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L.A. Philharmonic Concert Celebrates Civic Auditorium's 75th Anniversary

Happy 75th birthday! That's right — this year the historic San Gabriel Civic Auditorium turns 75. To celebrate the occasion, the world-renowned Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra will perform a free concert on October 27 — a birthday gift to the community.

Conductor Yasuo Shinozaki will kick off the 3 p.m. concert. Appearing with the orchestra will be piano soloist Natasha Peremski, winner of the 2002 Kaper Awards Competition. The scheduled program will feature Wagner's Die Meistersinger prelude, Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Schubert's Symphony No. 3.

The Civic Auditorium has been an important regional performance venue since its dedication on March 5, 1927.

John Steven McGroarty, author of the Mission Play, designed and built it for his production, which told the dramatic story of the founding of California Missions by the Franciscans under the leadership of Father Junipero Serra.

But despite almost 3,200 performances, the Great Depression and a failed attempt to bring the Mission Play to Broadway took its toll, and the landmark structure closed in 1932. The Civic reopened as a movie theater, and during World War II, the playhouse dressing rooms were converted into apartments. In August 1945, the City purchased the building and renamed it the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium.

Today, the Auditorium looks much as it did more than 70 years ago. The archi-

tectural style is primarily Spanish, but with a number of Mexican and Indian influences. The façade was designed to resemble McGroarty's favorite mission, San Antonio de Padua, in Monterey County. The interior was also recently restored.

Due to expected demand for the L.A. Philharmonic concert, free tickets will be limited to six per request. Mail orders are now being accepted. Please send your request to: SG Civic/Philharmonic, P.O. Box 130, San Gabriel, CA 91778. Ticket orders will be filled in the order received.

Any remaining tickets after mail orders have been filled will be available at San Gabriel City Hall, 425 S. Mission Drive; San Gabriel Parks and Recreation Office, 250 S. Mission Drive; and the Chamber of Commerce, 620 W. Santa Anita.



What Mutual Aid Means to You

If you have ever seen an emergency in San Gabriel and spotted fire equipment from other cities or noticed the City's fire equipment being used in other San Gabriel Valley cities, don't get confused. It's all done through a process called 'Automatic Mutual Aid.'

The San Gabriel Fire Department staffs two fire engines, one paramedic ambulance and one battalion chief/command vehicle, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

A typical house fire will require at least twice these resources. While San Gabriel may only have a few major fires a year, when more resources are required, they are needed immediately. So a number of regional cities have formed coalitions based on the California Master Mutual Aid agreement. In addition to San Gabriel, other participating cities include Alhambra, Monterey Park, South Pasadena, Arcadia, San Marino, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank.

When San Gabriel has a major incident or when another city's fire resources are closer to a smaller incident or medical call, that other city will respond to the call, regardless of city boundaries. On the other hand, when another city has a major incident or when San Gabriel's fire resources are closer to a smaller incident or medical call, the San Gabriel Fire Department will respond. This saves valuable time and ensures that there are enough resources to handle the emergency.

The Verdugo Fire Communications Center has also played a pivotal role as nine of the 11 cities are dispatched through Verdugo Fire Communications. This means that all fire resources in those cities are tracked and dispatched through one dispatch center. The dispatch center immediately can determine who is closest to an incident, who is out of service, and where to move resources to provide coverage in case there is another emergency call in an area.

City Remembers Heroes of 9/11



On September 11, the City of San Gabriel honored the emergency services personnel who lost their lives as a result of last year's tragic terrorist attacks. San Gabriel firefighters organized a processional walk from Fire Station 52 to Fire Station 51, with a stop at the police station. Upon arrival at Station 51, there was a memorial service for the fallen firefighters, police officers and emergency medical personnel. Several hun-

dred firefighters, police officers and residents participated in the procession and memorial service.

After the service, an area in front of Station 51 was dedicated in honor of the victims of September 11. A pancake breakfast,

sponsored by the San Gabriel Firefighter's Association, followed the morning's events. The breakfast was a thank-you to all of those who donated a total of \$156,000 to the widows and orphans of fallen firefighters. The mayor and the City Council, along with Assemblymember Judy Chu, were on hand to present the Fire and Police Departments with proclamations commemorating the day's events.





Upcoming San Gabriel Civic Auditorium Events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

San Gabriel Police Department presents Safety Expo 2002
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
300 block of South Mission Drive.
Free admission

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra
Yasuo Shinosaki, conductor, Natasha Paremski, piano, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Theatre Works USA presents Ferdinand The Bull, 10:30 a.m.
Tickets available at local school districts
For information/tickets call (800) 497-5007

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

American Chinese Dance Association
2:30 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 309-9075

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Old Thomians Association of California Music Variety Show, 6 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 744-1789

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9-10

Chinese American Dancing Group, 7:30 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 359-0867

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16-17

Pasadena Civic Ballet presents Cinderella
Saturday, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 792-0873

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

American Theatre Arts for Youth
A Christmas Carol, 10 a.m.
Tickets available at local school districts
For information/tickets call (800) 523-4540

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Los Angeles County/Rio Hondo Police Academy Graduation, 11 a.m.
Free Admission
For information call (562) 692-0921, ext. 4225

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pasadena Dance Theatre presents The Nutcracker
For information/tickets call (626) 308-2868
Tickets go on sale November 4

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Temple City High School
Annual Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 458-5000

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Jefferson Middle School
Annual Holiday Concert, 7 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 287-5260

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Arcadia High School
Annual Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 821-1788

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Coolidge Elementary School
Musical Holiday Pageant, 7 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 282-6952

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Roman Promotions presents Correctional Peace Officers Benefit Variety Show, 7 p.m.
Tickets sold via telemarketing only.
No sale at the event.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Hong Kong Baptist University Alumni Association
A Cantonese Chinese Opera, 7 p.m.
For information/tickets call (626) 571-6500

All events and artists are subject to change or cancellation without notice. Always call the box office prior to arriving at the theater.

Call: the Auditorium Box Office at (626) 308-2868 for more information.

Mission District Specific Plan in Development

The City of San Gabriel recently earned a \$56,000 grant from the State of California to write a specific plan for the historic Mission District. The plan will consist of implementation measures that will preserve, celebrate, promote and vitalize the Mission District.

At community forums held this month, participants discussed the community's vision for the area, historic preservation, and design as well as economic opportunities, potential for mixed-use development and pedestrian and vehicular circulation.

A summary of the findings of the previ-

ous two meetings and future directions will be discussed at a community meeting scheduled for November 21 at 7 p.m. at Autunno, 409 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel (in



the Mission District). Mark your calendars and join us as we plan and develop a better Mission District. This community initiative will further improve the district by introducing new and complementary activities

and strengthened design standards. For additional information, please contact Erlinda Romo at (626) 308-2800, ext. 733, eromo@sgch.org or Scott Reimers at (626) 308-2800, ext. 721, sreimers@sgch.org.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Just Around the Corner



New holiday decorations will be installed on street light standards.

This year's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will take place on December 3, beginning at 6 p.m. Preparations for the lighting ceremony begin the end of next month. It takes about four days to put all 1,500 lights on the 60-foot-tall tree in Plaza Park. City maintenance crews will also install more than 50,000 lights throughout the Mission District. The Christmas tree will be lit at 7 p.m. There will be live entertainment and refreshments, and it's rumored that Santa will make an appearance atop a vintage fire truck.



Celaya: San Gabriel's Sister City

San Gabriel students of folklorico on a visit to Celaya.

Celaya, Mexico, is located in the state of Guanajuato, Mexico. With a population of 382,911, Celaya is an important agricultural and trading center, famous for its beautiful colonial buildings and its candy. Celaya has also been a sister city of San Gabriel since 1969. Over the years, the two cities have developed a close relationship.

Delia Nevarez, a San Gabriel resident, has played an active role in forging these close ties. Delia helped establish a student exchange program eight years ago. A number of San Gabriel High school students have flown south and an equal number of Celaya students have come up north for two-week visits.

"We also had a pencil drive — children in many of the city's schools have to provide their own pencils and papers and a lot of kids couldn't afford these sup-

plies," Delia said. "So we sent four large boxes of pencils down with our high school exchange students."

Other exchanges have included the donation of a set of band uniforms from San Gabriel High School to a middle school in Celaya, and a visit by San Gabriel's Folklorico dancers.

The Sister City organization has also sent Celaya three ambulances over the past few years, and discussions and business exchanges are also frequent. In recent years, representatives from a variety of businesses from both cities have visited each other to establish business connections and share knowledge. Mayors of Celaya and other government officials have visited City Hall to meet with City Councilmembers, visit the Chamber of Commerce and talk to City staff members.



Halloween Harvest Haunt

The annual Halloween Harvest Haunt is guaranteed to once again provide lots of thrills and chills. The 'spook'tacular event will be held on October 26 from 5-9 p.m. The historic Mission District will be transformed with special effects into a Halloween haunt filled with ghoulish good fun for everyone.

The San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Charter Communications and the City of San Gabriel, will bring the spirit of Halloween to this family event that will feature food and craft vendors, live entertainment, a display of the pumpkin-carving contest winners, kiddy rides and activities, spooky special effects, "trick or treats" and more! Ghosts and goblins of all ages (adults, too!) can be a part of the costume contest with categories including: Spookiest, Funniest, Most Original, Fairytale Fantasy & Best Look-A-Like, with a special category for adults dressed as well-known couples. For additional information, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (626) 576-2525.

Come Run (or Trot) in the Turkey Trot

The 27th Annual Turkey Trot 5/10K Race, and 1K Youth Run & 5K Fun Walk will be held on November 9 at Vincent Lugo Park. Check-in time begins at 7:15 a.m. for all walk and race participants. The Fun Walk will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the Youth Fun Run at 8:25 a.m., and the 5/10K Race at 8:40 a.m.

The first three race finishers in each of the nine age categories will receive ribbons. First-place winners also receive a medal and turkey. The 5K Fun Walk is for all ages.

Other race highlights include post-race refreshments, blood pressure testing, raffle drawing for great prizes, and more! The entry fee is \$10 for the 5K/10K Run or \$5 for the Youth Run/Fun Walk, on or before October 25. After October 25, the fee will be \$15 for 5/10K Run or \$10 for Youth Run/Fun Walk. 2002 Turkey Trot T-Shirts will be available for \$10 each. Register online at www.sangabrielcity.com or call (626) 308-2875 for more information on the race.

Report Stray Shopping Carts

San Gabriel needs your help! Please help keep the City beautiful by reporting shopping carts that are being taken from shopping centers and left on nearby streets and sidewalks. Stray carts can cause accidents and can create an unattractive and blighted appearance in the community.

If you see a stray cart, call toll free at (800) 252-4613 and report the location of the cart and the name of the store, if available. This number operates 24 hours a day and is staffed by the California Shopping Cart Retrieval Corporation to assist in the removal of stray shopping carts from city streets.

Rubbish Guidelines Keep Our City Clean

A City ordinance prohibits any person from dumping, disposing or storing rubbish or debris on any property within the City. To maintain health and safety standards, the City has an exclusive contract with Athens Disposal for trash service. Please follow these guidelines:



- Place all trash inside the trash containers. Trash placed outside the containers will not be picked up.
- Double-bag all wet trash
- Do not place hazardous wastes, liquids, construction debris, tires or grease in trash containers
- Keep trash-container lids closed at all times. If a container has a lock, keep it locked
- Do not fill trash bin above the top of the bin
- Do not leave items outside the bin
- Flatten cardboard boxes

Rubbish should not be placed at the curb earlier than 6 p.m. of the day preceding collection, and the containers cannot remain at the curb later than 8 p.m. on the day of collection.

Bulky and hard-to-handle items, such as mattresses, couches, water heaters, washers and refrigerators will also be collected, at no extra charge, on the same pickup day of each week for curbside service. However, you must contact Athens Disposal 24 hours in advance to schedule a bulky-item pickup.

If you have bin service, all items must be placed inside the bin. Athens Disposal will not collect items left outside the bin. Athens Disposal can arrange for special hauling services as needed.

For more information, please contact Athens Disposal at (626) 336-3636 or Neighborhood Improvement Services at (626) 308-2806.

Millennium Miles Updates



The City is making rapid progress with the Millennium Miles program, an extensive citywide program designed to improve the condition of more than 60 segments of streets needing rehabilitation. The City Council has designated a budget of more than \$5 million over the next five years. The design of Phase II is almost complete, with construction expected to begin later this fall.

The design portion of Phase III is now underway and is about 55 percent complete. The design consultant, Norris Repke, has finished the pavement evaluation, design survey work, design base sheets and typical sections. Rehabilitation strategies will be discussed with City staff this month with final plans, specifications, and estimates submitted to the City during First Quarter 2003. Construction is slated to begin Second Quarter 2003. For more information please call (626) 308-2800, ext. 715.

Phase II Resurfacing/Rehabilitation Projects:

Anderson Way - Fairview to Orange	California Street - Broadway to Live Oak
Montecito Drive - Chestnut to Fairview	St. Francis St. - Broadway to Las Tunas
Central Avenue - Ramona to Montecito	California Street - Live Oak to Las Tunas
Fairview Avenue - Ramona to Montecito	Del Mar Ave. - Broadway to Las Tunas
Cameron Way - Live Oak to End	Wedgewood St.-San Marino to Junipero Serra

Phase III Resurfacing/Rehabilitation Projects:

Grand Avenue - Anderson to City Limits	Delta Street - Valley to Scott
Anderson Way - Chestnut to Fairview	Scott Street - Charlotte to End
Prospect Avenue - Chestnut to Fairview	Pine Street - Wells to Chestnut
Chestnut Ave. - San Gabriel to Charlotte	California Street - Wells to Chestnut
Wells Street - San Gabriel to City Limits	Lafayette Street - Wells to Chestnut
Scott Street - San Gabriel to Charlotte	Walnut Street - Wells to Chestnut
Gladys Avenue - Scott to Valley	Gladys Avenue - Scott to Wells
Charlotte Avenue - Wells to Chestnut	Charlotte Avenue - Valley to Wells
Abilene Street - Charlotte to End	



Pictured are EMTs and paramedics receiving training.

Paramedics Training Updates

The San Gabriel Fire Department has entered into a contract with the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care in order to accommodate mandated training requirements for emergency medical personnel. The agreement provides three hours of training per month for each of the three Fire Department shifts. Each session is held jointly with personnel from the Alhambra and Monterey Park Fire Departments.

Since the three departments already

work together on major emergencies, the joint training concept will provide uniform training standards and better communication among personnel. The contract requires UCLA to provide a mobile intensive-care nurse to ride along with each paramedic crew for a minimum of six hours per month in order to evaluate training needs. UCLA staff will also assist with the Fire Department's emergency medical quality improvement program.

Preventing Child Abduction

Thousands of children are reported missing every year nationwide. Child abduction is a tragedy that devastates parents and touches all of us. Here are a few tips from the San Gabriel Police Department Crime Prevention Office on how to keep your children safe.

What to Do

- Know where your children are at all times.
- Never leave children alone in cars.
- Establish strict procedures for picking children up at school, after movies, at friends' homes, etc. Don't let your children accept rides from people with whom you haven't made prior arrangement, even if they say they are police officers, teachers or friends of the family.
- Teach your children their full names, your full name, address and telephone number. Teach them how to reach either you or a trusted adult and how to call for police assistance. Make sure they know how to make local and long-distance telephone calls. Even small children can learn to dial 911 or 0 for an operator to get help.
- Tell your children about the abduction problem in a calm and simple way, as if you were teaching any other important skill.
- Listen attentively when your children discuss anyone they've encountered in your absence.
- Have photographs taken of your children four times a year (especially for preschoolers). Make note of birthmarks or other distinguishing features.
- Have fingerprints taken of your children.
- Establish a family code word. Tell your children never to go with anyone who does not know the code word.

Teach Your Children

- Never leave the yard without your permission. Very small children should play only in the backyard or in a supervised play area.
- Not to wander off, to avoid lonely places, and not to take shortcuts through alleys or deserted areas.
- They are safer walking or playing with friends.
- To always come straight home from school unless you've made other arrangements.
- Never to enter anyone's home without your prior approval.
- To scream, run away and tell you or a trusted adult if anyone attempts to touch or grab them.
- Not to give any information over the telephone, particularly their name and address, or that they are alone.
- To keep all doors locked and admit only authorized people into the house.

For further information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at (626) 308-2846.

Participate in the Holiday Decoration Awards



The Grenheigh family of N. Mission Drive were winners of the northwest area Holiday Decoration Award last year..

The holidays are just around the corner, which means it's time to start planning your holiday decorations displays! The City of San Gabriel, in conjunction with the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, has established the Holiday Decoration Awards Program to honor residents and businesses for their participation in spreading the holiday cheer.

The program was created to publicly acknowledge those persons who have made an outstanding contribution toward making San Gabriel a wonderful place to live and work. Winners will receive a sign to display and certificates of recognition, as well as special gifts.

A Selection Committee from the Women's Division will review the nominations and visit each site after 5 p.m. from December 10-12. One residential and one commercial winner will be selected from each of the following four areas of the city: northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast. The committee will base their decision, in part, on originality, seasonal theme and effort expended. Winners will be recognized at the December 17 City Council meeting.

For more information on the Holiday Decoration Awards, please contact NIS Manager Rita Estrada at (626) 308-2800 ext. 807.

HOLIDAY DECORATION AWARD PROGRAM

(Sponsored by the Women's Division, Chamber of Commerce)

NOMINATION FORM

Address _____

Nominee _____

List those special qualities about the display that you believe merit consideration

(optional) _____

Nominated by (optional) _____

Nominations are due no later than 12 p.m. on Monday, December 9. They may be dropped off or mailed to 425 S. Mission Dr., or faxed to the Community Development Department at City Hall, (626) 458-2830. You may also nominate a property by email at restrada@sgch.org.

City & School Board Meetings

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS
7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SAN GABRIEL BOARD OF EDUCATION

2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS
7 P.M., DISTRICT OFFICE

PLANNING COMMISSION

2ND MONDAY
7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

1ST MONDAY
7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

4TH MONDAY
7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS



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Police Department Hosts Safety Expo



The San Gabriel Police Department will be hosting its 8th Annual Community Safety Expo on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Mission District, located in the 300 block of South Mission Drive. The expo combines free safety educational information with a fun family day at the park atmosphere. Bring your entire family to this fun-filled event!

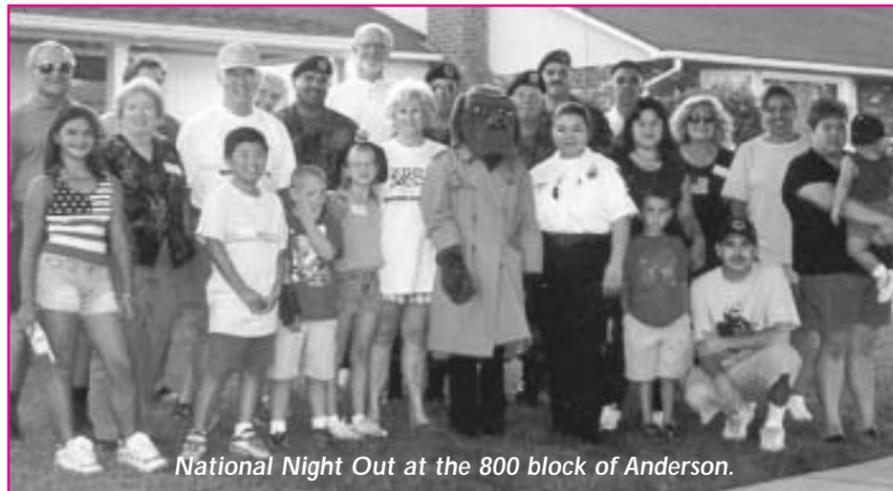
Each year the Community Safety Expo promotes community safety programs, as well as providing crime-prevention displays and safety and rescue demonstrations by the City's Police, Fire Departments and Public Works Departments. 'Vince and Larry' the crash dummies, along with McGruff the crime dog will be on hand to visit everyone in attendance.

A wide variety of emergency vehicles, equipment and helicopters from several other law enforcement agencies will be on display, as will several antique, special interest cars and vintage police and fire vehicles. Weaponless defense, Police K-9 and mounted police demonstrations will be provided throughout the day.

Prizes will be awarded during the day to participants attending the Expo, so be sure to stop by the San Gabriel Police Department booth to receive your free door prize raffle tickets.

For further information, please contact Sergeant John Tuosto with the San Gabriel Police Department Traffic Bureau at (626) 308-2860.

National Night Out Brings Community Together



National Night Out at the 800 block of Anderson.

San Gabriel's 8th annual National Night Out crime/drug prevention observance was held on August 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Residents throughout San Gabriel and the nation came together to meet their neighbors and to show support for a safe and crime-free community. Residents were encouraged to turn on their porch lights, hold block parties, cookouts and picnics, and were visited by Police, Fire Department, City officials, military personnel and KIIS-FM 102.7 radio. Special guests at this year's event were Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley and Congressman Adam Schiff, who presented a Congressional Proclamation to San Gabriel Police Chief David A. Lawton.

"This special night was also dedicated to the victims and heroes of the September 11th tragedy," said Chief Lawton. "San Gabriel honored them by participating in National Night Out. On this night, San Gabriel sent a powerful message about neighborhood unity, awareness, safety and police-community partnerships. We let criminals know that all of us are united."

The nonprofit National Association of Town Watch, which helps police departments, sponsors the event and Neighborhood Watch leaders organize the annual meetings. It involves more than 9,800 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, military bases and Canada. This year, more than 33 million people participated.

San Gabriel Police Department Crime Prevention Officer Alex Acosta said that the City sponsored 31 block parties.

"For us, National Night Out means getting the community and the police to work together. It's our way of giving crime a going away party," Acosta said. "It encourages the community to work with us in fighting crime and taking care of neighborhood business."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Halloween Harvest Haunt
Civic Auditorium parking lot
5-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Chamber Mixer
The Bridge in San Gabriel
901 West Santa Anita Street
5:30-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Festival of Lights: City Christmas Tree
Lighting in Plaza Park
6-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Chamber Mixer*
San Gabriel Valley Medical Center's
CHEC Building
261 Junipero Serra Drive
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*This is the Chamber's special Holiday Mixer that will include the Women's Division's annual Holiday Tree Drawing. Raffle tickets are sold for chances at three live decorated trees with presents donated from various community businesses.

School Pedestrian Safety



With the start of the new school year, the San Gabriel Police Department is providing an increased presence near the

City's public and private schools to not only safeguard school children, but also ensure that parent drivers and other motorists follow the rules of the road.

Parent drivers are often in a hurry to either pick up or drop off their child as quickly as possible, which can often lead to unsafe driving practices. These driving habits can be compounded because all of the City's schools are located in residential neighborhoods and the streets were not designed for increased vehicular traffic.

The SGPD will issue citations to unsafe drivers. Observed driver behavior that threatens safety and are subject to enforcement action include the following:

- ⊗ Driving too fast.
- ⊗ Blocking crosswalks while waiting to reach the drop off point in front of the school.
- ⊗ Pulling away from the curb without making sure it is safe to do so.
- ⊗ Double parking, which disrupts traffic flow.
- ⊗ Parking in the red curb zones and No Parking zones.
- ⊗ Violation of U-turn and left-turn prohibitions.

So please – obey all traffic laws. You'll help make our schools a safer place for your children.

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Nutcracker Coming To Civic Auditorium

The 23rd Annual Nutcracker ballet will be held each weekend beginning December 7th at the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium. Guest artists from around the world will join the company each weekend, dancing the roles of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. Members of the Pasadena Dance Theatre will join the guest artists. Also appearing with the 20-member dance troupe will be more than 80 local children.

Tickets go on sale November 4th. Please call (626) 308-2868 more information/tickets.

Children's Book Week

The San Gabriel Library will be celebrating Children's Book Week (November 18-24) by conducting a bookmark contest with the support of Pentel of America, Ltd.

Libraries nationwide will be hosting a wide variety of events. Children are invited to participate in the bookmark contest being held at the San Gabriel Library, where entry forms are available.

Entries will be accepted in the following categories:

Kindergarten – 2nd grade
Grades 3-5
Grades 6-8

Winners will be selected from each category and will advance to regional contests. Winning entries will be announced on November 23. Prizes are furnished by Pentel of America, Ltd., which will also print the winning bookmark designs. These bookmarks will be distributed at the San Gabriel Library and other county libraries next spring.

For more information about this event and other library activities, please call the San Gabriel Library at (626) 287-0761 or log on to <http://www.colapublib.org>.