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Letter from the President

By Joseph A. Hayden

Garage Sale is Back!

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming **Saturday, May 6 Glen Cove Garage Sale**. Don't forget to check your membership status so that you can participate and get your house listed on the map. We'll be sending out email blast announcements and we will also be sending out a physical postcard to all Glen Cove residents, as we typically do a few times a year, so stay tuned and be on the lookout.

As always, we're looking for volunteers to help spread the word on social media. The website with details of the garage sale will soon be added, but I learned my lesson last year with all the last-minute changes and I will not email blast about the "final" map until much closer to the actual day. Volunteers are also needed to physically hand out maps at Glen



Cove Center. Please contact me at president@glencovevallejo.com and I'll let the Garage Sale Committee know. I know we have visitors from all over the Bay Area to buy our wares. Last year our first map handed out was to a family from Tracy!

Some of you know that I'm also on the Board of our local shelter here in Vallejo, the Humane Society of the North Bay (HSNB.org). Another Glen Cove resident who is on the HSNB board with me suggested a plan to donate unsold items to HSNB's pop-up thrift store (not to be confused with the brick-and-mortar one that existed pre-Covid on the shelter grounds). In this case also, as the plan is still in the works, please email me if you're interested in the details.

Spring Community Meeting

Another important date to save is **Wednesday**, **April 12**, **for the Glen Cove Spring Community Meeting**. That evening, from 6-8 pm, we will be having a Town Hall style meeting with the city of Vallejo and Solano County dignitaries at the Glen Cove Elementary School. We reserved their multi-purpose room once again. As of this writing, County Supervisor Monica Brown, Acting Vallejo Police Chief Jason Ta (a Glen Cove resident himself), and Vallejo Fire Chief Kyle Long have confirmed they will be in attendance. Details on this community meeting will also be on the forthcoming postcard. As we've done with the last few community meetings since it was so popular, we will also make sure to have at least one food truck. Food tends to help bring people out, especially since this is around dinnertime for most. We may still come up with a theme, as we usually do, but the structure we're considering is asking the dignitaries to give a short speech on their agendas. Following that, we will have a few of the GCCA Board members/neighborhood representatives ask some questions that we know our developments want to discuss based on the feedback we get regularly. Thereafter, we'll have an open microphone for any attendee/resident to walk up and ask their own questions to the panel, with a time limit per question.

Community Outreach (for Chili)

As we continue to outreach with our neighbors, both residents and commercial, many GCCA Board members stay in touch with The Lodge at Glen Cove at 140 Glen Cove Marina Rd., which recently celebrated its second anniversary here in our neighborhood. Thankfully many of us were able to make it for the chili cook-off competition they had in February. We're proud that he brought some of that Midwest derivative culture to the event and that he placed. Be sure to read Neal's article, "Chili Cook-off," for the full scoop!

Weather and Rainbows

How's that weather, eh? I usually describe the seasons in California as dry and wet, so that people on the East Coast don't think we have the greeting card seasons, but this year has been hard to describe. Some years our wet season is almost completely dry. I received some pictures of rainbows that I am told Glen Cove had for at least seven days in a row as of late. On one of those days, we had a brief barrage of tiny hail during a sunny period when it was fifty degrees Fahrenheit outside. My husband had the foresight to take this unbelievable video in our backyard to capture the rare moment. Even though I moved away for years, the last time I remember hail was when I was in middle school in Hayward. The rainbow pictures here are courtesy of our neighbor Judie Scarlett. Ironically enough, my dad used to always say, "Hayward ain't the end of the rainbow!" Good thing I moved to Glen Cove then!







Photo Credit Judie B. Scarlett

I'll make sure to put these pictures of our Glen Cove views on the <u>GCCA website</u>, as well as the Chili pictures mentioned above. I'm proud of all the galleries we've added to the site over time, and a lot of them have been because of the contributions of residents like you. Please keep them coming!

Potholes

Recently, due to the same weather just described, our very own Vice President and Security Director, Ralph Mariscal, reacted quickly to the notice of novel potholes he was made aware of by at least one of our neighbors. With one email he was able to report it to a connection in the city of Vallejo. The acknowledgment and turnaround were immediate. **The potholes were filled on the same day!!!!** It's great to know the right resources can work that efficiently if we are in touch with the right people.

Graffiti

I appreciate getting contacted about the goings on in Glen Cove with the email and phone number posted on the website. Our representatives are so helpful in making sure we get back to everyone. I do monitor the <u>Seeclickfix</u> reports for our area also. Recently I saw that graffiti had been reported on Glen Cove Parkway. A welcome, timely cleanup occurred, as shown in the before and after pictures below. The prompt attention to the removal of graffiti is much appreciated, shows that this is a high priority issue, and demonstrates zero tolerance for this kind of property damage. Any city property graffiti can be reported through the <u>Seeclickfix</u> ticket process.





Litter/Dumping

Along with the graffiti, I also see incessant reports of dumping/litter reported on Seeclickfix, some of which will magically "disappear." My realization eventually was that it had to be our neighbors picking up the litter themselves to beautify our shared spaces. I was informed that there are amazing individuals doing this for years and using Seeclickfix as a sort of police scanner to monitor the reports. These folks never expect or need thanks, but they sure deserve it. That is good karmic energy, if there is such a thing. I know some of the Board members of GCCA do this themselves, and paying it forward manifests. Since I started hearing about these angels, I've seen pedestrians on the side of the road picking litter up with their own equipment and I'm so pleased that they are setting such a good example. I like to emulate that by participating in the regular shoreline cleanups down at Glen Cove Waterfront Park. I may sound like a purist, but even during my many years of living in New York City, I never had the tiniest inkling to drop garbage anywhere, including out of a car, onto a street. Hence, it's anathema to me how someone drives to a public space, pulls over, and intentionally spoils our shared environment.

My military father grew up in Monterey and Hawaii, so maybe he had more of an appreciation for the unsightly results of litter in stunning locales. He always harangued my siblings and me about "common courtesy" for many types of social issues. He was always talking about how humans are social animals and, "if we don't socialize, we die." I know his point was that parents need to instill these positive vibes in their own kids. I don't hear the common courtesy language in our modern vernacular very much, lest I sound like a crotchety old man myself now. I'd also say get off my lawn, but I've replaced it with a drought-tolerant garden! To an extent, I have turned into my father, and I do use it when I feel a paternal cynicism about behaviors like this. I think using passe terms can bring them back into fashion again, and also helps to keep me from using the kind of foul language that here in California is more out of favor than it was in New York.

Code Enforcement Civilianization

Yes, there's a huge backlog in our city and neighborhood. It's almost cringeworthy on <u>Seeclickfix</u>, but there is something on the horizon. Not all code violations are alike. As confirmed in various city council meetings and town halls by the City Manager Mike Malone and various city councilpersons, progress is afoot. The Code Enforcement Department is already moving away from the hierarchy it once fell under. Onboarding the staff will be facilitated by the civilianization of the department positions, for the most part. Historically the code enforcement staff falling under the Vallejo Police Department required the more rigorous background checks that all VPD staff must go through. This will allow for more positions to be filled in the future.

Some codes, understandably, will always require a badged officer. I suspect these are the ones where a violent situation could potentially arise, perhaps based on prior experiences. The many codes that do not require a badged officer can be followed up with by a code enforcement department that is overseen by other parts of the city. Code candidates can more easily be hired now and in the future. Moreover, the budget for new positions has already been approved. The stance of the city council is that they tend to pay for themselves. That's a reason to be optimistic!

There is also another resource that may be able to fund code enforcement officers that is under discussion. A Tobacco Retail License, known as a TRL, which many California jurisdictions like Benicia have already adopted, is being looked at in many local jurisdictions with a new lens, particularly after the passage of Proposition 31. For those who do not recall from last election day, Proposition 31 prohibits the sale of most flavored tobacco products, which is an effective way to keep our youth from becoming addicted. Because of the nature of a TRL, it is revenue neutral for a municipality or even an unincorporated area of a county. This self-funding is likely the only way that passage of such legislation will ever have enforcement too. In my capacity as a volunteer Co-chair of Solano Health Department's Tobacco Free Solano program, I recently spoke at the Vallejo School Board meeting about this, which was agendized by Glen Cove resident, school board member, and GCCA board member John Fox. To my glee, the school board unanimously passed a resolution in support of a Vallejo-specific TRL. With the same coalition of organizations that presented at the school board, we will be discussing the same TRL subject matter at an upcoming Vallejo City Council meeting. Stay tuned!



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Know Your Zone

By Ralph Mariscal

The Solano County Sheriff's Department, Office of Emergency Services is launching their "Know Your Zone" campaign. It's a collaborative effort between Zonehaven and Solano County, including all seven cities within the county, which aims to better prepare residents and businesses for emergencies and evacuations. According to Emergency Services Coordinator Jennifer Novelli:

"To find your zone, residents can enter their address into the interactive map on <u>communityzonehaven.com</u> using a browser."

"This will open a pop-up window, which includes the zone name and information about the zone. Residents and businesses should record the names of all the zones they frequent—such as home, work, school, or homes of loved ones—and keep them in a visible place. Use the *Subscribe to Alerts* button, located under the *Community Links* section, to sign up for emergency notifications through Alert Solano."



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Zone names, in addition to the zone boundaries, will be used in emergency notifications, so knowing the name of your zone is critical to staying informed during an emergency. In the event of an emergency, first responders and other public safety personnel will use Zonehaven to assist in issuing evacuations and other critical emergency notifications. Residents can see up to date information about their zone through the Zonehaven AWARE platform.

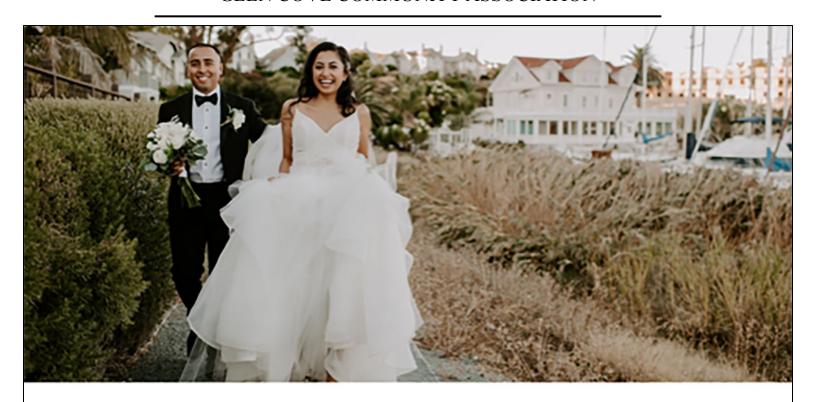
Jennifer reminds
everyone to "follow
your local emergency
response agencies on
social media, too, and
be sure to *Know Your Zone.*"







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Chili Cook-Off

By Neal Zimmerman

Harbour Towne resident, Member of the GCCA Board of Directors and Cincinnati Chili Chef

The Glen Cove Community Association & "Cincinnati Chili" took 3rd Place in The Lodge at Glen Cove's 3rd annual Chili Cook-off.

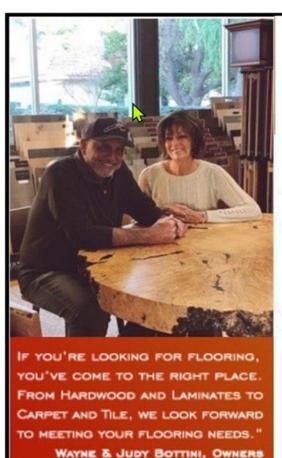




I was thrilled that
"Cincinnati Chili,"
sponsored by the Glen
Cove Community
Association, won 3RD
PLACE in the chili
competition!

There are many amazing regional food favorites in the United States. Many cities have something special that the locals love to eat and maybe even take pride in and maybe can't be found anywhere else.

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Hawaii for spam

But I'm from Cincinnati, known for a special kind of chili called "Cincinnati Chili." Perhaps you've seen it on an NFL broadcast from Cincinnati, Guy Fieri's "Triple D" TV show, or read Martha Stewart's recent article "National Chili Day" about Cincinnati Chili Dogs. The Glen Cove Community Association & "Cincinnati Chili" took 3rd Place in The Lodge at Glen Cove's 3rd annual Chili Cook-off!

The Lodge at Glen Cove on Glen Cove Marina Road recently hosted their 3rd annual "Chili Cookoff" competition. Competitors come from residents at the Lodge, city organizations, local nonprofits and for the first time ever, your Glen Cove Community Association. I competed against about 12 other entrants. I made Cincinnati Chili from scratch using a great recipe that my sister Gayle created several years ago. Her recipe is a healthier version because it features extra lean ground beef so it's not greasy.

Many Greek immigrants settled in Cincinnati in the 1940's and brought their version of chili to the city. Some unusual ingredients such as cinnamon, nutmeg and chocolate are in this Greek-inspired chili and once you're hooked, it's hard to forget. Many "chili parlors" sprung up all over the metropolitan Cincinnati area. Today, there are more than 250 chili parlor chains as well as mom & pop restaurants. And all of them stay busy.

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There were many delicious chilis to try at The Lodge's chili cook-off. Every attendee was a judge. You tasted all of the chilis and gave them a grade. Once you finished tasting, you could go back and request a larger taste of your favorite chilis.

Most folks at the cook-off had never tasted Cincinnati Chili and I was happy that many wanted another taste.

Cincinnati Chili comes in many "ways":

Chili over spaghetti is a 2-Way. Chili over spaghetti with shredded cheese piled high is a 3-Way. Chili over spaghetti with shredded cheese and chopped onion is a 4-Way. Some people order their chili with beans for a 5-Way. And there are oyster crackers if you'd like a bit of "crunch" with your chili.



Pictured above: Cincinnati 4- WAY Chili. Chili over spaghetti with chopped onions and covered with shredded cheddar cheese.

My sister agreed that I could provide interested folks with her terrific recipe. If you like Greek food, you'll probably like Cincinnati Chili. The recipe has all the ingredients and instructions. And, if you decide to make it, please email me with your thoughts or questions at:

nzimmerman51@gmail.com.

By the way... The Lodge at Glen Cove hosts many fun events throughout the year and always welcomes Glen Cove residents to attend. For more information, please call Tesi (TC) O' Brien, the Community Outreach Director, or Amanda Hassler, Event Coordinator, at 707.653.4728. An event occurs almost every month.

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The Infamous Cincinnati Chili Recipe

Ingredients

2 lb. Ground beef

1 quart water

2 medium onions *

3-4 cloves of garlic *

2 Tablespoon vinegar

4 Tablespoon. Chili Powder

1 Teaspoon ground red pepper

1-2 Teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 ounce of bittersweet dark chocolate

1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

18-oz. can tomato sauce

1 Teaspoon ground cumin

1 Teaspoon ground cloves

1 Teaspoon Salt

2 Bay Leaves

1 Teaspoon allspice

1/2 Teaspoon nutmeg

Optional spices to add: garam masala, hot sauce

Instructions

Add ground beef to water and stir as beef separates.

Bring to boil and continue to boil slowly for about ½ hour.

Add all other ingredients and bring to boil.

Reduce to simmer and cook uncovered for about 3 hours.

Naturally, if you can refrigerate overnight and remove any grease, it's best.

Make your spaghetti following directions on box.

How to Serve Cincinnati Chili

Serve it your favorite Cincinnati Chili "way".

1-way: just the chili

2-way: chili served over spaghetti

3-way: chili, served over spaghetti, and

onions

4-way: chili, served over spaghetti,

onions, and grated Cheddar cheese

5-way: chili with beans, served over spaghetti, onions, and grated Cheddar

cheese

All "ways" are served with oyster crackers.



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Is it Anise or Fennel?

By Ward Stewart, Master Gardener, Solano

In many of the open spaces around Glen Cove there are plants that smell like licorice and attract butterflies. These plants have herbaceous green stalks in the summer and dry up with brittle brown ones in the winter. In the summer they sport yellow flowers that look somewhat like umbrellas. Some people call these plants anise while others call them fennel. What are these ubiquitous plants?

I visited the produce department of the local grocery store searching for anise and fennel. What I found in several places were small bunches of a plant with a whitish bulbous root and fine green leaves. In one place they were labeled 'fennel' and in another 'anise/fennel'. Both plants are used in cooking but the labeling was of little help in identifying which is which.

I visited the produce department of the local grocery store searching for anise and fennel. Both plants are used in cooking but the labeling was of little help in identifying which is which.

Anise whose botanical name is Pimpinella anisum is native to the eastern Mediterranean and southwestern Asia. It is a member of the plant family Apiaceae that contains over 3800 species and is best known for these members: carrots, parsley, and celery. The genus Pimpinella has about 150 species of annuals, biennials, and perennials.

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Anise is an annual herbaceous plant with greenish stem and leaves. It grows to two or three feet or, possibly, more in height. The leaves at the base of the plant are simple and lobed while the leaves higher on the plant are feathery with numerous leaflets.

Anise has a number of culinary uses. The ground up seeds are used to make teas while they contribute a distinctive taste to a variety of dishes including black jelly beans, Italian sausage, and Mexican atole de anis.

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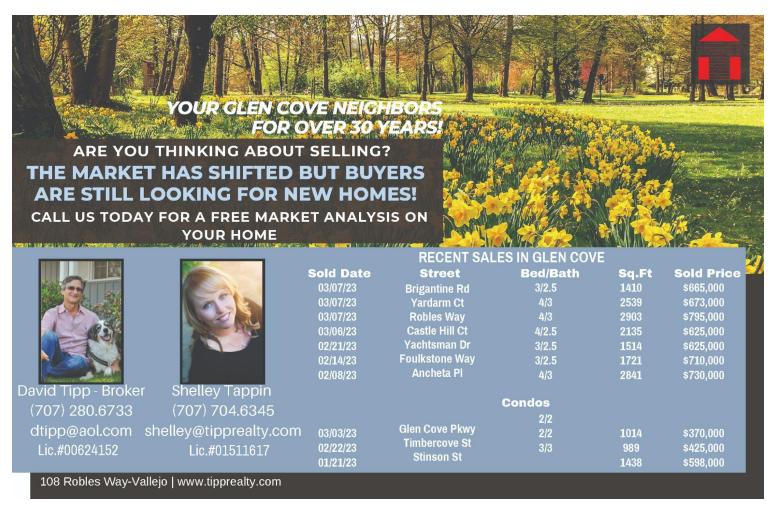
Anise provides a distinctive flavor to liquors. For example, it is used to flavor Greek ouzo, Italian sambuca, and French absinthe.

Anise has been used in traditional herbal medicine as a cure for flatulence. Pliny the Elder has stated that it provides a cure for insomnia, helps to decrease 'morning breath', and, when mixed with wine, is a cure for asp bites.

Cleopatra, unfortunately, did not know of this use at the time of her demise.

Common fennel, botanical name Foeniculum vulgare is also a member of the plant family Apiaceae. So, anise and fennel are classified in the same family of plants but different genera (plural of genus). So, they are somewhat similar but actually quite different. In the genus Foeniculum there is only one species: vulgare. However, the variety of vulgare 'azoricum' is grown for its edible, swollen, whitish stem base. Fennel is indigenous to the Mediterranean and is a deep-rooting perennial herb producing very finely cut, nearly hair-like, licorice-flavored green leaves. The smooth, thin branching stems grow six to eight feet in height and, in summer, bear yellow flowers in compound umbels up to four inches across. The blooms yield aromatic seeds.

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Like anise, the leaves and seeds have a variety of uses. The ancient Greeks and Romans used fennel for food and medicine. It also served as an insect repellent. It was said that drinking fennel tea gave warriors courage before going into battle.



The ancient Greeks and Romans used fennel for food and medicine.

When I walk among the mature plants in the park during the summer they have grown well over my head. The fact that so many of these plants have grown to roughly eight feet tall can mean only one thing. Also, these plants dry up in winter but don't die completely, meaning they are perennials.

Putting these facts together makes it clear what this plant is. This, not so mysterious plant, is not anise. It is most assuredly Common Fennel, Foeniculum vulgare! In Greek mythology it was believed that Prometheus brought fire from Mount Olympus to earth on a stalk of fennel.

The plant growing in the open spaces around Glen Cove and beyond are abundant. When their seeds land in my yard and sprout, it is nearly impossible to pull the seedlings out due to their long tap roots. The stems break off leaving the root in the ground to sprout again.





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Building	(707) 648-4387
Business License	(707) 648-4357
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Community Services	(707) 553-7218
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Housing	(707) 648-4507
Illegal Dumping Hotline	(707) 648-0445
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