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## Valley Boulevard



Legend ■ Valley Boulevard Corridor ● Transit Oriented Development Opportunities ---- City Boundary

Valley Boulevard has evolved from a quaint local 'main street' into a major transportation corridor for the region. Because Valley Boulevard is integral to the economic, physical and social quality of San Gabriel, residents and business owners face the challenge of redefining the identity of this multi-cultural economic corridor. The *Valley Boulevard Neighborhoods Specific Plan* will be the community's response to this challenge.

The *Valley Boulevard Neighborhoods Specific Plan* will present the community of San Gabriel with the opportunity to prepare for continued growth. The proposed plan will outline strategies and goals to improve the Valley Boulevard corridor. It will propose strategies to improve the physical design of the boulevard and surrounding neighborhood, traffic congestion, housing needs, environmental protection and above all, provides the opportunity to plan for long-term sustainable growth.

The plan is being funded with a \$328,500 Sustainable Communities Grant, which was presented to the City on May 9 by State Treasurer Phil Angelides. The State Sustainable Communities Grant and Loan Program was created to invest in 'smart growth' strategies for California's communities. San Gabriel was one of only 14 com-

munities selected from 117 applicants to receive this grant. Maintaining and enhancing the quality of life of residents is the pri-



mary goal of this program, and as Angelides underscored, this plan can ultimately serve as a model for other communities.

A vital component of the *Valley*

## Residents Work To Build Stronger Valley Boulevard Neighborhoods

*Boulevard Neighborhoods Specific Plan* will be a yearlong, comprehensive public outreach program. Opportunities for public participation began last month, and include stakeholder interviews and community workshops. The stakeholder interviews provide interested community members the opportunity to discuss key concerns and ideas for Valley Boulevard's future, from traffic solutions to shopping opportunities.

Later this summer, community members, planners and officials will meet on Valley Boulevard to review and refine ideas shared through the interview process. This workshop will give community members the opportunity to review and respond to prior community input and technical research, along with preliminary ideas for the revitalization of Valley Boulevard.

All community events will have multi-lingual staff/volunteers to facilitate community involvement in multiple languages, including Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Spanish.

Want to participate? Visit the City's website at [www.sangabrielcity.com](http://www.sangabrielcity.com) or stop by City Hall for information on upcoming Valley Boulevard events. If you are interested in receiving regular notices about *Valley Boulevard Neighborhoods Specific Plans* progress, fill out an Interest Card at the City.

## Kid's Day, Penny Carnival

Gear up for the 3rd Annual Kid's Day celebration! This annual event, to be held Sunday, Aug. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Smith Park, is a celebration of kids and their families. Kid's Day will kick off with the summer playground program's most popular special event, the annual Penny Carnival.



Kids of all ages (that includes you, too, parents!) can try their luck at a variety of challenging game booths in the hopes of winning candy and small prizes. Also included in the Penny Carnival will

be displays by the San Gabriel Police and Fire Departments, and a dunk tank where local 'celebrities' will offer an inviting target to the carnival-goers.

Bring a bag full of coins and join us for this fun event! The Kid's Day celebration will continue with a free hot dog BBQ lunch complete with all of the trimmings, a variety of old-fashioned picnic games and contests, free recreational swimming (beginning at 1 p.m. — admission may be limited), raffles, prizes and more!

Other than participation in the Penny Carnival, there is no cost for this activity. Kid's Day is sponsored by the City Council and is also made possible through the generous donations of community businesses and organizations.



## Valley Boulevard Specific Plan: A Quick Primer

### Why does Valley Boulevard need a specific plan?

Valley Boulevard serves as a neighborhood 'main street' for a historic and rapidly changing neighborhood of one of the Southland's oldest communities. The boulevard is facing many pressures, and plans for the protection of the environment, traffic management and balancing

housing and jobs have not kept up with change. The planning process presents opportunities to improve streetscape and building design, address traffic congestion, improve residential areas and ultimately increase the area's economic, social and physical sustainability.

### What is the specific plan?

A specific plan is a document that

combines the community's goals and strategies for improving the Valley Boulevard project area with the specific zoning, design and implementation tools needed to make them happen. It will be developed by incorporating physical and economic research, along with community input and ideas.

Please turn to page 4.

## Little Folks Fair

Come to the Little Folks Fair on Friday, Aug. 8th, from 10 a.m. to noon at Smith Park! This fun-filled morning is designed for children ages 2 to 8. A variety of activities, including arts and crafts, water play, face painting, piggy prints, sundae making and more will be part of this fun day! San Gabriel Fire Fighters and a Police Department motorcycle officer will also be there to display their equipment. An adult must accompany each child. Project Kid Care ID packets will be available for the first 150 participants. All playgrounds will be closed for this event. Fee is \$7.



## Upcoming San Gabriel Civic Auditorium Events

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Tepecutli Pilli Dance Company, 2 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (323) 832-0310

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

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

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Sungli Wang Opera Company, 7:30 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (626) 571-0968

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Rio Hondo Police Academy Graduation  
11 a.m., Free admission  
For information call (562) 692-0921, ext. 4225

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

An Evening of Chinese Culture, 7:30 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (805) 480-1994

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Wang Ke-Wei Dance Company, 7:30 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (626) 595-8983

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Los Angeles Classical Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (626) 308-2868

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Ting Ting Productions presents Dance Spectacular, 7:30 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (213) 880-2161

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society presents 2nd Annual Wurlitzer Pipe Organ Oktoberfest  
Dinner 5 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (818) 848-6592

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

San Gabriel Police Department Safety Expo, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
For information call (626) 308-2860

### THURSDAY/FRIDAY, OCT. 9-10

Children's Theatre Experience presents The Sound of Music  
Special student performances - Thursday and Friday, 9:15 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
Friday evening performance at 8 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (800) 514-2787

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

San Gabriel Folklorico, 7 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (323) 254-6859

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Fred Chaney Enterprises presents Benefit Variety Show, 7:30 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (661) 328-9200

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Pasadena Civic Ballet, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (626) 792-0873

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Pasadena Civic Ballet, 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.  
For information/tickets call (626) 792-0873

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



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

## San Gabriel Joins Nationwide Effort to Fight Crime



Crash dummies 'Vince and Larry' join Leslie Street residents on National Night Out.

states, U.S. territories, Canada and military bases worldwide. More than 34 million people are expected to participate.

From 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., residents in neighborhoods throughout San Gabriel will lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. Many Neighborhood Watch groups throughout San Gabriel will be hosting block parties, cookouts and other activities, and will be visited by police, fire and City officials. The U.S. Army, U.S. Marines Corps and a local radio station are expected to return again this year.

National Night out has four key objectives: heighten crime- and drug-prevention awareness; generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

"National Night Out is an extraordinary way to build neighborhood unity and strengthen police-community partnerships," said San Gabriel Police Chief David A. Lawton. "Neighbors meet neighbors — and citizens and local law enforcement have the opportunity to enhance their relationships. On August 5, we invite all San Gabriel residents to join forces with us to give crime and drugs a going-away party."

## Fire Department Receives Homeland Security Grant Funds

The San Gabriel Fire Department has received an \$8,154 grant from the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program. This will be used to purchase personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of personnel when responding to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.

The protective equipment is not intended for entry into a 'hot' zone of an incident, but more for personnel involved in support functions on the perimeter, such as isolation, decontamination of victims and evacuation. Additional funding for personal protective equipment totaling \$11,370 has been approved under the Homeland Security Program and will be forthcoming.

In addition, the San Gabriel Fire Department has been given top priority for Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) activities. Because of the commitment in training and the availability of personnel to respond on short notice to an emergency, the Fire Department is moving forward with the concept of a joint US&R unit with the Alhambra, Monterey Park, and South Pasadena Fire Departments.

The City's current unit is rated at the 'Medium Operational Capability' level, which means that it can operate on structural-collapse incidents involving heavy wall construction with reinforced or unreinforced masonry, concrete tilt-up and heavy timber construction. The level to be given funding priority for San Gabriel will be 'Heavy Operational Capability,' which also includes steel-frame construction and confined-space rescue operations. The City has already been approved for \$52,000 in Homeland Security funding for additional tools, and has two grant applications in process.

## How Urban Search and Rescue Benefits San Gabriel

Urban Search and Rescue, known as USAR, is a vital component of any city's fire department, including the City of San Gabriel.

Historically, fire departments have been called to help in every sort of emergency situation. In some cities, especially those with larger fire departments, special units were created to handle those incidents that required lifting heavy objects on construction accidents, tunneling under debris of collapsed buildings to find survivors, and removing victims from mangled automobiles. These units were referred to as 'Heavy Rescues,' and staffed with firefighters who had the specialized skills necessary to carry out unique rescue functions.

In the 1980s, new ideas, technology and organization were needed to effectively rescue people trapped under the large debris piles of collapsed concrete buildings. During this decade, many individuals were trapped and injured by several large earthquakes. The demands of their rescue led some larger fire departments to form specialized units, which began to develop more sophisticated search-and-rescue techniques.

California was a leader in forming specialized USAR teams. In 1989, after the Loma Prieta earthquake, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) established the National Urban Search and Rescue program, which set standards for training and operations as well as directing federal funds to individual jurisdictions for training and equipment. Four levels of USAR capability were defined: Basic, Light, Medium, and Heavy, each with increasing requirements for tools, equipment and specialized training.

In the late 1980s, the San Gabriel Fire Department also benefited from an increased rescue capability, adding specialized tools to its utility/salvage truck, and sending personnel to specialized training schools. By 1990, the Department had reached the Basic level of expertise. Subsequent training and improved expertise raised the Department's capability to the Light level. Their firefighting team had earned certifications in several search-and-rescue-related disciplines.

In 1996, the Edison Company donated a 1985 GMC truck to the San Gabriel Fire Department. The Department built its Medium level USAR around this truck, which today carries a substantial inventory of tools and equipment.



## Police Department Hosting Community Safety Expo

The San Gabriel Police Department will be hosting its 9th Annual Community Safety Expo on Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., along the 300 block of South Mission Drive in San Gabriel's historic Mission District. The expo combines free safety educational information with a fun family day in the park atmosphere. Bring your entire family to this fun-filled event!

Each year the Community Safety Expo promotes community safety programs, as well as providing crime-prevention displays and safety and rescue demonstrations by local police, fire and public works departments. Crash dummies 'Vince and Larry' and crime dog McGruff will be on hand to greet everyone.

A wide variety of emergency vehicles, equipment and helicopters from various law enforcement agencies will be on display. Several antique, special interest cars and vintage police and fire vehicles will also be featured. Weaponless defense, police K-9 and mounted police demonstrations will be provided throughout the day.

Prizes will be awarded to participants, so be sure to stop by the San Gabriel Police Department booth to receive your free door-prize raffle tickets. Also provided will be free child finger printing and photographs for children attending the expo.

For more information, please contact Sergeant John Tuosto at (626) 308-2860.

## Police Officers And Firefighters Are Your Friends

### A message to parents

A safer community is the goal of the San Gabriel Police and Fire Departments. The safety of our children concerns all of us. This article, reinforced by your help, will give a better understanding of the role the police officer and firefighter serves in our community.

### Hello boys and girls,

Police officers and firefighters are important people in our lives. They take care of people, their property and their community.

Police officers and firefighters have many different kinds of jobs. Some police officers direct traffic; others give tickets to drivers who break the law, and they help people in trouble. Firefighters help fight fires, save people, and even help take your kitten down from a tree.

You can see police officers riding in their cars and motorcycles, and firefighters riding in their fire trucks. They help people who are lost or who are in trouble.

Police officers and firefighters work in schools talking to kids; others work in the police and fire stations answering telephones, filing and running computers.

Police officers and firefighters work very hard during the day. Their work can be very dangerous. They also go to school to learn about how they can help people. They need to exercise and keep their bodies strong. They need to study and learn all the laws. They must be kind and willing to work hard.

When you grow older, you might want to become a police officer or firefighter. When you see them, look at the badges they carry. Those badges mean that they will protect you and me. They worked very hard to get that badge and will try their best to take care of everybody in the community.

If your school or organization would like to take a tour of the San Gabriel Police Department, call (626) 308-2846 or the San Gabriel Fire Department, (626) 308-2880.



## Summer Safety Tips

Summer is a wonderful time of the year! The San Gabriel Police Department Crime Prevention Office offers a variety of important summer safety tips to ensure a fun and worry-free vacation, whether you're at home or on the road:

### Pool Safety

✳ Learn to swim. The American Red Cross offers swimming courses for people of any age and swimming ability. To enroll in a course—to learn to swim or to just improve your ability—contact Smith Park Pool at (626) 287-9421.

- ✳ Never leave a child unobserved around water.
- ✳ Install a phone by the pool or keep a cordless phone nearby so you can call 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- ✳ Learn Red Cross CPR and insist that babysitters, grandparents and others who care for your child know CPR.
- ✳ Post CPR instructions and 9-1-1 or your local emergency number in the pool area.
- ✳ Enclose the pool completely with a self-locking, self-closing fence with vertical bars. Openings in the fence should be no more than four inches wide. If the house is part of the barrier, the doors leading from the house to the pool should remain locked and be protected with an alarm that produces sounds when the door is unexpectedly opened.
- ✳ Never leave furniture near the fence that would enable a child to climb over the fence.
- ✳ Always keep basic lifesaving equipment by the pool and know how to use it. Pole, rope and personal-flotation devices are recommended.
- ✳ Keep toys away from the pool when it is not in use. Toys can attract young children into the pool.
- ✳ Pool covers should always be completely removed prior to pool use.
- ✳ To learn more about home pool safety, you can purchase the video, *It Only Takes a Minute*, from your local Red Cross chapter.
- ✳ If a child is missing, check the pool first. Go to the edge of the pool and scan the entire pool, as well as the surrounding pool area.

### 10 Summer Safety Tips

- ✳ Make sure children always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter, rollerblading or skateboarding.
- ✳ Protect children from excessive exposure to sun — especially from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Use a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.
- ✳ Supervise children whenever they use play equipment.
- ✳ Keep children away from areas where any lawn mowers are being used. Never allow children to ride on mowers.
- ✳ Minimize the risk of bee and insect stings by having children wear shoes and light-colored clothing. Use insect repellent sparingly on older children and never on infants.
- ✳ Know the plants in your yard and teach your child not to pick or eat anything without first checking with an adult. Call the Washington Poison Center at (800) 732-6985 if you suspect a poisoning has occurred or to receive a list of poisonous plants.
- ✳ Keep children from playing near barbecues and bonfires, and always have water present when fire is involved. Only adults should use lighter fluid.
- ✳ Strap children in a properly fitting seat belt, car seat or booster seat when traveling by car or airplane.

## County Implements Bad Check Restitution Program



The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has launched the Bad Check Restitution Program, which aids merchants in the recovery of losses associated with returned checks and holds check writers accountable. The program is a more efficient way to handle bad-check offenders and reduces caseloads for the criminal court system.

There is no cost for merchants — operating funds come from statutory fees charged only to the check writers and no tax dollars are used.

When faced with a bad check, the merchant must attempt to notify the check writer and allow a minimum 10-day grace period for the check to be paid. If the check writer fails to respond, the merchant can file a complaint with the District Attorney's program up to 120 days after the transaction. There are no minimum or maximum dollar restrictions.

Check writers reported to the program must pay restitution and attend an eight-hour intervention class to avoid criminal prosecution. Class attendance is mandatory.

For more information, please contact Samantha Mason, community relations representative, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, at (877) 208-8492. To order program supplies, such as forms to report bad checks, check-acceptance information or to receive a 'Bad-Check Writers Beware' warning poster or stickers, call the Victim Hotline at (800) 842-0733.



## A Treasure in the Basement

Have you checked your basement lately for hidden treasures? You never know what you may find. The Civic Auditorium is no different. Not so hidden in our basement is a near perfect example of a Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ. Originally installed in Brooklyn's Albee Theatre in 1924, the 'Mighty Wurlitzer' was invented to provide the emotional atmosphere and mood music for popular silent movies of that era.

The organ, donated by RKO Theatres, was restored and installed by members of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society in 1971 and can be raised to stage level on an elevator platform from the storage vault two floors below the orchestra pit. The Mighty Wurlitzer is frequently used for concerts and silent film festivals.

Maintaining the organ is a never-ending project. Dedicated members of the Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society arrive every Tuesday morning to work on it. Tasks include re-leathering hundreds of miniature bellows, which operate the stop tabs, and regular tuning.

Future plans include installing a full orchestra pit elevator, making it possible to roll the organ into the basement for storage.

## City Salutes Two Outstanding District Schools

Jefferson Middle School was one of the 132 public high schools and middle schools that were named as a California Distinguished School. Of the 2,228 middle and high schools in the state, fewer than 400 were eligible to apply for the honor based upon their Academic Performance Index (API) results.

Schools had to meet the following eligibility requirements to apply for distinguished school status: have an API of 679-799; meet all their growth targets on the API; test at least 95 percent of the students on the STAR exam; and have numerically significant sub-groups meet at least 80 percent of the school's overall target.

Schools that met the eligibility criteria then underwent a rigorous selection process by the California Department of Education. Only schools with applications judged to be exemplary at a state-level competition were chosen as California Distinguished Schools.

McKinley School was one of the 159 Title I schools in the state to receive the 2003 State Title I Achieving Schools award.



McKinley School staff members celebrate being honored as a California Distinguished School.

The school went through two stages of the selection process. The first stage included the evaluation of the proposal submitted by the school in the following areas: opportunity for all students to meet proficient and advanced levels of performance as measured by the California States Standards Tests in Mathematics and Language Arts; professional development; coordination with other programs; response to individual needs of students; and partnerships among schools, parents and communities.

The second stage was the California Department of Education staff validation visit. The award notification letter from State Superintendent Jack O'Connell stated: "The site visit confirmed that the school staff work hard to ensure that all students, especially at-risk students, are provided with the necessary resources to meet state and district academic standards."

## Budget Updates

The City Council and City staff have been working diligently on the 2003-05 biennial budget. The City of San Gabriel's total estimated revenue budget for each fiscal year is approximately \$28 million, with the proposed General Fund revenue budget generating approximately \$18 million of the total and the balance comprised of special revenue funds and the City's self-insurance funds.

The operating budget includes all expenditures except those costs incurred to maintain the City's infrastructure, acquire certain major equipment systems, or special projects—these are budgeted in the Special and Capital Projects Fund. The total proposed operating budget for the next two years is approximately \$23 million for fiscal year 2003-2004 and \$26 million for fiscal year 2004-05.

The City's capital and special-projects budget includes a total of \$3.5 million and \$1.7 million respectively in expenditures in each of the next two years. The City's Millennium Miles Program constitutes the largest component of the capital and special projects budget equaling approximately \$1.3 million over the two-year budget.

In addition to the Millennium Miles Program, approximately \$500,000 will be spent each year to improve several critical intersections using state transportation funds. State grants will provide approximately \$500,000 for used-oil recycling, beverage-container management, code enforcement, tree planting and a master plan for Vincent Lugo Park. The capital outlay component of this budget is approximately \$700,000 and \$450,000 in each year and will fund approximately 11 vehicles, two police motorcycles, a genie lift, fire command unit and a new paramedic ambulance.

Other notable capital items include upgrading technology in the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department enhancements include converting from recoding on VHS tapes to a digital format, a new voicemail system, implementing "handheld" ticketing, communication hardware and software in the dispatch center, detective radios, defibrillators, personal protective equipment and personal computer system upgrades. The Fire Department technology enhancements include acquiring defibrillators/monitors and new handheld radios.

The City's Special Projects budgets are approximately \$800,000 and \$200,000 in each year and continue many of the Community Development Block Grant and state grant-funded projects. Items of particular note are the Civic Auditorium Sound System Upgrade Phases II and III for \$150,000, a restoration of the Civic Auditorium marquee and acquisition of spotlights for a combined \$50,000 and police homeland security training for \$50,000. Programs for youth will be expanded consistent with the City's objective of providing safe and healthy activities for the children of the community.

In future years, the City will continue to promote budget plans that balance revenue streams with the goals and objectives of the City Council. Critical to this task is our effort to diminish the redirection of local revenues to the State Treasury, maintain current revenue sources and promote the development of new retail businesses.



## Tournament to Benefit Scholarship Program

On Thursday, October 2, the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual golf tournament, held at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Chamber's Jeanne E. Raya Scholarship Fund, as well as supporting services and programs for Chamber members.

Numerous sponsorship packages are available. Tournament fee includes green fees, electric cart, golfer goodies and dinner. For more information regarding the tournament, sponsorships or scholarship program, please call (626) 576-2525.

# City & School Board Meetings

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1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS  
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## 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

## DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

During the summer months, any child may join the 'It's a Jungle Out There, Swing into your Library' program and check out the annual summer reading activities at San Gabriel Library. The library will introduce children to reading adventures, sponsored by the Friends of San Gabriel Library, as well as the Los Angeles Times' 'Reading by Nine' initiative.

After reading one book, a child may become a 'Library Kid' and receive a free book card. Participating children can track their own progress by recording all the books they read or being read to them. Plus, they can enjoy the many fun and exciting activities planned for Library Kids.

Reading is a great way to use free time, and the library is ready to help any child make the most of their summer months. Crafts, puzzles, films, special programs, as well as books, magazines, CDs, audio tapes and videos are offered by the library and will provide hours of enjoyment for a child.

For more information about how to become a Library Kid, please contact the library at (626) 287-0761. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## 2003 Youth-In-Government

The seventh annual Youth-in-Government Program was once again an outstanding success! A permanent part of the Gabrielino High School curriculum, this unique program offers our young people the opportunity to learn about their local government at different levels. Programs include participating as a voter to elect their Council representatives at an authentic election, serving on one of the election boards at the polling place or central counting center, or being one of the 25 students who ultimately comprise the Youth-In-Government Team and experience local government first-hand.

The program began in February when a student was appointed to serve as City clerk and seniors had the opportunity to run to serve as a member of the City Council. On February 13, the election was held at which 750 junior and senior students were eligible to vote, the YIG Council was selected after which the City attorney and City manager and the remaining department heads were appointed. Another unique aspect of San Gabriel's program is the separate "Shadow Day." Students met with their counterpart and spent a day with the City official to experience the varied duties and responsibilities involved in running the city on a day-to-day basis.

This year the program culminated on Youth-In-Government Day, Tuesday, April 1st, when they were taken on a tour of the City and demonstrations were provided by the Public Works Division, Police Department and Fire Department. The tour offered many photo opportunities with various demonstrations, including public works equipment, reenactment of a felony traffic stop, defensive tactics and emergency aid. The YIG Team enjoyed lunch with their counterparts and San Gabriel Unified School District representatives. After the mayor's keynote message, students toured the historic San Gabriel Civic Auditorium. At 6 p.m., the City Council turned over the gavel to the Youth-In-Government Team who conducted a simulated Council meeting. Congratulations to the 2003 Youth-In-Government Team!



### ★★★ YOUTH-IN-GOVERNMENT STUDENT PARTICIPANTS ★★★

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#### Parks & Rec. Director

Xavier Vargas

#### Police Chief

Daniel Rau  
Eric Stowell



## VALLEY BOULEVARD PRIMER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.

### What is the project area?

It's bounded by New Avenue to the west, North Charlotte Avenue to the east, Interstate 10 to the south, and includes the north side of Valley Boulevard and the blocks south and west of the Alhambra Wash.

### How is the plan being funded?

San Gabriel has been awarded a competitive grant from the Sustainable Cities Grant and Loan Program of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority in the State Treasurer's office. The grant includes approximately \$328,500 for development of the plan and community outreach and involvement.

### How many businesses are on Valley Boulevard?

There are currently 461 businesses encompassing virtually every type of product and service — from regionally recognized restaurants to small, family-owned concerns.

### Who should be involved?

San Gabriel residents, business owners and anyone with an interest in enhancing Valley Boulevard and its surrounding neighborhoods.

### How can I get more information?

For more information, or information in other languages, please contact Mark Gallatin, (626) 308-2800.



¡La vecindad de Valley Boulevard está cambiando para lo mejor! Se invita a los miembros de la comunidad que participen en el plan para mejorar el bulevar y vecindades circundantes. Se acercan las oportunidades para partici-

par. Llame a (626) 308-2800 para más información.

維系優良的社區, 繁榮, 方便, 適合步行, 有助於自然環境的社區, 該社區的居民在公共衛生及治安方面也享受合理的保障。

山谷大道及鄰近地區日趨改善! 聖蓋博市政府誠邀社區人士參與改善山谷大道及鄰近地區的規劃工作, 欲知詳情, 請電 626-308-2800。

## shortTAKES



## Little Folks Aquatics Water Safety Awareness Fair

This free event, to be held Friday, Aug. 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., is for all Tiny Tots and Parent and Tot swim-class participants. It will replace all tot classes on Aug. 8th. Enroll in a Tot swim class this summer and join us for this free Water Safety Awareness Fair for parents and children. Don't miss out! All youth in attendance will receive a free one-day swim pass.

## Dog License Fees Increase



Since its inception in 1978, the San Gabriel Valley Animal Control Authority has contracted with the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society to provide animal control services, which include animal

patrol services, impounding of animals, pet adoption and veterinary services. The San Gabriel Valley Humane Society is a non-profit corporation whose shelter is located in San Gabriel.

To address increasing costs to the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society—such as workers' compensation and liability insurance, gasoline and sheltering costs—dog license fees were increased to \$5 each year, effective July 1.

## Shopping in San Gabriel has its Benefits



San Gabriel has a variety of places to shop for food, gifts and household items, and for every dollar you spend on a taxable item, one cent goes to the City. The current City budget receives 14 percent of its income directly from sales tax revenues, which helps pay for our police, fire and parks and recreation services.

So the next time you go shopping, eat out, buy a television set or pay for any service, think San Gabriel first! You will not only save driving time and gas, but you will also help contribute to the local economy. If you are looking for a business to meet your needs, please consult the yellow pages, or call the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce at (626) 576-2525.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
620 West Santa Anita Street

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
San Gabriel Mission High School  
254 South Santa Anita St.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Annual Golf Tournament  
Brookside Golf Course  
Pasadena

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
TBA