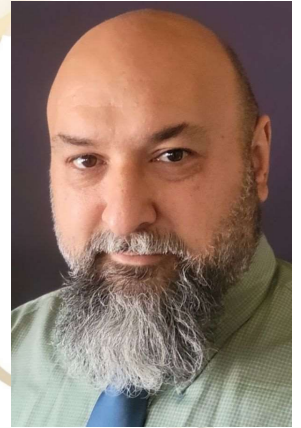


Letter from the President

By Joseph A. Hayden

Happy New Year to all of the residents of Glen Cove from the GCCA Board! It was quite a memorable holiday season! We had the last showing of the Taylor Christmas House, which made the local television news, as well as the papers, of course. Even before we knew that the Taylors would announce this would be their last year running their amazing setup, the Board had already decided to up the contribution that we usually make toward their electric bill by nearly double. I had the honor of presenting the check with a significant number of our Board present on one of the nicer nights without rain. Mr. Taylor handed me the microphone, as you can see in pictures and video on GlenCoveVallejo.com (including pictures on this newsletter). I thanked him and his wife for making our neighborhood all the more beautiful with the poignant tribute to the daughter lost years ago.



At least two developments also had a “Lighting of the Night” event that was (we believe) done for the first time in Glen Cove. I had participated in an event of this nature several years ago at my sister’s neighborhood in Granite Bay, so I was very pleased to hear that someone thought to have a (safe) version of the same event with battery powered candles in paper bags lining the streets.

Lastly, perhaps inspired by the Taylor house’s magnificence, we had a Christmas Light contest discussed this newsletter, with prizes going out to the houses that make great efforts to entertain the passersby with their holiday spirit and all the labor of love.

The GCCA board does feel like we accomplished a lot this past year with our advocacy for beautification of Glen Cove and the various safety issues including: evacuations in case of wild fires especially with AlertSolano.com, traffic around Glen Cove Elementary, especially when dismissal policies changed with Covid, stop sign and red light violations, etc. For the first time since Covid, we once again had traditional community meetings in-person, something we were previously reticent about due to the ongoing transmission. Our Autumn event, which focused on LMD and had a presentation from the Red Cross, had another good turnout at Glen Cove Elementary on November 16. Video and pictures of that event are also available at GlenCoveVallejo.com.

We even had a very appreciative taco truck available in the parking lot. After the meeting I stopped by to make sure they made their quota, and the smiles on their faces said it all. They were very happy with their placement in the parking lot and the amount of food they were able to provide to hungry attendees. Kudos to board member Adriana Fuentes for arranging that again. She's had two big hits both times we've had food trucks at these events. I cannot imagine having a community meeting without one now. The subject matter of the LMD with the City of Vallejo representatives there was very lively. Glen Cove residents were passionate about their neighborhood landscaping, and it was good to hear our involvement to this level. We were given details about the trenching that would need to be done to electrify our monument, so that it can eventually be illuminated at night. Some of us really wanted to know why it was too late to explore solar power for the monument, even at this late stage. The trenching did proceed and was hopefully sufficiently broadcast in advance between our email blasts and postings on social media. My understanding is that there was minimal disruption, and it was done quicker than they anticipated, without being complicated by the otherwise very welcome rain.

Some of you may have noticed our newsletter was available online in Google Slides, as well as in the "traditional" version in PDF. We will continue to use Google Slides as the format we generate the newsletter in, but because some of you expressed a preference for PDF versions, we will continue to make that version available simultaneously henceforth. Each time we issue the newsletter we'll send both links. The Google Slides template is best for us to efficiently generate the newsletter, and another advantage is that the hyperlinks inside our articles and even for our advertisers work when one reads the newsletter online (which most do). Keep in mind that years of our electronic newsletters are archived in PDF and are always available for free on our website GlenCoveVallejo.com.

Even with the plans that we already have, we like to hear from YOU about what you want. We're considering sending out a new survey since the last official one we sent out was five years ago. As always, we encourage you to email us at info@glencovevallejo.com.

Here are some Save-the-dates:

- January 21 Vallejo Watershed Alliance will be at Glen Cove Waterfront Park from 9am-noon planting native plants and cleaning up the shoreline.
- Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 6
- National Night out will be on Tuesday, August 1





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The Glen Cove Landscape Maintenance District

By Ward Stewart, Kristen Hannum Gregory, and James Sotiros

A Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) is a geographic area that has dedicated resources allocated to take care of landscaping within the bounds of the area. Glen Cove's LMD is quite large, including the land along the parkway, hillsides by streets off Shady Lane, areas along North and South Regatta Drives, Shadow Ridge Place, and many others. For Glen Cove to be more beautiful, the LMD areas must be well maintained and attractive.

When the Glen Cove neighborhood was planned in the 1970's a tax assessment was put in place to collect property tax revenue from Glen Cove homeowners to fund landscaping in our LMD. Tax revenues from this assessment go to the City of Vallejo (COV) that takes a percentage to cover its overhead and administrative costs. The remainder of the tax revenue is paid out monthly to the landscape contractor for ongoing maintenance while some is set aside for future needed renovation projects.

In the beginning, our LMD assessment was a fixed, flat rate with no inflation adjustments. Of course, with inflation and the associated rising prices, over the years the amount of money collected was not adequate to meet our landscaping needs, and our LMD began to be visibly neglected.

To solve this problem the GCCA Board worked with COV staff to hire an outside consulting firm. A ballot measure was proposed to make our tax assessment...

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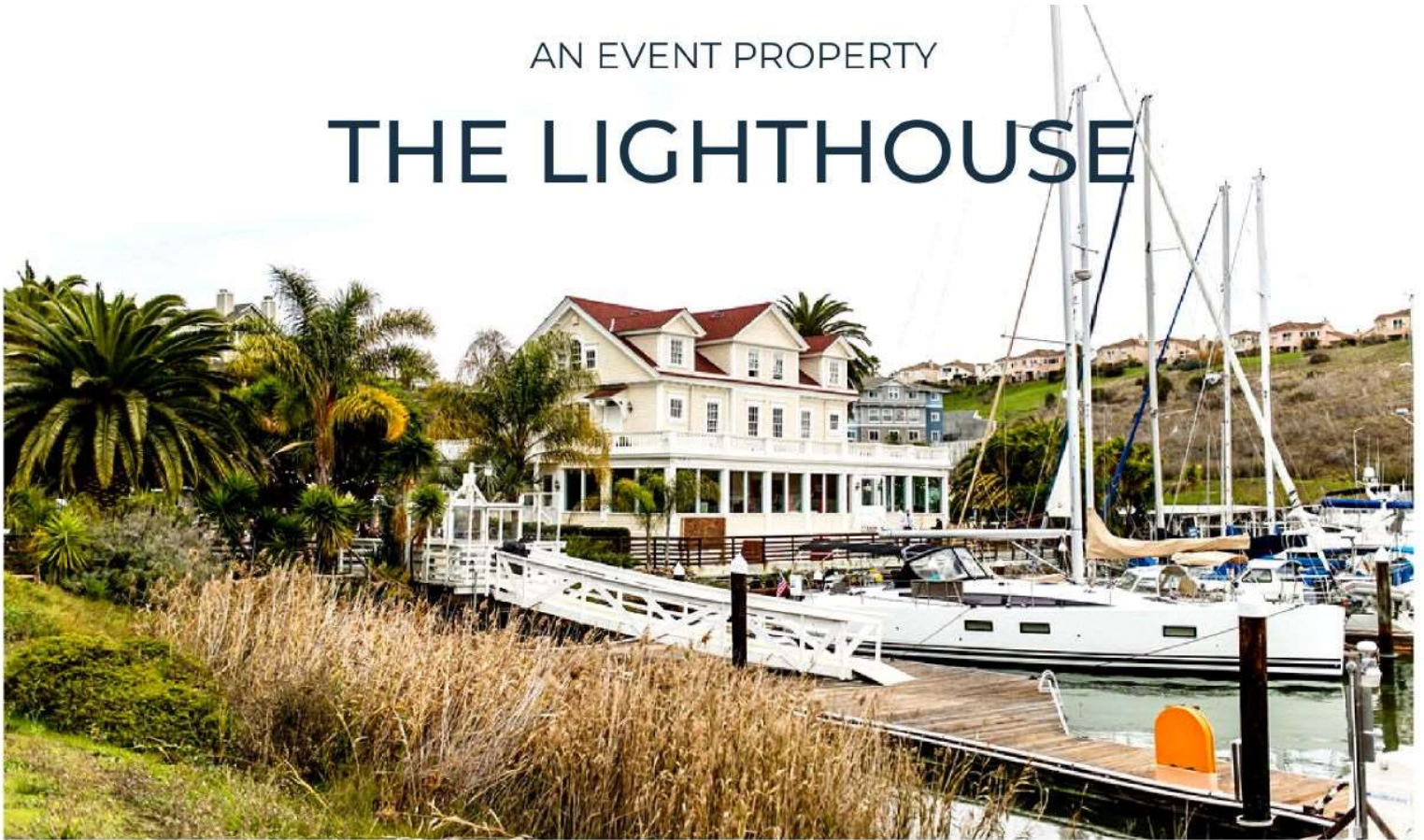
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grow incrementally with inflation to ensure that funding is adequate to actually maintain our landscaping. Glen Cove residents liked the plan, and this ballot measure was passed by their vote in 2015.

Unfortunately, prior to the passage of this assessment, our landscaping suffered from neglect due to underfunding. While work was begun to put it back in order, we have had a number of setbacks recently including years of drought, Covid, and general difficulties in hiring labor to get the work done.

The LMD is managed by COV staff who hire a landscape contractor to do the work. **The GCCA works with city staff to provide input on areas of need.** When a contract is about to expire or not be renewed, the COV sends out a request for proposals, receives and reviews bids, and hires the firm, often for three years. As time has passed there have been different COV staff and different GCCA volunteers who have represented residents' interests.



Dennis Albright was involved with the GCCA's efforts for many years to keep GC beautiful by expressing concerns to city staff and insisting upon action. continues on page 7...



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More recently, GCCA board members Kristen Hannum Gregory and James Sotiros joined Ward Stewart to energize the LMD Committee. **These three board members have been meeting as a committee to identify problems and prioritize issues. During the last few months the committee has also met with COV staff Jason Lacey, Landscape Maintenance Division Manager, and James Olson, Senior Landscape Inspector, to work collaboratively on issues.** The committee asked Jason and James to make a presentation at a community meeting, to which they readily agreed.

At the last GCCA Community Meeting held at the elementary school on November 16th, Jason started the session by stating that he and James were both born and raised in Vallejo and still live here, unlike many COV staff. He said they both love Vallejo and want only the best for it and its inhabitants. He continued by explaining the assessments mentioned above and the process for hiring contractors.

Jason stated that there are two contracts currently in effect: one is for the annual maintenance of the entire LMD area; the second is for the renovation that has been taking place along a stretch of the parkway starting at the Robles intersection. The entire renovation will be in several phases and will revamp the vegetation up to the end of the parkway.

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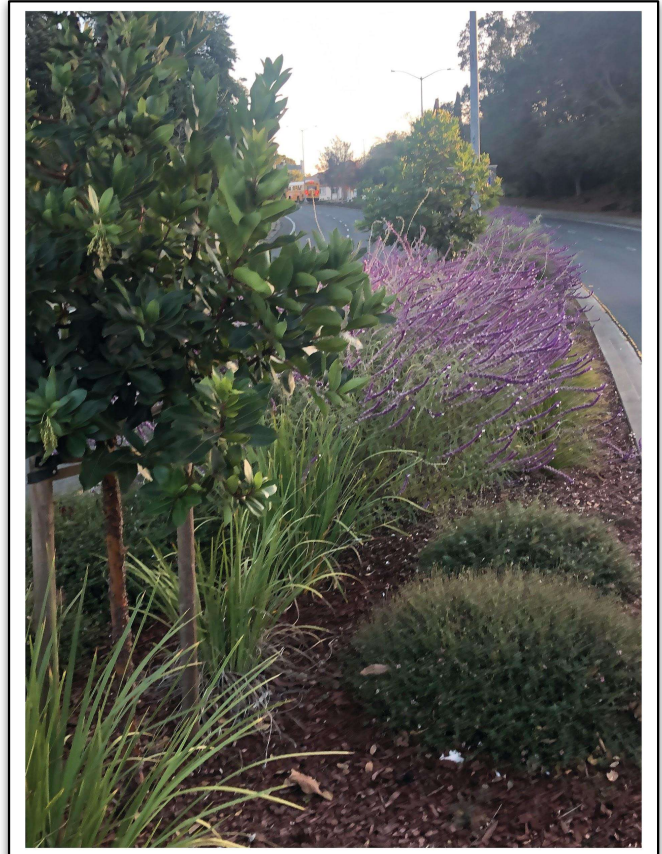
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A few years ago the company, BrightView, was chosen as low-bidder for both the maintenance and the renovation contracts. Jason expressed his frustration concerning working with BrightView, as they took what seemed like forever to complete some tasks and didn't satisfactorily complete others. In the most recent round of bidding for fiscal year 2022-23, the company New Image was hired to take care of the maintenance. Thus far (since July 1), New Image has been more responsive and has the vegetation looking better. BrightView is completing the last stages of the initial renovation contract. They recently trenched under the parkway (diverting traffic) in order to bring electricity to the new monument located in the median strip.

During the meeting, residents had the opportunity to ask questions. One issue was the trenching for power to the monument when solar might have been used. Jason answered that solar would have been a good alternative had it been included in the original plan several years ago. As it stood, the process was too far along to make the change now. Another issue that was discussed was the use of Roundup as a weed killer. Some residents felt that no chemicals should be used to control unwanted vegetation. An alternative is to cut down the weeds, a temporary solution, as they will readily grow back. What is the safest and most effective way to control weeds? Community members also had opportunities to talk individually with Jason and James about landscape issues that concerned them.



One fundamental question is what constitutes acceptable landscaping?

Is it acceptable to have stumps in many LMD areas? Is it aesthetically pleasing to have large stretches of bare dirt?

The LMD Committee has been coming to grips with many issues related to the health and beauty of the plants in our community.

What were the original plans and look of the LMD vegetation back in, say, 1985? What is included under the basic maintenance contract and what work requires 1985? What is included under the basic maintenance contract and what work requires additional funding? How much budget should go toward the removal of dead or diseased trees?

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When an area in the LMD is identified as needing major work, how can it be done in the most economical fashion? In such cases, must we hire a landscape architect, go out to bid, and hire a contractor to do the work, or is there another way?

One issue that has been raised is the use of mulch at all the parkway intersections in order to conserve water, keep down weeds, and improve the look of the entrances to the residential neighborhoods. Another consideration is the use of tree wells to improve the health of trees by cutting back shrubbery that intrudes on the trees' trunks. Tree wells also improve the look of both the shrubs and trees.

The GCCA LMD Committee members understand that there is much work to do in order to make Glen Cove the place we all know it can be.

The LMD is a huge area with a wide variety of plants, many potential pests, and varied problems that must all be addressed. It is through a cooperative effort between the committee, COV, and the landscape contractor that the best outcomes may be realized.

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What will you do in a natural disaster?

By, Ralph Mariscal

In the wake of the most recent earthquake in Ferndale, it's a good time to review some important points about earthquake preparedness.

According to [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#), roughly 60% of Americans don't have a disaster relief plan in place — even though a sudden emergency or disaster can happen at any time. With annual wildfires sweeping the western part of the United States, earthquakes that can happen without warning, all of us should consider what we would do if a natural disaster hit our city.

In an emergency situation, would you know where to go and what to pack? Do you already have a "go bag" at the ready? If not, I can help you with that. I've put together some key considerations and tips to help you prepare for a worst-case scenario. And while you hope you never have to use it, an emergency preparedness plan will certainly help you rest easier.

Consider the Unique Needs of Your Family

An emergency preparedness plan won't look the same for everyone. You have a unique family with particular needs, after all. Maybe you have two dogs and a cat. Or a large family. Or an infant. Moreover, some folks may need particular medications or medical equipment. Others will have particular dietary needs to factor in. Needless to say, not all plans will look the same.

To get started, write out an emergency preparedness checklist for everyone in your household — including your pets. List what specific needs each person or pet may have. Even if you're not normally a list-maker, writing a list will help you manage medications, special foods, or equipment, so that, when disaster hits, you're not scrambling to remember necessities. Remember: in the wake of an emergency, you never know how long you'll be away from your home. Best practice is to plan for 3-5 days away from home.

Understand Your Environment & the Types of Emergencies That Can Happen There

Undoubtedly, your environment will shape your emergency preparedness plan. In our area we have different needs living in a wildfire- or earthquake-prone zone.

Different emergencies also require different at-home precautions. If you're on the coast, investing in hurricane shutters or boarding up your window might be a good idea, but,



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obviously, that isn't the same kind of investment you'd make in a wildfire-prone area. Moreover, your environment could also impact your exit or escape plan. Fires, earthquakes, tornadoes, blizzards, and floods all create different problems, which may affect not only how you leave your home (or if you leave, at first) and what route you'll take to evade the disaster.

In the wake of many different types of emergencies you may have to stay in your home



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without power, so backup power sources are a must. But, in a wildfire situation, those items might be less necessary since you'll be evacuating. With this in mind, you might want to prepare a bag meant for evacuation and one meant for sheltering at home. After all, some disasters that may at first strand you at home change, forcing you to leave suddenly if conditions escalate. Therefore, being prepared for both situations — hunkering down and evacuating — is a must.

Create a Disaster or Emergency Supply Kit

The best emergency kit has everything you need — and it allows for easy access. Ideally, you'll want one or two bags that are easy to carry. If you have additional items that don't fit in bags — medical equipment, for example — store them with your "go bags" so that you can round up everything quickly if disaster strikes.

We also recommend keeping a list of additional items you'll need — but that you wouldn't pre-pack in your bags — with the kits. Those items might include an inhaler or medication that requires refrigeration. While those items seem like things you'd never forget, it's hard to know what your headspace will be if you're told to evacuate suddenly. Additionally, make sure to check what's in your kits at least once a year. Items may have expired, or, more pressingly, your family's needs could have changed.

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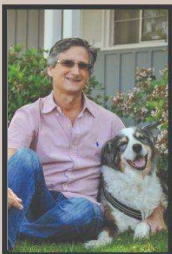
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Next, map out where you'll be staying if you need to evacuate; this could mean staying with a friend or relative, or heading to a hotel or emergency shelter. Depending on where you live, you'll need to plan for leaving without access to air travel — or, in some cases, certain roads. And don't forget to include a plan for your pet. Make sure the people you're staying with are comfortable with pets, and be sure to pack their food, bowls, medication, leash and other absolute necessities.



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Practice Your Emergency Preparedness Plan

Go over your action plan with everyone in your household. In addition to your "go bags" or emergency supply kits, have your must-take list ready. Practice what it would be like to grab your bags and supplies. It may also be important to practice driving to your safe destination.

It's also important that every member of your household knows what to do: assign everyone a job, if needed. For example, while you're readying the "go bags," your partner might be able to call your emergency contacts. While having a firm plan in place is essential, be sure to review said plan on a yearly basis, or if a big change occurs in your household. That is, someone could've started a new medication; your kids may have outgrown certain items; and food could've expired.

Without a doubt, practicing your plan will help you work out any kinks. After doing a run-through, you may want to adjust your plan — and that's a good thing to know before disaster hits. It's clear that having an emergency preparedness plan in place will make everyone in your home feel safer, even amid incredibly difficult situations.

It's also important that all residents in Glen Cove to signup with AlertSolano.com -here you will get your information for evacuation information.

If you need help with preparing your to-go bags or information what to pack, [please contact me](#).

Holiday Magic and Neighborhood Cheer

By Suki Liebow

Glen Cove was aglow with festive displays and neighborhood events this holiday season. Here's a recap of some of some neighborhood holiday spirit!

The Christmas House

We hope you had a chance to visit Vallejo's iconic Christmas House one final time this year! While the start of the Christmas house tradition may have been a sad one, Bob and Linda have brought over 20 years of immeasurable joy to the community.

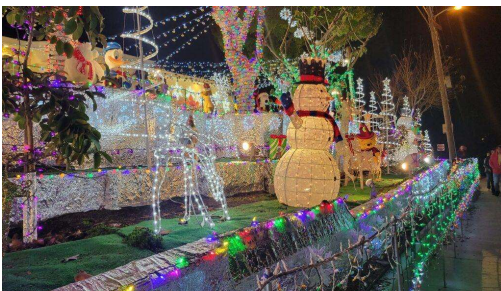


The GCCA board present Bob and Linda with a gift of support for their contribution of Holiday Spirit to to Glen Cove Community.

With dazzlingly bright holiday lights meant to be seen by their daughter in Heaven, figurines custom made by local firefighters, and visits from Santa, this unparalleled experience attracted visitors from all over the Bay. This magical place could put even the Grinch in the Holiday Spirit!



Thank you, Bob and Linda, for bringing this magical delight to the community for all these years!



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Lighting of the Night

Did you see these beautiful little lights on December 17?

Organized by Kathy McKinney-Tovar and intended to build stronger communities by bringing neighbors together, dozens of homes participated in setting out paper luminaries along their walkways in celebration of the season.

Kathy is a beacon of hope for a future of greater connection with our neighbors and stronger safer neighborhoods for our families. This will be an annual event so if you missed it this year, mark your calendars to participate next year!

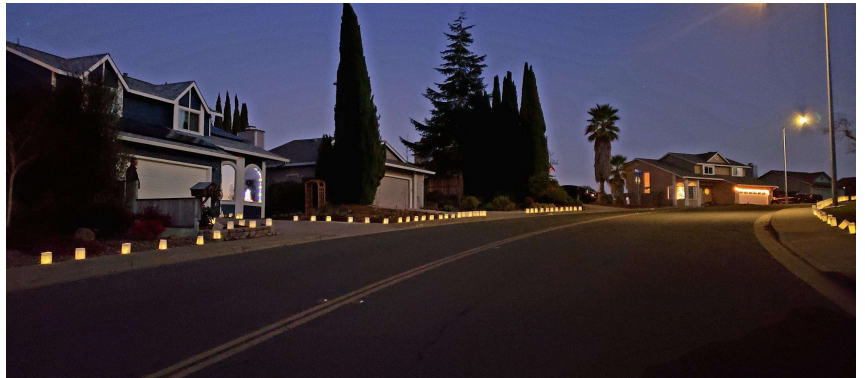


Clear View Dr Luminaries



Holiday Light Competition

We had some impressive holiday decorations around the neighborhood this year, but there was one that stood out above the rest.



N Regatta Luminaries

Congratulations to the folks of 155 Clearview Dr for winning this year's Holiday Light competition!



155 Clearview Drive

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