## Bi-Monthly Report to the Residents of Glendora





# Swift and Coordinate Response to Colby Fire limits Damage

On January 16, Glendora awoke to a fire in its foothills. At 5:45 am, Glendora Police Department Dispatch received its first call of a fire near Glendora Mountain Road. Within seconds calls were being placed to Los Angeles County Fire to respond.

Given the dry conditions, emergency response crews had already been placed on alert and local fire operations within LA County, CAL Fire and U.S. Forest Service had been beefed up in preparation for possible fires.

Within a half-hour, the fire due to its location in very hilly terrain and close proximity to homes was upgraded to an Area D alert. That activated resources from other local agencies within Los Angeles County to respond. In total, nearly 45 local agencies responded to the Colby Fire and were then stationed in the Cities of Azusa or Glendora to assist in various responses.

For the City of Glendora, officials activated their Emergency Operations Center and began calling in City staff to prepare for what might be a very long and dangerous day. With the activation, came an order for police and fire personnel to begin advising foothill residents on the need to evacuate. Police Chief Tim Staab indicated that it was clear to management that the foothills were a tinderbox and immeadiate contact had to be made or it might be too late. Also assisting residents were the neighbors and social media. People started to call friends and family who lived in the foothills to check on them. "In these situations, everyday Joe becomes a helping hand in getting the word out to folks," added Staab.

City Officials were very appreciative of the public safety personnel as well as many city employees providing support to emergency personnel. "While safety personnel are on the front lines, there is a significant amount of personnel needed to support them in order for them to be successful," indicated Glendora City Manager Chris Jeffers. "We had crews moving water between the various areas to support the fire efforts to keep structures safe and volunteers manning traffic to enable police and fire vehicles to move quickly in the area," added Jeffers

In the eyes of the city officials, the response to the Colby Fire was heroic and unbelievable. At the height of the fire, there were over 45 agencies from Forest Service to Redlands Fire Department assisting in the effort. There were over 800 personnel involved from the front lines, flying air support to support staff on the streets. In the end, five homes were lost and 8 properties suffered some damage. The most important news to City officials was that there was no loss of life or serious injuries.

Jeffers indicated that while the City constantly works on training for responses to emergency situations, you always wonder of how it will really unfold should the occasion arise.

## Survey of Taxes and Charges Shows Glendora is a Good Buy!

City officials unveiled an annual survey showing what other residents pay in extra charges/assessments for city services in similar service communities within the San Gabriel Valley. The survey which looks at communities neighboring Glendora that provide services, including library, to their residents shows that some communities charge up to an additional \$179 annually in assessments/taxes to provide services.

According to city officials, property tax and sales tax are usually the largest source of funding for municipal services. Such additional charges could range from lighting and landscape districts to utility user taxes. "The purpose of the survey is not to discredit other communities, because their residents have approved such additional charges through various votes as required by law. The information is to help show how much more we get out of our revenue sources without seeking those taxes and fees other communities have agreed to," said City Manager Chris Jeffers.

	Arcadia	Azusa	Covina	South Pasadena	Glendora	Whittier	Monrovia	MPK
Utility Tax	\$5,282	\$3,200	\$5,200	\$3,785	0	\$7,075	0	\$3,100
Lighting/ Landscape	\$1,072	0	\$ 282	\$ 895	\$ 418	0	\$1,054	\$ 981
Sewer Fee	0	0	\$2,946	\$ 922	0	\$3,068	\$ 780	0
Utility Franchise Fee	0	\$2,150	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 502
Pension Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$4,792	\$5,918
Total (x 1,000)	\$6,355	\$6,146	\$7,632	\$5,830	\$418	\$10,143	\$6,626	\$10,501
Per Capita	\$111	\$129	\$157	\$226	\$ 8	\$117	\$179	\$170

For Glendora, the per capita extra charge is about \$8 which is considerably less than other communities according to the survey results. The source of the information comes from the adopted spending plans for each community for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Jeffers added that the City Council and staff have worked hard over the last six years to reduce both expenditures and workforce to keep a balanced budget

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This was a perfect example of the training paying off and the city workforce coming together as a team, according to Jeffers.

Glendora Police Department reminds every resident and business that it is never too late to plan for disasters and be prepared. Police indicate that on the city's website is helpful information on emergency preparedness which can be accessed at www.ci.glendora.ca.us and clicking on the Police Department home page.

City Council extends a thank you to all the various agencies that assisted in protecting the community and to all the city workers and volunteers that performed their duties without fanfare or concern for their own safety.

### Glendora Police Department Announces Applications Now Being Accepted For The Citizen's Academy Class #28!

The Glendora Police Department is now accepting applications for Class #28 of their Citizen's Academy. The Academy, which is free to residents, has graduated over 600 students and is a fun and exciting way to become familiar with the functions of the Glendora Police Department. Classroom time will include introductions to Traffic Stops and Radar enforcement, Dispatch, Fraud and Identity Theft, Mock Building Searches, Drug Information and more! Come and join the adventure! The Academy begins Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Police Department and runs for 12 weeks. Applications to attend can be picked up at the front counter



of the Glendora Police Department located at 150 S. Glendora Avenue or by visiting the website at http://cityofglendora.org/departments-services/police or an email can be sent to nulloa@glendorapd.org.

All applications must be returned no later than Friday March 7, 2014. Class size is limited to 25 students who work or live in the City of Glendora or are students of Citrus College and are at least 18 years of age. For more information, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (626) 914-8268.

The Citizen's Academy classes are created to educate academy members to the duties of law enforcement officers, the laws, regulations and rules that they enforce, as well as realizing the dangers facing law enforcement officers each day. Participants have the ability to have hands on access to some of the tools of the trade. Citizen academy graduates have found the experience rewarding, informative and entertaining!

### City Establishes Project Tracking Web Site

As previously reported, the City of Glendora has established a web site where the public can see for themselves where development projects stand and their current activities. Glendora Planning Director Jeff Kugel has indicated that interested persons can visit the city's website and click on the Planning Department home link. Within that site a person will see a sub-link titled "Current Projects."

The goal of the site is to keep the public fully aware of how major projects are being handled from the point an application is filled out until they are issued certificates of occupancy. Kugel indicated that a person could see all relevant environmental reports, conditions of approval, and receive updates of what permits have been issued to date. The site also gives the public contact information for city officials responsible for ensuring compliance with the approved entitlements along with how to contact the developer or other governmental entities that may have some oversight involved.

"Our goal is to provide as much transparency and accurate information to the public," said Kugel. "While there is significant amount of noticing that precedes public hearings and we talk about projects many times through media sites like Glendora Report, the public often does not get involved until they actually see physical work being done on property. The project tracking web site provides them that one-stop source for factual information."

At this time the "Current Project" site listing has information on the following major projects either being evaluated or approved:

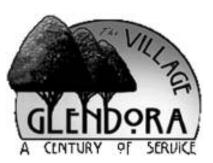
- 1. Monrovia Nursery Specific Plan
- 2. Avalon Bay Mixed- Use Project
- 3. Glendora Village Collection
- 4. Gladstone-Bonnie Cove Project
- 5. Glendora MarketPlace Expansion Project
- 6. Walmart Expansion Project
- 7. 601 N. Grand Avenue Single Family Subdivision
- 8. Mixed-Use Project 422 W. Route 66

The site will be expanded as significant projects are received and projects will be removed when they receive their final certificate of occupancy.

The City of Glendora website is www.ci.glendora.ca.us

### BID Advisory Board Recommends Changes to Assessments

At a special meeting of the Downtown BID Advisory Board meeting in January, the Board unanimously recommended support for a sub-committee's proposal to adjust fees for a majority of the merchants in the Business Improvement District for



the upcoming 2014-15 fiscal year. The sub-committee which was made of up of BID Board members Jana Jones and Daniel Boyer held several meetings to hear input from interested merchants on the assessment and boundary issues.

The discussion on possible changes to assessments and boundaries came after the City Council had been presented with a petition by a number of merchants in the zone that felt the benefit received was not worth their assessments. The City Council directed that the BID Board review the petition and the issues raised and make a recommendation to the City Council on the matter.

The business improvement district is a self-funded zone which is provided for under California law. The district is a vehicle to allow businesses to self-impose assessments that would be used to improve marketing, public improvements or provide additional parking for businesses. There are similar districts in Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Riverside and many other communities across the State.

The merchants vote for the establishment, as they did in Glendora in 2009, under the law. If more than 50% say yes then the district is formed. The advisory board must be made up of merchants that are paying the assessment and they establish the budget each year under the law.

Glendora's BID puts on the Halloween Walk; Wine Walk; 3rd Thursday; Holiday Stroll; Santa in the Village and the Chalk Walk to name a few of the events to help market the downtown area as a viable alternative to power centers and malls for consumers. The BID Board also assists in the marketing of merchants in the Village area, many of the venues through the ever expanding social media tools.

The new proposal would reduce to zero the assessments on the individual contractor's that now pay \$50 annually and the businesses on the outskirts of the existing boundaries. The Board felt that while those merchants received benefit from the many events, the primary benefactors were those along Glendora Avenue.

In addition, the Board is recommending that businesses on the second floor along Glendora Avenue receive a reduction of their assessment as well. In all, the Board is recommending reducing 161 of the current 233 businesses in the BID for the 2014-15 fiscal year should the plan be approved ultimately by the merchants themselves in a weighted ballot sometime in May 2014.

The Board's action set up the City Council to consider the recommendation at their February 11th meeting and the likely vote of merchants on the recommendation in early May for approval or disapproval.

To see the BID Board meeting of January 9, 2014 discussion on this item, access the city's website www.ci.glendora.ca.us and click on the "meetings on video" bar.



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## Upcoming Teen Center Trips

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

#### Universal City Walk – IMAX Movie

Monday, February 10, 2014 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$20

## Upcoming Trail Activities For more information, please contact Dick Swinney at

dswinney@roadrunner.com.

#### Little Dalton Canyon (Lower Monroe Motorway) Mystic Canyon Trail

Saturday, February, 22, 2014 ~ 8:00 a.m. This is a strenuous five-mile hike. Park at the first horseshoe curve on Glendora Mountain Road, 1 mile north of Big Dalton Canyon Road. There is limited roadside parking here. There used to be a campground at this location. If the gate on Glendora Mountain Road is closed, park at the gate parking lot, approximately 3/4 mile north of junction of Big Dalton Canyon Road. We will hike up the Lower Monroe Motorway along the Little Dalton Canyon stream bottom. The motorway turns southward and continues to the junction of the Mystic Canyon Trail. The group will follow this trail down to Big Dalton Canyon and follow the roads back to the parking area.

#### Dalton Canyon Trails

Saturday, March 29, 2014 ~ 8:00 a.m. This is a strenuous 4 mile walk. Park at the Glendora Equestrian Center. This is approx.. 0.4 miles north of Sierra Madre Ave. on the east side of Glendora Mountain Road. Turn right (east) at the signal at junction of Boulder Springs Road and Glendora Mountain Road. The exit leads immediately into the Equestrian Center. Turn to the right (south) and park on the dirt surface parking area. The hike begins here and goes across the Dalton Wash to the Wren Meacham Trail which leads over the ridge into Big Dalton Canyon. This is by far the steepest portion of the hike. We will proceed upstream via the Big Dalton Canyon Trail until we reach the junction with Pavil Canyon and Keiser Trails. We will walk the remaining distance back to the Equestrian Center unless the group leader arranges for a car shuttle depending on the amount

## Camp Cahuilla is coming in the Spring

The summer's great outdoor summer camp is now in the Spring! This one week spring break day camp will be held in Big Dalton Canyon and features nature hikes, camp crafts, archery, skits, and camp songs, in and around our rustic cabin. Campers will bring their own lunch and water to camp each day. No open toe shoes allowed at camp. Tennis shoes are highly recommend-

Camp is for children ages 6 to 12 (children must be in first grade). The fee is \$100 (includes camp t-shirt) and will be held March 31, 2014 through April 4, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Campers will be bused to and from camp daily. Bus will pickup at 10:00 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m.to Finkbiner Park next to the tennis courts.

For more information please call the Community Services Department at (626) 914-8228 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or the Crowther Teen & Family Center at (626) 914-2357 Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. To register online go to www.ci.glendora.ca.us., and receive a \$5 discount for registering online.

## 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 2014, we will be recognizing individuals deserving of the 48th Annual Ed Kirkpatrick Award, the 39th Annual William E. "Buck" Dunham Award, and the 22nd 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 28, 2014, 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.

## Snow Day Glendora

Join the Community Services Department Recreation Division for Snow Day at Finkbiner Park on Friday, February 21, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 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 or by registering www.ci.glendora.ca.us: online at 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 \$8, 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.

## City Employees Receive 2013 Award of Excellence Recognition

At a recent award luncheon the City of Glendora recognized three of its employees for outstanding service during 2013. Nominations for this 6th annual award were received during the course of four months, and rated by a panel consisting of both employees and community representatives. Each nomination had to include examples of how the employee demonstrated exceptional service in specific categories. Following are excerpts from the Awardees' nominations.

### Craig Gill - Media Specialist

(General Employee)

Knowledge - Craig demonstrates a working knowledge in a diverse area of media venues. He keeps up on the latest technology necessary to provide a quality product for residents to view on both the website and government cable channel. He is familiar with the guidelines for posting announcements on the marquee as well as the government channel, which are regulated by the FCC.

Attitude - Craig is called upon to assist with programming and photography—often on short notice—and responds with a "can-do" attitude. He makes himself available by flexing his workday to coincide within the time-



frame of council and committee meetings and after-hour events. He is resourceful, patient, flexible and always eager to assist. Just this year alone, Craig has received 8 merit coupons (recognition/appreciation slips) for his exceptional conduct or service to help others. These coupons come from employees, supervisors and department managers.

Skills - Craig's skill set is varied and far-reaching. He understands both the technical and aesthetic end of the projects he works on.

When looking for a particular photo to be used in an article, pamphlet or advertising his photography experience and knowledge produces a professional looking display.

Craig was instrumental in starting up a production, of a new addition of programming to the City's website 3 years ago, called "Go Glendora" which portrays various aspects of Glendora. Timing was critical for the City's Centennial year, and he focused efforts on bringing historical pieces of interest to each episode which included interviews with many long-time residents who remember the old Glendora days. Craig worked closely with the Historical Society to get vintage photos copied into each episode, telling the story of Glendora. These programs remain on the website and have proved a valuable resource for individuals looking for bits and pieces of Glendora's history. Just recently a young woman called into City Hall because her daughter needed historical information on the founding of Glendora for her school project. She was able to pull information from the various "Go Glendora" productions.

The Intangible - Whenever I've engaged Craig to assist with a project I'm working on, he doesn't just stop with the task I've requested, but makes sure other areas are covered. An example is the City Council quarterly presentation events where individuals and organizations are recognized for outstanding service as well as featuring homeowners for their exceptional upkeep or renovation of their properties. A slide of the property is shown at the event, and Craig takes pride when putting the PowerPoint together, making sure the photos are clear, and confirming the addresses on the slide match the photos submitted from various sources. On more than one occasion he has taken it upon himself to re-take photos so that the residents being recognized can be proud of their home shown at the event, and viewed by the community.

Craig interacts with many individuals in the community and represents the City in a positive manner. He is an individual you can count on to carry out an assignment, and follows through on requests in a timely fashion. He makes himself available for a wide array of events and carries out his responsibilities with commitment and expertise--often as a silent, behind-the-scenes participant to get the job done.

#### Julie Bowman – Human Resources Analyst

(Mid-Management Employee)

Knowledge - Julie is not only a walking tower of information when it comes to Human Resources, rules, regulations and legal policies affecting the City's interests, she is the pulse of the Human Resources Department. Her 30 years of extensive knowledge of personnel rules, policies and procedures and her ability to dissect and interpret the ever changing world of Human Resources due to revisions of Federal and State laws is only one of her greatest assets.

She is approached by managers and supervisors inquiring about correct procedures and policies for handling 'unique' circumstances, knowing that she not only can give them accurate, dated policy, but also the history on how prior situations were handled.



Attitude - Julie comes to work with a positive attitude and is always willing to take on new direction and challenges. She has the ability to research a question in a short amount of time if she doesn't know the immediate answer. If she's not satisfied with the first answer, she will continue to make calls until she is comfortable with the result. As new employees arrive to the City of Glendora, she makes them feel welcome with her helpful, cheerful manner. From the first encounter with the City all the way through the hiring process, her communications are clear and concise. She interacts with the public and employees every day with the same helpful attitude. Julie always makes the time to listen and be of assistance despite her heavy workload.

Skills - The function of the Human Resources Department is to support one of the organization's greatest assets—its employees. In her role as the Human Resources Analyst, she has contributed to creating and maintaining an environment of teamwork to accomplish cohesiveness. She creates procedural checklists for every task— everything from recruitments, new employee processing; employee retirements, resignations; and the leaves available to employees (FMLA, CFRA, and Catastrophic Disability). By doing so, every process is handled uniformly and orderly to avoid oversights. These procedures greatly contribute to the continuity within the Human Resources Department.

Her organizational skills are off the chart. She has created a system for herself to ensure that daily work and annual processes do not fall through the cracks. She has the ability to remember pertinent details, and can always be counted on to know when something is due.

One of the projects she took on last year with fervor came as a result of the Strategic Planning sessions. Through meetings between HR and Payroll, handouts were created for employees with information of all the benefits the City currently provides, and where to go if they have questions. She put this together with such ease and entered this on the city's internal website for all employees to access.

Habits - Julie's consistent work ethic and integrity provides a reliable source for her coworkers when addressing unanticipated projects. She is persistent, goal-oriented and committed to task. Julie's step by step instructions, communication and "can do" attitude keep the recruitment process in check from the point of flying the recruitment to the final hiring of an employee

The Intangible - Julie consistently provides the employees of City Hall with "knock your socks off" support. She is the behind the scenes employee who on a regular basis is the "go to" person; and despite her workload she always makes the time to address the person's needs, whether it's a phone call from a resident or a question from an employee, and it's always with a sympathetic ear and a smile.

She has no boundaries when it comes to getting things done. She works tirelessly to keep the office afloat to ensure things do not fall through the cracks.

Julie sets a stellar example of a great public service employee and is most deserving of this recognition.

#### **Police Officer Luke Kovach**

(Public Safety Employee)

Officer Luke Kovach has been with the Glendora Police Department for eight years and currently serves as a Department Force Instructor and Field Training Officer. He also served as a police academy tact officer for several years at the Rio Hondo Police Academy.

Officer Kovach exemplifies the professional mentality and behavior all public servants should strive to attain both in his professional and personal life. He consistently demonstrates the attributes that all police officers should possess—he leads by example at all times, has shown excellent judgment and common sense when making decisions, and strives for excellence every day while upholding our organization's mission statement and code of ethics.

Officer Kovach needs little supervision and is always self-motivated, going the extra mile when carrying out his job assignments. He completes thorough investigations and is a top leader within the Department when it comes to arresting the bad guys. His Officer Safety practices are second to none especially when it comes to ground fighting defense and hand-to-hand techniques. These skills have made him one of the best Force Instructors our Department has ever had.

Officer Kovach is one of our toughest and strictest Field Training Officers; He engrains the skills into each of his trainees to make them successful in their career.

When it comes to who should receive the Police Officer Award of Excellence, I believe it should be an officer who continuously demonstrates excellence in his service to the Organization and the community. Officer Kovach does this, and our Organization and community have benefited from it. We are fortunate to have an officer of his high caliber, principles, courage, and integrity.



#### CITY OF GLENDORA Employees Who Have Reached Milestones of Service in 2013

#### 5 Years

Vanessa Alvarez, Police Department
Matthew Fenner, Police Department
Sonja Jones, City Manager Department
Jeffrey Kugel, Planning Department
Alexis Mendoza, Library
Scott Salvage, Police Department
Hugo Soltero, Community Services
Leslie Vasquez, Library
Stephen Zampiello, Community Services
Russell Ziino, Police Department

#### 10 Years

Deborah Dozal, Community Services Robert Hopkins, Public Works Deborah Lopez, Community Services William Repp, Public Works Gerald Robinson, Public Works Kelli Salazar, Police Department Jenny Tjandra, Finance Department

#### 15 Years

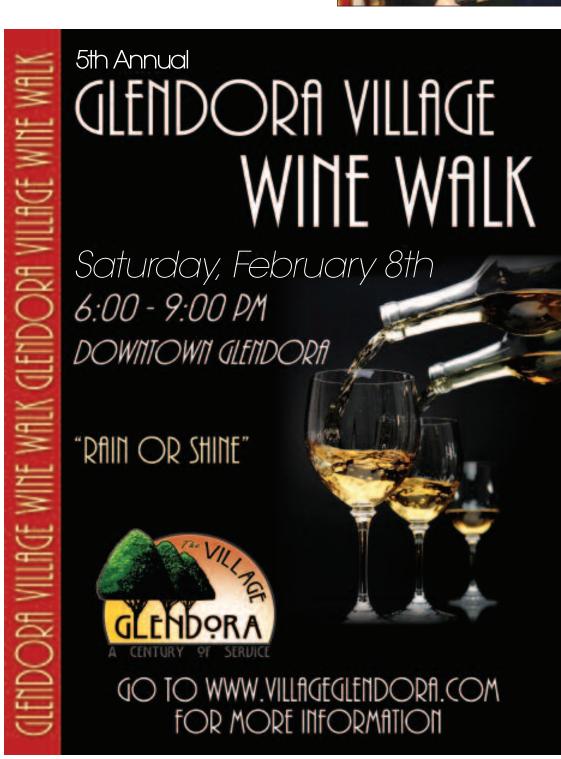
Leah Del Rosario, Finance Department Amin Khademi, Police Department

#### 25 Years

Jose Amaro, Police Department Scott Strong, Police Department Deborah Wood, Public Works

#### 35 Years

James Frederick, Community Services William Rogers, Public Works Jeffrey Wise, Public Works



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### Science: On Earth and Beyond

On Saturday, February 1 at 2 pm, the series Science: On Earth and Beyond will highlight 'Fun and Painless Science Fair Projects,' presented by Great Scott the Glad Scientist.

Do you see a science project in your future? Then you won't want to miss this event! This program is designed for children and parents. Great Scott will share some fun and creative science demonstrations, and show how to start an award winning science fair project. Great Scott will also provide a step-by-step guide for parents on how to 'prevent project frustrations and tears.' Great Scott will also share a few of his secrets on how to impress Science Fair judges.

This will be an educational and fun presentation for all ages. You will be amazed as Great Scott the Glad Scientist demonstrates how much fun the world of science can be!

This program will be held in the Glendora Public Library's Bidwell Forum and is provided by the Glendora Public Library and the GPL Friends Foundation. The Glendora Public Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Avenue, Glendora CA. For more information on this or other programs call, the library at 626-852-4894 or visit our website at www.glendoralibrary.org

# Free SAT Workshop Presented by Glendora Public Library

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 1, 2014 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 Library

The Glendora Public Library and the GPL Friends Foundation are partnering with the LA Opera to present a series of "Opera Talks." The series is presented by the Speakers Bureau, LA Opera's 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 second "Opera Talk" will be Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Bidwell Forum. It will highlight Lucia di Lammermoor by Gaetano Donizetti and conducted by James Conlon. A darkly romantic tale of family honor, betrayal and madness. Forced by her family to marry against her will, Lucia descends into madness. Her chilling, blood splattered reappearance at the wedding reception has become one of the most iconic scenes in all opera.

The third "Opera Talk" will be Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Bidwell Forum and will focus on Behind the Scenes. Opera is not just magnificent music, dance and theater with astounding sets on a beautiful stage; opera can sweep you away to foreign lands, take you back in time, dazzle you with pageantry and bring history to life. It is literature, social studies, cultural diversity, multiple languages and most of all, it is exciting! We will explore the world of opera, behind the curtain.

The Glendora Library is located at 140 S. Glendora Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741. 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 free to the public.

## Tax Forms Available at the Library

In cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB), 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 will be on display in the library's lobby beginning in January. The library also has tax preparation computer software for checkout. Please call the library to check availability or to reserve your copy.

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

## 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 GPL Friends Foundation:

#### February 1st 2:00 pm / Bidwell Forum

"Science: On Earth & Beyond" Did you know science can be fun? Great Scott the Glad Scientist will show parents and youth how to choose and begin making award winning science projects. Parents will learn how to prevent science project frustrations and tears

#### February 10th - 15th / Children's Room

"Valentine Craft Week" Come join the creative fun.

#### February 10th - 15th / Main Floor

"Super 8 Day Sale" Come to the library starting on Monday and browse the sale tables for bargains on Diet, Health & Exercise books.

#### February 12th 6:00 pm / Friends Room

"Young Adult Council" Students in grades 8 thru 12 can 'make your voice be heard' in planning for the future of the library.

#### February 13th 3:30 pm / Friends Room

"Teen Advisory Board" Students in grades 5-7 can help plan future youth events.

#### February 17th Library Closed

#### February 24th - March 1st / Children's Room

"Dr. Seuss Craft Week" Come join the creative fun.

#### February 25th 6:00 pm / Friends Room

"Family Reading Night" Turn off the TV and enjoy Dr. Seuss fun.

#### February 26th 5:30 pm / Friends Room

"Novel Idea" Book discussion group on Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand.

#### February 27th - March 8th / Main Floor

"Super 8 Day Sale" Come to the library starting on Thursday and browse the sale tables for bargains on Business, Animal & Sports books.

#### March 1st 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 12th 6:00 pm / Friends Room

"Young Adult Council" Students in grades 8 thru 12 can 'make your voice be heard' in planning for the future of the library.

#### March 13th 3:30 pm / Friends Room

"Teen Advisory Board" Students in grades 5-7 can help plan future youth events.

#### March 15th 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 Community Educators. This is the second in a series about the history of opera and will feature Lucia Di Lammermoor.

#### March 25th 6:00 pm / Friends Room

"Family Reading Night" Turn off the TV and enjoy time with your family.

#### March 29th 5:00 pm / Azusa Pacific University

"Great Trivia Challenge 22" 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.

#### Every Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-5:00 pm / Friends Room

"Math Buddies @ GPL" National Honor Society students will be available to assist students in grades K to 5 with their math homework.

#### Weekly Children's Storytimes / Friends Room

Mondays at 10:30 am —Infant & Toddler Storytime Tuesdays at 10:30 am —2-3 year old Storytime Wednesdays at 10:30 am —3-5 year old Storytime

#### Friends Plaza Book Loft / Plaza Level

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

Monday - Friday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Community Services Department Receives donated trees from (SCE)

On December 1, 2011, the Los Angeles basin experienced what is called a "100 Feb. 15" year" windstorm. The area that was hit the hardest by this windstorm was the foothill areas ranging from Santa Clarita all the way to San Bernardino. More specifically, the cities from Pasadena to San Dimas were devastated. Lost power now for a new year of and downed trees littered these cities for weeks. Southern California Edison (SCE) murder mystery dinner was criticized heavily for their slow response times and their lack of communication to the public entities that were impacted by the damages.

Glendora lost over 100 trees due to this storm. In an effort of good will, SCE Glendora Ave., Glendora, has begun a "tree replacement program" for the cities that were hit the hardest. The company began growing trees from seed in two nurseries in Northern and Southern California. SCE is now ready to deliver these trees to the cities that would like to replant what they lost two years ago from the storm. Glendora has been given an allowance of 300 trees, they will be 15 gallon in size, and will be very similar to and include dinner and the type and variety that the City lost. There will be over 100 Oak trees, some Sycamore, Goldenrain trees, and Chinese Pistache trees planted throughout the City in the coming weeks. Three of the species are Southern California natives while three of the species are popular drought tolerant species that do very well here in Glendora. The City will make a concentrated effort to replant in empty tree wells and to replace trees we have lost through storms, age, and accidents.

The City usually plants 24 inch boxed trees which is the next size up from 15 gallon sized trees, but within a year of planting and a little TLC, a 15 gallon tree will catch up to a 24 inch boxed tree in size, health, and vigor.

The City of Glendora has already replanted the 100+ trees the City lost through invited to die laughing. a grant that Los Angeles County provided. This will be an additional 300 trees that will help Glendora with storm water runoff, air pollution, noise pollution, habitats for wildlife, higher property values, and increased business traffic. If you would like to know more benefits that trees bring to the community, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this newest planting of trees, you can contact the atre with music and murder. Community Services Department at: 626-852-4869 or visit the website at:www.ci.glendora.ca.us

## Village Eatery Hosts New Season of Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Starting

Tickets are available theater presentations at the Village Eatery, 221 N. CA 91741, by SanzMan Productions Renaissance Murder Mystery Players.

Tickets are \$55 each performance; call the Village Eatery for reservations, (626) 852-1777.



Group rates are available, but shows sell out fast, so call soon. The 2014 Murder Mystery Season at the Village Eatery:

Feb. 15/16 - "I'll Take Murder for \$25 Million!" - a game show with murderous consequences.

April 12/13 - "Karaoke Kills Me" - Karaoke often strikes a deadly chord. June 7/8 - "Invitation to Murder" - a musical murder mystery where you're

Aug. 9/10 - "The Art of Murder" - a comedy with murder explores what happens when you mix the wit of Noel Coward with the intricate plotting of Agatha

Oct. 18/19 - "Murder on the Air" - a vaudevillian radio murder mystery the-

Dec. 7/14 - "Murder Under the Mistletoe" What happens when friends are invited to a party that ends in murder.



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

### SAVE THE DATE



## Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 26, 2014 • 9 am to 5 pm Glendora Citu Dall, Public Library & Plaza

### CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH THE CITY OF GLENDORA

Free Smart Gardening Workshops
Free Compost Workshop
Free Paper Shredding
Free Drop-off for Used Oil & Filters
Free Animal Show
Free Eco-Tours
Free Shuttles to the Nature Center
Free Kid's Bike Ride & Bike Safety Rodeo
School Recycling Fundraiser
Safe Drug Drop-Off
Compost Bins for Sale at a Discount
Sharps Disposal Containers for Sale at a Discount
Free Giveaways
Live Music

Earth Day Treasure Hunt for Kids

All event activities are free of charge.

Look for detailed event information in the coming weeks.

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

#### **Glendora Meeting Dates:**

#### **City Council Meeting**

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

#### **BID Advisory Board Meeting**

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

#### **Community Services Commission**

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

#### **Investment Advisory Committee Meeting**

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

#### **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

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

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

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

#### **Water Commission Meeting**

Meets Quarterly, call (626) 852-4838 City Hall, Council Chambers



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

#### Check out the City of Glendora on Social Media!

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### **Contact Information**

## Glendora City Council

For additional

the Earth Day

Festival, please

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information about

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

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Building Permits/Inspection	914-8222
City Clerk	914-8210
City Council	914-8201
City Manager	914-8201
Code Enforcement	852-4825
Non-Emergency Police	
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
<i>Glendora Library</i> 852-4891
City Mini Bus System 914-8233
Overnight Parking Information 914-8279
(recorded message)
<i>Community Services</i> 914-8228
<i>Planning</i> 914-8214
Public Works (Streets/Engineering) 914-8246
<i>Teen Center</i> 914-2357
Water Emergency (8 am to 5 pm) 914-8246
Water Emergency (After 5 pm) 914-8250
<i>Utility Billing (City)</i> 914-8239