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Calendar of Events

April 2013

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| 3 | Environmental Committee | Noon | TBD |
| 4 | Business Ambassador Mtg. | 8:00 a.m. | Chamber Office |
| 9 | IEF Board Meeting | 7:30 a.m. | Chamber Office |
| 11 | State of the City Luncheon | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Edison EEC |
| 17 | "On The Rocks" | 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | Brunswick Zone West Covina |
| 19 | Windows 8 for Business | 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Irwindale Community Center |
| 22 | Board Meeting | 3:00 p.m. | Chamber Office |
| 25 | Good Morning Irwindale | 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. | Picasso's Cafe |

May 2013

"The secret of Happiness is Freedom, and the secret of Freedom, Courage." -Thucydides-



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| 2 | Golf Tournament Title Sponsor: Jan's Towing | Shotgun @ 11:30 | Sierra LaVerne Country Club |
| 8 | Environmental Committee | Noon | TBD |
| 9 | Business Ambassador Mtg. | 8:00 a.m. | Chamber Office |
| 14 | IEF Board Meeting | 7:30 a.m. | Chamber Office |
| 14 | Eco Beat Speaker Series Topic: Greenhouse Gases-Speaker: Dr. Christina Schwerdtfeger | 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Irwindale Community Center |
| 20 | Board Meeting | 3:00 p.m. | Chamber Office |
| 22 | How to Sell in the New Economy | 9:00 a.m.-Noon English 1:00 p.m.-4:00p.m. Spanish | Irwindale Community Center |
| 23 | GMI/Mini Expo | 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. | Picasso's Cafe |
| 27 | Memorial Day | CHAMBER CLOSED | |

June 2013

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. -Henry Ford-




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| 5 | Environmental Committee | Noon | TBD |
| 6 | Business Ambassador Mtg. | 8:00 a.m. | Chamber Office |
| 11 | IEF Board Meeting | 7:30 a.m. | Chamber Office |
| 13 | Luncheon Topic: Affordable Health Care Act | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Edison EEC |
| 19 | Mixer | 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. | LeRoy Haynes |
| 20 | Board Meeting | 3:00 p.m. | Chamber Office |
| 23 | Good Morning Irwindale | 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. | Picasso's Cafe |

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Good News: Our events have been at capacity.
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Solution: RSVP to guarantee your entrance.

All reservations must be honored (Paid). Cancellations must be received at least 24 hours prior to event.

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Member News

City of Hope Mixer



On Thursday, February 21, 2013 City of Hope hosted a Dual Chamber Mixer for Irwindale and Duarte Chamber members at the Amini Transfusion Medicine Center. It was a great evening for networking with local businesses and for touring and learning about the City of Hope Blood Donor Center. Special thanks to Latascha Johnson and her team!

City of Hope blood supplies are low and

cancer patients require many blood and platelet transfusions to meet their transfusion needs. To make an appointment to donate blood or platelets, please visit www.iDonateBlood4Hope.org

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March Business of the Month



Business Accomplishments: The San Gabriel Valley Corporate Campus was named The International Outstanding Building of the Year (2012) in the Suburban Office Park Low Rise category by BOMA Greater Los Angeles. The Campus was also awarded with the Southern California Edison, Energy Management Award in 2012. The Campus was awarded LEED Silver Certification (2012), the first existing building to be LEED certified in the City of Irwindale.

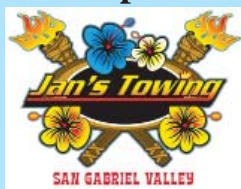
Community Service: The Campus also holds quarterly blood drives on behalf of City of Hope; the most recent blood drive collected 36 pints of blood a total savings of \$11,376 to City of Hope. The Campus is an active sponsor of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, a non-profit organization that promotes economic growth within the local community. The Irwindale Fire Department regularly utilizes a vacant building within the Campus for training free of charge. The Campus allows Foothill Transit to utilize the parking lot on the weekends to practice for their Annual Foothill Transit Safety Rodeo. The San Gabriel Valley Corporate Campus host an annual Making Strides Walk on behalf of the American Cancer Society – Pasadena Chapter.

Chamber of Commerce Activity: The San Gabriel Valley Corporate Campus is an active member and supporter of the Chamber. The Campus hosted the Chamber's very successful Job Fair in 2012, has donated staff time, and meeting rooms for various Chamber events.

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Due to publication deadline the current business of the month is featured on our website at www.irwindalechamber.org
To nominate your company as Business of the Month please contact the Irwindale Chamber for further information and details at 626-960-6606.

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Legislation Diverts Unemployment Insurance Funds

By: CalChamber

A California Chamber of Commerce-**opposed** bill that diverts employer-paid unemployment insurance (UI) taxes to a new program to provide income to individuals seeking to start their own business will be considered soon by the Assembly Insurance Committee.

AB 152 (Yamada; D-Davis) seeks to resurrect the Self Employment Assistance (SEA) Program to allow unemployed individuals to collect benefits from the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for engaging in undefined “self employment assistance activities” in order to start their own business.

In 1994—the only year in which California operated an SEA program—California’s program yielded no participants successful in starting their own business, but required a significant investment of resources.

Costly Program

The proposed program will be costly because of the functions necessary to develop and maintain it, such as developing regulations, outreach, maintenance, reporting and documentation.

Although the participants receive the same amount of benefits they would have received from the regular UI program, the administration costs of the SEA program must be shifted from other areas of UI program administration to create new functions and provide services to a unique set of beneficiaries.

The legislation proposes to use federal grant funding of \$5.3 million—which the CalChamber believes is inadequate to fully fund the program—for implementing, administering and promoting the SEA program.

The CalChamber believes the state should not be diverting resources from the mission of delivering timely benefits to eligible individuals to develop and manage a program that has proven unsuccessful in California.

Lacks Oversight

The bill lacks necessary controls to prevent fraud and abuse. Self employment assistance activities are not defined nor are these activities required to be designed to help lead to a successful business.

The bill does not require any particular activity, documentation or verification in order to qualify for the SEA program. Furthermore, the bill waives the requirement to look for work and be available for work. The bill makes it clear that training is not required for program participants and is optional.

The Workforce Investment Boards, which provide training for various programs, including the UI training benefit, will be required to divert funding from regular UI beneficiaries

in need of job training and services, to training for the SEA program. Starting and growing a business is difficult even in the best of times and will be more challenging in today’s extraordinarily difficult economy.

Although the CalChamber supports the entrepreneurial spirit, studies suggest that as many as 40% of new businesses fail in their first year. One of the leading causes of failure is inadequate initial capitalization.

AB 152, if enacted, could leave a substantial number of program participants worse off than if they pursued more stable employment. State Employment Development Department resources are more appropriately devoted to delivering timely benefits to UI claimants and not expanding into costly program areas.

Action Needed

AB 152 will be considered by Assembly Insurance on March 20. Contact committee members and urge them to **oppose AB 152**.

Moving Your Business Into the Future

On Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce along with presenting sponsor Wells Fargo hosted an education forum for businesses at MillerCoors. Key topics included:

- **Performance Appraisal Basics** by Martin Levy, Human Resources 4U
- **Sales in a Digital Age** by Wayne Partee, Partee Insurance Associates, Inc
- **21st Century Leadership** by John Anderson, The Glowan Consulting Group
- **Commercial Real Estate Market Trends** by Rick Sheckter, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank
- **Worker Compensation Marketplace Changes** by Jeannie De Laura, Bolton & Co.
- **Key Legal Documents** by Ann Penners Bergen, Penners Bergen Law Corp.
- **Business Continuity Perspectives** by April Kelcy, Earthquake Solutions
- **Target Marketing: Strategies that Work** by Ben Brus, LA Works
- **Business Commercial Lending and Banking** by Charlyn Guanio and Gabriela Gutierrez, Wells Fargo

Presentations were well received by attendees as the information provided was of great value. If you missed this event, all Power Points are available at Irwindale Website. Click here to view <http://www.irwindalechamber.org/moving-your-business-into-the-future.htm>

California Exports Rise Amid Trade Red Flags

By: Mark Glover, Sacramento

California export trade started 2013 on a positive note, but experts found multiple red flags to worry about up the road. California businesses shipped merchandise valued at \$12.61 billion in January, up 1.6% from \$12.41 billion in January 2012, according to an analysis of Thursday’s U.S. Commerce Department trade figures by Beacon Economics, a consulting firm with offices in the Bay Area and Los Angeles.

The gain led a 5.7% year-over-year increase in manufactured products sent abroad—totaling \$8.36 billion in January.

However, exports of non-manufactured goods (mainly agricultural produce and raw materials) dipped 0.5 percent to \$1.5 billion and re-exports fell 8.5 percent to \$2.75 billion. Analysts said trade in manufactured products is becoming increasingly difficult as demand for personal computers and related components has been falling amid the increased popularity of smartphones and tablets.

“This trend is likely to persist for some time,” said Jock O’Connell, Beacon’s international trade adviser. “Apparently, there is no app yet for a shrinking PC market.”

Beacon founding partner Christopher Thornberg also noted that, “for the first time in a number of years, California’s export growth is slower than for the nation overall.

“Growth in the tech-heavy Bay Area economy is still keeping up, so gains elsewhere in the economy seem to be making up for the loss, but it is certainly something to keep an eye on.”

On a straight-up, dollar-value basis, California broke its all-time export record in 2012, sending merchandise valued at \$161.7 billion abroad.

But Beacon analysts warned that, adjusted for inflation, the 2012 total represented a year-over-year decline of 0.4 percent compared with the previous all-time mark of \$159.12 billion set in 2011. Analysts cited cooling economies in some key trade markets.

On Thursday, Beacon noted that, over a three-month period ending in January, state exports to Mexico, California’s leading foreign market, were down nearly 20% year-over-year.

On the import side, California took in \$30.5 billion in January, up about 3.4 percent from \$29.5 billion in January last year. Some goods entering California go to other states, so exports are considered a more accurate measure of the state’s trade health.

Nationally, the U.S. trade deficit grew 16.5 percent to \$44.4 billion from December 2012 to January. Exports of goods and services dipped 1.2 percent to \$184.5 billion, which Commerce Department officials blamed on declining sales to Europe, China, Japan and Brazil.

U.S. imports rose 1.8 percent to \$228.9 billion, as oil imports surged 12.3 percent.

Legislature Targets Business for Higher Property Taxes

By: CalChamber

Less than six months after Proposition 30 raised taxes by \$7 billion, the Legislature is proposing higher taxes on business property, including a reassessment even when property doesn’t change hands.

The proposal, [AB 188 \(Ammiano; D-San Francisco\)](#), has been identified by the California Chamber of Commerce as a “job killer.” AB 188 unfairly targets commercial property by redefining “change of ownership” so such property is reassessed more frequently, which ultimately will lead to higher property taxes that will be passed on to tenants, consumers, and potentially employees.

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Proposition 13 - Currently, under Proposition 13, commercial property is reassessed only when there is an actual change of ownership in the entity that owns the property. That is, another entity or person has acquired at least 50% of the ownership interest of the entity that owns that property and therefore has a controlling interest in the property. This is the most common-sense interpretation of Proposition 13’s requirements.

It creates a bright line to determine when property ownership has changed, and is consistent with the underlying purpose of Proposition 13, which intended to provide property owners certainty and stability about the amount of property taxes due—on sale and thereafter.

‘Change of Ownership’ - AB 188 drastically alters the definition of “change of ownership” under Proposition 13 by dictating that a “change of ownership” occurs whenever 100% of the ownership interests in the legal entity that owns the commercial property are sold within a three-year period, regardless of whether any person or entity actually obtains control through direct or indirect ownership of at least 50% of the voting stock or ownership interest in the entity owning the property.

This new definition that merely focuses on ownership rather than control will subject commercial property, especially property held by publicly traded corporations, to continuing reassessment that will at some point result in higher property taxes—the obvious intent of this legislation.

However, given that a reassessment could be triggered under this definition on a daily, weekly, or even monthly basis, the revenue gain anticipated by AB 188 is vastly overstated, as the market value of commercial property does not change within such a short time frame. AB 188 will provide a tool

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‘Job Killer’ Rolls Back Workers’ Comp Reforms

By: CalChamber Alert

The California Chamber of Commerce has identified the first “job killer” bill of the year. [SB 626 \(Beall; D-San Jose\)](#) severely undercuts the recent balanced workers’ compensation reform deal agreed to by labor unions and employers.

The bill proposes dramatic cost increases for California employers and would leave them worse off than before the reforms of last year were enacted.

2012 Reforms

In 2012, labor unions and the business community came together to reform the California workers’ compensation system, passing CalChamber-supported SB 863 (De León; D-Los Angeles).

The goal of this reform package was to provide injured workers with needed benefit increases, but offset these increased costs by closing certain loopholes and making the workers’ compensation system operate more efficiently with fewer disputes and litigation.

The reforms achieved this balance—injured workers are guaranteed nearly \$1 billion in benefit increases, while employer costs are projected to be reduced after regulatory implementation of system reforms.

The proposals contained in this reform were forged and vetted by representatives of both labor and employers through a multi-year process of research, discussion and extensive negotiations.

Assault on Reforms

SB 626 eliminates the entire balance of the deal and would erase hundreds of millions of dollars in projected savings. Specifically, SB 626 would roll back reforms dealing with timely, high-quality medical treatment and a more predictable—and less litigious—permanent disability system.

SB 626 assaults the reforms on many fronts:

- It eliminates the cornerstone cost-saving provision contained in SB 863—independent medical review. Under SB 626, independent medical review decisions would be fully appealable to the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board, taking medical necessity decisions away from physicians and putting them back in the hands of judges. It would also result in treatment delays for injured workers. The savings associated with independent medical review are estimated at around \$400 million.
- It repeals a provision in SB 863 that eliminates impairment ratings for psychiatric add-ons in some, but not all, cases. Numerous data-driven analyses demonstrated applicant attorneys had excessively abused this add-on to artificially inflate permanent disability ratings.

- It repeals a provision in SB 863 that prohibits a chiropractor from being a primary treating physician once the maximum number of chiropractic treatments has been received.
- It unnecessarily limits utilization review and independent medical review by requiring that the reviewing physician hold the same license as the physician requesting treatment. Current law requires reviewers to be competent to evaluate the specific clinical issues involved in the medical treatment and utilize relevant, evidence-based medical treatment guidelines, which are not state-specific.

Leaves Employers Worse Off

Not only will employers face pre-reform escalating costs if this bill is enacted, but they also will be burdened by an additional \$1 billion in benefit increases with no expectation that this cost will be offset by system savings.

SB 626 is a giant step backwards for California employers during the current fragile economic recovery. Additionally, SB 626 reverses a bipartisan labor-employer compromise. These types of agreements between key stakeholders that enjoy overwhelming bipartisan approval should be encouraged and protected, not attacked and diluted.

2013 Job Killers

The CalChamber will continue to add legislation to the “job killer” list throughout the year as bills are amended or new language is introduced. For more information on past job killers, visit www.calchamber.com/jobkillers.

Take Action

An easy-to-edit letter opposing SB 626 is available at www.calchambervotes.com.

(Water update-continued from coverage)

County Department of Public Works to develop a rational and fair approach to capturing, cleaning, saving, and utilizing storm water runoff. In the end, the Supervisors wisely decided that more time is needed to craft a fair measure and instructed staff to report back on bringing a revised proposal for general election in 2014

The challenge of complying with regional, state, and federal storm water requirements is not going away, and the Board of Supervisors clearly expects continued dialogue seeking to address the problem. The SGVLCOC will continue to stay engaged with the County officials on this matter and we will report on our efforts.

Five General Safety Training Standards Apply to Most Companies

By: CalChamber Alert

We are a small human resources consulting firm and are developing our Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP). Could you give some examples of the necessary training items that should be included for our particular industry IIPP?

Typically, when companies begin to deal with California's/ Cal/OSHA safety standards contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, there are five general requirements that apply to all California industries and training for company personnel.

Other requirements may apply depending on the size of the company and whether it is rated as a high- or low-hazard industry.

Five Basic Standards - There are five basic General Industry Safety Order (GISO) standards that apply to almost every company. These are:

- The Injury and Illness Prevention Program (GISO Section 3203);
- Emergency Action Plan (GISO Section 3220);
- Fire Prevention Plan (GISO Section 3221);
- Hazard Communication Program (HAZCOM, GISO Section 5194);
- Repetitive Motion Injuries (Ergonomics, GISO Section 5110).

The HAZCOM standard may appear to be out of place in the office environment, but if there are cleaning or duplicating materials or other chemicals that are used and have manufacturer's warnings in the form of material safety data sheets (MSDS), employees are to have access to the data sheets.

Because of the number of processes, machines, and industries addressed in the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, the IIPP was written in performance language. It would be humanly impossible to address every circumstance in which an employee is to be trained for every industry and task in California.

Therefore it is incumbent on the employer to inform and train the employee to recognize the hazards he/she will encounter in his/her specific workplace. Means and/or methods to mitigate these hazards shall be incorporated into the IIPP.

Guidance - The California Chamber of Commerce HR Handbook for California Employers contains a guide for developing an IIPP, including some safety checklists and forms. Additional information about safety compliance also is available in the California Labor Law Digest and on HRCalifornia.com.

The Labor Law Helpline is a service to California Chamber of Commerce preferred and executive members. For expert explanations of labor laws and Cal/OSHA regulations, not legal counsel for specific situations, call (800) 348-2262 or submit your question at www.hrcalifornia.com.

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for harassing commercial property owners with constant reassessments, and an overwhelming workload for county assessors.

Detrimental Impacts - Ultimately, increasing property taxes for commercial property will have detrimental impacts on the general public, including small businesses, apartment residents, employees and consumers. Any higher taxes imposed on companies that own commercial property likely will be passed on to tenants, including businesses and apartment renters, through higher rents. The increased costs could result in reduced employee benefits, workforce reductions, or even higher prices for consumers.

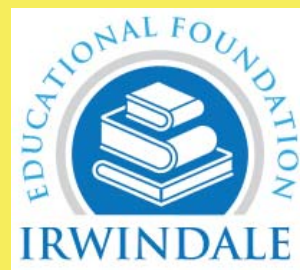
The proposed definition of "change of ownership" under AB 188 will trigger reporting requirements for multiple "owners" of these entities. Despite the percentage of ownership acquired, an individual or entity must report the change in ownership or face a penalty of up to 20% of the assessed fair market value of the commercial property. A penalty for failure to file a statement is imposed even if the county assessor ultimately determines no "change of ownership" has occurred. This duplicative and onerous reporting requirement that AB 188 seeks to impose creates a potentially unfair monetary trap for a minority owner in a company who is unaware that a 100% change of ownership has even taken place within the previous three years.

The CalChamber will continue to add legislation to the "job killer" list as bills are amended or new language is introduced. For more information on past job killers, visit www.calchamber.com/jobkillers.

Scholarship Applications Available May - June 2013

You can pick up your application at the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce or download your application at IrwindaleChamber.org

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14th Annual Barbecue Fundraiser
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The Green Pages

March



A Tour of Vulcan Materials Company in Irwindale By Gary Erb, Acrylatex Coatings & Recycling, Inc



In March, the Irwindale Chamber Environmental Committee had the pleasure of visiting Vulcan Materials Company here in Irwindale. Based in Birmingham, Alabama, Vulcan is the nation's largest producer of construction aggregates, with over 500 sites in the U.S. The local plant is located just east of the 605 freeway and sits on 340 acres. Sand and gravel is mined from an alluvial deposit formed here at the base of the foothills. Brian Ouellette, plant manager gave us a detailed and instructive tour of their facility. A maze of conveyors, rock crushers and heavy mining equipment, moves around the site grabbing and clawing its way under the surface, extracting rock and sand for the construction industry. Brian mentioned that they had the largest clam-shell dredge in the states and that they had processed 1.1 million tons of material last year.

In the center of the plant, an old freight elevator took us up to the control room. We got a great view of the Los Angeles basin from the top of the 100 foot high tower. Most of the 21 employees were scattered throughout the plant with one man perched up here controlling many operations.

As thousands of commuters drive by every day, they wouldn't suspect that the facility is also home to an assortment of wildlife. There are plenty of birds in the air and the 60 to 140 foot deep lake made from the mining operation is loaded with aquatic life. The company expects about 20 more years of service at this site. Once it is depleted, the City along with Vulcan will determine its future use.



Stormwater Event Recap

By: Remus Baias, 3M Unitek



Pictured (L-R) Lisa Bailey, Irwindale Chamber of Commerce; George Caamano, Director of Stormwater Online; Remus Baias, 3M Unitek Corporation; and Phil Doudar, Principal Engineer of L.A. County Department of Public Works

The 2013 Environmental Speaker Series organized by the Environmental Committee of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce was kicked off on Wednesday, March 13th, at a luncheon event held at the Irwindale Community Center. The event was attended by an audience representing a mix of local industry, government, and other organizations. The theme of the event – Stormwater Solutions - was highlighted by the presentations of two accomplished speakers: Mr. George Caamano, Director of Stormwater Online

(swonline.org), and Mr. Phil Doudar, Principal Engineer of L.A. County Department of Public Works (dpw.lacounty.gov). Mr. Caamano presented an overview of the new California general stormwater permit, currently in draft phase and expected to be finalized by July 1st, including new and updated requirements for businesses and estimated compliance costs. Mr. Doudar presented the stormwater challenges confronted by the Department of Public Works at a regional level, including cleanup projects and pollution control funding. The two speakers provided a reflection of the different paradigms that come into play on issues of stormwater pollution control for the local residents, regulatory agencies, and the business community.

PowerPoint presentations for this event are posted on the Chamber website at www.irwindalechamber.org



The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee

E-mail your environmental questions to our committee and one of our committee members will respond to you.

Chair: Remus Baias - 3M Unitek
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 Jeff Arbour - MillerCoors
 Elizabeth Bagwell - City of Hope
 Dave Carson - Kare Youth League
 Ann Croissant- San Gabriel Mountain Conservancy
 Bob Dlugosz - Sun Green Systems
 Craig Doerr- South Coast Fibers
 Jackie Doornik - San Gabriel Mountain Conservancy
 Gary Erb - Acrylatex Coatings & Recycling
 Lauren Festner - Foothill Transit
 Wayne Filmalter - 3M Unitek
 April Kelcy- Earthquake SOLUTIONS
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Mission Statement

To prepare, inform, and advocate, on behalf of the business and residential community, environmental concerns and emergency preparation and response planning.

Join the Committee

If you care about health and safety issues that affect community business, or the environment, you should consider this committee.

Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Varies

Look for us on Facebook:

Irwindale Environmental Committee

CELEBRATE! DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY

March's CELEBRATE! event at the Irwindale Public Library was in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Participants were treated to stories, crafts, a special visit by the Cat in the Hat and birthday cake. Stop by the Irwindale Library for any of their great family events. Schedules of events are available at the Library or the City's website.



ALERT

COYOTES IN THE AREA

There have been sightings of Coyotes in the area. Coyotes may come out at any time of the day or night. A number of factors encourage coyotes to interact with humans including: people leaving out food for animals and the presence of unenclosed refuse containers.

Coyotes are wild animals. Do not encourage or approach them. They are smart, fast and will take what they can get.

Cats should be kept indoors at all times. Dogs must be kept under direct supervision and restrained on a chain or leash, not exceeding 6 feet in length, while being walked in any public area.

NEVER FEED COYOTES

To report coyote sightings, please contact Edgar Rojas in the Public Works Department at (626) 430-2210, during the normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., M-Th.

All other hours, coyote sightings can be reported to the Los Angeles Animal Services at (888) 452-7381.



ALERTA

COYOTES EN EL ÁREA

Se han visto coyotes en el área. Coyotes pueden salir en cualquier momento del día o de la noche. Algunos factores que promueven la interacción entre coyotes y humanos incluyen: gente que dejan comida afuera para animales y la presencia de contenedores de basura no cerradas.

Los coyotes son animales salvajes. No los incite ni se les acerque. Son inteligentes, rápidos, y tomarán todo lo que pueden conseguir.

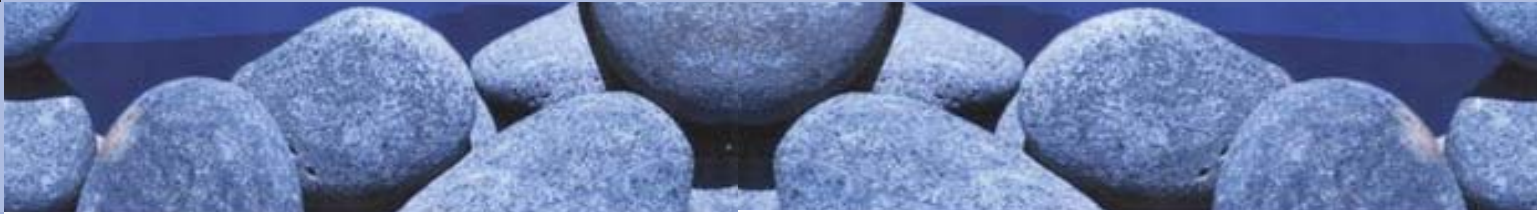
Se deben mantener los gatos adentro en todo momento. Se deben mantener a los perros bajo supervisión directa y sujetos con cadenas o correas que no excedan seis pies de largura mientras se sacan a pasear en áreas públicas.

NUNCA ALIMENTE A LOS COYOTES

Si observa coyotes, favor de reportarlos a Edgar Rojas en el Departamento de Obras Públicas, entre lunes y jueves, de 8:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m. al 626-430-2210.

En cualquier otro momento, favor de llamar al Los Ángeles Animal Services al 888-452-7381.





COUNCIL ROUND-UP – FEBRUARY 13 & 27, 2013

- Council awarded a construction contract to Grigolla & Sons Construction Company for the installation of portland cement concrete sidewalk and access ramps at various locations throughout the City.
- The contract with CivicPlus for a free Premium CivicPlus website as well as the issuance of a purchase order for said contract was approved by Council.
- Council received a presentation on and discussed the possible need for speed humps at various locations.
- The Council acting as the Board of the Successor Agency to the Irwindale Community Redevelopment Agency approved the fourth amendment to the commercial lease agreement with American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc. for property located at 5257 Vincent Avenue.
- Acting as the Board of the Successor Agency to the Irwindale Community Redevelopment Agency, Council adopted a resolution approving a draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and approved a draft Successor Agency Administrative Budget for fiscal Year 2013-14.
- The Council acting as the Board of the Housing Authority received a report highlighting provisions of the Las Casitas Resident Program and instructed staff to return with a comprehensive report at a future Authority meeting.
- Council passed a resolution accepting a road easement on Arrow Highway from the Department of the Army.
- A resolution appropriating funds from the Special Mining Funds for the federally funded improvements on Live Oak Avenue and Arrow Highway at the 605 and the Los Angeles Street Bridge widening was approved by Council.
- Council received an update on the Gold Line project.
- Council approved a resolution approving the Draft Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and directed staff to forward the plan to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES).

IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Board of Directors 4th Monday
3:00 p.m. at the Chamber
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8:00 a.m.
Environmental Committee 1st Wednesday
12:00 noon Location Varies
Luncheons 2nd Thursday-Even Months
Location Varies
Networking Breakfast 4th Thursday at Picasso's Cafe
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Toastmasters Call for meeting details.
626-256-7900

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P.O. Box 2307, Irwindale, CA 91706-1168
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5050 Irwindale Ave., Irwindale-Contact Amanda 562-587-9090

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City Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

City Staff

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Dir. of Public Works/City Engineer: William Tam
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Director of Planning: Ken Lee
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Library.....(626) 430-2229

City Librarian: Ryan Baker
5050 Irwindale Avenue Fax: (626) 430-2266

Recreation.....(626) 430-2224

16053 Calle de Paseo Fax: (626) 962-3022
Recreation Manager: Dan Grijalva
Recreation Supervisor: Priscilla Zepeda

Senior Center.....(626) 430-2283

16116 Arrow Highway Fax: (626) 430-2275
Senior Citizen Coordinator: Jackie Delgado

Service Yard.....(626) 430-2280

16034 Calle del Norte

Police Department

Police Chief: Dennis Smith

Emergency..... 9-1-1

Phone (non emergency)...(626) 430-2244
5050 Irwindale Avenue Fax: (626) 856-0471

Los Angeles County Fire- Irwindale Station

Emergency..... 9-1-1

Phone (non emergency)...(626) 337-8919
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