

The Sentinel

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ROYAL CANYON, GREENBRIAR, AND ADJACENT AREAS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sworn to Protect, Dedicated to Serve ...

That is the motto of the Glendale Police Department. Our neighborhood has recently experienced several home burglaries and car break-ins, and the Glendale P. D. is encouraging residents to take common-sense precautions to avoid becoming victims. One important step is to **know your neighbors**.

Chief Ronald De Pompa spoke at the RCPOA Annual Meeting in February at the Oakmont Country Club. He explained that the early release of thousands of state prisoners has resulted in an increase in crime in Glendale. Glendale P. D.'s East Area Command is directly responsible for serving the area which includes our neighborhood.

Lead Officer Sue Shine recently spoke at our second community-wide Neighborhood Watch organizational meeting. She discussed ways Neighborhood Watch groups might embrace social media to improve communications with neighbors, provided forms which can be used to help establish clustered Neighborhood Watch groups and answered questions about recent criminal activities north and south of Mountain Street.

One resident expressed an interest in hiring an independent car patrol service for our neighborhood. Anyone interested in exploring such a project, please contact me.

I have been forwarding email updates of urgent alerts provided by the police department to those RCPOA members who have provided us their email addresses. In the future, I hope to send information to "Block Captains" who will in turn communicate to a group of residents.

We now have approximately six Neighborhood Watch "Block Captains" for our 680 area homes. Clearly we need more volunteers to develop Block Maps and Phone Trees for defined groups of homes. Each Block Captain would communicate critical information to their group, share crime prevention information and encourage neighbors to report suspicious behavior to the police.

RCPOA and the Glendale P. D. encourage neighbors to meet and greet each other during National Night Out, held throughout America on August 7th. Please email me if you can help plan and execute activities for that event or would like to become a Block Captain.



Leanne Reynolds
President, RCPOA,
with
Sgt. John Gilkerson
and Chief Ron De
Pompa



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UPCOMING RCPOA EVENTS

I hope you will join your neighbors at these upcoming fun events. Details of our next event, the Summer Picnic, are inside this newsletter. Please add the dates to your calendar and let us know if you would like to assist us with any events.

In addition, view the dates of our Interest Group meetings at www.rcpoa.net. Do you have an idea for a new interest group? Contact Board Member Stephanie Schus.

Summer Picnic

Saturday, June 16, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at Verdugo Park
A catered BBQ meal and children's activities at the park! A relaxed way to spend an afternoon with RCPOA members and learn more about our interest groups.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7 - Evening Activities
Our first area-wide participation in this event. Plans are being developed for our Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and RCPOA Board Members to meet & greet residents on Royal Blvd., Greenbriar Road and Old Phillips Road. We are researching food trucks to park on each of these streets for neighbors to eat & mingle! Please check out our website closer to the date.

Summer Social Dinner

Saturday, September 22, 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM
A catered dinner in the backyard of the home of Dr. Gary Gilbert. We are very excited that Dr. Gilbert has graciously offered his resort-style backyard for this end-of-summer celebration. Reserve online or look for the reservation form in the next newsletter.

2nd Neighborhood Garage Sale

Sunday, October 14th
RCPOA will promote this event for member households that want to hold a garage sale at their residences. There will be further details in the next newsletter and on our website.

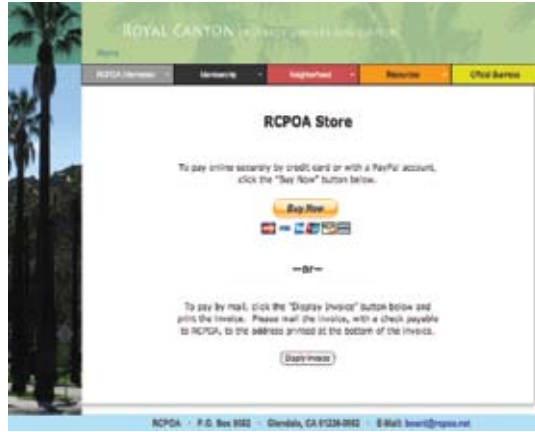
See you at the Summer Picnic!

President, RCPOA

WHAT'S NEW AT RCPOA.NET?

Thanks to Todd Yvega, our talented Webmaster, you can now join or renew your RCPOA membership online. And you can sign up for events online too. No more checks and stamps (unless you prefer to join, renew or sign up by mail). The RCPOA Store can be found under the Membership button at rcpoa.net.

Check out the RCPOA Interest Groups, which can be found under the RCPOA Info button.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A Neighborhood Watch organizational meeting was held at The Dads' Club in April, led by our inimitable Officer Sue Shine. Attendance was quite good, perhaps owing to a recent increase in police activity in our neighborhood. Several volunteers will be establishing new watch groups. If you are interested in starting one in your area, contact Lyn Foster (lyn.foster@rcpoa.net).



RCPOA INTEREST GROUPS

If you are interested in joining a particular RCPOA Interest Group, contact the person noted in Interest Groups (under the RCPOA Info button at rcpoa.net).

A **Cooking Group** is the most recent group to become active. The initial "feast," held at the home of Beth and Joe Volpe, featured the delicious appetizers pictured, right. This month brought a sampling of dishes celebrating Cinco de Mayo, complemented by inventive margaritas. Recipes are shared by all. A second group is likely to be formed, given the strong response from residents.



The **Gardening Group** had a wonderful first year "anniversary" meeting on May 5th at the home of Barbara & Marco Mastro. Barbara showed her collection of cymbidiums and spoke about raising these spectacular plants. After speaking about the various fig trees he grows, Marco explained the steps of propagating these trees. Previous tours were held at the certified Wildlife Habitat created by Charles Weiss at his home on Moreno Drive at the corner of Las Flores; Agneta Hurst's garden of native plants; and the Arlington Garden in Pasadena.

The **Book Discussion Group** most recently discussed Gavin Menzies' *1421*, in which he presents his theory that the Chinese discovered the Americas (both North and South) 71 years before Columbus. *State of Wonder*, a novel by Ann Patchett, was previously read and discussed. The next book will be *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson.

Coming this summer: an organizing meeting for the **Historical Issues Group**. Email Greg Grammar (gregg1455@gmail.com) if you want to participate. Meeting details will be available at rcpoa.net later this month.

For the **Parents Group**, contact Gina Vadurro Siefert at 818-956-7966 (gvadurro@gmail.com). A **Bridge Group** and a **Film Discussion Group** had been proposed, but there was insufficient response from people who initially indicated an interest. If anyone would like to make a further attempt to organize one of these, please call Stephanie Schus (818-550-8100).



ANNUAL RCPOA PICNIC

Saturday, June 16, 2012
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Verdugo Park



Who?

Our picnic is a get-together for everyone throughout the 680 homes in or adjacent to Royal Canyon and Greenbriar Roads. (View a map and list of streets at www.rcpoa.net.) **Children are especially welcome.**

What?

A FREE BBQ lunch, cooked by a caterer, for all members of households who have joined and paid their dues! Are you not a member? That's OK. You can join that day. (\$20 per calendar year per household.) Outside guests - \$5 for lunch. There will be a reserved area with tables in the shade. Look for the RCPOA signs.

What Else?

- A raffle drawing every 20 - 30 minutes for gift certificates to favorite Glendale places
- A bounce house for the kids
- Playground near our tables
- Special "grab-bag" prizes for children
- Neighborhood Interest Group sign-ups

Why?

Meet your neighbors, meet your volunteer officers, let your voice be heard on issues of local importance.

Any Questions?

Contact Bea Wojtyla 818-246-3205, Picnic Chair

REAL ESTATE UPDATE – SPRING 2012

By Leanne Reynolds

Four months into the year, home sales in the RCPOA area (see streets at www.rcpoa.net) reflect the bigger real estate scene throughout Los Angeles. Of the 24 properties below, over 37% were short sale transactions, and one was a foreclosure. Distressed sales remain a significant segment of the real estate market.

On a brighter note, prices will continue to improve slightly in 2012. Interest rates are still at an historical low, and combined with favorable home prices, 2012 may well be the perfect storm for home buyers. However, low home inventory, especially non-distressed sales, has led to multiple offers among buyers vying for the relatively few great properties in all price ranges.

RCPOA NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES FOR SALE AS OF May 10, 2012

ADDRESS	BED ROOMS	BATH ROOMS	SQUARE FEET	SQ FT LOT	LISTING PRICE	DAYS ON MARKET	STATUS
1345 Greenbriar Rd	4	4	2720	12509	899000	85	Active
901 Rasic Ridge Rd	4	3	2559	10319	899000	6	Active
1471 Royal Blvd	3	3	2370	12934	910000	42	Active

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ADDRESS	BED ROOMS	BATH ROOMS	SQUARE FEET	SQ FT LOT	SOLD	DAYS ON MARKET	STATUS
1826 Greenbriar Rd	4	3	2662	12461	698500	61	Back Up
1620 Lamego Drive	4	3	2950	51351	1445000	5	Back Up
1611 Moreno Drive	4	2	1789	13350	689000	15	Back Up - Bank Owned
824 Moorside Drive	5	3	3093	10085	1195000	311	Back Up
1714 Heather Ridge Dr	5	4	2977	12347	670000	29	Pending - Short Sale
1860 Las Flores Dr	3	3	2950	17557	1350000	21	Pending
1617 Moreno Dr	6	4	3448	9960	700000	16	Pending - Short Sale
961 Pebbleshire Road	4	3	2689	14280	680000	112	Pending -Short Sale
1630 Puebla Dr	4	3	2748	9096	750000	84	Pending - Short Sale
901 Stewarton Way					699000	1	Pending - Short Sale
1862 Greenbriar Rd	3	3	2974	3.75 Acres	1400000	281	SOLD
1740 Heather Ridge Dr	3	3	2366	16200	779000	164	SOLD
900 Old Phillips Rd	3	3	2300	11280	929000	43	SOLD
1145 Old Phillips Road	5	4	4023	37771	1235000	155	SOLD
1164 Old Phillips Road	4	3	3181	11703	925000	0	SOLD - Short Sale
1641 Royal Blvd	4	3	2478	10975	892000	113	SOLD
1511 Heather Ridge Dr	4	3	2992	9796	776000	325	Expired - Short Sale
1709 Ivy Bridge Rd	3	3	2368	.3 acre	575000	82	Hold - Short Sale
1505 Royal Blvd	4	2	2056	8092	699000	9	Cancelled
1510 Moreno Drive	4	3	2885	11156	969000	125	Withdrawn
1665 Royal Blvd	3	4	2528	20450	1290000	70	Withdrawn

DOM = Total number of days the home has been for sale

Pending Sale = Contingencies removed from purchase offer

Expired = Sales contract ended

Withdrawn = Seller withdrew home for sale

Back Up Offer = Contingencies not yet removed as of 5/10/12

Short Sale = Home will be sold for less than outstanding mortgages

Hold = Sellers put sale on hold

Bank Owned = Bank foreclosed on home and resells

Information taken from Multiple Listing Service

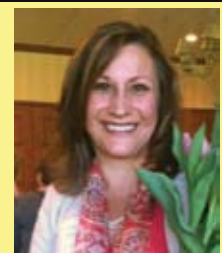
INTRODUCING OUR NEW RCPOA BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Bruce Hinckley, Board Member
& Assistant Secretary



Cheryl Frees-Yvega
Social Committee Chair



Lorena Parker, Neighborhood
Issues & Projects Committee Co-Chair