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# Letter from the President

By Joseph A. Hayden

**Hi neighbors! Please save the date!** GCCA is planning to have our **Autumn Community Meeting** on **Wednesday, Nov 16** at Glen Cove Elementary. There will be email blasts and every Glen Cove address will receive a physical postcard with details. If you aren't already on the GCCA email list, please subscribe for free on the left hand side of any page at <u>GlenCoveVallejo.com</u> (check out the <u>2022 National Night Out Gallery</u> we just added too). The last community meeting GCCA had in June focused on an Evacuation Plan was very well-attended. Our topics this time will include the landscaping maintenance (LMD) project on Glen Cove Parkway and road safety, particularly with the cross-walks, intersections and areas around Glen Cove Elementary during drop-off and pick-up times.



On LMD, GCCA has a terrific committee full of enthusiasm working with the City of Vallejo. In fact, a city official has confirmed he will be speaking about it at our meeting, so he can take questions. The committee does feel like we're now being listened to when advocating for the rights of our neighbors. Tax assessments for this LMD district incentivizes our volunteer GCCA board to make sure we get our money's worth. While we are happy the new monument is up, there is still some frustration that the monument is not illuminated at night, nor covered with plants as is planned in the completion phase. I'm told that the electricity to the traffic island is yet to be laid, so there may be some inconvenience when that occurs. Eventually we'll have a monument that is legible all day and brightly visible at night to give us even more pride for where we live.

Many may be aware of the road safety issues that we've talked about in these newsletters in the past. GCCA Vice President Ralph Mariscal discusses that again in this newsletter, particularly around the pick-up and drop-off at Glen Cove Elementary. At our Board meetings GCCA continues to communicate with the principal and PTA to make sure that children are as safe as possible. We have asked them to communicate best practices for driving down the parkway with their newsletters to the parents, and we are going to be available for using our email blasts and newsletter to communicate their desires for how to make everything safer. We're hoping that we can send an email blast about their upcoming Halloween event hosted at the elementary school, so stay tuned for details on that! Vetted crossing guards and other positions, including substitute teachers, are definitely still in demand, as GCCA Board member John Fox mentions in an article that restates the need from earlier this year. Please consider making yourself available for your community school if you can. continued from page 1...

We know that Code Enforcement is also important to our neighbors here in Glen Cove. I've mentioned before that I row with the <u>Solano Rowing Club</u> (SRC) whale boat team based here in the Glen Cove Marina with another GCCA Board member. Early one morning after rowing from Glen Cove to Benicia, I returned to Glen Cove off of I-780 to see the sign going

toward downtown knocked over and tilting. I imagine

a large vehicle knocked it over on one side. When I got home I took a still photo from my dashcam (see picture) and put it up on <u>Seeclickfix.com</u>. Working remotely from home I drive far less than I used to before Covid, so it was serendipitous later that week when I happened to be driving by again and I saw them actually repairing it. It was comforting to witness that sometimes that site gets things done quickly. I did point out in my <u>Seeclickfix</u> listing that this could be a potential



danger if it was to fall on a vehicle, so perhaps that got someone's attention. It's not clear to me if it was fixed by the City of Vallejo or CalTrans, but I was happy to see there was no passing of the buck this time. I also saw that others had reported the same sign, so I can't take credit for it getting done. Still, I think it's better to over-report, even with other types of issues. When Code Enforcement sees a wave of enthusiasm for improving our neighborhoods, we are sure it makes an impression. I hope this encourages neighbors to use the site robustly. We know Code Enforcement takes the queue seriously. They met with GCCA late last year to advise us on how their process works. Some of you may have seen that live-streamed on Zoom. As you can imagine, though, and as they mentioned at the time, they are understaffed, as many departments are in our city, as well as many other jurisdictions. Make sure to check out the <u>City of Vallejo's website for job postings</u> if you're looking for employment!

Our featured article this issue is from GCCA Board member Kathryn Marrocchino. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with her pet hospice organization. It was through this that Kathryn and I found we had a LOT of common interests, not to mention we both happen to speak Italian. I so appreciate that Glen Cove is full of animal lovers based on what I see it on social media regularly. Toward that end, besides the GCCA mailing list I mentioned, I encourage you to subscribe the <u>Humane Society of the North Bay</u>. I have mentioned before that I also volunteer on that Board. One way to subscribe is to make a donation at <u>hsnb.org/donate</u>, but to stay in the loop at no cost, especially with impending notifications about the City of Vallejo Participatory Budgeting distributions for low-cost spay/neuter, one can always email me and ask to be subscribed directly at jhayden@glencovevallejo.com.

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Humane Society of the North Bay does a lot for Vallejo, saving the city money that it would otherwise have to expend to Solano County's Fairfield shelter. HSNB returns lost animals to owners, microchips at low-cost on site, adopts out cats and dogs, and also in helping to control the exploding cat population by working with rescues and Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) programs. HSNB is currently fundraising to rebuild the clinic they once had on premises to do spay-neuters, as they had done prior to Covid. You'll see yours truly tabling at many events in the area,

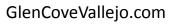


including the Vallejo Farmers' Market, looking for donors, volunteers, fosters and adopters ultimately.

We're always looking for dog walking volunteers in particular, as the dogs need to get out of their kennels for exercise daily, and that's a 365-day a year job!

The volunteers and sustaining donors of HSNB really are the lifeblood of the organization. Also consider HSNB in your planned giving! Lastly, I do want to plug that there will be an online auction coming up in December at their website at <u>HSNB.org</u>, so stay tuned for that!

Have a great holiday season everyone!





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# **Glen Cove School Traffic Problems**

By Ralph Mariscal

As school has started, please be aware that there are many more cars on the parkway coming and going.

Coming down to the school in the morning or afternoon has caused many accidents due to people speeding and cars stopped trying to enter the school. If you are not stopping at the school, please try to stay in the **Left Lane**. You will encounter cars stopped in the right lane as they wait to enter the school.

Please do not double park at the bus stop in front of the school. That is not an area for pickup. Below are a few suggestions for the safety of all:

### Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road



School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

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# If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- · Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- · Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

# Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- · Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- · Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- · Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

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# Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all fifty states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.



- Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if you're on an undivided road if it is stopped to load or unload children
- · If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area ten feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus





# Be alert!

Children often are unpredictable and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.



On most roads, <u>bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities</u> <u>as vehicles</u>, but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

 $\cdot$  When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave three feet between your car and the cyclist

 $\cdot$  When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass

 $\cdot$  If you're turning right and a bicyclists is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals



- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this
- · Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- · Check side mirrors before opening your door

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

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# Lighting of the Night

by Kathy McKinney-Tovar

Glen Cove neighbors on Clearview and Breezewalk Drives are organizing an event for early December named *Lighting of the Night* (LOTN). Participating residents will place luminarias made of white paper bags, candles, and sand on the sidewalks in front of their homes.

LOTN is a non-religious event with the following goals:

- Develop a spirit of community involvement and camaraderie
- Promote a safer neighborhood by helping neighbors get to know each other
- Set a positive example for the kids
- Donate any profits from the event to a worthy cause ·



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This event will be held on Saturday, December 10, with an alternate date of December 17, if it is

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# **Glen Cove Gardens On The Tour**

#### by Ward Stewart

The Vallejo Garden Tour is a fundraiser for the <u>Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum</u> located downtown on Marin Street. The Museum is a great resource for learning about the fascinating history of the City of Vallejo and Mare Island Naval Shipyard. The Tour takes place the Sunday after Mother's Day each year. This past May, three beautiful Glen Cove yards were featured.

The gorgeous yard of Estrella and Arturo Doria on Wellfleet Drive in the Highlands was a big hit with garden visitors. The Dorias purchased their home in 1987 at which time the backyard was filled with

weeds, ivy, and blackberries and was devoid of shade.

Over the years they purchased trees, shrubs, and flowers in order to transform their outdoor space. The Dorias learned about the Garden Tour via an advertisement in the Grapevine and went as observers in 2021. Having viewed the pretty yards, they decided that, with some work, their yard would be of Garden Tour caliber.

According to Arturo, Estrella is the gardener in the family while he is more than willing to do the heavy lifting and digging. Their backyard looks as if it were designed by a landscape architect although, in truth, Estrella is the brains behind the plan. She has always loved the serenity and simplicity of Japanese gardens.

She imagined how her yard could be transformed into a quiet place for meditation and peace. It finally became their Zen sanctuary.



The couple admitted that they did a lot of work in preparation for the Tour. They rebuilt their wooden deck, replaced the lawn with artificial turf, and purchased many new plants. The view of their backyard from the new deck is spectacular. In addition to their own trees and shrubs, the view is topped by huge eucalyptus trees growing in the open space behind their property. One visitor said that it was reminiscent of the gardens of the Versailles Palace outside Paris.

The Dorias enjoyed the visits of over 200 people to their garden on the day of the Tour. They were assisted by two Master Gardeners who helped identify plants prior to the Tour and were on hand the day of the Tour to answer questions. As relatively private people, participating in the Garden Tour changed their normal routine and opened them up to chatting with many fellow plant lovers. For the Dorias, the tour was an excellent experience! continued from page 15...

Next door neighbors, Melecio and Lorna Nera, are also plant lovers. With some gentle prodding from the Dorias, the Neras agreed to join them on the Tour.

What originally drew the Neras to their house over thirty years ago were the spacious front and backyards. The first thing that is apparent when visiting their front yard is the topiary. Melecio has the skills to sculpt plants into the shapes of various animals or objects. By means of cutting and wiring he has created a sea



turtle, dragon, dolphin, peacock, swan, pelican., and more. His bonsai skills were put to good use in creating this botanical menagerie. Like the Doria's yard, the Nera's front yard has the feel of a Japanese Zen garden.

The backyard has ample space for a variety of plants including succulents and orchids. They have a trail that goes up the slope past fruit trees such as lemons, oranges, apples, and persimmons. The Neras are avid fruit eaters who enjoy the fresh produce grown in their backyard. Especially noteworthy are the Dragon Fruit plants that appear to thrive under their care. Melecio mentioned that when they are in bloom he goes out at night to pollinate the flowers with a small brush he purchased at the 99 Cent Store.

The Neras' backyard also includes a shed and spa constructed by Melecio and his brothers. In addition, there is a clothesline for drying laundry the old school way. Having grown up in the Philippines with no dryer, this was the way that clothes were dried.

Maria and Robert DaPrato have lived in the Lighthouse section of Glen Cove on North Regatta Drive for over 20 years. In the Garden Tour booklet that each visitor receives, they wrote that the theme for their yard is "respect, recycle, and enjoy the environment." They kept these concepts in mind as they developed their yard.

Maria and Robert are not the first owners of their home and appreciate the fact that their backyard consists of a deck from which fantastic views of Benicia State Park, Mount Diablo, and more can be seen. On the deck are planter boxes containing a variety of vegetables including zucchini, tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers. The backyard is a quiet place where the views and vegetation can be enjoyed.

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When the house was purchased there was a lawn in the front yard, plus an ailing city tree. Eventually the lawn and tree were removed and a new plan for the space was created by one of Robert's Solano Community College colleagues, horticulture instructor, Ken Williams. They chose plants that required much less water and created an interesting mix for neighbors and friends to enjoy. Among the plants are a Colorado Blue Spruce, Japanese Red Maple, camellia, and orchids. The centerpiece of the front yard is a large metal sculpture that creates a striking contrast with the vegetation.

On the day of the Tour, hundreds of visitors came through their yard. They met many interesting people including former students, sailboating friends, and former marine acquaintances.

There are some commonalities among the people who volunteer their yards for the Garden Tour. They are,

first and foremost, plant lovers who enjoy sharing their plants and ideas with others. They are willing to plan and do the work necessary to turn their yards into beautiful stops on the Tour. They all enjoyed their interactions with the positive Tour visitors who asked questions and took away ideas for their own yards. They all are happy to support the Vallejo Naval Museum by participating in this fundraiser. Finally, they were all happy to show off their yards to illustrate just how beautiful many parts of Vallejo are.

At present, we are preparing for the



2023 Tour and are seeking a couple more beautiful yards. If you wish to have your yard taken into consideration for either the 2023 or 2024 tour or you know of someone else who might, please contact Ward Stewart at 707-853-4510.

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# *The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets:* Helping People Helping Animals at End of Life

Recently, I was asked by my good friend and GCCA president—Joseph Hayden—to share with our Glen Cove community what <u>The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets</u>, our 501(C)(3) non-profit organization, does on a daily basis, and I happily agreed to do so. For many, the very existence of our agency may come as somewhat of a surprise; after all, it isn't easy to talk about death and dying—and

by extension, hospice—and when it comes to an animal welfare entity that promotes, advocates for and facilitates such specialized care for companion animals who are nearing the end of life, eyebrows are often raised in amazement. We are, perhaps, one of Vallejo's best-kept secrets, although the entire country knows us quite well by now since we have been featured in countless Bay



Area newspaper articles and national animal publications for years. This is the first time after the pandemic, however, that we have been asked to reach out specifically to the Glen Cove community



and since our corporate headquarters are here, it only stands to reason that we should introduce ourselves anew to as many local people as possible, while simultaneously re-acquainting ourselves with all our good neighbors. After all, we have lived in idyllic Glen Cove since 1988 and still lovingly call it home. For anyone who has had a human family member in comfort care, the concept of "animal hospice" will probably make a great deal of sense, especially since it is modeled on the same guiding principles. Indeed, The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets was founded in 1998 (our official year of incorporation) after a tragic end-of-life experience with our 13-year-old tabby Nikki in 1996 led my husband Gianfranco and I

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to realize the vital importance of being able to provide a viable yet compassionate option for an animal's end-of-life journey that didn't lead straight to euthanasia after a terminal diagnosis. Sadly, everything we had encountered up to that point left animal caregivers with little to no options—it was either aggressive (and often expensive, largely futile or painful) treatments or simply euthanasia.

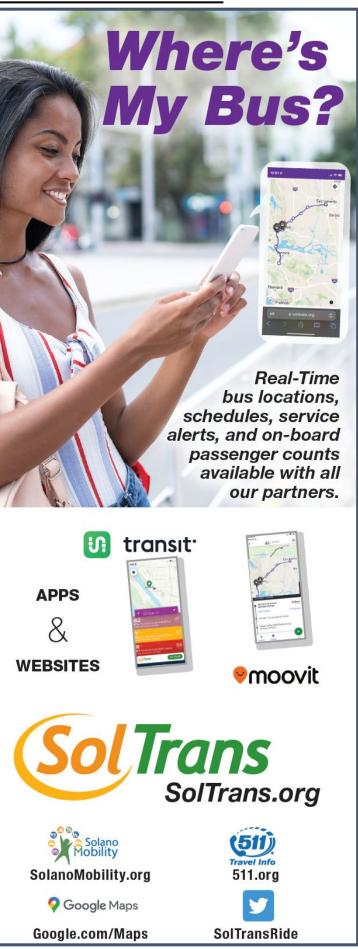
Caregivers had little say in the matter and often felt (as we did at the time) that they were being subtly coerced (and sometimes shamed) into choosing either one or the other. There was no middle ground to speak of—and nothing remotely similar to what we had for humans.



# Something needed to change—and we were going to ensure that it did.

Fortunately, although it took all of 10 years to even begin affecting a paradigm shift, we had the privilege of sponsoring no less than three international symposia on the topic at the UC Davis Veterinary School of Medicine between

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2008 and 2012, and it became very apparent from the beginning that not only was the animal-loving public clamoring for this option, but compassionate avant-garde veterinarians who understood the principles behind human hospice care were also very eager to see it succeed. After years of publicizing our efforts, meeting with the media, speaking at conferences, being hosted on both television and radio shows, and ensuring that the



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cathy@glencoveseniorliving.com www.glencoveseniorliving.com/welcomehome 140 Glen Cove Marina Rd., Vallejo License # 486803921 concept was kept at the forefront of veterinary medicine through our articles and promotional materials, our efforts finally paid off. Animal hospice is now becoming a household word and increasing numbers of caregivers are reaching out to us for assistance and guidance as they learn to empower themselves in making the best decisions possible when it comes to end-of-life care for their beloved animals. It is not a coincidence that our mission statement describes the organization as,

"Promoting the right to make personal choices concerning a terminally ill companion animal, maximizing quality of life and informing the veterinary community and the public about the value of hospice care."

Working assiduously with both local veterinarians and animal health care practitioners across the country, The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets has managed to create a national network that helps caregivers find suitable hospice or palliative care experts who can come to a client's home and provide companion animals with the best end-of-life options available. Most importantly, our hospice veterinarians are willing to work with family members on their own terms, never judging or imposing their will but always respectful of the needs of the caregivers as well as those of the animal.

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The secret to good comfort care is, ultimately, adequate pain management, and our animal hospice practitioners are very skilled in this area. They also deeply recognize the importance of the human-animal bond and are quick to acknowledge that both animal and caregiver are part of



the overall equation. What we have all learned from this inspiring "heart-work" is that when caregivers are allowed, without prejudice, to make the end-of-life decisions they deem best for their animal companions but with a better understanding of what the dying process entails, they can acknowledge and honor the animal's will to live while choosing the "path of least regrets." The animal hospice experience, at that point, often becomes a sacred journey and a memorable event.

The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets is proud to have played a significant role in launching the animal hospice movement in this country and to this day, it continues to provide hospice consultations for any caregiver who is seeking guidance in making an end-of-life decision for a

beloved animal. For those who have already lost a companion, furthermore, it also offers pet loss support through our national telephone helpline. Not a day goes by without a call from someone, either in the US or abroad, who needs comfort, compassion or caring—and we are here to listen, to guide, to advise, and to help in whatever way we can. To clarify, we are not a physical place where people can bring their animals for treatment or to re-home them if they are elderly, ailing, or have been abandoned.

Rather, our primary objectives are to act as: 1) a clearinghouse for animal hospice and after-death care information;

2) an international referral service for caregivers seeking home hospice care for their animals; and

3) a free-of-charge pet loss support call center for those grieving the loss of a beloved animal.

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As such, we are not "open to the public" in the real sense of the word, but we do operate on a daily basis, exclusively by telephone or, if requested, via a Zoom session. We can easily be reached at (707) 557-8595 and try to answer all calls within 24 hours, unless we are in the midst of a medical emergency with one of our own animals (we do also care for an elderly colony of community cats) or teaching an online class. Although we plan on completing a major overhaul of our current website during the summer of 2023, you can still visit us online for now at <u>Pethospice.org</u>.

The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets has also been quite fortunate in having been able to collaborate with countless organizations that have been at the forefront of hospice care or that have the welfare and well-being of animals at their very core. Since 2006 we have been associate members of The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO)—and to date, we are the only animal organization to have ever been invited to join. For years, moreover, we have partnered with Vallejo's <u>Humane Society of the North Bay</u> in holding our annual Pet Remembrance Candle Lighting—which will more than likely be held virtually next year on Zoom, with the expert assistance of GCCA president Joseph Hayden.

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As members of the Contra Costa Crisis Center, we have also made ourselves available to people experiencing great distress over the traumatic loss of an animal, and we continue to work closely with the United Way of the Bay Area, who have welcomed us into their charitable giving campaigns for years. Like many other non-profits, The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets has survived for over two decades exclusively through public donations. All our services (with the exception of our Animal Hospice Group online certification courses, as explained below) are completely free of charge and represent our way of giving back to the community,

but we are always in need of funding to support our programs, cover our operating expenses, and finance the pet loss support resources we consistently provide to the public. We never actively solicit donations, but we deeply appreciate the gracious generosity of our supporters and of those who have benefited from our assistance.

Through the years, we have also been involved in a number of group initiatives, and as we move into a post-COVID future, we hope to



become involved in many more. In 2018, we partnered with BrightHaven and Spirits in Transition to form the <u>GRACE Animal Hospice Consortium</u> and more recently, we co-founded (alongside BrightHaven, AHELP, and Compassionate Pets), the <u>Animal Hospice Group</u>. While the former provides a wealth of information to animal caregivers who want to learn more about the concept of true animal hospice and hospice-supported natural death (HSND), the latter offers the nation's first certification program in animal hospice and palliative care (CAHPC) for non-veterinary professionals and the public at large.

Before the end of next year, our Animal Hospice Group also plans to launch the first-ever Animal Hospice Helpline, operated by our student interns as they work toward their certification. This will be the culmination of a dream we have shared for the past 25 years and will gradually allow us to help far more caregivers, as they reach out for assistance in "companioning" their animals during the end-of-life journey.

We encourage you to peruse all these sites in order to explore this new and revolutionary concept, all the while keeping in mind that our main goal is to help people help their animals.

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Hospice for humans has come a long way over the past fifty years, and we feel that our animals deserve just as much. For those who consider their companion animals members of the family, hospice and palliative care can be the best choice when you find yourself having

to navigate a terminal diagnosis and comfortably at home, assisted by gently help you explore all your while providing you with the management, psychosocial guidance that both you and end of life.

Please call us if you more about our programs, discuss end-of-life options companion, if you are veterinarian in your need to share your grief over animal friend. hope to keep your animal an interdisciplinary team that can available options—all the time, expertise, pain counseling and spiritual your animal will need at

> would like to know if you wish to for an animal seeking a hospice immediate area, or if you the loss of a beloved

We are here for you, and we are here for your animals.

Kathryn D. Marocchino, PhD Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement President and Founder, The Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets Professor, Department of Culture and Communication, CSU Maritime GCCA Development Representative, Olde Towne I

### Jobs Available at Glen Cove Elementary School

by John Fox

The Vallejo City Unified School District/VCUSD is looking for substitute teachers and Noon Duty Supervisors. Applications are done through the school district's website on <u>EdJoin</u>. Once you apply you can specify to work at the Glen Cove Elementary Site, if you wish. When on the school district's website click on "Employment" then on "Job Opportunities".

#### **Qualifications:**

For **Substitutes**, applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree, cleared Fingerprints (Human Resources/HR will assist at the school district office) and a clear Tuberculosis/TB test. To apply go online (Position is posted on Edjoin all year).

For **Noon Duty Supervisor**, applicants must have a resume, cleared Fingerprints (Human Resources/HR will assist at the school district office) and HS Diploma. To apply go online (Positions is posted on Edjoin all year). They should also check with the Principal at the site in which they wish to work, to make sure there is an opening. Glen Cove Elementary School phone # 707-556-8491.

#### **Pay Rate:**

Sub Teacher - Day to Day - \$185/day Long term and Dedicated Sub - \$195/day Teacher Retirees- \$230.00/day Sub Noon Duty - \$15/hr.

Information provided by **John Fox**, Vallejo City Unified School District Trustee/Glen Cove resident and GCCA Board Member.

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She moved to San Francisco in 2000 and had a variety of interesting jobs, often in catering operations that developed a wealth of experience for event planning. She engaged in film and art center activities for the past six to seven years before interviewing with the award-winning developers of The Lighthouse and Glen Cove Marina.

Facility Operations (offices) and Backlot Operations

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# Maggie Making Magical Moments At The Lighthouse

By Neal Zimmerman, Harbour Towne Community Representative

I have found that Glen Cove has many interesting people living here and I have enjoyed writing about them. But there are also interesting people who come to Glen Cove to work. One of them is The Lighthouse's general manager, Maggie Panontin Young.

Maggie grew up in Chicago, her father a nuclear chemist and her mother in the healthcare industry, but Maggie's interests went in a different direction. She pursued degrees in graphic design and communications. These skills identify a process, determine a goal, and prompt a "form versus function" approach to achieving her goals. She uses these disciplines to work backwards in helping a client plan *their* special event.

But most memory-making events need more than solutions to problems. They need fun and excitement too. Maggie moved to Southern California and her early work history included stints at movie theatres and restaurants before landing a position as a "Page" at Paramount Pictures. She spent ten years in Paramount's

...most memory-making events need more than solutions to problems. They need fun and excitement too.

The Lighthouse, located at the water's edge of Glen Cove Marina Road, is a gem many call the North Bay's most unique event center. Maggie noted, "The Lighthouse is the only waterfront venue in Napa, Solano, or Sonoma counties. Water has an amazing tropical, almost magical effect.



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Despite the pandemic, Nima was adamant about keeping The Lighthouse and it's one a of kind landscaping, up to date. As general manager, Maggie wrestled with the thorny challenges of re-booking events and making clients happy. Some challenges cannot be predicted, such as the massive rainstorm last October during a Celebration of Life event. A small leak threatened the day, but Maggie's team quickly responded. The next day, the sun was shining and the happy client exclaimed, "You made it work!"

Clients often have specific requests about their event while others are anxious and pleased to receive the advice of an expert event manager like Maggie. Maggie builds in certain safeguards at the beginning that leads to successful events. As someone who lives close to The Lighthouse, I appreciate the attention Maggie includes as a good neighbor.



The Lighthouse continues to increase in popularity. Call Maggie and talk about dates, preferred event planners, and creative ideas.

The Lighthouse is located at 2000 Glen Cove Marina Road. The phone number is (707) 704- 9014. The web address is <u>www.thelighthousegcm.com</u>.

Tours by appointment.



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