

Since we had a good amount of rain this year, there is a lot of vegetation on the surrounding open space. On May 11 a car fire just past the Carquinez bridge spread up a hill into Glen Cove. The Seascope HOA development was quite scared watching the fire spread on the hill behind their homes and having large amounts of smoke fill the neighborhood. Luckily many fire crews put out the fire before it got to any of the homes.



Picture from John Fox in Seascope.

** A fire broke out on July 4th in the open area behind Waterview Terrace, burning almost 2 acres. Illegal fireworks are suspected. Glen Cove residents must keep aware of fire dangers in our open space.

The Glen Cove Community Association will once again host a Candidates' Night for the City Council and Mayoral elections this fall. The Community Association prepares questions from residents and board members prior to the event then asks the selected questions to two or three candidates with all candidates answering at least two questions. During the break and after meeting time, candidates are invited to speak to audience members directly. Light refreshments and a discounted GCCA membership sign up is also available.



The Candidates' Night will be held in the Glen Cove Elementary School Multi-purpose room starting at 7pm on Thursday, Sept 29th.

Candidates' Night, Sept 29th, 7:00pm
Glen Cove Elementary Multi Purpose Rm
City Council Candidates/ Mayoral Candidates

Letter from the President

Hello Glen Cove! Summer has begun! The birds are out chirping, the sun is shining, and the kids are out playing. We live in such a beautiful area and it's easy to forget that when you see it every day. Take a moment in the next month to walk outside and watch the sunset or nature blooming. It's amazing.

Neighbors around Glen Cove have started outside projects to help make Glen Cove even better. If you are starting one of these projects, like painting or replacing your roof, don't forget to contact your representative to make sure it conforms to your CC&R's. In many cases it requires an Architectural Review, which is a simple process that can be done fairly quickly.

As I mentioned (and will continue to mention), the GCCA is in need of more representatives from area's all around Glen Cove. I'm pleased to say we have added two new representatives. If you are at all interested, please call me at 925-285-5873 and I would be happy to discuss the position.

Finally, I want to chat a little about crime. If you follow Nextdoor.com you will notice that crime is mentioned quite a lot. We have issues with people speeding, break-in's, vehicle theft, and domestic disputes. As I watched the reports come across, I started to become more vigilant. I had my security company come in and do a review of my system and I began small changes to make myself safer (leaving lights on, checking locked doors, actually using my alarm, etc.) At this point, feeling paranoid and defensive of my home, I decided to actually crunch some numbers. In the month of May, the city of Vallejo had 529 reported crime, 13 of which were in Glen Cove. That put's Glen Cove accounting for about 2% of the city's crime. When I compared the numbers to Benicia, over the last few months we have had about equal if not less crime per person. Those numbers are a lot different than how it feels to just hear what social media is saying. That being said, we must remain vigilant so we can keep it as safe and make it even safer than it is now. I have created a crime prevention committee for the GCCA to help people make their neighborhoods safer. If you have idea's and would like to help, please contact me. That's all for this quarter for Glen Cove. Enjoy summer, stay safe, and remember to appreciate the wonderful area in which we live.



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A few Reminders from the G.C.C.A. Board

Neighborhood representatives have noticed deterioration in residential landscaping on many streets within Glen Cove. Yes, we are still in a drought, but that does not excuse anyone from allowing their landscaping to look unkempt. The only thing that looks worse than an overgrown green lawn is an overgrown dry/dead lawn. We realize that many of you are anticipating a redo of your landscaping which explains why so many have allowed lawns to dry out. In the meantime please keep your front yard neat until you are able to transition to water saving vegetation. We've also noticed more cars parked on lawns, garbage cans that are visible from the street and houses in severe need of painting and upkeep. Not all of us are able to afford to address some of the concerns noted here but everyone should do their best to maintain their property. A failure to maintain your property not only impacts the value of your property, but also that of your neighbors.

As noted in this newsletter, this year is a busy political year. Several candidates are running for mayor, city council, and school board. We urge you to pay attention to the political discussions and attend candidate forums that are being sponsored throughout the city so that you can meet and get to know the candidates.

Thank You



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Drought Update and Water Conservation

We experienced a four-year drought; El Nino promised us a wet 2015-16 winter; it rained quite a bit; and the snowpack in the Sierra was replenished. Despite near normal rainfall in Northern California, approximately 60 percent of the state is still in severe drought. So what is the current status of water restrictions in Vallejo?

In June, 2015 the City of Vallejo announced restrictions on potable water usage which include watering only between 6 pm and 9 am, a maximum of three times per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (MWF) even numbered addresses only, and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday odd numbered addresses, and MWF for common areas) with the exceptions of drip irrigation, soaker hoses, and hand watering. The application of potable water to landscapes that creates runoff is generally prohibited, as is the application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks except when an immediate health or safety issue exists. Irrigation using potable water within 48 hours of measurable rainfall and use in fountains or decorative features are prohibited. Fines of up to \$500 may be levied for multiple infractions. For a complete list of restrictions and fines, go to: <http://www.ci.vallejo.ca.us/cms/one.aspx?portalId=13506&pageId=109872>. In February of this year these restrictions were extended through October 31, 2016.

I contacted a staff member in the City of Vallejo Public Works Department to ask for confirmation of these restrictions. I was directed to a press release entitled "State Water Board Stresses Need To Continue Water Savings As Drought Persists," dated June 6, 2016. A new State Water Board regulation allows local water suppliers to determine their own standards based on a "stress test" that requires them to prove they have enough water to supply users through three years of severe drought or take additional measures to conserve. Thus, the City of Vallejo may change the restrictions given above in the coming months. If the city council votes to ease the restrictions, my advice is to adhere to the ones currently in place since they are generally quite reasonable.

In order to reduce water usage, it is advisable to have plants that require less water. California native plants are usually an excellent bet. The part of most yards that is not in the least drought tolerant is our lawns. Although most of us love green grass, lawns require a great deal of water in order to stay alive much less green.

There are alternatives to lawns and the Solano County Water Agency continues to provide an incentive to make the change. There is a program, Water-Efficient Landscaping Rebates (Turf Replacement Rebate Program), that offers \$1.00 per square foot (up to \$1,000) to replace a water-intensive lawn with water-efficient landscape. The latter may include rock, bark, pavers or other permeable surfaces along with drought resistant plants and drip irrigation.

In order to participate in this popular program call 707-455-1113 or email solanocash4grass@scwa2.com to get on the waiting list and receive details. Once you are accepted you should arrange for a site visit during which the lawn area will be measured (do not remove your lawn prior to this inspection). After the agency representative has concluded that the proposed new landscaping is consistent with the reimbursement program, wait for the Notice to Proceed letter. You have three months to remove the lawn and install the new landscape once the notice is received. Upon completion, call for the post-inspection visit and submit the Rebate Application form that includes a list of plants and materials used in the conversion, then wait for the check and enjoy paying smaller water bills.

For more information, visit SolanoSavesWater.org and learn about other programs intended to conserve water including the installation of high efficiency toilets and washing machines and smart irrigation controllers. The Solano County Water Agency mailing address is: 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, CA 95688.

Ward Stewart
UC Master Gardener-Solano



Meet Ron Bowen, Immediate Past President, Glen Cove Community Association Board

Ron was born in Portland Oregon in 1964 and has two sisters who still live in Oregon. Both sisters recently had a career change, and decided to go to nursing school together. Ron wrestled in High School and went into the military at age 17 where he got his GED. He remained in the Air Force for 5 years where he served as an aircraft mechanic. Ron was stationed at Clark Base in the Philippines, McCord AFB in the state of Washington, and at Hickem Air force Base in Hawaii. He left the service in '86 as a staff sergeant and went into a family business selling hardware in Oregon. He held a variety of jobs and ran businesses for 15 years including owning a pub in Seattle and with a devilish smirk reminisces " Nirvana, Jazz, lots of stories..." giving us but only a tiny glimpse at his fast lived past. But then his smile disappeared and his tone turns serious "... those days are in the past and I'm glad they are behind me. Here and now is where I want to be..."". After a divorce, he moved to California in '96. Ron met Kathy in 2002 where they lived in San Francisco for three years. Realizing real estate prices in the city were beyond reach they moved to Vallejo in 2005 and bought house by Redwood Street where they had their first and second baby. Their boy is 11 and their girl is 8. Both kids go to Elmer Cave Elementary, a dual immersion school where they teach Spanish. This is like a charter school Kindergarten through 8th grade. The boy is a good soccer player and like his dad, started wrestling; the daughter takes care of the pets (chickens and dogs) as well as being into gymnastics. Kathy works in Martinez where she manages a brand new senior property apartment building specializing in low income housing for seniors with disabilities. Ron currently works for a property Management Company that specializes in affordable housing and housing for the disabled in San Francisco, Vallejo, and Novato. All in all he is responsible for seven properties and he supervises properties and staff at the different sites. The staff is composed of about 30 people such as property managers, janitors, maintenance, etc. Ron usually travels to each site once a week and has an office in San Francisco where he conducts his business, making the trek several times a week into the city; he is a big fan of casual carpool. The couple moved to Glen Cove in 2010 and recognized that Glen Cove was a much better neighborhood within Vallejo to raise their kids.



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Ron joined the Glen Cove Community Association (G.C.C.A.) Board in 2011. With a new family and a new house he wanted to make a difference in the neighborhood and had reached an age in his life where he wanted to make a positive contribution to the community. He was president for the 2014-2015 period after Miguel Castillo stepped down. He now has moved on and is a board member of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (G.V.R.D.) His best accomplishments were the passing of the assessment of the fees for GVRD, and the emphasis in social media, Facebook, Constant Contact, and Nextdoor Vallejo. He hopes to continue to work with the Landscape Management Department and with the city as a liaison and a voice for the GCCA to ensure that our input with city issues is properly communicated. Ron also just started real estate school to become a Realtor as it ties in to his job for professional development. For hobbies, Ron rides motorcycles, has a travel trailer, and recently went to the Grand Canyon and will be traveling to Yellowstone later this year. Ron likes to snow ski at Tahoe and is teaching his kids to ski. Ron has quit smoking and learned to scuba dive and is now a certified scuba diver. Ron went diving twice last year in Cancun and will go again next year to somewhere to the Caribbean.

Glen Cove Elementary Principal Retires

Mr. Greg Allison has been at Glen Cove Elementary since its opening 22+ years ago. Mr. Allison's leadership and relationship with the teachers has lead to a respected school site which draws teachers who chose to work at the Glen Cove School. It is also because of Mr. Allison's talent and his love of music that Glen Cove students has a musical arts program every Friday. Mr. Allison prepares a group of songs to be learned every Friday and performed at a chorus recital every year. Each year the music style changes with songs of the 1920s to Michael Jackson. A CD and lyrics of the year's music, played on piano by Mr. Allison, is always available for parents to take home. Along with being an avid bike rider, Mr. Allison is also an experienced Abalone diver. He has expressed a wish to continue to bring music to elementary school children even in his retirement. We would like to express are gratitude for everything Mr. Allison has brought to our community school and our children. We wish him the best in his retirement.



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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 development groups. If you have already signed up for Next Door information postings, you will receive an invite to your developments group. To find your development by street name, visit our website

<http://www.glencovevallejo.com/developmentstreets.html>

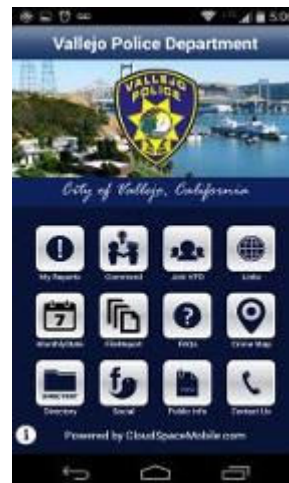




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