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## City Honored by National Sheriffs' Association for Neighborhood Watch Program

In 1995, the City of San Gabriel's Neighborhood Watch program consisted of only two neighborhood groups totaling 60 members.

A decade later, the crime prevention program has become hugely successful. There are now 78 groups and

**A key factor in the ongoing success of the Neighborhood Watch program is the City's annual participation in National Night Out**



Director Chris Tutko, USA UN-Watch; Police Chief David A. Lawton; Crime Prevention Officer Alex Acosta; Domingo Herraiz, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance USDDJ

2,600 members! The City's commitment to the program recently resulted in a prestigious award — the 2005 National Award for Excellence in Neighborhood Watch from the National Sheriffs' Association and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The award was presented on June 27 at the National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference in Louisville, KY.

The San Gabriel City Council honored the Police Department, which operates the program, and the officers and civilian block captains who manage it, at a recent City Council meeting.

Crime Prevention Officer Alex Acosta has been with the program since its inception and knows what makes it special.

"The San Gabriel Police Department has a very close relationship with the various Neighborhood Watch groups," he said. "They're not just considered members of the organization — they're friends. For the program to work, you also need the support of the City Council. Those two things got us the award."

A key factor in the ongoing success of the Neighborhood Watch program is the City's annual participation in National Night Out, an extraordinary way to build neighborhood unity and strengthen police-community partnerships.

"Neighbors meet neighbors, and citizens and local law enforcement have the opportunity to enhance relationships," said Chief David A. Lawton.

On August 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., residents locked their doors, turned on outside lights and spent the evening outside with neighbors. Thirty-two Neighborhood Watch groups throughout San Gabriel hosted block parties, cookouts and other activities and were visited by police, fire, City officials, KISS-FM radio and numerous branches of the Armed Forces.

"Once a year in March, we invite all the block captains to a breakfast with the City Council, police officers, detectives, dispatchers and other City officials, and they do problem-solving and work out any kinks," said Acosta. "The program is constantly evolving — in fact, we will soon begin teaching members about homeland security."

Eugene Williams, a Leslie Drive block captain and watch member for eight years, said, "Officer Acosta is the engine that drives the program. He's what keeps us going. He's like part of our family, like a friend rather than a police officer. With his projects and workshops he makes things run real smooth."

## City's Expanded Customer Service Hours Benefit Community

In continuing to find better ways to serve the community, the San Gabriel City Council has approved expanded daily service hours for City Hall, parks and recreation, and fire administration offices, making it easier for residents, business owners and visitors to access City services.

City Hall, parks and recreation, and fire administration offices are now open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The new 8 a.m. start time and the extended Tuesday hours allow people in need of local government services to take care of their business on a more convenient schedule.

All departments will be on the same schedule, but not all employees. To accommodate the new hours of operation, employees will participate in an alternate work schedule to ensure coverage at different times of the day on different days. Field operations will also work on adjusted schedules. Hours of operation for police and fire departments will remain the same. Emergency services continue to be available 24 hours a day by dialing 911.

Other customer service improvements include the City's redesigned, expanded website at [www.sangabrielcity.com](http://www.sangabrielcity.com), and cable channel 55.

Informational brochures about the City's new expanded service hours are available in English, Chinese or Spanish, and can be obtained by calling (626) 308-2806. For more information about the City's new expanded service hours, contact Deputy City Manager Steve Preston at (626) 308-2810.



## Repaid funds amount to about \$705,000 for San Gabriel State of California Repays Vehicle License Fee Loan

In 2003, the state borrowed the vehicle license fee funds that had been earmarked for local governments between July and October of 2003. At first, the Davis administration's desire was that the state would pay back the money on August 15, 2006.

Earlier this year, the state controller and governor's offices generated additional funds by the successful implementation of a tax amnesty program. It's these funds, under the 2005-06 state budget signed earlier this year, that are being used to repay local governments the full amount one year earlier than legally required.

The State Controller's Office repaid \$1.2 billion to 536 cities and counties throughout California in July. For the City of San Gabriel, the repaid funds amount to approximately \$705,000. Fortunately for the City, the 2003 "loan" to the state did not impact the operating program of services, and there was no service decrease as the "loaned" funds were intended to be "set-aside" along with other funds set aside for future construction projects.

### EXPANDED DAILY SERVICE HOURS

City Hall and  
Parks & Recreation Offices

**Mondays, Wednesdays,  
Thursdays and Fridays  
8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

**Tuesdays  
8 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.**

## Upcoming San Gabriel Civic Auditorium Events

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Miss Taiwan USA Foundation presents The Miss Taiwan USA Beauty Pageant 2005, 7 p.m. For info/tickets call (310) 541-0108

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Monday Night Cabaret – "Broadway at the Playhouse" 6:30 p.m. Waiter-served dinner and musical theatre cabaret on stage.

Starring celebrated stars of the American Musical Theatre. Entrance through stage door – limited seating. Benefiting The San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre. For info/reservations call (626) 282-1440

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

TheatreWorksUSA presents "Goldrush," a play for young people, 10 a.m.

Tickets sold through local school districts For info/tickets call (800) 497-5007

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

San Gabriel Ballet Folklorico presents The Dances of Mexico, 7 p.m.

For info/tickets call (323) 254-6859

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Los Angeles Chinese Classical Orchestra, 7 p.m., Dr. Chris Fu conducting

For info/tickets call (626) 282-7940

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Li's Dance Studio Fall ballet concert, 7 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 285-4888

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Rio Hondo Police Academy Graduation, 10 a.m. Admission by ticket only

For info/tickets call (562) 692-0921

### SAT./SUN., NOVEMBER 12-13

Chinese-American Dancing Group 7 p.m.

For info/tickets call (626) 359-0867

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Monday Night Cabaret – "Broadway at the Playhouse" 6:30 p.m. For info/reservations call (626) 282-1440

### SAT./SUN., NOVEMBER 19-20

Pasadena Civic Ballet presents A holiday ballet. Saturday: 7 p.m., Sunday: 2 p.m.

For info/tickets call (626) 792-0873

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

American Theatre Arts For Youth presents A Christmas Carol, 10 a.m. Tickets available through local school districts

For info/tickets call (213) 563-3501

### DECEMBER 8-18

Pasadena Dance Theatre presents The Nutcracker Ballet. Call (626) 683-3459 for dates/times or call the Box Office beginning Nov. 7

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Temple City High School Holiday Concert, 7 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 548-5160

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

San Gabriel Music Theatre presents The Magic of Christmas, 8 p.m. A special holiday concert starring Dale Kristien, celebrated star of Phantom of the Opera, and Bill Hutton, original star of Broadway's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. For info/tickets call (626) 282-1440 or (626) 308-2865, ext. 350

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Coolidge School holiday concert, 6:30 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 282-6952

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Chinese-American Ballet Association The Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m.

For info/tickets call (626) 284-7911

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Temple City Department of Performing Arts presents Annual Dance Concert, 7 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 548-5160

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Hong Kong Baptist University presents A Chinese opera in Cantonese, 7:30 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 571-6500

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Olympia Youth Orchestra, 3 p.m. Fung Ho, conducting. For info/tickets call (626) 447-5839

### FRI./SAT, JANUARY 20-21

Passing On Mission – lecture and concert For info/tickets call (626) 288-9523

All events and artists are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Always call the auditorium to confirm dates. To hear recorded event information, call (626) 308-2868. Unless indicated, all tickets are sold by the producing company presenting the event.

Call the Auditorium Box Office at (626) 308-2865 for more information.

## MEET YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES

The City of San Gabriel welcomes Melanie Benson as the new Administration Clerk in the City's Administration Department.

Melanie comes to the City with over 16 years of varied and extensive private-sector experience in administration, customer service and accounting. She has gained invaluable experience by working in a variety of diverse industries, such as engineering, medicine, the import/export business and a newspaper service bureau.

The Administration Department is responsible for the overall management of the City, including personnel management; grant administration; compliance with federal, state and regional mandates; intergovernmental and legislative activities; contract administration and administrative support to all departments.



Melanie Benson

Administration carries out the policies established by the City Council and keeps residents informed about City affairs. Administration is also responsible for special projects like Los Pobladores—Walk to Los Angeles, resolving citizen complaints and public relations activities.

Having grown up in neighboring Alhambra, Melanie is familiar with San Gabriel and the services offered by the City. Melanie's is the first voice most customers hear

when calling the Administration Department. Her pleasant, professional customer service skills and polite demeanor positively reflect on the City.

Melanie is in the office most days, and can be reached during normal business hours. Contact Melanie at (626) 308-2803 — or stop by City Hall and say hello.

## Iron Horse Versus Horseless Carriage

Can you leap over long trains? Are you faster than the bullet train? Are you more powerful than a speeding diesel engine?

Not only can a human not do these things, but a passenger vehicle can't do them either. A loaded freight train traveling 25 miles per hour requires in excess of 2,640 feet to come to a complete stop. Just one diesel engine weighs approximately 200 tons (400,000 pounds). A fully loaded freight train with several engines and up to 100 rail cars could weigh as much as 14,000 tons.

So please remember these safety tips:

- ✗ Do not walk on the railroad tracks or within the railroad right of way (you're trespassing).
- ✗ Trains are wider and quieter (especially when they approach you from behind) than you think.
- ✗ Do not drive (or walk) across the tracks when the bells and lights are in operation.
- ✗ Do not try to drive around the railroad safety gates once they have come down.
- ✗ Always look in both directions when crossing the railroad tracks.



## Holiday Decorations Award Program Lights Up City



Last year's northeast winner at 700 Alabama St.

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. Residential winners will receive a sign to display and certificates of recognition, as well as special gifts from the City Council. Commercial winners will receive a permanent plaque of recognition.

A Selection Committee from the Women's Division will review the nominations and visit each site on December 14 and 15. 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 during Santa's Ride to Town during the week of December 19th.

For more information on the Holiday Decoration Awards, please contact NIS Manager Rita Estrada at (626) 308-2806 ext. 4636 or [restrada@sgch.org](mailto:restrada@sgch.org).

### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AWARD PROGRAM

(Co-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 Tuesday, December 13. 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](mailto:restrada@sgch.org) or visit the City's website at [www.sangabrielcity.com](http://www.sangabrielcity.com).

## 'Sound of Music' Coming to Civic Auditorium

The San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre (SGVMT) is steadily reaching its goal to raise the needed funds to produce *The Sound of Music* in May 2006. The Rodgers and Hammerstein classic is scheduled as the first production of the new company's inaugural season, *Broadway at the Playhouse*.



Victoria Strong

Ticket sales alone do not cover the cost of large-scale musicals like *The Sound of Music*. To raise additional funds, a series of benefit Monday-night cabarets was launched in July and will continue each month through December.

Cabaret guests enter through the artists' entrance and are escorted to the stage, where an army of volunteer servers present appetizers, wine and a sumptuous dinner prior to the show. Each cabaret is catered by one of San Gabriel's fine Mission District restaurants, making every evening in the series a new and exciting special event. Soon the lights dim as a parade of nationally celebrated musical-theater performers take center stage and do what they do best, the music of Broadway. The first three cabarets featured stars of *Miss Saigon*, *42nd Street*, *Ragtime*, *Les Miserables*, *Cabaret*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The King and I*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

Lloyd Cooper, orchestra conductor for SGVMT, is the accompanist and musical director. During intermission, a delicious dessert is served and winners of the silent auction are notified. The second half of the evening's entertainment caps what has been described by one newspaper reporter as "an incredible and most satisfying event."

Tickets for the Monday Night Dinner Cabarets are priced at \$95 per person and each event has been sold out.

The remaining cabarets are scheduled for October 24, November 14 and a special holiday show on Friday, December 16. Seating is limited to 126 and reservations can be made by calling (626) 308-2865, ext. 350, or (626) 282-1440. Join in bringing *Broadway* back to San Gabriel and the Civic Auditorium — come to the cabaret!

## Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling

Do-it-yourselfers in San Gabriel are encouraged to recycle their used oil and used oil filters by taking them to a certified collection center. There are three collection centers in the City:

- **Kragen Auto Parts**, 965 East Las Tunas Drive, 626-451-9853
- **Mission Express Lube** (accepts filters), 918 South San Gabriel Blvd., 626-285-0808
- **Del Mar Automotive Repair**, 1961 South Del Mar Avenue, 626-573-4537

Be sure to deliver oil in a clean container, and filters in a zip-lock bag. Do not mix oil with any other fluids or substances. Do not leave used oil unattended after business hours.

For further information, or for a schedule of upcoming household hazardous waste roundups, call the LA County recycling hotline at 1-888-Clean LA or the City of San Gabriel Engineering Division at (626) 308-2806.

# 2005 Bell Award Winners Announced

Congratulations to this year's Bell Award winners, a biannual architectural design awards program established by the City of San Gabriel. Evaluation criteria focus on eight design principles: shelter, balance, rhythm, integrity, detail, substance, transition and character.

Here's a brief description for each winning category:



**Commercial Remodel:**  
Mission Art Center, 609 W. Santa Anita Street, owned by Dale Boeck. The project

combined eye-pleasing artistic details with a practical commercial establishment appearance. The renovation of the Mission Art Center reflects and complements the ambience of the historic San Gabriel Mission District.



**New Single-Family Residential:**  
117 E. Central Avenue. Designer: Scott Wells. Architect: KVH Design

Group. With deeply recessed precast concrete windows, ornamental wrought-iron work, authentic stucco texturing, individual band-saw sculptured rafters and clay roof tiles, this home was designed to preserve the values of early California Spanish architecture.



**New Multi-Family Residential:**  
Villa Del Mare, 123 E. Dewey Avenue. Architect: Albert Huang,

Studio R. Villa Del Mare's 17 townhouse-style condominiums, with convenient underground parking, promote a cohesive community atmosphere with a modern design flair for today's families. The project features a pedestrian promenade with units opening to a well landscaped common courtyard.

# Valley Vision Comes Into View

City plans for improving the Valley Boulevard Neighborhood are now taking shape with the publication of the first draft of Valley Vision: A Neighborhood Sustainability Plan. Valley Vision contains strategies developed together with neighborhood residents and businesses to encourage environmentally sustainable development, improve traffic flow, beautify the streetscape, and preserve existing residential neighborhoods.

A companion to the plan is the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), which analyzes the probable impacts on the environment from the types of development proposed in the plan. You may review copies of the draft plan and DEIR at the Community Development Department at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive and at the San Gabriel Public Library at 500 South Del Mar Avenue.

Early next year, the Planning Commission and City Council will be holding public hearings on Valley Vision.

For more information about Valley Vision, please contact City Planner Mark Gallatin at (626) 308-2806, ext. 4623, or [mgallatin@sgch.org](mailto:mgallatin@sgch.org).

# Preventing Crimes of Opportunity

With a little prevention, crimes of opportunity — principally auto thefts and burglaries — can be greatly reduced. In 2004, there were 168 vehicles reported stolen in the City of San Gabriel. Of those, many were left running unattended in a driveway, or parked in front of a home or business with the keys in the ignition. It only takes a few seconds for someone to jump in the car and drive off.

Many of the burglaries that took place in San Gabriel involved suspects unlawfully entering open residences or garages. Open garages, open doors and open windows can be invitations for criminals who believe you may have something of value.

Although the San Gabriel Police Department frequently patrols your neighborhoods in an attempt to deter and apprehend these individuals, residents constitute the first line of defense against these crimes of opportunity. Don't make it easy for criminals to take advantage of you — there's a lot you can do! Here are a few recommendations:

- ✂ Always close garage doors after use.
- ✂ Don't leave unattended property, such as bicycles, outside your residence.
- ✂ Lock vehicles when not in use — even in your driveway.
- ✂ Don't leave unoccupied vehicles running.
- ✂ Don't leave property in plain sight inside your vehicle, no matter where it is parked (purses have been stolen from cars parked in open garages).
- ✂ Install alarms and or "kill" devices in vehicles (kill switches shut off the engine).
- ✂ Know who belongs in your area and report suspicious persons/activities to the San Gabriel Police Department immediately!
- ✂ Keep your house well-lit at night to discourage would-be burglars.
- ✂ Keep records of serial numbers for valuables such as stereos, bicycles and sports equipment, etc.

The San Gabriel Police Department cares about your community. Contact the Crime Prevention Office at (626) 308-2846 to see how you can start a Neighborhood Watch group on your street. Together we can make a difference in reducing crimes of opportunity.



# Come Run or Walk at the Turkey Trot!

The San Gabriel Parks and Recreation Department's 30th Annual Turkey Trot to support youth activities will be held Saturday, November 12. The event, to be held at Vincent Lugo Park at the corner of Wells and Ramona Streets in San Gabriel, will include something for everyone — a 5K/10K Run, a 1K Youth Run and a 5K Fun Walk.

Race highlights include post-race refreshments and a door-prize raffle awards ceremony for the whole family. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. with the first event starting at 8 a.m. The 5/10K Race First Place winners in each age category will be awarded a gift certificate for a turkey and a medal. The First Place winners in the Youth 1K will receive a medal and a gift certificate.

Registration began July 30 at the San Gabriel Recreation Office, 250 S. Mission Drive, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and continues until November 9.

The entry fee, which includes a new 2005 T-shirt, is \$25-\$30 for the 5K/10K Run and \$10-\$15 for the Youth 1K Run/5K Fun Walk. Additional 2005 Turkey Trot Commemorative T-shirts will be available for \$12 each. Online registration is also available at [www.sangabrielcity.org](http://www.sangabrielcity.org).



**5K RUN - 10K RUN  
5K WALK - 1K YOUTH FUN RUN  
Saturday, November 12**

- Register Online [www.sangabrielcity.org](http://www.sangabrielcity.org) or
- Contact Parks & Recreation (626) 308-2875
- Race Begins at Vincent Lugo Park, Corner Wells & Ramona
- Proceeds Benefit Children's Health Access Program, San Gabriel.

## RACE DAY

**Saturday November 12, 2005**

- 7:15 am Race Packets Available  
Registration Opens for All Races
- 7:45 am 5K Walk Registration Closes
- 8:00 am 5K Fun Walk Starts
- 8:15 am 1K/5K/10K Run Registration Closes
- 8:25 am 1K Youth Run Starts
- 8:40 am 5K/10K Run Starts

Race Features: Digital Finish Clock, Chronomix Timing, Post-Race Refreshments, Awards & Raffle Following Race

## AWARDS

### 5K RUN:

Turkeys & Medals to First Place Finishers in each age category. First 2 Finishers in each age category receive T-Shirts.

### 1K YOUTH FUN RUN

Key Stone Gift Certificates & Medals to First Place finishers in each category. First 3 Finishers in each category will receive ribbons.

### 5K WALK:

Participation Certificates to all walkers.

**REGISTRATION:** Register online or in person or through the mail at the Recreation Department, 250 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday until Wednesday, November 9. Lugo Park is located at the corner of Wells & Ramona. Registration will be accepted on race day, see race schedule for Registration times. For more information, please call (626) 308-2875. Race will be held Rain or Shine - No Refunds. Registration fee includes T-Shirt.

## REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male  Female Age (on Race Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please indicate T-Shirt Size - Adult  M  L  XL  XXL Youth  S  M  L

### Entry Fees (Please Check One) Entry fee includes a Race T-Shirt:

- \$15 - Youth 1K
- \$15 - 5K Fun Walk
- \$30 - 5K Run
- \$30 - 10K Run
- \$12 - Additional Race T-Shirt

Please Make Checks Payable to City of San Gabriel  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$**

### Race Divisions (Please Check One)

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Youth 1K Divisions</b>          | <b>5/10K Divisions</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-8 Years | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 & Under <input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9-10      | <input type="checkbox"/> 15-19 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-49      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-12     | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-54      |
|                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59      |
|                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 60-64      |
|                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 <input type="checkbox"/> 65+        |



All Abilities Welcome!

### Waiver (Must be signed)

I hereby release the City of San Gabriel and Runner's Image and any of their officers, employees, agents or volunteers from responsibility for any injury, death, or damages that may result from my participation or that of my dependent in this activity. I agree to make no claims against the City of San Gabriel or Runner's Image or for any injury or accident arising from this activity, however caused, including liability for negligence. I consent to and agree to pay for any medical treatment for my dependent need while involved in this activity. I hereby consent to the use of photos, video, taping or recording of my dependent in my printed materials and on website.

Signature of Participant or parent of under 18 years

Date

# 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  
6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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

## DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

4TH MONDAY  
7 P.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A,  
2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors' Auditorium  
1532 South Palm Avenue

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Hilton San Gabriel  
227 West Valley Boulevard

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
San Gabriel Fire Station - South  
1303 South Del Mar Avenue

For more information, please call the Chamber Office at (626) 576-2525.

## The San Gabriel Grapevine

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# PATH Program Educates Third-Graders About Local Government

During the 2004-05 school year, over 600 third-grade students throughout San Gabriel participated in the enhanced *Progress and Accomplishments Through History* (PATH) program. The program is now a permanent part of the SGUSD study of community and local government.

Fourteen City employees made two classroom visits to their assigned class. The first visit included a slide show presentation depicting San Gabriel from the 1700s to the present day; the second visit focused on the role of the employee's department.

City speakers from various departments included:

Finance: Wendy Poon and Shaoyin Wei

Community Development: Donna Vine and Paul Robitaille

Parks & Recreation: Tymeri Cuervo

Police Department: Martin Garcia, Paula Quintero & Jenny Beall

Fire Department: Joe Nestor, Eric Calisher & Kirk Goltermann

Civic Auditorium: Bill Shaw, Steve Wilkinson & Richard Godinez

Teachers were also asked to tie in an art project about the PATH program and what they learned. Students drew orange crate labels and pictures of tiles similar to those in the Mission District.

New to the program this year was the Civic Auditorium. Bill Shaw, Auditorium Manager, and Steve Wilkinson, Auditorium Facility Coordinator, worked with their teacher and created a performing arts project. Students sang and performed their original song, "Father Serra" (to the tune of "I Found a Peanut") live on stage at the Civic Auditorium. Their performance was so successful that an encore was performed at the July 19 City Council meeting.



PATH speakers

Thanks to all of the PATH City speakers – the program was a tremendous success!

# Rebuilding Together Looking for Homes to Repair

Is your house in need of minor repairs? Does your roof leak? Are your windows cracked? Does your home and garage need painting or do you need help with yard cleanup?

*Rebuilding Together* is the leading volunteer organization that rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners. Last year, the City was able to assist four homeowners who needed help with roof and fencing repairs, water heater replacement, yard cleanup and house painting. This was accomplished through generous community donations and volunteer labor.

If you meet the following criteria, you may qualify for the 2006 program, scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2006:

- Own and live in a home in San Gabriel.
- Agree to reside in the home for a minimum of two years following completion of work.
- Have verifiable low-income status and meet at least one of the following three conditions:
  - Have a permanent disability.
  - Are 60 years of age or older.
  - Are a family with children.

The deadline to submit your application is November 11. To receive an application, please contact Rita Estrada, Neighborhood Improvement Services, at (626) 308-2806, ext. 4636, restrada@sgch.org; or William Wheeler, Program Coordinator, (626) 308-2806, ext. 4638, rebtogether-csgv@comcast.net.



Rebuilding Together at 913 Lafayette

# City Offering Great Day Trips

The San Gabriel Parks and Recreation Department has put together a great package of fall trips!

Day trips include:

- ★ Morongo Casino, Cabazon
- ★ Living Desert Zoo and Palapus Nursery
- ★ Oktoberfest in Torrance
- ★ Apple Harvest in Julian
- ★ Whittier Community Theatre's *Dial M for Murder*
- ★ Palm Springs Follies Holiday Show
- ★ Tamale Festival
- ★ Five Crowns dinner with a visit to Del Mar Holiday of Lights
- ★ Lawrence Welk Theatre Holiday Performance, Escondido
- ★ Ronald Reagan Presidential Museum and Air Force One Exhibit.

Extended trips include:

- ★ Albuquerque International Balloon Festival
- ★ Wine country tour in Marin and San Francisco
- ★ Thanksgiving in Reno, South Lake Tahoe
- ★ Whiskey Pete's and Las Vegas
- ★ San Simeon elephant-seal viewing traveling on Amtrak's Coast Starlight
- ★ New Year's in Palm Springs
- ★ Monarch butterfly tour, Pismo Beach

For more information and to register, please contact the City of San Gabriel Parks & Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875. Ask about how you can receive advance notice on all trips four times per year and how to subscribe to *Travel Guide* for only \$4 per year!



Follies Show



Balloon Festival

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## Revised Overnight Parking Hours



The San Gabriel Municipal Code has been revised to reflect that effective October 6, parking is prohibited on San Gabriel streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Annual permits are available to qualifying residents by applying to the City's Finance Department, located in City Hall at 425 S. Mission Drive. Daily permits are available at the self-service vending machines located in front of the Police Station at 625 S. Del Mar Avenue (Mission and Del Mar) or in front of the Parks and Recreation Department at 250 S. Mission Drive (Mission and Broadway).

The changed hours of prohibited parking will result in more consistent enforcement on all streets and will help facilitate street sweeping on some streets.

## Library News

The San Gabriel library holds storytimes in the Children's Area. Storytimes are designed for preschoolers and feature tales, crafts, games and songs. Parents and caretakers are welcome to participate along with their children.

The Library is also offering a fall program of educational and cultural events for adults and families this fall. These special events will be held in the Library's Community Room on Saturday at 2 p.m. and are scheduled as follows:

### JEWELRY DESIGNS

October 22 – Instructor and jewelry designer: Victoria Kay Olguin.

Free hands-on jewelry design and workshop. Materials are provided at the workshop.

### LITERATURE AND ART FORUM SERIES

November 19 — Speaker to be announced

Invited speakers are prominent Chinese authors and a folk singer. The presentations are in Mandarin. Authors will be available for book signing at the events. Free refreshments will be provided.



San Gabriel Librarian Wen Wen Zhang, seen in center, is flanked on both sides by participating authors and a folk singer

## Road Map for Student Success

This summer, the San Gabriel Unified School District began the process for developing a district-wide strategic plan for students. A stakeholder group of approximately 70-80 people, representing parents, community groups, staff and board members, will meet November 17-19 for a strategic planning conference. The strategic plan will become the District's road map to accomplish a generally identified and agreed upon set of results for students. For more information, please call Kathy Gay at (626) 451-5402, gay\_k@sgusd.k12.ca.us.