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## Fees for Granny Flats

By Brian CHERNICK

Glendale City Councilmembers have given the go-ahead to contribute \$26.5 million of the city's general fund into the Pension Rate Stabilization Trust in an attempt to help mitigate increasing pension contributions.

The deposit of funds will be designated as irrevocable, preventing council or anyone else from using the allocated funds for anything other than the city's retirement plan obligations.

The city expects to receive a higher net rate of return, 5.07%, by investing in the fund as opposed to the city's own investment pool.

In conjunction, the council adopted a new General Fund Reserve Policy that reduces the city's minimum fund level from 30% to 25%.

"The City will strive to maintain a General Fund Reserve (including the Charter required reserve) of 35% and not less than 20% of the annual operating budget," ac-

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## Travel Back in Time with Silent Movie Night at Two Strike Park

By Joanna KIM, intern

*Projectionist Joe Renaudo will bring his vintage equipment to Two Strike Park to share films from the past.*

With the digitalization of movies and videos in the modern age, silent films of the 1920s and '30s are often forgotten. Joe Renaudo, a local silent cinema historian and founder of Silent Cinema Society, is on a mission to preserve these early films by putting on shows for children and adults in parks and museums.

Rinaudo works with the Library of Congress and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to present early films to younger generations. He restored a 1909 Powers' 35mm motion picture machine hand-crank and runs the movies as they were over 100 years ago.



File photo

Joe Renaudo will take the audience at Two Strike Park back to the days of silent movies on Aug. 5.

Back when motion pictures were not readily available, projectionists traveled to small towns with hand-crank projectors and pianos and provided the townsfolk with entertainment. Rinaudo hopes to resurrect these old projectors and

allow children to enjoy these once-adored silent films.

"The kids today have always viewed things on video or on a disk ... but with events like this, they're able to see something that their great-grandparents were seeing in the 1920s in their

teens," Rinaudo.

On Aug. 5, Rinaudo and the Historical Society of Crescenta Valley are hosting a silent movie night at Two Strike Park beginning around 8 p.m.

"We bring our huge screen, see MOVIE NIGHT on page 7

## Survey Asks: Does Community Want to See the Light?

By Julie BUTCHER

The Outdoor Lighting Community Survey went out in the mail to Los Angeles County residents of La Crescenta-Montrose on Monday, July 17. Owners of

each property should be receiving the survey from the County Dept. of Regional Planning to assess whether the current regulations for outdoor residential lighting are acceptable or if residents want to go in a different

direction.

Each property will get its own individual survey. All surveys are due back to the County by midnight on Aug. 7 and can be submitted by mail to the Los Angeles County Dept. of Regional Planning, 320 W. Temple St., 13th Floor, Room 1360, Los Angeles 90012. To submit the survey electronically, scan the completed survey or take a picture of it and email it to Carmen Sainz at csainz@planning.lacounty.gov (be sure to put "survey" in the subject line). Surveys can be dropped in the Survey Box at the front desk of the La Crescenta Library, 2809 Foothill Blvd. or at the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station at 4554 Briggs Ave.

On Thursday, Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m., the Land Use Committee

(LUC) of the Crescenta Valley Town Council (CVTC) will meet at the La Crescenta Library. Representatives of the County's departments of Public Works and Regional Planning will be in attendance to answer questions about the survey and the decision facing residents regarding residential lighting.

The County will share the results of the community survey on Regional Planning's website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov> on Aug. 14 and at a general meeting of the CVTC on Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

The Community Survey follows an ongoing dialogue about street lighting. In October 2016, the LA County Board of Supervisors enacted a six-month moratorium on petitions for new street lighting districts in the La

Crescenta-Montrose area at the request of the CV Town Council. Since then, the committee and council have studied, researched and debated the issue, engaged the County's professionals, and finally determined that a comprehensive survey of the affected residents was necessary.

Those who support more street lights argue that the lights increase the feeling of safety in the neighborhood and make it possible to see when walking at night; those advocating for a "Dark Sky" approach claim that reduced focused lighting is better for wildlife, reduces light pollution and is reported to be healthier for the circadian rhythms of humans.

At public meetings on Jan. 5 and March 2, the LUC heard extensive public testimony on the

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This photo is a comparison shot of different light aspects provided by the National Institute of Health.



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CV TOWN COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT, THURSDAY, AT 7 PM AT LA CRESCENTA LIBRARY

MOVIE NIGHT *from Cover*

like you would have done back in the '20s, and have live pianist Cliff Rettalick," Rinaudo said. "We set the projector up, and we do a show just like you would have a hundred years ago."

The idea of hosting a silent movie in the park was the brainchild of Joanna Linckhorst and Mike Lawler, both members of the Historical Society of Crescenta Valley.

"[The HSCV] had done a movie

night in Two Strike Park years ago celebrating [actor Dennis Morgan], who founded the park," Linckhorst said.

Joe Rinaudo is known by the Historical Society.

"We have a real treasure in our community in Joe Rinaudo," said Lawler. "Joe is a living history."

The Historical Society tries to bring a sense of amazement that keeps audiences coming back for more, like in those early days of

Hollywood.

"In the Crescenta Valley, we're close to Hollywood. This silent movie presentation shows us how Hollywood was born," Lawler said. "Many of these silent movies were shot nearby. It's fun to watch the backgrounds and try to guess where they were filmed."

Attendance to the movies is free. Attendees should bring a chair or blanket to sit on. There will, of course, be popcorn and

bake sale items available for a donation.

Two Strike Park is located at 5107 Rosemont Ave. in La Crescenta.

"Everyone seems to like [the event]. We get them showing up earlier for good seats and more people [attend] each time," Linkhorst said.

The show is kid-friendly, the admission is free, and baked goods and popcorns will be

on sale. So bring your picnic blankets and folding chairs to Two Strike Park and travel back in time to the 1920s with Joe Rinaudo.

The movie titles have yet to be announced.

The HSCV survives on donations. Anyone who would like to help can do so by donating at the event or at www.cvhistory.org

GCC *from Cover*

cording to the report presented to council.

Councilmembers also approved an imposition of fees on the development of Accessory Dwelling Units, or "granny flats," but asked staff to return to place an amendment to the costs, asking that they be lower than what was initial proposed.

The Development Impact Fees (DIF) for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) would be used to offset an increase in population and provide the city with

additional revenue to develop new parks and public spaces, and rehabilitate and improve those that already exist.

While council agreed the DIF should be lower than a single-family house, there was disagreement regarding if the fee should be applied on a per capita basis – which would assume one person lives in each dwelling – or at a rate reflectign the square footage of the ADU.

Mayor Vartan Gharpetian and Councilmember Paula

Devine expressed being in favor of square footage rates, with Devine arguing it would not be overburdening to the landowner and would benefit those who would develop ADUs smaller than 500 square feet.

"We don't want the fee to be counterintuitive," Devine said. "The intent of this legislation was to bring about affordable housing and housing for more people. So whatever the fee is it has to be lower than what we are charging for single family units."

"The difference between what [Glendale] charges and what the bulk of other cities charge is drastic," Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan said. "I think that it is indicative of the fact that these cities are not trying to create artificial impediments to the creation of ADUs."

Should Glendale adopt the staff's recommendation of \$7,324 per capita DIF it would be virtually tied for second highest with Santa Monica's \$7,809 for a single-family unit, beat out

only by Pasadena, which has a DIF that ranges from \$17,000 to \$33,000.

According to the staff's report, most other cities' DIF averages at \$3,200, with Los Angeles having no DIF for single-family units.

Councilmember Ara Najarian argued that Glendale's character is unique and that comparisons to other cities is not a fair comparison, but stressed that a per capita fee is fair and that the city is "severely under-parked."

# Permitting Process Being Reviewed by GUSD

By Mary O'KEEFE

At Tuesday's Glendale Unified School District board meeting, two parents asked the board to take another look at the permits that had been rejected from Franklin Elementary School, a magnet school.

They spoke of when they first arrived at Franklin and had signed an agreement to stay through sixth grade, something both parents said they had planned to do until recently when they received a notice their permit would not be approved or extended.

One student was a fifth grader

while the other was a second grader; however, both had an IEP (Individualized Education Program) due to learning disabilities. Both parents said they had been strong supporters of the school, felt they were part of the community and were concerned their children would be negatively affected both emotionally and academically if they would not be allowed to continue in the school they had promised to attend through sixth grade.

"Both families are in the appeal process," said Kristine Nam, communication director for GUSD.

Anytime a permit is rejected families are allowed to appeal that decision. Nam said she thinks these two permits were rejected by mistake.

"At the board's request, Educational Services are reviewing all permits to see if there were any done in error," Nam said. "I would suspect if you are already in the program you will stay in our program, especially if you have an IEP."

There are reasons for rejection and for not allowing permits for an initial application for those who have an IEP, especially if the services are not available at that particular school or if

enrollment capacity has already been met.

However, in every case an appeal process is available.

"The board is reviewing all denied permits. The [families] will be notified by the end of this week," Nam said.

## CRIME BLOTTER

**July 15**

500 block of Foothill Boulevard in La Cañada, a safe and cash were stolen from a business. A door appeared to be pried open with a blunt object. The theft occurred overnight.

**July 14**

500 block of Freeman Avenue in La Crescenta, a wallet with personal information, keys, radar detector, dashboard camera, tools, cellphone charger, cellphone, two child car seats and cash were among the items stolen from a vehicle at 3:51 a.m.

2300 block of Janet Lee Drive in La Crescenta, a camera, cellphone stabilizer, cash and a makeup bag were stolen from a vehicle at 2:36 a.m.

**July 11**

700 block of Forest Green Drive in La Cañada, paperwork was stolen from an unlocked vehicle between 3:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

700 block of Greenridge Drive in La Cañada, two thumb drives were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at 2:40 a.m.

**July 10**

3000 block of Santa Carlotta Street in La Crescenta, a resident awoke to the sound of what he believed were footsteps in his home. Since he was home alone he was concerned someone had broken into the house. He climbed out of a window and, as he went around the corner of his home, he saw the silhouette of an unknown person peeking around another corner of the home. When the

person (suspect) saw the resident the suspect fled the area.

The incident occurred at 11:30 a.m.

**July 9**

Ocean View Boulevard and Barton Lane in Montrose, the front passenger window was smashed and a wallet with personal information was stolen from a vehicle overnight.

4400 block of Ocean View Boulevard in Montrose, the front passenger window was smashed on a vehicle overnight.

800 block of Greenridge Drive in La Cañada, two locked vehicles were ransacked while parked at the location. Tools were stolen from one of the vehicles between July 9 and July 11.

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LIGHT *from Cover*

issue. Public comments ran approximately 18-3 in favor of "Dark Sky" over "Lights at Night," with speakers respectful of divergent opinions.

"Last night I saw a bobcat in my yard – a bobcat! – just sitting there on top of a playhouse I made for my grandchildren," said community member Steve Pierce. "Where else could you see that? I love that part of La Crescenta. But I understand the concerns of young families moving in who may want more lighting in the evening. I want them to feel safe and welcomed."