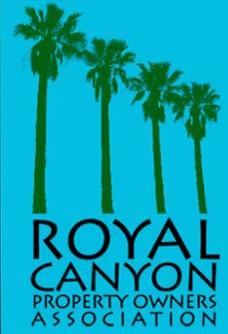


# Royal and Greenbriar Canyons Neighborhood News

A Newsletter for the Residents of Royal & Greenbriar Canyons



## President's Message

I'm not sure where the year went, but it feels like a minute ago it was the holidays. January found us in community meetings about the proposed museum at the corner of Verdugo and Mountain. I have to say, we have a very active membership and people were making their voices heard. In early February, we had the most informative Annual Business Meeting I can remember, with speakers from the Museum Committee, Glendale Community College, the Glendale Fire Department and the GWP. We even had Mayor Ara Najarian and City Council Members Paula Devine and Laura Friedman in attendance!

In early March, one of my favorite times of the year in the canyons, something happens that I'd like to acknowledge. Around that time every year it smells as if every single flower in our neighborhood has bloomed. All



RCPOA President  
Cheryl Frees-Yvega

at once, the air is heavy with the scent of flowers. This has happened for each of the 10 years that I have lived in this neighborhood and it still surprises and delights me.

By the end of March we learned that the Museum was moving to the Arts and Entertainment District in downtown Glendale. When asked what Royal Canyon could do to support the Museum at the new location, I was told about the exhibit the Museum is putting on at the Brand Library called

"Armenia: An Open Wound." The exhibit will be on view at the Brand Library Art Galleries between April 16th and June 11th. Hopefully, many of you will attend that exhibit, please see more information about that exhibit in this newsletter.

The spring cleaning bug hit me hard this year, and during that process I found that we had picnic yard signs for the last 4 years in our garage – which reminds me, the annual RCPOA picnic comes a bit early this year, so please put on your western gear, saddle up and plan to mosey on over to Verdugo Park on June 4th for a western themed picnic, brought to you again by our very generous sponsor, Leanne Reynolds. We are fixin' to have a whole mess of fun!

On a final note, I'd like to congratulate Paula Devine, a long-standing and active RCPOA member, for being elected Mayor of Glendale by the City Council on April 5th.

Cheryl Frees-Yvega  
*President, RCPOA*



**So Happy Together**



Members of RCPOA, Rossmoyne and Verdugo Woodlands hanging out.

## Interest Group News

### **Bow Wow!**

For all you dog lovers, exciting news: a new resident has agreed to co-chair our Dog Owners Group (aka the Bow Wow Club) with Leanne Reynolds. Kelly Ehrenberg is the person to email [kscutchfield@gmail.com](mailto:kscutchfield@gmail.com) if you and your dog(s) are interested in being a part of this group.



### **Hiking Group**

A small group hiked the Las Flores trail on a weekday in March. The group's next hike will be posted on the RCPOA calendar. [rcpoa.net/calendar](http://rcpoa.net/calendar)



### **Cooking Groups**

In March the Informal/Innovative Cooking Group (ICG) enjoyed dishes using apples and/or oranges in some form or another. This month, members will be getting out of their own kitchens to dine at Technique in Pasadena, the restaurant run by seniors enrolled in Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School. The kitchen is visible to guests and the chef will be stopping by their table to chat.



The Gourmet Cooking Group enjoyed a "Greek orgy" in March. Their next dinner extravaganza will be on June 11th around the theme, "get stuffed," with the challenge that all the dishes have to be stuffed ones.



### **Book Discussion Group**

The group opted to read the best seller under non-fiction, *When Breath Becomes Air*, as its 30th book. Their next book will be a novel, *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende.



### **Gardening Group**

The Gardening Group has had a variety of programs in recent months: a visit to one of our member's homes to offer landscaping ideas for an area "where nothing seems to grow"; a hands-on fruit tree pruning workshop; a visit to a local home nursery that specializes in California natives and drought-tolerant plants. Coming In May is a private lecture tour of the Huntington's new Cycad Section.



### **Parents' Group**

The Parents Group, which is organized as a private group on [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com), is hoping to organize a play date for its members and their children at Nibley Park sometime in May. If you aren't yet a member, please send an email to [silviya.karapetian@gmail.com](mailto:silviya.karapetian@gmail.com) to become a part of the group.

Interested in joining one of these groups? Contact Stephanie Schus: [sschus@aol.com](mailto:sschus@aol.com). (Both cooking groups are currently at capacity, but a third group will be formed if there is enough interest.)

# Spring Forward into a Strong Real Estate Market

by Leanne Reynolds

For the first three months of 2016, home sales in the RCPOA area was strong. Eight homes sold in the first quarter of the year, and currently there are five homes active on the market for sale. Inventory of homes for sale continues to be low both in our city and immediate neighborhood. With sales prices keeping their upward momentum, the average price per square foot for the homes on this first quarter chart is now over \$500.

Heading into the spring buying season, home prices will continue to rise across much of the country, including Glendale. With interest rates staying low for now and continued solid job and income growth, the spring buying season is shaping up to be a good one for sellers.

## RCPOA NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES FOR SALE - As of April 12, 2016

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>BED ROOMS</u>	<u>BATH ROOMS</u>	<u>SQUARE FEET</u>	<u>SQ FT LOT</u>	<u>LISTING PRICE</u>	<u>DAYS ON MARKET</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
1201 Imperial Drive	2	2	1,887	7,833	\$ 899,000	3	Active
1631 Moreno Dr	2	2	1,990	8,006	\$ 875,000	1	Active
1944 Las Flores Dr	4	4	2,593	49,896	\$ 2,495,000	286	Active
957 Pebbleshire	3	4	2,772	9,667	\$ 1,295,000	13	Active
1401 Royal Blvd	3	4	Not Given	12,563	\$ 1,415,000	14	Acitve

## RCPOA NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES IN ESCROW OR SOLD SINCE JANUARY 2, 2016

(date since last RCPOA real estate update)

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1528 Moreno Dr	4	3	2,018	10,036	\$ 1,149,000	22	Back Up
1532 Moreno Dr	3	2	1,852	9,414	\$ 939,000	52	Back Up
609 Benowe Scotia Rd	4	3	2,377	9,304	\$ 1,250,000	36	SOLD
1316 Greenbriar Rd	3	3	2,359	9,616	\$ 1,070,000	95	SOLD
1500 Greenbriar Rd	4	4	3,301	10,202	\$ 1,400,000	92	SOLD
1211 Imperial Drive	2	2	1,832	6,200	\$ 890,000	12	SOLD
1040 Kildonan	4	3	2,784	11,808	\$ 1,197,000	96	SOLD
1071 Old Phillips Rd	4	3	3,000	17,134	\$ 1,495,000	0	SOLD
1659 Puebla Drive	3	2	2,210	22,444	\$ 1,095,000	106	Cancelled

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

Pending Sale = Contingencies removed from purchase offer

Expired = Sales contract ended

Hold = Sellers put sale on hold

Back Up Offer = Contingencies not yet removed

Cancelled = Seller removed home for sale

*All Information taken from Multiple Listing Service*



## Meet Wendy Myers, VP and Membership Chair of RCPOA (She might be knocking on your door tomorrow.)

For the last couple of months, I have had the pleasure to meet and visit with many neighbors to encourage membership renewal and to welcome newcomers to our neighborhood. Thank you to all of you for your friendly greetings and for renewing your membership or becoming new members. Your membership support helps to give us a strong voice in the community and helps enable our many activities to continue. I hope we'll see you at our upcoming events. If you are not a member or haven't renewed your membership for 2016, please complete and mail in the application included in this newsletter (p.7) or apply through our website at [www.rcpoa.net](http://www.rcpoa.net).

## Proposed Armenian American Museum Moved to Downtown

Following are significant developments since the article in the January RCPOA newsletter.

- Several Community Outreach meetings were held in January and February at local Churches as well as with the Kiwanis and two Rotary clubs.
- February 6: Berdj Karapetian, Chairman of the museum's Executive Development Committee, gave a presentation followed by Q&A at the RCPOA's Annual Member Business Meeting and Breakfast, which was attended by the Mayor and two other members of the City Council. Mayor Ara Najarian also gave a talk to assure residents that the City Council is very much aware of the concerns of neighbors regarding the location of the proposed museum.

- February 16: The Glendale Community College Board of Trustees voted to delete the following sentence from the 2015 GCC Facilities Master Plan which is included on page 1.55:

*"The site presents the opportunity for the development of multi-level parking facilities, which may be built instead of all or part of the South Parking Structure project."*

GCC President/Superintendent Dr. David Viar explained, "The sentence has created unnecessary concern in the communities around the college. Although the consultants included the sentence to provide flexibility and list potential opportunities to the college, it is not the intent of the Board of Trustees and college leaders to build multi-level parking structures on current city lots should they be acquired."

- February 25: Glendale City Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan and City Manager Scott Ochoa formally presented to the Armenian American Museum's Governing Board the option of building the museum in Glendale's Arts and Entertainment District across from the Central Library. Governing Board Co-Chair Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian stated, "The feedback indicates that there is greater support for locating the Museum in downtown Glendale. Residents who support the Museum have urged the City Council to identify property in the central part of the City where most of the arts and entertainment facilities are located." Chairman Berdj Karapetian added that the Armenian Genocide Centennial Committee considered building the Museum in the central part of the City or its Arts and Entertainment District but could not identify an appropriate location in 2014 when it initiated the discussion for a ground lease with City officials.
- March 22: Glendale City Council voted to authorize City Manager Ochoa to enter an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the Armenian American Museum to locate the developing project in downtown Glendale's Arts and Entertainment District across from the Central Library. The museum's Governing Board held several meetings with Armenian American community organizations and representatives to consider the proposed location. It was concluded that the 1.3 acres property in the heart of downtown Glendale near the corner of Colorado Street and Brand Boulevard would be an exciting and prominent location for the Museum.

Councilmember Vartan Gharpetian noted the synergy the proposed site would create between the Armenian American Museum and neighboring Central Library, Museum of Neon Arts, and The Americana at Brand. Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan shared his vision for the Arts and Entertainment District and the integral role the Museum can play in the future of downtown Glendale. Mayor Najarian expressed his support for building the museum in downtown Glendale, calling it a "win-win for the community" and a "huge asset for the City."

The City of Glendale Library, Arts & Culture Department, Partners with the Armenian American Museum to Present “**Armenia: An Open Wound**” Exhibition at the Brand Library and Art Center..

**You can support the Armenian American Museum by attending their exhibit at the Brand Library.**

*Brand Library and Art Center  
1601 West Mountain Street*

This exhibit will be on view at the Brand Library Art Galleries **between April 16th and June 11th** during the library’s regular hours:

*Tuesday and Thursday 12-8pm  
Wednesday 12-6pm  
Friday and Saturday 10am - 5pm.*

A robust slate of programs will complement the exhibition including lectures, discussion panels, films, musical performances and more. All events are free and open to the public.

## Change in Policing Strategy

Recently there has been a change in Glendale’s policing strategy. In the past, the city was divided geographically into several Area Commands, each headed by a Command Officer. Now, rather than Area Commands, there is one Crime Impact Team, headed by Lt. Oscar Rodriguez.

It is thought that this is a more efficient method of utilizing personnel since different areas of the city have different needs. Now Lt. Rodriguez can select whichever officer he deems most appropriate for an assignment regardless of what part of the city is involved, and resources can be concentrated where they are needed most at any given time.

Lt. Rodriguez is assisted by Sgt. Daniel Fernandez. They can both be reached at 818-548-4016.

## Glendale Police Awards Luncheon

**You’re Invited ...**

**May 12, 2016 ~ 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Glendale Civic Auditorium  
1401 N. Verdugo Rd.**

**Please show your appreciation for our  
Police Department by attending the  
Luncheon.**

**Individual Tickets - \$95**

**Sponsored by the Glendale Police  
Foundation  
Kiwanis Club of Glendale  
Glendale Bar Association**

**For more information, please see  
[glendalepolicefoundation.org](http://glendalepolicefoundation.org)**

# Yee-Haw!

*This year we're goin' Western for the  
11th Annual RCPOA Family Picnic  
Saturday, June 4th | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
~ Verdugo Park ~*



*Please join us!*

Bring yer cowboy hats and boots and join well-known champion-level dance instructor Kim Clark to learn some fun *country line dancing* steps, like the Electric Slide and Tush Push. She specializes in two-left-footers! So sashay on down and kick up some dust!

Our picnic is a get-together for everyone throughout the 680 homes on or adjacent to Royal Blvd. & Greenbriar Rd. The *chuck wagon is free* for members of households who have joined RCPOA and have paid their dues. Not a member? No worries, you can join that day.

(\$20 per calendar year per household.)

Outside guests - \$5 per person for the lunch and activities.



*- Plenty of Activities for the Kids! -*

*- Western Photo Corner -*

**Children are especially welcome.**

**Bring the grandchildren too!**

At only \$5 per outside guest, they can have a friend come along as well.

*Happy Trails!*



Thanks to our Picnic Sponsor  
Leanne Reynolds, REALTOR,  
G&C Properties

# The Power of Community

Royal & Greenbriar Canyons **5<sup>th</sup>** Annual

# National Night Out

**Tues, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**6:00 - 8:00**

**Location to Be Announced**  
**Check rcpoa.net**  
**and watch for signs**



**Bring your family**  
**Meet your neighbors**  
**Eat well & have fun**



- RCPOA & the Glendale Police Dept. invite you to join your neighbors in a National Night Out.
- National Night Out is observed in over 15,000 communities throughout the country to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity.
- Many neighborhoods in Glendale will be participating this year. RCPOA's events will be outside at the above location.
- Visit one of the onsite gourmet food trucks and enjoy dinner with your neighbors ... or just pick up dinner to go.
- Meet police and fire dept. personnel. Maybe a visit from a fire truck or K-9 corps.

More info at [www.rcpoa.net](http://www.rcpoa.net)

Questions? Call Beth Volpe at 818-246-4102

## **RCPOA - Join or Renew - Lots of Activities - A Voice in the Community**

Use this form or join or renew online at [rcpoa.net](http://rcpoa.net). Under Membership & Events, click Join or Renew Now.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Include this form & a check for \$20 in the enclosed envelope.**

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**UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

***ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC***

**Saturday, June 4th - Verdugo Park**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

***NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - Know Your Neighbors***

**Tuesday, Aug. 2nd | 6 - 8 PM**

**Location to Be Announced**

**Check rcpoa.net for further details.**

***SUMMER PARTY & SOCIAL***

**Sunday, Sept. 11th | 5:30 - 9:30 PM**