

Bi-Monthly Report to the Residents of Glendora



Glendora Report

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New Pension Law Takes Effect

On January 1st AB 340 became the law and significantly altered public employee pensions. Bipartisan legislators called it the biggest rollback to public pension benefits in the state's history. While not encompassing everything Governor Brown had sought in his proposed 12-point plan, the Governor said the reform was a significant step forward and that future action would likely happen to address remaining points.

The pension plans raises the retirement age on all new employees entering the CalPers or CalSTRS systems. For municipal employees, non-safety will find the retirement age raised from 55 to 62 and for safety from 50 to 57. The new law requires employees to also pay at least 50% of the normal costs of their pension plan.

AB 340 also requires pensions to be based on the three-year compensation average instead of the last year compensation. The new law caps the annual payout at \$132,000 and eliminates purchases of service credit for all employees.

CalChamber President Allan Zaremborg called the reform agreement an important first step toward improving economic certainty in California.

For Glendora, City officials indicated that many of the reforms in AB 340 had already been implemented by the City for several years. City employees had been paying 100% of their share or were already under contract to reach that point. In addition, the City Council had approved second tier pension plans of lowering formulas by about 25% across the board.

"Under a collaborative effort by Council and employees, we wanted to be ahead of the curve so most of the changes the State has adopted were already in place," said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "These full fiscal savings will take several years to achieve given the age of the workforce and the turnover rate we normally experience, but the savings will eventually be pretty significant to the organization," Jeffers indicated.

Most financial experts expect state and local governments will not begin to see significant savings for about 20 years, as a significant number of eligible employees for retirement have already exercised that option and most governments are not expanding employment opportunities for the near future. Still, Glendora finance officials cite the amount of savings will still depend on how CalPERS investments perform as compared to their assumptions used by the largest public retirement system.

City Launches New Business Resource Page

A key point of the City's Economic Action Plan was the creation of an online business resource page that would assist current and prospective businesses with critical information. The Economic Development link has 8 pages designed to assist; from how to start a business, finding available locations to demographics. It plays an important part in the City's efforts to define itself as an excellent place to conduct business and market itself to potential new businesses.

The layout and type of information is the result of a collaborative effort of soliciting feedback from small business operators on what is helpful and how would they search for the information. "The effort has taken several months but getting it right was an important goal," said Valerie Escalante, Economic Development Specialist for the City of Glendora.

Escalante added that the webpage is an ever changing media source that needs to be updated and adjusted if it is to be an effective resource tool. The site also has links to other governmental entities that may be of assistance to a business or have a regulatory function.

Assisting in the development of the page layout and selection of information were local business operators. Glendora Chamber of Commerce Director of Business Development, Joe Cina, commented, "The new, easy to navigate, website is a tremendous asset to current businesses looking to move their business or start a new business in Glendora. Having one site as a guide will streamline the startup time and reduce confusion that comes with the multitude of regulations from the various governmental entities".

City officials welcome the public to visit the new website by going to www.ci.glendora.ca.us and clicking on the Economic Development link.



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to the City's website

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Glendora Cancels March Election

The City of Glendora cancelled its March 5, 2013 election and two Glendora council members secured another term in office. The seats currently held by council members Karen Davis and Gene Murabito were scheduled for election on March 5, 2013, but because no one filed paperwork to challenge them state law allows cities to cancel them in order to save money.

This past December, the City Council voted in favor of canceling the election which will save the city an estimated \$120,000 in election costs, according to City Clerk Kathleen Sessman. The last time an opportunity such as this occurred in the City of Glendora was in April of 1984.

With no challengers filing for the two open seats, the incumbents will be reappointed and ceremonially re-seated and sworn in at a March council meeting for new four-year terms.

The City of La Verne was the only other city to cancel their elections due to no challengers. San Dimas had the option as their incumbents will also be unchallenged but the city has placed a tax measure on the ballot, so the election will still go forward according to San Dimas officials.

For more information about the City of Glendora 2013 General Municipal Election, contact the City Clerk's Department at (626) 914-8210.



Tax Forms Available at the Glendora Library

In cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board, the Glendora Public Library is distributing tax forms, instructions, and other tax-related resources. Serving as a tax form distribution site, the library hopes to ease the rush of the tax season for local taxpayers.



The most commonly used tax forms are free to the public, while other tax forms are available through low-cost photocopying or printing. The forms are now on display in the library's lobby. The library also has tax preparation computer software available for checkout - visit or call the library to check availability or to reserve your copy.

For more information about these and other library services, contact Glendora Public Library at (626) 852-4891 or visit the library's website at glendoralibrary.org

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2012 CITY OF GLENDORA OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

At the fifth annual Employee Recognition Luncheon by the City of Glendora, three employees were announced as Employee of the Year awardees by a panel of both residents and employees. The process started last September, when employees and city commissioners were notified of the nomination period. Those categories included Sworn Public Safety; General employee and Management Employee. Ten employees were eventually nominated from various sources. Each nominator was required to answer various questions as to why this person they were nominating deserved such recognition. Following are excerpts from the Awardee's nominations:

Public Safety Employee – Lieutenant Brian Summers

Brian demonstrates excellence in his leadership, work ethics, professional knowledge, competence under pressure, and leads by example.

Knowledge – Brian consistently brings new ideas and suggestions for changes in Department practices, equipment and technology to improve our effectiveness and efficiency. He researches and presents best work practices never resting on the status quo. He is sought out by many due to his extensive knowledge of policing strategies and employee development.

Attitude – Brian is the consistent in how he relates to the community and employees in a fair and caring manner that gains respect, trust and confidence in all he comes in contact with. He is always willing to take on a new task or assignment and his approach and work performance demonstrate a positive can do attitude. He enjoys helping others and recognizing good work by employees and heroic acts by members of the community.

Skills – Brian has recently researched and implemented new technologies in the Investigations Bureau. He has implemented a new contemporary evidence intake and tracking system that will save personnel time and allow for improved evidence accountability. Lieutenant Summers managed several staff projects including developing the Awards/Recognition policy and conducted research and verification to determine which employees were eligible to receive the various awards. On June 1, 2011, the department held its inaugural Employee Awards and Recognition ceremony. Lieutenant Summers worked numerous hours managing a committee to plan and script the large event. A department photograph was also taken to capture the make-up of the police department during the City's Centennial year. Over 250 employees, family, friends and city council members attended the event. The feedback from all was overwhelmingly positive. Several neighboring police department Chiefs heard of our event and have requested copies of our policy and event script for their own agency. The work done by Lieutenant Summers will now allow for this event to occur annually. He continued to manage the second ceremony this year and surpassed the outstanding results of his first successful event.

Habits – Brian has a calm and professional demeanor about him. He has excellent communications skills with all he comes in contact with. Lieutenant Summers is a dedicated and hard-working supervisor. He has developed several staff projects and is very adept at completing administrative assignments. He has proven himself to be a tremendous asset to the police department staff and his assignments are complete and on time. He holds his personnel accountable and gives praise when appropriate. He is well respected by his supervisors, peers, and subordinates.

The Intangible – Brian has worked for Glendora Police Department since 1982 giving 30 years of service. He has demonstrated a true personal commitment and devotion to public safety and improving people's lives and employees' performance. He consistently brings forth ideas for organizational improvement and cutting edge public safety strategies. He works tirelessly on his assignments and ideas because he believes and demonstrates that his job is his life's passion.

General Employee – Bill Rep, Plans Examiner

Bill's nomination read in part as follows:

Knowledge – Bill has worked in the construction field in many areas for over 30 years. His background, along with his strong work ethics and commitment to doing a job well, have been instrumental with his success as first a Building Inspector and presently a Plans Examiner for the City of Glendora.

He assists both the Building & Safety Superintendent and the Director of Public Works/Building Official in many capacities such as code research, participating in pre-construction meetings and as a "go to" person for the inspectors and other staff members for code interpretations.

The State of California requires that all Building Division personnel receive certifi-



cations for their positions. The certification procedure is an arduous process that entails studying the applicable code books and then testing with the International Code Council in order to receive the certification. In each position that Bill has had with the City he has exceeded the certification requirements. When hired as a Building Inspector he was required to have a Building Inspector certification. He obtained that along with certifications for all the other disciplines (i.e., both residential & commercial certifications for electrical, plumbing & mechanical). When promoted to Plans Examiner he not only received his Plans Examiner certification but also ones for accessibility and energy requirement reviews.

Attitude – Bill has a positive attitude and is an exemplary example of a team player. He is well respected by his peers, management and the public. He is committed to doing his best and completing his tasks in a timely and professional manner.

He is a utility player for the Building Division and has worked with all of the other departments in some capacity – whether it is preparing plans for City projects, inspecting and assisting with City projects, performing accessibility surveys for City-owned buildings, attending pre-construction meetings and performing preliminary plans reviews for the Planning Department and assisting project managers in other departments with code requirements. He has had an active role in the design of many of the City projects and even assisted with the electrical and drywall installation when the Water Yard structure was being built; and has helped with the design of projects for the Library, Police & Community Services Departments.

Skills – Bill is committed to continuing education and training to ensure that his skill knowledge is up to date with the current local, State and Federal code requirements and regulations. This enhances his job knowledge and communication skills with the citizens, architects, engineers and City employees when discussing code regulations and the reasons for the requirements. The Building Division has received numerous praises for his ability as a Plans Examiner to help solve issues in order to gain code compliance. His calm but firm manner is advantageous in dealing with code compliance.

Habits – There are State mandated time limits for the plan review process. Bill schedules his reviews and manages his time so that these time constraints are always met. He chooses to come to work early to "get organized" for the day and rarely is absent from work except for vacation and furlough days. His productive work habits make him someone that the division can depend on.

The Intangible – This year Bill completed his latest goal. He prepared and passed the legal aspect portion of the Building Official Certification. This, in conjunction with his other certifications for the technical areas for his position, made him a candidate for the highest certification offered through the International Conference of Building Officials. This is a prime example of his desire to give 110%.

Every three years all Building Divisions are graded by ISO – Insurance Services Office. The grade that is received has a major impact on the insurance rates for the citizens of Glendora. One of the components of the grading system is based on the education levels and number of certifications that the Building Division employees have. Bill's dedication to excellence has a positive impact on not only his career and the Building Division . . . but also the citizens of Glendora. He is an excellent example of a "PRIDE OF THE FOOTHILLS" employee!

Management Employee – Sonja Jones

Sonja's nomination read in part as follows:

Knowledge – Sonja serves as the central answering point for not only the City Manager but the City Council. Calls and visitors come in everyday to the office ranging from "where can I get this information" to "I was told to call here to complain".

For questions that arise which she may not know, I have seen her quickly log onto the internet to search for the information for the caller, or customer that may be standing at her desk. She has shown that no question is too simple or out of bounds.

As the central support person for both the City Council and City Manager, Sonja is very aware that every action and statement is perceived as though one of those persons has personally said it. Also, trying to keep these individuals aware and on-time to the many public events at which they need to attend is like a full-time job in itself.

Attitude – The employee demonstrates a positive attitude, generates ideas for completing tasks successfully and opportunities for self and job improvement. By demonstrating a positive attitude, the employee further exhibits a desire to do a job well and often finds better ways of doing it. It shows the employee's commitment to the job, organization, and most of all to the kind of service that an organization should provide to the community. Certainly this individual has a tremendous personality and attitude which is always upbeat and frankly a "can do" spirit.



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She has developed a real following in the community where persons who conduct frequent business are constantly telling Council and me how helpful and pleasant she is when they call or stop by. They refer to her can-do spirit and relentless follow up to make sure someone has contacted them concerning the issue at hand.

This individual goes beyond the "8-5" time clock. She has become involved with many of the city's activities such as the Centennial Celebration and War Memorial fundraising, to name a few. She volunteers for these on her own time and with a deep effort to stay in the background when doing them.

Given the extra mile that Sonja goes in her daily duties and effort, it is very common to see her at City Hall early and staying late, all without compensation of any sort to make sure the job gets done and the "bosses" all look good.

Skills – As the primary contact point on behalf of the City Council and City Manager, she is very much the face and voice that the public associates with the City of Glendora. That in itself requires unique ability to be confident, reassuring, engaged and proactive while at the same time realizing that others will likely be the decision makers or undertake the action needed. The skill is simply to walk the line between reassuring while not promising the unknown in situations that run across the spectrum.

How does she perform? I think the answer is in the compliments I receive from the public and employees as to her helpfulness and attention to detail. I have yet to receive, after four years, a single complaint or hint of one, which given the nature of the office environment it is unimaginable.

Habits – Productive work habits demonstrate the individual's commitment to his/her job and assignments. In addition, a demonstration of implementing good work habits and new habits provide meaningful job improvements.

She also abides by the statement that actions speak louder than words. Thus one of her most enduring work habit is by doing the work in the highest professional standards and letting that be her mark of achievement rather than just talking about what should be done.

The Intangible – This often is what distinguishes the employee we seek to recognize. It is difficult to verbalize the intangible of what is needed by her to succeed in her position. I often describe it by way of a character in a movie 9-5 (Lilly Tomlin) in which her effort made every boss she had shine and work more efficiently but always from behind the scenes. That is the type of person she is – making sure every "i" is dotted and "t" is crossed so that the city looks professional and the best in the eyes of the community. Every interaction is done to help people feel like they count and we understand that their issue is very important to them.

She has constantly gone beyond the expected to involve herself in the activities that make Glendora the best place to live, work and play. Her involvement in several special efforts such as the War Memorial and Centennial planning are just a few examples of that volunteerism she gives. Her efforts to make a person's certificate or proclamation more meaningful are a few examples of the intangible that we would all hope for of ourselves many times.

Awardees received a plaque honoring their selection and a \$500 cash bonus. The City Council member also expressed their appreciation for the outstanding effort these individuals have demonstrated.

"The selection process is designed to first get nominations from the ground up, by people that see these individuals in action every day," said City Manager Chris Jeffers. "Then a committee of past awardees and volunteer residents or businesspersons read the nomination papers, which have had the names blocked out. The goal is for the committee to focus on the accomplishments and other qualities rather than personalities. Finally, the scores were compiled independently from each reviewer so that there was no pressure on the judges having to defend or justify why they gave a particular score."

The City Council expressed appreciation for all the service honorees at the luncheon and that the service delivered by the employees is recognized and deeply appreciated by the community. The event was a small token of that appreciation and thanks for a job well done.

Police Department Uses Social Media to Improve Customer Service

The Glendora Police Department is embracing Social Media to enhance the flow of information to the community. They have been involved in Social Media since March of 2011 when they created a Twitter account. Due to its popularity and followership of over 1100 people, in July of 2012, the Department created a Facebook account. Both networking sites have proved to be an asset in distributing information to citizens and the media in regards to natural disasters, traffic problems, and community alerts relating to crime trends.

The Police Department is accomplishing this by implementing several different social networking programs and putting more services on-line. Currently they are using Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle to distribute information about current crime trends, updates on natural disasters, and community events.

Most everyone is familiar with Facebook, but Twitter is gaining traction in popularity as more and more people venture out into the Social Media scene. Twitter is similar to Facebook in the way that it connects people and their interests, but is unique in as much as content is usually updated in real time by short bursts of information known as "tweets." It is not uncommon to hear about what is going on around the world before the news media hears because people tweet about what is going on around them. This type of information can be valuable but be warned that some eyewitness accounts distributed through all Social Media outlets can contain false information unless it is from an official source, such as your local police department.

Nixle is another way the community can get information from the Department. Nixle is unique because users can sign up through the Nixle website to receive information based on where they live. Citizens can get information via text messages on their phones or their e-mail account.

The Department is also streamlining services that would normally require a citizen to come into the station by offering them on-line. One of the new services gives citizens a way to report some types of crimes on-line through the police department's website. Once the report is reviewed by an officer, a copy of the report is e-mailed to the victim. This allows the citizen to file a report wherever they have access to the Internet and also frees up resources at

City of Glendora 2012 Milestones of Service

5 Years

Kristine Batcheller, Library
Donna Beesmer, Planning Dept.
Steven Boyett, Police Department
Maria Carpenter, Finance Dept.
Mela Chrissanti, Library
David Collett, Public Works
Tracy Cortina, Police Dept.
Christopher Farino, Police Dept.
Dasy Fregoso, Library
Chris Jeffers, City Manager
Kristen Johnston, Planning Dept.
Christopher Masterson, Public Works Dept.
Andrew Petteuto, Community Svs. Dept.
Kathleen Sessman, City Clerk Dept.
Janet Stone, Library
Eric Weber, Police Dept.

10 Years

Alvaro Ancheta, Police Dept.
Carol Garner, Police Dept.
Ignacio Guzman, Public Works Dept.
Desiree Hernandez, Community Svs. Dept.
William Lee, Police Dept.
Julie Linger, Police Dept.
Ron Lubetski, Public Works Dept.
Nancy Miranda, Police Dept.
Rafael Perez, Police Dept.
Craig Schubert, Police Dept.
Roger Shepherd, Public Works Dept.
Rebecca Simjian, Library
Michael Skibar, Police Dept.
Patricia Sorensen, Police Dept.
David Wanstrath, Police Dept.

15 Years

David Davies, Public Works Dept.
Shelly Gold, Police Dept.
Eric Simpson, Public Works Dept.
Carol Stellato, Community Svs. Dept.
Dianne Walter, Planning Dept.

25 Years

Sharyl Barrett, Police Dept.
Gary Lietz, Public Works Dept.
Claudio Mestas, Public Works Dept.
Joseph Ward, Police Dept.

35 Years

Armando Gonzales, Community Svs. Dept.

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the police department. Due to the service being new, only specific types of reports will be accepted. The police department also plans on having a kiosk in the lobby of the station for those who do not have access to a computer.

There are several other services on-line, such as, obtaining overnight parking permits, filing anonymous tips, and obtaining copies of traffic collision reports. Some services that are unique to Glendora, is the ability to see what is going on in the community by viewing the Live Calls for Service screen on the City's website. This service shows the types of calls the officers responded to, the disposition of the call, and if an arrest was made. Another worthwhile service for the community to be aware of is the District Policing Map, which is divided into four districts, with a District Commander assigned to each area. This allows citizens a point of contact for whatever problem they are having in their neighborhood. Once a problem is identified, it is assigned to officers assigned to that area for follow-up.

The below links will connect you to the Glendora Police Department's social networking sites and homepage.

www.facebook.com/glendorapd
www.twitter.com/Glendora_pd
<http://ci.glendora.ca.us/>

Snow City Glendora

Join the Community Services Department Recreation Division for Snow Day at Finkbiner Park on Friday, February 8, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This fun-filled event is for ages 12 and under. We will have four 50-foot snow runs and two 30-feet by 30-feet snow play areas with real snow! Parents, be sure to bring your camera because you won't want to miss this photo opportunity!



To pre-register please visit any one of the following locations: Community Services Department City Hall office, 116 E. Foothill Blvd, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., the Crowther Teen and Family Center, 241 W. Dawson Ave, Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Pre-registration fee is \$7, day of event \$10.

Kids should dress for snow: mittens, gloves, boots and jackets are recommended. Sliding saucers will be provided. For more information call the Crowther Teen and Family Center at (626) 914-2357.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 2013, Gladstone and Finkbiner Parks, ages 10 and under. This event is sponsored by the Glendora Community Services Department and co-sponsored by the Glendora Kiwanis Club. Activities will be held at both Gladstone and Finkbiner Parks, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Special Prizes will be awarded for finding the "Golden Egg." By popular demand, free pancakes will be provided by Glenkirk Church at Finkbiner Park and First Evangelical Methodist Church of Glendora at Gladstone Park at 9:00 a.m.

In case of rain, activities will be held in the Teen Center, 241 W. Dawson Ave. For additional information, please contact the Crowther Teen & Family Center at (626) 914-2357.

Upcoming Teen Center Trip

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 and Family Center at (626) 914-2357.

Santa Monica Pier

Monday, February 11, 2013 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$25

Community Services Department Seeks Service Awards Nominees

Each year, the Community Services Commission honors individual Glendorans for their outstanding volunteer service to the youth and senior citizens of our community. These individuals are the recipients of awards named for individuals who were recognized and remembered for their commitment to community service above self. For 2013, we will be recognizing individuals deserving of the 47th Annual Ed Kirkpatrick Award, the 38th Annual William E. "Buck" Dunham Award, and the 21st Annual Ruth Harper Award. These awards have been named for outstanding citizens who have distinguished themselves by deed, accomplishment, or volunteerism.

The Community Services Commission is requesting your assistance by submitting the names of Glendorans who have extended themselves on behalf of the youth and seniors of Glendora. Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, March 29, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. For more information or to have a nomination form mailed to you please contact the Community Services Department at (626) 914-8228.

Ed "Eddie" Kirkpatrick Award

The first City of Glendora-sponsored perpetual volunteerism award was named after Edgar "Ed" Kirkpatrick. Ed was an outstanding Glendora youth, young adult sports figure, and citizen. Ed signed with the California Angels as a catcher in 1962 just after graduation from high school. Today, the Ed "Eddie" Kirkpatrick Award continues to be awarded to an outstanding adult who has provided exemplary and extraordinary service to the youth of Glendora in the area of sports.

William E. "Buck" Dunham

Glendora is acknowledged as one of the most volunteer-oriented communities in the San Gabriel Valley. As such, the originating Commission recognized that adults volunteer in numerous youth-oriented activities. In order to acknowledge these volunteers, a second award was created. This award was named in honor of William E. "Buck" Dunham and is awarded to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the youth of Glendora in an area other than sports.

Ruth Harper Award

Glendora also honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community's senior population. This award is named in honor of Ruth Harper. Ruth was a tireless worker and volunteer for the seniors of Glendora. Her tenacity on behalf of senior services was instrumental in laying the foundation for the programs and services that Glendora seniors enjoy today.

PARKS PROJECTS

Have you noticed the renovations happening around Glendora? These are just a few of the renovations brought to you by the Community Services Department.

The newly renovated Arthur E. Cook Memorial Park located on the corner of Sierra Madre Avenue and Lorraine Avenue. The Community Services Department staff has designed a drought tolerant demonstration garden that will provide information on water efficient irrigation and waterwise landscape, as well as honor the City's history. New amenities include a walking path, bench, citrus trees and educational information about the various gardens.

The City would like to thank the Glendora Conservancy, San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy and all of the volunteers for their help with supplies, designing, and planting the garden.

The parking lot at Cullen Avenue and Mountain View Avenue has also been upgraded. There is a new monument sign, additional handicapped parking, security lights and covered bus shelters. This upgraded facility will now become the designated transit parking facility for those parties taking a senior trip or using the Metrolink shuttle.

The Bus Plaza on Glendora Ave in the Village has been retrofitted with a new drip irrigation system and more drought tolerant plants were installed greatly reducing the amount of water used there.

Lastly, a majority of the tree wells and all of the planter's pots in the Village were cleared out and replanted for more of a uniform aesthetic. This is the first stage of the project and the renovation of the remaining tree wells will follow.

Keep an eye out for other upcoming projects throughout the city from the Community Services Department.

Parks Make Life Better!



Robert Artura, owner of Luxe Home Design and Steve Clements, sales and showroom manager.

Luxe Home Design Opens Showroom in Glendora Village

It's an idea whose time has finally come—and it's come to Glendora Village.

Robert Artura, co-owner of Building Worx, Inc., General Contractors of Glendora, has opened Luxe Home Design, 180 N. Glendora Ave., Glendora.

For years Artura has built relationships with industry-leading building suppliers and designers, and has now opened a showroom to gather their offerings in a one-stop, full-service showroom.

Customers can find everything they'll need to build a home, renovate, add on or redecorate inside and then outside with landscape design.

"Customers won't have to run around to all these companies to get what they need. It's all here – we can help them from start to finish and do all the project management in between," said Showroom/Sales Manager Steve Clements, a veteran of the home improvement industry.

The list of Luxe "partners" covers all the bases in home building and improvement, and each has a "set," a room display in the showroom:

- Outdoor Elegance (www.outdoorelegance.com), outdoor furnishings, based in La Verne.
- Felikian's Carpet One (www.felikianscarpetonepasadena.com), carpeting and flooring, based in Pasadena.
- Sierra Pacific Windows (www.sierrapacificwindows.com), windows and doors.
- Cabinet Concepts based in Glendora produces only customized cabinetry from kitchens to family rooms, offices to closets.
- Pacific Outdoor Living (www.pacificoutdoorliving.com) for landscape design.
- Materials Marketing (www.mstoneandtile.com) for stone fireplaces, stone tile, architectural stone and more
- Bang & Olufsen (beostores.bang-olufsen.com/losangeles-old-pasadena/welcome) offers customized media centers.
- JBP Mechanical of Glendora specializes in plumbing, heating and air conditioning.

Its Glendora location is proving beneficial for Luxe Home Design, said Clements.

"We're centrally located between the Inland Empire and Los Angeles, freeway close to the 57, 605, 210 and 10 Freeways", he explained, "and several housing developments have been green-lighted in Glendora and nearby."

"We are not only helping those contractors, but we'll help buyers after they move in to customize their homes," Clements said.

And if a homeowner wants to add on a room or renovate, "we have architects who can draw up plans for additions and see through city permitting processes, and also have an interior designer to change the decor."

Luxe Home Design wants to show that "customers can get the design and elegance they seek and that it's still affordable," Clements said.

Luxe Home Design is located at 180 N. Glendora Ave., Glendora. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 2-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and by appointment otherwise. For more information, call (626) 335-9500.

Top California Vintages, Food, and Music Showcased at Glendora Village's Annual Wine Walk

For the first time, Glendora Village is showcasing the finest California varietals during its fourth annual Wine Walk on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 6-9 p.m.

More than 35 Village businesses will participate as pour stations serving California red or white wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by restaurants located in the Village and throughout Glendora. Each Wine Walk ticket is good for 15 pours, wristband and wine glass.

Music will be provided by popular local band The Answer to Classic Rock, performing in the center of the Village. Other music groups will be playing at other locations throughout the Village.

Tickets are \$30 presale, a savings of \$10 from last year's event. Presale tickets are available online at <http://glendorawinewalk.com> and at these Village businesses: Glendora Florist, 234 N. Glendora Ave.; Undercovers, 207 N. Glendora Ave.; T Phillips, 180 N. Glendora Ave., # 102; Glendora Village Goldsmith, 158 N. Glendora Ave., #B; Strings Music, 146 N. Glendora Ave.; and Martha's Candy, 133 ? N. Glendora Ave.

Tickets will be \$35 the day of the Wine Walk. Tickets are non-refundable and non-replaceable. A portion of proceeds will go to Foundation for Glendora Unified Schools (FGUS) and the Glendora Police Auxiliary.

The 2013 Wine Walk is sponsored by the Glendora Village Business Improvement District. For more information, visit www.glendorawinewalk.com or write to info@glendorawinewalk.com.

Glendora Public Library

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.

February 2nd 1:00-8:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

"Family Game Day" Drop in anytime and try our assortment of games, puzzles and brainteasers. Game enthusiast and designer Robert McNally will bring his collection of board games, and Ron Polk will share his collection of over 100 brain teasers with you. Come and test your skills as the games vary from simple to fiendishly difficult. Open to all ages.

February 7th - 16th / Main Floor

"Super 8 Day Sale" Come to the library starting on Thursday afternoon and browse the sale tables for bargains on Videos & Gardening books, plus a surprise.

February 9th 2:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

"Voyager's Journey to the Planets and Beyond" Travel past the gaseous giant planets to the edge of interstellar space, as Project Scientist Dr. Ed Stone discusses the ongoing missions of Voyagers I and II.

February 27th 5:30 pm / Friends Room

"Novel Idea" Book discussion group featuring *The Secret Daughter* by Samaya Gowda.

February 28th - March 9th / Main Floor

"Super 8 Day Sale" Come to the library starting on Thursday afternoon and browse the sale tables for bargains on Do-It-Yourself & Sports books.

March 2nd 10:00 am - 3:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

"SAT Workshop" This FREE workshop will cover techniques for achieving a better score on the SAT. To register for the class or for more information, call the Library at (626) 852-4891.

March 16th 2:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

"Opera Talks" Do you want to learn more about the opera? This an interactive presentation led by members of LA Opera's Speakers Bureau. This is the second in a series about the history of opera and will be featuring *The Flying Dutchman*.

March 23rd 5:00 pm / Azusa Pacific University

"Great Trivia Challenge 21" Come and cheer for your favorite team at this annual fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit the Glendora Public Library. Admission is \$15 which includes the food buffet and entertainment. Tickets are on sale in the library. For additional information, please call (626) 852-4894.

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 - Have fun playing with your favorite puzzles and games.

Thursday - Be Creative Crafts - Each week we will have a new project to inspire creativity.

Friday - Big Game Tournaments - Master your 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

Support the Glendora Library with your Valentine and Easter Shopping!

Library patrons are now able to help the Glendora Public Library when they make online purchases through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other retailers.

See the library's home page <http://glendoralibrary.org> for this feature: Library patrons can log in to our eBook library, then link through to several online stores like Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and a percentage of what they spend will come back to the Library for buying eBooks and downloadable audio.

After following the login instructions, clicking on a retailer's logo will link you to that retailer's commercial website. For yourself (or for your Valentine or Easter basket!), you can buy eBooks, digital audiobooks, and other items. The library gets a credit for anything purchased, and the Library titles you help pay for will be selected by your own Glendora Library staff.

For more information on this new feature, call the Glendora Public Library at (626) 852-4891.

Free SAT Workshop

Planning for college is often an overwhelming process, particularly when preparing for SAT testing. To assist you in maximizing your testing potential, Glendora Public Library is offering a free SAT Workshop on Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 10:00 am -3:00 pm in the Library's Bidwell Forum. The workshop will be lead by Tutoring Solutions and will present techniques to assist you in attaining a better score on the SAT.

The workshop will provide tips on how to prepare for the SAT test, as well as presentations on the math, reading and writing sections of the test. Lunch will be provided for all participants.

You can register for the SAT Workshop at the Glendora Public Library or by calling (626) 852-4891. This workshop is sponsored by the Glendora Public Library Friends Foundation and is provided free to all participants. For more information please call the library at (626) 852-4891.

Opera Talks Return to 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.

The next "Opera Talk" will be Saturday, March 16 at 2:00 pm in the Bidwell Forum. It will highlight the *Flying Dutchman* by Richard Wagner. The legend of the ghostly ship condemned to wander the oceans forever has fascinated opera lovers-and more recently movie lovers-for hundreds of years. An enthralling score, illuminated by striking stage imagery, power and a thrilling journey into an unsettling, mythic world where a tormented spirit seeks true love as his redemption.

The third "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 Opera Talks programs are made possible and coordinated by Glendora's community volunteers, the Glendora Public Library and the Glendora Public Library Friends Foundation. The Glendora Public Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741. 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.

New Do-It-Yourself Services at the Library

Thanks to the City Council, a new Radio Frequency Identification, or RFID, system is in now in place in the Glendora Library. This system allows for self-service check-out and check-in of library materials. Over 130,000 library items were 'tagged' by staff over this past summer and fall in preparation for these services.

Library members who don't want to wait in line to check their materials out can access the easy-to-use self service station. Step-by-step instructions on a monitor will lead you through the process. Staff will be on hand to assist with any questions. Coming soon will be the added feature of paying your fines through this station using a credit or debit card.

When it is time to return library materials, a new 'automated material handling', or AMH, system will check-in the materials and print a receipt if desired. Access is from the library's lobby to the right of where the former bookdrop slot was located. A monitor above the return slot gives clear and concise instructions- just slide the material onto the conveyor belt and when the light is green-that's it! The system then checks-in and sorts the materials for a faster return to our library shelves with less staff handling.

Don't worry! Staff will still be on hand to give you the great customer service that the Glendora Library is known for. Stop on by and see 21st century library service in action!

Curtain Goes Up on 2013 Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Productions

Due to popular demand, murder mystery dinner theater presentations at the Village Eatery (221 N. Glendora Ave., reservations, 626-852-1777) are expanding.

"We're adding a second night to each show's presentation," said Village Eatery owner Don Nolan. Presented by the Renaissance Murder Mystery Players, the 2013 season kicks off Feb. 16 and 17 with *Murder is Sweet* about a candy company, chocolate, a world-famous confection chef and murder all tied up with a pretty bow.

'M' is for Murder will be staged April 11 and 12. It's a "Sesame Street"-style murder at a jazz club with a diva, the Mob and a piano player. It's a note-perfect puppet ensemble.

Four Flappers and a Funeral will be presented June 8 and 9. Set in the 1920s at the Kitchy Koo Klub, it has flappers, gangsters, an aging prima donna and someone's funeral.

Murder in Disguise will be staged Aug. 10 and 11. The courtroom murder mystery has an accused lawyer, unknown suspects and spine-tingling tension with a surprise ending.

The Ol' West is the backdrop for *The Killer Sarsapariller* on Oct. and 20. Song and dance are mixed up with a saloon, beautiful girls, a stranger, and of course, murder.

The Christmas Carol Murder wraps up the year on Dec. 1 and 8. Scrooge is up to his old shenanigans in this holiday favorite that ends differently than expected.

All performances include dinner provided by the Village Eatery. Tickets are \$55 per person and group rates are available. For more information, call (626) 852-1777.

Upcoming Trail Activities

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

Garcia Trail

Saturday, February, 23, 2013 ~ 8:00 a.m. This is a strenuous 2.4 mile hike to the top of the ridge at the Glendora Ridge Motorway and back. The grade is steep and there is little shade. Park along Sierra Madre Avenue about 0.3 miles west of Barranca Avenue (in Glendora), at the Azusa/Glendora boundary. Park as close as possible to the Los Angeles County Fire Station No. 97 at 3453 Sierra Madre Avenue on the north side of the street. Or, park along Macneil Drive, south of Sierra Madre Avenue and its traffic circle. The fire station is immediately north of the traffic circle. The trail starts at the entrance to the fire station (just to the west). The group will return to the starting point by heading back down the way they came. This is heavily used trail and the parking area along Sierra Madre Avenue may be full. Please help us keep this neighborhood and fire station area clean, by not littering.

South Hills Trails

Saturday, March 30, 2013 ~ 8:00 a.m. This is a moderate 1.5-mile walk, starting at the South Hills City Park at the east terminus of Mauna Loa Avenue off Glendora Ave. The group will be walking the Toyon, North Spur, Alosta Canyon, and Big Dalton Wash Trails.

La Fetra Center

La Fetra Center, 333 E. Foothill Blvd

FEBRUARY 2013

Weekly Activities, Classes, and Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00am "Hot Hula" Fitness Class 9:00am Gentle Yoga 10:30am Zumba Gold Fitness Class 11:00am AFEP Exercise 12:00pm Senior Café* 12:00pm "Managing Diabetes For Life" class 12:30pm Bridge 1:00pm Ping Pong 1:00pm "Greek & Roman Ideals on Aging" / Dr. Stavrinides	8:00am Int./Adv. Pool Players 8:30am Morning Pilates 8:30am Bridge Tournament 9:00am Tai Chi Chuan 10:15am Strength Training 10:30am "Art Across The Ages"/Dyer 12:00pm Senior Café* 12:130pm Jewelry Making Group 12:30pm Cards - Pinochle 1:00pm Movies 4:30pm 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 1:00pm Bunco(1 st /3 rd /5 th week at Legion Building)	9:00am Bridge 9:00am "Hot Hula" Fitness Class 10:00am Grandparents Support Group 10:00am "Writing Personalized Book" 10:15am Strength Training 12:00pm Senior Café* 1:00pm Ping Pong 1:00pm "The American Symphony" Music Appreciation/Dyer 1:00pm "Say Yes To Life"/P. Bunner 1:00pm Computer Class 4:30pm 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 2:00pm Beginning Spanish
* Donation of \$2 is requested				

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:30pm Bingo	2
4 10:00am Legal Clinic 11:15am Blood Sugar Screening 7:00pm Alzheimer's Support Group	5 11:45am Chair Massage/Apppt. 1:00pm Movie - "Snow White and The Huntsman"	6	7 11:15am Blood Pressure Screening	8 1:30pm Bingo	9
11 1:00pm "SNAP" Program - Glendora Police Department	12 1:00pm Movie - "The Switch"	13 "For Men Only" Cooking Class	14 9:00am Ask The Computer Guys 11:30am VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON	15 1:30pm Bingo	16 10:00am Eyeglasses for Seniors Glendora Rotary Club
18 Presidents' Day Center Closed	19 1:00pm Movie - "Larry Crowne"	20	21	22 1:30pm Bingo	23
25	26 1:00pm FOOD BANK 1:00pm Movie - "Timber, Tailor, Soldier, Spy"	27	28 9:00am Social Security Admin/ by appointment		



The Glendora Public Library Friends Foundation sponsor:

Great Trivia Challenge 21



Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 pm
Felix Event Center
at Azusa Pacific University, West Campus

Come and cheer for your favorite team
as they test their knowledge by answering trivia questions.
Tickets will be on sale in the Friends Plaza Book Loft beginning in Mid-February.

If you would like to have a team or need more information on the event, call (626) 852-4894

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

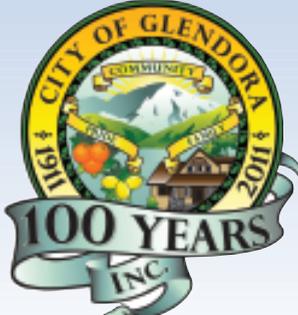
Community Services Commission
3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers

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.**

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.

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.

Contact Information

Glendora City Council

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

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- Animal Control.....914-8275
- Building Permits/Inspection.....914-8222
- City Clerk.....914-8210
- City Council.....914-8201
- 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 Line.....914-8206

- 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