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(L-R) Claudia Goytia, Representing Assemblyman Roger Hernandez; Lisa Bailey, Irwindale Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Julian Miranda, City of Irwindale; and George Poitou, SCE Federal Credit Union.

Through this past year's experience, it was clear that the City's dealings needed to reflect a measured set of actions to restore our solvency, as well as a sense of urgency in planning and pursuing economic development opportunities for our future. The City has engaged in labor negotiations with our three bargaining groups. We are currently and amicably in position for the three labor groups to agree to a 3 year contract with total savings estimated at just under \$500,000. The City is also making efforts to absorb additional functions and responsibilities with existing personnel. While this is not the perfect model, it is a prudent position to take.

It is our expectation that in the absence of redevelopment, our partnerships with local businesses and the real estate community will provide newer and greater opportunities for economic development in the years to come. We will be preparing and submitting a long range property management plan to the state that will determine the fate of 25 parcels of property encompassing 96 acres of land.

We look forward to the major development by Athens Services of a Materials Recovery Facility and Transfer Station which will be tailored to meet the needs of the community and region. The facility has the potential to create over 300 new jobs for the city and surrounding area. An updated Environmental Impact Report is currently underway, and we are expecting to hold hearings for project entitlements in August of this year.

There are other sites within our radar that we are aggressively targeting for future development. Our goal is to attract new employment, generating job clusters to the corridor that bring disposable income to the area to support our retail businesses. City staff is working closely with developers, the brokerage community, and landowners to explore redevelopment and economic development opportunities in all areas of the city, including sites that possess major physical and economic barriers to development.

Mining also continues to play a vital role in the local and regional economy. While we have diversified the city's

commercial/Industrial base, mining as a land use will continue to exist for the next 30 to 50 years. But as the life of our mining pits come to an end, we along with our sand and rock companies will make sure these mining sites are properly reclaimed. This is critical to providing future land supplies for new commercial/industrial development, not just for Irwindale, not just for the San Gabriel Valley, but for the entire Los Angeles County region.

In addition to direct development activities, we are overhauling city codes, regulations, and processes, including the city's zoning code to make them more user friendly for new and existing businesses. Updating the code to streamline review time-lines and processes, and to become more relevant to the shifting market, is critical to creating a business friendly environment in Irwindale that encourages the growth and expansion of existing businesses, but also invites new businesses to locate in Irwindale.

Our Public Works department continues to work on Capital Improvement Projects including improvements to the Live Oak/Arrow Hwy on/off ramp at the 605 freeway, the installation of a city wide Traffic Signal Control System, and Safety Improvements to City owned bridges.

As you know, the Metro Gold Line Phase IIA Foothill Extension Project is another important project with the first segment, anticipated to be completed in fall 2015. The Irwindale station, including the proposed parking structure, will be constructed as a part of this first segment along with various improvements to intersections on Irwindale Ave. between Foothill Blvd. and Gladstone St.

No State of the City address is complete without recognition of our private sector. We have many environmentally friendly businesses in the City of Irwindale that do their part to bring acclaim to our community and the region. Whether it is MillerCoors installing a wastewater treatment plant to convert impurities to energy or Foothill Transit which developed and implemented an agency wide idle reduction policy which will reduce CO2 emissions by 170,000 tons a year. Southern California Edison's construction of the parking structure to address Gateway's parking congestion while using environmental aspects for their unique design came to the forefront in 2012, as did 3M Unitek for implementing a system that provides shutdown of high load production during weekends and holidays which leads to annual savings of 271,000KWhrs. Across the way The City of Hope is celebrating 100 years of compassion, innovation, and ground breaking triumphs in medical research. Finally, let us not forget the small businesses of our community that bring life, spirit of unity and identity to Irwindale. A new partnership is developing with the addition of the Kare Youth league. Private efforts are underway for a new sports park near the 605 freeway; the first phase of this project will soon be underway which will include baseball and soccer fields. Royal Coaches supports our senior and recreation events, and in conjunction with Superior Communications sponsors

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Calendar of Events

May 2013

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

Memorial Day

2	Golf Tournament	Shotgun @ 11:30	Sierra LaVerne Country Club
	Title Sponsor: Jan's Towing	OFFICE CLOSED	
8	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
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	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Irwindale Community Center
	Topic: Greenhouse Gases-Speaker: Dr. Christina Schwerdtfeger		
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
	Presenting Sponsor: MillerCoors		
23	On the Rocks	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Dave & Busters Arcadia
27	Memorial Day	CHAMBER CLOSED	

June 2013

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



5	Environmental Committee	Noon	Call for location
6	Business Ambassador Mtg.	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Office
11	IEF Board Meeting	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
13	Luncheon	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Edison EEC
	Topic: Affordable Health Care Act		
19	Multi-Chamber Mixer	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	LeRoy Haynes
24	Board Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
27	Good Morning Irwindale	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
	Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe Bakery & Catering		

July 2013

"Liberty, taking the word in its concrete sense, consists in the ability to choose." -Simone Weil-



4-5	Independence Day	CHAMBER CLOSED	
9	IEF Board Meeting	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
9	Young Citizen of the Year	6:00 p.m.	Irwindale Senior Center
10	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
11	Business Ambassador Mtg.	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Office
17	On the Rocks	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Santa Anita Park
18	L.A. Largest Mixer	5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Shrine Auditorium
22	Board Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
25	GMI/Mini Expo	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
	Presenting Sponsor: Foothill Transit		

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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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the ever popular Summer Concert in the Park Series. These businesses along with many others have created a synergy of their own by generously supporting causes and members of the community in times of need. By their actions they effect change that is immeasurable and give a whole new meaning to community involvement.

Our public Library has had a great deal of activity this past year with the incredible support of the Irwindale Public Library Foundation. With the efforts of this foundation, the Library has been able to secure grants from the California State Library for Historical Preservation and a very generous grant from Southern California Edison to begin technology literacy workshops for adults.

Six years ago, on the City of Irwindale's 50th anniversary of incorporation, I read a poem by Will Allen Dromgoole called the "Bridge Builder." In this poem an elderly man with difficulty, crosses a steep river, and then proceeds to build a bridge to span the tide. The man is questioned as to why he would construct this bridge when he had already gotten to the other side. The man replied that there are others that will come after him trying to cross this steep river, and so the bridge he builds is for them. I think of this poem, and I see the huge responsibility our city is confronted with today. In the words of a former city manager I quote "I would have loved to come here as a young man. There will still be much to do in Irwindale ten, twenty, thirty and forty years from now. This city is not built out yet, and because of that, the possibilities and potential are unlimited." So, we continue to chart our course, and our story continues to be written. Those opportunities for progress are here, they are now...Let us keep building those bridges for tomorrow."

April Business of the Month



Business Accomplishments: Since its inception in 1992, Shoes That Fit (STF) has provided more than 1,000,000 pairs of new shoes and other items to children throughout the United States. Over 1 million shoes, socks and other items – what an amazing accomplishment! More recently, the Claremont Chamber of Commerce awarded STF with their Non-Profit of the Year Award. In addition Shoes That Fit continues to be awarded a 4 star rating (the highest possible rating) by the nonprofit watchdog Charity Navigator. STF proudly works with over 300 volunteers in 41 states and over 1,500 schools helping students in need of shoes.

Community Services: STF has worked locally with Merwin Elementary School (Irwindale) to identify students in need of proper school shoes and partnered with Vulcan Materials Company to sponsor the shoe and backpack donations for students.

Beyond the borders of Irwindale, STF is helping underprivileged school children in over 40 states by fitting them with new shoes. A well fitting pair of new shoes allows students to focus on learning and playing with friends instead of feeling embarrassed or ashamed.

Also, STF, in conjunction with the California Sporting Goods Association, responded to an emergency request from an elementary in Brooklyn, NY, providing over 250 schools to children in desperate need after the devastation of Hurricane Sandy on the East Coast.

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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.

Shoe Collection

Now thru June 13, 2013



Shoes That Fit is a non-profit children's charity that provides new shoes to children in need for school.

New athletic shoes and/or monetary donations can be dropped off at the Irwindale Chamber office at 16102 Arrow Hwy., or at any Chamber event between April 11 and June 13, 2013

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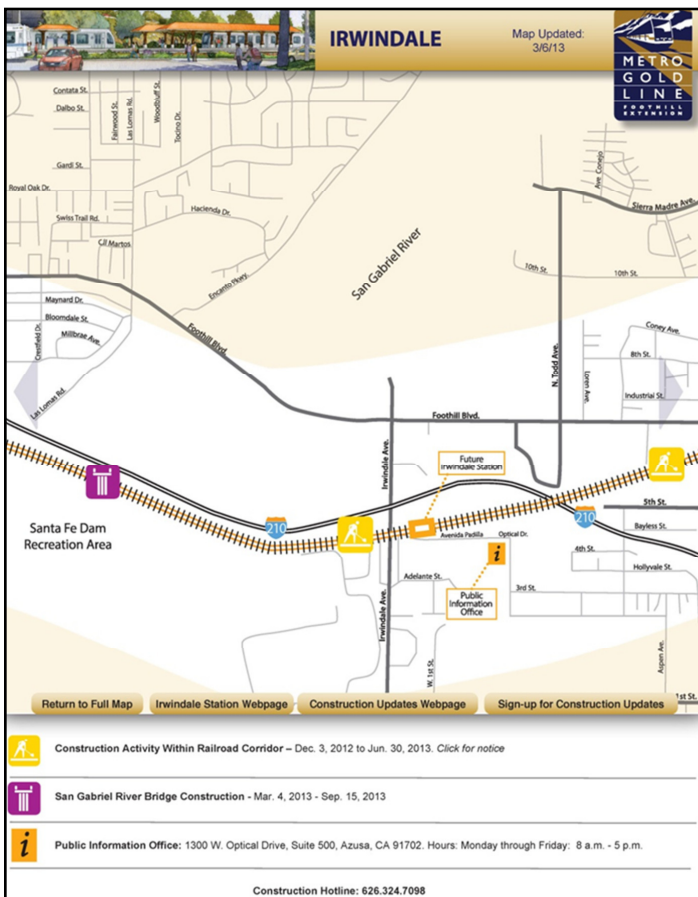


Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension



The Construction Authority has recently updated their website with detailed construction activity information – including new interactive maps – that make it easy for Irwindale residents and businesses to stay up to date on current construction activities for the Foothill Extension light rail project and how you may be affected. You can now view up to the day construction activity

information for the entire 11.5-mile project corridor or find information about activities specific to Irwindale. Find the latest activities in Irwindale at <http://www.foothillextension.org/cities-stations/irwindale/>.



Here is a quick overview of current and near-future construction activities in the city:

Grading, excavation, retaining wall installation, bridge work, underground utility installation continues along the railroad corridor.

Adjacent to Irwindale in Azusa: The full street closure of Palm Drive at the railroad crossing began on January 7 and

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Proposition 65 requires, among other things, that a private business with more than 10 employees post warnings when it knowingly exposes workers or the public to listed chemicals. These warnings can take the form of placards in business establishments where listed chemicals exist or are released into the environment, or as part of the labeling of a consumer product that contains a listed chemical. Currently, there are 774 chemicals on the list.

Drive-By Lawsuits

These benefits have not come without a cost to the economy, however. AB 227 addresses one very avoidable cost that results from the practice of a handful of law firms in targeting businesses with drive-by lawsuits, alleging the businesses do not have adequate signage required by Proposition 65.

These lawsuits can easily cost several thousand dollars to litigate, causing many small businesses to settle out of court regardless of whether they actually needed to have signage posted at their business establishments, or if they failed to realize signage was necessary in a good faith mistake.

Lengthy List

The 774 chemicals on the Proposition 65 list range from those that pose limited or no risk based solely on their presence at a business establishment—such as alcoholic beverages and aspirin—to others that pose an obvious and widely known risk, like diesel engine exhaust and tobacco smoke.

Given the range of listed chemicals, it's easy to understand why business owners sometimes fail to realize a warning sign is required.

Further, many business owners rightly determine that signage is not warranted given the exposure levels of a particular chemical at the business establishment, or that no listed chemicals are present at all, but this does not prevent a firm from making an allegation in a demand letter in order to pressure the business into handing over a small settlement.

Hundreds of businesses are targeted in these lawsuits each year, costing the state millions of dollars in lost productivity and jobs.

AB 227 will help eliminate the inappropriate use of litigation, while ensuring that the public does receive Proposition 65 warnings when appropriate.

Action Needed

AB 227 is scheduled to be considered by the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Contact committee members and your Assembly representative and urge them to **support AB 227**.

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

CalChamber Releases 2013 Job Killer List

By: CalChamber Alert

Costly Workplace Mandates

[AB 5](#) Increased Exposure to Frivolous Litigation — Imposes costly and unreasonable mandates on employers that could jeopardize the health and safety of others by creating a new protected classification of employees and customers who are or are perceived to be homeless, low income, suffering from a mental disability, or physical disability, and establishing a private right of action for such individuals that includes statutory damages, punitive damages, and attorney's fees.

[AB 10](#) Automatic Minimum Wage Increase — Unfairly increases California employers' cost of doing business by raising the minimum wage \$1.25 over the next three years and thereafter indexing the minimum wage based on inflation, which fails to take into account the current economic status of the state or other fees and costs employers are required to pay.

[AB 1138](#) Massive Exposure to Civil Penalties and Liability — Inappropriately increases civil cases and civil penalties on employers by permitting civil action against those employers who fail to conspicuously post a list of every employee covered under an employer's workers' compensation insurance policy and to retain this list for five years.

[SB 404](#) Expansion of Discrimination Litigation — Makes it virtually impossible for employers to manage their employees and exposes them to a higher risk of litigation by expanding the Fair Employment and Housing Act to include a protected classification for any person who is, perceived, or associated with a family caregiver.

[SB 626](#) Massive Workers' Compensation Cost Increase — Unravels many of the employer cost-saving provisions in last year's workers' compensation reform package and results in employers paying nearly \$1 billion in benefit increases to injured workers without an expectation that the increases will be fully offset by system savings.

[SB 761](#) Paid Family Leave Protection — Creates a new burden on small businesses and additional opportunities for frivolous litigation by transforming the paid family leave program, which is used as a wage replacement for an employee who is taking a separate leave of absence, into an additional paid protected leave.

Economic Development Barriers

[AB 59](#) Split Roll Parcel Tax — Potentially increases the tax burden on businesses by permitting local agencies to assess a higher parcel tax on commercial property than residential property overturning an appellate decision that determined such taxes were unconstitutional.

[AB 188](#) Split Roll Change of Ownership — Unfairly targets commercial property by redefining "change of ownership" so that such property is more frequently reassessed, which will ultimately lead to higher property taxes that will be passed on to tenants, consumers, and potentially employees.

[AB 288](#) (Levine; D-San Rafael) De Facto Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing — Imposes a de facto moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing in the state, driving up fuel and energy prices and harming the job market in these sectors, by basing approval of notices for well operations on a public health and safety standard that is impossible to meet.

[AB 649](#) Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing — Substantially hinders oil and gas production in the state, driving up fuel and energy prices and harming the job market in these sectors, by prohibiting hydraulic fracturing and the use of fresh water in hydraulic fracturing until Cal/EPA reauthorizes the practice under a new regulatory scheme, if at all, in 2019.

[AB 769](#) Creates Inequity in the Tax Structure — Harms struggling small businesses and start-ups by repealing the Net Operating Loss (NOL) carry back deduction, a lifeline that helps employers stay afloat, retain employees, and continue investing in their businesses in an economic downturn.

[AB 823](#) Infrastructure — Adds additional costs and hurdles to critically needed new infrastructure and development projects by imposing unreasonable mitigation requirements.

[AB 906](#) Independent Contractors — Harms businesses that contract with the state by prohibiting the state from contracting for personal services unless specifically authorized by the Legislature and even then, significantly limits the duration of the contract.

[AB 953](#) Increases CEQA Litigation — Invites more litigation over CEQA projects by overturning a recent court decision and allowing project opponents to challenge EIRs that don't adequately evaluate and mitigate impacts related to conditions and physical features in the environment like sea-level rise and fault-lines.

[AB 1164](#) Inappropriate Wage Liens — Creates a dangerous and unfair precedent in the wage and hour arena by allowing employees to file liens on an employer's personal property or real property where the work was performed, based on an alleged but unproven wage claim, that will take priority over other existing liens.

[AB 1301](#) Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing — Substantially hinders oil and gas production in the state, driving up fuel and energy prices and harming the job market in these sectors, by imposing a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing until the Legislature re-authorizes it

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through subsequent legislation that limits the conditions under which it can be conducted.

AB 1323 Moratorium on Hydraulic Fracturing — Substantially hinders oil and gas production in the state, driving up fuel and energy prices and harming the job market in these sectors, by prohibiting hydraulic fracturing and the use of fresh water in hydraulic fracturing until Cal/EPA re-authorizes the practice under a new regulatory scheme, if at all, in 2019.

ACA 3 Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases — Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners to support public safety services by giving local government new authority to enact a special tax, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to only 55 percent.

SB 241 Fuel Price Increase — Drives up fuel prices for businesses and consumers by imposing a severance tax at the rate of 9.9 percent of the gross value of each barrel of oil severed, thereby discouraging production of such oil and gas in this state.

SB 365 Limitations on Tax Credits — Creates uncertainty for California employers making long-term investment decisions by requiring tax incentives end 10 years after its effective date.

SB 622 Targeted Tax — Threatens jobs in beverage, retail and restaurant industries by arbitrarily and unfairly targeting certain beverages for a new tax in order to fund Children's health programs.

SB 686 Safety Recalls — Exposes car dealers and rental car companies to significant liability and precludes them from renting, leasing, loaning, or selling a car despite the lack of actual knowledge that the car was subject to a recall, that may or may not pose any imminent harm to the consumer or renter.

SB 691 Dramatically Increases Pollution Penalties — Dramatically increases existing strict-liability penalties for nuisance-based, non-vehicular air-quality violations, and expands applicability of those penalties to a wide range of businesses previously not subject to the penalties without adequately defining what types and levels of pollution would trigger those penalties.

SCA 3 Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases — Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners for education programs by giving school districts and community colleges new authority to enact a parcel tax, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent.

SCA 4 Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases — Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and

residential property owners for local transportation projects by giving local government new authority to enact special taxes, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent.

SCA 7 Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases — Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners to finance library construction by giving local government new authority to enact special taxes, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent.

SCA 8 Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases — Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners for transportation projects by giving local government new authority to enact special taxes, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent.

SCA 9 Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases — Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners to finance community and economic development projects by giving local government new authority to enact special taxes, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent.

SCA 11 Lowers Vote Requirement for Tax Increases — Adds complexity and uncertainty to the current tax structure and pressure to increase taxes on commercial, industrial and residential property owners by giving local government new authority to enact special taxes, including parcel taxes, by lowering the vote threshold from two-thirds to 55 percent.

Scholarship Applications Available May 6, 2013 - Deadline June 27, 2013

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‘Association’ with Person Having Disability Has Broad Protection

By: CalChamber Alert

I have a job applicant who appears to be well qualified. During the interview process, however, she mentioned that her child has a disability. I'm concerned that this might result in her missing work excessively. Can I reject her accordingly?

No, not for that reason. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has an “association” provision; it protects applicants and employees from discrimination based on their relationship or association with an individual with a disability, regardless of whether the applicant or employee has a disability.

Most employers are well aware of the ADA, which applies to employers with 15 or more employees, and the protections afforded to individuals with disabilities.

Action Triggers Law

The association provision has a far broader scope, however. The ADA does not even require that there be a family relationship for an individual to be protected by the association provision.

Importantly, if the employer acts on the individual's association with a person with a disability, the law is triggered.

Hiring issues aren't the only potential situations. If an employer found out an employee volunteered at a shelter known for helping people with HIV/AIDS, and then terminated the employee because the employer thought the image of the company would be negatively affected by the employee working with “those people,” the employer would be violating the ADA association provision.

Some people are uncomfortable being around individuals with disabilities. However, an employer may not make an adverse employment decision about an applicant or employee due to that person's association with a person with a disability.

For example, if a manager finds out that an employee's child has Down syndrome and is uncomfortable talking about the syndrome or being around the child, the manager would be violating the ADA if he/she transferred the employee to a different position to avoid interacting with him/her.

Health Care Coverage

Also, an employer may not deny an employee health care coverage available to others because of the disability of someone with whom the employee has a relationship or association.

If an employer offers health insurance benefits to all employees and their dependents, benefits can't be denied to

an employee and/or spouse when the employer finds out the spouse has a disability and thinks this will increase health insurance costs.

Applicants or employees who believe their rights have been violated on the basis of this association provision have the right to file charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Therefore, it is wise for employers not to assume “issues” will exist simply because of an association that an applicant/employee may have with an individual who has a disability.

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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will continue until early May, for the construction of two new light rail bridges and modification to the freight bridge.

The lane closures on Foothill Boulevard in each direction at the existing railroad bridge started on January 14 and will continue through September 2013 for the construction of two new light rail bridges and modification to the freight bridge.

The full street closure of Dalton Avenue at the railroad crossing began on February 18 to construct the crossing improvements and will continue until the end of May 2013.

UPCOMING: The full street closure of Azusa Avenue at the railroad crossing is anticipated to begin April 29. The closure is for the construction of crossing improvements.

Adjacent to Irwindale in Duarte:

Highland Avenue railroad crossing (at Duarte Road) was completed and reopened on March 12, 2013.

Work continues on the Duarte Station construction on Duarte Road near Highland Avenue with several concrete pours taking place through April, including the deck, or passenger waiting area. The station is schedule for completion next month.

Don't be surprised by construction: Have you signed up to receive construction notifications to your mobile phone? If not, just text GOLDLINENEWS to 888777. You can also sign up to receive project updates and construction notices directly to your email account at www.foothillextension.org.

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The Rapidly Changing World of GHGs

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 12pm—1:30pm

Location: Irwindale Community Center 16102 Arrow Hwy, Irwindale CA

Speaker: Dr. Christina Schwerdtfeger, Greenhouse Gases Lead Verifier



Energy Management Solutions for Your Business: Incentives and Rebates, Tools & Resources

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 14, 2013, 12pm—1:30pm

Location: Irwindale Community Center 16102 Arrow Hwy, Irwindale CA

Speaker: Paul Yeh, Account Executive, Southern California Edison



Sustainability

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 12pm—1:30pm

Location: Irwindale Community Center 16102 Arrow Hwy, Irwindale CA

Speaker: Dr. Kyle Brown, Director of the John T. Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies at Cal Poly Pomona

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- DON'T turn electrical devices on or off, including light switches.
- DON'T start an engine or use any device, including a telephone, which could cause a spark.
- IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE the area, and from a safe location, call SoCalGas at 1-800-427-2200 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- CALL 911 promptly after evacuating the area if the damage results in a natural gas leak that may endanger life or cause bodily harm or property damage.
- DONOT attempt to control the leak or repair the damaged pipe or meter. Do not use or turn off any equipment that could cause a spark. Motorized or electrically powered equipment or vehicles may create an ignition source if a gas leak is present.

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.

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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

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Irwindale Environmental Committee



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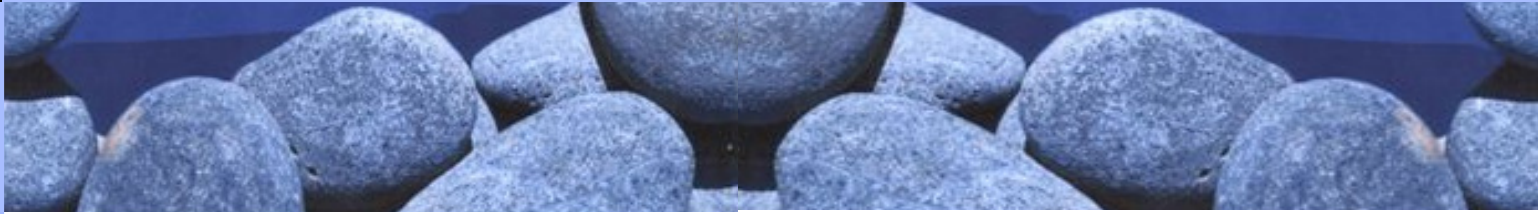
As we say goodbye to winter and the temperatures start to increase so do the activities at our Irwindale Senior Citizen Center. The new Hooks and Loops Club produces “Scarves with a Purpose” that will be donated to local non-profits. Ongoing activities include the Walking Club, monthly birthday celebration, and Zumba Gold classes. The Spring Dance, the St. Patrick’s Day Shamrock Hunt, and the Easter Egg Hunt were great fun. There was even a trip to see the Palm Springs Follies! There is no end to the clubs, events, and activities available at the Senior Center – stop in and join in the fun!



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2013

The Parks & Recreation Department hosted their Annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 30th. The Tiny Tot pozole breakfast fundraiser started the morning off on a delicious note followed by the Teen Club bake sale and 50/50 raffle, arts and craft vendors, the Tiny Tots' ever-popular musical performance, a magic show, the Easter egg hunt, and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny! It was a great event for the whole family!





COUNCIL ROUND-UP – MARCH 13 & 27, 2013

- Council rejected the claim of Auto Club v. City of Irwindale and directed staff to send a standard letter of rejection.
- The plans and specifications for the Vincent Street improvement project were approved by Council. The project was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and staff was authorized to solicit bids for construction of the project.
- Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Condor, Inc. to perform the construction of the Swimming Pool Improvement Project, subject to the satisfactory and timely submission by the contractor of a baseline project construction schedule and receipt by the Public Works Department of acceptable and approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and all necessary insurance certificates filed by the contractor, and approved a ten percent (10%) project contingency to cover any unforeseeable conditions that may arise during construction.
- The plans and specifications for reconstruction of Ramona Boulevard at the 605 Freeway and the resurfacing of Rivergrade Road between Los Angeles Street and Brooks Drive were approved by Council. The project was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and staff was authorized to solicit bids for construction of the project.
- Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Vasily Company for the replacement of shallow sewer manholes on Live Oak Avenue.
- A resolution adopting a speed survey for certain City Streets was adopted by Council.
- Council approved Amendment No. 2 to the License Agreement between the City and Energy Cache, Inc. to allow Energy Cache to use a portion of the property located at 4407 Azusa Canyon Road, otherwise known as the “Olive Pit”, and authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2, providing Energy Cache a seven-month extension to the current term of the License Agreement.
- The report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and other audit reports for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2012 was received and accepted by Council.
- Council received and filed an update on the Gold Line Parking Structure.
- An ordinance approving a Development Agreement to allow conversion of two existing billboards to electronic billboards on property located south of Arrow Highway on the east side of the 605 freeway and on property located on Rivergrade road north of Lower Azusa road on the east side of the 605 freeway was introduced for first reading and adopted on second reading at two distinct public hearings.
- A zone ordinance amending chapters 17.08 and 17.321 of the Irwindale Municipal Code regarding permitted and conditionally permitted uses in the C-P commercial professional zone, which will affect properties citywide was introduced for first reading and adopted on second reading at two distinct public hearings.
- The Council acting as the Board of the Reclamation Authority received and filed a mining update.
- Council approved the City-County Cooperative agreement for the Citywide Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program Phase I, and authorized the Mayor to execute the City-County Cooperative Agreement for this project.
- A resolution approving the General Services Agreement between the City and Los Angeles County for a period of five years, commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018 was adopted by Council.

IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Board of Directors 4th Monday
3:00 p.m. at the Chamber
Business Ambassadors 1st Thursday at the Chamber
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
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Toastmasters Call for meeting details.
626-256-7900

IRWINDALE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Am-Vets Post 113
16124 Calle de Paseo, Irwindale, CA 91806
Meets 1st Friday at Am-Vets Park (626) 338-4440 Ben Aguayo
Irwindale Educational Foundation
P.O. Box 2307, Irwindale, CA 91706-1168
Board Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber
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Meeting information call Marguerite Lopez @ 626-329-6405

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City Council

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City Council Meetings

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

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Library.....(626) 430-2229
City Librarian: Ryan Baker
5050 Irwindale Avenue Fax: (626) 430-2266

Recreation.....(626) 430-2224
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Recreation Manager: Dan Grijalva
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Senior Center.....(626) 430-2283
16116 Arrow Highway Fax: (626) 430-2275
Senior Citizen Coordinator: Jackie Delgado

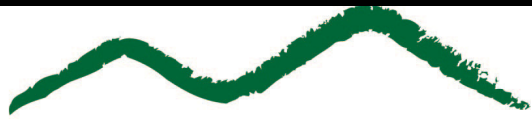
Service Yard.....(626) 430-2280
16034 Calle del Norte

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
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Vision: To be the premier Chamber of Commerce leading the way for others. It is the mission of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce to build solid relationships and provide quality services which support chamber members and businesses, in order to promote the economic vitality of our community.

