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### GLEN COVE FENCING – Please note!

One of the Glen Cove Community Association Board's priorities has been to maintain Glen Cove's fences. Fences that run along major thoroughfares have the greatest impact on Glen Cove's appearance. The cost of replacing and/or repairing fences has been an ongoing issue with a replacement policy that has varied depending on the availability of funds. Some fences that separate private property from the Landscape Maintenance



District (LMD) areas have, at times, and depending on the availability of funds, been replaced at City expense. As you may be aware of, Glen Cove residents voted down an increase in LMD rates a few years ago and the City had to reduce its LMD expenses ac-

cordingly. As a result, residents are responsible for the replacement or repair of fences even if they border LMD's landscaped areas. LMD may be able to replace other fences that do not border private property with money from Glen Cove's Tax Surplus Fund if the city approves the transfer of funds to cover the cost. Unless there is a future increase in LMD revenue, ongoing LMD service cuts are possible.



## Letter from the President...

My name is Ron Bowen and I am the new President of the Glen Cove Community Association (G.C.C.A.). I moved here in 2010 and became involved with the board at that time. I am committed to raising my children in this beautiful corner of the Bay Area and joined the G.C.C.A. Board because I wanted to do my part to keep it that way.

Our former Board President, Miguel Castillo, now serves as the editor for the Glen Cove Newsletter. Miguel's interest in the community and familiarity with Glen Cove and Vallejo will enhance our newsletter with articles that are vital to the interests of Glen Cove residents. Neal and Monica Zimmerman, Sigi Hawkins, and many others helped also.

I would also like to welcome John Douglas as the board's new Vice President. John will have the responsibility of coordinating everything we do via computers and the internet (IT). This is an expanding role as we transition to a new and exciting world of social media.

Lastly I would like to remind everyone that there is plenty of opportunity to donate time, talents, and efforts, to the Glen Cove community. We need volunteers to become neighborhood representatives and a host of other tasks. Please feel free to contact me at [rcbowen@ymail.com](mailto:rcbowen@ymail.com).

Regards,  
Ron Bowen  
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## GLEN COVE WATERFRONT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Recently, three of us residents who reside along the Waterfront Park, witnessed a heart-wrenching incident involving two large dogs mauling one of the pet cats in our backyard. They tore into the cat and broke its back. We were unable to stop the attack before it was too late. The owner of the dog realized what was happening and called the dogs back to where she/he was and went on their merry way. We had to have the cat euthanized. Not only were we traumatized, but our other two cats were also, and disappeared for several days. Because it was an after-hours emergency visit, it was very costly to have the cat euthanized. This is not the first time unleashed dogs have roamed behind our yards. It has happened several times.

The rules and regulations that govern park use are posted at the park entrance. The park rules clearly state that “the following rules and regulations are enforced through ordinances of The Greater Vallejo Recreation Department contained in the district’s policies and procedures manual, Chapter 7C. Dogs must be on a least and under control at all times”

It is apparent that some dog owners are ignoring this regulation because we see dog owners on a daily basis who allow their dogs to wander unleashed through the park. Please be aware

that there are children as well as small pets living along the park. The incident described above involved a pet that was killed, next time it could be a small child. We hope this never happens, but only you can prevent future incidents by being a considerate dog owner and by using a leash on your dog at all times.

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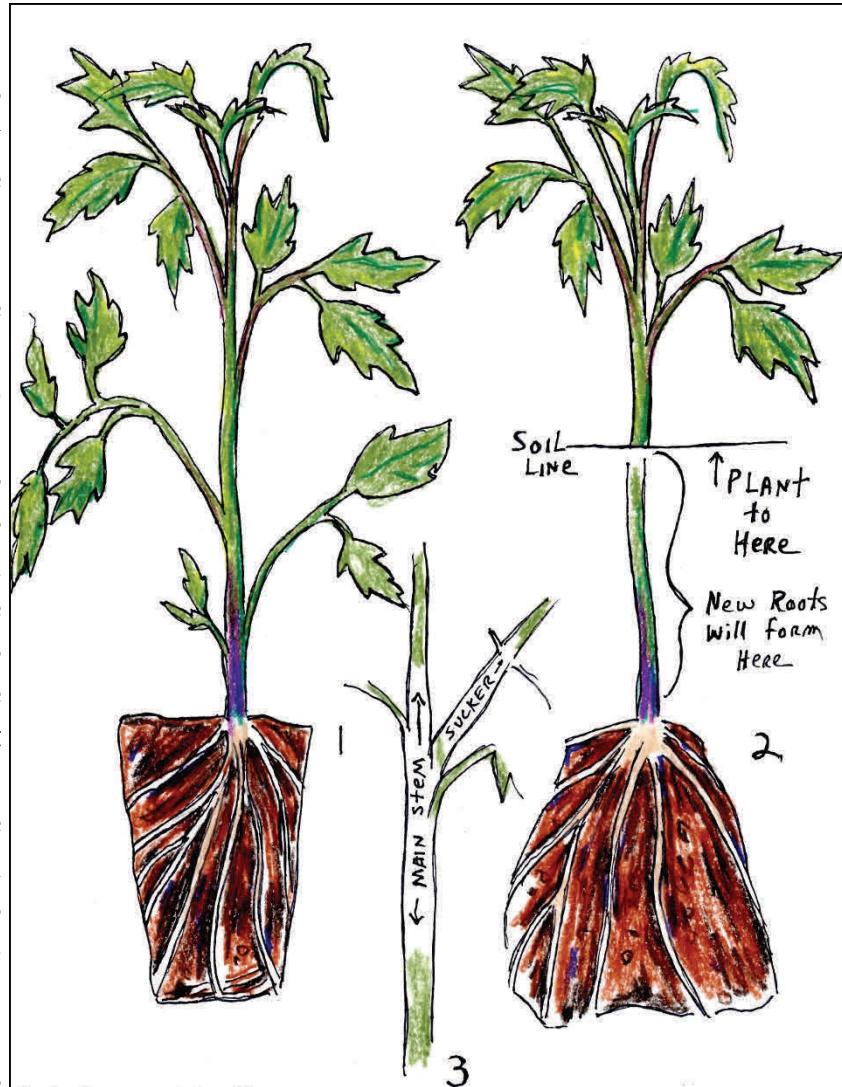
**SPRING IS HERE!**

The days are longer and warmer and it is time to think about warm-season vegetables. At the top of the list of vegetables planted by home gardeners are tomatoes.

Tomatoes can be challenging because many varieties prefer hot weather with warm nights. In Vallejo we usually have cooler weather; fortunately, we have microclimates that vary greatly. If possible, identify a location in your yard that gets at least 8 hours of sun and is protected from the wind. Prepare the soil by adding organic matter such as compost or you may improve your clay soil by purchasing topsoil that is high in organic matter. It is less expensive to borrow your neighbor's pickup truck and fill it with soil than to buy bags at your local store.

There is a wide variety of tomatoes from which to choose. When I lived on the East Coast there was no problem growing Beefsteak or other large tomatoes, however, in Vallejo I have had no such luck. My greatest successes have been with smaller tomatoes including various cherry varieties and intermediate sized tomatoes.

Tomatoes seedlings should be planted deep in the ground so that most of the stem with lower leaves removed is buried. Water tomatoes deeply and allow the soil to dry between watering. If you choose to add fertilizer to the soil around the seedlings be sure that the nitrogen content is not more than phosphorus (the first number of the three numbers on the fertilizer is less than the second) otherwise leaf growth will be stimulated at the expense of fruiting. If you decide to add manure to the soil, do so several weeks or months prior to planting. To help increase soil temperature de-



crease weeds, cut a hole in a piece of plastic and put the plastic on the ground around the seedling. Cover the plastic with organic mulch in order to prevent the soil from becoming too warm for the roots. The mulch should not touch the stem of the seedlings.

Tomatoes may be planted in April and May; however, weather is a factor in determining when to plant. Since soil temperature significantly affects growth, it is best to wait until the soil has warmed before planting. Once the plants have begun to grow, they should be supported. There are a number of ways to do so including staking, buying tomatoes cages or creating your own supports using wire fencing.

Don't overwater your plants and keep an eye out for green caterpillars on your vines. Finally, as your crop ripens, enjoy them in salads and other dishes, share them with friends and be prepared to freeze or dry the surplus!



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## **City Wide Issues that Affect All of Us**

As you all know, Glen Cove is located within the city limits of Vallejo, California. For that reason, the Glen Cove Community Association Board (G.C.C.A.) pays attention to local politics, city council resolutions and ordinances, and public safety developments (Police and Fire) in an effort to ensure that Glen Cove residents are kept informed. G.C.C.A. board members speak before the city council and/or meet with city staff on an as needed basis to ensure Glen Cove's participation in all planning and funding priorities. Anything that affects Vallejo in terms of public safety or fiscal issues is likely to ultimately affect Glen Cove. Some recent developments include the following:

### **No Camping Ordinance – Homeless Issue**

The City of Vallejo has recently approved a “No Camping Ordinance” which essentially targets the homeless. Our sources on the city council and in City Hall assure us that the ordinance is not intended to harass or criminalize the homeless but rather to deter homelessness and to help the homeless find other alternatives with help from the city, county, or state, depending on available funds and resources. Glen Cove has occasionally experienced the presence of homeless encampments in some of our more remote and secluded areas. The ordinance was originally drafted in response to an increasing number of complaints about homeless encampments from Vallejo city residents and businesses. The ordinance was first presented before the city council on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully the ordinance will begin to address the homeless problem albeit on a limited basis. Some monies could become available from the Participatory Budgeting Process (PB) if enough residents participate in the PB process and vote to have funds directed to help solve the homeless problem.

### **City of Vallejo, General Plan**

Vallejo has initiated a long term planning process that seeks input from residents, organizations, and businesses. The planning process which is known as the General Plan is an effort to set the vision and values that will guide the city's long term planning process. The first goal is to find out what residents envision for the future, i.e., what kind of city do we want to live in? The process will run through mid- April. A series of town hall meetings were held including one in Glen Cove on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. A final town hall will be held at the Florence Douglas Senior Center on March 19<sup>th</sup>. However, you can also participate in the planning Process online at [www.propelvallejo.com/open-city-hall](http://www.propelvallejo.com/open-city-hall)

### **Participatory Budgeting (PB)**

Please don't forget that Vallejo is now into its second year of Participatory Budgeting. G.C.C.A. newsletters have covered PB extensively. The PB process allows residents to have a vote on how and where over two million dollars of tax money will be spent in the city. Please consider participating.



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