

# Glen Ellen Forum



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Monthly Email Update 6/30/2018

Hello Everyone,

Please see the following community announcements below.

## **Glen Ellen Forum Monthly Meeting**

- July meeting - Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. at [Garden Court Café](#)
- August meeting - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. at [Garden Court Café](#)

## **New Email App**

We added an email application, which was necessary due to the large and growing size of our current mail list. Over time it will allow us to:

- Develop and present a very professional look to all our emails
- Give everyone the ability to subscribe/unsubscribe instantly
- Share the subscribe/unsubscribe link on all our emails, website and Facebook page

## **Website - [www.glenellenca.org](http://www.glenellenca.org)**

The site now has these additional options so please have a look:

- Donation via the site – in test mode but should be active in the next few days
- Multi-lingual capability

## **Forum Elections**

The June elections did not produce new candidates for the Steering Committee. Therefore, the incumbent Committee members will be announced and confirmed by a show of hands for the coming year at the July meeting. If you would like to get involved, please let us know or come to the July Forum meeting.

## **Forum Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors will convene in July. Details to be announced at the July meeting.

## **Agenda Items for the Next Forum Meeting**

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.

## **Guest Speakers - July Forum Meeting**

- Sheryee McCormick - McCormick's Mercantile opening announcement
- Stephanie Hiller - Eco Village proposal
- Janette Freidman - Cannabis Dispensary proposal

If you have a suggestion for a future speaker please let us know.

## **Save Our Space**

Save our Space - regarding the SDC and benefitting the Sonoma Ecology Center. This is an individual effort started by Alice Horowitz. Please check out the website and t-shirts available for sale

<http://eldridgeforall.org>

### **Storage Space/Canopy Tent**

- We are actively looking for a storage space. If you can help please let us know.
- Also we are working to buy a marquee canopy tent to be available as a community resource.

### **Chamber of Commerce**

- The first meeting is currently being planned and will be hosted by a local business.
- As many businesses as possible will be contacted and invited to get involved.
- The idea is to contact all the local business and set up a Chamber of Commerce. This would then link to businesses in Kenwood, Boyes Hot Springs and Sonoma. It can part of the Forum or as a separate group.
- It will be based around positive ideas and working together with no fees to join.
- A dedicated website is also being proposed.

### **Recording/Podcasts**

We have started test recording of our monthly meetings 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.

### **Next Community Dinner / Future Glen Ellen Forum Social Event**

We have a host for our next social event. Details to follow shortly.

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 at your home? 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](mailto:forum@glenellenca.org).

### **Forum Non-Profit Status & Insurance**

Non-Profit status - We are now a non-profit organization all donations are tax deductible.

Insurance - The Forum has secured our Commercial General Liability Insurance for the coming year.

### **Committees & Volunteering**

The following committees would welcome ideas, input and more members:

Traffic & Safety – Joint Chairs Nick Brown - [nickbrown12800@gmail.com](mailto:nickbrown12800@gmail.com) & Stacey Vilas - [stacey.vilas@yahoo.com](mailto:stacey.vilas@yahoo.com)

Eldridge/SDC – Chair Alice Horowitz – [oneallicat@yahoo.com](mailto:oneallicat@yahoo.com)

Projects – Chair BJ Blanchard – [bj@mabco.com](mailto:bj@mabco.com)

Community Engagement – Chair Leslie Vaughn - [leslie\\_vaughn@att.net](mailto:leslie_vaughn@att.net)

Advisory Council Exploration – Chair Arthur Dawson - [baseline@vom.com](mailto:baseline@vom.com)

Steering – Chair Michael Furlong – [michaelfurlong@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelfurlong@hotmail.com)

We are still need/are looking for more people to get involved on the following committees:

Commerce & Tourism – Support our small local businesses and have a balanced approach in this area

Environmental – Looking into recycling and sustainable projects

Community Garden – Help locate a plot to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers

### **Our 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](#)**

This is located on the homepage of our website and 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 Options on the [Homepage](#)  
Recover/Rebuild Section (Volunteer/Request Help/Fire Recovery/Donations)

### **Temporary Housing Units**

Brand new temporary leased housing units that come furnished are available. [www.intermodalstructures.com](http://www.intermodalstructures.com)  
Call Holly Bennett for more details 707-484-4747.

Also [Whisper Creek Developers & Grizzly Log Builders](#) offers a number of housing solutions.  
Contact Norm Clover (530) 386-6225

### **Ready Glen Ellen**

Check out the Ready Glen Ellen website at [www.readyglenellen.com](http://www.readyglenellen.com). The Emergency Plan is also on our site.

- Our site is [www.glenellenca.org](http://www.glenellenca.org) and note that it is a work in progress and will have regular updates.
- The Facebook Page is: [Glen Ellen Forum](#)
- Contact us on email at [forum@glenellenca.org](mailto:forum@glenellenca.org)

We are a community, so please reach out to your neighbors. Many live alone, have special needs, are elderly or simply going through a difficult time or affected by the fires. If there are people who need help let us know. Let them know we are all in this together and we're there for them, whatever they need.

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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