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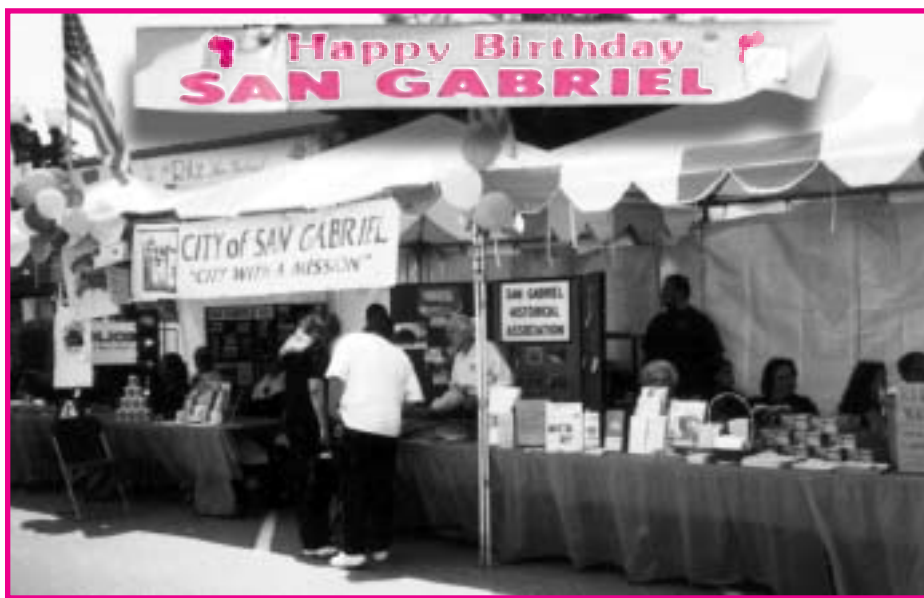
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## San Gabriel Celebrates 89 Years!

San Gabriel's turning 89! Don't miss the annual street festival and carnival as San Gabriel celebrates 89 years of incorporation. The family event, cosponsored by the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce and the City of San Gabriel, takes place Friday through Sunday, April 26, 27 and 28. The Civic Auditorium parking lot will again be transformed into a giant carnival complete with rides and games, and Mission Drive will abound with displays from local businesses, food booths, crafts and artwork by local artisans.

That weekend San Gabriel will feature a variety of events to satisfy every music, art and culture-lover. Join us center stage for a wide range of entertainment. The main stage of the Civic Auditorium will feature mini-concerts on the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, four short Chinese operas (with English subtitles) presented by the San Gabriel Chinese Opera Association, magic shows for the entire family and scheduled tours of the auditorium.

From Ballet Folklorico to baton



twirling, local performing groups will "wow" you with their outstanding talent during the afternoon. And, in the evening, professional bands will have you dancing in the aisles as they perform a wide variety of music—from Latin groove to the ever-popular rock 'n' roll. Visit Grapevine Park for the San Gabriel Fine Arts Association's Annual Art Show on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Historical Association Museum will also be open to visitors between 12-6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

We'll continue the festivities on Sunday afternoon with the presentation of the 2002 Outstanding Older American

Award and free birthday cake for everyone to celebrate the City of San Gabriel's 89th birthday. Bring the whole family and join us for this three-day, fun-filled festival that offers a hometown community experience. San Gabriel's rich historical background is reflected in the Mission District, creating an ideal setting where people can join with family, friends and neighbors to meet and enjoy community life. Be sure to stop by the

City of San Gabriel booth to say hello and learn about upcoming community programs and events.

Interested in booth space or need additional information? Please call the Chamber of Commerce at (626) 576-2525.

### STREET FESTIVAL HOURS

FRIDAY, APRIL 26  
3 p.m. - midnight

SATURDAY, APRIL 27  
Noon - midnight

SUNDAY, APRIL 28  
Noon - 11 p.m.

## City Purchases New Fire Engine

On February 19, the City Council approved the purchase of a new Pierce Quantum fire engine for the San Gabriel Fire Department.

The new fire engine, which cost \$357,065, comes equipped with a lot of high-tech features that will assist firefighters. It features a built-in foam distribution system that allows firefighters to use "Class A" foam on structure fires, which greatly reduces water damage. A fully enclosed cab provides extra protection for firefighters responding to emergencies. External floodlights and a built-in generator help illuminate a fire or rescue scene at night.

The fire engine is expected to serve San Gabriel for at least 20 years. In addition to the fire engine, the City Council authorized purchasing new rescue tools, nozzles, fire hose, pike poles and other hand tools. The fire department recently received a federal grant to purchase 12 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The City Council also approved purchasing an additional four SCBA units, which would give the fire department a complete set on each piece of equipment.



## Pedestrian Safety Tips

More than half of all pedestrian deaths and injuries occur when people cross or enter streets, while one-third occur between intersections. Both driver and pedestrian errors contribute to these tragedies.

Officers work together with other agencies and schools to reduce pedestrian-involved collisions, but the reality is that everyone needs to do their part. Pedestrian-involved accidents are on the rise, and all ages are affected. The San Gabriel Police Department would like your help to make our streets safe for everyone. They suggest a few simple rules to keep you safe:

○ Whenever possible, use a crosswalk.



- Cross only at street corners when a designated crosswalk is not present.
- If there is a crossing guard, wait for the guard's directions to cross.
- At signal-controlled intersections, always wait for the green light.
- If equipped, always use the pedestrian push-button to activate the "Walk" signal.
- Never cross where a sign is posted that prohibits pedestrians from crossing.
- Look in all directions before crossing any street, and pay special attention to vehicles turning right or left, as they may not see you.
- Never cross the street from between parked cars — drivers can't see you until it's too late.
- Whenever possible, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic. This will allow you more time to react, should a car lose control.
- Wear brighter-colored clothing at nighttime or when visibility is poor because of fog or rain.

For traffic-related questions contact Sergeant John Tuosto of the San Gabriel Traffic Bureau at (626) 308-2860 or e-mail to: [motors@sagd.com](mailto:motors@sagd.com).



## Meet Your Firefighters at Fire Service Day

The San Gabriel Fire Department celebrates Fire Service Day on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1303 S. Del Mar Avenue. Firefighters will showcase their skills and equipment, give the community a chance to visit the station, see how the firefighters live, and what they do in their "home away from home."

Visitors will be able to tour the administrative offices, apparatus floor and living quarters for the duty crew.

The administrative offices include the work area for the fire chief, the battalion chiefs (who supervise the three different shifts), the fire prevention inspector (responsible for the enforcement of the Fire Code), and the executive secretary, who manages the clerical and record keeping responsibilities of the department.

The apparatus floor houses the fire engine, rescue ambulance, and battalion chief's command vehicle. Visitors can peek inside each of these vehicles to see the equipment they carry.

In the living quarters, visitors will see how a fire station resembles a "home away from home" for firefighters, who normally work a 24-hour shift. Also included

will be a guided tour through the kitchen and dayroom (just like the living room in your home), and a walk through the locker room, where every firefighter has a lockable space for spare uniforms, toiletries and other personal items. The tour ends with a visit to the small individual dorm rooms that allow firefighters to have some privacy during their shift.

Firefighters will demonstrate how special tools are used to rescue automobile victims, and how they rappel down the side of a building. There will be displays from various groups showcasing the services they offer the community. For those who get hungry, there will be hot dogs, chips and sodas for sale. The Firefighter's Association will be selling T-shirts that feature the San Gabriel Fire Department logo.

Firefighters will be on hand to answer questions about smoke detectors and how they should be placed in your home. They'll also provide information about how you can prepare your home and family to survive earthquakes or other natural disasters.

Don't forget your camera. The Fire Department will look forward to seeing you on May 11.



## Upcoming San Gabriel Civic Auditorium Events

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

S. California Chinese Folk Dancers, 1 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 468-4095

### MONDAY, TUESDAY, MAY 6-7

Ted Chew presents A Chinese Opera, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (323) 528-1818

### SATURDAY, MAY 18

Jenny An Dance Studio, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 396-6966

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 23

Rio Hondo Police Academy Graduation, 11 a.m. For info/tickets call (310) 692-0921, ext 221

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

San Gabriel Mission High School Class of 2002 Commencement, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 282-3181

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

San Gabriel Parks & Recreation Annual Baton and Dance Concert

### RAZMATAZ, 1:30 p.m.

For information/tickets call (626) 308-2875

### TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Sacred Heart High School Class of 2002 Commencement, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (323) 225-2209

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

San Gabriel Police Department Annual D.A.R.E. Graduation, 10 a.m. Free Admission

### SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Pasadena Dance Theatre Spring Gala, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 683-3459

### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Le Studio of Pasadena Spring Gala, 5 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 792-4616

### MONDAY, JUNE 10

Roman Promotions Benefit Variety Show Correctional Peace Officers, 6:30 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 915-4892

### SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Sharp International Dance Competition, 9 a.m. For information/tickets call (626) 285-9585

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16

San Gabriel Valley YWCA Annual Spring Dance Concert, 3 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 960-2995

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Gabrielino High School Class of 2002 Commencement, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 573-0214

### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Tzuchi Foundation Chinese Variety Show 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 642-0800

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Spring Thunder Music Association A Concert for the Season, 2 p.m. For information/tickets call (949) 370-4369

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Los Angeles Chinese Classical Orchestra Dr. Chris Fu, conductor, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 284-6940

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

Benefit Variety Show LA County Sheriff Reserves, 8 p.m. For information/tickets call (562) 946-7871

### SATURDAY, JULY 20

Jack Liu presents Miss Taiwanese / USA Beauty Pageant, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (310) 541-0108

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Lan Ling Dance Studio, 7 p.m. For information/tickets call (714) 914-9143

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

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

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Rio Hondo Police Academy Graduation, 11 a.m. For information/tickets call (310) 692-0921

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

San Gabriel Chinese Opera Association, 2 p.m. For information/tickets call (626) 576-5055

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.

## Neighbors Raise Concerns Over Homes for Life Plan

San Gabriel City Councilmembers and neighborhood residents have expressed concern over a plan by the Homes for Life Foundation to provide a group home for six emancipated foster-care youths between the ages of 18-21 with chronic mental illness.

Homes for Life is a nonprofit foundation funded in part by Los Angeles County. The organization recently purchased a single-family residence at 135 North Bradbury Drive. The state legislature, against the recommendation of local governments, has exempted this type of home from local R-1 residential zoning standards and the City has no authority to approve or deny their right to use the property.

A number of licensing, safety and security issues were raised at a February 25 meeting among more than 400 residents and Homes for Life representatives. Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich's office is currently working with Homes for Life to address neighborhood concerns.

San Gabriel citizens are encouraged to contact Homes for Life at (310) 337-7417 or Supervisor Antonovich's office at (626) 356-5407 for information.

## D.A.R.E. Kids Graduating



"D.A.R.E. KIDS

SAY NO TO DRUGS AND GANGS!"

That's what 670 fifth- and sixth-grade students will be celebrating on Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m. at the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium. The students who attend elementary schools in the San Gabriel Unified School District, including San Gabriel Mission Elementary, and Marshall, Dewey and St. Anthony Schools of the Garvey School District will be graduating from a 17-lesson drug-education program offered by the San Gabriel Police Department.

The students who start the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program in the fifth or sixth grade are visited by a uniformed police officer twice a month. During the program, students build a positive relationship with the offi-

cer and learn about important issues that will affect them in life. These include understanding the effects of mind-altering drugs, learning to say no to drugs and gangs, reducing violence, making decisions about risky behavior and building self-esteem. By the time the students graduate from the D.A.R.E. program, they will be instilled with the skills and knowledge that will allow them to stay drug-free and trouble-free.

The graduation ceremony will include the presentation of the winning essays from each of the schools, words of encouragement from D.A.R.E. Officer Fabian Valdez, and entertainment by an "Elvis" impersonator.

Anyone interested in showing support for San Gabriel's youth is welcome to attend. Admission is free and a good time is guaranteed!

## Watch Out for Con Artists!



Fraud and con games pose a serious threat to senior citizens. The San Gabriel Police Department Crime Prevention Office offers some common-sense precautions:

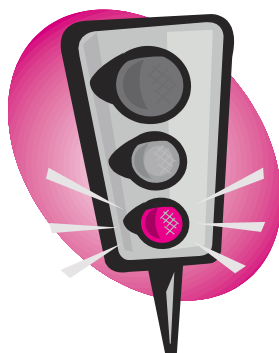
- Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true — a free vacation, sweepstakes prizes, cures for cancer and arthritis, a low-risk, high-yield investment scheme.
- Never give your credit card, phone card, Social Security or bank-account number to anyone over the phone. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for these numbers to verify a prize or gift.
- Don't let anyone rush you into signing anything — an insurance policy, a sales agreement, a contract. Read it carefully and have someone you trust review it.
- Beware of individuals claiming to represent companies, consumer organizations or government agencies that offer to recover lost money from fraudulent telemarketers for a fee.
- If you're suspicious, check it out with the police, the Better Business Bureau or your local consumer-protection office. Call the National Consumers League Fraud Information Center at (800) 876-7060.

Get involved in the community! Report any crime or suspicious activities to law enforcement, and consider joining a Neighborhood Watch program. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Alex Acosta at (626) 308-2846 to start a Neighborhood Watch group on your street.

## City Embarks on Traffic Signal Conversion Program

San Gabriel will soon be participating in a program to replace existing incandescent traffic signals with more energy-efficient devices called light-emitting diodes (LED). The lights will pay back the cost of installation through energy savings in about two years. San Gabriel currently maintains 33 traffic signals. Each signalized intersection contains an average of 12 signal heads and each signal has three lights — approximately 36 bulbs per intersection.

The LED Traffic Signal Conversion



Program is provided by the California Energy Commission. LEDs provide increased brightness, save energy and can last up to five years compared to a standard signal bulb, which has a lifespan of about a year. LEDs use an average of 90 percent less energy — a typical 12-inch red incandescent light uses about 136 kilowatts versus 12 kilowatts for an LED. The City is doing its part to conserve energy while making traffic signals brighter and more attractive.

# Mission Replicas Reflect on State's Rich History



21 mission replicas are backed by a diorama of local landscapes.

When John Steven McGroarty moved his famed Mission Play from the grounds of the San Gabriel Mission to the new Mission Playhouse in March 1927, he created an added attraction on the northwest side of the building.

McGroarty designed and built miniature replicas of all 21 missions, backed by a spectacular diorama of the local landscapes. The display has been visited by thousands of school children who study the California missions in the fourth grade. Now known as the Mission Patio, it has been the sight of small weddings, parties, news conferences and receptions for a variety of occasions. The patio is often used for movie and television locations.

Today, the collection of mission models and the painted background diorama are undergoing a major facelift and restoration.

Made possible by a generous gift from Mrs. Helen Kennedy, former mayor of San Gabriel and one of the Civic Auditorium's major benefactors,

the project is under the artistic direction of Evan Wilson, the artist who recently completed the spectacular restoration of the auditorium's interior design. Wilson's attention to detail is evident in every aspect of the project. His knowledge of the different building materials used at each mission and the variety of flora and fauna of their geographic locations will make this picturesque display historically correct as well as aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

Citizens of San Gabriel and surrounding areas are invited to visit the Mission Patio Monday Through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The patio is also open on weekends when performances at the Auditorium are in progress.

# Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April



Celebrate the spirit of giving and rebuilding together.

For the third year in a row, the City of San Gabriel will join forces with Rebuilding Together (formerly known as Christmas in April), the nation's largest nonprofit community service organization that assists low-income homeowners. The local community group, which serves the West San Gabriel Valley, is now known as "Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April" — a new name, but the same mission: rehabilitating and refurbishing the homes of low-income families, the elderly and the physically impaired.

Last year's annual Christmas in April event was a huge success. Over 70 volunteers helped refurbish three homes, made possible with the additional sponsorship of the California-American Water Company and donations from the West San Gabriel Board of Realtors and Longo Toyota.

This year, the City of San Gabriel will once again celebrate the spirit of giving and rebuilding together on Saturday, April 20. Three homes in the City have been selected and will be sponsored by The Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, The Gas Company and the City of San Gabriel.

Anyone can volunteer! Please join hundreds of volunteers across the nation to assist needy members of our community. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers, ages 14 and up, are needed. Volunteers will help with a variety of minor repairs, including painting, trash removal and yard cleanup. Skilled help is also needed to undertake roofing repairs and electrical and plumbing improvements. To volunteer, please contact Rita Estrada at the Neighborhood Improvement Services Division at (626) 308-2806.

## UPDATE

### Las Tunas Drive Economic Development

Las Tunas Drive has seen three substantial changes recently along the two-mile commercial street. The most obvious change is the demolition of the former Shell gas station at Las Tunas Drive and Mission Drive. This corner has been purchased to develop a small shopping center. Draft plans for this development have been submitted to the City; however, the new tenants have not been announced.

Along east Las Tunas, Contractors Tile Mart at 835 Commercial Avenue has opened a second store (another is on Commercial Avenue) on 1063 East Las Tunas Drive (formerly G & H Auto Parts & Napa location). Another change along East Las Tunas is the relocation of the Stuffed Sandwich. The Stuffed Sandwich has been a part of the San Gabriel Community for 25 years and will continue to be an integral part of the City at the new location at 1145 East Las Tunas (formerly Grab & Run Market). As part of its ongoing business assistance program, the City made a concerted effort to help Stuffed Sandwich find a new location and walked them through the City permit process.

# Youth Baseball Flourishes in San Gabriel

Springtime and baseball go hand in hand, and San Gabriel has two excellent youth baseball programs for kids this season. Sunnyslope Little League has a number of age group divisions. T-Ball is for boys and girls ages 5-7. Kids play regular baseball with all of the team on the field and hit the ball off an inverted rubber "T." "Coached instructional" is for seven and eight year olds — players hit a ball thrown by their coach or off the "T." Girls eight years old and older play softball, while boys, eight years old and older, play baseball.

The San Gabriel Valley Pony League currently has more than 300 participating boys and girls. Girls are allowed to play alongside boys in each age division. Games are played at Vincent Lugo Park or at McKinley School ball diamonds.

Minor Division kids ages three and four play on teams of six players. Each player must have an adult participate at all times during games. The Shetland Division is for five and six year olds. Coaches pitch six balls to the batter and if the batter has not gotten a hit, they will hit off a "T." There are no outs and the team at bat goes through the entire lineup.

The Pinto Division is for seven and eight year olds — during the season, players first use a softer ball, then a coach pitches to them, and finally they face pitchers from opposing teams. The older players — Mustangs ages nine and 10; Broncos ages 11 and 12; and Pony, 13 and 14 years old — play traditional baseball. Pony League is also offering softball this year for girls who are eight and under, 10 and under and 12 and under.

For more information, contact the San Gabriel Parks & Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.

Girls Softball	Age	Boys Baseball
Minor	7, 8, 9	Minor National
Major	10, 11, 12	Major American
Junior	13 & 14	Junior
Senior	15 & 16	Senior
Big League	17 & 18	Big League

# Report Provides Timely Information for Citizens

The new San Gabriel General Plan Background Report, Ingredients for Success, provides a snapshot of present-day San Gabriel. Each chapter of the report provides a wealth of information about important topics like land use, mobility, housing, demographics, noise, safety, community facilities, open space, economic development and community design.

The chapters include discussions on issues of importance to San Gabriel residents (based on questionnaire responses over the past 18 months), the City's web site, and the highly successful Tell-A-Vision community meetings. These visions form the raw material from which the new General Plan will take shape. A sampling of the things you would like the General Plan to address include:

- Preservation of historic neighborhoods
- Development of more parking in the Mission District
- Dressing up Las Tunas Drive with more landscaping
- Increasing the amount of parks and other open spaces
- Improving traffic flow at major intersections throughout the city
- Providing facilities to meet the future needs of the Police and Fire Departments

For more information about Ingredients for Success and the ongoing update of the City's General Plan, contact the Community Development Department at (626) 308-2806.

# How to Spot Elder Abuse



"Senior citizens currently represent 4-1/2 percent of California's population," states San Gabriel Police Chief David A. Lawton. "Many of these people retire comfortably and lead happy lives. However, many of these elderly Americans are being physically, psychologically or financially exploited — some by strangers, some by acquaintances and some even by their own family members."

With that in mind, Chief Lawton wants seniors to be aware of the following:

### Types of Abuse

Abuse of the elderly usually falls into the following categories:

- ❖ **Physical Abuse** can be any bruise found on the victim caused by a beating or slapping.
- ❖ **Financial Abuse** is threatening the victim and using their credit cards, checking accounts and other finances.

- ❖ **Physical Neglect** is when the victim lives in an environment that is unfit, filthy and unkempt.
- ❖ **Psychological/Emotional Abuse** is isolating the victim and verbally abusing him/her.

### Your Involvement

Fortunately, most older persons do not experience this type of treatment. Nevertheless, elder abuse is a frightening and real issue. Knowing what to look for and whom to contact if you suspect abuse will help you do your part to correct the situation. By being alert to situations that could lead to abuse of an elderly person, you may be able to prevent a serious injury or even save a life.

### Reporting

California law mandates elder-care custodians, medical and nonmedical practitioners or employees of elder protective agencies to report suspected abuse. If you are uncertain about reporting suspected abuse, please contact the San Gabriel Police Department at (626) 308-2828 for more information.

Remember, one alert person can make a difference.

## 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

### COORDINATING COUNCIL

1ST FRIDAY  
11:45 A.M., CHEC BUILDING

### DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

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



The Hayes House is now a local landmark on the City's Register of Historic Places.

## Improvements Underway At the Civic Auditorium

During your next visit to the Civic Auditorium, you may notice things looking and sounding a bit different. That's because major upgrades are underway that will make your theater experience even more enjoyable. A new lighting-control system is now in place on stage. With the new Expression III, 800-channel computer board, the system will do just about anything desired by even the most demanding lighting designer.

The ladies room has also been spruced up, thanks to the Ladies Division of the Chamber of Commerce. New upholstered cushions for the bench seats, wall sconces and attractive art pieces now adorn the ladies lounge.

The first phase of a planned three-



phase sound-improvement project will soon be installed. New state-of-the-art speakers will be raised and suspended over the center of the orchestra pit. The center speaker cluster will consist of four Apogee speakers, computer-focused for optimum frequency distribution. Also included will be two balcony delay speakers and six orchestra-pit rail speakers, all designed to

fully balance the sound reinforcement throughout the theater.

Future improvements included in Phases II and III will include equalizers, mike and speaker panels and monitor speakers with related amps and processors. A 48-channel audio-mixing console will round out this major upgrade to the Civic Auditorium's technical renovations.

## Hayes House Receives Local Landmark Status

The Hayes House is a superb example of Victorian box architecture, and is one of the oldest remaining residential structures in San Gabriel. Property records show that Milton Scott Wilson bought the house in 1893 for \$800. The last occupant of the house, Mary Ruth Hayes, was a well-known local schoolteacher who preserved the house and family artifacts, and donated the house to the San Gabriel Historical Association in 1989 with the request that it be preserved in perpetuity.

At that time, the City facilitated the restoration of the house by providing a parcel behind the Civic Auditorium at 548 West Broadway. The museum complex first opened to the public on April 19, 1991, although the restoration of the house has been an ongoing "labor of love" involving dozens of Historical Association members, docents and other volunteers.

Thanks to efforts by the Historical Association, the Hayes House recently became the first structure officially placed as a local landmark on the City's Register of Historic Places. Mary Ruth Hayes would be pleased to see that her house has become such an important part of the City!

## Preserving Our Trees Part of General Plan

The City of San Gabriel is developing a number of tree-preservation and community 'greening' strategies to help restore tree cover in the City. These strategies will be included in the City's General Plan.

Program options being considered include:

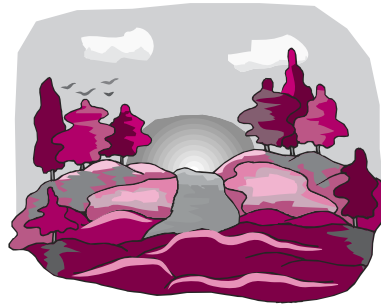
- 🌳 Improved City standards for number, size, type and specifications for trees planted.
- 🌳 School and volunteer tree planting and maintenance programs.
- 🌳 Arbor Day, grants, partnerships and community volunteer programs by such organizations as Tree People, Northwest Trees, and Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April present an excellent opportunity to partner with tree planting organizations and community groups.

- 🌳 Regular review of products and procedures.

Key goals of the tree stewardship program include:

- 🌳 Educating the public to build a constituency for wise stewardship of the City's tree resources.
- 🌳 Develop a Citywide tree master plan.
- 🌳 Provide financing and resources.

For more information on these developing strategies, or if you would like to provide input, please call (626) 308-2806.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Chamber Mixer  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
San Gabriel Unified School District Office  
408 Junipero Serra Drive

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Muffins & Matters Breakfast  
7:30-9 a.m.  
CHEC Building  
261 Junipero Serra Drive

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
New Century Ford  
650 East Las Tunas Drive

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
San Gabriel Mission  
428 South Mission Drive

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Muffins & Matters Breakfast  
7:30-9 a.m., CHEC Building  
261 Junipero Serra Drive

## shortTAKES

### High School Project Almost Finished!



The new high school will be completed in June, 2004.

Phase II of the new Gabriellino High School is nearing completion. The interiors, exterior ball field, parking lot, 50-foot-high clock tower and traffic signals have been completed and landscaping is underway. The school is also installing furnishings for the library and media center.

When finished in June 2004, the new \$34-million campus will have more than 70 new classrooms (including science labs and art rooms), administration building, media center, a 350-seat performing-arts center, gymnasium and football stadium.

## OPEN HOUSE

### Public Works Open House

San Gabriel will host its first-ever Open House Day of the Public Works facilities on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Open House, held in concert with National Public Works Week (May 18-25), will provide the community with an opportunity to meet Public Works staff, tour the facility and see the equipment used. On May 18th, please stop by the Public Works yard located at 121 West Mission Road and meet the people who maintain your streets and public facilities.

## City Council to Visit Valley Boulevard Businesses

City Council members will be out walking the streets of Valley Boulevard this year along with City staff and Chamber leaders as part of the Business Visitation Program. The purpose of this program is to meet and greet the businesses of the City, and listen to the business comments and concerns. If your business is not on Valley Boulevard and you would like to arrange for a visit by the City delegation, please contact Erlinda Romo at (626) 308-2800, ext. 733 or by email at eromo@sgch.org.

## Library News

The San Gabriel Library, located at 500 South Del Mar Avenue, is an important educational resource for children. Check out these impressive numbers for 2001:

- 786 — Number of new library cards issued to children.
- 7,336 — Total number of juvenile library cardholders in San Gabriel.
- 72,686 — Children's books checked out.
- 1,212 — Number of children attending library programs.
- 2,072 — Number of children who were enrolled in the vacation reading program.
- 4,849 — Number of children receiving help in the library homework center.

Coming soon are the library's summer reading programs — program dates will be available at the library in early June. For more information about events and services, please call (626) 287-0761.

## The San Gabriel Grapevine

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