosures dried up and that was Mark's expertise. What to do?

Mark spotted an ad in the paper that read, "Have fun --- make money." Mark responded and career #3 began. He went out to the address in Sacramento and it was a Chevy's Fresh Mex restaurant. Mark started at Store #7 and worked that summer. At his layoff meeting, Chevy's vice president surprised him. They had looked at Mark's sales numbers, recognized his leadership skills and wanted him to open stores and teach others how to be successful at Chevy's. He offered Mark a great salary and benefit package, and he went on to open 38 stores for Chevy's in Florida, New Jersey, Colorado, Reno, and also some remodels in California. "I was only home about two months a year and boy, was it fun!"

But then 9/11 happened and Chevy's stopped opening restaurants. They offered Mark the Vallejo store and he grabbed it because it was close to home. "The first time I came to Glen Cove was in 2000. I bought in Glen Cove Landing."



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How does Mark help clients? “The main thing is for people to take a look at their goals and where they want to end up,” Mark explained. “And then, what are you doing now to make that happen. It’s real simple. The person you’re dealing with has to be focused on your goals, not theirs. I’m here to help someone achieve their goals, more efficiently and possibly sooner. My goals are not important at all.”

Mark contributes to the Vallejo community too. He hosts complimentary seminars at the Florence Douglas Center, 333 Amador Street, Vallejo, every month. These seminars are coming up soon:

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London Plane Trees

There are many London plane trees growing along Glen Cove Parkway in the Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) areas. They can be identified by their distinctive flaking, brown, gray and cream colored bark and their alternate, palmately lobed leaves. At the last Glen Cove community meeting we were told that more of these trees would be planted when the vegetation along the parkway is renewed during the coming years.

London plane trees (*Platanus x acerifolia*) are thought to be a hybrid of American sycamore (*P. occidentalis*) and oriental plane (*P. orientalis*) trees. They are valued as a tree that does well along streets because they are tolerant of bad air and compacted soil. They were planted in large numbers in Victorian times because of their resistance to the polluted London air.

In the Summer 2019 Nature Conservancy magazine there is an article about city plantings (Urban Roots) in which London plane trees are named as one of the most common trees in New York City. They are said to withstand pollution and space constraints and may live up to 200 years. The article quotes New Yorker magazine as calling it “the New Yorkiest of Trees”.

Many of the London plane trees in Glen Cove do not look well. They have experienced premature leaf drop, twig death, and extremely slow growth over the years. They appear to have damage that can be attributed to anthracnose, a general term for a number of fungal diseases. The fungus that is most likely to have attacked the London plane trees is Apiog-



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London Plane Trees continued

nomonia veneta. This plant pathogen together with the mild weather and moist conditions in Vallejo have led to many stressed trees across town. It is this latter factor, environmental conditions, that may account for the success of London plane trees in the Big Apple. Perhaps the freezing winter temperatures in New York are detrimental to the survival of this tree pathogen allowing the trees to thrive.

The landscape architect who is creating the plan for the new plant material along the parkway has proposed *Platanus x acerifolia* 'Columbia'. This variety is less susceptible to anthracnose than other *Platanus* species. However, after a joint meeting of Glen Cove Community Association LMD committee members and City of Vallejo staff, an agreement was reached to remove London plane trees from the plant restoration plan.



In the next newsletter there will be an article about the trees chosen to replace the London plane tree along the parkway.

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Person of Interest: Leah Shelhorn

Leah Shelhorn moved to Glen Cove, June 1988. She was formerly from Pleasant Hill and San Francisco. She fell in love with the area, being close to the Carquinez Straits, so many places to have long walks, places to bike to and even hiking trails. She especially loved the weather, so much sunshine and the warmer climate. Our area has so much less congestion than the Bay Area, less noise, less traffic.

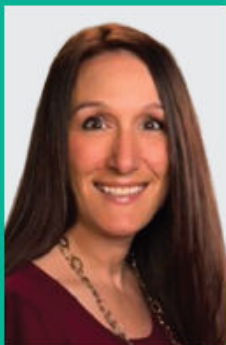
You might know Leah from Studio 41, Gifts 4 Every 1, a wonderful shop on 1st street in Benicia. She was the owner. She's retired now and is enjoying it so much! She opened Studio 41, on her 41st Birthday! Leah's beautiful shop was filled with arts and crafts from artists and craftsmen from all over the United States. Leah is quite an artist herself having an education in Sculpture, life drawing, printmaking, quilting, airbrush, and painting.

She studied Art at the Museum of Modern Art, The Legion of Honor, Fort Mason and privately with Sam Provenzano, known in San Francisco as having coined SOMA. As a San Francisco Street Artist for 6 years, she met many wonderful customers from all over the World. Traveling to Craft Shows selling her works for many years, having 30 retail stores that she supplied with her crafts, a need for a studio happened in 1990. She opened in the Arsenal in the Old Army Mess Hall in Benicia. Then, another idea! Moving to 739 First Street in 1993, and finally buying the building at 700 First Street. Leah had her shop for 28 years, a very long time to have such a successful business. Her shop is missed by many including myself as I am yet to find a shop with her caliber of gift ideas. After 28 years she is finally enjoying Retirement. Leah finds it a "gift to be retired"! She enjoys working in her beautiful gardens. She is loving catching up with friends, life, and finds she enjoys cooking. Thanks to George her husband for helping her for those 28 years. She keeps busy some-

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Admirals Off to Another Exciting Start

The Vallejo Admirals are off to another exciting start to the 2019 Pacific Association baseball season. The Admirals, coming off of back-to-back playoff berths including the 2017 Pacific Association championship, have been very competitive in the early going.

Carl Brice, Dakota Freese and Jesse Remington have led a solid pitching staff that has ranked second in the Pacific Association in ERA. The much-improved staff has been the biggest early-season surprise for Vallejo.

On offense, several familiar stars are back, mixed with new faces. Nick Akins Sr. has returned in the outfield, coming off of one of the most impressive seasons in Pacific Association history. Akins hit 29 home runs in 2018 and also drove in 81 runs. Both marks rank second all-time on the Pacific Association list.

Also, back is leadoff hitter/right fielder Vladimir Gomez, one of the most exciting players in the league. Gomez has been one of the team's top hitters in the first two weeks of the season, hitting over .300. The 2017 Pacific Association Most Valuable Player Tillman Pugh is back. Pugh, a local two-sport star at De La Salle High School-Concord, is a former New York Mets farmhand.



New faces include catcher Ricky Gingras, also hitting over .300 in the early season. Gingras spent four seasons with the rival San Rafael Pacifics before coming to Vallejo this year. Former Cal two-sport star Jacob Wark has taken over duties at first base. A big (6-foot-4, 220), powerful player, Wark is also an aggressive and speedy baserunner. He scored all the way from second base on a sacrifice fly in an early-season game.

The team is capably led by manager P.J. Phillips, a former Admirals player who pushes the right buttons to make the team go. The Admirals sat in third place at 7-5 two weeks into the Pacific Association season. Vallejo is likely competing with San Rafael and Sonoma down to the end of the season. The Admirals are hoping to reprise their 2017 championship, their first in Pacific Association

history. That year, the team rallied in the second half of the season and defeated the Sonoma Stompers for the title.

Vallejo plays its home games at Wilson Park in Vallejo (1007 Vallejo Avenue). Admirals home game combine the best of professional baseball with the home town feel of the minor leagues. Contests are held including the Sac's Tasty Hot Dogs Sack Race (a potato sack race for teams of children), trivia, baseball bingo and the Jack Anthony's Seven Flags Car Wash "Dirtiest Car in the Lot." Prizes can be won on a nightly basis.

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times traveling in and around California and our Western coastline. Leah and George enjoy visiting Napa Valley and the surrounding region for wine tasting. Leah volunteers with The Hamann and other nonprofits. She is very active with the Empress Theatre and has been a sponsor and volunteer for 12 years.

Leah and George love living in Glen Cove and have lived here for 31 years. She enjoys the beautiful vistas surrounding us. She finds it peaceful and tranquil. The access to the parks and waterfront areas make it a pleasure to walk, hike or bike in. She used to ride her mountain bike to her studio in the Arsenal everyday. They love to walk their dog along the waterfront. The easy access to the waterfront is one of the reasons they chose to move to Glen Cove. I have to concur with Leah, I too find it a blessing to live near the water and enjoy the beautiful vistas daily.

While Leah had my ear, there is one issue she'd like to remind citizens of Glen Cove. The Parkway is not a SPEEDWAY. Every morning and sometimes during the day, she sees traffic issues with speeding and drivers NOT obeying the stop signs! She finds herself and school children having difficulty crossing the Parkway with drivers not stopping at the stop signs in BOTH DIRECTIONS! I assure Leah, GCCA is working together with Vallejo Police Department to find a solution to this dangerous predicament. Hopefully, we can find a solution before there is a serious accident.

Leah's hopes and dreams for Glen Cove are for Our Community to take care of the area we live in. Her husband George and Bella, their adorable white poodle, can be seen picking up litter every morning. Thank you George! She hopes that future generations are able to enjoy our beautiful surroundings as much as we do now.

Written by Jackie Corsun and Leah Shelhorn

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4/01/19-06/30/2019

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Rainbow over Glen Cove Marina



Sunrise from balcony

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