



### COYOTES IN THE PARK

There have been various sightings of coyotes in the parkland along South Regatta Drive, as well as in Benicia State Recreation Area. One resident reported being awakened early in the morning by coyotes yapping and howling, another stated hearing them in the evening. Dog walkers said that they encounter a coyote in the same place each morning with the animal becoming increasingly bolder each time. Another resident stated that a small dog was taken by a coyote.

The coyote, *Canis latrans* (“barking dog” in Latin) is an omnivore (often eats small animals, birds, lizards) and can be found throughout much of Central and North America. They grow to be a little under a yard in length not counting the tail and are grayish-brown to yellowish-brown in color. Coyotes often hunt in pairs and may target domestic pets including cats. Coyotes rarely attacked humans but, when they do, the injuries are not usually serious.



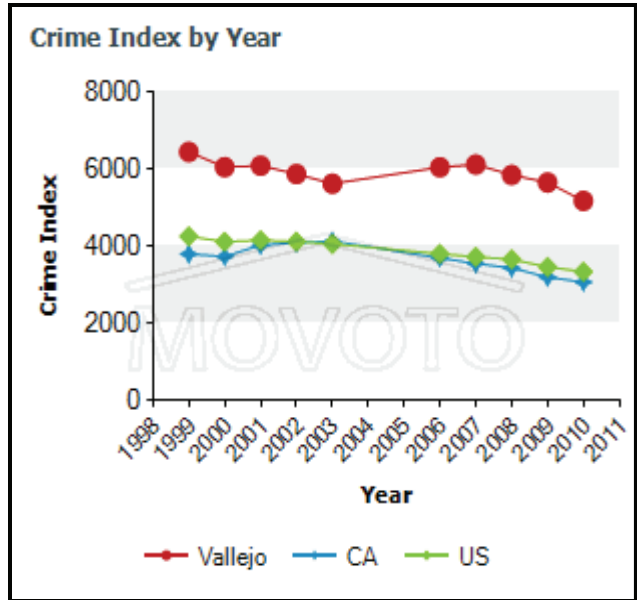
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The coyotes’ presence has affected other populations of animals native to our area. It appears that the pheasant, rabbit, and possibly other less obvious populations in the park have decreased in size with the arrival of the coyotes. Dog walkers should beware and keep their pets on a leash (as park signs state) in order to protect their animals from these predators. Some of the information for this article was found in Wikipedia where a more thorough discussion of coyotes can be found.

## THE WAY THINGS ARE... OR SHOULD BE?

The end of the year is a perfect time to assess accomplishments, disappointments, and near misses. For Glen Cove and for all of Vallejo in general, the year has been full of surprises. As the economic situation improves, some of the city's pressing problems have been addressed while other major problems have yet to be resolved.

The most common concern expressed to the Glen Cove Association Board (G.C.C.A.) by Glen Cove residents is the need for more and better security. Vallejo had an especially violent year in 2013 and the number of home burglaries and robberies increased, both in Glen Cove and elsewhere in Vallejo. Everybody seems to agree that the city needs more police officers but as always, the devil is in the details. We could leave it up to our elected officials and public employees to sort out the major issues, however, direct involvement from citizens has always been part of the American political and civic process.



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Glen Cove has approximately 3,000 households and anywhere from ten to twelve thousand residents and yet we're lucky if we can get one hundred residents to show up for a community meeting. We realize that most residents have a forty-hour work week, arrive home tired after a long commute, have to deal with the kid's homework, prepare dinner, and find some private time to relax and get ready for the next workday. Most of the residents that volunteer to serve on the Glen Cove Board have the same time constraints, personal commitments, and responsibilities.

This year was an election year in which Vallejo residents had an opportunity to decide on who they wanted to represent them on the city council. Only about 20% of registered voters city wide actually bothered to vote. The Glen Cove Board is non-partisan but has always encouraged residents to pay attention to the issues—to become knowledgeable about the candidates, to vote for the candidate of their choice, and to hold the candidates accountable for their votes on critical city issues.





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## THE WAY THINGS ARE

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We also encourage residents to become members of the Glen Cove Community Association (G.C.C.A.) yet only about 20% have actually done so despite the fact that most of our residents expect the board to represent their interests before the city council and to work with a variety of city departments to ensure that they are provided with adequate city services. The board provides assistance to residents and makes the Glen Cove newsletter available to all residents regardless of membership status in the G.C.C.A, even though Membership costs only \$20.00 a year.

We need more Glen Cove residents to step up and become involved, to speak at city council meetings during open forum opportunities to express their concerns over security, public safety, and to address other issues that come before the council. We need more of you to step up and volunteer to represent your neighborhood on the Glen Cove Board.

The board will continue to work with the City to improve public safety, to maintain or improve public services, and work closely with the code enforcement department to see that the standards set forth in the Glen Cove Codes, Covenants, and Regulations are enforced.

Best Wishes for the New Year  
Glen Cove Community Association Board

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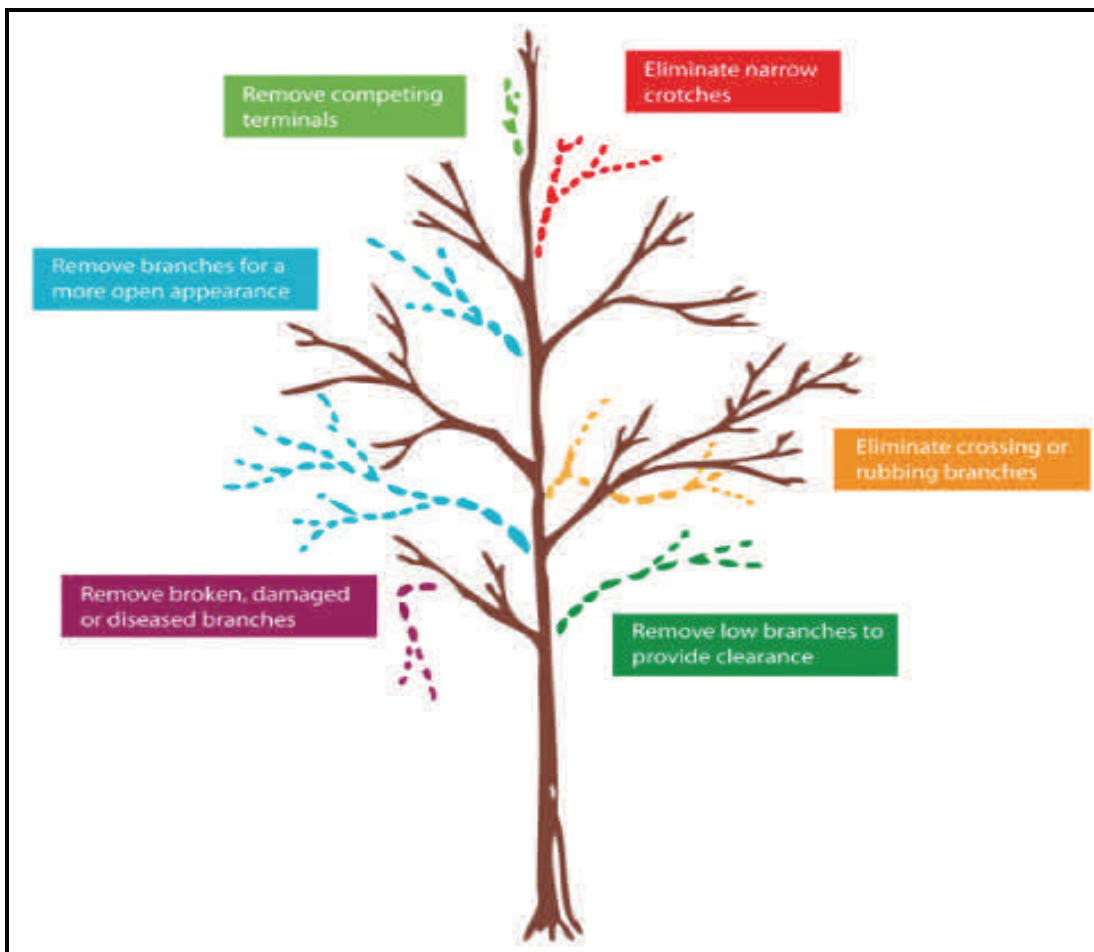


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## JANUARY IS A GOOD TIME TO PRUNE TREES

During the winter's short days and lower temperatures most trees become dormant and the deciduous ones lose their leaves. January is an excellent month for pruning trees. There are two major types of pruning: heading back and thinning.

Heading back is cutting a branch back to a lateral bud or small lateral branch. The cut should be made just beyond the bud or branch in order to avoid creating a "coat rack," a stub at the end of the branch with no lateral growth that would be more appropriately used for hanging your hat. Heading back usually results in multiple, upright, dense new growth just below the cut. Topping mature trees (heading back the main leader) is not recommended because it disfigures trees and seriously injures them and also because it's a violation of Vallejo's municipal code and is subject to a \$250.00 fine.



Thinning involves removing a lateral branch where it starts or shortening a branch by cutting back to a side branch that is large enough to assume the terminal role. Plants respond to thinning by becoming more open and retain their natural growth habit and do not usually result in a flush of new growth at the cut. Thinning opens up the tree to allow in more sunlight to inner leaves and makes the tree less susceptible to wind

damage.

When cutting a good sized, heavy branch, care should be taken not to rip the bark into a long strip beyond the cut. In order to avoid this problem, three cuts should be made. The first is done from the underside of the branch a short distance away from the trunk (stop cutting before the weight of the limb pinches the saw). This cut is done to stop the tearing of the bark and wood at the cut that often occurs when the second cut is completed. The second cut is done from above and is slightly further out the limb than the first cut. This cut should be done all the way through the limb to re-

move all but the short piece the remains growing out of the trunk. The third cut is done near but not up against the trunk. It should be done outside the “branch collar” a bark ridge around the beginning of the branch to be removed. This cut should start on top just outside the ridge and be angled slightly away from the trunk. The branch collar is essential in helping the tree heal the wound created by cutting the branch.

To make a moderately long story short, for most pruning, be sure that a lateral bud or lateral branch is growing just inside the cut so that there is no stub at the end of the branch.

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## HISTORY IN OUR MIDST

We have always maintained that Glen Cove is a diverse community for many reasons. Just about every conceivable race, culture, lifestyle, and language group is represented here. Diversity makes us all more interesting and in our view, better. We also have residents who have lived through



remarkable periods of history and who have agreed to share their first hand experiences.

Residing in Glen Cove for almost twenty-five years are two sisters who are Holocaust survivors. Their names are Debora Sessler and Bertha "Beppy" Leaver. Their ordeal began while at a school in Amsterdam, Holland. Germany invaded Holland in May of 1940, and began deporting the Jewish

population, including two young girls, Debbie and Beppy. They became part of the German labor force that cleaned just about everything, worked canning marmalade, sorted piles of clothing, and bagged jewelry confiscated from Jews who had already been sent to the gas chambers.

Eventually, the two sisters were transferred to Auschwitz, and by late 1944, disease and malnourishment were taking their toll. The two girls ended up in the camp hospital. In March, 1945, their German captors fled only two days before the arrival of a Soviet Army unit that liberated the camp. After a short stay in Russia, a ship brought them back to Amsterdam. The sisters soon realized that most of their family had perished in what is now known as the Holocaust. Their next stop was London where Beppy married. Debbie came to Northern California where she later met her husband.

Debbie believes that by telling their story she can illustrate to all what an evil thing prejudice is and what it can lead to. The lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten.

G.C.C.A. Board

## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

One of Glen Cove's best attractions is the landscaping that borders our main thoroughfares and some of the open spaces that are located throughout the development. The cost of maintaining the park-like settings is paid for from a special assessment of \$155 annually billed with our property taxes. While the assessment has remained the same since its inception in about 1988, the cost of the contracts has risen over the years and it no longer covers the cost of the landscaping and repairs to fences and other items.

The City launched a campaign several years ago to increase Glen Cove landscape maintenance district (LMD) special assessment by about \$50.00 per household per year to cover the shortfall in landscaping costs. At that time Glen Cove residents voted against the increase. As a result, we have had to allocate funds from the Glen Cove Tax Surplus Fund for maintenance items like fencing that cannot be covered with the current assessment. The surplus fund is normally earmarked to pay for capital improvement projects and was never intended to cover the cost of ongoing services such as landscaping and trash removal. The shortfall gap will further deplete the surplus fund and without a increase it may become necessary to stop maintaining some of Glen Cove's LMD landscaping. This could have an impact on property value. Please be advised that the Glen Cove Community Board will provide more information about the LMD landscaping shortfall in upcoming newsletters and plans to potentially support a LMD tax increase proposal.



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## SQUATTER PROBLEM

As you may know, Vallejo and lots of other Bay Area cities have a squatter problem. Squatters are essentially people who take up residence in a home that they do not own or are not renting. Foreclosed homes are the most susceptible to being taken over by squatters. The squatter problem in Glen Cove peaked about a year ago but the problem still exists in a few locations.

If you become aware of squatters you can help solve the problem by initiating several steps as follows;

- ◆ Contact the Police Department to report crime, nuisances, or code violations
- ◆ Contact the property owner or bank if known to report that the property has been occupied
- ◆ Contact the Neighborhood Law Program (NLP) at City Hall to file a complaint and initiate an investigation.



The Neighborhood Law Program is a unit that works within the City Attorney's Office that was specifically formed to address serious code violations and properties that have been occupied by squatters. Please check the City of Vallejo Web Site, Attorney's Office, for more details. The website contains drop down menus that provide more information and an online complaint form.

G.C.C.A. Board

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