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## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!



To our Glenoaks Canyon Community,

I hope you and your families had a very happy holiday season.

With the beginning of the new year upon us, I would like to advise you of the first two items on GOCHA's Agenda for 2023. First and foremost is the upcoming meeting on January 10, 2023 of the Glendale City Council, who will vote on that day whether to fund the Scholl Canyon Landfill Biogas Project. On September 20, 2022, the City Council agreed to pause their vote for roughly 120 days so that they could perform additional research and evaluate an improved cost-benefit analysis to support their ultimate decision. Since that meeting on September 20, 2022, GOCHA and community members have met with various City Staff, GWP employees, and City Council Members to request additional information and to further discuss the proposed project. However, GOCHA's lawsuit against the City is ongoing as we still have environmental and economic concerns about the proposed project. While active dialogue continues with the GWP, City Staff, and City Council Members, the outcome of the litigation is uncertain and will be largely contingent on the outcome of the City Council vote on January 10, 2023, unless we are able to reach a settlement prior to that date. I urge all of you to attend the upcoming City Council meeting on January 10, 2023 and let your voice be heard.

The other item on our Agenda for 2023 is the Glenoaks Canyon Homeowner's Association (GOCHA's) Annual Membership Drive. With just a few clicks of a mouse, you can pay your annual membership fees as well as donate to our Legal and Disaster Preparedness Funds. We invite all of the 700+ households in the Glenoaks Canyon to become a member of GOCHA. For the very small annual fee of \$35 (or \$275 for the lifetime fee), you can support GOCHA activities and stay apprised of what is going on in and around the Canyon. Because GOCHA is solely a volunteer-run organization, we cannot survive without your support. Please visit our website at [www.glenoakscanyon.org](http://www.glenoakscanyon.org) to sign-up or renew your annual membership.

On behalf of the Glenoaks Canyon Homeowner's Association, I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Rick Marquis  
President, GOCHA

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# 2023 CANYON CALENDAR

**NOTE:**  
**The Dog Parade has not yet been scheduled.**

**Saturday May 20, 2023**  
**Clean-Up Day (Tentative)**  
**Time & Location TBD**

**Tuesday August 01, 2023**  
**National Night Out**  
**Glenoaks Park/Time TBD**

**Wednesday September 13, 2023**  
**Annual Meeting: 7:30pm**  
**Glenoaks Park/Joe Bridges Clubhouse**

**Saturday September 23, 2023**  
**Pancake Breakfast: 9:00am**  
**Glenoaks Park/Joe Bridges Clubhouse**

# CANYON CLEAN UP RECAP

Many thanks to all who braved the rain to come out on October 15th and help with the Annual GOCHA Canyon Clean Up!! Unfortunately some of you may have missed the photo opp, but your presence was felt and deeply appreciated!

We filled one large bin and made a substantial dent in the other.

Most interesting discoveries:

- a cracked open safe
- Modelo appears to be the beer of choice of litter bugs
- a suede jacket
- vaping cartridges seem to be slowly taking over cigarettes butts. Only thing I can say about that - the cartridges are easier to pick up

Again, a deep heartfelt thank you to all that volunteered and participated in keeping our beautiful canyon clean!



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# LANDFILL UPDATE

By Marie Freeman and Jackie Gish

## Biogas Project Open House.

On January 10, 2023, Glendale City Council has scheduled a vote to fund the Scholl biogas power plant project. The City has organized three events to provide the public with information about the Biogas Project, the landfill and fire safety in the canyon. On November 30, Glendale Water and Power, Community Services and Parks, and the Glendale Fire Department held an Open House at the Glendale Civic Auditorium with booths explaining different aspects of the proposed plant. City representatives and EIR contractors from Stantec and Montrose Environmental staffed the booths. All five City Council members visited the Open House at various times throughout the evening.

## Future Park.

On December 7, Community Services and Parks (CSP) held an open meeting at the Joe Bridges Clubhouse and solicited the community's ideas for future park and recreation uses of the landfill once it closes (expected late 2025). Onnig Bulanikian, Director of CSP, explained that the meeting was a first step in a long process which would include recruiting an expert consulting team, completing an environmental review, and continuing community outreach meetings. Small break-out groups brainstormed a long list of ideas including entrances to the area, traffic patterns, fire safety, nature centers, hiking, picnicking areas, solar panels, soccer fields, pickle ball courts, and more. The groups shared their ideas, and CSP staff urged anyone with additional ideas to contact CSP at [CSP@glendaleca.gov](mailto:CSP@glendaleca.gov) or call 818-548-2000.

## Fire Safety.

On December 14, Glendale Fire Department will hold a meeting at Glenoaks Elementary School, 2015 E. Glenoaks Boulevard, to address residents' concerns regarding fire safety, evacuation guidelines, vegetation management and inspection, and the coordination of emergency preparation and response services among Glendale, Pasadena and Los Angeles.

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM NEEDED IN GLENOAKS CANYON

Glendale Police Department has noted that crime in Glenoaks Canyon is currently on the rise and that it would be in our neighborhood's best interest to form a Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood Watch involves neighbors working together and with the Glendale Police Department to fight crime in their area. Having this program in place will ensure regular patrol of our Canyon. To form a Neighborhood Watch, one Leader and a few Block Captains are needed.

If you're interested in Volunteering for this very important program, please contact:

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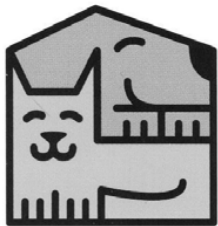


## Pancake Breakfast Recap

On Saturday September 17th, GOCHA's Annual Pancake Breakfast made a triumphant return after two years of a pandemic induced pause. Was fun to see our wonderful neighbors in attendance.

Tens of pounds of pancakes, sausages, butter and sausages were dished out alongside gallons of coffee and OJ to some hungry and grateful residents.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard on the event, and to those who partook in the 50/50 raffle, helping GOCHA raise several hundred dollars!



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## Glenoaks Park Renovations

Three years ago, on a hot, sunny day, my daughter and I ventured to the park so she could enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise on the playground equipment. Unfortunately, the playground equipment had baked under the sun and she could not enjoy any of it. I placed a towel on the seat of the swing, but she would still need to touch the hot metal chain to hold on. Needless to say, we headed back home, both of us frustrated. That's what motivated me to pay a visit to the Parks & Rec. commission and request a shade structure at our park, and renovations to the shabby looking Joe Bridges Clubhouse. Fortunately, the Parks & Rec. Department was receptive to my request. Funds were available, and the playground equipment at Glenoaks Park had passed its "expiration date", so plans were put in motion for a complete renovation of the playground. Neighborhood input was sought for a 30-day period before the plans were voted on by the Commission.

While the Clubhouse is still a bit shabby and needs some sprucing up, the playground is under construction and expected to be ready for use by mid January 2023. My family and I are very excited for these updates and cannot wait to use the newly renovated park, complete with shade!

Audry Zarokian, GOCHA Vice President



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## Disaster Preparedness Committee

### Isabelle Meyer Resigning - Looking For Volunteers

After 32 years, of volunteer effort, I am no longer able to lead our Disaster Preparedness program for Glenoaks Canyon for health reasons. Since this well-established program benefits all our canyon residents and makes our neighborhood more likely to overcome the effects of a natural disaster, I am hoping that someone will take on the leadership of our volunteer efforts. We will soon be relocating our disaster supplies to a new location accessible to our volunteers, and this will be my last job before someone else takes over. Of course, I will be available to ease the transition and answer any questions.

I hope that each one of you will take responsibility for making your own property as fire-resistant as possible by clearing vegetation close to structures, keeping roof and gutters clear of debris, installing 1/8" screens on walls and roofing, replacing bark and mulch near the house with dirt, gravel or rocks and keeping flammable materials well away from the house. By working with your neighbors, you can increase your chances of surviving a wildfire while sheltering in place, even if you are not able to escape from the canyon. In view of increased property values, some basic improvements and maintenance are well worth the effort.

All the best,

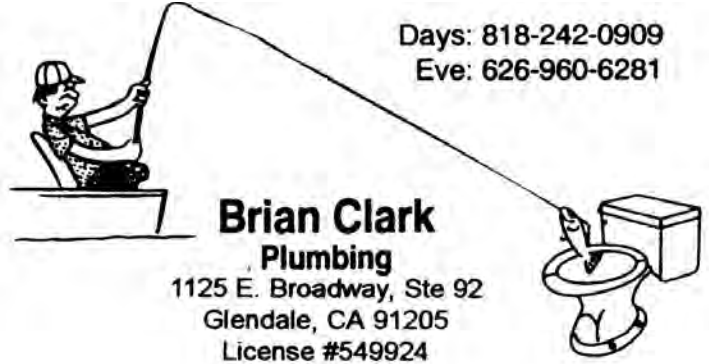
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GOCHA sponsors the following activities:

- The ECHO Newsletter - distributed 3 times each year to every home in the canyon
- Annual Pancake Breakfast in the fall - free of charge - "*Best Pancakes in Glendale*"
- Annual Spring Dog Parade —the only one of its kind in Glendale
- Disaster Preparedness Program - the only association to have one
- Canyon Clean-Up Day—Working to keep our canyon litter free
- Maintenance of the Canyon Marker
- National Night Out
- Representation to city leaders on canyon concerns such as hillside development and continued concerns at the Scholl Canyon Landfill (flaring the methane, the proposed power plant and so on)

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