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# **New Year Wishes**

As the year comes to a close and a new one begins, we can look back at the changes, mostly positive, that have occurred around us. Glen Cove is a beautiful community that has endured some challenges over the past couple of years. We've been through a recession and a five year drought, changes in local and county government, and the closing of a fire station while wild grass fires singed the edges of our community. We have had to evict squatters, increase the number of neighborhood watch groups, and work closely with a wide range of city departments in order to get things done.

We've been able to survive all the negative things because we're part of a larger community. Hopefully it doesn't come as a surprise to you that we're a community within the City of Vallejo. We depend on the city for our security and safety, for our water and for the maintenance of our streets and landscaping, and for many other services. Yes, we pay taxes and the Glen Cove Community pays for other specific services, but ultimately, most services come out of City Hall.

The Glen Cove Community Board members have worked over the years to cultivate positive working relationships with a wide range of city departments to ensure that our community's needs are addressed; however, it's essential that our residents become more involved as well. Residents can start by keeping themselves informed, by attending the Glen Cove Community Association Meetings, by communicating with their Development Representatives, and by addressing the City Council directly on issues that matter to them/you. Please keep in mind that Board Members are volunteers. Most have day jobs so it's up to each one of us to do what we can when we can. Vallejo has a new mayor, Bob Sampayan, and Monica Brown is the new county supervisor that represents Glen Cove. We also have a new superintendent of schools. The board also keeps the lines of communication open with elected officials to ensure that the city and county are accountable in addressing our concerns.

Glen Cove looks great, but, it has looked better in the past. Lots of houses need painting, and new or refreshed landscaping. Improvement is happening overall but please keep in mind that your home is probably your greatest investment. If you're a renter, you probably moved to Glen Cove because it's a nice place to live. We're glad that you're here so help us keep Glen Cove beautiful.

The Glen Cove Community Association wishes each and all of you a happy new year.

Bring on the NEW YEAR!

Glen Cove Community Association

## **Letter from the President**

Happy post holidays/New Year Glen Cove! I hope everyone had a wonderful season and got to spend time with those that are near and dear. The entry way was decorated once again which received praise from many neighbors and their guests. The Christmas house was yet again a hit from around the bay area. The GCCA donates funds every year to this expensive endeavor. The donation box should still be up if you feel so inclined. I learned this year that the setup starts in September and they are always looking for volunteers. Stay alert around that time this year as I'll attempt to get a GCCA group together.

At the end of the year the GCCA seems to slow down a little. There are fewer outdoor projects that require architectural reviews and people simply get busy with their personal lives (remember GCCA is a volunteer organization). That being said, there are two items I want to talk about:

- 1) New representatives!!! As of the October meeting, 4 new representatives were elected (The Shores Jackie Corsun, Waterview Cecelia Henderson and Gwen Murphy, and Westpointe Jeremy Davis) They officially start in January but they have all already stepped up. We held a getting started meeting that will help them go out into their communities and help their neighbors. REMEMBER!!! We still have openings in different area's around Glen Cove. Check <a href="http://www.glencovevallejo.com/assn-directory.html">http://www.glencovevallejo.com/assn-directory.html</a> to see if your neighborhood needs a rep. Contact us with interest/questions at <a href="mailto:GlenCoveVallejo@Gmail.com">GlenCoveVallejo@Gmail.com</a> or at 707-563-1226.
- 2) Let talk a little about speeding. A few years back the GCCA assisted in getting the speed sighs put up on Glen Cove Parkway. I can say with 100% accuracy that these have slowed some motorists (As I am one of those motorists.) but no where near all. This has been a frustrating issue on what can/can't be done. The GCCA has investigated solutions such as speedbumps and traffic cameras with no success. In the November board meeting a number of representatives volunteered to form a committee with the goal of solving/mitigating this issue. One of the big concern area's is in front of the park. People run the stop sign and there is genuine fear that a child will be hit. They have reached out and other organizations (such as HOA's) are willing to assist. If you would like to help, please email GlenCoveVallejo@Gmail.com

I wanted to finish with a wonderful interaction I had with a neighbor today. While I know the people



around the front of my house, I don't know the folks behind me. One of them was able to get my wife's attention today to inform us of a problem. It turns out that in my backyard I have a few agave plants that are on the fence line and growing into the fence. She informed us that they were growing into her yard and damaging the fence. She is absolutely right, and I told her (and meant it) that we will have them taken care of as soon as possible. She then offered to pay for part of it... plants in my yard growing into hers... We immediately declined but I was absolutely astonished. It was a wonderful interaction and not the last. We exchanged numbers and I'm sure I can get her to come over for national night out. I know it is not true for all but I mean this whole heartedly, my Glen Cove neighbors are the best neighbors I have ever had. Happy New Year Glen Cove!





## Horticultural Musings on a Winter's Day

The winter solstice has passed. The shortest days of the year do not provide a great deal of daylight for gardening but they do signal that it is time to perform certain tasks. It may also be productive to reflect on ways to be a more successful gardener.

Generally speaking, spring comes to Glen Cove in February. Many plants that were dormant come to life with new growth. This fact means that most of the pruning should be done prior to the onset of spring.

In my yard there are several species of ornamental fountain grass (Pennisetum orientale, P. xadvena, and P. rubrum). I use my electric hedge trimmer to cut away most of last season's growth so that low mounds remain. The hybrid tea roses will be cut so that each plant has four or five eighteen inch stalks with buds on the ends facing away from the center of the plant. The climbing rose bush is much larger but it makes sense to cut away most of the smaller branches and leave several larger ones.

You may have noticed the severe pruning of miles of Nerium oleanders in the center median of

highway 780. This work indicates that it is appropriate to cut back perennial shrubs to encourage later growth. Mexican Sage (Salvia leucantha) bears white flowers with purple calyxes. In order to limit plant size and encourage subsequent flowering the stems should be cut back to ground level prior to spring growth. The butterfly bush (Buddleja davidii) can be severely cut back to 18 inches tall. Also, most annuals are finished for the year and should be pulled out of the ground.



In my backyard is a deciduous tree, Chinese Tallow (Sapium sebiferum), that I would not recommend because its roots grow on the surface and make mowing the adjacent lawn very difficult. Nonetheless, I will collect the leaves and replenish the pile next to my compost bins. Compost is made from a mixture that is roughly half green (nitrogen containing material like non-meat food scraps, coffee grounds, or fresh grass clippings) and half brown (carbon containing materials like dried leaves). It is convenient to keep a pile of dried leaves by the bin in order to have a ready supply of carbon throughout the year. The compost mixture should be kept moist, not too wet, and should be turned periodically in order to allow oxygen in so that microorganisms can do their work of breaking down the plant material.

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## Horticultural Musings on a Winter's Day continued



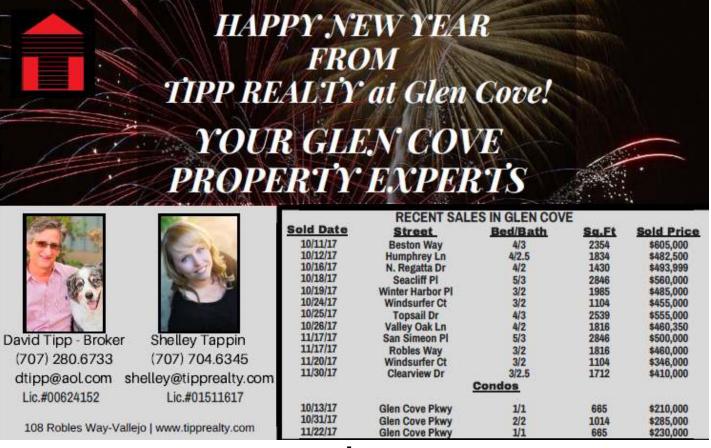
Once the pear tree begins to form white blossoms (10% of full flowering) in the spring it is recommended to spray with a fungicide containing a copper solution intended to fight fire blight.

We are fortunate to be able to grow plants all year round. In the past I have not had the greatest success with winter vegetable crops. As an example, I would plant collard seedlings in late October or early November and be unhappy that the tender leaves were eaten before the plants had the chance to establish themselves. This past fall I planted collards, kale, and broccoli seedlings at the end of September. During the next month these plants got an excellent

start in the warm, dry weather and were firmly established before the first rains and the initial onslaught of snails and other cool weather predators. It is recommended that seeds for these winter crops be sown in August.

So, although the days are short and most plants are dormant there are plenty of gardening tasks. The winter vegetable garden must be tended, annuals removed, trees and shrubs pruned, and leaves raked. There is little rest for the year-round gardener!

Ward Stewart UC Master Gardener-Solano



### Glen Cove Christmas House

The G.C.C.A. President John Douglas and his son Malcolm, presented Mr. Bob Taylor with a check for \$200 to help The Taylor's with their P.G.& E costs in recognition for the wonderful Holiday Spirit and enjoyment they bring to our community.

This year the Taylors have made the top path along the front of their house handicap accessible with a paved pathway.

If you would like to donate to help the Taylor's P.G.& E bill, there are two donation boxes at the house. One is by the roadside mailbox and the other is at the top of the driveway by the Santa chair.

They also have a FaceBook page if you would like to share your photos at

https://www.facebook.com/ ChristmasHouseGlenCove/







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## **Street Sign Replacements**

# SeeClickFix

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 <a href="See Click Fix">See Click Fix</a>. The City will then replace the sign with temporary ones such as seen on the right. Once the City's committee has made a design decision, the City will replace many street signs including Glen Cove's.



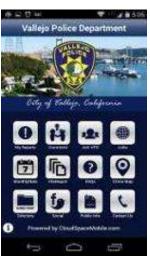
See trash dumped, street light burned out or a city maintenance problem? The SeeClickFix app and website allows you to immediately report the problem, and upload a photo and track the response and corrections. The Vallejo Maintenance Dept acknowledges receipt of the report and adds follow ups or completion notifications appropriately.

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, HOWEVER THE POLICE DO NOT READ IT FOR REPORTING CRIMES. Apps are free for iPhones and Android phones. Website sign up is at NextDoor.com.

There is 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 should have received an invite to your development's group. To find your development by street name, visit our website <a href="http://www.GlenCoveVallejo.com/developmentstreets.html">http://www.GlenCoveVallejo.com/developmentstreets.html</a>



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Speeding on Glen Cove Parkway is becoming more common and dangerous. Please make sure your family and their visitors maintain a SAFE speed. The above photo was a sole accident due to unsafe speed around an uphill curve in early October.

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