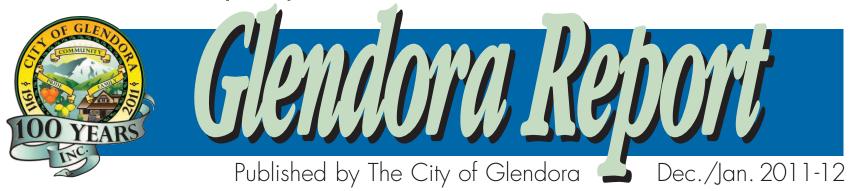
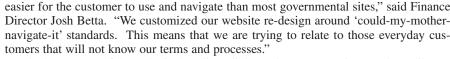
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City of Glendora Website Easy to use and Informative

City officials want to remind readers of the Glendora Report that the official website of the city contains a vast array of information. The website underwent significant modifications in 2009 and possesses information on current press releases, community events, financial information and various answers to your everyday questions about services.

"We believe our web page design is such that it's



The home page of the web site has direct links to the most popular searches: Library, Police, Schools, and Recreation. The user is more often able to find information in one step rather than two. Users can also search for other departments or content most often associated with residents or businesses. When all else fails there is a simple "I want to" link. The "I want to" link is an even more user friendly tool to help get the user to the right page or information

"The public can view live meetings of the Council and various Commissions or they can retrieve previous meetings at their own leisure," offered City Clerk Kathleen Sessman. "The website can access archived documents for resolutions, contracts, ordinances and other papers without having to formally request them. It really allows a person to access their government 24-hours a day."

City officials are hoping that the public can provide input about the website and possible suggestions the city may consider to improve it. Persons wishing to provide comment can do so by emailing their thoughts to ksessman@ci.glendora.ca.us or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (626) 914-8210.

A Morning with Santa

Santa is coming to Glendora and you don't want to miss him! Santa will be at the Glendora Public Library, 140 South Glendora Ave, on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Children of all ages can enjoy this "Morning with Santa." There will be crafts, refreshments and stories. And don't forget to say hello to Santa Claus. Activities will take place in the Bidwell Forum and in the Friends Room. Don't forget your camera!

A "Morning with Santa" is presented in partnership with the Community Services Department and the Glendora Public Library and sponsored by the Glendora Rotary Club and the Glendora Public Library Friends Foundation

For more information, you may call Community Services at (626) 914-2357 or the Glendora Library at (626) 852-4891.



City Inks Labor Deals with Employees

The City of Glendora recently approved labor agreements with groups representing its mid-managers, police officers and non-sworn general employees. These agreements represent a continued effort to deal with pension costs by having nearly all employees paying their full share of employee pension costs and providing for less generous pension plans for new employees.

Police managers remain the only group that is not paying a share of pension costs as they are still operating under a 5-year labor contract that will expire on June 30, 2012.

City Council members expressed appreciation for the cooperation the employees exhibited during the negotiations. "The Council realized that many other cities are not making fundamental changes like us or are actually paying for pension cooperation by giving off-setting pay raises," said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "The City has moved forward on both the need to reign in costs and implement new philosophical structural changes if we are going to maintain services without new taxes."

Management noted that the achievement would have been difficult at best if it had not been for the employees wishing to assist in the financial realignment needed.

The various new agreements require employees to pay the full share of the employee portion of pension costs which can range from 8% to 9% depending on the pension plan offered to employees. Currently, non-sworn employees are enrolled in the 2.5% @ 55 retirement plan and sworn employees (police officers) are in the 3% @ 50 plan offered through CalPERS. New non-sworn employees will be enrolled in the 2% @ 60 plan.

Due to pension rules, the City has to wait to negotiate with the Police Managers before it will know which retirement plan new officers will be enrolled in. "At this time, the rank & file officers have agreed to accept whichever plan that we ultimately negotiate with the sworn managers," said Interim Human Resources Director Bob Blackwood. "We have been pretty clear that our first option is a 2% @ 50 plan, which is where we were with all employees back in 2003."

Finance officials reported that the agreements will save the City's General Fund about \$157,838 in the current fiscal year, \$132,064 in year two of agreements and \$67,407 in the third year. Only the police officers have a three year agreement with the other two associations agreeing to two-year agreements.

The City Council has consistently taken the lead among cities in making the decisions necessary to make the changes to public sector pensions so they are more balanced in affordability and yet providing a reasonable security blanket for employees in retirement.

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The Library's Support Services Manager – Carlos Baffigo

Carlos Baffigo has over 22 years of service to the Glendora Public Library. He began as a volunteer in 1989 and is now the Support Services Manager. Carlos' tenure with the Library and steady promotions provides him with an excellent foundation in how the Library works and the expectations of our community and organization.



The Support Services Manager position encompasses a wide spectrum of responsibilities: circulation of library materials, Copy Center, Technical Services, library computers and related systems, facility, and emergency preparedness for the Library.

The Circulation unit works hand-in-hand with Technical Services unit. Staffs in these two areas are cross-trained to work: the circulation desk, checking out an average of 181 items per hour, (and then checking them back in); in materials management, acquisitions, processing and inventory; and staffing the Copy Center. Recent accomplishments include negotiating a reduction in a vender license fee by 53%; and improving a work-flow system that resulted in a 300% increase in staff efficiency.

Keeping the Library's integrated computer system up-to-date, and public and staff computers running, requires constant attention and reinvention and a good working relationship with the City's I.T. staff. Carlos recently introduced a Library mobile application for smart phones and tablets to respond to a new generation of users. He is also a member of the City's Technology Committee.

In Carlos' role as Facilities manager for the Library, he works in partnership with the City's Public Works department to keep the building working and looking good for the approximately 1,000 people that visit weekly. Use of Bidwell Forum by City and public groups, 650 meetings with over 18,000 total attendees this past year, also falls under his supervision. Unplug toilets, cleaning up spills and other accidents, and keeping the library a welcoming and peaceful place is all part of facilities management. Recent improvements in signage help library patrons navigate the library more independently. Our electronic information board and email blats help keep patrons up-to-date on library activities and events and embraces our 'going green' philosophy.

Carlos has a B.A. in Public Administration from Cal Poly Pomona. He is also certified as an Adult CPR/AED & First Aid Instructor. He has received numerous Library "Star Service" awards and City Merit certificates for his customer service skills. He has been President of the City's Management Association for the last three years, which included raising funds for the City's War Memorial.

Being a manager is always a challenging role. Juggling multiple dynamic work areas, a large staff, being part of an active Library management team, and involvement in city-wide teams, keeps Carlos at full throttle.



Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Pasadena to Azusa: Construction Progress

After nearly a year of design and pre-construction activities, major construction began this past summer on the I-210 Gold Line Bridge - the first component of the Pasadena to Azusa light rail extension to move from design to construction. Over the last several months, crews opened access to the freeway's center median, built a 500-foot long temporary retaining wall (to create a large, level working area for the construction equipment), and completed work on the three deep foundations that will one day support the bridge's iconic columns.



Over the next few months, Skanska (the design-build contractor) will begin constructing the abutments, which are the supports at each end of the bridge. They will also begin forming the basket-themed columns above two of the three deep foundations. Full closures of the eastbound I-210 Freeway lanes between Baldwin and Santa Anita Avenues are anticipated to take place in December when construction of the "falsework" occurs. Falsework is the temporary wooden structure built over the freeway to support the bridge structure as it is being constructed (photo is an example of falsework from another Skanska project).

Want to know more about what is coming up on construction, or with other elements of the program? Go to the Construction Authority's website – www.foothillextension.org. Watch a short video on the upcoming work, sign up to receive e-news updates, or just learn the latest.

Community Survey Gives City High Marks

Recently, TrueNorth Research conducted a community survey as part of the City's Strategic Plan objective to better understand the community's perceptions and service expectations, according to City Hall officials. The Survey which was approved by the City Council in late August was undertaken in late October.

TrueNorth Research conducted a random survey of 400 adults or about 5% of the city's adult population through phone calls and a secured web based program. The survey was designed to ask 28 questions and take about 20 minutes to complete.

The survey used 28 questions that touch on the following areas:

- Quality of life
- City Services
- Appearance of City of Glendora
- Policy Questions & Priorities
- Public Trust & Service
- Communication
- Civic Engagement

"The goal is to engage the community in not only checking on how they perceive the community but to get their input on our strategic planning for the future," said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "The business community uses surveying of their customers constantly to make sure reality and perception match up. You can often convince yourself pretty easily that the community is thinking this or that, but it is surveys like this that will validate if that is true or not."

Dr. Timonthy Mclarney, Preisdent of TrueNorth Research highlighted the major findings of the survey. 94% of respondents rated the quality of life in Glendora as excellent or good; 90% indicated that they were satisfied with the City's overall performance in providing municipal services and 83% indicated they were satisfied with the City's efforts to communicate with them. "In all areas, the City received high marks by the respondents. Many of these levels are among the best I have seen in municipal services," said Dr. Mclarney.

According to representatives of the TrueNorth Research, the sampling size and certain screening questions are used to meet the theoretical and logistical challenges associated with such surveys. Challenges can be realities like an increase number of homes that have given up land line phones for just cell phones and the reality that certain demographic data profiles are more likely to be at home and more likely to answer the phone even when other members of the household are available. If these type of tendencies are not accounted for, then the sampling method may produce a biased favor which is unintended result.

TureNorth Research has a vast list of governmental clients that have used similar surveys according to their proposal. Those clients include cities like Burbank, Beverly Hills, Anaheim, Claremont and San Diego and nearly 100 other municipalities.

Jeffers added, "We are extremely proud of the public's view of how we are performing services. The City Council and I realize that it takes all aspects of a community and city hall working together to see confidence levels like this. Everyone from field crews to residents volunteering are responsible for Glendora being such a special place to live, work and play."

The findings of the community survey are posted on the City's website, www.ci.glendora.ca.us, for the public to view.

City's Strategic Plan Updated

The Glendora City Council updated its Strategic Plan in late November after holding a day-long session to review the accomplishment of its previous plan objections. The Strategic Plan development started in 2010 with the City Council and the Department Directors getting together to agree upon four goals.

Those goals were:

- Improve external/internal communication and trust
- Provide effective and efficient municipal services
- Maintain financial health
- Plan for the 2017-2019 sunset of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

With each goal, the parties mutually agree upon anywhere from four to six specific objectives that are identified as needing to be performed to help the city reach the goals. As part of the process, the goals are usually designed to be achieved in a three-year period, though they could be longer in duration given the specific needs of an organization

"Goals like communication, financial health and municipal service delivery are constant goals and likely would not drop from our Plan," said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "We could see more time specific goals like the CRA be replaced with one or more goals in the near future. The number and types of goals are really individualized for the organization."

City officials indicate the specific objectives are designed to be accomplished within a six-month period. Those officials indicate that keeping them achievable allows for real progress toward the goal which experience show that a six month time frame accomplishes that.

The new six-month objectives that will be worked on and periodically reported to the City Council at their council meetings are:

Improve External/Internal Communication & Trust

- Analyze the outcomes of the community survey and report the results to the City Council and on the City's website
- To provide clear understanding, visit each Department and Division to explain employee benefits and pension plans
- Hold two Employee Town Hall meetings to report and get feedback on relevant City topics
- Develop and present to the City Council for action, if needed, a system to allow residents' and businesses' to opt-in for City alerts and updates

Maintain Financial Health

- Present to the City Council an updated Five-Year Financial Forecast
- Re-evaluate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and recommend changes, if needed, to the City Council for action
- Identify the facts and recommend to the City Council for direction solutions for addressing the gap between expenditures and revenues
- Present two current topics in financial management to the City Council for discussion.

Provide Effective/Efficient Municipal Services

- Recommend to the City Council for action the purchase of a Land Management & Permit Processing Software consistent with recommendation made by Management Partners consultants
- Recommend to the City Council for action the purchase of the Radio Frequency Identifier (RFID) system for Library use
- Based on the results from the community survey, recommend to the City Council for action changes, if any, to improve municipal services
- Determine the feasibility of conducting a business community survey and make a recommendation to the City Council for action
- Evaluate departmental and inter-departmental processes for streamlining and efficiencies and make recommendations to the City Manager for approval

Plan for the 2017-2019 Sunset of CRA

- Report to the City Council the results of the Supreme Court Ruling (due by January 12, 2012) regarding Redevelopment Agencies
- Contingent on Supreme Court ruling, recommend to the CRA Board for action a Redevelopment Action Plan resulting from ABx27 legislation or the current time limits of 2017-19

Objectives listed under the Sunset of CRA are contingent to what ruling may result from the lawsuit against the State of California filed by the League of California Cities and the California Redevelopment Association over the passage of AB X 26 & 27 according to Jeff Kugel, Planning & Redevelopment Director. Based on the California Redevelopment Association filings, those two bills allegedly violate Proposition 22 which voters passed in 2010 that prohibits the State from borrowing or taking certain local monies. The State Supreme Court in a rare move agreed to hear the lawsuit directly, thus avoiding years of litigation. The Court has agreed to render an opinion prior to January 12, 2012 when the impact of AB x 27 becomes effective.

The objectives each have a time frame to be completed by May 1, 2012. As part of the implementation plan, staff is required to report monthly to the City Council and public on the progress being made on the objectives.

To learn more about the City's strategic plan, visit the www.ci.glendora.ca.us and click on the "About Glendora" icon. The progress of the plan is reported monthly during the second meeting of each month at the City Council meeting. You can view those reports on the website by clicking on "Meetings on Video."

Going Mobile with your Library

The Glendora Public Library is now offering a mobile application to access library resources and account information through your phone, Blackberry, tablet, or similar device that supports web browsing.

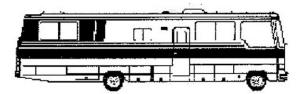
- Access Your Account to place holds, see where you are in the queue, review what you have checked out, when items are due back to the library or if you have any extended-use fees.
- Search Library Databases for research, health questions, business support, career help, college resources, or homework help.
- Discover What's Hot in our new and popular titles.
- Check Our Catalog to see if we have that downloadable e-book or audio book, print book, music or book CD, or DVD you just heard about.
- Connect Directly with staff through the "Ask Us" option.
- Verify library hours and other contact information.

It can't get much easier-your library at your fingertips whenever and wherever you are!





Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parking Standards



Who is affected?

Anyone who stores/parks their RV's, boats and trailers on residential property or city streets must abide by the City's RV parking regulations.

Are these new rules different than the previous restrictions?

The rules have been in place for nearly 2 years after significant public input. The rules were liberalized a little and the City attempted to provide more clarity to the matter which was a major complaint from some owners of RV's in the past. For example, you can now park your RV in the side yard with the appropriate screening. However, it is still prohibited to store any RV, boat or trailer in the front yard area or to block the driveway with them.

Where can RV's be parked on private property?

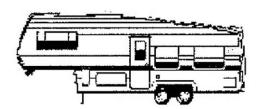
In general, RV's can only be parked in the backyard and side yard with appropriate screening. Parking an RV in front of the residence may occur in certain very unique circumstances where a person has an unusual shaped lot that is different from other lots in the neighborhood and city and which provides enough depth in front of the house beyond the required front yard setback (which usually ranges from 20 to 25 feet) and has been granted a permit.

Don't side yards and front yard change depending on a person's lot?

Yes, they can be different for each person's property. For that reason, the code has provided illustrations to help explain how to determine what are the rear, side and/or front yard for purposes on this code only. If any of the examples do not necessarily apply to your situation, you are invited to call the Planning Department at (626) 914-8214 or stop by the Planning Counter to inquire about your particular situation.

Are there clear definitions in the new regulations?

We have attempted to provide clear definitions and illustrations where practical to help make clear the regulations for storage and parking of RV vehicles. We have tried to use the standard definitions from sources like the California Vehicle Code.



Why is this regulation needed?

The goal has been to maintain the charm and uniqueness of our small bedroom community by maintaining the single-family neighborhoods and their home values. The code was modified to provide the clearest ordinance and to assist property owners in how they can meet the property maintenance requirements of our community.

Do these front yard restrictions apply even when I am loading or cleaning my RV?

The code provides for an owner to park in their driveway for up to 72 hours when cleaning or prepping the RV for use. Anything beyond that would be a violation and subject to a possible Administrative Citation.

What happens if I do not follow the regulations?

Again, the new regulations actually loosen up the storage and parking of these vehicles. What it maintains is the prohibition of parking RV's, boats and trailers in the front yard area or in the driveway in front of the residence. Like any violation of the Glendora Municipal Code (GMC), we will certainly attempt to seek voluntary compliance. However, violation of any part of the GMC is a misdemeanor and could be punished by an Administrative Citation or criminal charges depending on the severity of the matter.

We hope to work with everyone to make enforcement fair and consistent for everyone, which is the main complaint that the City has previously received on the matter.

Where can I get more information?

The ordinance along with the definitions/illustrations is on the City's web page. Log onto www.ci.glendora.ca.us and click on City Departments and Services – Planning and Redevelopment – Planning – Zoning – Zoning for the Homeowner – scroll to "Where Can I Park My RV?" and click on 21.03.010.I Also, there are hard copies available at either the Planning Counter or at the City Clerk's office in City Hall at 116 E. Foothill Blvd.

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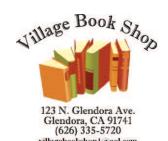












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Thank You to the Glendora Centennial Committee

The Glendora City Council passed along its thank you to the 2011 Centennial Committee for its volunteerism and creative effort in planning and conducting the various events throughout the entire centennial year.

"There are many challenges with planning any event of this size and historic significance, compounding them was the impact of the recession that has gripped the entire Nation for the last couple of years," said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "That was overcome by partnering with the various service clubs and community-based organizations with their annual events to highlight the centennial and our history."

By the time the final closing event occurred Committee members were involved in a total of 11 events, including the 2010 Holiday Stroll, Snow Day, 2010 Christmas Parade, Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Earth Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Relay for Life, Senior BBQ, Glendora Village Independence Day Jubilee, 50's Flashback, Pumpkin Festival, Halloween Carnival and the Kiwaniannes Tea which were through the community partnerships.

Members of the Centennial Celebration Committee are:

| John Aguirre | Debbie Deal | Joan Hallidy | Gerry McIntosh | Kathleen Sessman |
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| Gary Andrews | Debbie Dozal | Cliff Hamlow | Robin Merkley | Mark Smith |
| Karen Babineau | Eric Duyshart | Linda Hermann | Andrea Miller | Helen Storland |
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| Sylvia Barton-Shorey | Jack Evanilla | Jamie Hollanders | Rose Myers | Dick Swinney |
| Joseph Battaglia | Barbara Ewing | Patrick Hollanders | Jamie Norell | Andee Tarazon |
| Ken Bencomo | Jan Flanders | Fawn Imboden | Diane Norman | Jesse Tomory |
| Denise Bresee | Sara Flores | Pat Janes | Kandy Nunn | Margy Turner |
| La Shawn Butler | Steven Flowers | Chris Jeffers | Daryl Overlock | Nita Ulloa |
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| Dennis Chiappetta | Tricia Gomer | Pat Loukota | Sara Ripoly | Rose Wentz |
| Ann Chilton | Phil Goss | John Lundstrom | Jennifer Root | Danny Whaley |
| Bob Cruz | John Hackney | Rona Lunde | Katie Rossi | Ron White |
| Karen Davis | Marv Hacknev | Barbara Maslowski | Judi Rudd | |

One of the memorable events was the November 4th opening of the time capsule where items which were placed in the capsule in 1986 were revealed and displayed at the Grand Finale Celebration. Then on November 14th, new items were placed in the capsule in preparation for the next unveiling in 2036.

The highlight of all events for the Centennial was the three-day family-style picnic and carnival from November 4th through the 6th at Louie Pompei Sports Park

"We also want to give special recognition to the local businesses and service clubs that gave financial support to the effort," indicated La Shawn Butler, Glendora Community Services Director. "Their support was critical to our success in celebrating this 100-year birthday."

Community Level

Athens Services City Ventures

Pride Level

Open 4 Business, LLC #12 American Christian Credit Union

Family Level

S.C. Yamamoto, Inc.

Individual Level

Boys Cleaners Glendora Floor Store Partners of La Fetra Timothy Ferguson Berkley Tax Service

Service Club/Community Level

Daughters of the American Revolution Glendora American & National Little League Rotary Club of Glendora Glendora Woman's Club Heritage Oaks Apartments Kiwanis Club of Glendora

Glendora Kiwaniannes Club West Foothill Animal Hospital

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The public can still view the various historical accounts by members of the public on the Glendora website by visiting www.ci.glendora.ca.us and clicking on the City Manager page. It provides a very informative look back at the way Glendora was in the early years.

Library Happenings

Glendora Public Library has something for everyone! Join the excitement by attending one of these events, proudly presented by the Glendora Public Library and Friends Foundation:

December 3rd - 10th / Main Floor

"Super 7 Day Sale" Come to the library starting on Saturday morning and browse the sale tables for bargains on Books on CDs & Inspirational books.

December 3rd 10:00 - 11:30 am / Bidwell Forum & Friends Room

"A Morning with Santa" The Glendora Library is partnering with Community Services to bring you "A Morning with Santa". There will be refreshments and crafts with Santa in the Bidwell Forum and stories in the Friends Room. Don't forget your cameras!

December 4th - 10th / Children's Room

Have a week of fun constructing **Gingerbread Houses**.

December 7th 5:30 pm / Friends Room

"Novel Idea" A book discussion group. This month share a good book.

December 10th 1:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

"Vegan Cooking for the Holidays" Recipes, shopping tips, nutritional info, delicious, simple, tasty, wholesome. Learn about the vegan diet and get treated to a cooking demonstration presented by 'Vegan Los Angeles'.

December 10th, 13th 3:00 pm / Friends Room

"Polar Express" The entire family can come and watch the favorite classic movie Polar Express and enjoy milk and cookies too.

December 27th 10:30 am / Friends Room

"Storytime Puppet Show" presented by TAB (Teen Advisory Board)

December 27th 3:00 pm / Friends Room

"Family Movies @ the Library" This month's movie is Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

January 7th - 14th 10:00 am / Main Floor

"Super 7 Day Sale" – Come to the library starting on Saturday morning and browse the sale tables for bargains.

January 7th 1:00-8:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

"Family Game Day" – Game Day is back! Drop in anytime and try out an assortment of games, puzzles and brainteasers. Feel free to bring your own games as well. Open to all ages; pizza served at 5 p.m.

January 9th - 14th / Children's Room

Have a week of fun making Winter Crafts.

January 9th 7:00 pm / Main Floor

"Books Alive!" - Adult book discussion group on Celine by Brock Cole.

January 17th through February 5 / 6th Bookmark Contest

"Bookmark Contest begins" – All students in grades K-12 who attend school in Glendora are welcome to participate in the contest. This year's theme is "Dream Big, Read @ the Glendora Public Library".

January 31st 3:00 pm / Friends Room

"Family Movies @ the Library" This month's movie is Flipped.

Weekly Children's Storytimes / Friends Room

Mondays at 10:30 am - Mother Goose for Infants & Toddlers

Mondays at 7:00 pm – PJ Family Storytime for 3-5 years old & their families

Tuesdays at 10:30 am - Preschool Storytime for 3-5 years old

Tuesdays at 11:30 am – Mother Goose for Infants and Toddlers

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Preschool Storytime for 3-5 years old

Saturdays at 10:30 am - 2-5 years old

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.

Glendora Public Library's 4th Annual Battle Of The Books Is A Hugh Success!

The fourth successful "Battle of the Books" contest took place at the Glendora Public Library in October in front of a standing-room only house. The competition among the fifteen teams was tense as the questions got more difficult. After 14 rounds and one hour, the winning team was the Book Battlers! Team members Andrew Blunt, an 8th grader from Goddard Middle School, Troy Hagemeyer, a 7th grader from Sandburg Middle School and Hank Woodington, a 6th grader from



Sandburg Middle School, answered the winning question from the book, Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars: The Fall of the Amazing Zalindas: *What was the name of the police officer that Wiggins sent flying face down into the street?* Correct answer: Officer Grey. A tie for second place included the teams Cover to Cover and the Snackers. Cover to Cover was comprised of Katie Berg, a 7th grader from Sandburg Middle School, Marie-Andre Chinchilla, a 7th grader from Sandburg Middle School, and Anna Wilson, a 7th grader from Royal Oak Intermediate School. The Snackers was comprised of Chris Arnold, an 8th grader from Olive Middle School, Abel Mora, an 8th grader from Suzanne Middle School, and Isaiah Mora, a 6th grader from Suzanne Middle School.

This event is based on the same idea as the library's Great Trivia Challenge. The difference? Only teens can participate and the questions come from three pre-selected books, Around the World in 100 Days by Gary Blackwood, Into the Firestorm: A Novel of San Francisco, 1906 by Deborah Hopkinson and Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars: The Fall of the Amazing Zalindas by Tracy Mack and Michael Cintrin. A dedicated volunteer committee works for months preparing the 200+ questions on the three books-and then spends weeks and weeks fine-tuning them.

The participants represented students across Glendora in grades 6 – 12: Glendora High School, Goddard Middle School, Sandburg Middle School, Royal Oak Intermediate School, Washington Elementary School, Hope Lutheran School, Olive Middle School, Ramona Middle School, Suzanne Middle School, and Homeschool groups including CAVA. Pat Janes, Committee Chairperson remarked, "I am proud of the youth of our community. This is a great way for the community to show support to our teens and their reading efforts."

Thank you to everyone that made this event possible for our Teens!: The Glendora Rotary Club and the Friends Foundation who sponsored the event, our committee members, schools and parents, and special donations from Crestwood Communities, Thom and Sheryl Hill, Norm and Pat Janes, the Stan Deal family, the Dwight Richards family, Joanna LeFave, Deb Schmidt, Jan White, and Bobbi Jefferson.

Cindy Romero, Senior Librarian, Youth Services at the Glendora Public Library, shared, "The goal of 'Battle of the Books' is to promote recreational reading, build reading skills and comprehension, encourage team building skills in teens, and most of all, to have fun!"

Together we grow Community.

Looking for Life on Mars and other places

Please join us on Saturday, February 4th, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Glendora Public Library's Bidwell Forum for a lecture on "Looking for Life on Mars and other places" featuring Dr. Max Coleman of JPL. Dr. Coleman's current research focuses on the search for life outside the Earth. At this program he will talk about the search for life on Mars and other places, and how this search is being conducted.

Prof. Coleman was enticed to join the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, Caltech, in 2003, to be Director of the Center for Life Detection and Leader of the Astrobiology Research Group. In 2009, he spent a sabbatical period in Paris where he worked on aspects of sequestration and storage of carbon dioxide. He has now returned to JPL to focus again on looking for life outside the Earth by developing mineral biosignature approaches and instruments to detect them.

The lecture is sponsored by the Glendora Public Library and the Glendora Public Library Friends Foundation. The Glendora 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 website at www.glendoralibrary.org. All events are open and free to the public.

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Wildlife and Urban Living

With communities that are nestled in foothills and large open space corridors, comes the reality of wildlife and humans mixing. To many it is a beauty of seeing nature in the fullest venue, while to others it represents conflict between traditional urban living and interaction by wildlife animals.

As urban cities have grown and stretched out into habitat areas for wildlife, those habitats have changed as animals work to find ways to survive in the altered landscape. This can mean that wildlife and human life will come into conflict.

Some wildlife supporters say the people often equate the frequency of human-wildlife interactions with abundance of wildlife. Yet, such interactions are not necessarily a reliable indicator of wildlife population. Rather, they can more likely reflect the variability of environmental conditions, such as the availability of



food and shelter for the animal and the proximity of such resources to our homes.

"Enjoying the majestic beauty of our foothills comes with the realization that we share it with the wildlife that calls it home as well," said Glendora Police Chief Rob Castro. "We need to remind ourselves that there are many things we can do to make it less likely that bears, coyotes, mountain lions and possums will visit our homes searching for food and shelter."

Landscape conflicts with wildlife are among the most difficult problem to address largely because much of the damage associated with it is directly related to the fact that landscapes, by their very nature, often provide excellent habitat for wildlife thereby attracting the very animals that property and homeowners would like to discourage.

City officials suggest that property owners consider what type of plants they have in their landscaping. Native plants are typically more tolerant of browsing by native herbivores. Selecting plants that produce less fruit and seeds may be less inviting to squirrels, skunks, opossums, rats and mice. A listing of deer and rabbit resistant plants can be obtained from the University of Arizona College of Agriculture by visiting http://ag.arizona.edu/pubs/garden/az1237.pdg.

Wildlife experts also indicate that one way to reduce access to easy meals is to secure garbage cans. You can fasten lids with rope, bungee cords or chains. You can even purchase wildlife proof garbage cans that accomplish this task. In addition, don't leave dog or cat food outside – this is a real attraction for many wildlife animals.

"We cannot emphasize enough that you should not confront wildlife even if you think you are a safe distance," Chief Castro said. "Trying to take pictures or even just observing can be dangerous if the animal feels startled or afraid. We all agree that you should stay in your home or car if you come across wildlife. By all means give us a call and we'll send someone to help move them along."

To learn more about wildlife and ways to protect your home and yourself, visit the City's web page at www.ci.glendora.ca.us or the California Department of Fish and Game at www.dfg.ca.gov.

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

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