

Glen Ellen Forum



Many Voices - One Community
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Monthly Email Update – August 31, 2018

Next Forum Meeting – Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30pm at [Garden Court Café](#).

Our Board of Directors

Rob Barnum	George Merrick	Jim Shere	Melissa Dowling	Leslie Vaughn
Angela Morgan	Tracy Salcedo	Janie Soto	Graham Hommel	

Our Steering Committee

Nancy Padian	Leslie Vaughn	Margie Foster	Poppy Darby
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Committees & Chair - Our committees welcome ideas, input and more members:

Advisory Council Exploration – Rolling Chair Arthur Dawson baseline@vom.com

Community Engagement – Chair Leslie Vaughn leslie_vaughn@att.net

Projects – Chair BJ Blanchard bj@mabco.com

SDC/Eldridge - Chair Alice Horowitz oneallicat@yahoo.com;

Steering – Chair Nancy Padian forum@glenellenca.org

Traffic & Safety - Joint Chairs Nick Brown nickbrown12800@gmail.com and

Stacey Vilas stacey.vilas@yahoo.com

We still need/are looking for more people to get involved in: the Commerce & Tourism Committee, which supports our small local businesses and has a balanced approach in this area; the Environmental Committee, which will be looking into recycling and sustainable projects; and the Community Garden Committee to help locate a plot to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers.

- Agenda Items - If you would like to submit an agenda item for the next Forum meeting, please let us know. You can also email your ideas or questions or raise them at the monthly meeting.
- Monthly Podcasts/Recordings of Meetings - We have started test recording of our monthly meeting and making them available on YouTube and via an email link, on our website and Facebook page for those who cannot attend or are not mobile. However, our camera person is no longer available. We use KSVY's equipment. We need someone who would be willing to attend each meeting and focus the camera on the speakers. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering.
- SDC/Eldridge Committee's Call to Action: Transform SDC has posted a petition on the future of SDC. Signatures are being collected and sent to Governor Brown and other officials. How you can help: swing by the Glen Ellen Village Market tomorrow, Saturday 9/1, between 8am-1pm where volunteers will have a table set up for signing the petition and copies of the letter to Governor Brown. You can write letters, consider making a donation, watch Save Our Space's YouTube video "Let's Use It!", and get involved. Visit our website glenellenca.org for more info and/or contact Chair Alice Horowitz at sdc.eldridgecommittee@gmail.com.

- Kathleen Miller of Parent Hospital Association will be speaking at the next Forum meeting on 9/4 about the upcoming SDC Commemoration. This wonderful event recognizes the 130 years of the SDC's service, all those who had and have a part in the history of Sonoma Developmental Center. Volunteer help is needed for this event. If you would like to volunteer please contact Leslie Vaughn at leslie_vaughn@att.net.
- Donations on the Website – Coming very soon in early September! It's almost ready.
- Our Traffic & Safety Committee members are going door-to-door with Ready Glen Ellen's Neighborhood Safety Preparedness Meet-Up for Horn/Yell/Carmel/East Arnold residents and for anyone that is interested: Sunday, September 9th at 5:30pm at Laurel Glen Vineyards, 969 Carquinez Avenue. Watch for the Flyer! Check out the website at www.readyglenellen.com. The Emergency Plan is also on our site and there is easy access to nine important forms. For more information contact Committee Chairs Nick Brown at nickbrown12800@gmail.com or Stacey Vilas stacey.vilas@yahoo.com.
- The month of September is the goal for the Project's Committee bench installation trial run! Two beautiful, new benches have been enjoyed by the community of Glen Ellen throughout this summer, thanks to this committee. And so long as those benches were still in place, and not vandalized by September, we will be rewarded with more of them! If you would like to be a part of this fun and inspiring committee contact BJ Blanchard at bj@mabco.com.
- Forum Social Event – We have a host for our next social event that is tentatively set for mid-to-late September. Details to follow ASAP. If you or your business are interested in financially donating to a future community meal, or you'd like to volunteer, please let us know. Would you like to host a future social event? The idea is to host it at your house and we will send out the invitations. Guests are to bring an hors d'oeuvre and/or beverages to share. Email us at forum@glenellenca.org.
- Glen Ellen Business Association – Next Meeting is Thursday 9/13—location TBA, unites local businesses, builds goodwill, and is non-fee based. GEBA will eventually link to businesses in Kenwood, Boyes Hot Springs and Sonoma. It can become part of the Forum or remain as an independent group. If you have a local business you'll want to check it out. Contact Michael Furlong at michaelfurlong@hotmail.com.
- The ACE Committee is hard at work on a MAC report that soon will be presented at one of the next Forum's meetings, if not the next. There will be a packet hand out and presentation to follow. We are looking forward to hearing from you! For further information contact Chair Arthur Dawson at baseline@vom.com.
- Storage Space - We are actively looking for a storage space. If you can help please let us know.
- Canopy Tent – We are working to buy a marquee canopy tent that can be available as a community resource.

- Website/Email/Facebook Page - We encourage you to have a look at the items below that you will find also on our website: **Draft 5-year Strategic Plan for the Future of the Glen Ellen Forum**, located on the homepage of our website, will be updated. Let us know if you have any ideas or comments about it. **Local Business Directory** We are working on adding local businesses big or small to promote them. If you have or know of a business in the area please send us on the details including a logo or picture so we can add them to our site.
- Help for Those In Need Due to the Fires - Do You Need Help/Can You Offer Help? There are options on the Homepage Recover/Rebuild Section (Volunteer/Request Help/Fire Recovery/Donations). Also, Vintage House held an 8-week Senior Support Group called "Burning Sage" in seven locations throughout the Sonoma Valley. Glen Ellen's was held at the Garden Court Café every Friday afternoon at 6pm for 90 minutes. The 8-weeks have come and gone. And Vintage House is talking with CA Hope to see if they will be able to pick up and continue with a similar program for those who were attending on Friday. There are a large number of residents who are still grieving over their loss following the October fires. Remember we are nearing the anniversary of the fires and stress levels could be high for some.
- Temporary Housing Units - Brand new temporary leased housing, with furnished units, are available. www.intermodalstructures.com Call Holly Bennett (707) 484-4747 for details. Also [Whisper Creek Developers & Grizzly Log Builders](#) offers a number of housing solutions. Contact Norm Clover (530) 386-6225. Also Ed Davis continues to keep a running inventory of housing needs and availability in the Valley with Keep Them In Sonoma Valley – Homes for Fire Victims.
- Our site is www.glenellenca.org -- it is a work in progress and will have regular updates.
- The Facebook Page is: [Glen Ellen Forum – Glen Ellen, CA](#)
- Contact us via email at forum@glenellenca.org.

Please reach out to your neighbors. Many of our residents live alone, have special needs, are elderly, and may simply be going through a difficult time or are still affected by loss or trauma from the fires. If you know of anyone who needs help, let us know. We are here for them, whatever they need. We are a community.

Finally, encourage others to attend our meetings, sign up for our email or visit our website and Facebook pages. We need your ideas and input.

Thank you,

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