

Bi-Monthly Report to the Residents of Glendora



Glendora Report

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MTA Finally Gives the Gold Line Foothill Extension its Due Respect

What one person labeled the “Rodney Dangerfield” of transportation projects, the MTA Board finally cast the necessary vote to include the Gold Line Foothill Extension project in the agency’s long-range transportation plan (LRTP); they directed that funding be provided to operate the system even if that means the next phase to Azusa is completed prior to 2017.



The dramatic action came after heavy Congressional pressure was applied to the MTA Board by 14 Southern California members in a letter delivered just days before the crucial vote. The letter was critical of the preliminary action by the Board to adopt a policy that would only allow the agency to seek federal dollars for the Westside Subway and the “regional connector” that would connect several different rail lines in downtown Los Angeles.

The Congressional delegation argued there was no reason not to pursue federal funding for other projects as well. The Congressional delegation indicated that not to include other projects in the so called “new starts” funding priority list might find the region without any federal funding for new starts for many years due to eligibility as current regulations are written. The letter indicated – “If the board does not include these projects, we leave hundred of millions of federal dollars on the table that will be directed elsewhere in the country.”

The letter was unprecedented in the fact it drew almost all the Congressional members for Los Angeles County joined by several members from Orange and San Bernardino counties. Adding weight to the pressure upon the board was that nearly 100 people showed up to the meeting in support of the Gold Line Foothill Extension, which included members from the Glendora City Council who have unanimously supported the funding and continuation of the Gold Line.

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10 Questions, 10 Minutes

U.S. Census Provides shorter Questionnaire



Every ten years residents across the country receive the U.S. Census. Now that we are approaching 2010, preparations, test runs and awareness campaigns are underway to remind people not to neglect the census form that will be coming in the mail at the beginning of the year as it could direct where billions of dollars will be flowing over the next decade.

The scope of the operation includes counting nearly 310 million people within a few months, delivering more than 134 million questionnaires, managing almost 500 local census offices and hiring 1.4 million field staff workers. The task at hand—how can we help make it run smoother than the 2000 Census? Easy, instead of one in six households who received a more detailed long form of 51 questions in 2000, this time every recipient will receive a short form of only 10 questions. This short form is expected to take only a few minutes to complete and households will be asked to provide key demographic information including whether a housing unit is rented or owned, the address of the residence and the names, genders, and the ages and races of others living in household.

Local Census and government officials stress that the information obtained cannot be shared with anyone, including other federal and state agencies, by law. “The goal this time around is to prompt more participation by having just 10 questions for everyone”, said Glendora City Manager Chris Jeffers. “There was confusion last time with two forms and despite assuring people that the information could not be shared it is harder to stress that point when someone fills out a questionnaire asking more than just the basic, basic questions. This 2010 form of 10 questions should only take about 10 minutes to complete.”

Unfortunately even with all that is at stake with the Census, reapportionment, federal funds and statistical information that businesses use every day, the return rate of people mailing in their answers has remained under 70% for the last 30 years. In 2000 mail return did slightly better at 67% rather than the 1990 return rate of 65%. This makes it a difficult and slow process for the government to figure where funds need to be allocated. Once it is determined which households have not mailed in their forms, field workers are dispatched to gather the information in person. The Census will usually get 98%+ before they shut down.

The low initial return rate is the main reason why the 2010 Census form has been designed for everyone to answer just 10 questions. The City of Glendora had an initial return rate of 80% which was one of the highest in Southern California, with most communities mirroring the national trend of fewer than 70%.

“The City Council is eager to improve our return rate and ultimate participation is what is at stake,” Jeffers said. “We are trying to get the word out early and frequently so that people feel comfortable taking the 10 minutes to complete and return it.”

The Census Day will occur on April 1, 2010. The Census form can be viewed at www.census.gov/2010census. To learn more about the Census 2010, visit www.2010.census.gov.

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Avoid Being a Victim of Crime

With the holidays approaching, the Glendora Police Department issued their annual advisory notice to residents and visitors on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime this season.

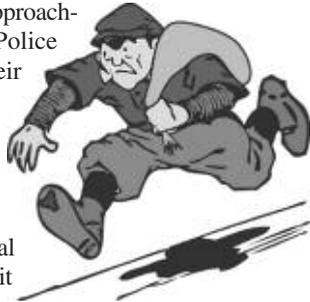
According to national crime studies, we make it too easy for criminals to take advantage of our situations and thus we become another victim to "crimes of opportunity". According to Glendora Police Chief Charles Montoya, "criminals look for the easiest victim in most cases: The purse left on the seat of the car, a person running into the store while leaving the car running, leaving tools in the back of pickup trucks or the innocent person that leaves all their shopping bags in plain view."

Police Department officials urge holiday shoppers to have a safer and more pleasant holiday by taking the following steps:

- Never leave your purse, wallet or cell phone where people can see it. If you must leave these items in the car, consider putting them in the trunk before you reach your destination.
- Never leave shopping bags or packages in plain sight. If they cannot fit under the seat, then place them in the trunk.
- Never leave the keys in the car and certainly never leave the car running while you just run in for a quick minute.
- Try not to shop alone, especially at night if at all possible. If you do, park underneath bright lighting.
- For women, try to keep your purse between yourself and a building, as keeping it on the side closest to the lane of traffic makes for an ideal opportunity for robbers to quickly grab your purse, hop in a car and speed away.
- If someone approaches you about cashing a check or a winning ticket, but they cannot cash it themselves for any reason, don't fall for it. It's a scam!
- Don't give money to panhandlers. It is more likely than not to go to illegitimate activities than for food or a place to sleep. We encourage that you give to established charities or churches with proven records of helping the homeless.

"We remind folks every year about how they can avoid becoming a victim, yet when we get busy and lose our focus on simple steps like this, you're going to most likely become a victim at some time" said Chief Montoya. "Our Officers see it every time when they respond to take reports for crimes of opportunity. The victim's holiday spirit is dampened and they are very depressed when they realize how inviting they made themselves."

For more information or questions, please call the Glendora Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau at (626) 914-8268 or visit the city's web site for helpful information at www.ci.glendora.ca.us.



Glendora Police Department Teams with School District to Bring Drug Use Awareness to Parents

According to the latest research of law enforcement agencies, abuse of prescription drugs has fast become the choice of youth/teens, with only marijuana listed as the more preferred illicit drug. Today's teenagers are not using the same drugs of the 1960's 70's and 80's such as cocaine, LSD, heroine, marijuana, meth and crack. They have found it much easier to just raid their parent's or grandparent's medicine cabinets for the drugs to get high on. This alarming trend has increased in the last few years.



At a recent forum held at Glendora High School, officials from both the school district and the police department, along with drug addiction treatment doctors and counselors hosted a blunt discussion on this topic. "The goal is to simply make parents more aware of what is happening, how they can spot the signs that their own child may be in trouble, and what resources there are to help," said Glendora Police Captain Rob Castro. "While the department takes a very aggressive stance in cracking down on illicit drug trade and use, we realize that to be successful, we have to help parents become aware and deal with these complex issues if we are going to be successful."

Most teens and young adults feel almost indestructible and immune to the problems that others may experience. Some teens will experiment and stop, while others may continue to occasionally use without any significant problem. Then there are those who develop a dependency. It is impossible to predict which teens will fall into which category.

With interdiction in the illicit drug trade over the years making it harder and more expensive to get drugs like cocaine, meth and heroine, teens have been very resourceful and turned to the prescriptions of their parents or other family members. Painkillers have become the most abused prescription drug of choice. Yet, officials warn not to get too comforted by the lack of painkillers in their household. "There are anxiety prescriptions, depressants, stimulants, blood pressure and many other types of drugs that teens are taking. What makes it more difficult, is that these drugs are so easily obtainable, easy to hide and so well marketed in today's world," said Police Chief Charles Montoya of the Glendora Police Department. "Kids see their parents taking them; see ads on television promoting drugs and many ads leave a clear impression that if you are not feeling well, just see the doctor and get a pill."

The recent drug awareness forum was attended by over 100 parents and residents and lasted almost 2 hours. Both Glendora Unified officials and City officials stressed that one discussion was not going to make a big difference, rather a constant reminder to parents that they need to be engaged at all times with their children. Both the District and Glendora Police Department have added helpful links to their web sites with where to get more information on drugs and resources to help individuals that abuse drugs.

"While we want to provide adults with useful information so they can be a better parent, being a parent is still the best defense we have," indicated City Manager Chris Jeffers. "As a parent of two teenage kids, wondering how their brain works can leave me just scratching my head. Yet, if we are going help, it still means we need to ask where they are going, who their friends are, giving parameters for them to follow and talking to them about these tough topics more than just once."

To learn more about this topic, please visit the city website at www.ci.glendora.ca.us and click on the Police Department page.

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So on a motion by Board Members Mark Ridley-Thomas and Michael Antonovich, the MTA Board unanimously adopted language changes to the LRTP that will accomplish the following for the Gold Line:

- Confirms that the agency intends to complete the line to Claremont/Montclair
- Commits to operating the line to Azusa and Claremont as soon as each segment is built
- Identifies it as one of three first priority projects for which the agency will pursue additional funding (outside federal New Starts) to complete the project.

Some of the local Congressional members signing the letter to MTA included David Dreier; Adam Schiff, Joe Baca, Judy Chu, Grace Napolitano and Gary Miller. In addition, area members of the California legislature who attended in person or sent key staff members to speak on their behalf included Anthony Adams, Bob Huff, Anthony Portantino, Carol Liu and Gloria Romero.

"The City Council is very pleased by the action taken by the Board and realizing there needs to be a real regional balance and approach to dealing with our transportation needs. For too many years, the MTA seems to have routed federal dollars to Los Angeles at the expense of easier and quicker projects from the surrounding communities" said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "While this is an important win, one that needs to be touted, there is a lot of work still ahead and the Glendora City Council realizes that and will continue to roll up their sleeves until it's completed."

To find out more about the Gold Line Extension, visit the Construction Authorities web site at www.metrogoldline.org or the MTA web site at www.metro.net.

Monrovia Nursery Development Site Plans Planning Commission Gives Tentative Green Light

After nearly two years of study and meeting with various stakeholders associated with the vacant Monrovia Nursery site located on the western boundaries of Glendora along the City of Azusa, a preliminary site plan has been developed. The property owners of the site had originally submitted a development plan for 129 homes in 2006, but due to the housing market decline the effort stalled. That's when the



City decided it was probably best that it took the lead in developing a plan for the eventual housing development that would occur on the site.

"There were many issues that made this site unique to develop and we wanted to ensure compatibility with the existing neighborhood," said Jeff Kugel, Glendora Planning and Redevelopment Director. "Issues like grading, density, drainage, traffic and open space are some of the issues we have had to study and work through with the neighborhood and property owner."

To give technical advice during this process, the City hired Rick Engineering to develop the underlying concept that would be used to develop what urban planners call a "specific plan". A specific plan is a detailed plan that establishes the development and design standards that a future developer must follow for that specific area. To develop that plan, city officials needed a framework to develop what essentially will be a mini-zoning code book for the 95 acres.

After reviewing the work and studies done by the property owner, conducting updated traffic studies, developing new preliminary grading plans and new drainage flow calculations, Rick Engineers was able to create a new preliminary site plan. The site plan has the lot layout, preliminary grade and streets layout.

"With this new site plan, the Planning Commission was asked to give a preliminary go ahead for us to develop the comprehensive specific plan based on that site plan," said Kugel. "It's far from the final approval, but this marks a remarkable achievement and we think we are well on our way to developing a win-win for all the stakeholders involved in what will be the last major land area to be developed in Glendora. So it was worth the time and energy it has taken to study and communicate with the neighborhood and property owner."

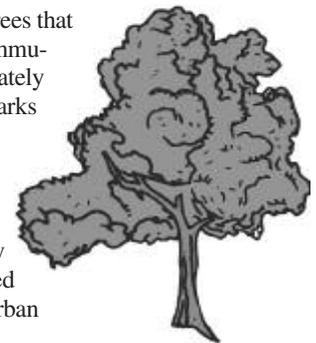
City officials emphasized that the next phase of the process will take anywhere from 6-9 months to finish up the specific plan and conduct the necessary CEQA analysis before bringing it back to the Planning Commission for any final action. "The difficulty with these complex developments is that they move in and out of the public arena which can confuse the general public as to what is happening," said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "We always invite the public to call the Planning Department or visit the City website to see what is new or where we are in any particular development review item. The best analogy I can give is that, it's like a wrist watch for the public. They see just what is happening on the face of the watch, but don't see the all the inner workings that makes it work."

For more information on the Monrovia Nursery Project Site, visit www.ci.glendora.ca.us and access the Planning/Redevelopment page or call (626) 914-8214.

Community Services Commission is Updating City's Urban Forestry Manual

One of the beauties of Glendora is the vast amount of trees that grow on both private and public lands throughout the community. For the City of Glendora, it maintains approximately 18,000 trees that thrive in parkways, street medians, city parks and wilderness areas. These trees make up Glendora's Urban Forest.

"These trees are a valuable asset in terms of environmental benefits as well as maintaining property values for both residents and businesses alike," said Community Services Director La Shawn Butler. "As an asset, we need to have a plan that defines how we protect and treat the urban forest so that future generations can enjoy its benefits."



The Urban Forestry Manual being reviewed by the City's Community Services Commission enhances an older version by updating policies and procedures the city will use in the management and care of all trees located on publicly owned property. The technology and understanding of how to care for this asset has evolved over the last several decades, so putting the "best management practices" approach in writing helps not only the City to improve the care, but will also assist private property owners with their tree stock.

City officials are hoping the public will participate in the process of reviewing the procedures to ensure a proper balance of the achieving a healthy forest and efficient use of limited financial resources. The draft of the Urban Forestry Manual can be reviewed on the City's web site under the Community Services (Parks & Recreation) page at www.ci.glendora.ca.us. You can also visit the Community Services Department at City Hall, next to the City Council Chambers, located at 116 E. Foothill Blvd. to obtain a copy of the report.

The Community Services Commission is scheduled to begin reviewing the draft update in January. Agendas for the Commission can be seen on the City's web site.

"A healthy urban forest can enhance a sense of peace, provide a panoramic view and a quiet escape from the hectic world we live in," Butler indicated. "They are an asset that must be given proper attention, as trees take decades to reach their full value for our environment and economic value."

Commission/Committee Applicants Sought

The City of Glendora invites interested persons who are residents of the City to submit applications to serve on various City Commissions or Committees. The following vacancies are currently

INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ONE VACANCY

The Investment Advisory Committee provides advice pertaining to the investment of the City's funds by developing immediate and long-range plans for the investments. Members of the Investment Advisory Committee must be registered to vote and reside within the incorporated city limits during their entire term of service and are required to submit supplemental questionnaire regarding financial education, professional licenses, portfolio management, etc. (Council Action on 4-2-96, Resolution No. 01-42).

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – ONE VACANCY

The Beautification Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council on manners and means to promote, encourage and recognize efforts and investments to beautify the visual and architectural image of the community.

Applications are available at City Hall or may be downloaded from this web site at www.ci.glendora.ca.us. To be considered, applications must be submitted to the City Clerk, 116 E. Foothill Boulevard, Glendora during regular business hours and applications will be accepted until the vacancies are filled. Please call City Clerk Kathleen R. Sessman at (626) 914-8210 for more information.

California Water Supply – Where does it come from?



Water is an essential part of our lives and providing that precious resource is a task that the City Council of Glendora takes very seriously. California is likely to be the most hydrological transformed land area in the United States. It resembles little of what it looked like in the middle 1800's. Today there are reservoirs where desert stood and desert where cropland was once seen, and we have transformed marshes into croplands. California has changed from a sparsely populated area into the world's leading agricultural and food region due to the development of an integrated water system.

Water development projects – storage & distribution – have transformed deserts into farmland and supported large cities and small towns.

California's climate is also one of the most diverse in our country, where you can have average precipitation of 100 inches in parts of northern California to just a few inches annually in the far southern areas. Approximately 65% of the state experiences only 20 inches of precipitation on average annually, with most of that falling in the winter months. Water officials note that 70% of water is north of Sacramento, while 75% of the population and farmland is south of Sacramento.



Colorado River

Water is the backbone of our economy, and managing it is one of the most critical tasks that elected officials oversee, whether in the north, south, urban, rural, big city or small community like Glendora. This management has also been a political fight for a hundred years between these varying interests. Everything seems to depend on the manipulation of water by capturing, storing and re-routing it. California has over 1200 major dams, two of the biggest irrigation projects on this planet, and some the largest reservoirs in our country.

According to the Water Education Foundation, California receives about 200 million acre-feet of water annually. About 55% will evaporate, seep into the ground or be used by vegetation. The remaining 45% of our precipitation flows into the streams and lakes as they make their way toward our oceans. Of this amount, we use about 12% for urban use, 48% for agriculture and rest remains in our environment.

In Southern California we get our water from a variety of sources. Groundwater sources provide between 30% - 40% of the supply and the remainder is imported from the Owens Valley, the Colorado River and the State Water Project. Where you live in Southern California determines where exactly your water comes from. Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is a regional wholesaler of groundwater and imported water comes from the Colorado River and the State Water Project, which sell to its 26 member agencies. Each of these member agencies also has varying amounts of local resources of their own, so the extent of dependence on imported water and MWD varies.



Glendora is one of those agencies served by MWD through the Three Valley's Water District. Most communities in the San Gabriel Valley are served to a varying degree by MWD water. For Glendora, we get about 15%-18% of our water needs through MWD. Most of our water comes from ground wells and our authorized levels to pump through our ground wells.

The Colorado River

The MWD manages the 242 mile long Colorado River Aqueduct which extends from Parker Dam in Lake Havasu, Arizona to Lake Matthews in Riverside. The Aqueduct has the capacity to carry 1.3 million acre-feet annually. This water source is the principal resource for seven states and parts of Mexico. Spanning over 1,400 miles from Wyoming to the Gulf of California, this water is the most litigated river in the entire world. The water is governed by a complex set of interstate compacts, international treaties, Supreme Court decrees, federal laws, state laws, water contracts and administrative decisions which have become known as the "the law of the river".



Colorado River Aqueduct

The State Water Project

This massive infrastructure project begins at Lake Davis in Northern California and spans 600 miles south to Southern California. It includes 34 storage facilities, 20 pumping stations, five hydroelectric power plants and 700 miles of canals, tunnels and pipelines. It provides water for 23 million people and 1/2 of a million acres of farmland.

About 70% of this water goes to urban sources with the remaining going for agricultural use. MWD takes in about 45% of this water on behalf of its member agencies. While it could deliver up to 4.2 million acre-feet of water annually, it rarely can do that much. On average it delivers about 3 million acre-feet.

This project is heavily dependent on moving several million acre-feet of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta area, also known as the Bay-Delta. The Delta is home to millions of migratory waterfowl that use the area every year in their migration from South America to Alaska. It is also home to many species of fish, including salmon, steelhead and the Delta smelt.

The Delta smelt by some experts is considered an indicator of the biological health of the area, and their population has declined significantly over the last few years. The pumps which direct 5.5 million acre-feet of water through the State and Central Valley projects, have sucked in these fish and killed them in large numbers.

As a result of legal rulings, the Delta pumps have been significantly turned down in how much they can pump and when. The resulting impact is that water availability has been reduced by over 60%, severely impacting the available water for users in Southern California.

Managing water so that enough is available when users need it is a complex and costly proposition. Yet, with all the infrastructure projects and difficulties encountered, water is the cheapest resource commodity around. For Glendora it averages less than \$0.0004 of a penny per gallon. Compare that to the average cost of \$1.28 per gallon for bottled water purchased at the store.

The future is murky for water availability as federal and state officials appear to be pointing fingers at each other on the best way to resolve the Bay Delta issues and bring back on line a major source of water for Southern California. Glendora Officials are concerned that special interests have derailed policy makers from the simple task that the water from this source is critical for Southern California cities and farmlands. In the meantime, conservation of this valuable resource is certainly possible and obtainable with just a little thought by users everywhere.



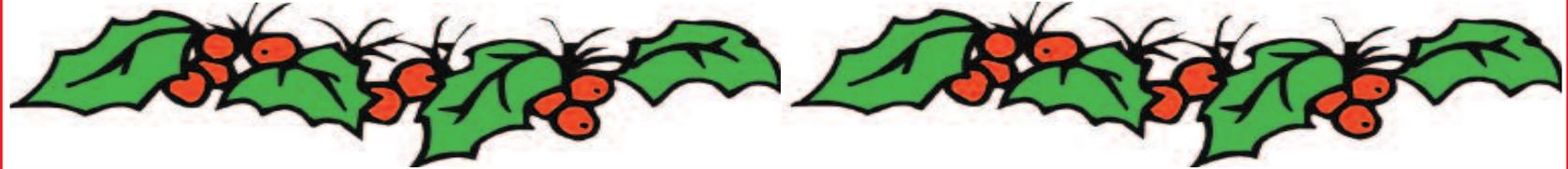
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Every purchase benefits your community!
 Tax dollars from your purchases generate revenue
 for City Services, police, parks and your library



**Glendora Businesses
 Can Meet Every Need this
 Holiday Season**

Electronics, clothes, shoes, jewelry, cars, unique items, all can be found right here in our community. The unique boutique stores in the Glendora Village, the power center stores of Marketplace and Diamond Ridge; the historic Route 66 stores and the hundreds of businesses along Grand Avenue and Arrow Highway are eager to meet your needs, and more than willing not to be undersold by any competitor.



National Park Service Review Conducting San Gabriel Mountain Resource Study

The National Park Service began work on the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study in 2005. Such studies can only be authorized by Congress for review of areas that might be included in the national park system. Sponsoring the enacting legislation were then Congresswoman Hilda Solis and Congressman David Dreier.

In a special resource study a proposed addition to the national park system receives a favorable recommendation for the National Park Service only if it meets all the following criteria:

1. It possesses significant natural or cultural resources nationally; and
2. It is a suitable addition to the system; and
3. It is a feasible addition to the system; and
4. It requires direct Park Service management instead of alternative protection by other public agencies or the private sector.

The San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study seeks to bring together the process for special resource studies with the realities of densely populated urban communities, managed by many different landowners, agencies and jurisdictions, interfacing with large areas of open space and wildlands. Using this approach the primary emphasis of the Study is to identify opportunities for collaborative management and partnerships among local, state and federal governments and other entities.

The first phase of the Study included a scoping process where the public and interested stakeholders were invited to make comments on the initial study approach, important resources that should be included, potential impacts, the scope and size of study area and the range of study outcomes.

That is where the Park Service is at this time, trying to get comments on the three proposed scenarios of scope and size of the Study area.

Concept A would create a San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area. The size of the area would capture the eastern San Gabriel Mountains that are currently with the Angeles National Forest.

Concept B would create a San Gabriel Parks and Open Space Network. A park and open space network intended to connect urban neighborhoods, mountains and rivers with a broader watershed. The idea would be for a loose collaboration of local, state and federal entities that are focused on land management, recreation and conservation.

The final *Concept, C*, would create a San Gabriel Watershed National Recreation Area. This would encompass the upper reaches of the San Gabriel River down to Santa Fe Springs it would also include the Rio Hondo down to Downey. This alternative offers the protection and opportunities of the National Park Service Unit specifically a National Recreation Area.

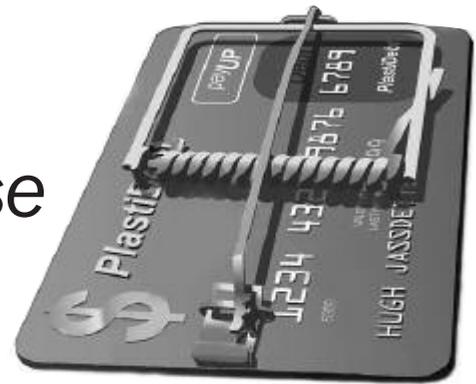
The National Park Service is still taking comments from the public on these concepts. Some stakeholders have expressed some concern that a new designation by the Federal Government over such a vast area of land may complicate vital projects like local land use decisions; flood control and water rights. The central concern is the possibility that these areas could become hostage to a "gnat catcher" type scenario and impact residents in the San Gabriel Valley.

Supporters of the effort counter that obtaining the designation would not place any greater burden upon those areas than currently exist, if at all. Their purpose is to seek greater federal dollars for preservation of open space and educational efforts that would benefit the region.

"As the study moves forward, the debate will certainly become interesting," said Glendora City Manager Chris Jeffers. "At this time, we are monitoring the study, but have gone on record that if the designation occurs, it should be clear in the language that local entities would not lose their existing oversight and regulatory abilities. We are in favor of trying to get more federal resources accessed to the Angeles Forest and the foothills that surround it."

For more information on the study, you can visit the National Park Service web site at www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel or phone the Project Manager, Ms. Martha Crusius, at (510) 817-1447.

Watch How You Use Credit Cards



While the economic times appear desperate for many, turning to your credit cards as a way to keep your head above water likely will do the opposite. Financial experts indicate there are four things you should never do with credit cards.

1. Don't make only the minimum payments. Doing this not only stretches your payment, but with interest, will significantly increase the cost of your items.

2. Don't carry too many cards. Having multiple cards can make it all too easy to rack up debt because it is harder to keep track of your spending. Experts encourage consumers to carry only two national cards as specific store cards often carry higher interest rates. It will help you better manage your credit.

3. Don't miss payment due dates. This will not only ensure that you are hit with late fees which can be as much as \$39 on some cards, but your interest rate could be adjusted by the credit card company. You may want to consider signing up for online banking or pay over the phone if you are up against the deadline.

4. Don't take cash advances. These advances generally come with astronomical interest rates and service fees, making them a far too expensive way to get cash and consumers should avoid at all costs.

Financial experts warn consumers that trying to get by on normal day to day living through your credit cards is a dead end. As tough as a person's financial situation may appear at the moment, it will never turn out better by using a credit card to meet basic needs.

For more information on consumer credit counseling you may want to contact the following sites.

National Foundation for Credit Counseling
www.nfcc.org
1-800-388-2227

Consumer Credit Counseling
www.cccsstl.org
1-888-656-2227

City Reminds RV Owners to Properly Dispose of RV Sewage

The City of Glendora reminds owners of recreational vehicles that proper disposal of sewage is an important responsibility that they carry. Owners of RV's can locate the nearest disposal station locally or on your vacation destination by logging on the County of Los Angeles Environmental Resources Website at www.ClenaLA.com or to www.rvdumps.com.

Owners are reminded to call each station first to confirm any fees and verify that the station accepts sewage waste from the general public before traveling to the disposal station. It is illegal to dump sewage into a street gutter or waterway.

Sales Tax Receipts Show Slow Down for 2nd Quarter

Glendora revenues from sales occurring between April and June 2009 period were 14.6% lower than the same period in 2008 according to the latest reporting from the State. Adverse economic conditions impacted just about every sector including new autos, building materials, business services and general retail as a whole.

While consumers show an unwillingness to open their pocket-books for spending, there was some positive news in the data released. Glendora appears to be one of the cities where consumers are going to shop for the goods they will be buying. Of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County, Glendora was in the lower quarter of those experiencing a percentage drop. "The average drop was over 20% in the county," said Josh Betta, Glendora Finance Director. "While our drop is difficult to absorb, many of the super sales tax cities experienced drops of nearly 30%. Overall, the data shows that local government pulled in \$65 million less in sales taxes for the quarter, which is decimating for us all."

Glendora officials are working again with the Chamber of Commerce to raise awareness that shopping locally is a win-win for everyone involved. "The consumer can get everything they want right here and get some great prices too," said Jeff Kugel, the Director of Planning and Economic Development. "The store gets needed sales that will keep it open through what will be another tough year for retailers and hopefully keep local residents employed. The City is heavily dependent of its share of the sales tax to fund police, library and our parks. It is something that makes sense, and everyone wins when we stay in the city to shop."

Economists are expecting that after the Christmas season there will be a number of retailers that close up shop, as they cannot make it financially. Many of those stores will be restaurants and higher end soft good outlets. Projections for the last two quarters of 2009 indicate the declines will continue over the same period of 2008. Most retailers are expecting that they may not see sustained growth until late 2010. It will be a case of who can survive until then, and who will be left standing at that time to enjoy the new consumer confidence.

Holiday Idea! Buy a Brick for the Glendora War Memorial

How about a gift this holiday that will last a lifetime? Consider buying a brick in memory of a family member, recognize the service of someone serving in the military or maybe just put your name to show your appreciation for those members of the armed services who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. For \$200 you can have an inscribed brick laid in front of the new memorial being planned for in front of City Hall.

To date we have over 35 bricks purchased. Individuals and organizations have requested inscriptions of their names, the names in honor or memory of a family member who served in the military, or the name of their business. We'll work with you to find the right wording and it will be seen by everyone who comes to visit the memorial for decades in the future.

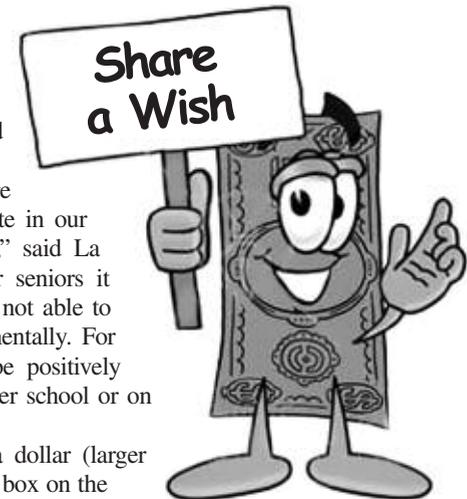
For more information on how to purchase a brick or the monument effort, please call (626) 914-8299 or visit www.ci.glendora.ca.us.

Donate a Dollar Program

The Glendora Community services Department has started a "Share a Wish" program. This program allows eligible youth and seniors from low and moderate income households an opportunity to participate in the many recreation classes and activities at a reduced fee.

"In these economic times, we are finding that more seniors and young children are not able to participate in our recreational programs due to the lack of resources," said La Shawn Butler, Community Services Director. "For seniors it means they are more likely to become shut-in's and not able to interact as they should to keep healthy physically and mentally. For our young children, they lose the opportunity to be positively involved in the community to fill their spare time after school or on weekends on the streets."

If your or your business would like to donate a dollar (larger donations gratefully accepted as well!), just check the box on the class registration form or call the Community Services Department at (626) 914-2357 to see how you can assist seniors and our youth.



Library Happenings

December 4th 2:00 pm / Glendora Public Library / Bidwell Forum

"Cognitive Maintenance: Use It or Lose It" – This program, presented by Gilda Dominguez, MS, SLP from Citrus Valley Health Partners, will offer practical help to retain and improve mental competence.

January 11th thru February 27th / Glendora Public Library / Children's Room

"Bookmark Contest" – This annual contest is open to all Glendora school children grades K-12 – forms and rules available in the Children's Room.

January 30th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm / Glendora Public Library / Bidwell Forum

"Quilt Show" – This Quilt Show will feature handmade quilts by the 'Dewey Decimal Quilting Friends', Opportunity Quilt, Opportunity Baskets and vendors. Proceeds will benefit the Glendora Public Library. Admission is \$5.

Glendora War Memorial Donation Form	
Name of Donor:	_____
Address:	_____ _____
Phone #:	_____
Contribution Amount:	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$7,500 Patriot	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 Old Glory <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500 Stars & Stripes
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Brick Donor	Other: \$ _____
Name to be placed on brick:	_____
	Maximum <u>2</u> Lines / <u>18</u> Characters / per line
Make checks payable to:	
"LCpl Blake Howey Memorial Fund"	-or- City of Glendora
Attention: War Memorial	Attention: War Memorial
P.O. Box 1245	116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91740	Glendora, CA 91741
Fed. Tax I.D.: 20-8984438	Fed. Tax I.D.: 95-6000715

Property Maintenance in Tough Times

The economic recession continues to trouble the country, states and cities. With an increase in unemployment and foreclosures city officials are finding more properties displaying a lack of care and maintenance. The most obvious commercial/residential neglect is seen in outdoor landscaping, either being overgrown or dying due to lack of water. City officials are also observing structures that were once well maintained looking more dilapidated and in disrepair.

The reason the City of Glendora, as well as other cities has minimum property and maintenance standards established in their respective communities is threefold.

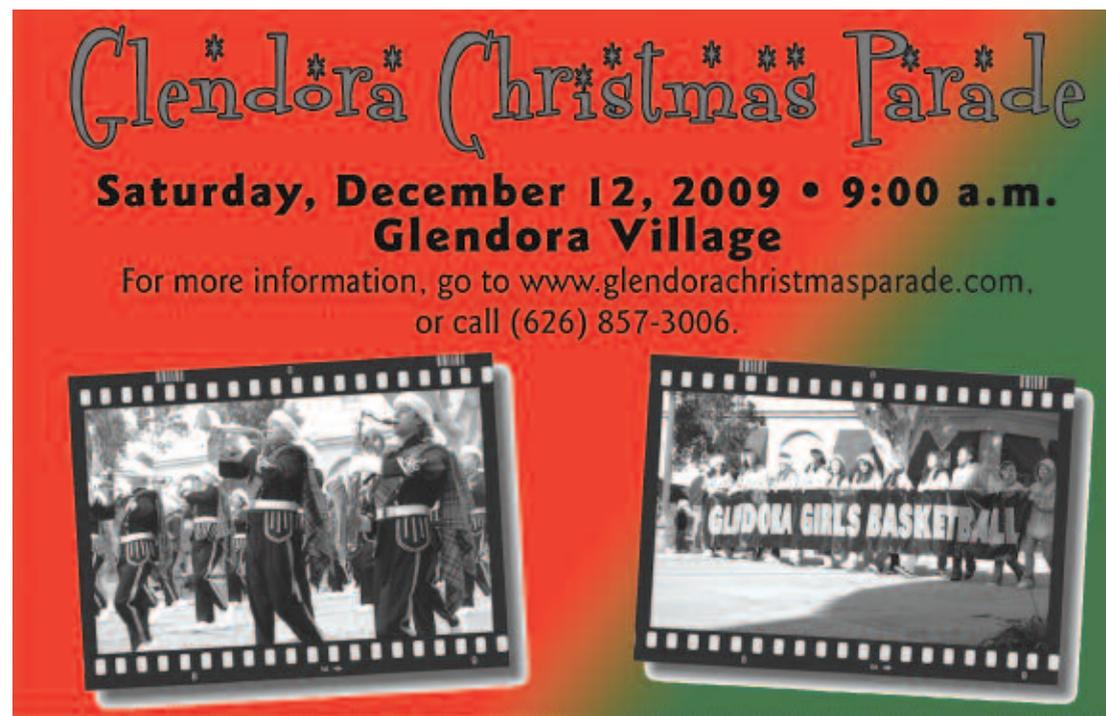
First, the public nuisance standards ensure the public's health and safety. When vegetation is left unmaintained it creates a prime location for rodents and vermin to nest and take refuge. "It is not uncommon to find skunks, rats, snakes, possums and feral cats living in overgrown vegetation," said Code Enforcement Supervisor Chuck Ochoa.

Secondly, unmaintained properties have been found to be more vulnerable to crime. Crime can include being victimized by burglaries and other property crimes to being inhabited by those who prey on others. "It is our experience and that of other police agencies that under maintained properties attract criminal activity and create the feeling that community members do not care about the community's well being," said Glendora Police Captain Rob Castro. "It's a generality, but it is supported when we look at our calls for service. We see more activity in neighborhoods that have little or borderline property maintenance issues."

Thirdly, the enforcement of property maintenance regulations assists in the retention of economic value for neighborhoods and communities. "It is no coincidence that communities that pay less attention to property maintenance have suffered lower home values and higher crime," indicated Planning Director Jeff Kugel.

City officials admit times are tough, but it is imperative that we all try and maintain our homes and businesses at a level of compliance for health and safety. "Most maintenance issues can be resolved with communication and a determination by owner/tenant to work diligently towards resolving," said Ochoa. "We really don't want to press cases with legal action, we just need to get a reasonable set of timelines for compliance to be achieved and monitor to make sure all parties are living up to their word."

To learn more about Community Preservation, visit the city's website at www.ci.glendora.ca.us and click on the Police Department web page.



Glendora Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 12, 2009 • 9:00 a.m.
Glendora Village
 For more information, go to www.glendorachristmasparade.com,
 or call (626) 857-3006.

The poster features two film strip images: one showing a parade float with people and another showing a banner that reads "GLENORA GIRLS BASKETBALL".

Glendora Meeting Dates:

City Council Meeting

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
 City Hall, Council Chambers

Planning Commission Meeting

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
 City Hall, Council Chambers

Community Services Commission

3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
 City Hall, Council Chambers

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
 Glendora Library, Bidwell Forum

Historic Preservation Committee Meeting

4th Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
 City Hall, Council Chambers

Trails Committee Meeting

Last Monday of the Month, 6:30 p.m.
 City Hall, Council Chambers

Investment Advisory Committee Meeting

Meets Quarterly, call (626) 914-8210
 City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Rm

Beautification Committee Meeting

Meets Quarterly, call (626) 914-8210
 City Hall, Council Chambers

Water Commission Meeting

Meets Quarterly, call (626) 914-8210
 City Hall, Council Chambers

**Credit Cards are accepted
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 City Council.....914-8201
 City Manager.....914-8201
 Code Enforcement.....852-4825
 Non-Emergency Police.....914-8250
 Graffiti Hotline.....963-8540
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 Waste Collection.....1-888-253-2652
 Housing Programs.....914-8208
 City Job Line.....914-8206

La Fetra Senior Center.....914-8235
 Glendora Library.....852-4891
 City Mini Bus System.....914-8233
 Overnight Parking Information.....914-8250
 Community Services.....914-8228
 Planning & Redevelopment.....914-8214
 Public Works (Streets/Engineering).....914-8246
 Teen Center.....914-2357
 Water Emergency (8 am to 5 pm).....914-8246
 Water Emergency (After 5 pm).....914-8250
 Utility Billing (City).....914-8239