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Sun Valley High-Tech Plant Looks to Seperate Treasures From Trash

By: Carlos Granda (ABC News) - Friday, April 08, 2016 05:52PM SUN VALLEY, LOS ANGELES (KABC)

The phrase "One man's trash is another man's treasure" perhaps applies nowhere more so than at a massive high-tech recycling facility in the northern San Fernando Valley.

The Athens Services materials recovery facility in Sun Valley is a first of its kind in Los Angeles - on the cutting edge for how effectively it separates reusable materials from trash and diverts waste from landfills.

The facility, which opened in October 2014, uses magnets to pull out metals, optical sorting machines that can recognize different types of materials, and human sorters whose eyes spot plenty of items that weren't meant for the trash pile.

Workers at the plant have found just about everything you could imagine - hand grenades, boa constrictors, even a military medal that its owner though he had lost forever.

"It was accidentally thrown away and he just thought he had completely lost it," said Juan Ornelas, a facility supervisor. "It just so happened that I found that box which pertained to him and he was very excited, very happy to get it back."

The goal is to save, reuse and get as close to zero waste as possible. "What we do every morning is we wake up and try to find out how not to take things to a landill," said Gary Clifford, Athens Services executive vice president.

Irwindale Educational Foundation Scholarship Application Available on May 9

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
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Download an application at www.irwindalechamber.org or pick one up at the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce.

Since 1989, the Irwindale Educational Foundation, an IRS 501(c)3-recognized charitable organization, has been granting scholarships to qualified Irwindale residents and businesses to provide them with opportunities for career development. The program offers limited financial assistance for college and vocational students and for continuing students making good academic progress.

Scholarship grants are available to current Irwindale residents and to employees of qualified Irwindale Chamber of Commerce members located IN Irwindale including their spouses and dependents. All applicants, to be considered for scholarships, must maintain a minimum 2.5 (cumulative) grade point average. All completed applications must be submitted to the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce at 16102 E. Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA (in person) or P.O. Box 2307, Irwindale, CA 91706 (mailed). Deadline for all applications to be received at the Irwindale Chamber is Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 5pm. No exceptions. For additional information, please contact the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce at 626-960-6606.

Golf Tournament
Thurday May 5, 2016
@ Sierra La Verne Country Club
Title Sponsor:
Athens Services

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Calendar of Events

May

5	Golf Tournament Presenting Sponsor: Athens Services	11:30 Shotgun	Sierra LaVerne Country Club
11	Environmental Committee Tour	11:00 a.m.	United Rock
12	IEF	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
12	Where's Lunch	11:30 a.m.	Elements Doubletree
17	Executive Roundtable Breakfast	8:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
23	Board of Directors	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
26	Good Morning Irwindale	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Edison EEC
30	Memorial Day	CHAMBER CLOSED	

June

1	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
	Business Ambassador Mtg.	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Office
9	IEF	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
9	Membership Luncheon Sponsor: Foothill Transit	11:30 a.m.	TBA
15	Where's Lunch	11:30 a.m.	Avolio's Italian Restaurant
23	Good Morning Irwindale	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Edison EEC
27	Board of Directors	3:00 p.m.	City of Hope

July

4	Independence Day	CHAMBER CLOSED	
6	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
7	Business Ambassador Mtg.	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Office
12	Non-Profit Alliance	Noon	City of Hope
14	IEF	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
19	Executive Roundtable	8:00 a.m.	TBA
19	L.A. Largest Mixer	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Pasadena Convention Center
20	Where's Lunch	11:30 a.m.	Pitas to Go
25	Board of Directors	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
28	Good Morning Irwindale	7:30 .m.-9:00 a.m.	Edison EEC

Reservations Guarantee Admission

Good News: Some events have been at capacity.

Bad News: We may have to turn away walk-ins.

Solution: RSVP to guarantee your entrance.

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

For event details, or to RSVP please visit our calendar at www.irwindalechamber.org or call 626-960-6606.

Scholarship
2016-2017

The Irwindale Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the 2016 scholarship applications will be available beginning

Monday, May 9, 2016

Applications are available online at:

ci.irwindale.ca.us

irwindalechamber.org

Join us in our efforts to provide scholarships by supporting our fundraising events:

Music in the Park Fundraiser

Irwindale Park

July 7, 2016

BBQ at the Pub

$50 per person

Miller Coors

July 15, 2016

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Eligibility Requirements

1. Qualifying condition (proof required)
    a. Irwindale Resident
    b. Employed by or dependent of an employee, of a company located IN Irwindale and which is an Irwindale Chamber member in good standing.
2. Copy of most recent transcripts
3. SIGNED copy (from the previous year) of your Federal Income Tax form or your parent's if you are a dependent.
4. Proof of college acceptance / continuance.

See application for complete list of required documentation

Applications must be completed, signed and submitted with all the required documents in a sealed envelope and either hand delivered or postmarked by the deadline to be considered. ***Deadline*** for submission is ***Thursday, June 30, 2016***. All applications should be submitted to the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce at 16102 E. Arrow Highway, Irwindale CA (in person) or P.O. Box 2307, Irwindale CA 91706 (mailed). For more information, please contact the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce at 626-960-6606.

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New Member Spotlight

California Tool & Die, a family owned and operated business since 1967, operates out of a 26000 sq ft building in Azusa, Ca. with a fully staffed/equipped die shop.

For over 45 years California Tool & Die has been producing metal stampings. We have over 1000 cataloged stampings to serve the lamp and lighting industry. In addition to our catalog line, we manufacture custom and customer owned stampings. Besides the lighting industry, we currently serve the furniture, giftware, pet, fire tools, construction, oil and gas, automotive, medical & dental, & electronic security industries. With our fully staffed and equipped die shop we are able to build and maintain all of our tooling, and yours too.

Our production is supported by our die shop which features integrated CAD/CAM and CNC capabilities including wire EDM. Besides enabling us to maintain efficient production, we are also able to offer our tooling services to our customers for their special needs. Our press shop includes a broad range of capabilities from 5 ton, secondary operation machines, to coil fed OBI's to 150 tons. Various support operations such as tapping, welding, and flanging allows us to provide complete, quality stampings at very competitive prices.

Aside from metal stampings, we also operate Eino Products, a full service aluminum fabrication company which produces a catalog line of aluminum screen printing frames for the screen printing industry. Eino Products specializes in aluminum welding. Check out the website at www.eino-diamondchase.com.

In addition to our own capabilities, we have partnered with a number of companies to provide fabrication services, plating, powdercoating, and heat treating to provide our customers with finished product. California Tool & Die can work with all of your inventory requirement programs including vendor management systems and blanket order processing. We accept orders large and small. Standard terms are Net 30 from date of invoice. Prices quoted FOB our plant, Azusa, CA. New accounts are COD until credit has been approved. We also accept credit cards.

California Tool & Die

626-969-1821

www.CaliforniaTool-Die.com

May 2016 Small Business Webinar Series Presented by GO-Biz

In recognition of Small Business Month this May, GO-Biz's Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) is hosting a series of free webinars to educate small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs on available resources. **Space is limited and registration is required – please register now! Visit www.business.ca.gov and look at their Calendar of Events for registration links.**

Protect Your Business from Disaster

Wednesday – May 4, 2016, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

This webinar will feature a joint presentation with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the U.S. Small Business Administration. It will include information on state and federal disaster planning and preparedness efforts for small businesses and communities, and how to get involved with response and recovery efforts when a disaster occurs.

Connect Your Small Business to the Global Marketplace

Thursday – May 12, 2016, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

This webinar will cover key issues businesses should consider when exporting, as well as information on export-related services and programs offered by the state and federal government. Specific topics will include required documentation, export financing, export assistance programs, and services provided by the GO-Biz International Unit, including grants for trade/export promotion available under the State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Program for small businesses.

Overview of California's Small Business Loan Guarantee Program

Thursday – May 19, 2016, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

This webinar will feature the state's Small Business Loan Guarantee Program (SBLGP) and describe its benefits to financial institution lenders and small business borrowers. The SBLGP is a credit enhancement program that offers guarantees to lenders for small business loans. The purpose of the SBLGP is to help small business borrowers start a business or grow an existing business by opening doors to capital access, which in turn helps create jobs and promote economic development in California.

GO-Biz serves as California's office for economic development and offers a range of services to business owners. Those services include attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, important informational briefings and much more. For more details visit: www.business.ca.gov.

Johnson-Peltier
April Business of the Month

BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Johnson-Peltier has been a family owned business in operation since 1957. Since Howard Peltier's passing 5 years ago, Kevin Peltier has graciously filled his father's role evolving from a long standing Vice President of the company to an outstanding President and owner. Kevin has taken the role in stride and has achieved a great deal with his business, particularly in the last two years. He has reinvested nearly 100% of the annual gross profit back into the business. He has expanded the fleet with 7 new, fully loaded state of the art trucks specifically designed for Johnson-Peltier's needs. Johnson-Peltier has equipped every field foreman and office staff with an iPhone coupled with brand new computer software. With the iPhone roll out, we were able to streamline JP's payroll process with mobile time tracking allowing foremen to focus more on the job at hand and less on paperwork allowing Johnson Peltier to improve its quality and use of man hours. Johnson-Peltier has also equipped each truck in the fleet with a full diagnostic GPS allowing us to better understand the field, status of vehicles, route inefficiencies, and identify unsafe driving habits while rewarding safe drivers amongst other things. Additionally, Johnson-Peltier's home office is half way through undergoing a complete overhaul and makeover including new office furniture, new carpet, new paint, a fully equipped employee gym, new parking spaces, and additional warehouse space. Kevin has also doubled the size of the estimating team, re structured work flow process, rolled out new incentives, and brought on new business development personnel. It ls safe to say Johnson-Peltier is thriving and is certainly slated for new growth. Johnson-Peltier is an amazing environment to work in where employees and customers alike are feeling appreciated and cared for on a daily basis and we are already seeing some of the changes paying off in positive ways. At the beginning of these changes, Johnson-Peltier received a highly sought after industry award in 2013 from Miller Coors known as the "Electrical Excellence Award" for a large project. In addition, Johnson-Peltier has secured a multi-year service contract with The Gas Co and has been recognized in several of their internal and external publications for its excellence in service and commitment to the rather complex project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Johnson-Peltier has always been an advocate of community service, donations, charitable activities, and youth education. Most recently this would involve Johnson-Peltier's support and involvement in minority business outreach, the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce, American Indian Chamber of Commerce, GLOBASE volunteer, and youth education and development. Johnson-Peltier is a certified Minority Business Enterprise (American Indian Owned) and has truly pushed for the advocacy of this status in recent years. Johnson-Peltier has also secured awareness amongst some of the biggest Minority Development councils and groups in the United States. Of course, this status may or may not help the business in terms of selection for potential jobs, but Kevin and the rest of his team have grown a passion and drive for supplier diversity while doing their part in educating companies for fair and diverse spend. Johnson-Peltier has come to truly understand how Minority owned businesses can be affected in the market and does a great deal to improve and adapt these environments. Johnson-Peltier has donated time and money to minority conferences, educational seminars, supplier diversity symposiums and much more. Johnson-Peltier is also a member and supporter of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California which is an amazing tool for helping other American Indian owned businesses to network, grow, and support each other while doing their part in holding corporations responsible for honest efforts in diversity spend. They are volunteering with the program "GLOBASE" which will place a group of 7-12 foreign exchange college students with Johnson-Peltier's business development department for an entire week. Amongst other areas of support, Johnson-Peltier also donated 5 members of its crew, all materials and tools, and Mr. Kevin Peltier himself {the architect and designer) to a local grade school and spent two days building an amazing haunted house for Halloween. !It turned out to be a hit and generated considerable revenue for the school to spend on its science and math education.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTIVITY: As of year 2016, Johnson-Peltier is officially a Cornerstone Club member of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce. Johnson-Peltier has increased its up front donations and membership investment while continuing to support the Chamber in other areas. Johnson-Peltier has a team member volunteer his time to the golf committee board, one of Johnson-Peltier's favorite chamber functions. Johnson-Peltier makes every effort to be involved in as many chamber functions as possible while making an effort to donate at these functions in any way they can while continuing to network with fellow chamber members. Johnson-Peltier hopes that one day it can have a team member become an ambassador and/or join the board of directors to continue its effort in advocating for and supporting the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce.

626 GOLDEN STREETS

IRWINDALE COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY

3

MAY 2016
6:30PM - 7:30PM

Join us for a community meeting to learn more about 626 Golden Streets, an open streets festival where people can walk, bike, run, and skate.

IRWINDALE CITY HALL
5050 N. Irwindale Avenue
Irwindale, CA 91706

Contact: Andrew@BikeSGV.org

WWW.626GOLDENSTREETS.COM

U.S. Green Building Council Awards Foothill Gold Line Rail Facility LEED Gold Certification

State-of-the-art operations campus main building is the first of its kind to achieve gold certification by reducing water usage by 35% and energy usage by more than 32%

The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority announced that the U.S. Green Building Council awarded the Foothill Gold Line Operations Campus main shop building its Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification. The recognition for the 132,000 square foot building is one of the highest levels of achievement in sustainable design available, and makes it the first of its kind to receive the distinction. LEED is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices.

"We challenged ourselves to look for ways to reduce the environmental footprint of the facility, because we believed that the extra effort would be worth it in the long term for the environment, community and the staff who would be working there," stated Habib F. Balian, CEO of the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority. "Achieving LEED Gold for this kind of facility is a proud testament to the ingenuity of our team and our partners at Parsons, Kiewit and Metro."

While sustainability measures were incorporated throughout the 24-acre maintenance and operations facility, only those associated with the main shop building were factored into consideration by the U.S. Green Building Council in their certification award. The three-story main building houses offices and training facilities for 200 employees, a yard control room to manage all train activities on the campus, and repair and maintenance shops to service up to 84 light rail vehicles. Using the following sustainability features, the building was able to achieve 35% water usage reduction and 32.5% energy performance improvement, as compared to typical buildings of its kind:

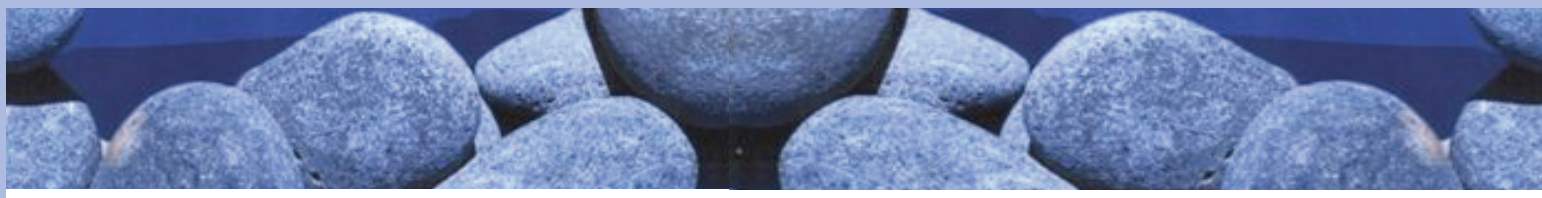
- An on-site 714-panel, 178.5-kilowatt solar panel array that generates nearly a third of the energy needs of the main shop building, with excess energy made available to the local grid
- Solar-tracking skylights that move with the sun to maximize use of natural light
- Sensors that detect human motion as well as the level of natural light available and adjust the high-efficiency LED lighting for actual need
- High-efficiency fixtures and infrared water faucets that dispense less water

Additional sustainability features incorporated into the overall 24-acre facility that went above and beyond those needed to achieve LEED Gold Certification include:

- A comprehensive stormwater management system that captures 100% of rainfall; filtering and infiltrating the first 112,000 gallons during any rain event into the groundwater aquifers below
- Use of only recycled, reclaimed water for the carwash, which averages 60,000 gallons of water use daily
- Smart sprinkler technology and the planting of a drought-tolerant plants that reduce landscape water consumption by 50%
- Use of recycled materials for half of the building materials used on site; and locally sourcing all of the track ballast, aggregate and concrete to reduce the environmental impact of transporting them to the site

"We've shown that it is feasible to incorporate sustainability features into a facility of this magnitude without significantly impacting the construction budget and schedule," added Balian. "Our hope is that this will be a model for other, similar facilities."

About the Foothill Gold Line - The Foothill Gold Line is a $2 billion, 12-station extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail system, being overseen by the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority, an independent transportation planning and construction agency created in 1998 by the California State Legislature. The project is planned in two segments – Pasadena to Azusa and Glendora to Montclair. The Pasadena to Azusa segment was fully funded by Los Angeles County's Measure R, and included the Operation Campus in Monrovia. The segment was completed in September 2015, and passenger service began on March 5, 2016. Measure R is also funding the majority of the cost associated with the advanced conceptual engineering work currently underway for the Glendora to Montclair segment, which will be ready to break ground in 2017. The Construction Authority is currently seeking the $1.2 billion needed to construct the Glendora to Montclair segment.



STATE OF THE CITY 2016

MAYOR MARK BRECEDA

I'll briefly update you on our City's economic status, the safety of our community, and our Public Works efforts. But my main focus will be on the ongoing and new development projects happening in Irwindale. It is through these projects that we will see the most significant changes in our city in the near future and years to come. And that is very exciting news for all of us.

We continue to benefit from the economic recovery. For the third year in a row we have seen increases in our major tax revenues. Our three major tax revenue sources are Sales Taxes, Utility Taxes, and Mining Taxes, and together they make up approximately two thirds of the General Fund Revenues. Most of these revenue sources have now reached pre-recession levels. The only exception is Sales Taxes, which is our largest revenue source. It has continued to lag in the recovery, with their current levels still about $1 million lower than pre-recession levels.

Although we are very pleased with the rise in revenue, the other things that continue to rise are operating expenditures. Our expenditure still outpace our revenues so we are still operating in a budget deficit. City Council and City Staff continue to streamline the City's budget and cut costs wherever possible. The Annual Budget for our current fiscal year started out with an operating budget deficit of almost $1 million at adoption. Fortunately, we were able to move forward with various projects during the year that have generated significant revenues. The sale of the Manning Pit and the start of mining operations at the Olive Pit have generated much needed revenues this year. These are one-time revenues so they will not resolve the City's ongoing structural budget deficit but they will help the City be able to recognize a budget surplus of $2.9 million by the end of the fiscal year. So those are funds we can add to our reserves, which is always a good thing.

Also, there are several projects and property sales are currently underway which will provide additional revenues for the City. I'll go into more detail a little later but these projects include the sale of various Successor Agency properties, development of the MRF, sale of the Triangle Pit, and commencement of remediation activities at the Kincaid Pit. These projects will provide not only one-time revenues, but also ongoing operational revenues which will help the City's structural deficit. It may take a few years for some of these projects to be completed and generate revenue but thankfully the City has been able to rely on it strong financial reserves during this transition. This has allowed City Staff to continue developing strategies for building a balanced budget. Our short-term strategies have consisted of maintaining a soft hiring freeze, as well as efforts to control increasing costs wherever possible. As a long term strategy, the City's management team has also worked proactively in pursuing economic development opportunities to increase the City's future revenue base. As you will see, we are already starting to benefit from these long term efforts, with many projects already coming to fruition.

So we are maintaining a firm financial base upon which our City can grow. Next we have to ensure that our resident and business communities can live and operate in a safe and productive environment. And to assist with that we have our Irwindale Police Department. Here are some quick crime rate statistics from our Police Department for 2015.

- Burglaries were up 6%, from 36 to 38
- We had one Homicide, which was a 100% from 2014
- Arson was down 50%, from 4 to 2
- Larceny was up 8%, from 103 to 111
- Robberies were up 60%, from 5 to 8 robberies
- Assaults were down 34%, from 29 to 39
- and Grand theft auto was down 39%, from 31 to 19

As you can see, our crime stats are up overall but not at alarming rates. For example: our robberies show an increase of 60%. Now that may sound like a crime wave, but when you consider that it only represents 3 more incidents than the year before that puts it in better perspective. I have spoken with Chief Miranda about the rising numbers and he attributes this increase to Proposition 47, which basically, is an early release of persons from county jail and state prison. Prior to proposition 47 many of these repeat offenders would still be behind bars serving their sentence.

Irwindale remains a safe place to live and run a prosperous business. It is not by accident that Irwindale is safe; it's a commitment by my colleagues on the Council, our City Manager, the department heads and staff that keep Irwindale clean and safe.

A highlight from last year for the PD was their very successful Pink Patch Project. The campaign raised $ 20,000 for the City of Hope. Every officer wore Pink Patches on their uniforms for the month of October and sold the patches. The funds raised help the City of Hope with funding for cancer research, education and treatment. What a worthy cause.

Chief Miranda and all the men and women of the IPD bring professionalism to their jobs. Their pride in our police department has taken it from good to great! This has raised morale and with that nothing but good things and success are in the Irwindale Police Department's future. I commend our department for their dedication as they represent the City of Irwindale with pride.

Everyone on our team takes pride in their contributions to the success of our City and our Public Works department is no exception. Public Works continues to work on Capital Improvement Projects that are critical to the City's infrastructure.

We are happy to report that the City completed the Irwindale Park Gazebo/Plaza Improvement Project in July 2015, the construction of the Replacement of Piping for the Charter Street Pump Station in January 2016, and the reconstruction of guard rails on Myrtle and California avenues just north of Longden Avenue in January 2016.

Staff continues to work on the design of safety improvements at the City-owned Olive Pit, which includes minor slope remediation and the installation of an access road on the south side of the pit. While this project is still in the design phase, we anticipate the final plans and specifications will be submitted to for approval at the beginning of next fiscal year. In addition, City Council has approved the plans and specifications for the resurfacing of Irwindale Avenue between Foothill Boulevard and First Street. The plans and specifications were recently submitted to Caltrans' for review and approval. We anticipate the construction of this project to begin at the beginning of our next fiscal year.

Currently, we are working on the construction of traffic signal modifications at the intersection of Longden and Myrtle avenues. The completion date is set for July 2016.

Other CIP grant-funded projects currently being worked on include the final design improvements for the Live Oak Avenue Off Ramp at the 605 Freeway

Safety Improvements to City-owned bridges

and the construction of sidewalk and access ramps at various locations on Irwindale Avenue between Arrow Highway and Gladstone Street, which is scheduled to begin at the end of April 2016.

One pivotal project that was recently completed is the Gold Line Phase 2A Foothill Extension Project. The Gold Line project included the construction of an Irwindale station, a three level parking structure, and improvements to several intersections on Irwindale Avenue between Foothill Boulevard and First Street. The improvements to the intersection included:

The addition of a new exclusive left turn lane to the southbound approach providing two exclusive left turn lanes at the Irwindale Avenue and I-210 Eastbound On-Ramp;

The addition of a new southbound through lane to provide one exclusive left turn lane, three through lanes, and one exclusive right turn lane at Irwindale Avenue and First Street;

And the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Irwindale Avenue and Jardin De Roca/ Irwindale Road to serve as the main access to the Gold Line Station Parking structure.

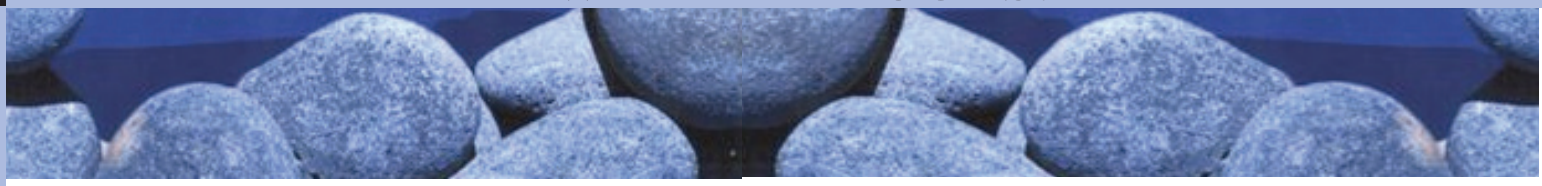
There are also two significant reclamation projects still in progress that together will create approximately 125 acres of future buildable land. The City's Manning Pit Remediation and Grading Project continues to make progress and we anticipate it should be complete in approximately 18 months. This project will provide 35 acres of buildable land. The reclamation of Vulcan Materials' Reliance II pit (off the 210 Freeway) is projected to be completed at or before 2020 and is targeted to deliver approximately 90-acres of buildable land. Once these projects are completed our Community Development Department will be very busy.

The Community Development Department continues to provide business outreach and assistance. The implementation of the Successor Agency's Long-Range Property Management Plan is ongoing. And they are continually processing various land use entitlement applications, and enforcing the City's Municipal Code.

Staff is busy processing the Gold Line Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan, based on a $460,000 grant received in 2014. This plan will provide for a comprehensive and well-planned development along the 210 and Irwindale Avenue for years to come.

And in the Department's Code Enforcement Division, we have seen wonderful clean-up efforts. Many of these accomplishments have been due to voluntary abatement efforts as a result of consistent follow-up and graceful handling by our new code enforcement officer, Mr. Jeff Tyler.

As I mentioned earlier, these are exciting times in Irwindale and I am proud to say the City will be seeing additional development taking place very soon on former



redevelopment sites we have successfully marketed and are now in escrow.

I'd like to highlight some of these sites: At **16331 Arrow Hwy,** the former Jeffries Tires site, Cell-Crete Company, a specialty concrete contractor previously located in Monrovia, was the successful buyer for this former redevelopment site. Cell-Crete is proposing a substantial remodel to improve this vacant and dilapidated site.

Cell-Crete was also successful in purchasing **5257 Vincent Avenue**, which has been occupied by AMR ambulance services for many years. Cell-Crete is proposing a façade improvement to create an industrial campus atmosphere, which will match the Spanish architecture of their site at 16331 Arrow Highway.

Genton Development will now be proposing a new 13,000 square-foot facility for the Irwindale Industrial Medical Clinic at **15768 Arrow Highway,** the former Shannon Caskets manufacturing site, which has been sitting vacant for over 20 years. Genton has been leasing for many years from Southern California Edison on their property along Irwindale Avenue. A new restaurant pad will also be created at 15768 Arrow Highway to attract a fast-food drive-through or fast-and-casual restaurant.

Jumping to the South West Corner of Los Angeles Street and Alderson Avenue, 7th Street Development proposes to build a 195,000 state-of-the-art industrial business park consisting of five buildings on five parcels. The majority of this property has sat vacant for many years and is currently partially occupied by AMVETS Post 113 and the City's archive and storage building. In order to secure the AMVETS facility and ensure their legacy for years to come, staff was able to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement with 7th Street Development by offering to substitute land and allowing the developer to purchase the City's archive building in return for allowing AMVETS to stay. The City has since purchased another property in town to serve as the City's archives and equipment storage building.

Over at 242 Live Oak Avenue, another former redevelopment site, Panattoni Development proposes a new industrial building on this site that was formerly leased and occupied by American Classic Sanitation/United. We are hoping this development will be the start to improving many older industrial properties consisting of contractor storage yards in this western part of the City.

And at another former redevelopment site, the 17-acre parcel located between Live Oak and Arrow, the Athens proposed Materials Recovery Facility and Transfer Station is well underway towards completing its entitlement process. The Responses to Comments document and Final EIR have been completed and will be scheduled for City Council consideration along with the Disposition and Development Agreement in an upcoming agenda. If the EIR is certified, the next step will be the land use entitlement applications, which will be presented for consideration before the end of the year. Athens expects to build a true sustainable facility with all the bells and whistles of the latest in MRF technology to ensure we continue to meet the State's AB939 goals.

On Azusa Canyon Road, a new development is nearing completion - The Azusa Canyon Business Park by Shubin-Nadel Development. This project consists of eight industrial condominiums totaling 160,000 square feet. It is just about done and will bring tremendous value to this neighborhood. The structures are up and the final touches are being made. For anyone living in this neighborhood or driving by, the development is without a doubt a very noticeable improvement to the community.

Looking over again towards the east side of the City, a new 139,000 square-foot light industrial building will soon be breaking ground. This development by Panattoni is fully entitled and anticipates commencing construction before the end of the year. The project will substantially improve the look of this 6.5 acre land that has been an eyesore for many years.

And, we have Kaiser Permanente coming to town! A new 90,000 square-foot medical office building is being proposed at the former Jacmar Foods site on Schabarum Avenue. Kaiser has submitted their land use applications and is proposing to build a state-of-the-art medical facility that will be Gold LEED certified.

We are also happy to report the San Gabriel Valley Corporate is continuing its campus improvements and will be proposing another parking structure on the north end of the campus to meet the parking demands of its tenants, including the City Hope, which became part of the campus last year and has proven to be an amazing addition to this highly valued business center.

As you can see, our City is on a positive path of growth and development. We have many exciting projects in the works that will enhance and expand our business community. I am truly honored to serve as Mayor of this vibrant community and I look forward to seeing how much greater we can make the City of Irwindale by working together towards our future. Thank you and have a great afternoon.

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