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Keep San Gabriel Clean and Green

No matter whether you live or work in San Gabriel, everyone wants a green, clean city. Starting in January, an updated administrative citation program and enhanced code enforcement will help achieve this objective.

City ordinances now permit code enforcement staff to issue administrative citations for certain types of code violations. Here are answers to a number of questions you may have:

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- When our code enforcement staff receives a complaint concerning a code violation on a property, an inspector will determine whether there is a violation of the law.
- If there is a violation and the violator fails to remedy the problem, code enforcement staff may issue a citation that requires the violator to pay a fine.
- The City will always encourage voluntary compliance and cooperation as a first course of action.

WHAT TYPES OF VIOLATIONS ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE SUBJECT TO CITATION?

Some examples of violations that will be subject to an administrative citation are:

- Overgrown vegetation and weeds.
- Refuse, junk and debris.
- Signs without permits (such as, banners, portable signs, window signs).
- Prohibited signs.
- Illegal merchandise displays.
- Trash containers stored in public view.
- Conducting business without permits.
- Animal code violations.
- Health, housing, and building code violations.

HOW MUCH ARE THE FINES?

- For zoning and similar code violations, a first violation is fined up to \$100.
- Second violation is fined up to \$200.
- Third violation is fined up to \$500.
- For violations of building and safety codes, the first violation is fined up to \$100.
- Second violation is fined up to \$500.
- Subsequent violations are fined up to \$1,000.
- Each and every day a violation exists constitutes a separate and distinct offense and may be subject to additional fines.

WHEN DOES THIS TAKE PLACE?

- The law was effective on August 17, but the City will not begin enforcement under this procedure until January 1, 2008 so that the community may become better acquainted with the law.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Contact Neighborhood Improvement Services at (626) 308-2800, ext. 4636, for more information and handouts.
- Read the ordinance online at <http://www.sangabrielcity.com/cityhall/clerkmuncode.shtml>.
- Obtain a copy of the ordinance, Ordinance No. 569-C.S., from the City Clerk's office at (626) 308-2800, ext. 4601.



DO I HAVE RIGHTS?

- As with any law, you as a citizen have both rights and responsibilities under the law.
- These include the right to appeal citations before an impartial administrative hearing officer.
- Should you lose an appeal, you will forfeit the entire amount of the posted civil fine.
- You may also obtain judicial review of the hearing officer's final decision by filing a petition for writ of mandate in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

WHAT IF I FAIL TO PAY MY CITATION?

- The law permits the City to collect the fines and related costs, and a lien may be placed on the affected property.
- The City retains its rights to criminally prosecute code violations in the courts.
- Full details are contained in the San Gabriel Municipal Code at Chapter 11, Title 1 (Sec. 11.01 through 11.21).

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Police Department Adds Two Patrol Officers

Two new police officer positions have been added to the San Gabriel Police Department. The officers will be assigned to the Patrol Division, providing more daily coverage and enabling the department to handle more service calls. One officer was added by the City Council each year with the adoptions of the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 budgets. The Police Department will now be authorized to have a total of 57 officers by July 1, 2008.

The San Gabriel Police Department is now actively recruiting. For more information on hiring opportunities, please call (626) 308-2804 or (866) YES-SGPD, or download an application at www.sangabrielcity.com or visit the Police Department website at www.sgpd.com.

Civic Auditorium Renamed Mission Playhouse

History repeats itself as the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium has been restored to its original name, the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. Originally dedicated on March 5, 1927, the Playhouse was built by John Steven McGroarty for his famed "Mission Play," which told the story of the founding of the California missions under the leadership of Father Junipero Serra.

After the end of the 1932 season, and an astounding 3,198 performances, the effects of the Great Depression ended the long run of the play that told the story of early California.

During the ensuing decade the Mission Playhouse served as a movie theater as well as temporary housing during World War II. In the mid 1940s a group of San Gabriel residents formed a committee whose goal was to see the Playhouse purchased by the City. The City purchased the Playhouse in August of 1945 and renamed it the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium.

Returning the theatre to its original name celebrates the building's history and location in the heart of the San Gabriel Mission District, as well as identifying it as a center for performing arts and cultural events.

The Mission Playhouse and the San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre, based at the Playhouse, were recently honored to accept the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership's 2007 Arts and Culture Award. The San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre has successfully preserved the unique American art form called *musical theatre* that now enriches the community.

The Mission Playhouse fall 2007 season opened with a Gala Renaming celebration and free Los Angeles Philharmonic concert performance on September 26 where the new name was recognized by the San Gabriel City Council.

This event as well as our other fall 2007 offerings, celebrates the diversity of performing arts events held at the Playhouse. While history repeats itself with the theatre's new name, you can make history by supporting future performances. Come join us live at the Playhouse for a show or visit www.missionplayhouse.org where you can add your name to the mailing list and browse the calendar of events.



Soprano Lori Ann Fuller,
with Joana Carneiro conducting



Upcoming San Gabriel

Mission Playhouse Events

Music! Dance! Theater!

MON., NOV. 5, 6:30 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents "The Monday Night Cabaret – Broadway at the Playhouse"

Dinner & show on stage, featuring the Music of Broadway
For info/tickets call (626) 282-1440

SAT./SUN., NOV. 10-11, 7 p.m.

Chinese American Dancing Group
Chinese Dance
For info/tickets call (626) 823-3323

SAT., NOV. 17, 7 p.m.

Chinese American Ballet Association presents "Snow White"
For info/tickets call (626) 284-7911

SUN., NOV. 18, 2 p.m.

San Gabriel Chinese Opera
For info/tickets call (626) 576-5055

SAT., NOV. 24, 7 p.m.

SUN., NOV. 25, 4 p.m.
Li's Ballet Studio
For info/tickets call (626) 285-4888
www.lisballet.com

DEC. 8, 9, 15, 16, 2 p.m.

DEC. 8, 15, 7:30 p.m.

Special Student Performances:
DEC. 6, 7, 12, 14, at 10 a.m.
Pasadena Dance Theatre presents "The Nutcracker Ballet"
For info/tickets/group sales call (626) 683-3459

SAT., JAN. 5, 8 p.m.

Taiwan Media presents
New Year Celebration with Taiwanese Songs
For info/tickets call (626) 264-0678

FRI., JAN. 11, 7 p.m.

Temple City High School
Annual Dance Concert
For info/tickets call (626) 548-5000

SUN., JAN. 13, 3 p.m.

Olympia Youth Orchestra
Fung Ho, Conducting
For info/tickets call (626) 447-5839

SAT., JAN. 19, 7 p.m.

East Los Angeles College presents "Let's Dance," 2nd Annual Dance Recital
For info/tickets call (323) 265-8740

SAT., JAN. 26, 8 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents "The Big Band Show"
Featuring the great music of the 40's, 50's and 60's
For info/tickets call (626) 282-1440

LOCAL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERTS

TUES., DEC. 11, 7 p.m.

Temple City High School
For info/tickets call (626) 548-5000

WED., DEC. 12, 7 p.m.

Jefferson Middle School
For info/tickets call (626) 287-5260

THURS., DEC. 13, 7 p.m.

Arcadia High School
For info/tickets call (626) 821-1778

TUES., DEC. 18, 7 p.m.

Coolidge School
For info/tickets call (626) 282-6952

The San Gabriel Mission Playhouse is pleased to be the venue of choice for the events listed above. All events are presented by independent producers and are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice. Check www.missionplayhouse.org or the Event Hot Line for changes and newly added performances at 626 308-2868.



Focus on Customer Service

JACKIE WONG, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT

There's a new face greeting visitors to the deputy city manager's office these days. It belongs to Jackie Wong, whose skills are already being applied to a host of programs and activities in the 35-member Community Development Department.

Jackie works directly for the deputy city manager, providing assistance to the Planning Commission

and each of the Community Development Department's six divisions (economic development, planning, building and safety, public works, and engineering). As secretary to the Commission, Jackie makes sure that the record of Planning Commission decisions is properly maintained.

With a skilled eye for fine food and beverages, Jackie brings more than outstanding administrative skills to the table; she also has a bachelor's degree in dietetics and food service administration from California State University at Long Beach.

Prior to joining San Gabriel in June, Jackie specialized in planned giving and donor relations for Covenant House, a nationally recognized non-profit organization serving homeless youth. As might be expected of a gourmand, Jackie lives in the San Gabriel Valley with her family and their toy French poodles, appropriately named Cookie, Honey, Butter, and Cocoa.

"I am pleased to be working for such a fine city," Jackie told the *Grapevine*. "This is such an active, engaged organization – and I enjoy working closely with the public." Drop by and say hello to Jackie on your next visit to City Hall. Like all our employees, she is happy to serve you.

Santa's Coming to San Gabriel



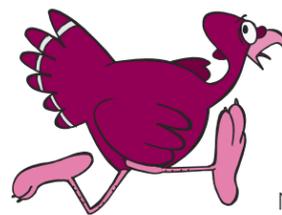
Every year, just before Christmas, San Gabriel hosts a visit from Santa Claus. Over four consecutive evenings, Santa tours the City, riding on the Fire Department's antique 1957 Mack fire engine, flanked by police cruisers and other Fire Department vehicles as it drives through the City's neighborhoods.

While Santa visits San Gabriel, Rudolph and Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen will stay at the North Pole, and Santa's elves will work on Santa's sleigh to make sure it's ready for Christmas Eve.

This year, Santa will be in town each evening from Dec. 20-23. The City will be divided by Del Mar Avenue and the railroad tracks and Santa will visit the southeast section of San Gabriel on Dec. 20; southwest on Dec. 21; northwest on Dec. 22, and northeast on Dec. 23.

Look for Santa each night between 5-9 p.m. His assistants told the *Grapevine* that he will make a concerted effort to visit as many streets as possible. So when you hear the sound of sirens and a booming voice wishing you a "Merry Christmas," come outside and wave to Santa.

Dust Off Your Running Shoes



It's not too late to prepare for the 31st Annual Turkey Trot, 5K/10K Race, 1K Youth Fun Run, and 5K Fun Walk. Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to set aside, Saturday, November 10 to join the festivities at Vincent Lugo Park, located at the intersection of Wells and Ramona Streets.

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 5K/10K Race at 8:40 a.m. The first three race finishers in each of the nine age categories will receive ribbons; 1st place winners also receive a medal and gift card.

The 5K Fun Walk is for all ages. The fee is \$30 for the 5K/10K Run and \$15 for the Youth Run/Fun Walk. Entry includes free shirt. You can register online at www.active.com. For more information, please call (626) 308-2875.



City Revises Vincent Lugo Park Master Plan

The City Council's July 3 approval of the revised master plan for renovating Vincent Lugo Park will soon benefit both residents and visitors. This renovation of the City's largest park will preserve, expand and revital-

ize the park's open space and develop better access to recreational activities.

In response to the initial master plan which was approved by the Council in November 2005, a group of residents formed Friends of La Laguna, which supports preserving La Laguna de San Gabriel, also known as Dinosaur or Monster Park.

In order to conserve this cultural and historic landmark, the City is working with Friends of La Laguna to identify a process so the City can evaluate and preserve the play area, while ensuring that safety and disabled access are appropriately addressed.

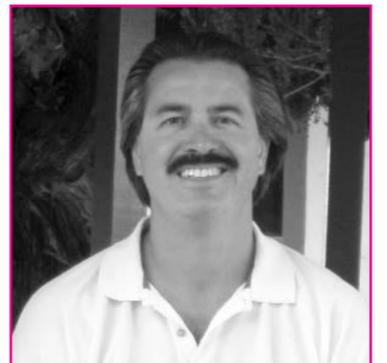
In addition to the preservation of La Laguna, the revised plan includes relocating the athletic field's open space area on the west side of the park. The plan also includes a proposed future pedestrian bridge across the Alhambra Wash that will help provide additional access. Lastly, the plan maintains the park components identified in the initial needs assessment, helps meet the goals of the City's 2004 General Plan, and aligns with the efforts of the City's funding partners.

The revised plan will be implemented in three phases. Components of the first phase include construction of the following:

- Dry bed collection stream and river red bank and basin
- Outdoor classroom
- Pedestrian trail
- Planting of native plants and trees
- Addition of a pedestrian bridge and a vehicle bridge within the park
- Renovated electrical with enhanced pedestrian lighting
- Enhancements to the existing baseball field, including extension of the fence, and enhanced field lighting and irrigation
- Construction of the athletic field/open space area including irrigation and substructure for possible future lighting

An initial construction phase, which includes the enhancements to the existing baseball field, is slated to begin in the fall, with completion by March 2008. Construction on additional Phase I improvements will follow in Spring 2008. For more information on the park renovation, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.

City Welcomes New Park Supervisor

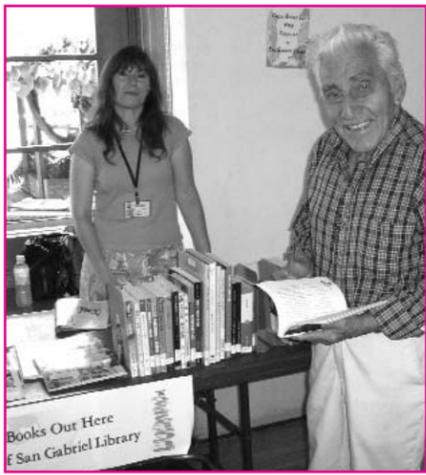


Please welcome one of the newest members of the City team – Park Supervisor John Gonzalez. John joined the Parks and Recreation Department on July 9.

Prior to coming to San Gabriel, John worked for Whittier College as a grounds supervisor and then director of grounds for over 14 years. He supervised the grounds crew and was responsible for over 70 acres on the Whittier College campus, including landscapes, hardscapes, sports fields, parking lots and campus facilities.

John earned his degree in ornamental horticulture from Cal Poly Pomona and is a certified arborist, water auditor and irrigation designer. He also has his pest control advisor and applicator licenses, so he will be able to provide pesticide training to Parks and Public Works staff.

John's knowledge and experience is a great asset to both the Parks and Recreation Department and the community. Next time you're at Vincent Lugo Park, swing by and say hello to John!



City, County, Congressman Secure Library Funding

Working closely with County officials, the City of San Gabriel has secured congressional support for \$175,000 in much-needed improvements to the San Gabriel Library. Congressman Adam Schiff reports that library improvement funding for the San Gabriel branch library has successfully survived committee hearings. It is now on the House floor as part of the Health and Human Services (HHS) funding bill.

The committee hearing represented a significant hurdle and the City is grateful to Congressman Schiff for his efforts.

The library, a branch of the County's system, was built in 1967 and is undergoing a major rehabilitation. The library recently closed so that work crews could begin refurbishing the facility, which receives high usage year around from all ages and community groups.

County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd, who oversees the County Library system, thanked San Gabriel's staff for their assistance in proposing funding. "I am so pleased," she said. "The funding is still needed. We'll hope that it gets through Congress!"

For more information about the County Library's upgrade project, please call (323) 722-5621.



Kids Have Fun at Library Storytime

The San Gabriel Library proudly presents Preschool Storytime at the Parks & Recreation Department, 250 S. Mission Drive. Children of all ages and caregivers/family are invited to participate in stories, songs and crafts.

Preschool Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free.

You can sign up for library cards, and check out books or movies, at the Adult Recreation Center, 324 S. Mission Dr., every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday from 12 to 1 p.m.



Holiday Decorations Award Program

The City of San Gabriel, in conjunction with the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, has established the Holiday Decorations Award Program to honor residents and businesses for their participation in spreading holiday cheer. Winners will also be notified by letter and will be recognized during the week of December 17, with a visit from Santa and the San Gabriel Fire and Police Departments. Winners will also receive a signed display at their home or business, as well as certificates of recognition and special gifts from the City Council.

NOMINATION FORM

Everyone is encouraged to nominate a residential property or business for consideration. Self-nominations are also encouraged. Properties must be in the City limits of San Gabriel to qualify. Properties that have previously won an award, current City Council members, City commissioners, full-time City employees and members of the Selection Committee are not eligible for the award.

A Selection Committee from the Women's Division will visit each of the nominated sites and choose residential and commercial winners from each of the following four areas of the city:

Northwest (North of RR tracks, west of Del Mar)	Southwest (South of RR tracks, west of Del Mar)
Northeast (North of RR tracks, east of Del Mar)	Southeast (South of RR tracks, east of Del Mar)

The committee will base their decision in part on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Seasonal Theme
- Effort Expended

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Nominated By (optional): _____

Nominations are due no later than 12 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11. 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 sending an email to Rita Estrada at restrada@sgch.org or visit the City's website at www.sangabrielcity.com. Judging will take place between December 11-13. Please be sure your display is ready to be viewed by these dates.

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Community Development Department * 425 S. Mission Drive * San Gabriel, CA 91776
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McGruff and gal-pals get together at National Night Out

National Night Out Builds Community Awareness

Neighborhoods throughout San Gabriel demonstrated the powerful impact they can have in preventing crime. On August 7th, 34 Neighborhood Watch groups citywide joined together to celebrate the 24th Annual National Night Out event.

Residents mingled with their neighbors, police, fire, city officials, and members of the armed forces over refreshments that consisted of international potlucks to barbecues. Special guests were Congressman Adam Schiff, 29th District; Araceli Gonzalez, Deputy Director, Community Liaison, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Office; and KISS-FM 102.7 radio.

By getting together and sharing food and laughter, citizens became aware of activity in their community and learned how to report suspicious activity to law enforcement. "Neighborhood Watch builds awareness that can be developed among

neighbors," said San Gabriel Police Chief David A. Lawton. "Civic events and community meetings are a valuable tool in preventing crime. Spending time together as a community reinforces the ties among neighbors. National Night out gave many people an opportunity to meet their neighbors, and in many cases, for the first time."

Chief Lawton added that neighbors who know each other are more inclined to report crimes and suspicious activity to the Police Department.

The San Gabriel Police Department would like to give a special "thank you" to the Block Captains that coordinated the events in their neighborhood, and especially to Crime Prevention Officer Alex Acosta for coordinating this year's National Night Out event.

City Bids Farewell to City Clerk Cynthia Trujillo

Long-time city employee and well-known elected City Clerk Cynthia Trujillo retired on July 31.

Hired in 1982 as the Public Works Department secretary, Cynthia's desire and ambition for professional advancement were realized when she was promoted to the position of Deputy City Clerk in 1984, and then elected to the position of City Clerk in 1991. The functions of the City Clerk are to conduct municipal elections, maintain city documents and official records, prepare City Council agendas, record the official minutes of the City Council meetings, meet legal noticing requirements, oversee the Office of the City Clerk as the City's central information center and oversee the City's Community Channel 55.

Cynthia performed these duties in addition to developing and coordinating other important projects and programs for San Gabriel. She was responsible for the City's three local government youth education programs, served as the City's emergency public information officer for city-wide emergencies, and conducted tours of City Hall. Her flair and talent for arranging social events put her at the forefront of organizing annual dinners, retirement and holiday parties, and important city-sponsored social activities.

Throughout her career, Cynthia was an active, dedicated member of the City Clerk's Association of California (CCAC). CCAC is a professional association whose mission is to promote the profession of City Clerks through education, support and communication.

Cynthia's retirement created a vacancy in the Office of the City Clerk. State law requires that within 30 days the City Council fill the vacancy by an appointment to the balance of the term or call a special election for that purpose. The Council discussed the issue at the August 21 council meeting and determined that the appointment of a resident elector would be appropriate to satisfy the requirements of the San Gabriel Municipal Code, until such time as the voters can consider a ballot measure making the City Clerk an appointive position at the municipal election in March 2009.

The Council further determined that the elector appointed to this position would be part-time, exercising general oversight responsibilities. A full-time Deputy City Clerk or similar position would be given responsibility for managing the ongoing operations of the Office of the City Clerk.

The Council unanimously agreed to offer the part-time position of City Clerk to Eleanor "Ellie" K. Andrews and she graciously accepted. Ellie is a respected, active member of the community involved with the San Gabriel Historical Association and many other civic and community organizations. Ellie took her oath of office on August 24 at City Hall and was welcomed to her new post.

The City Clerk's office can be reached at (626) 308-2800.



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
6 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, NOV. 14

Chamber Mixer, 6 - 8 p.m.
San Gabriel Mission High School

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

Chamber Mixer, 6 - 8 p.m.
San Gabriel Valley Medical Center
CHEC Building

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

Chamber Mixer, 6 - 8 p.m.
Fire Station
1303 South Del Mar Ave.

The San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications from businesses/services that would like to host a Mixer during 2007-2008. Please send your information to the Chamber at 620 W. Santa Anita St., San Gabriel 91776 or email Sandy Rosco at rosco_sandy@yahoo.com. You must be a member of the Chamber of Commerce to host a Mixer.

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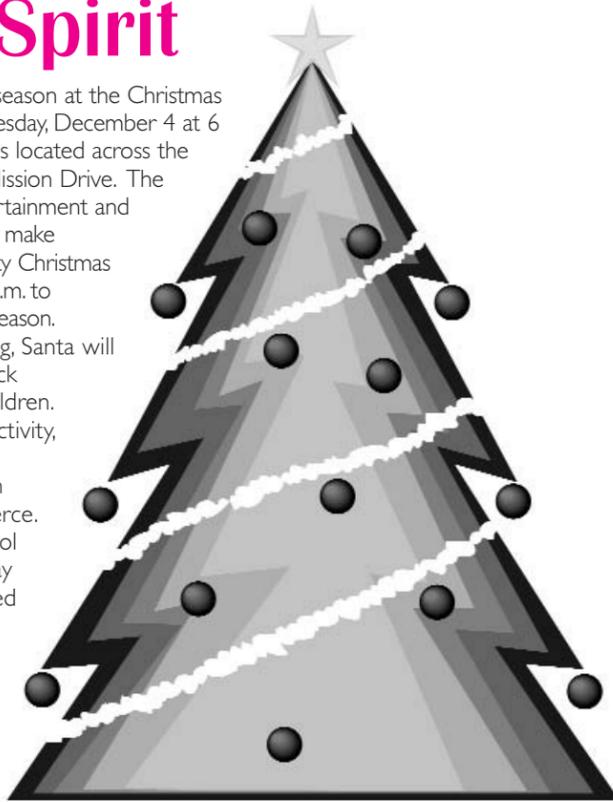
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Get into the Holiday Spirit

Come kick off the holiday season at the Christmas Tree Lighting Party on Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. in Plaza Park. Plaza Park is located across the street from City Hall, 425 S. Mission Drive. The festivities will include live entertainment and refreshments, and children can make decorations to hang on the City Christmas Tree. The tree will be lit at 7 p.m. to officially welcome the holiday season.

Following the tree lighting, Santa will arrive on the vintage fire truck to pay a visit to all of the children. There is no charge for this activity, which is sponsored by the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

Please come join the carol singing and spread the holiday spirit by bringing an unopened non-perishable food item for the San Gabriel Coordinating Council's Christmas Basket Program.



Hazardous Waste Roundups

Got waste? The Los Angeles County Sanitation Department provides free hazardous waste roundups. Household hazardous waste is any discarded substance containing gaseous materials that can ignite or explode under certain conditions. Also included are materials that could be harmful when ingested, such as motor oil, paint thinner, pesticides, batteries and pool chemicals.

Here are dates and nearby pickup locations. For additional locations and/or more information, call (800) 238-0173 or visit www.lacsd.org.

2007 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS AND E-WASTE ROUNDUP SCHEDULE

Date	City	Location
October 27	Monterey Park	East Los Angeles College Stadium Parking Lot Bleakwood Avenue and Floral Drive
November 3	South El Monte	Community Center Parking Lot 1415 Santa Anita Avenue
November 10	Commerce	Los Angeles County Health Dept. 5555 Ferguson Drive



Conservation Program Saving Energy Dollars for School District

An energy conservation and management program implemented by the San Gabriel Unified School District (SGUSD) will help conserve energy and reduce costs.

SGUSD developed the program with Energy Education, Inc., whose energy conservation programs have saved more than \$1 billion for public school districts. SGUSD hired an energy educator/manager who was trained by Energy Education. The energy education/manager conducts energy audits to ensure that students and teachers are comfortable during classes and scheduled activities, and that energy is used only when necessary.

Program costs come from the existing utility budget, with savings projected to more than pay for the program.

As a key part of the program, the energy education/manager tracks all energy consumption using energy-accounting software. It compares current energy use as a baseline period and calculates the amount of energy that would have been used if conservation and management practices had not been implemented. The software adjusts for weather, equipment additions or deletions, and changes in building use. By tracking consumption and analyzing energy use, the energy education/manager can identify and correct areas requiring immediate attention.

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Wedding Planning Guide

The San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce is publishing a special Wedding Planning Guide for January-March 2008. The guide will include relevant merchant information for San Gabriel and surrounding communities. For more information, contact Sandy Rosco at the Chamber office, (626) 576-2525.

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Passport Update

Effective January 1, 2008, all travelers who enter the United States by land or sea must have a passport. Bring in proof of U.S. citizenship (birth certificate or nationalization papers) and your checkbook, and the City of San Gabriel can help you get a passport. Services include passport registration, renewals, all necessary passport forms and passport photos.

The routine waiting time to receive your passport is up to 10 weeks, and expedited wait time to receive your passport is 6 to 8 weeks. Passports must be renewed every 10 years for adults and every five years for children under 16. For fees and more information please call (626) 308-2875.

PASSPORT HOURS:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri.
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tues. 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Community
Recreation Center

250 South Mission Drive,
San Gabriel CA 91776
No appointment necessary

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