

Bi-Monthly Report to the Residents of Glendora



Glendora Report

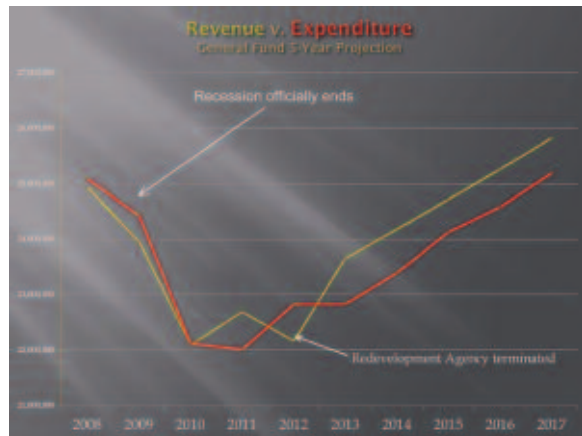
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Mid-Year Budget Review Shows Positive Year-End

Recently the City Council was presented its annual mid-year fiscal review by Interim Finance Director Ton Kanarr. The report indicated that this fiscal year should end better than originally projected due to increase in sales from auto dealers and fuel sales in particular. The City's five new auto dealers have enjoyed the national trend of people buying new vehicles in large numbers. "With every new \$20,000 car sold, the City receives about \$225 as part of its share of the sales tax charged," said Kanarr.

Also contributing to the projected increase in revenue this year is a number of one-time occurrences. This includes a \$300,000 adjustment by the State Board of Equalization for previously misallocated sales tax by them. In addition, the building permit payment for the 53-unit Glendora Crossings was received this year. Finally, the lack of a municipal election as no challengers sought to contest the two incumbent City Council members saved the city about \$120,000.



Kanarr's presentation also gave an estimated five-year projection of General Fund revenues and expenditures. The Finance Director told the audience that while this is an estimate and things could change, the City would likely see a positive budget for the next several years if it maintained its goal of financial stewardship.

"The City Council has made a number of positive and sound financial decisions over the last few years which have kept us on solid ground as we

can see from the information," said Kanarr. He cautioned that just one or two undisciplined decisions however, could change the picture just as easily.

The Council also heard from staff about several policy issues it will have to face over the next several years. Some of those include funding of the mandated National Pollution Discharge Elimination System designed to keep pollution out of the storm drains. Staff estimates that the recently approved MS4 permit by the LA Regional Water Control Board could cost the City up to \$1 million annually.

Other issues included rising Workers Compensation costs, funding of infrastructure maintenance and still rising pension charges from CalPERS. The City Manager indicated that while not all these issues need addressing next year, they do within the next 2-3 years and will impact the fiscal situation greatly as a result of the Council's decisions.

To see the full presentation, go to the www.ci.glendora.ca.us and click on meetings on video. Click on the City Council meeting of February 26, 2013.



Eagle Scouts Complete Art Cook Park Landscaping

The Parks Division has completed the new landscaping at Art Cook Park located at the corner of Sierra Madre Ave. and Loraine Ave. Parks and Public Works Staff have installed new drip irrigation system and a walking path that meanders between the new drought tolerant plants and grasses. The walking path leads to a nice shaded seating area overlooking the new park.

The Art Cook Park development project was successful due to the assistance of two different Eagle Scout projects managed by Brandon Lawrence and Daniel Kirkham who organized and installed over 700 plants.



10th Annual Partners of La Fetra Casino Night

Saturday, May 18, 2013 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.



Tickets: \$25 (Partners Members)
Tickets: \$30 (Non-Members)
Tickets: \$35 (at the door)



Enjoy a great night of fun, food, and friends while supporting a great organization. Try your luck at Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Texas Hold-Em and 3-card Poker. Ticket prices include \$100 in gaming chips, light hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets, and a door prize entry ticket. Great prizes will be awarded to top winners. An opportunity raffle will be conducted from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the La Fetra Senior Center. For more information, call the La Fetra Senior Center at (626) 914-0560.

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Community Services Officer Julie Linger

Community Services Officer Julie Linger, responsible for Property and Evidence at the Glendora Police Department, was recently honored as the Greater Los Angeles Area's Property Officer of the Year for 2012 by the California Association of Property and Evidence.



When Julie attended an International Association of Property and Evidence conference last year, as an employee new to property and evidence, she soon realized that she was working with an archaic property and evidence tracking system that was over ten years old, requiring such an intense amount of work on her part to properly process and track evidence that two people were previously doing the job that she was now doing by herself. While we have no doubt she can single-handedly work at the pace that two people previously did, it was decided as an organization that we would work smarter. Spurred by her interest in updating our evidence system after Julie observed what was available, as an organization we were able to nearly seamlessly transition to a much more efficient property and evidence system that allows her to spend significantly less time with incoming property. Julie now has more time to concentrate on purging items, and in fact, in just a little over two months the system has been on-line, Julie has purged 25% of our total evidence and property, and realistically, in the near future, should be able to reach a total of nearly 75% of the total property that can be removed from what we were previously storing. Julie trained nearly all of the officers in the organization in the use of the new tracking software, and the feedback for the new system has been excellent.

Spurred by the transition to new evidence software, monies were found to remodel our outdated evidence processing room utilized by patrol officers. This has been an excellent upgrade to the previous room which lacked the proper space to process evidence, often resulting in officers processing evidence on a counter in the main hallway of the police department.

Julie has also taken upon herself to attend patrol briefings for both night and day shift to teach officers the proper techniques of collecting DNA evidence. This has resulted in several suspect's being identified in the CODIS database which has led to their arrest and prosecution.

Julie also helps out filling in as a dispatcher in communications when needed, is an experienced field community services officer handling preliminary crime investigations, and is a fully accredited traffic accident reconstructionist, a very difficult and notable accomplishment. Julie is a graduate of California Polytechnic University at Pomona, holding a bachelor's degree in restaurant and hotel management.

Having an outstanding individual in property and evidence is critical to the mission of the police department to ensure that the integrity and accuracy of evidence processing and storage is never brought into question. It is a privilege to have Community Services Officer Julie Linger as a member of the Glendora City Family.

The collection and storage of evidence and seized property is one of the most important responsibilities of a police department according to Chief Rob Castro. We have seen over the years high profile criminal cases compromised by improper evidence handling. This has always been a priority at the Glendora Police Department and Chief Castro has been a member of the California and International Association of Property Officers to ensure the police department remains current on evidence and property laws, procedures and systems.

City Council Approves Avalon Glendora Project

At the February 26, 2013 meeting, the City Council unanimously approved a nationally known developer's application to build a 256 Mixed Use Unit at the corner of Route 66 and Glendora Avenue. AvalonBay Communities Inc., is one of the largest apartment builders and operators in the United States with some 4,000 complexes on both coasts.

The approved project, known as AvalonBay Glendora, will cover nearly 5 acres and have several amenities for its future tenants. The project will include a fitness center, several patio areas for tenants to relax and have barbeques, a pool, club room, basketball court, a children's lot and a dog park. Along with these amenities the project will have 4,000 square feet of commercial area where it is hoped that new neighborhood retailers and services will locate.

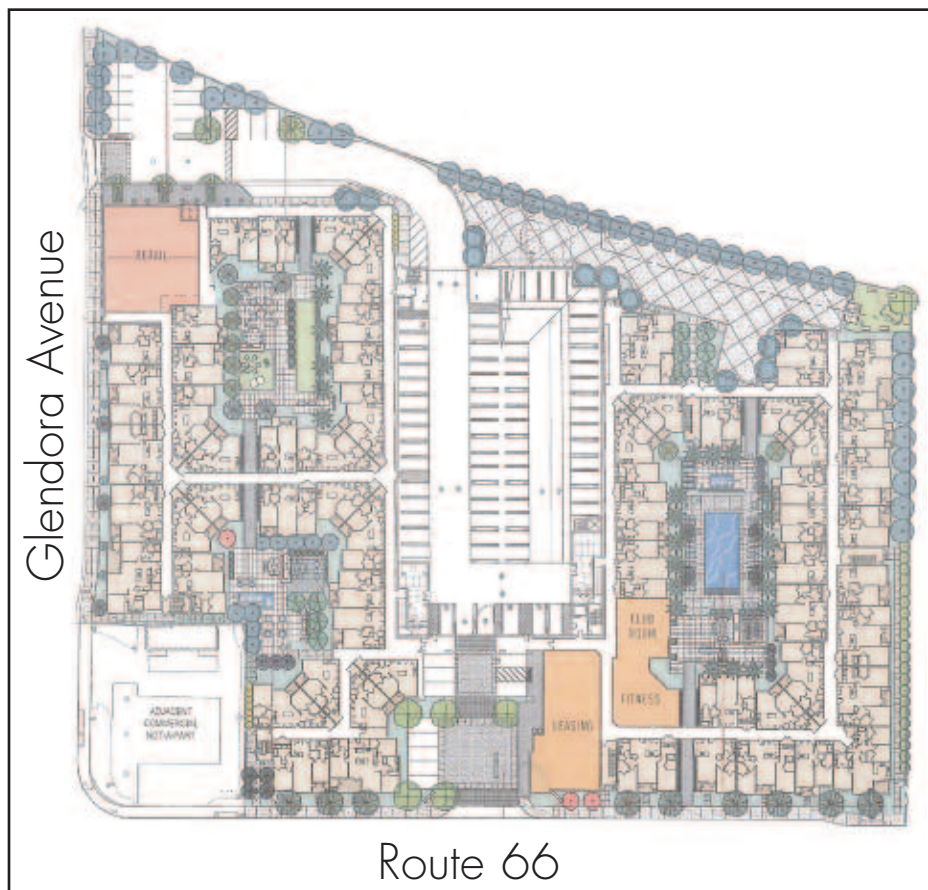
The project is the first Mixed-Use project within the Town Center Mixed- Use (TCMU) specific plan area, which was approved in 2004 by the City in anticipation of the Gold Line light rail station. The future station will be located just a few hundred feet away from the project. "With the Gold Line coming and the State regulations encouraging cities to develop transit oriented developments, the city has tried to be in front of providing an opportunity for quality investors to come to Glendora," said Planning Director Jeff Kugel.

According to AvalonBay representatives, rents for the 1 bedroom to 3 bedroom units will likely price out between \$1,800 to \$2,100 per month. Tenants will have an enclosed parking structure with nearly 500 spaces and storage areas for bulky items such as bikes. The Developer is hoping to break ground on the project in Fall 2013. Much of that time line will depend on the California Department of Finance, which must approve the sale of a former Glendora Redevelopment Agency owned parcel to AvalonBay.

As part of the conditions of approval, the developer will improve sections of Glendora Avenue and Route 66 to handle the additional traffic that naturally come with any development of this scope. Also, included will be upgrades to water and sewer lines in the immediate area that will necessitate the repaving of a significant portion of the streets abutting the project.

At the City Council meeting, the Developer submitted written letters of support from several business and shopping centers in the immediate vicinity. The Albertson Store was especially energetic about the possibility of so many new customers for its store.

To learn more about the project you can log on to the city's webpage at www.ci.glendora.ca.us and click on the Planning Department home page. The link has a video presentation of how the project is designed to look as well as the internal amenities to be offered. Also, you can learn more about AvalonBay Communities by visiting their webpage at www.avalonbay.com.



Glendora Police Department using DNA technologies to improve public safety

The collection of DNA evidence by police to assist in identifying crime suspects is one of the most prolific advances in the history of law enforcement. The Glendora Police Department has been very successful in the past year identifying crime suspects with DNA; in fact, more so than with fingerprints. Returns from the crime lab have been outstanding. Glendora police have received positive identification results on as many as 40% of DNA crime lab submissions, resulting in 28 positive identifications of suspect(s) in 2012. Most suspects have been located, interviewed and arrested. Several were already in county jail or state prison on other matters, indicating how active they were in committing crimes. All Glendora officers and field support personnel have been trained and equipped with DNA collection kits.



For instance, a Glendora business was victim to a window-smash burglary in which over \$11,000 in equipment was stolen. An officer located blood drops leading away from the crime scene and swabbed the blood for DNA. A few months later the results returned to a suspect who had served time in prison in Northern CA for burglarizing similar businesses a month after he victimized the Glendora business. He had been released from prison on early-release probation (AB 109 Public Safety Realignment) and was residing in Indio. Glendora detectives located the suspect in Indio and arrested him based on the DNA evidence. The suspect was shocked that Glendora Police were able to identify and apprehend him as he commented he came to Glendora because he thought it was far from his residence in Indio affording him an easy getaway.

In another example, a Glendora Restaurant was burglarized and the suspect left behind a screwdriver. DNA was collected from the screwdriver that matched to a person who also had a DNA hit for a burglary that occurred in Covina. Covina and Glendora detectives interviewed the suspect, and two felony counts of commercial burglary were filed.

In yet another example, a suspect entered the victim's garage and used a power tool inside the garage to force entry into the residence. An officer swabbed the power tool for DNA, resulting in a hit to a suspect with an extensive criminal history all over Southern California. Glendora detectives are searching for the suspect and expect to make an arrest in the near future.

Chief Castro has led the Glendora Police Department to implement several new cutting edge technologies to improve officers efficiency and public safety. In the future, Chief Castro anticipates that high-tech DNA analyzers will likely be available to patrol officers who will be able to collect a sample from the crime scene and have the DNA swab analyzed prior to clearing the scene, potentially knowing who a suspect is before leaving the crime scene—just like they do on TV!

Developer Requests City to Change General Plan

The City's Planning Commission will be hearing a request by Olson Development, a nationally known residential developer to build 23 two-story detached condos on property currently zoned for medical use on Bonnie Cove and Gladstone. The application is requesting the City to change the current General Plan designation, zoning, and to permit certain modifications to the multi-family standards in order for the development to occur.

The application covers four parcels totaling about 5.72 acres of which the developer would only build on one of the four parcels or about 2.47 acres. The remaining uses on the properties, a medical rehabilitation center and two single-family homes would remain as non-conforming uses on the requested rezoned property.

The application originally filed in late 2011 has been under study by City Hall for nearly 12 months and will be presented to the Planning Commission at their March 19 meeting for consideration. The Planning Department staff has recommended that the application not be granted for a variety of reasons cited in the report. "Olson is a very reputable company yet the proposed development in our opinion would not be consistent with the existing neighborhood which is single-family" said Planning Director Jeff Kugel.

The area in question was annexed into the City of Glendora in the late 1960's. At that time the corner at Bonnie Cove and Gladstone was zoned for medical use and the rest of the area around it was single-family. City officials indicated that when an area is annexed into a city, the closest city zoning to the county zoning is typically applied so that property owners won't be negatively impacted. That appears to be the case here where two of the four parcels in question retained a medical use designation.

Planning staff cited in the report that the application appeared to be flawed as three of the four parcels would not be developed in the near future and thus no guarantee that they would ever transition in an orderly and compatible project to the proposed 23-multi story units. The report also raised question about the "ripple" effect on other properties in the area and whether future property owners would request similar rezoning.

Kugel said the law is clear that a city cannot give disparate treatment among similar situated property owners. Under this application, two existing single-family properties would be up-zoned to allow for higher density development. Staff noted that there are four other properties on Bonnie Cove that about the proposed project that could seek similar treatment if the application is approved. "Ultimately, the burden would likely shift to the City to show we have sound reasons of why the properties were not really similar if we were to deny applications in the future" Kugel added.

City Planner Michael Forbes, who prepared the report on the application, indicated that changing or modifying a city's General Plan should be done very carefully and with very intense deliberation. State law requires every city and county to have a General Plan. The League of California Cities' Planning Commissioner's Handbook describes a general plan as the foundation for local land use planning by providing a vision for a 10-20 year time period. The vision guides the physical development of the community through ordinances and policies that elected and appointed officials will develop during that period of time.

State law recognizes that such Plans are a "living" document and can be modified but limits the times a city can change its General Plan during any year. The Handbook cautions decision makers that requests for amending a General Plan should be balanced against the community's vision and benefits that any specific project may generate for the community.

The developer pointed out that the property has been the subject of previous contention when the current property owners sought to expand their operations twice in the last decade. Neighborhood opposition concern the compatibility of a then proposed multi-story assisted living complex. The projects which met the current zoning standards and were approved by the City have never materialized for a variety of reasons. Several residents from the neighborhood have championed the proposed changes as a better alternative than having an assisted-living facility built.

In the event the Commission feels inclined to amend the General Plan and zoning requirements, the Planning Staff has suggested that, as an alternative to the recommended denial, a single-family zoning designation would be better and more compatible for the existing neighborhood. Forbes indicated that such a designation would eliminate concerns about other property seeking changes in the future to gain benefit of increased property values by up-zoning to allow more development.

The Planning Commission will ultimately make a recommendation to the Glendora City Council on any changes being requested. As of the time of writing this article, the Planning Commission had not taken formal action on the application. For more information or follow the discussions on the development proposal, log on to the city's website at www.ci.glendora.ca.us and click on meetings on video. The Planning Commission considered the item at their March 19, 2013 agenda.



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Library Happenings

“Super 8 Day Sale” April 4th - 13th / Main Floor

Come to the library starting on Thursday afternoon and browse the sale tables for bargains on Fiction, Business & Finance.

“Special Sale” April 12th - 20th / Upper Lobby

There will be a special sale on Quilting Magazines & Books in the upper lobby outside the Friends Plaza Book Loft.

“So. California Jungle Reptile Show” April 20th 10:30 am / Bidwell Forum

All ages will enjoy this live reptile show.

“Earth Day Celebration” April 20th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm / Library Plaza

Workshops, exhibits, tours, children’s activities and more! Earth Day Celebration is free to the public and presented in partnership with the City of Glendora and the Glendora Public Library.

“Novel Idea” April 24th 5:30 pm / Friends Room

Book discussion group featuring 11/22/63 by Stephen King.

“JPL Speaker Series” April 27th 2:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

Mark Wallace, Mission Design Engineer at NASA’s JPL will talk about the next Mars lander, InSight, scheduled to launch in 2016.

“Super 8 Day Sale” May 2nd - 11th / Main Floor

Come to the library starting on Thursday afternoon and browse the sale tables for bargains on Travel and Foreign Language & Animal books.

“Opera Talks” May 4th 2:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

Do you want to learn more about the opera? This is an interactive presentation led by members of LA Opera’s Community Educators and will be about the history of opera and feature what goes on Behind the Scenes.

“Super 8 Day Sale” June 1st – 8th / Main Floor

Come to the library starting on Thursday afternoon and browse the sale tables for bargains on Diet, Health & Exercise books.

“Reading is So Delicious” June 3rd Summer Read Club Begins / Children’s Room

Check the library’s website at www.glendoralibrary.org for more information.

“JPL Series” June 15th 2:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

Learn more about what lies beyond our planet Earth. Topic TBA.

“Novel Idea” June 26th 5:30 pm / Friends Room

Book discussion group featuring Mao’s Last Dancer by Li Cunxin.

Weekly Children’s Storytimes / Friends Room

Mondays at 10:30 am – Mother Goose for Infants & Toddlers
Tuesdays at 10:30 am – Preschool Storytime for 2-3 years old
Wednesdays at 10:30 am – Preschool Storytime for 3-5 years old
Saturdays at 10:30 am – Storytime on Demand

Stay ‘n Play Activities / Friends Room

Activities are from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and open to all ages.
Monday – Lego Club – We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination.
Tuesday – Teens Read with Kids – Be read to by a teen or practice reading to a teen.
Wednesday – Puzzles & Games – Play with your favorite puzzles and games.
Thursday – Be Creative Crafts – Each week - a new project to inspire creativity.
Friday – Big Game Tournaments – Master you skills at chess, checkers and Jenga.

Friends Plaza Book Loft / Plaza Level

Visit the Bookstore for great bargains on gently used books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and new greeting cards.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday & Friday 12:00 to 4:30 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Unless otherwise noted, events are free to the public and will take place at the Glendora Public Library, 140 South Glendora Avenue. For more information, call the Library at (626) 852-4891 or check out the web site at www.glendoralibrary.org.

Community Services

Upcoming Teen Center Trips

All registrations for Teen Center trips are taken at the Teen Center - Cash or Check Only. Sign up at least 24 hours in advance to ensure your spot! For more information, please call the Crowther Teen & Family Center at (626) 914-2357.

Huntington Beach

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 ~ 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Cost: \$10

Upcoming La Fetra Center Special Events

For more information, please call the La Fetra Center at (626) 914-0560.

Mother’s Day Tea & Fashion Show

Co-sponsored by Partners of La Fetra

Saturday, May 11, 2013 11:00 a.m.

Tickets: \$13 (Partners Members)

Tickets: \$15 (Non-Members)

Older American’s Luncheon

Co-Sponsored by Partners of La Fetra and Atria Rancho Park

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 ~ 11:30 a.m. – La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd

Glendora Trails Day

Saturday, April 6, 2013 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

South Hills Park

Co-sponsored by the Glendora Rotary Club, ETI Corral 35, &

Glendora Community Services Department

(Event will be cancelled in case of rain)

Volunteers are needed to maintain the trails in the South Hills Wilderness Area. Each participant will receive a free commemorative patch and lunch for helping their local environment. Individuals are asked to bring gloves, water, sunscreen, and bug repellent. Adults must supervise interested youth groups under age 18. Tools for trail work will be provided. Each individual will be asked to sign a liability release form. Youth without a sponsor must be 18 years of age. For additional information on this project or for preregistration procedures, contact Dick Swinney at (626) 963-5668 or dswinney@roadrunner.com

Upcoming Trail Activities

For more information please send inquires to Dick Swinney at dswinney@roadrunner.com.

Wrem - Meacham and Dalton Canyon Trails

Saturday, April 27, 2013 ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ This is a strenuous 5.5 mile walk. Park at the Glendora Equestrian Center at the southern end near the Trails Committee’s tool shed. The group will cross the Dalton Bridges near the Equestrian Center and turn north to Wren Canyon. This will lean them up and over Big Dalton ridge and down into Big Dalton Canyon via Meacham Canyon. Here they will cross Big Dalton Canyon Road and enter the Big Dalton Canyon Trail and follow it upstream to the west entrance of the Coulter Pine Trail. This and the Keiser Trail follow a nearly two mile meander up the south side of Big Dalton Canyon Trail back to Mystic Canyon Trailhead. Here the group will walk the roads back to the equestrian center on Glendora Mountain Road.

Little Dalton Canyon (Lower Monroe Motorway)/Mystic Canyon Trails

May 25, 2013 ~ 8:00 a.m. ~ This is a strenuous five-mile hike. Park at the first horseshoe curve on Glendora Mountain Road. 1 mile north of Big Dalton Canyon Road. There is limited roadside parking here. There used to be a campground at this location. If the gate on Glendora Mountain Road is closed, park at the gate parking lot, approximately 3/4 mile north of the junction of Big Dalton Canyon Road. We will hike up the Lower Monroe Motorway along the Little Dalton Canyon stream bottom. The motorway turns southward and continues to the junction of the Mystic Canyon Trail. The group will follow this trail down to Big Dalton Canyon and follow the roads back to the parking area.



The 2013 Wine Walk attracted about 300 more guests who enjoyed the event that spotlighted California wines.

By the Numbers, 2013 Wine Walk Was the Best Ever

More tickets sold, more participating restaurants and more featured wineries helped make the 2013 Wine Walk the best ever.

Just under 900 tickets were sold compared to less than 600 purchased in 2012. That brought another 300 visitors to discover Glendora Village's offerings as they strolled through Glendora Avenue, which had been closed off to traffic to become a pedestrian-only district.

Wine was donated by faraway California wineries and those closer to home: JAM Winery, SLOdown Winery, Curtis Winery, Red Soles Winery, all from Northern California; along with Azo Vino from Covina, Bermari Vineyard from Glendora.

"We also received donations from individuals and small business to help us purchase wine," said Jennifer van der Hoorn, Wine Walk chairperson and T. Phillips Alehouse and Grill proprietor. "Those included Falcon Electric, Bill Davila, Kevin Polley of Apple Graphics, Mike O'Rourke, Ken Turner Real Estate and Arrow Automotive."

One wine find was a Tempemillo produced by the monks of New Clairvoux Winery in Northern California, which was sampled at Far Beyond Pearls, a religious book and gift shop.

For the first time, restaurants outside the Village were invited to participate in Wine Walk. They included Plaza Produce, Spaghetti Eddie's, Clubhouse 66, Glendora Continental, Glendora Country Club, Cake Mamas, Luca Bella, and Billotti's Catering. Food donations were received from Restaurant Depot in Walnut, Spaghetti Eddie's, Clubhouse 66, Glendora Country Club, Plaza Produce, Glendora Continental, Cake Mamas, Martha's Candy, T. Phillips Glendora, Sushi & I, Luca Bella, and Billotti's Catering.

Patrons enjoyed the evening that featured music by "The Answer" and a nice seating area with a fire pit set up by Outdoor Elegance. A1 Party rentals donated high-top tables to place in the streets and Glendora Florist placed small vases with a single red rose on each table. Glendora Interiors featured a photo booth where Wine Walk patrons could get a photographic souvenir of the evening.

"The Wine Walk was a success because of the hard work of our volunteers, sponsors and donors. We could not have done this without their help," said van der Hoorn. "It was so nice to invite restaurants from outside of the village as we were able to draw crowds from all over Glendora, Covina, Azusa, San Dimas, La Verne and surrounding communities. We are so grateful for the wine donations from the small boutique wineries in Northern California and the generous contributions from Glendora restaurants.

"Our community rallied together and contributed to this Wine Walk to ensure each and every patron had an enjoyable evening," she continued. "We are so grateful!"



Glendora Village's 2013 Chalk Walk will take place April 13 (or April 20 if it rains).

Calling All Artists!

Show Your Stuff at Chalk Walk, April 13

Plans are being drawn up for the seventh annual Chalk Walk on Saturday, April 13, (rain date April 20) sponsored by the Glendora Village Business Improvement District.

An estimated 60 artists of all ages are expected to transform Glendora Village's sidewalks into colorful canvases during the annual event, says Carol Gill, event chairperson and owner of Undercovers Intimate Apparel, 207 N. Glendora Ave., Glendora.

Artists compete in three age divisions: Juniors (10-13 years), \$10 entry fee; Students (14-17 years), \$10 fee; Adults (18+ years), \$20 fee. Team participation is limited to two individuals per exhibit.

Registration forms will be available throughout Glendora Village and are to be returned to Kids Art 160 N. Glendora Ave. #G or Undercovers 207 N. Glendora Ave. along with their registration fee. Details for artists will be available at that time.

Cash prizes will be awarded for Best of Show, \$150; Crowd Favorite, \$75; and Best 3D Design, \$75. Two winners will be selected in each age group for Best Technique and Best Use of Color (adults \$50 each, students \$25 each, juniors \$20 each).

Various cash prizes will be sponsored by local businesses. Prize sponsors are being sought, said Gill, as well as square sponsors at \$30 per square. Contact her for sponsorship opportunities at (626) 963-7868

The popular Children's Chalk Garden returns to the parking lot adjacent to sponsor Southland Properties. This is an opportunity for little ones who are too young to participate as an actual artist to try their hand drawing with chalk on 2-foot by 2-foot squares for 50 cents for a small bag of chalk.

Also returning to add to Chalk Walk's fun is the Paint A Car activity where participants can decorate an automobile with an unlimited rainbow of paints for just 50 cents. Paint A Car is sponsored again by Glendora Toyota/Hyundai.

For more information, contact Carol Gill at Undercovers, (626) 963-7868; Monica Ek at Kids Art (626) 857-0708, or Elloise Warner at Southland Properties (626) 255-1613.

The 2013 Chalk Walk is sponsored by the Glendora Village Business Improvement District. For more information, visit www.villageglendora.com.

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Village Events

Summer Sidewalk Sale: July 12-13

Taste of the Village: Sept. 14

Halloween Trick or Treat: Oct. 31

Holiday Stroll: Nov. 22

Santa in the Plaza: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14

InSight Mission Program at the Glendora Public Library

The Glendora Public Library and the Glendora Public Library Friends Foundation in partnership with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Speakers Bureau, are pleased to present a lecture that will take you beyond our planet earth.

Saturday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bidwell Forum, Mark Wallace, a Mission Design Engineer at NASA's JPL in Pasadena and the lead trajectory analyst for the next Mars lander, InSight, launching in 2016, will bring you up to date about this exciting exploration into space. Mr. Wallace has helped develop concepts for robotic and human missions for Venus, Mars, asteroids, comets and beyond. He was recently a member of the Navigation Team for the GRAIL Mission to the Moon.

The Glendora Public Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Avenue. For more information on these and other programs contact the library at (626) 852-4891 or visit the library's website at www.glendoralibrary.org. All events are open and free to the public.

Train Horns

City officials have received numerous calls about why the daily freight train is crawling through intersections activating the train horn for long periods of time. The Glendora Police Department reported that the complaint calls have tripled over the last few months and those drivers are increasingly ignoring crossing warning arms as a result of the slow moving trains.

According to Metrolink which has oversight of the track operations, the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) is the only operating service on our tracks at this time. However, the future Gold Line Light Rail will eventually place tracks alongside the freight tracks as it makes its way out to Montclair. BNSF currently serves the Miller Brewing Company in Irwindale along the 210 Freeway. As the brewing company is the only company serviced, use of the track is very light and erratic. The train usually comes through at least once a day and sometimes twice. However, the time of day can vary greatly due to no set schedule.

Glendora Police report that according to Metrolink officials, a significant increase in vandalism due to individuals stealing copper wire used to activate the crossing arms is the primary cause that has lead train operators to take required additional steps to ensure public safety. Over the last year, the crossing mechanisms between Barranca and Loraine have been vandalized 15 times. This has caused either the arms to activate on their own or not operate at all when the trains approach intersections.

"This is a very serious situation and we are working with the Sheriff's Department, which is contracted by Metrolink to patrol the tracks and has jurisdiction for investigating all crimes along the tracks and creating preventive measures," said Chief Rob Castro of the Glendora Police Department. "These trains cannot stop quickly and thus if a crossing is not working, the drivers and pedestrians are no match for a multi-ton freight train."

In fact, Glendora Police have been the only police department in the area successful in apprehending individuals attempting to steal copper wire from crossing mechanisms. Police say the price of copper has seen a sharp rise so thieves are targeting this commodity for quick sales. Not only has Metrolink been victim but the Glendora Community Services Department has seen its Pompei Park vandalized when thieves stole the wiring for the ball field lights recently.

Chief Castro indicated that it is not just the tens of thousands of dollars it takes to repair items like ball field lights or the train crossing arms, it's the danger these criminals are creating for the motoring public. "We see people getting frustrated and attempting to drive around the down arms because of the malfunctioning or the extra precautions the trains must take. We fear that a tragic situation is going to occur if motorists disobey the warning arms and lights."

BNSF officials indicate that due to the number of problems with the crossing arms, federal regulations require them to take measures like sounding the horn as they approach and until they clear an intersection crossing and require one of the operators to walk in front of the idling train to ensure traffic is stopped. The freight train is required to follow the safety regulations of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The additional safety procedures must be conducted at all times of the day and night. The website for FRA highlights the difficulty these trains have in stopping by showing a train traveling 55 mph needing over a mile to come to a complete stop.

Police remind drivers that the law requires them to stop and wait when the crossing arms are down no matter what is occurring. The consequences could be a ticket or something much worse if you are hit by a train.

Glendora Police conduct regular patrols near the railroad tracks. To report suspicious activity on the tracks, Glendora Police urge residents and businesses to call the Glendora Police Department at 626-914-8297.

Opera Talks at the Glendora Public Library

The Glendora Public Library and the Glendora Public Library Friends Foundation and the Library Community Volunteers are pleased to partner with the LA Opera to present a series of Opera Talks – interactive presentations led by members of the LA Opera Speaker's Bureau, a team of trained volunteer experts. Each Opera Talk will be an insightful talk that will address the history, literature, philosophy and fine arts within the context of opera.

This "Opera Talk" will be Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 pm in the Bidwell Forum. It will focus on Behind the Scenes at the Opera. Opera is not just magnificent music, dance and theater with astounding sets on a beautiful stage; opera can sweep you away to foreign lands, take you back in time, dazzle you with pageantry and bring history to life. It is literature, social studies, cultural diversity, multiple languages and most of all, it is exciting! We will explore the world of opera, behind the curtain.

The Glendora Public Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Avenue. For more information on these or other programs, contact the library at (626) 852-4891 or visit the library's website at www.glendoralibrary.org. All events are open and free to the public.

Simple Ways to help Save \$\$

Everyone is always interested in making the dollar just stretch a little further. There are many ways to help do that but often we overlook the small costs which can mount to thousands of dollars and be less intrusive on the lifestyle.

Flexible Spending Account – Many companies offer FSA's, which allow workers to set aside up to \$2,500 pre-tax dollars annually to pay for out-of-pocket health expenses.

Program the Thermostat – A programmable thermostat can slash 5% to 15% off your heating and cooling costs.

Update Cell Phone Data Plans – many consumer experts believe that nearly 8 out of 10 users overpay for cell phone service. Much of that comes from paying for plans that provide much more data capability than we will use.

Negotiate with Service Providers – asking your hairdresser, landscaper or personal trainer if their charges become too expensive is fair game. They may be willing to adjust it or you can provide a different service pro at lower costs if they don't.

Pack a lunch – once a week rather than going to the local fast food establishment can save you several dollars each week.

SAVE THE DATE


The Glendora Public Library Friends Foundation presents the *Thirtieth Annual*

Night on the Plaza... Returns to Rio

Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm

A festive summer evening with Friends, Fine Dining,
Unique Auctions & Entertainment

\$75 per person



RIO DE JANEIRO

Proceeds benefit Glendora Public Library programs
For information, auction donations or program advertising call: (626) 852-4894

La Fetra Center

La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd



APRIL 2013



Weekly Activities, Classes, and Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00am "Hot Hula" Fitness Class 9:00am Gentle Yoga 11:00am AFEP Exercise 12:00pm Senior Café* 12:00pm "Managing Diabetes for Life" 12:30pm Bridge 1:00pm Ping Pong	8:00am Int./Adv. Pool Players 8:30am Morning Pilates 8:30am Bridge Tournament 9:00am Tai Chi Chuan 10:15am Strength Training 10:15am "Creating Birdhouses" 12:00pm Senior Café* 12:15pm Beading Buddies/Jewelry 12:30pm Cards - Pinochle 12:30pm Movies 4:00pm Fall Proof/Balance 4:30pm Afternoon Pilates 6:00pm Country Line Dancing 6:15pm Cards - Canasta 6:30pm AFEP for Working Adults	9:00am Patch, Pin, & Purl 9:00am AfterStroke Group 11:00am AFEP Exercise 12:00pm Senior Café* 12:30pm Bunco (1 st /3 rd /5 th week at La Fetra) 1:00pm Games Galore 1:00pm Computer Club (2nd & 4th week) 1:00pm Bunco(1 st /3 rd /5 th week at Legion Building)	9:00am Bridge 9:00am "Hot Hula" Fitness Class 10:15am Strength Training 12:00pm Senior Café* 1:00pm Ping Pong 1:00pm "Say Yes To Life"/P.Bunner 4:00pm Computer Class 4:00pm Fall Proof/Balance 4:30pm Afternoon Pilates 6:00pm Bridge Tournament 6:30pm AFEP for Working Adults	8:00am Intermediate/Advanced Pool Players 8:30am Morning Pilates 8:45am Bridge Tournament 9:00am Gentle Yoga 11:00am AFEP Exercise 12:00pm Senior Café* 12:30pm Cards - Pinochle 1:00pm Game Day Fridays 1:30pm Bingo 1:30pm "Journey Through Grief" Support Group (April 19-May 24) 2:00pm Beginning Spanish

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Monthly Activities, Classes, and Programs - For more information, please call 626-914-0560

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1 10:00am Legal Clinic 11:15am Blood Sugar Screening 7:00pm Alzheimer's Support Grp	2 1:00pm Movie - "The Expendables 2"	3	4 11:15am Blood Pressure Screening	5 1:30pm Bingo	6
8 10:00am "Avoiding Financial Devastation" - Sara Polinsky	9 11:45am Chair Massage/Appt. 1:00pm Movie - "Here Comes The Boom"	10 12:30pm "The Importance of Oral Health Care" 6:00pm "Allergy Management" 6:00pm "For Men Only" Cooking Class	11 9:00am Ask The Computer Guys	12 1:30pm Bingo	13
15	16 1:00pm Movie - "Men in Black 3"	17	18	19 1:30pm Bingo	20
22	23 1:00pm Movie - "The Dark Knight Rises" 1:00pm FOOD BANK	24	25	26 1:30pm Bingo	27
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MAY 2013



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13	14 11:45am Chair Massage/Appt. 1:00pm Movie	15	16	17 1:30pm Bingo	18 10:00am EYE GLASSES FOR SENIORS/Glendora Rotary Club 6:00pm CASINO NIGHT
20	21 11:30am OLDER AMERICANS LUNCHEON	22	23	24 1:30pm Bingo	25
27 MEMORIAL DAY CENTER CLOSED	28 1:00pm Movie 1:00pm FOOD BANK	29	30	31 1:30pm Bingo	

SAVE THE DATE



Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 20, 2013 • 9 am to 3 pm
Glendora City Hall, Public Library & Plaza

The City of Glendora will hold its 9th annual Earth Day Festival on Saturday April 20, 2013, from 9am to 3pm. The Festival will feature a wide variety of activities, workshops and exhibits for all ages.

Event activities will include:

- live animal show sponsored by the Glendora Library
- children's bike ride and bicycle safety rodeo
- drought tolerant and native plant workshop
- energy efficiency and solar power workshop
- advanced smart gardening and composting workshop
 - garden design workshop
- efficient sprinkler system and drip irrigation workshop
 - collection of used motor oil and filters
- confidential document destruction and recycling
 - eco-tours of Glendora by shuttle bus
- collection of CRV beverage containers, proceeds donated to Glendora schools
- transportation to the Nature Center, and on-site walking tours
 - safe drug drop-off for unused pharmaceuticals
- compost bins, worm bins, and sharps containers for sale at discounted price
 - native plant exhibits
 - Trails Committee animal display
 - vendor booths and giveaways
- face painting, giant bouncers and live music
- Earth Day **TREASURE HUNT** for kids!

All event activities are free of charge.
Look for detailed event information in the coming weeks.



For additional information about the Earth Day Festival, please call 626-914-8213.

Any business interested in promoting its product or service is invited to have a vendor booth during the Festival. Vendor booths are free of charge. For booth reservations, please call 626-332-7514.

Glendora Meeting Dates:

City Council Meeting

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

BID Advisory Board Meeting

1st Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers

Community Services Commission

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

Investment Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Planning Commission Meeting

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

Water Commission Meeting

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



Credit Cards are accepted for payment at City Hall, Library, Police Department and the Community Services Department.

Contact Information

Glendora City Council

- Joe Santoro, *Mayor*
Judy Nelson, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Douglas F. Tessitor, *Council Member*
Karen K. Davis, *Council Member*
Gene Murabito, *Council Member*

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- Animal Control*.....914-8275
Building Permits/Inspection.....914-8222
City Clerk914-8210
City Council914-8201
City Manager.....914-8201
Code Enforcement 852-4825
Non-Emergency Police 914-8250
Graffiti Hotline..... 963-8540
Household Hazardous
Waste Collection.....1-888-253-2652
Housing Programs 914-8214
City Job Line914-8206

- La Fetra Senior Center* 914-8235
Glendora Library 852-4891
City Mini Bus System 914-8233
Overnight Parking Information 914-8279
(recorded message)
Community Services 914-8228
Planning 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