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Join the Fun at San Gabriel's 93rd Birthday Party!

San Gabriel really knows how to throw a party! Come celebrate 93 years of incorporation with the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce's *Annual Street Festival* on April 28-30 in the historic Mission District. The event will feature a giant carnival with rides, games, food booths and entertainment.



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The San Gabriel Fine Arts Association will host their Art Show in Grapevine Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All three Mission District museums will be open as indicated: the San Gabriel Mission Museum (Friday-Sunday), the Ramona Museum of California History (Saturday-Sunday), and the Historical Association Museum and Hayes House (Sunday). Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the entertainment, displays by local merchants, and crafts and artwork from local artisans on display. On Sunday afternoon, the 2006 Outstanding Older American Award will be presented and birthday cake will be provided for all.

Another great activity planned for Sunday is the City's Arbor Day celebration. Arbor Day is a nationwide celebration first observed in 1872 in Nebraska.

In the weeks prior to the Arbor Day celebration, street trees will be planted along the north and south side of Las Tunas Drive, just east of Mission Drive. The City will also host an Arbor Day poster contest with local elementary schools. Winners will be presented at the Sunday celebration at 3:30 p.m. in Plaza Park.

Bring the whole family and friends and join us for this exciting three-day festival!

For information (including registering for a booth) on the *Annual Street Festival*, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (626) 576-2525. For more information on Arbor Day activities, please contact Public Works Superintendent, Bob Bustos at (626) 308-2825, ext. 221, bbustos@sgpw.org.

STREET FESTIVAL HOURS

FRIDAY, APRIL 28
3 p.m. - 11 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
Noon - 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
Noon - 10 p.m.

Come Celebrate Fire Service Day



On Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the San Gabriel Fire Department invites the community to come celebrate Fire Service Day! Guests will have the opportunity to visit the headquarters fire station (1303 South Del Mar Avenue) and tour the facility. See up close — fire engines and equipment, firefighters use of fire extinguishers to put out fires, and extrication tools used to rescue victims from a demolished car. You can even take a turn on the nozzle to knock over cones with a stream of water (while wearing a real Fire Department helmet, of course!).

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The Fire Department will also display the City's new Urban Search and Rescue vehicle; all of its compartments will be open and firefighters will be on hand to answer questions about the hand tools, generators, lights, power tools and the shoring materials used in collapse rescues. The new battalion chief's command vehicle will also be on view.



Firefighters will be on hand to talk about fire safety in your home and business, answer your questions about a fire service career, and show you what goes on in the fire station. We look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming San Gabriel Civic Auditorium Events

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

American Chinese Dance Ass'n., 7:30 p.m.
For info/tickets call (626) 236-8887

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Esperanza Florez Dance Studio, 2 p.m.
For info/tickets call (626) 914-0919

FRI./SUN., APRIL 28-30

City of San Gabriel & Chamber of Commerce presents Annual City of San Gabriel Birthday Celebration & Street Fair. Rides, entertainment, game and food booths. Historic Mission District

SAT., MAY 13, 7 p.m.

SUN., MAY 14, 4 p.m.

Li's Dance Studio Info/tickets call (626) 285-4888

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Theatreworks USA: "The Civil War" – Theatre for Young People, 10 a.m.
Tickets available through local school districts. For info/tickets call (800) 497-5007

SATURDAY, MAY 20

San Gabriel Parks & Recreation Department Drill Team Competition, 9 a.m.
For info/tickets call (626) 308-2875

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Olympia Youth Orchestra, Fung Ho, conductor 7:30 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 447-5839

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Los Angeles County School of Nursing Commencement Ceremony, 2 p.m.
For info/tickets call (313) 226-4911

FRIDAY, MAY 26

San Gabriel Mission High School Class of 2006 Commencement, 5 p.m.

Admission by school issued ticket only
For info/tickets call (626) 282-3181

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Jenny An Dance Studio Annual Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m.
For info/tickets call (626) 287-0602

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Los Angeles County / Rio Hondo Department of Public Safety Police Academy Graduation, 10 a.m. Admission by Academy issued ticket only.
For info/tickets call (562) 692-0921, ext. 4255

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Sacred Heart High School Commencement of Class of 2006, 2 p.m.

Admission by school-issued ticket only
For info/tickets call (323) 225-2209

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

San Gabriel Academy 8th grade commencement of Class of 2006, 10 a.m.

Admission by school-issued ticket only
For info/tickets call (626) 292-1156

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

San Gabriel Academy Commencement of Class of 2006, 2 p.m.

Admission by school-issued ticket only
For info/tickets call (626) 292-1156

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Cantwell Sacred Heart High School Commencement of the Class of 2006, 7 p.m.

Admission by school-issued ticket only
For info/tickets call (323) 887-2006

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

San Gabriel Parks & Recreation Department Annual dance, 1:30 p.m.
For info/tickets call (626) 308-2875

MONDAY, JUNE 12

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents The Monday Night Cabaret – Broadway at the Playhouse. Dinner & show on stage, featuring the music of Broadway, 6:30 p.m.

For info/tickets call (626) 308-2865, ext. 350

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Pasadena Dance Theatre Conservatory in Concert, 7 p.m.

For info/tickets call (626) 683-3459

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Le Studio of Pasadena Spring Gala, 5:30 p.m.
For info/tickets call (626) 792-4616

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

San Gabriel Chinese Opera, 2 p.m.

For info/tickets call (626) 576-5055

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Roman Promotions Variety & Magic Show Benefit for Correctional Peace Officers Association, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Tickets sold via telemarketing
For info/tickets call (909) 599-5069

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Moonlite Attractions Mariachi Mexico Magia Y Encuentro, 7 p.m.

For info/tickets call (323) 269-3561

SUNDAY, JULY 30

Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society A concert featuring the mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ, 2:30 p.m.

For info/tickets call (888) 528-6722

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.

EKG Test Helps Fire Department Quickly Treat Heart Attack Victims



Each year, thousands of Americans suffer fatal heart attacks, most of which go unrecognized until it is too late. On January 1, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, in cooperation with local hospitals and fire departments, introduced a plan that will allow for early recognition and treatment of heart attack victims.

The first part of the plan calls for the designation of specialized heart centers that are capable of rapid and immediate treatment of heart attack victims once they arrive at the hospital. The second, and most important part of the plan, is known as a '12-lead EKG.'

The 12-lead EKG is a comprehensive test that allows for rapid analysis of heart dysfunction and failure. Thanks to technological advancements, and a close partnership between San Gabriel Valley Medical Center and the San Gabriel Fire Department, paramedics are now able to perform this life-saving test and initiate treatment prior to arriving at the hospital.

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The 12-lead EKG can be traced back to the early 1940s, when cardiologists discovered a method of evaluating the electrical function of the heart by utilizing an electronic sensing device that could detect the electrical activity in the heart from 12 different perspectives.

Until recently, only physicians using complex and bulky equipment could obtain a detailed 12-lead EKG in order to diagnose and treat heart attack victims. Today, paramedics, using advanced portable versions of the 12-lead EKG machine, can perform the same diagnostic test while in the comfort of your own home!

Studies have demonstrated that early recognition of heart attack symptoms, coupled with the rapid introduction of drug therapy, can significantly reduce the damage to the heart that results from coronary artery blockage (plaque). As much as a 68-percent decrease in mortality rates has been reported amongst the study group.

Four 12-lead EKG enabled cardiac monitors were purchased (total costs were \$74,000) last year with funds from the federal 'Assistance to Firefighters' grant program.

In addition to the new equipment, all Fire Department paramedics have been trained in using and analyzing results of the 12-lead EKG, and to deliver life-saving treatment to their patients. For more information, please contact Fire Captain Bryan Frieders at (626) 308-2884 or at bfrieders@sfgd.org.

Lunch Program Provides Meals for Seniors

Intervale Senior Services, a division of the San Gabriel Valley YWCA, sponsors a lunch program for persons age 60 and over, or the spouse of someone age 60 and over, at the San Gabriel Adult Recreation Center. Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon. John Chang, an experienced senior nutrition provider who is fluent in Spanish and Cantonese, heads up the program.

Occasionally, holiday activities or informative seminars are offered before meals. There is no set charge for the lunch program; however, a suggested donation of two dollars per meal is recommended. Please call (626) 308-2823, between 10 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday to make reservations. Reservations must be made one day prior to lunch.



Friends lunching at the San Gabriel Senior Center. Bring a friend for lunch and dance!

Parks and Recreation Director Bob Harris Retires



Bob Harris

Long-time popular Parks and Recreation Director Bob Harris retired on Friday, December 30th. Hired as a recreation supervisor in 1979, Bob said, "I originally planned to give the City about five years before

moving on to greener pastures. Now, 27 years later, it is obvious San Gabriel's pastures are mighty green!"

In 1985, Bob was promoted to Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, and following the retirement of former Director George Kotchnik, Bob was appointed to Director of Parks and Recreation in 2002.

Although Bob has some future travel plans to pursue, his real interests and new career in retirement is that of *au pair* (aka 'super nanny') to his new granddaughter, Olivia, born December 18, 2005.

"Looking after Olivia is the most important thing in my life," said Bob.



Rebecca Perez

To fill Bob's shoes, look no further than Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rebecca Perez — appointed to the position of Director effective December 31st. A graduate of the University of California at Santa

Barbara, Rebecca was hired in 1998 as a recreation supervisor, overseeing the Department's contractual classes and a variety of community-wide special events. In 2002, she was promoted to Assistant Director. Although Bob will be greatly missed, the City family is enthusiastic about welcoming and congratulating Rebecca on a well-deserved promotion.

Rebecca can be reached at (626) 308-2875, or stop by the Parks and Recreation Department Office to say hello!

San Gabriel Parking Enforcement Program

On November 15, 2005, the City of San Gabriel contracted with Inter-Con Security to provide citywide parking enforcement. Inter-Con provides the City with parking enforcement 18 hours a day, seven days a week. The program is administered by the San Gabriel Police Department.

As with many cities in the area, San Gabriel has experienced a dramatic increase in daytime population, which has resulted in increased traffic and more competition for available parking spots. In order to address this problem, the City created a dedicated parking enforcement unit.

In addition to the traffic problems that illegal parking creates, there are other concerns — abandoned vehicles, vehicles parked in fire lanes that create safety issues, and illegally parked vehicles in handicapped spaces.

The program's goal is to encourage compliance with the City's parking regulations, which will allow for a smoother traffic flow. For more information, please contact Sergeant Chris Ortell, San Gabriel Police Department Traffic Bureau, (626) 308-2828.

Summer Safety Tips and Aquatics Program



Summer is just around the corner! Along with long, hot days, evening barbecues and endless hours in the swimming pool, comes the danger of pool accidents, which are preventable and should never occur.

To prevent swimming pool accidents, there are a number of things pool owners and parents can do.

The first and most important is to take a first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class. An adult who takes these courses and becomes proficient in the skills is prepared

to act and provide required first-aid measures. Also, have a telephone available to call 911 if emergency services are needed. When a backyard pool is being used, designate a responsible adult to maintain constant supervision of the pool. Do not rely on substitutes such as floatation devices and inflatable toys.

Children should take swim lessons every summer

Another measure parents can take is to enroll their children in swim lessons. Children should take swim lessons every summer. Starting as young as 12 to 18 months of age, children can learn to be safe in the water. From the ages of two to six, children can develop rudimentary swimming skills and gain knowledge of water safety. At six or seven years of age, a child enrolled in American Red Cross swim lesson classes will learn more advanced swim-stroke skills, water safety and confidence. There are no swim classes that can guarantee a child's safety; however, the swim classes offered at Smith Park Pool can improve a child's skill and enhance pool safety.

Listed below is the schedule of swim lessons for this summer and a brief description of the skills that will be taught. Registration for swim lessons, along with other summer recreation classes, will begin June 5. For further information on swim lessons at Smith Park Pool, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.

Level I & II: Primary Skills

Will offer the younger swimmer an orientation to the aquatic environment and create a sound foundation for aquatic and safety skills.

Level III: Stroke Readiness

Will continue to increase swimming skill competency. Students will be taught to refine their breathing techniques, learn the fundamentals of elementary backstroke, dive from the side of the pool and tread water.

Level IV: Stroke Development

Will further develop confidence and competency in strokes and safety skills. Students will be introduced to breaststroke, sidestroke, deep-water bobbing, turns at the wall and basic CPR.

Level V: Stroke Refinement

Will cover all strokes and their components. Students will be introduced to alternate breathing, swimming underwater, butterfly and open turns on the front and back.

Level VI: Core Class

Will further refine all strokes to be more efficient, powerful and smooth over a greater distance.

Level VI*: Specialized Classes

Fundamentals of Diving, Lifeguard & Personal Safety, Fitness Swimmer.

SWIM LESSON SCHEDULE

	CYCLE 1	CYCLE 2	CYCLE 3	CYCLE 4	CYCLE 5
Time	June 26–July 8	July 10–21	July 24–Aug. 4	August 7–18	Aug. 21–Sept. 1
8:25 to 8:55	LEVEL I & II	LEVEL I & II	LEVEL I & II	LEVEL I & II	LEVEL I & II
9:00 to 9:30	I & II, III	I & II, III	I & II, III	I & II, III	I & II, III
9:35 to 10:05	II, III, IV, V, VI Tot Stroke	III, IV, V, VI Tot Stroke	III, IV, V, VI Tot Stroke	III, IV, V, VI Tot Stroke	III, IV, V Tot Stroke
10:10 to 10:40	Tiny Tots 5&6	Tiny Tots 5&6	Tiny Tots 5&6	Tiny Tots 5&6	Tiny Tots 5&6
10:45 to 11:15	Tiny Tots 3&4	Tiny Tots 3&4	Tiny Tots 3&4	Tiny Tots 3&4	Tiny Tots 3&4
11:20 to 11:50	Tiny Tots 5&6 Parent & Tot (2 & Under)	Tiny Tots 5&6 Parent & Tot (2 & Under)	Tiny Tots 5&6 Parent & Tot (2 & Under)	Tiny Tots 5&6 Parent & Tot (2 & Under)	Tiny Tots 5&6 Parent & Tot (2 & Under)

*Level VI Specialized Classes times to be announced



Endowing the Future of San Gabriel

The San Gabriel Community Foundation (SGCF), established in 2001, has quickly become an important regional resource that helps direct funds to the community. A unique partnership of community leaders and organizations, the

Foundation was launched through the collaboration of four community institutions: the City of San Gabriel, the San Gabriel Unified School District, the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, and the Church of Our Saviour.

The Foundation provides opportunities for donors, service providers and community leaders to enrich all San Gabriel residents.

SGCF is affiliated with the California Community Foundation (CCF), the third largest community foundation in the state and the principal philanthropic vehicle in Los Angeles County. CCF has more than 1,200 funds totaling more than \$670 million invested in the health and well-being of the region.

SGCF has now established two funds to serve the needs of San Gabriel residents: a general fund account, which currently has \$75,000 in capital, and a scholarship account created in the name of the San Gabriel Women's Club, which has grown to nearly \$400,000 and has provided seven scholarships to youngsters in the San Gabriel area. The Women's Club fund has seen substantial growth already through the auspices of the investment policies of the California Community Foundation, providing a permanent resource for future generations of San Gabriel students. In only two years, the \$100,000 investment of SGCF's founding partners has more than quadrupled!

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SGCF funding has helped provide direct grants to organizations such as the San Gabriel Unified School District for its Healthy Start program, and for the San Gabriel Women's Club Scholarship Fund, now in its third year providing annual scholarships to students in San Gabriel.

Key SGCF objectives this year include:

- Pursuing strategic partnerships with other San Gabriel non-profits that could benefit by having specific endowment funds created in their name, and to receive monies that will be allocated and spent by those organizations.
- Continuing its successful series of "friend-raisers," developing community support and backing to grow the Foundation as a critical resource.
- Providing a platform for community organizations to meet and confer on the best ways to leverage existing resources for community good.
- Creating an SGCF homepage on the California Community Foundation website, linked to other key websites serving San Gabriel.

For more information about the San Gabriel Community Foundation, please call (626) 292-7302.

Preserving Our City's Trees

The City of San Gabriel's tree ordinance, enacted in 1991, protects and preserves mature trees. The City's trees not only provide aesthetic appeal, but also help increase property values. The ordinance provides specific guidelines about cutting, trimming, pruning, transplanting, removing or destroying trees on private property.

Getting a permit is easy – just fill out an application for trimming or removal of a tree. This application contains information necessary for the Community Development Director to determine whether the standards for issuance of a permit are satisfied. There is no cost for applying for a tree permit, and the typical wait for approval of a permit is four to seven days.

The Community Development Director will grant a permit if one or more of the following findings is made:

- ❗ The tree constitutes a nuisance or hazard.
- ❗ The trimming is found to be necessary by a professional arborist to maintain or enhance the health or appearance of the tree.
- ❗ The tree has not been reduced in height more than one-fourth over a two-year period.
- ❗ The trimming or removal of the tree is deemed necessary to prevent a substantial inconvenience/financial hardship to the resident/property owner.

Replacement of a tree is necessary whenever a tree is removed. In addition, if a tree must be trimmed, the work must meet City-approved arborist standards. Finally, any decision of the Community Development Director may be appealed to the Planning Commission.

One practice not allowed is topping, or stubbing — removing large branches from mature trees. Topping cuts are made without regard to the locations of side branches. A topped tree is a disfigured tree.

Permits are not required for the removal, trimming or pruning of a tree damaged by storm, fire or other natural disaster or otherwise determined to be dangerous by the City Manager, Community Development Director, police officer, firefighter or code enforcement officer.

Also exempted from the ordinance are the following types of trees:

- ❗ Immature trees that don't exceed 1 9" circumference when located in the front yard or do not exceed 30" circumference when located in a side/rear yard.
- ❗ Trees that must be removed or trimmed by order of any public agency or public utility having jurisdiction.
- ❗ Any palm tree or fruit tree.

For a list of trees or for supplemental brochures on how to prune trees, plant new trees or care for mature trees, please contact the Neighborhood Improvement Services Division at (626) 308-2806, ext. 4636, or restrada@sgch.org. Additional information on caring for trees can be found on www.treelink.org, or contact the National Arborist Association (www.natlarb.com).

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, MAY 17

Chamber Mixer
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Business Expo
San Gabriel Christian School
117 North Pine Street

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Chamber Mixer
5:30-7:30 p.m.
New Century Ford
1212 East Las Tunas Drive

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

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

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

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Business License Fees Helping Our Community

The City of San Gabriel depends on the proceeds from business license revenues to provide police and fire protection for the City and to maintain the streets and other infrastructure. The City receives a very minimal return of property taxes paid to the county, and a small percentage of sales tax paid to the state. Therefore, the City must rely on those businesses that operate within the City to pay a business license fee to insure a safe, well-maintained place in which to live and work. Business license fees help keep up property values and ultimately benefit all of the business owners and residents of the City.

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All commercial, industrial, professional and home-based businesses must be licensed. Licenses are also required for specialty businesses, and seasonal or occasional activities such as pumpkin or Christmas tree sales or vending at festivals, or from mobile carts. These fees not only bring in revenue to the City, they also give the City a means by which to regulate business activities to ensure conformance with the municipal and zoning codes.

To obtain a business license, visit the Planning division of the Community Development Department and get an application form. Planning fees will also be determined at this time. The Finance Department will then calculate the business license fees and collect all monies due.

An appointment will then be scheduled for a site inspection (home-based businesses are exempt from the site inspection). Once the planning, building and fire inspectors approve the application, the license will be issued. Licenses are not transferable. A new application is required every time a business changes owners. All licenses expire at the end of December each year. A renewal notice is sent as a courtesy, but license fees are due whether or not the renewal notice is received.

For more information on business licenses, please call (626) 308-2800.

Protecting Your Identity

Identity theft is a fast-growing crime that will affect approximately one-fourth of California residents in 2006. Since credit cards have many security features and have become difficult to alter and manufacture, criminals have resorted to stealing the personal information of others to obtain goods, credit and services.

When someone uses your name, social security number, date of birth or any other piece of your personal information for gain, it is a crime and should be reported to your local police agency.

The biggest problem for you is that you may not know your identity has been stolen. Criminals can steal your identity from your mail, trash, via the Internet, on the phone, even by looking over your shoulder if you're at a retail store.

For starters, make sure you purchase a good shredder and shred all discarded mail and any other sensitive material.

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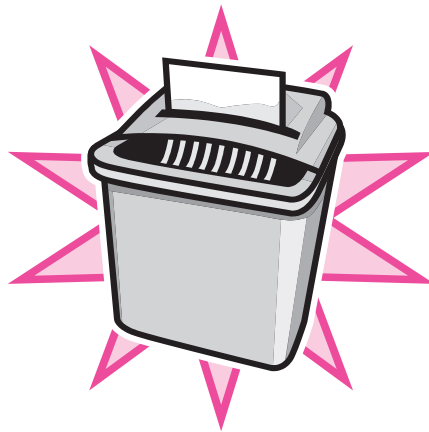
Don't also fall prey to what is known as 'phishing.' If you receive a notice from eBay, a bank, a credit card company, etc., stating that your account is going to be closed if you don't update your credit card number, password and social security number, don't open any of the web links or respond to the email message. Once you give them your personal information, the thief is going on a shopping spree with your information. Legitimate financial institutions and companies will never ask you for your personal information over the Internet.

Also, watch out for common telephone scams, e.g., when someone who calls saying they are with your credit card company and offers you a deal for protection and then asks you to confirm your credit card number and password. Your bank or credit card company already has this information. Ask the "solicitor" for a phone number and tell them you will call them back after you verify with your credit card company that the call is legitimate.

Be proactive and take these steps:

- ✓ Always shred your discarded mail or other sensitive material.
- ✓ Never give your personal information to anyone over the Internet that you can't verify.
- ✓ Never place your outgoing mail in your home mailbox. Always take it to the post office. Remember you are putting paid bills in the mail, which has your checking account information attached.
- ✓ Watch out for 'shoulder surfers' who stand too close to you while conducting transactions.
- ✓ Always use gel ink pens to write out checks. Gel ink cannot be removed from your checks.
- ✓ Routinely check your credit report with the three major credit agencies – Equifax, Experian and Trans-Union.

You can also get a free credit report annually from www.annualcreditreport.com. Remember, should you become a victim of identity theft, immediately call your local police agency to file a police report. For more information on protecting your identity, please call the San Gabriel Police Department, (626) 308-2830.



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Library Celebrates Cinco de Mayo



To celebrate Cinco de Mayo, the San Gabriel Library and La Casa de San Gabriel will present a special joint program on Saturday, May 6.

Directed by Anamaria Chavelas, dancers from La Casa de San Gabriel will delight audiences of all ages with dances and tales highlighting Mexican culture. The performance will begin at 2 p.m. in the library's community room.

The library is located at 500 S. Del Mar Ave. For more information, please call (626) 287-0761.



Library Summer Reading Programs

When school lets out and kids are looking for fun, they can attend the Summer Reading Program at the San Gabriel Library. Children will be able to enjoy books, storytelling, special programs and a reading game with prizes. Younger children can join the Read-to-Me Club that also includes the reading game and prizes. The theme this summer is "Claws, Paws, Scales, & Tales," emphasizing animals. The Summer Reading Program at the San Gabriel Library will be held June 17 through August 31.

Storytime welcomes children of all ages and will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Special Programs, with guest presenters, will be held on Saturdays at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Summer Reading Program sign-ups begin with 'Teatro De Los Puppets' – Theatre of the Puppets, a two-person show combining puppets, live performers and audience participation. Four multicultural folktales will be presented: 'Yeh Shen,' a Chinese Cinderella story; 'Pedro the Angel of Olvera Street,' a tale from Africa; and Hercules, a story from Greek mythology.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

'Mariachi Magic Show' with Rafael Gomez & Katia Lopez – magic with animals.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

'The Last Days of the Dinosaurs'—real fossils and a full-scale model of a T Rex skull.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

'Valentine's Traveling Nature Class'—live insects, reptiles, amphibians and mammals (hands-on).

SATURDAY, JULY 15

'Exotic Animal Magic Show'—a snake, lizards, chinchilla, turtle, dove and millipede.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Film program and refreshments with a raffle and prizes.

All activities are free and open to preschool through junior high school students. The San Gabriel Library is part of the County of Los Angeles Public Library and is located at 500 South Del Mar Avenue. For more information, please call (626) 287-0761