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Grapevine Festival Honors City's Rich History

Ready for a day packed full of fun, food, classic cars and entertainment? Then mark your calendar and bring your family and friends to *The Grapevine Festival and Classic Car Show*, a one-day street fair featuring artists and crafters, local businesses, commercial and food vendors, live entertainment and local organizations.

The Chamber of Commerce's new event, *The Grapevine Festival*, celebrates the rich history that is unique to San Gabriel. The Mission District is home to three historic grapevines: at San Gabriel Mission, Grapevine Park and at Mission 261 Restaurant.

The festival will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the historic Mission District. Co-sponsored by the City of San Gabriel and the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, this annual event expects to draw over 4,000 guests, and is a great way for businesses and organizations to showcase their products and services!

In addition to a variety of vendors, *The Grapevine Festival* will also feature the *2nd Annual Classic Car Show*, to be held in Plaza Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both foreign and domestic cars are invited to participate in this car show and trophies will be awarded to best of show. Last year, car owners thoroughly enjoyed displaying their autos on the grassy lawn of Plaza Park in front of the historic San Gabriel Mission. You couldn't ask for a better setting!

"The Chamber of Commerce's annual street festival's new name *The Grapevine Festival* and exciting new events celebrate the rich history that is unique to San Gabriel!"

To celebrate San Gabriel's diverse culture and highlight great local talent, there will be live entertainment on the main stage in front of the Mission Playhouse. That afternoon, the 2009 Outstanding Older American Award will be presented and the City will celebrate 96 years of incorporation with birthday cake for all. At the Adult Recreation Center, visitors will enjoy a great variety of art pieces at the Fine Arts Show hosted by the San Gabriel Fine Arts Association, plus all three Mission District Museums will be open – offering over 300 years of diverse history.

New to this year's festival, the Chamber of Commerce is holding a special wine tasting event in Grapevine Park. Enjoy an evening of elegance, fine wine and delicious food, Spanish guitar, and the company of good friends in Grapevine Park Arbor. The Arbor's beautiful Spanish style architecture and lush garden provide the perfect setting for this very special evening under the "Mother Vine", planted in 1861. Tickets for the wine tasting may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office or the day of the festival.

The San Gabriel Chamber is now accepting applications from local and area businesses, commercial and food vendors, artists and crafters, and community organizations to participate in *The Grapevine Festival and Classic Car Show*. Vendor and car show applications can be downloaded from the Chamber's website, at www.sangabrielchamber.org under the "Newsletter" heading.

For more information on all festival activities, or to participate as a vendor or a volunteer, please contact the Chamber office at (626) 576-2525.



The Grapevine FESTIVAL

and Classic Car Show

211 LA County Brings Services and People Together

For many of our friends and neighbors, and maybe even you and your family, these may be difficult personal and economic times. An important resource available to all residents of Los Angeles County is available by calling 211. One call links you to help in San Gabriel.

211 LA County is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization formerly known as INFO LINE of Los Angeles. It is the largest information and referral service in the nation, helping over 480,000 individuals and families in Los Angeles County each year.



Most people are familiar with dialing 911 in an emergency and 411 to get phone numbers, but in San Gabriel and the greater Los Angeles County, you can dial 211 for help with basic needs like food and shelter.

The goal of 211 is to improve the quality of life for all residents of Los Angeles County by helping them to locate, access and effectively use essential community health and human services.

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Professional community resource advisors help callers with critical issues like health care, substance abuse, domestic violence, foreclosure information, children and senior programs, disaster services, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, transportation and more.

211 LA County services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Services are provided in English, Spanish and over 140 languages via a tele-interpreting service. Services are also provided for the hearing impaired. 211 LA County is dedicated to providing an easy-to-use, caring, professional source of guidance, advocacy, and access to a comprehensive range of human services to the people of San Gabriel and greater Los Angeles County.

Help Starts Here – Call 211. Internet access is available at www.211lacounty.org.

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Upcoming Events at the Mission Playhouse

Music! Dance! Theater!

SAT., APRIL 25, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

City of San Gabriel & Chamber of Commerce presents Grapevine Festival & Classic Car Show. All located in the Historic Mission District. Fun for the entire family. For information, call (626) 576-2525

SUN., MAY 3, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Jayvee Dance Studio presents Spring Dance Recital. For info/tickets call (626) 300-0178

TUES./WED., MAY 5-6, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Greg and Steve in Concert. For info/tickets call (800) 548-4063

SAT., MAY 9, 7 p.m.

San Marino Dance Academy. For info/tickets call (626) 284-6277

SUN., MAY 10, 7:30 p.m.

International Culture & Art Exchange Society "May Flower" dance and vocal performance. For info/tickets call (626) 818-6958

SAT., MAY 16, 7 p.m.

SUN., MAY 17, 2 p.m.
Pasadena Dance Theatre "Cinderella". For info/tickets call (626) 683-3459

THURS., MAY 21, 7 p.m.

East Los Angeles College presents Let's Dance Company. For info/tickets call (323) 265-8740

SUN., MAY 24, 3 p.m.

Olympia Youth Orchestra. For info/tickets call (626) 447-5839

WED., MAY 27, 10 a.m.

Symphonic Jazz Orchestra. For info/tickets call (310) 876-8130

SAT., MAY 30, 4:30 p.m.

Li's Ballet Studio "Dance to the World". For info/tickets call (626) 285-4888

SAT., JUNE 13, 8 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents "The 2009 Big Band Show". Featuring the great music of the 30's and 40's. For info/tickets call (626) 282-1440

SUN., JUNE 14, 6:30 p.m.

Le Studio Dance Spring Gala - Dance Recital. For info/tickets call (626) 792-4616

SAT., JUNE 20, 7 p.m.

SUN., JUNE 21, 2 p.m.
Pasadena Civic Ballet "Celebrations - A Tribute to the Last 10 Years". For info/tickets call (626) 792-0873

SAT., JUNE 27, 7 p.m.

Asian Arts Talent Foundation. For info/tickets call (626) 309-9274

SUN., JUNE 28, 2 p.m.

Spring Thunder Chinese Music Association Chinese Classical Music. For info/tickets call (626) 254-9838

The San Gabriel Mission Playhouse is owned and operated by the City of San Gabriel. The 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. Always check the event hotline for newly added events and performances (626) 308-2868 or the event calendar online at www.missionplayhouse.org.



Kick Off Independence Day with 4th of July Parade

Join your neighbors at the City of San Gabriel Kid's Day & 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 4th in the historic Mission District. Kick off your Independence Day celebration at this free event!

Registration for parade entries will be taken up to and on the day of the event.

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and travels south along Mission Drive from Las Tunas to Plaza Park. Prizes will be awarded to parade entries and participants with the most patriotic costumes and best decorated vehicles.

Following the parade, there will be a free Kid's Day picnic in Plaza Park in front of San Gabriel Mission. Enjoy the BBQ, picnic games, community booths, crafts, a water slide and more!

For more information on this event, to register for the parade or to participate as a sponsor, please visit the event website at www.kids4thparade.com or contact San Gabriel Parks & Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.



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City Hosts Public Works Day 2009



Come join us for a fun-filled day at the City Yard in honor of National Public Works Week, May 17-23. The City of San Gabriel Public Works Division will hold its 7th Annual Open House on Thursday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the City Yard, located at 121 W. Mission Road (behind the police station). Learn how your Public Works Division keeps traffic flowing, trees trimmed, streets maintained, street lights lit, and sewers flowing. National Public Works Week honors the tens of thousands of men and women nationwide who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

The Open House event will feature demonstrations of an actual job site, with traffic control and equipment set up, displays of traffic signals, street lights, street signs, pavement markings and concrete and asphalt equipment. Public Works crewmembers will be on hand to answer any and all questions about the Division and how it operates. The auto shop will also display the preparation of a police patrol car for service. There will be food, fun and activities for the entire family.

In conjunction with the Open House, the Public Works Division will be having a tree planting on Las Tunas Drive on May 16. The tree planting will consist of planting jacaranda trees between the streets of Del Mar Avenue and San Gabriel Boulevard. The Public Works Division has been planting trees throughout the City in an effort to enhance its urban forest. Since 2003, the Public Works Division has planted over 1,000 trees.

For information on the Open House or the tree-planting event, please contact Street Supervisor Gerry Lopez at (626) 308-2825.



Fire Engineer Kevin Murphy and John Schmidt

Meet Your Firefighters at Fire Service Day

The San Gabriel Fire Department hosts their annual Fire Service Day on May 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Headquarters Fire Station, located at 1303 S. Del Mar Avenue. This is an excellent opportunity to come meet your firefighters, tour the station, enjoy delicious food, and watch real live demonstrations. Attendees will enjoy several

static displays, a live fire exhibition, and a vehicle extrication demonstration using the "jaws of life."

This year the Fire Department will be showcasing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This valuable volunteer team provides support to the city in the event of a significant disaster. Fire Engineer Dennis Barwick, the CERT coordinator, will be on hand to answer questions and display the capabilities of the team and some of the equipment. Dennis will also welcome residents interested in becoming new members and provide information about the next CERT class that is scheduled for June.

So come out for Fire Service Day and bring the whole family to enjoy great food, hair-raising demonstrations, and fellowship with members of your community!

For more information about Fire Service Day, the CERT Program or other department services, call (626) 308-2880.

City Welcomes New Neighborhood Improvement Manager



Clayton Anderson

San Gabriel's got a new face heading up its Neighborhood Improvement Services division, which includes code enforcement, neighborhood beautification and empowerment services.

Clayton Anderson joined the City in this role on February 9. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Clayton comes to the City after nine years with the Cities of Tustin and Norwalk.

His experience includes 12 years in code enforcement, including roles as a senior housing inspector for the City of Baltimore and eight years with the City of Tustin. Clayton received the Community Service Award from the Tustin Police Department and a Community Service Award from the Norwalk City Council for his code enforcement efforts.

While in Tustin, Clayton helped coordinate the city's Neighborhood Improvement Task Force, recipient of the 2008 Orange County Human Relations Commission's Award for Community Policing. He coordinated the city's water quality inspection/enforcement program.

Clayton has a bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice; he also has earned a master's degree in forensic science. Drop by and say hello to our newest team member on your next visit to City Hall.

Welcome to eServices

Visit the City's website for job opportunities

At the City of San Gabriel, we pride ourselves on being open for business from any place and at any time. Through the City's website, www.sangabrielcity.com, residents, businesses and visitors can get the latest information about City departments, services and current projects, and for information about current job openings and employment opportunities.

The City's Administration Division is responsible for personnel management; grant administration; compliance with federal, state and regional mandates; intergovernmental and legislative activities; contract administration, and administrative support to all departments. Administration carries out the policies established by the City Council, provides administrative and clerical support for the City Council, and keeps residents informed about city affairs. Administration is also responsible for special projects; investigating and resolving citizen complaints; tourism; and public information and public relations activities.

The information below will help you access information by visiting the City's website, calling the job hotline or Administration, or why not pay us a visit at City Hall?

- Website: www.sangabrielcity.com, click on City Services, then Administration
- Job Hotline: (626) 308-2804
- Administration: (626) 308-2803
- San Gabriel City Hall, 425 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel 91776



Congratulations to the Winners of the 2nd Annual Coolidge Spelling Bee

All three contestants were sponsored by the Coolidge PTA in the Justin Rudd Spelling Bee in Long Beach on March 14 with Alan Lee representing San Gabriel in the County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 18.

Former Mayor - Harry Baldwin, Assistant Superintendent - Leslie Crunelle, and Assistant Principal - Julio Escobedo, all served as Spelling Bee judges at the Coolidge Bee.



(from left to right)
Paige Wallace (3rd place),
Alan Lee (1st place),
and Amy Damir (2nd place)

Chaplains Now on Patrol

Last September, the San Gabriel Police Department launched its first ever police chaplain program. Local ministers were recruited and trained to be police chaplains and will network with other area chaplains. Several other police departments in the area have enjoyed and benefited from successful chaplain programs for many years.



Officer Riki Nakamura and Chaplain Garrett Mitchell

The first three chaplains are Dr. Benjamin Yu, senior pastor of the San Gabriel Presbyterian Church; Garry Mitchell, youth pastor of the Sonlight Chapel; and Rev. David Fukuyama, senior pastor of the Mission Valley Free Methodist Church. Additional chaplains are being recruited.

The police chaplain's duties include a rotation of being on-call for incidents in which their services might be useful, such as those involving death and the aftermath that follows, including the notification of family members and initial grief counseling. During the weeks they are on-call, the chaplain goes on at least one ride-along with patrol officers, participating in the pre-shift briefing, or roll call, and going on calls with officers. This allows the officers to

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get to know the chaplain. Chaplains also attend bi-monthly training meetings, and will eventually attend training offered by the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

San Gabriel chaplains are issued an identity card and a uniform that they wear when conducting duties. The uniform is a navy blue polo shirt and black jacket, embroidered to clearly identify them as a police chaplain.

The police chaplain program is a welcome addition to the department and will play an important part in providing enhanced services to the community. For more information about the program, please call (626) 308-2841.

Exploring Law Enforcement Open to San Gabriel Youth

The San Gabriel Police Department has established a Law Enforcement Explorer Post, affiliated with the Learning for Life branch of the Boy Scouts of America, one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations.

The Explorer Post program is open to boys and girls, 14 through 21 years of age; however, candidates must be no older than 20 years on the date of their applications.

Candidates for the program must also have at least a "C" average in school, be of good moral character without any serious arrest record, and undergo a background investigation prior to final membership. Members of the Police Department participate in the program as Post advisors and are involved in the recruitment, selection, training and supervision of the Explorers.

Other requirements include successful completion on entrance examinations, both written and oral, as well as the approval of the Post advisors. If under 18, an interview with parents is also required.

Some of the primary objectives of the program are to identify and develop future law enforcement personnel, to affect a better understanding of law enforcement in young adults, and to involve the Explorers in meaningful and productive interaction with the police and the community. Explorers learn valuable skills, while participating in many fun activities, and many Explorers have gone on to successful law enforcement careers.

Once a candidate is accepted into the program, they attend mandatory training at an accredited Law Enforcement Explorer academy. These academies usually meet on Saturdays for approximately 18 weeks, affording the Explorers with over 100 hours of instruction in basic police procedures and laws. High school students may earn five high school credits through the Regional Occupational Program. There is also ongoing specialized training at the Department level for patrol procedures, clerical duties, and other related aspects of law enforcement.

Explorers participate in varied activities including monthly general meetings, ride-alongs with patrol officers, ongoing training, clerical work, field trips, recreational activities, and other functions approved by the San Gabriel Police Department and Learning for Life.

San Gabriel's youth are encouraged to become involved in the community by exploring the opportunities available through the San Gabriel Police Department's Law Enforcement Explorer Post program. For more information, please email the Department, explorers@sgpd.com, or call the station at (626) 308-2828 and ask for an Explorer Advisor.



Explorers Jesse Yargara, Michael Guerrero and Andre Camerana

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Get Ready to Splash into Summer

The San Gabriel Parks and Recreation Department is gearing up for an exciting summer, complete with a sports camp, playground activities, free lunch program, swimming and day trips.

The Bulldog Sports Camp kicks off June 23 at Jefferson Middle School. The sports program runs from Monday thru Friday 1-4 p.m. in the gymnasium. This free camp will reinforce fundamental basketball and volleyball skills. This program is geared for youth entering grades 6 to 8 and will run until July 31.

Summer playgrounds are open from June 29-August 12, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Smith Park program opens one week earlier on June 22. Drop-in programs at Washington, Roosevelt and Dewey Schools are for youth ages 5 to 16. Youth trips and special events include a day at Raging Waters, Boomers, Bowl & Swim, Disneyland and the Annual Penny Carnival.

The free lunch program is served weekdays between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for children, 18 years of age and under. Lunches will be provided at Lincoln School, Coolidge School, Dewey School, McKinley School, Roosevelt School, Smith Park, Vincent Lugo Park, and Washington School. This lunch program is administered by the San Gabriel Unified School District and the Garvey School District.

Smith Park Pool offers lessons for all level swimmers, including adults. Lessons are offered Monday through Friday beginning June 22. Saturday lessons are also available. Beginning June 19, the pool will be open for recreational swimming every afternoon and

"This free camp will reinforce fundamental basketball and volleyball skills"

Mondays, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875 or e-mail info@sgch.org.



City & School Board Meetings

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN GABRIEL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

2ND MONDAY
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 13

Business Expo and Networking Mixer,
6-8 p.m.
Free to the public
San Gabriel Union Church & Christian School
117 North Pine Street

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Installation Dinner, 6-8 p.m.
For information, call the Chamber
Office at (626) 576-2525

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Networking Mixer, 6-8 p.m.
San Gabriel Mission
428 South Mission Drive
The San Gabriel Chamber of
Commerce is currently accepting
applications from businesses/services
that would like to host a Mixer
during 2009. 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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Curbside E-Waste Disposal Comes to San Gabriel

San Gabriel is one of the first communities in the region to offer free, curbside e-waste disposal to its residents. Sponsored by Athens Disposal under an agreement with the City of San Gabriel, the new program launched on March 1.

The groundbreaking pilot program, approved by the City Council in December, means that residents will no longer need to drag home electronics, computers, printers and similar items to a remote regional waste disposal event. San Gabriel residents can arrange a pickup appointment for those items. The program is not available at present to commercial clients.

Items subject to pickup include all forms of covered electronic devices and home entertainment; however, it does not include "universal" waste and hazardous materials. (See the accompanying sidebar to learn more about what is included in the program.)

Residents can schedule e-waste pickups by calling Athens' toll free number 888-336-6100, or through its website at www.athensservices.com and click on "About My City" for a link to San Gabriel. Please give Athens at least 24 hours notice. The pickup will be scheduled for the next trash collection day at curb side. Residents will be allowed two free pickups per year of a maximum of either two large items, or two medium and four small items. Additional pickups will be charged at \$25.00 per item.

A Certified Electronic Recycling Center will provide for professional disposal of all e-waste and CED collected in an environmental friendly manner, complying with all local and federal regulations.

The Athens program will operate free of charge to the City and its residents for a year, at which point the City will measure the program's success. In addition to providing greater convenience to our residents, the innovative curbside e-waste program will help San Gabriel meet state laws that require more than 50% of the waste (trash) stream to be recycled or diverted away from landfills. As part of its commitment to the program, Athens has committed to use environmentally responsible practices in the handling of e-waste products.

For more information about the e-waste program, call Athens Services at 888-336-6100, or call the City's Engineering Division at (626) 308-2800, ext. 4631.

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Items Included:

- Covered Electronic Devices (CED's)
- Cathode ray tube containing devices (CRT devices)
- Cathode ray tubes (CRTs)
- Computer monitors containing CRTs
- Laptop computers with liquid crystal display
- Flat screen televisions
- LCD containing desktop monitors
- Laptop televisions containing CRTs
- Televisions containing LCD screens
- Plasma televisions
- Portable DVD players with LCD screens
- Computers scanners
- Printers
- Radios
- Stereos
- Cell phones
- Telephones
- Faxes
- TV's
- VCR's
- DVD players

Not Included:

- Universal waste (such as batteries, fluorescent lamps, and mercury thermometers) and household hazardous waste (such as paints, oils, pesticides, and aerosol cans) will not be included in the program, and should be directed to the Los Angeles County Waste program. These details are available at www.888CleanLA.com.

Athens Services
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and the City of San Gabriel

Call (888) 336-6100 or go to www.Athensservices.com

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Avoid Becoming a Robbery Victim

Unlike other crimes, robbery represents a threat to both you and your property; it can often result in a confrontation between the victim and the offender. Here are some tips to help you avoid being a robbery victim:

- Project confidence and an awareness of your surroundings. Look at people around you. Let them know you see them.
- If possible, travel with a companion; this is especially important when it is dark outside.
- At night, walk in well-lighted parking lots and well-traveled areas. Avoid walking while talking on a cell phone and looking downward.
- Don't overburden yourself with shopping bags or a purse. Carrying too much marks you as a victim. Place your purse in a shopping bag, not on your shoulder.
- If you suspect you're being followed, turn and walk quickly in the opposite direction, and go to a well-lighted and well-populated area.
- Don't carry more cash than you actually need, and don't flash large sums of money at restaurants, bars, retail stores or banks. You never know who is watching. Don't carry credit cards if you aren't planning to use them.
- Walk on the side of the street facing oncoming traffic. This will prevent a car from "sneaking" up on you.
- Be aware of locations and situations that would make you vulnerable to crime, such as alleyways and dark parking lots.
- Avoid using ATM's on the street or behind buildings. Go to one located inside a mall where better security is provided.
- If you carry a purse, carry it securely between your arm and your body.
- Do not make yourself an obvious target. When practical, avoid wearing expensive, noticeable clothing or jewelry if you are going to be on the street.

For more information on crime prevention programs, contact the San Gabriel Crime Prevention Office, (626) 308-2846.

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Library Programs

Stop by the San Gabriel Library – there's something for everyone! Family Storytime is every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.; Toddler Storytime every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Here's what's coming up over the next few months:

- **May 2** - "Dia de los Ninos" Reading and Art Activity 2 p.m.
- **May 16** - Tea Party and Storytime, 2 p.m.
- **June 27** - Summer Reading Program Kick Off Party with Magician Michael Rayner; 2 p.m.
- **July 11** - Movie Day, 2 p.m.
- **July 18** - Balloons with Mr. Twister; 2 p.m.
- **July 25** - One World Rhythm, 2 p.m.
- **August 1** - Swazzel Puppet Show "Water Colors," 2 p.m.
- **August 8** - Reptile Family, 2 p.m.
- **August 15** - Musician Brother Yusef, 2 p.m.
- **August 22** - Summer Reading Program Finale Party and Prize Auction

For more information, please contact Kristen Thorp at the San Gabriel Library, (626) 287-0761, KThorp@library.lacounty.gov.