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Letter from the President

By Joseph A. Hayden

Hello neighbors! I hope your holidays were amazing and that you're happy the days are getting longer again with the Winter Solstice behind us.

There is lots of exciting news and updates for the beginning of 2024 as I reflect back on a very active period for GCCA in the last quarter of 2023!

GATHERING AT GLEN COVE WATERFRONT PARK

Our illustrious volunteer-coordinating, event outreach and community-



organizing, recent newlywed Adriana Fuentes, helped spearhead the [Goodbye Summer Waterfront Park event](#) in early October. Marina Thompson of Vista Del Mar was also very helpful in getting this organized. Despite the melancholy title of the event, it was a



gorgeous day (I think we missed the rain by 24 hours) and all of these Board members joined me for this photo below while we introduced ourselves. During my introduction I talked about the etymology of the Carquinez Strait. The strait is named after the [Karkin people](#) ("los Carquines" in Spanish) who lived in

Glen Cove and across the strait. The Karkin were linguistically tied to the Ohlone, which I'm familiar with having grown up in the Fremont/Hayward area for many years. Great memories were created when we gathered and I also got to meet many wonderful people in person in our neighborhood for the first time. At least two of those residents I met are brand new Board members starting in January, but more on that in a bit! The waterfront event even had live music and wine that was donated by the altruist Glen Covians J.D. and Teena Miller. I was also pleased that the Humane Society of the North Bay (full disclosure, I'm the volunteer Treasurer of HSNB) brought adoptable pets with them, and the Food Cooperative was present with their T-shirts to talk about their efforts. My household became co-owner earlier in 2023. We had two food trucks, including one which is owned by the brother of former NFL football star and Vallejoan who lives in Glen Cove, Dave Plump. Our own Neal Zimmerman did a "Person of Interest" article about Dave in our October issue, which you can read [here!](#)

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Last but not least, we also had a visit from the Vallejo Fire Department Station 26 here in Glen Cove, which many of us residents lobbied hard to get re-opened a few years ago.



Oscar (fka Joey)

From a "Goodbye Summer" Attendee...

The "Goodbye Summer Gathering" was a lot of fun. There were food trucks with delicious food, wine tasting, music and community information tables. What I liked most was watching the dogs from the Humane Society of the North Bay that were there to find a permanent home. A 2 year old terrier-mix named Joey, caught my eye and my heart.

Many thanks to GCCA board for hosting this successful event for our community.

*Oscar (fka Joey) and I are looking forward to future community socials.
Yvonne J.*

COMMUNITY BOARD

The Community Board I sent a rendition of in my last President's Letter has come to fruition faster than we anticipated, especially since the first one that was shipped to us was damaged and had to be replaced. We had to have the cement work done by a professional contractor, but everything fell into place pretty quickly, we are pleased to say. My predecessor, Neal Zimmerman, was instrumental in getting this lovely Community Board installed at Glen Cove Center in front of Safeway (with permission of course). In this photograph and on [this link](#), you can see Neal with two ex-officio Board members,

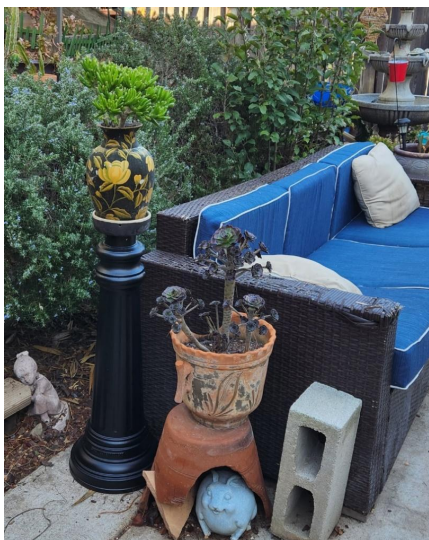


Neal with two ex-officio Board members, Ron Bowen and Dennis Albright finishing the new GCCA sign installation.

Ron Bowen and Dennis Albright, finishing up the installation at the unwrapping of this attractive sign, which is intended to be seen while residents drive into the parking lot. Our diligent Board Secretary, Pat Tomasello, will be maintaining the content, so please stop by

and check it out regularly. The GCCA website URL is always posted near the top for everyone's convenience. We hope this helps with overall communications, particularly for those who aren't subscribed to our email list (which is free even for non-members).

Because the first sign that was delivered to us was damaged, we had an extra stand. GCCA board members who did the installation brought the extra stand for the first one to me "for storage," but instead of putting it in my garage, I quickly found a way to repurpose it and now it is a feature in my backyard garden, especially because it is weather tolerant. What do you think?



GARAGE SALE

Many of you noticed that we had an abysmal showing for the first neighborhood-wide garage sale attempt of the year, which we feel was largely due to the rain that began that Spring morning, even though it tapered off eventually. Because of the previous history of doing two garage sales a year, GCCA opted to go through the motions of ordering another postcard and otherwise organizing a second autumn “rain date” neighborhood-wide garage sale for October 21. To be extra conscientious of the attendance, we also put ads in newspapers and ordered new signage that fit over the Glen Cove monument. The new sign has no specific date, so because it indicated a neighborhood-wide garage sale was “Next Saturday” we put it up for six days in advance with the link to our website URL. We promptly took the sign down the day of the garage sale to avoid confusion.

Communications and signage were also placed and sent out that the physical maps would be handed out in person at the Glen Cove Center parking lot. Our GCCA volunteers who handed them out advised me that morning that there was a robust flow of requests for them, as opposed to the attempt in the Spring, so we hope that the participants are happy with the flow of shoppers that came into Glen Cove that day. I personally went to almost every house that was on the map to introduce myself to the participating residents, but I ran out of time before the event was over, despite my best efforts. We also had the electronic maps distributed widely as usual.

AUTUMN COMMUNITY MEETING

The other “Save the Date” mentioned on the above-mentioned postcard that all Glen Cove residents received to tell them about the second garage sale was for the Autumn

Community Meeting. For those keeping track, we have two of these a year as per our bylaws. Once again, we had a food truck and several great speakers. We had the current volunteer Board President of the local Food Cooperative, Paula Schnese, speak for that organization, Vallejo Police Office Sergeant Rashad Hollis update us on the alarm response protocols for Vallejo given the staffing shortage and speakers from Solano County’s Fire Safe Council to discuss how we can mitigate fire risk and even reduce homeowner’s insurance premiums by joining Fire Safe programs with our neighbors in Glen Cove.



Food Cooperative Board President, Paula Schnese (right) with GCCA Board President Joseph Hayden (left) speak at the GCCA fall community meeting.

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The latter in particular was organized by our Vice President and Director of Safety, Ralph Mariscal.

Watch video and see pictures of the event on [this link](#), which itself includes links to the three attachments that we distributed! As usual even since Covid, we were pleased with the attendance. We use a local vendor, Minuteman, to get the word out via postcard to all residents of Glen Cove.



2023 GCCA Autumn Community Meeting

All are welcome at these meetings. I realized while playing back the video that some people had an alarmed look on their faces because I said, “We’re going to say the National Anthem” which I think they thought meant to sing it, but what I meant to say was the “Pledge of Allegiance.” It reminded me the time when I thought I was quoting the United States Constitution, and my daughter corrected me to say that I was quoting the Declaration of Independence. She was right, and for a lawyer it was even more embarrassing!

GCCA HOLIDAY PARTY

Frank Overton organized our GCCA holiday dinner at Provisions. There are lots of pictures on the GCCA galleries page, but here’s a group selfie I took with most of the attendees on hand, including one of my predecessor presidents, Miguel Castillo, on the far right.





[Eric Dugan Photography](#)

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Solano/Glen Cove Fire Safe Council

By Ralph Mariscal

Solano Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Glen Cove Comm Association are reaching out to you with a quick update on how we can support your community's efforts toward wildfire resilience.

Last October, the staff presented on fire safety at the Glen Cove Community Association meeting ([click here for the recording link](#)). We encouraged community members to think about the fire danger in your area and consider starting a local Fire Safe Council or Firewise Community to address the risk in Glen Cove. Members were excited to be a part of this community-led fire prevention organization, and we're following up with more information in case you missed out on the meeting.

What is a Fire Safe Council, you might ask? Fire Safe Councils are groups that mobilize neighbors to better protect their communities from the risk of wildfire. Being a part of a Fire Safe Council could involve coming together as a community to forge strong partnerships with first responders, working as a group to clear vegetation in your neighborhood, acquiring and installing resources that can assist in fire prevention efforts (ember resistant gutter guards, ember safe vents, etc.), and minimizing risks to life and homes.

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These are just some of the many actions Fire Safe Councils take in local communities to prevent fire. Fire Safe Councils range in size and complexity - some are 501(c)(3) nonprofits, or HOA committees, or something else entirely.

What about Firewise Communities? These are areas that have undergone an assessment

ALL ABOUT FIRE SAFE COUNCILS

What is a Fire Safe Council?
Fire Safe Councils (FSC) are grassroots, community-based organizations that share the goal of making communities less vulnerable to catastrophic wildfire. Fire Safe Councils vary in focus and size. Some are county-wide, while others comprise a Homeowners' Association or a small neighborhood.

What does a Fire Safe Council Do?
FSC members team up to accomplish projects such as fuel breaks, home hardening events, evacuation preparedness campaigns and so much more! Fire Safe Councils tailor their actions to meet the needs and goals of the community. They often meet on a regular basis and collaborate with local fire officials, businesses, and others.

How to Start a Fire Safe Council:
1. Recruit members who share your interest in wildfire preparedness and community safety. This could be your neighbors, nearby businesses, fire agencies or other local groups.
2. Organize members to brainstorm goals and concerns. Solano Resource Conservation District can help you get this process started!

Why start a Fire Safe Council?
California experiences frequent fire. By working together with neighbors, we can all be better prepared and more resilient in the face of the next fire. Fire adapted communities increase resident safety and protect our homes and businesses from catastrophic fire.

Solano Resource Conservation District is a special district. We work with partners to accomplish habitat restoration, environmental education, and fire resilience projects.

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and planning process, committed time toward fire mitigation activities, and received a national designation as an area that is working to reduce its fire risk. Because there is an accreditation involved, some insurance companies will reduce your homeowners' insurance premiums if you live in a Firewise Community.

If you're interested in teaming up with your neighbors to prepare for evacuation, increase emergency awareness, and protect your community, you can contact Solano RCD or Ralph Mariscal for more information. We have resources to assist groups that are interested in forming a Fire Safe Council or Firewise Community, and would like to hear your concerns and interests.

Here is some more helpful information on what a Fire Safe Council is and how to start one.

And please, reach out to us at fire@solanorcd.org if you are interested in getting involved! Solano Fire Safe Council Community Meeting.

Join us for a discussion on fire safety in your community! We are confirmed for:

January 17, 6-8 pm in the activity room at The Lodge at Glen Cove (140 Glen Cove Marina Rd, Vallejo CA 94591).

A save-the-date flyer is on page 8 or click this link to RSVP: [Fire Safe Meeting](#)

As we discussed previously, this meeting is intended to spur discussion among the Glen Cove community members who are interested in fire safety about establishing a Fire Safe Council, a Firewise Community, or potentially both.

We look forward to seeing you all!



SAVE THE DATE!

GLEN COVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Join us to discuss fire safety! Help your community create a game plan for better fire preparedness in your neighborhood. All are welcome!

Wed. January 17, 2024

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**The Lodge at Glen Cove, Activity Room
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2023 GCCA Holiday Light Competition

By Jason Frost (with photos by Nancy Bennett Zunich)

Is anyone else feeling like there's something missing for the 2023 Christmas season? This year may seem not as bright as you travel up and down Glen Cove Parkway. The Taylor House was Glen Cove's North Star: A brilliant display of Christmas lights rumored to be seen from space!. Last year, the family announced that the Taylor family would be retiring its larger-than-life display that brought joy, laughter and the Christmas spirit to so many across the Bay Area for so many years.



What do we do now to continue this tradition for our community? Get the residents of Glen Cove on board for spreading the love during this season!

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How do we do this? The GCCA board proposed that we create a neighborly competition with the hopes of engaging more residents to light up the night with their own Christmas displays! There was a call to action for residents to volunteer in the competition, where Board members would judge and select the top three winners for prizes!

We now have participants and have selected our [1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!](#) The results are:

First prize: 155 Clearview

Second Prize: 204 Sandy Neck Way

Third Prize: 280 Neptune Court



Congratulations!

For 2024 and beyond, we hope to increase the number of families participating in the Christmas Spirit. We plan to communicate through our newsletter throughout the year, with hopes of building anticipation and excitement.

FISHING IN THE CITY

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Fishing tackle will be provided. No personal tackle allowed.

Once we have engaged enough participants, the plan is to plot a map of the homes on display and distribute for every community to enjoy!

We are optimistic that we can continue to create activities like this throughout the year. We hope to create more community engagement that continues to inspire pride in the Glen Cove community.



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Landscape Maintenance District Committee

By Ward Stewart

The GCCA Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) Committee works to ensure that the vegetation in the common areas around Glen Cove are properly maintained and that we, the residents, are getting what we pay for. Toward those goals the committee members meet monthly with City of Vallejo staff Jason Lacey, Landscape Manager, and James Olson, Senior Landscape Inspector. At these meetings committee members bring up issues of concern regarding weeds, overgrown trees and shrubs, parkway renovation projects, and financing. Committee members are receptive to the concerns of residents and add their issues to the agendas of subsequent meetings. We also drive around GC monthly and meet with Mr. Olson at specific locations to discuss work that needs to be done.

There are two major types of contracts that go out for bids associated with the GC LMD. The first is the maintenance contract for work that is done continually during the two years of the contract. It can be renewed if things are going well. New Image is the contractor currently taking care of maintenance. The second type is for the renovation in which completely new irrigation systems and vegetation are installed. This type of contract goes out to bid for the renewal of specific areas of the LMD along the parkway. BrightView is the firm that performed the first phase of the renovation of the parkway landscape.

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This first phase of the parkway renovation has been taking years to complete but is nearly finished. It extends from Robles Drive to Saybrook Way and includes the new monument in the median strip that has had many issues with electricity and lighting. The latest iteration is that the intensity of the lights has been increased and focus has changed in order to make the GC signs visible at night. We hope that the final items on the contract punch list will be checked off and that this initial phase will finally be complete.

The initial plan for the renovation for the entire parkway landscape was to complete it in multiple (as many as eight) phases; however,

the current idea is to complete the rest of the project past Waterview with one large effort. City staff members are in the process of identifying landscape architects and determining the scope and cost of the work. The inspiration for doing one large project instead of many smaller ones is the renovation of the landscape along the entry road into Hiddenbrooke that was done as a single effort.

Committee members have been concerned with the amount of unsightly bare dirt that is common all over the LMD area. We have asked that compost be applied at the intersections of some streets that branch off the parkway. The idea is that it will make the areas more attractive in the short run and will help amend the soil when the parkway renovation project gets to those areas. The compost will simply be tilled into the soil to improve it for the new plants that will be put in. We have been pushing for the compost

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for quite a while and hope to see the work begin in the coming months.

The Solano Resource Conservation District (SRCD) received a grant that allows them to install pollinator gardens in various places. We have identified the slope on the right side of the parkway by the monument (as you enter GC) as an appropriate site. The SRCD would purchase the plants, configure the irrigation, and install the vegetation.

One stipulation is the plants would not be removed for the first ten years of their existence. At the moment a letter of intent is sitting on the desk of the City Attorney awaiting a signature.

In the past the irrigation at the end of Waterview Terrace stopped working and many of the plants perished. Several residents asked if some trees could be planted near the entry to the nearby trail. As of this writing, the trees are in and the residents are watering them by




hand. City staff have promised to provide access to water so that the residents' water bills won't continue to be affected.

Many residents may not be aware that there is a bike path that extends from the elementary school up the hill to New Bedford. The path is fairly substantial and has a large 'switch back' above the school that keeps the grade from becoming too steep. We have been assured that it will be slurry sealed in order to delay further deterioration of the pavement and make the surface smoother for the feet of our canine friends.

The vegetation in many LMD areas is over 40 years old.


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As such, bushes and trees may be overgrown. In areas where bushes were meant to be a few feet tall but now are twice as big, there are 'fire ladders'. These occur where there is no gap or a very small one between the top of the bushes and the canopies of the trees. In this case if a fire starts, it can climb the vegetation ladder quickly.

While the legal requirement is that 'defensible space' (100 feet from a dwelling) be maintained, the cost of eliminating all fire ladders is prohibitive.



“...dead redwood trees at the end of South Regatta Drive have been removed and the lower limbs on the healthy ones have been trimmed.”

As we move forward with the parkway landscape renovation, we should keep this concept in mind as we plan.

The scope of work the maintenance contractor is required to perform is limited by the terms of the contract. Not all of the work our committee believes should be done is always covered. For instance, sick or dead trees that should be removed are handled by on-call tree companies paid with funds not originally earmarked for maintenance. For example, the dead redwood trees at the end of South Regatta Drive have been removed and the lower limbs on the healthy ones have been trimmed. In other locations, dead trees have also been cut down.

We have been unhappy with weeds growing in some streets between the concrete gutters and the asphalt pavement. These weeds are growing a foot into the street and look bad. After some discussion about the terms of the maintenance contract, city staff have agreed to ask the contractor to cut down these weeds. Glen Cove Parkway looks much better as a result.

As the committee has continued to work with City of Vallejo staff, we have been striving for more transparency regarding what work is done and when it is completed. Over the past few months we have been receiving 'inspection forms' from the landscape inspector. These forms are used to identify work that the landscape contractor, New Image, is being asked to complete. It allows our committee to know what is happening and observe when the work is complete. We have also requested the 'monthly work schedule' created by the contractor that will give us more details about the work to be done.

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Between the work schedule and the inspection forms, we believe we will have a good understanding of the scope and depth of the work. The members of the LMD Committee are Kristen Hannum Gregory, James Sotiros, Dennis Albright, Mark Olson, and, chair, Ward Stewart.

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 grow incrementally with inflation to insure 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.

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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. More recently, GCCA board members Kristen Hannum Gregory and James Sotiros joined Ward Stewart to energize the LMD Committee. The three individuals have been meeting to identify problems and prioritize issues.

During the last few months, they have 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.

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

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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.

The LMD Committee has been coming to grips with many issues related to the health and beauty of the plants in our community. 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? 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 additional funding? How much budget should go toward the removal of dead or diseased trees? 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.

Homeowners with questions or concerns can contact LMD Committee Chair, Ward Stewart, at wardstewart@gmail.com.



Recent Dealings With City of Vallejo

By Ralph Mariscal & Joseph A. Hayden

SAFER CROSSWALKS IN GLEN COVE

GCCA Board member and Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) trustee John Fox suggested that GCCA Vice President Ralph Mariscal and GCCA President speak at what is called a 2x2 meeting at City Council chambers. That's where two City Councilmembers, including the one from Glen Cove, Mina Loera-Diaz, and two trustees of VCUSD hold a hearing on matters that are relevant to the schools within the public system and something that affects the City of Vallejo residents beyond that. You can watch the video of Ralph and me giving presentations on our videos page.



LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Another meeting the GCCA President attended at City Hall in person was with our Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) Committee for GCCA, which usually consists of volunteers Ward Stewart, Kristen Hannum Gregory, Jim Sotiros and Dennis Albright. They meet with the staff who manages the LMD District for Glen Cove. That city staff communicates with the contractors that are hired to maintain our public spaces, which are paid for with an extra assessment on Glen Cove real estate taxes. Because of GCCA's frustration with progress and disclosure after our speaking at City Council earlier in the year as to the compliance of the contractors with our requests and a lack of visibility, GCCA thought it would be prudent for us to appear together in person with the committee at least one. All of the GCCA board members in attendance agreed that it ended up being a productive meeting and more progress than usual was made. Not only did we meet oncoming city staff, but we also found ways that we could learn about the contract work to be done each month in advance and established how we could do ride-alongs with city staff to regularly inspect progress promptly.



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GCCA Board and Development Rep Election

By Joseph A. Hayden

Noticing that pursuant to GCCA Bylaws we had to give thirty-day notice of our intent to hold elections for representatives, we organized a Zoom call like we did two years ago when we were still more in the throes of the Covid pandemic. We found that this venue was actually conducive to the election tallying because we had all the templates for each Glen Cove development in a ballot with many of the same representatives running for another volunteer term. We also didn't think we would get a huge turnout if we did it in person, particularly a few weeks after having an in-person Community Meeting, so on November 30 we had a successful and relatively short meeting where we got to discuss some of our local issues and get to know one another in what turned out to be a sort of intimate meeting. We had considered upgrading our Zoom account to the webinar version temporarily to handle the election, but we figured the turnout would be manageable, and it was, so I'm glad it was more interactive in the end.

What's most important is that we may have yielded SIX new representatives, including several for developments that did not have representation at all, and some of which we did not have representatives from historically at any point! That's fantastic for us, as we enjoy having a fresh set of eyes on our process, particularly as we are considering some bylaw changes in early 2024.

Some of you may wonder why the election did not include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, or what is commonly referred to as the Executive Committee, and which includes the signatories on our nonprofit bank account. The GCCA Bylaws provide for that election to take place separately in the January after the late bi-annual representative elections, and those positions are to be from nominees who are current representatives and who wish to take on another volunteer responsibility above and beyond representing a development.

As a reminder, we are seeking two representatives from each development, so there are still plenty of positions open, not to mention lots of opportunities to volunteer in other ways. Inquire within! One of my goals for the bylaws that we have drafted to be adopted in 2024 is to formalize our ex-officio Board members on what would be an Advisory Board, much like what the Board of HSNB.org has done.

Besides checking for vacancies and inquiring within if you're interested in becoming a representative, check out our directory page for the new representatives as they are onboarded. Some of them have already submitted their pictures and bios on the Biography page.

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Two Representative Vacancies

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