

Fall Community Meeting



On Thursday, October 3rd, the GCCA hosted its Fall Community Meeting. We were happy to have guest speakers Daryl C. Arbuthnott, the Vallejo City Fire Chief, and the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) General Manager, Gabe Lanusse. The meeting was intended to begin at 7 pm, however, for an unknown reason the school's fire alarm system activated. Luckily, with help of GCCA board members and Chief Arbuthnott, it became clear there was no issue and we were able to proceed with only a minor delay.

After the opening address from GCCA President Johnathan Douglas, Chief Arbuthnott began the evening's presentation. He explained his background of 28 years in Fire Departments along with the challenges he faced working in Los Angeles. This experience translates into the state of the fire department here in Vallejo. With aging infrastructure, a retention problem due to underpaying fire staff, and a general budget problem, Vallejo is in need of changes to the entire fire system. One key issue he highlighted was the communication system. In most cities, the fire department has its own dispatch with the ability to render aid over the phone. The Vallejo system runs through the Police Department which is unequipped to handle calls to the level a separate fire system would. Chief Arbuthnott expressed frustration on incidents where the radio system became nonfunctional to those fire personnel in the field, saying it was "dangerous" for his staff.

Of course, the issue of the Glen Cove Fire House was discussed at length. Chief Arbuthnott acknowledged that the previous Chief had promised a reopening that were not thoroughly researched. By his estimates, the opening of the firehouse would cost approximately \$3.4 million to open with a \$1.2 million yearly operation cost. It was clear by the night's events that there is a problem. The Fire Department arrived well past 20 minutes after the alarm sounded with the



Fire Chief making the call. "Response times are bad" Chief Arbuthnott explained.

GCCA President, Johnathan Douglas asked if the Chief thought the firehouse should be reopened to which the Chief replied "Obviously." Following up, Mr. Douglas asked "How can we help you make that happen?" Mr. Arbuthnott gave three examples of what we can do as a community. First, look for his report at the October 8th Vallejo City Council Meeting regarding the state of the Fire Department to understand what is happening in the city. Second, the main issue is being underfunded.



To fix that, we may need an assessment. If and when that happens, consider supporting it. And finally, use the new districting system. Glen Cove will be electing its own specific council member in 2020. That person needs to be an advocate for our safety and making sure we are covered in cases of emergency.

After a short break, Gabe Lanusse from GVRD took the stage. Gabe has been with GVRD since 2011 overseeing the parks and activities within the city of Vallejo. One of the benefits of the GVRD in Vallejo is that it is its own entity. In other cities, the recreational districts might fall underfunding that is also allocated for police/fire causing competition. GVRD has its own funds and can produce programs for the people of Vallejo. Recently they held a 75th-anniversary block party event that drew over 3,000 people. New programs and outreach have been asked by the communities and are on their way.

When talking about Glen Cove specifically, he noted a few changes. Principally was the resurfacing of tennis courts at the Glen Cove School Park. After a \$180k renovation, the courts are in fan-

tastic shape while sporting new pickleball courts. In the near future we should expect to see upgrades to the soccer field as well as informational plaques at the waterfront park to highlight the natural beauty of the area.

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Letter from the President

Fall has arrived in Glen Cove! I hope this finds everyone well relaxed from the summer and awaiting the cooler temperatures to come. I love this time of year as I get into the holiday decorating mood with my family. But please home improvement stores I don't need to see Christmas decorations on display in September... or do I? In any case, time to dress up our homes as well as prepare for next year. Don't forget to winterize your lawns, adjust your sprinklers, clean your chimneys, and even have your heater checked out. A well running heater can save you money.

Enough with my "to do" list. We've been up to a lot these last few months? The G.C.C.A. hosted another successful Glen Cove Day at the Admirals. My son threw out the opening pitch better than I did a few years back! Big thanks to Neal Zimmerman and all of the volunteers that helped make the day fun and friendly. If you didn't make it this year, don't miss it next year.

National Night Out was an incredible success. Hundreds of residents attended events in Glen Cove to meet and spend time with their neighbors. We had visits from the Vallejo Fire Department, the Vallejo Police Department, City Council members, and multiple organizations. There was food and fun everywhere you went. If your neighborhood does not have an event, fear not! The G.C.C.A. and others host an event at the waterfront park each year with lots to offer. Don't miss it next year on Tuesday, August 4th.

Unfortunately, we also have some bad news. I have been tracking the crime statistics in Glen Cove for the past 3 years and we saw a spike this summer. There was a large jump in break-in's of both cars and homes. Car break-ins saw an increase of about 3 more per month than the highest months (from 6 to 9).

Homes made up the biggest increase in crime. We usually see anywhere from 0-2 crimes of this type on any given month. In July, there were 9. These were the highest numbers I had yet to have seen. To be clear, these are burglaries where no one interacted with the person coming into the home. Generally speaking, criminals want your stuff, not you. So to help prevent these crimes make it so they don't want to break in. Don't leave items in your car. Install smart doorbells that record and use an alarm. Set the alarm anytime you leave the house, day or night. The stats seem to be going back to normal, however, the more diligent we remain, the less likely they are to spike again.

In a response to some of the safety concerns in our community, the G.C.C.A. held a "Stop the Bleed" training trial for board members. Neal Zimmerman coordinated the effort and had many G.C.C.A. board members trained and ready to assist in the event of situations that require tourniquets for injured people. Please read more in his article and consider helping and/or attending future events.

Finally, I want to wish everyone happy holidays and New Year. There are so many things happening in Glen Cove right now! New rehabs of the parkway landscaping, district elections, and more events than I can name. Please consider volunteering to help or become a representative for you neighborhood (there are many areas in need). Let's make 2020 Glen Cove's finest year.

Johnathan Douglas - G.C.C.A. President

Safety is on our minds. Can something be done?

The Glen Cove "Connections" magazine survey of residents cited safety-related issues among their greatest concerns. Those issues included the closed fire station, excessive speeding on Glen Cove Parkway, the ORCEM controversy, and crime.

The ORCEM initiative was defeated, but many feel the other issues remain. The Glen Cove Community Association's Board of Directors wants to invite you to help us shine some light on various safety issues. Can something be done? This story will communicate what has happened lately. We know that re-opening the Glen Cove fire station would please everyone but the cost factor hampers that effort. Nevertheless, Vallejo hired a new fire chief earlier this year. Fire Chief Daryl C. Arbuthnott, brings more than 37 years of experience in Fire service. Chief Arbuthnott has studied Glen Cove, understands how the unique geography impacts Glen Cove residents, and recognizes that our community requires important services that his department provides. Those who

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attended the Autumn Glen Cove Community Association meeting likely picked up on the Chief's passion to make our community safer.

Many residents worry that crime is increasing in Glen Cove. Did you know that John Douglas, the GCCA's president for the past four years, has tracked crime stats for Benicia, Vallejo and Glen Cove specifically since 2016? John's reports and insightful analysis can be found on Glen Cove's website, www.glencovevallejo.com. Click on the "Crime Prevention" tab to find reports. John recently sent an email to GCCA members about ways to better safeguard their homes, autos and valuables. And, you will find some promotional safety equipment offers from Ring.com.


Take a look!

Board member Maryanne Denay observed over a year ago that the helpful traffic posts that channeled cars exiting I-780 Eastbound and merging onto Glen Cove Parkway had disappeared. Maryanne and other Board members researched the issue and the State of California finally replaced the traffic posts in September. A dangerous traffic merge has been made safer thanks to the efforts of Maryanne and some colleagues.


Did you participate in a "[National Night Out](#)" event on Tuesday, August 6? Board member Stacey Kennington and her neighbors began an annual neighborhood block party tradition many years ago. This year, there were six "National Night Out" events coordinated by GCCA board members. Vallejo

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PD and Vallejo Fire attended these events too ... mixing with residents, chowing down, and breaking down barriers. What does that have to do with safety? These are neighbors that now know each other. They are more likely to notice strangers that are up to no-good, maybe spot a useful license plate, or help a neighbor deal with a problem. GCCA members can provide tips on how to coordinate a great event on your block next year. Be sure to see the photos in this October newsletter.

The Community Services division of the Vallejo Police Department under the direction of Lt. Kenny Park, has reintroduced its popular Crime Prevention Series. Tina Encarnacion conducted the first segment, "How to Set Up a Neighborhood Watch" on 8/31. **The next segment is called "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design," and it will take place at Glen Cove Elementary on Tuesday, 10/8 from 6:30 to 8pm.** Admission is free, and they will have raffle prizes too. Interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program? Contact Christina.Encarnacion@cityofvallejo.net.

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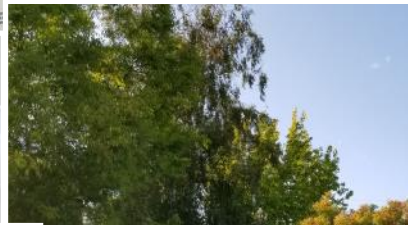
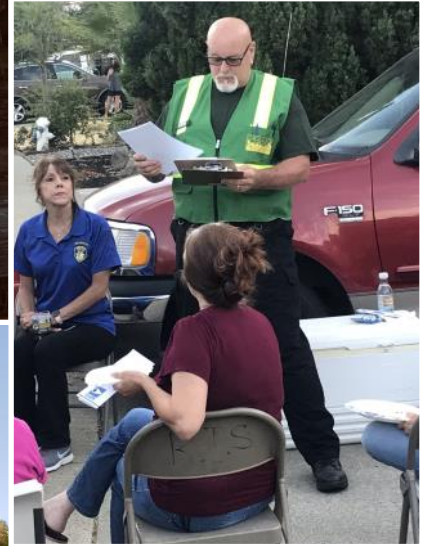
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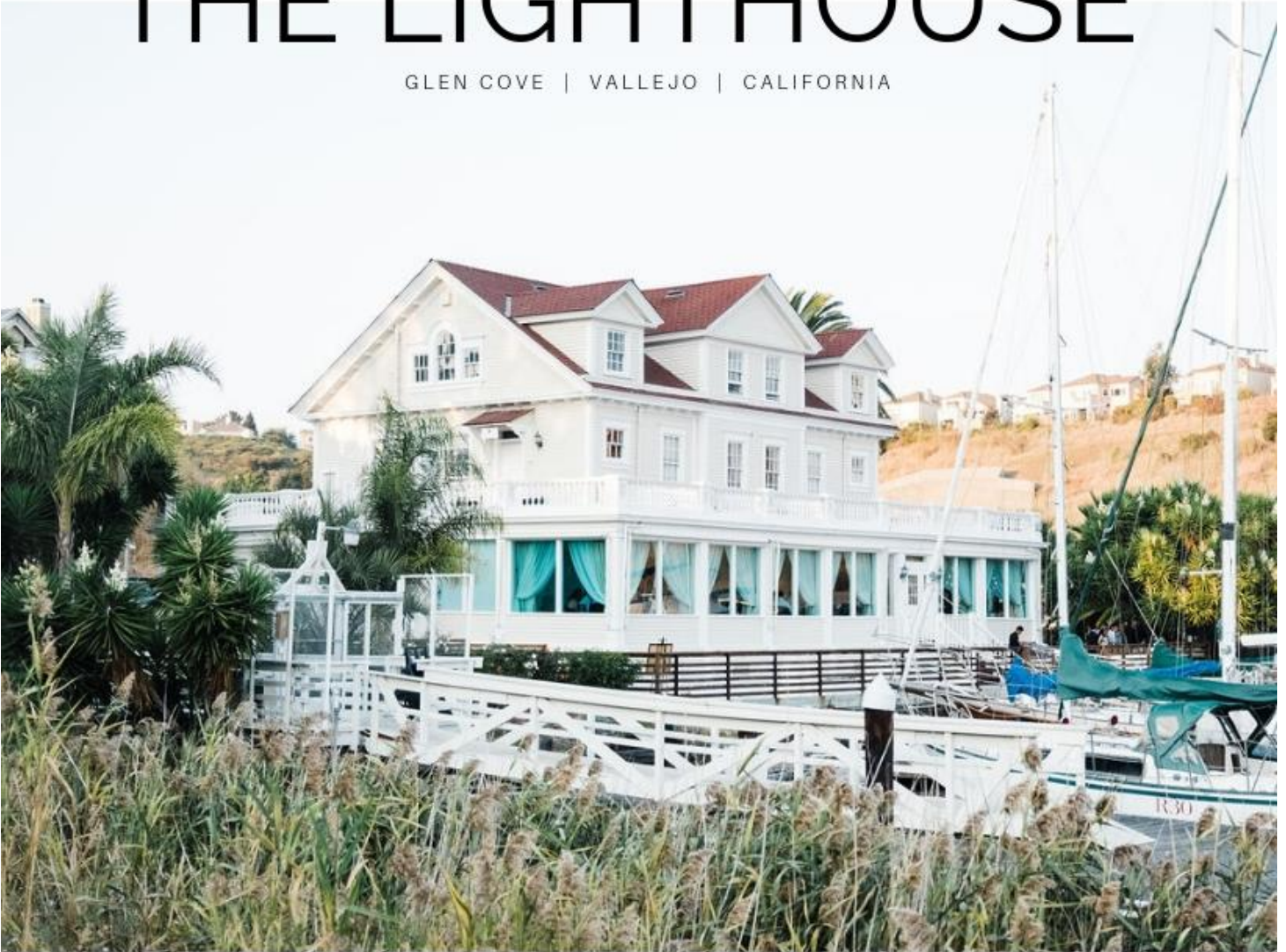
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Over 1,000,000 people around the world have been trained in ["Stop The Bleed"](#) but there are surprisingly few classes taking place in California. **The Glen Cove Community Association (GCCA) wants to offer this training at no charge to GCCA members and their families. We can be prepared to save a family member, a friend or a complete stranger.**



Christine Williams, RN and Trauma Prevention Coordinator at Sutter Modesto, has been teaching the "Stop The Bleed" program to first responders and civilians for several years. Christine and her team of RN volunteers drove to Vallejo on September 14 and trained 25 GCCA Board members and guests at the Sutter Solano Medical Center on Hospital Drive in Vallejo.



Louise Puleo is the health educator at Sutter Solano in Vallejo. Louise cleared the way for the Glen Cove Community Association to have "Stop The Bleed" training meetings at Sutter Solano on Saturdays. Nice meeting rooms and plenty of free parking!

Christine's class takes about 1 ½ hours. An instructor typically works with a group of 8-10 people. Christine puts her audience at ease and shows a short slide presentation. Participants then receive hands-on practice using artificial limbs to simulate deep cuts, and learn how to properly attach a tourniquet. You walk out of the class feeling you can help someone stay alive until a first responder arrives.

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GCCA Board Members Participate in “Stop the Bleed”



We will begin organizing classes for [Glen Cove Community Association](#) members.

- For GCCA members interested in taking a “Stop The Bleed” class, please email Neal Zimmerman at nzimmerman51@hotmail.com.
- We are actively seeking First Responder volunteers to teach future “Stop The Bleed” classes.
- If you are a current or retired First Responder and interested in volunteering to lead a “Stop The Bleed” class, please email Neal Zimmerman at nzimmerman51@hotmail.com.

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Merging Traffic Poles

Have you noticed the new plastic 'traffic poles' that have been installed where the eastbound 780 exit lane merges with Glen Cove Road? For a long time poles were there to help traffic safely merge. Over the years some of the poles were broken and others just disappeared until finally they were all gone.

Members of Glen Cove Community Association (GCCCA) were concerned about this safety issue and started working to replace the poles well over a year ago. The GCCA Traffic Committee began by contacting the City of Vallejo Public Works Department and Cal Trans. They also contacted representatives of Congressman Mike Thompson and State Senator Bill Dodd. Just recently the new poles were installed.



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Person of Interest: Monique Louvigny

Monique Yvonne Louvigny is our Person of Interest for our Fall Newsletter. She is a most fascinating person! She has traveled to 65+ countries, speaks French, has traveled to China 16 times and can speak enough Mandarin to get around a farmer's market!

Monique has lived in Glen Cove for 30 years, having moved here the summer of 1989. She was attracted to Glen Cove by its location, being centrally located in the Bay Area between San Francisco (where she was born), the Peninsula (where she grew up), and Sacramento (where her parents lived then). The serene peaceful water views from her townhouse and the proximity to nature, with the surrounding green open spaces, and the nearby places to walk to are all things that attracted her.

She recently moved her parents here to an independent living retirement home so she can be more closely involved in their caretaking. Monique's parents are originally from France and she says there is quite an

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active community of French immigrants living here in the Bay Area.

Monique got started on her travel & event planning career when she decided to attend a SF based tour guide school (Internal Tour Management Institute) after she graduated from Oregon State University. Currently, she is employed as a freelance event coordinator in SF where she is the main contact for clients at 3 different museums (de Young Museum, Legion of Honor, and the Academy of Sciences) plus the cruise terminal (Pier 27).

She feels very fortunate that her worldwide career provided such exciting opportunities to produce events in Paris, Monaco, Athens, Istanbul, Bermuda, Whistler, NYC, Miami, Macau, Beijing and the Orient Express Trains in SE Asia and Europe.

One of her most favorite places was Bali while both Bora Bora and Fiji were close runner-ups!

Monique has found more time to volunteer locally now that she is freelancing these past 3 years. She is an active member of Cultivate Community Food Co-op which will be Solano County's first member-owned grocery store. The Vallejo Chapter of Soroptimist International is a women's service organization that encourages young women and girls empowerment through education. Her chapter recently raised over \$80,000 for scholarships at their winemaker dinner and auction at Zio Fraedo's restaurant.

She also completed the CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) training a few years back. CERT is sponsored by the Vallejo Fire Department and was formed to help train and prepare citizens for any type of disaster and to be a support to first responders. Due to the expected delay in emergency services to the Glen



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Monique enjoys the diversity in our area and having meals at the various restaurants. One unique restaurant/caterer is called V-Town Provisions, located in our downtown area, near the Empress Theater. Their monthly themed dinners are always a good time with over 100 guests and they now offer weekly Friday Night Supper Club as well as Wednesday Wine Tastings.

She loves living in our unique neighborhood and hopes the Fire Department moves back to Glen Cove, response time is a concern. She also is concerned about the amount of car break-ins and the “porch pirates”. Security devices such as outdoor lights and cameras are good ideas. Getting to know your neighbors, walking around your neighborhood frequently, and being aware of your surroundings are easy ways build community, Monique believes and helps keep our neighborhood safe for us all.

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Proposed Parkway Trees

In the previous Glen Cove Newsletter the issue of the diseased London Plane trees growing along the parkway was discussed. On a recent trip to Napa Valley I observed many of these trees that looked very healthy. Clearly, as mentioned in the earlier article these trees can thrive under the correct conditions. Unfortunately, the parkway with the dampness due to its proximity to the Carquinez Strait is not one of those places. Members of the Glen Cove Community Association (GCCA) Landscape Maintenance Committee have proposed different trees as the parkway landscaping is upgraded during the coming years. In fact, the first phase (Robles to New Bedford) should go out to bid during the fall.

One tree that is currently thriving along the parkway is Crape Myrtle (Crapemyrtle according to Wikipedia) with botanical name *Lagerstroemia X 'Tuscarora'* which is native to China. There are three of them growing in the median strip immediately before the New Bedford intersection. At the time of this writing they were in bloom with beautiful coral pink flowers. These trees are a good choice for the parkway as they grow slowly and are not overly large (up to 30 feet tall) and provide color from July through September. They are hardy and can survive temperatures down to zero degrees Fahrenheit. They are deciduous so they will lose their leaves in winter.

A second tree that is in the current plans is the Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia Chinensis*), native to a large country in Asia with a famous wall. This tree has a medium growth rate and can reach a height of 60 feet. It is a beautiful tree and is well suited to the parkway environment. It is also deciduous with bronze leaves emerging in spring, medium green leaves in summer, and its vibrant fall foliage is yellow and red. It is also hardy down to zero degrees. One can view these trees growing happily in the parking lot of Glen Cove Elementary School.

We have proposed that the New Zealand Christmas Tree be included in the parkway design. This beautiful, evergreen tree whose botanical name is *Metrosideros Excelsa* also has common names Pohutukawa and iron tree. I first viewed it in its native country and was blown away by its red flowers and their similarity to those of the Bottle Brush (*Callistemon Viminalis*) whose cylindrical brush like flowers resemble the narrow brushes used to wash bottles. The most obvious part of the flower is the stamen with its long, red, narrow filaments. The flower similarities between the Pohutukawa and bottle brush may reflect their being in the same plant family: Myrtaceae. In the northern hemisphere the New Zealand Christmas Tree blooms in June. If you wish to see the tree, there are several growing along Mare Island Way near the Vallejo Yacht Club.

The Strawberry Madrone (*Arbutus Marina*) is a relatively small, beautiful tree that is indigenous to the Mediterranean region of Europe and northern Africa. We have recommended that this hybrid with striking orange-red, flaking bark be planted in the parkway median strip. It is slow-growing, evergreen, and may reach a height of 30 feet. Its lovely green leaves provide a nice contrast to the colorful bark. Throughout the year it sports whitish pink flowers and edible red fruit. These striking trees may be viewed along Mare Island Way by the Front Room restaurant parking lot.

We believe that these four choices provide a nice balance between deciduous and evergreen trees. We also think that they provide excellent variety and will improve the look of the parkway for years to come.

Ward Stewart
UC Master Gardener-Solano



Crape Myrtle



Chinese Pistache Tree



New Zealand X-mas



Arbutus Marina

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- Cell Phone Emergency..... 552-3285
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Landscape Inspector 648-5279
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Illegal Garbage Dumping 648-4556

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Dead Animal Removal 552-3110
After Hours..... 552-0221
Dead Animal Removal, Cal-Trans 428-2031
Glen Cove School..... 556-8491
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(property owner Name/Address Info.)
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7/01/19-10/02/19

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Dowling, Diana	Kish, Oliver & Ashley	Phillips-Evans, Gladys	Zimmerman, Neal & Monica
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Call Ward at 707-853-4510

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Rainbow over Glen Cove Marina
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