



## City's Planning Commission hearing for Arantine Hills is April 25

A Planning Commission public hearing for the Arantine Hills development will be held at **6 p.m., Monday, April 25** at Corona City Hall, 400 S. Vicentia Ave.

The project is located west of the I-15 in the Bedford Wash between Eagle Glen and the northern boundary of Temescal Valley. The 1,806-home development was approved by the city in July 2012.

New Home Company, which purchased the development from Bluestone Communities after the city's approval, is asking for changes to what was originally approved, creating the need to amend the specific plan and modify the environmental impact report.

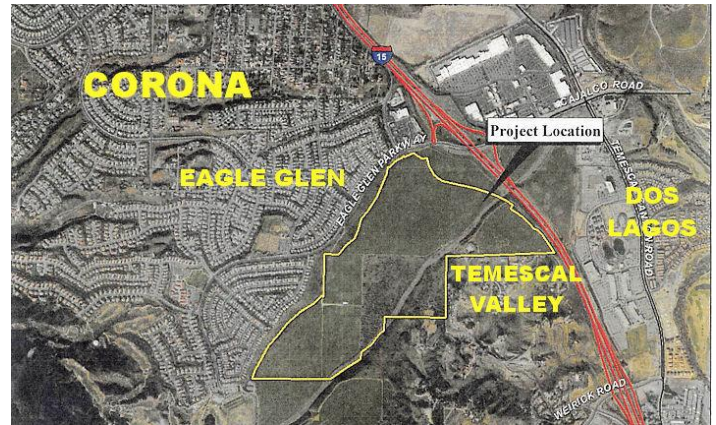
Notable changes include a reduction in general commercial acreage from 38 to 10 acres, increasing open space from 36.6 to 56.8 acres, reducing parkland from 15.2 to 8.7 acres and deleting from the plan a recreational trail and bikeway that would have been available for public use outside the gated community.

Additionally, the developer wants to construct 308 homes before construction starts on improvements to the Cajalco interchange, and once bridge construction begins, homes could continue to be built. The 2012 approval was conditioned on bridge improvements being completed prior to building permits being issued.

Total cost of the bridge improvement is about \$62 million with New Home Company being responsible for one-third. If allowed to build homes prior to the improvements, New Home Company will advance the entire amount including the city's share. While New Home Company can pay its share of about \$21 million, the city says it has no funds available to pay for the remaining \$41 million.

A development agreement between the city and New Home Company will outline how the city will repay the advanced funds for the improvement. City staff, last May, told the City Council the bridge was over capacity now, and the costs to make improvements would only increase the longer it takes to correct the problem. Staff also told the council no money in paybacks would come from the city's general fund.

Temescal Valley residents, as well as Corona residents living in Eagle Glen, are citing concerns about school overcrowding and additional gridlock to the I-15 and surface streets caused by homes being built prior to interchange improvements being made. Additional concerns are keeping open the access to the Bedford Wash hiking trails and the proximity of proposed medium density homes to the estate-zoned parcels (one home per five acres), in Temescal Valley's Weirick Road neighborhood.



**276 ACRES:** New Home Company wants to build up to 1,806 homes in the Bedford Wash between Temescal Valley and Corona.

The amended specific plan and modified environmental impact report, as well as documents outlining the project's 2012 approval can be found at <http://discovercorona.com/City-Departments/Community-Development/Planning-Division/Arantine-Hills-Project.aspx>

After hearing comments from the public and city staff at the April 25 hearing, planning commissioners are expected to vote on the project as a recommendation to the City Council whether to approve or deny the changes. The City Council, at a future public hearing, will make the ultimate decision on changes to the project.

People who have opinions either for or against the changes and can't make the April 25 hearing can email their comments **prior to April 21** to city planner **Terri Manuel** at [terrim@ci.corona.ca.us](mailto:terrim@ci.corona.ca.us)

## School boards set public hearings

Both the Corona-Norco Unified and the Lake Elsinore Unified school districts have scheduled public hearings at board meetings this month to determine whether developer fees on new construction should be increased. Comments from the public will be accepted at both hearings.

**CNUSD's** hearing is at **7 p.m., Tuesday, April 19** at the board meeting room, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco. The district's future growth and need for more schools also will be discussed.

**LEUSD's** hearing is at **6 p.m., Thursday, April 21** at district headquarters, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore. A proposal to raise developer fees to \$3.48 per square foot on new home construction will be considered.

# Two events boost family fun, local awareness and need for milkweed

The **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee** has planned a family-fun and educational activity for residents – a Scavenger Hunt – scheduled from **1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 30**.

The event, a cross between an old-fashioned road rally and scavenger hunt, requires participants to stop at pre-determined valley locations. At each stop, participants will be asked a question about the community or given a set of physical exercises to do (your choice of which one). Once answered and/or completed, a checklist will be stamped. Six communities must be visited -- participants will get a free native milkweed plant if they reach that goal. The more communities visited will increase chances for a larger prize.

The event begins at 1 p.m. at the **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center** where maps/directions can be obtained. The center is located where Indian Truck Trail dead ends at Campbell Ranch Road. The hunt ends at Deleo Regional Sports Park where checklists can be turned in and prizes will be awarded at 4 p.m.

According to Identity Committee Chairwoman **Tracy Davis**, "This event provides us with a better understanding of who we are and where we live. It's also a good way to get the word out about our Monarch butterfly project."

Residents, HOAs and businesses are being encouraged to plant the native milkweed throughout the valley to help save the Monarch population, which is rapidly decreasing. This "Save the Monarch" effort is being supported and aided by the **EI Cerrito Branch** of the **Riverside County Public Library System** and by the **Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District**.

Native Milkweed plants are being grown by local nurseries – **7 Oaks** and **The Acorn Cap**, and will be available soon.

In honor of Earth Day, the **Horsethief Canyon Ranch HOA** and **Bob Hafner**, chairman of the **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee**, will host a native plant and milkweed sale from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 23**, at the HCR Clubhouse, 13289 Mountain Road. The event will include presentations by HCR residents **Gabby Bartolon** and **Debbie George**, owner of The Acorn Cap California Native Nursery.

## QUICK HITS ...

**STREET NAME CHANGE:** A portion of Park Canyon Road between Dawson Canyon Road and Dawson Canyon Road will be renamed Dawson Canyon Road. Confusing? Yes – especially to folks driving public safety emergency vehicles, and that's why the county Board of Supervisors voted for the name change at its April 12 meeting. Dawson Canyon resident **Amie Kinne** told the board, "Thank you, but this is just a baby step in fixing the messed up addresses ..." that are found in her neighborhood. More on this later.

**TRILOGY GOLF COURSE HAS NEW OWNER:** **Sunland Properties Inc.** is the new owner of the **Glen Ivy Golf Course** with a winning bid of **\$4.3 million**. The golf course went into receivership two years ago when the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged former owner **World Capital Market Inc.** with operating a worldwide pyramid scheme. Sunland submitted the highest bid before a U.S. District Court judge on March 14. **GOCO Hospitality**, which purchased **Glen Ivy Hot Springs** in January, was one of the three bidders. Many Trilogy residents were pulling for GOCO, an international company specializing in wellness retreats, because of its stability and financial ability to fix up the ailing golf course. Plus – a spa teamed with a golf course makes for a nice get-away package!

# CALENDAR

## EVENTS

- **Luiseno School:** PTSA Middle School Spring Fling, 6 to 8 p.m., **Friday, April 15**, in the gym. \$8 covers dinner, dancing, games and dessert.
- **Community Garage Sale:** Throughout Sycamore Creek, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, April 16**.
- **Luiseno School:** 18th Annual Career Awareness Day, **Wednesday, April 20**.
- **Temescal Valley Elementary:** Country and Western Spirit Day, **Friday, April 22**.
- **Passover:** Begins at sundown, **Friday, April 22**.
- **Todd Elementary:** Book Fair, **Monday, April 25 - Friday, May 6**.
- **Native Plant and Milkweed Sale:** In celebration of Earth Day, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, April 23**, Horsethief Canyon Ranch Clubhouse, 13289 Mountain Road.
- **Todd Elementary:** Open House, 6 to 7 p.m., **Thursday, April 28**.
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Discover Temescal Valley with this fun, family event, 1 to 4 p.m., **Saturday, April 30**. (More information: Page 1)

## TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **Temescal Valley Community Faire:** Planning meeting for this year's Faire, 6 p.m., **Monday, April 18**, at the Deleo Park rec center.
- **Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Meeting:** Topic: "Civilian Response to Active Shooters," 6 p.m., **Tuesday, April 19**, Lake Elsinore Sheriff Station, 333 Limited Ave., Lake Elsinore. All Temescal Valley block captains welcomed -- RSVP: 951-245-3346.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, April 21**, Wildrose Ranch Community Park, corner of Knabe Road and Clay Canyon Drive.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, April 26**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Tuesday, April 26**, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee:** 6 p.m., **Wednesday, May 4**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee:** 7 p.m., **Wednesday, May 4**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, May 7**, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway. This meeting is open to the public -- find out what's happening in Temescal Valley!
- **Temescal Valley MAC:** The Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council meets 7 p.m., **Wednesday, May 11**, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway.

## MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, April 14**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, April 14**, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Business meeting, 7 p.m., **Tuesday, April 19**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Corona Planning Commission: Public hearing on Arantine Hills, the 1,800-home development to be built south of Cajalco Road,** 6 p.m., **Monday, April 25**, City Hall, 400 S. Vicentia Ave.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, April 26**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, April 28**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.