



# The Glen Gazette

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**FROM THE EDITOR...**

Candy Pollock

For me, September has always meant 'back to school'. When I was growing up, school started right after Labor Day. Now, kids are back in school by the middle of August. But, for most, September still holds that feeling of getting back into routines and schedules. Enjoy these last few days of Indian Summer as shorter days, cold, fog, and rain are coming soon.

School bus... There is a school bus that enters The Glen every afternoon after school. Just to refresh: Here's the Law: You are required to stop for all school buses with flashing red lights no matter what direction you are traveling. Continue your travels once the red lights are no longer activated and the bus has begun to move.

**THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE GLEN IS 15MI/HR.** It is imperative to obey this. When you come home at the end of your work day, just know that you must enter The Glen slowly and go around those blind curves slowly. One extra minute of your time helps maintain safety for all.

### NEW RESIDENTS

Welcome to the Lee family in #9. Chin and Judy Lee would like to thank everyone for welcoming them to this nice area. They recently moved to Pacific Grove from Monterey where Chin has lived for 15 years. Their three children are daughters Hannah at 9 ¾ years, Grace who is 8, and their son Zachary is 3 months old. Chin and Judy own a liquor store in Monterey.

### MEMORANDIAM

Kay Leaman passed away peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. She was at home in The Glen. Kay was one of the very first original owners in The Glen. If you visit The Glen web site, you will see photos of her home (#44) by the bridge but before the bridge was built; that was 1983. Our condolences to her family. She will be missed.

Bill Ito passed away early Sunday morning on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 87. Bill was a most kind, honorable and respectable man. We will miss him. Bill and Grace were the very first family to move into The Glen in 1983. Our love and support is there for you Grace.

Our Memory Trees stand tall at the top of the steps leading to the tennis court. It is a nice place to spend a minute to reflect on these neighbors who have been a vital part of our community.

## **BRIDGE CELEBRATION**

Sunday afternoon, August 31<sup>st</sup> was the ribbon cutting for our new bridge. We were not aware of how rotted and unsafe our old bridge was. Our new bridge is beautiful, safe, and up to code! It was a fun gathering for cookies and punch on the bridge!



## **WINDOW REPLACEMENT**

If you are replacing your unit windows, take note of your old screens. If there are any that are in decent condition, please drop a note in The Glen mailbox. We will gather these screens and store them. Your old screens may be in better condition than your neighbors existing screens. It is a nice way to recycle and share. If you need a replacement screen, you may inquire if there are any.

## **BOOK CLUB**

The book club continues to meet monthly at rotating homes for a fun social time and great book discussions. Interested? See Sharon in #13.

Our current reading: "Birth of Venus"

## **Open A Book** By Jane Baskwill

Open a book  
And you will find  
People and places of every kind  
Open a book  
And you can be  
Anything that you want to be:  
Open a book  
And you can share  
Wondrous worlds you find in there  
Open a book  
And I will too  
You read to me  
And I'll read to you.

## **GARAGE SALE**

The garage sale this year was held on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a big success. There were 13 families participating. The weather was great and we cleaned out a lot of stuff! Many thanks to Karen Bekker (#69) for doing such a great job organizing the event. It was a good day for all involved!

## **GARDENING** Marcia Scala

Thank you for your many notes regarding the lawns. Due to increasing costs and conservation needs, water usage has now been reduced and is being carefully regulated. We realize that some of the lawns are not as green as they should be. This issue, along with others related to the irrigation system, will be addressed over the winter months. Many of our irrigation lines serviced both lawns and shrubs, which is not the recommended method of irrigation. It will take patience and resources to correct these issues. Rest assured that the landscapers and gardening committee are making this project a priority.

The Gardening Committee tries to address and answer all written requests, so please keep sending them thru The Glen mail box. There is currently a list of future projects, subject to budgetary constraints.

## **WILDLIFE CONCERNS**

Wildlife exists all around us in The Glen. In order to keep our homes clean from potentially hazardous animal wastes, we must do our part in keeping wildlife under control. If you see you have a raccoon problem by your unit, please call The Glen phone line and leave a message. Raccoons can cause great damage and carry disease. There has also been an increase in the crow and pigeon population. And there are a couple seagulls that just won't leave us. These birds are splattering our new roofs, not to mention the patios. If we don't refill the birdfeeders for a few weeks, we may see them leave. Please help eliminate this problem before it gets any bigger.

## **ARNETT PARK**

The city of PG has done a great job of trimming the trees around the playground area and the back hillside of Arnett Park. It was requested they open up this area to remove obvious hiding and loitering areas. There are still things that have been requested in writing to improve the playground area and it is hopeful that more will be done to make this a safe and decent playground.

## **FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

### **ELECTION**

Our annual election process has started. Ken Morley has been appointed Election Inspector. He has asked Connie Shelstad and Chuck Adams to be Assistant Election Inspectors.

Owners have all received a letter asking for nominations for the Glen Board of Directors. There will be two members elected. One of those seats is currently vacant. At this time, nominations are Jack Rugar, and Rodger Axt who is running to be reelected to the Board. Any further written nominations must be received by September 30th to be included in the election.

As required by state law, the election will be conducted by written secret ballot. Polls will close on November 14. A ballot will be mailed to all owners by October 10.

Your ballot will also include an information packet and separate ballot regarding the imposition of rental restrictions at The Glen. This proposed restriction was approved by the Board of Directors and would establish a limit of 30%.

The Board desires to protect equity and preserve the desirability of our community. A number of lenders and brokers have indicated that a large ratio of renters to owners is detrimental to property values, and may increase the difficulty of obtaining financing to purchase a unit. The more units that are owner-occupied also results in more favorable insurance underwriting terms, which potentially reduces monthly assessments.

Seventy-five percent of the homeowners must vote yes to rental restrictions for the amendment to the CC&Rs to be adopted.

