

Glen Ellen Forum



Many Voices - One Community
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Monthly Email Update – September 30, 2018

Next Forum Meeting – Monday, October 1st at 7:00pm at [Garden Court Cafe](#).

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

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

The following Committees need active members:

Commerce & Tourism Committee supports our small local businesses and has a balanced approach in this area; the Environmental Committee promotes recycling and sustainable projects; and the Community Garden Committee is in need of plot to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers.

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As we enter into the month of October and approach the anniversary of last year's wildfires, we know that there are many residents and relocated former residents that are still struggling with their loss and experiences related to the fires. Please be mindful of this and let us know if there is anyone that you know who needs help.

Our local firefighters and law enforcement are coming together at Sonoma Valley Fire Station 1 (630 Second Street West in Sonoma) and Station 5 here in Glen Ellen (13445 Arnold Drive) for a Community Gathering one week from Monday, on October 8th from 4pm – 7pm. You are welcome and encouraged to stop by to observe the one-year anniversary of the Nuns Fire. Refreshments and cookies will be provided.

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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.

- The ACE Committee has drafted bylaws to present to Supervisor Susan Gorin this week. A follow up report will be forthcoming with a hand out at an upcoming Forum town hall meeting. For further information contact Chair Arthur Dawson at baseline@vom.com.
- The Engagement Committee's September Social last Sunday was quite the hit! Thank you to Sheryee McCormick and Robert Howard for hosting and to all of you for coming. We have a new host offering their house for the next Social. 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. For additional information email Chair Leslie Vaughn at forum@glenellenca.org.
- The Projects Committee, in addition to building a lending library for the community, is currently looking to apply to the County for grant funding of various projects within Glen Ellen. If you have an idea or would like further information contact Chair BJ Blanchard at bj@mabco.com.
- SDC/Eldridge Committee has taken great strides, working side-by-side with Sonoma Land Trust, Sonoma Ecology Center, the Glen Ellen Historical Society, in motivating the community to take action on the future of Eldridge with a letter writing campaign and petition to Governor Brown and other officials. They still need your help. Consider making a donation and getting involved. Contact Chair Alice Horowitz at sdc.eldridgecommittee@gmail.com.
- Our Traffic & Safety Committee urges you to check out their comprehensive website for your safety in case of an emergency or disaster at www.readyglenellen.com. The Emergency Plan is also on our site and it's an 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.
- 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.

Many of our residents live alone, have special needs, are elderly, and may still be affected by loss or trauma from the fires. Help us help others. Encourage neighbors to attend our meetings, sign up for our email or visit our website and Facebook pages. We need your ideas and input. You are why we are here!

Thank you,

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