

The Sentinel

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is in full swing, and I certainly hope you and your family are enjoying the season! Many of our association residents participated in RCPOA-sponsored activities during these summer months. Here's what's been happening in your neighborhood and news of a couple of terrific events planned for September and October.

June – Annual RCPOA Family Picnic Verdugo Park

While 75 members enjoyed the catered BBQ lunch and socializing with other families, they also were introduced to the various interest groups formed in response to our member survey. The largest sign-ups at the event were for the upcoming Neighborhood Garage Sale and Neighborhood Watch Program. View lots of picnic photos at www.rcpoa.net.

August – RCPOA Neighborhood Watch Kickoff Program

Over 50 residents attended a two hour Neighborhood Watch program where Officer Sue Shine and Lt. Todd Anderson told us how we can keep our neighborhood and personal property safe. Based on their suggestions, we've posted an emergency and problem-solving directory under the Resources tab at www.rcpoa.net. Many blocks or areas within our 678 homes are forming a phone/email tree to quickly inform their immediate neighbors of urgent information.

Board member Lyn Foster and her husband Glenn Webb hosted a unique gathering on National Night Out, August 2, bringing nearby neighbors on four streets together for a meal served by the Hungry Nomad food truck. RCPOA is looking to expand this idea next year, coordinating a similar get-together with this nationwide annual event. on both Royal Blvd and Greenbriar Road.



Officer Sue Shine with
Leanne Reynolds
President, RCPOA



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Sunday, September 18th RCPOA Summer Social Party

The owners of the latest historical designated home on Royal have graciously offered their backyard as the venue of our upcoming catered member dinner event. Don't miss the chance to see this 1936 built Colonial Revival home and welcome the new owners into our neighborhood. See the enclosed flyer to RSVP for this end-of-summer party!

Sunday, October 16 RCPOA Neighborhood Garage Sale

Want to participate in our first neighborhood-wide garage sale? Former RCPOA President Dan Cabrara provides answers to all your questions inside this newsletter. RCPOA will advertise this event to draw a large crowd to shop at each of the participating homes. Over 30 member households have signed up to turn their unwanted treasures into cash!

A special thank you to our new Board Member Todd Yvega for bringing our web site up to date. View our site at www.rcpoa.net to RSVP for an event. This site will continue to evolve. Our next focus is to include recommendations from members of various trades and service people to share with their neighbors.

It should come as no surprise that our membership continues to grow! With the hard work of your Board Members, these planned events are bringing us together for fun, safety and shared interests.

See you at the Summer Social!!

Leanne Reynolds

President, RCPOA

FORMING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS

By Lyn Foster

Recent cutbacks in local police forces and the release of prisoners to ease overcrowding in California prisons make it more important than ever for residents to take steps to safeguard their persons and property. One way is to organize Neighborhood Watch Groups. Several are being formed in the RCPOA area. It's easy, and it's also a chance to get to know more of your neighbors. The Glendale Police Department is very supportive. For helpful information on starting a group, go to RCPOA.net and hit the Resources tab for a link.

Glendale is divided into 4 Area Commands, each of which has one Glendale Police Lieutenant designated as the Area Commander, and at least one Community Lead Officer. RCPOA is located in the East Command. Our Area Commander is Lt. Todd Anderson, and our Community Lead Officer is Officer Sue Shine. They have already been helpful in encouraging the formation of Neighborhood Watch Groups throughout the East Command.



Board Member Mike Myers with Captain Todd Stokes and Officer Sue Shine in front of the Hungry Nomad truck

The RCPOA neighborhood is one of the safest in Glendale. Most crimes are car break-ins and burglaries when people are not at home. Some tips for preventing these kinds of crimes are: to vary schedules when possible so your home is not predictably vacant at certain times of day; to lock windows and doors, including back and side doors; and to be vigilant about people who may be "casing" the neighborhood. There are many more ideas which can be discussed at Neighborhood Watch meetings.

I recently held an organizational meeting for my immediate neighborhood, and here's what I did:

1. I decided on an area that made sense as a unit. (In this case, I chose all of Arboles Drive and the 3 streets off of it - about 40 homes.)

2. I chose a date and time and made up a flyer, which I delivered to all 40+ homes. I also indicated that those unable to attend could be included in the group by emailing or calling me with their names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

3. I arranged for a food truck to come (The Hungry Nomad - It was great! See hungrynomadtruck.com). This was fun but not necessary. Coffee and cookies would have been just fine.

4. I informed Officer Sue Shine of my plans (818-937-8769 or sshine@ci.glendale.ca.us).

5. I prepared a sign-up sheet for the neighbors who attended.

6. I put a card table in my front yard with name tags and sign-up sheet and lined up some chairs on my front lawn.

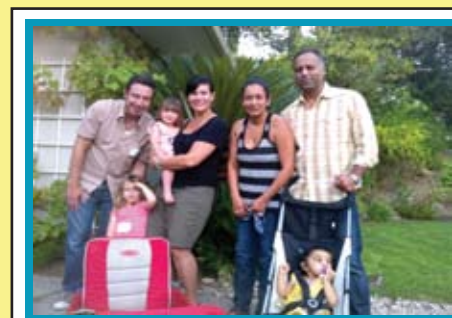
7. When the meeting time arrived, I greeted my neighbors and explained what I had learned from the Glendale Police Department. Officer Shine came by with goodies for the children and answered everyone's questions. I handed out Neighborhood Watch window decals.

The good news is that everyone who came had a great time. We met neighbors we had never met before. For those who stayed late, we broke out a few bottles of wine. It felt more like a party than a meeting, but it has already served an important purpose. I have since received email bulletins from Officer Shine, which I have forwarded to all the neighbors who signed up. I feel that we have begun to forge a more connected community that will serve us all well. Whether it be crime or earthquake or fire, or any other challenge, we are gaining a better sense of how we can be good neighbors and help each other out when help is needed.

I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in forming a group. Call me at 552-5175 or email me at lyn.foster@rcpoa.net.

RCPOA PARENTS GROUP NOW FORMING!

- Do you have children between the ages of newborn and seven?
- Are you interested in meeting other parents and children for walks, Nibley Park play dates and family picnics?
- Would you like to receive group emails about local, family-friendly events like the Descanso Gardens concert series?
- Want to be tipped off about that restaurant where kids eat free, or that pack of prowling coyotes spotted down the street from your house?



RCPOA Members
The Vaduro-Siefert Family
and The Patel Family

Join our neighborhood parents group and help us build a fun, safe community for our children!

To join, or for more information, please email Gina Vadurro Seifert at: gvadurro@gmail.com

REAL ESTATE UPDATE – SUMMER 2011

By Leanne Reynolds

Home buyers are taking advantage of continued low mortgage interest rates. Home sellers are now often moving into the “right-sized” property for themselves and their families instead of remaining in their homes throughout their lives.

Just as our country’s elected officials are working to solve U.S. economic woes, the real estate industry is concerned with restructuring the nation’s mortgage finance system. Here are three mortgage industry issues which will greatly impact home sales: possible elimination of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; discussion of doing away with the mortgage interest deduction; and reducing the conforming loan limits from \$729,750 to \$625,500. The reduction of the conforming loan limit is scheduled to occur on October 1, 2011. This is not good news for California home buyers whose mortgages are higher than in other parts of the country.

RCPOA NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES FOR SALE AS OF August 18, 2011

ADDRESS	BED ROOMS	BATH ROOMS	SQUARE FEET	SQ FT LOT	LISTING PRICE	DAYS ON MARKET	STATUS
1715 Greenbriar Rd	4	3	2,642	9,880	\$795,000	14	Active
1862 Greenbriar Rd	3	3	2,974	3.75 Acres	\$1,775,000	142	Active
1511 Heather Ridge Dr	4	3	2,992	9,796	\$776,000	148	Active - Short Sale
1740 Heather Ridge Dr	3	3	2,366	16,200	\$929,000	18	Active
1630 Puebla Dr	4	3	2,748	9,096	\$950,000	229	Active
1428 Royal Blvd	4	4	3,100	10,780	\$1,395,000	65	Active

RCPOA NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES IN ESCROW OR SOLD SINCE May 1, 2011

	BED ROOMS	BATH ROOMS	SQUARE FEET	SQ FT LOT	SOLD PRICE		STATUS
1641 Greenbriar Road	4	3	2,548	9,984	\$750,000	48	Back Up - Short Sale
1423 Del Monte Dr	3	2.5	1,819	12,746	\$774,000	17	Back Up
1664 Las Flores Dri	4	5	3,510	11,390	\$1,499,000	28	Back Up
911 Penshore Terrace	4	3	1,950	14,516	\$795,000	19	Back Up
1360 Greenbriar Road	4	5	3,089	8,400	\$790,000	90	Pending
1164 Old Phillips Road	4	3	3,181	11,703	\$850,000	0	Pending - Short Sale
1641 Royal Blvd	4	3	2,478	10,975	\$500,000	49	Pending - Short Sale
1919 Las Flores Drive	3	3	3,429	24,100	\$775,000	9	SOLD - Short Sale
1401 Imperial Drive	3	4	4,269	12,898	\$1,100,000	99	SOLD
1648 Moreno Drive	4	4	3,165	28,330	\$1,100,000	137	SOLD
1033 Old Phillips Road	2	2	2,273	12,000	\$725,000	87	SOLD - Short Sale
910 Rasic Road	4	4	2,977	10,200	\$875,000	34	SOLD
1415 Royal Blvd	4	3	3,159	9,610	\$1,475,000	38	SOLD
1520 Arboles Dr	2	2	2,018	20,900	\$870,000	113	Expired
1618 Lamego Dr	3	4	3,012	26,860	\$1,049,000	90	Expired
933 Misty Isle Dr	5	4	2,992	16,880	\$704,000	1	Expired - Short Sale
824 Moorside Dr	4	3	3,093	10,010	\$1,400,000	83	Expired
1520 Rehmah Vista Dr	3	3	2,670	18,295	\$1,650,000	500	Expired

DOM = Total number of days the home has been for sale
 Pending Sale = Contingencies removed from purchase offer
 Expired = Sales contract ended

Back Up Offer = Contingencies not yet removed as of 8/18/11
 Short Sale = Home will be sold for less than outstanding mortgages



RCPOA Gardening Group at Tarweed Native Plant Nursery in Glendale. The next meeting is on Saturday, September 3, at a neighborhood garden. View location under Calendar of Events at www.rcpoa.net.



Board Member Lyn Foster with husband Glenn Webb, Carol Lee, and Board Members Nick Friesen and Bea Wojtyla at the RCPOA Annual Family Picnic.