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Vincent Lugo Park Master Plan Will Enhance Environment, Educate Public



For the first time in the 50-year history of providing playground and recreational activities at Vincent Lugo Park, a comprehensive and environmentally sensitive master plan design has been developed that will not only help renovate the park, but will also provide invaluable opportunities to educate the public about the adjacent Alhambra Wash, an important watershed resource.

On November 15, 2005, the San Gabriel City Council unanimously approved the master plan prepared by the landscape architectural firm of Lawrence Moss and Associates. The master plan is a collaborative effort among neighborhood residents, the City of San Gabriel, the San Gabriel Unified School District (SGUSD), and the Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC).

The City of San Gabriel was initially awarded a \$75,000 grant from the RMC in July 2004 to develop the master plan. While the City has allocated about \$500,000 for needed capital improvements, a major goal is to qualify for additional grant funding from the RMC, which would assist in the master plan's renovation phase.

Securing additional grant funds will allow the project to move beyond merely upgrading existing park improvements, to becoming a master-planned partnership involving the City, the community, SGUSD and RMC.

The plan will meet RMC design/watershed requirements. A featured highlight of the park plan is a walking trail linking the community with the park, the McKinley School playground and the Alhambra Wash. The plan also includes a designated area for parking, a playground for youth and tiny tots that incorporates a new water feature, new picnic shelters, a band shell/group meeting structure, pathways and trails with interpretive signage, a youth-sized sports field, interpretive kiosk, security lighting and decorative fencing as needed.

The park's landscaping will be enhanced with the planting of additional trees to create groves and the replacement of existing landscaping with drought-tolerant, native plant species appropriate to a river habitat. The Girl Scout House will remain at its present location, but other facilities, including the Park Maintenance Facility, may have to be removed and/or relocated.

The next phase will be the preparation of the working drawings that are necessary to go out to bid. It is anticipated that renovation construction will begin in late 2006 or early 2007. For more information about the Vincent Lugo Park Master Plan, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.

San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency — Making a Difference!

Formed in 1993, the objective of the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency is twofold: 1) improve the community by providing housing opportunities, and 2) bring quality business enterprises to San Gabriel. Two significant accomplishments furthering these goals include:

- Groundbreaking of the San Gabriel Gateway Center at Las Tunas Drive and San Gabriel Boulevard.
- Relocation and expansion of the New Century Ford dealership at Las Tunas Drive and Burton.

The Gateway Center groundbreaking event held on October 27, 2005, celebrated the start of construction of a new 15,000-square-foot Longs Drugs, and the remodeling of 10,000 square feet of inline shop space. Wells Fargo Bank and Quiznos Subs have already signed leases at the Center, and expect to open in spring 2006. Long-time tenant, Apex Golf, has relocated from the northeast corner to the inline shop space and continues to be open during construction. The site developer and development team, Jacobsen Family Holdings, has been working with the City to market the remaining shop spaces to businesses in food, retail and service industries.

The San Gabriel Redevelopment Project area encompasses properties from 600 East Las Tunas Drive East to the City boundary and from 142 North San Gabriel Boulevard South to Mission Drive.

In addition to the Gateway Center and New Century Ford Dealership projects, the Redevelopment Agency is also working on the New Century Lincoln Mercury expansion and relocation, three mixed-use projects, and a retail center.

For information on these projects, contact Economic Development Specialist Erlinda Romo at (626) 308-2806, or at eromo@sgch.org.



Construction of the new Longs Drugs began last October

Valley Vision Plan Debuts

More than two years in the making, *Valley Vision: A Sustainability Plan for the Valley Boulevard Neighborhoods*, is making its public debut. Combining the knowledge and insight of neighborhood residents, businesses, Realtors, architects and a team of City staff and consultants, *Valley Vision* breaks new ground in planning for San Gabriel. The centerpiece of the plan is a series of initiatives, tailored to the needs of Valley Boulevard and its surrounding neighborhoods, which reinforce the principles of sustainability. These principles strive to:

- Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels and extracted underground metals and materials.
- Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in nature.
- Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems.
- Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently.

An example of translating the principles into action can be found in the plan's sustainable building standards. These standards will encourage new construction to be energy efficient, recycle construction waste, and utilize methods and materials that are more environmentally friendly than conventional construction.

To reduce automobile dependence, *Valley Vision's* land-use policies call for concentrating development around those intersections served by public transit, and include prototypical designs for various types of commercial and mixed-use development. This clearly illustrates the City's expectations for the Valley Boulevard corridor. At the same time, the plan focuses on preserving existing residential neighborhoods and not introducing greater densities.

Over the next several months, City staff will be reaching out once more by taking the plan to various community groups to again seek their input. Public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council will follow in the spring.

The City encourages your thoughts and suggestions about *Valley Vision*. The draft plan and environmental impact report is now available for review at City Hall and the San Gabriel Public Library.

For more information about *Valley Vision*, contact City Planner Mark Gallatin at (626) 308-2806, ext. 4623, or at mgallatin@sgch.org.



Upcoming San Gabriel Civic Auditorium Events

TUES.-THURS., JAN. 24-26

East LA Classic Theatre & the City of San Gabriel present Much Ado About Nothing - Mariachi Style (Theatre for 3rd & 4th Graders), 9:30 a.m. Check local school districts for tickets. For info/additional tickets call (626) 308-2875

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Cantwell Sacred Heart Of Mary High School presents Folklorico Competition, 1 p.m. For info/tickets call (323) 887-2066

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Theatreworks USA presents Jim West - Theatre for Young People, 10 a.m. Tickets are available at your local school district. For info/tickets call (800) 497-5007

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents The Monday Night Cabaret - Broadway at the Playhouse, 6:30 p.m. Dinner & show on stage, featuring the music of Broadway. Benefiting the San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre. For info/tickets call (626) 308-2865, ext. 350

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Huntington Middle School presents Choral and Instrumental Concert, 7 p.m. For info/ tickets call (626) 299-7060

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

FEBRUARY 22-25

Children's Theatre Experience presents Fiddler On The Roof, various times TBA. For info/tickets call (800) 514-2787

FRI./SAT., MARCH 10-11, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2 p.m.

Temple City High School Department of Performing Arts presents annual musical, Beauty And The Beast. For info/tickets call (626) 548-5160

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

Theatreworks USA presents Curious George - Theatre for Young People, 10 a.m. For info/tickets call (800) 497-5007

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Arcadia High School Music Department presents Arcadia High School Invitational Show Choir Competition, 6:30 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 821-1785

FRI./SAT., MARCH 17-18, 8 p.m.

Shakespeare League of Pasadena presents Annie The Musical. For information/tickets call (626) 281-6053

MONDAY, MARCH 27

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents The Monday Night Cabaret - Broadway at the Playhouse, 6:30 p.m. Dinner & show on stage, featuring the music of Broadway. Benefiting the San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre. For info/tickets call (626) 308-2865, ext. 350

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Temple City High School Dept. of Performing Arts presents Annual Band Concert, 7 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 548-5160

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Huntington Middle School Instrumental and Choral Concert, 7 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 299-7060

SAT./SUN., APRIL 1-2

Mariachi Heritage Society Gala Concert. For show times/tickets call (626) 279-2064

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 10 a.m.

SAT., APRIL 8, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2 p.m.

Pasadena Dance Theatre Ballet. For information/tickets call (626) 683-3459

MONDAY, APRIL 10

American Theatre Art for Youth presents The Wizard of Oz, 10 a.m. Tickets available through local school districts. For info/tickets call (213) 563-3501

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Collenette Ballet, 2 p.m. For info/tickets call (626) 798-3784

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Theatreworks USA presents Charlotte's Web - Theatre for Young People, 10 a.m. Tickets available through local school districts. For info/tickets call (800) 497-5007

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

American Chinese Dance Association, 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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 28-30

City of San Gabriel & Chamber of Commerce presents annual City of San Gabriel Birthday Celebration and Street Fair. Rides, entertainment, game & food booths. All located in the historic Mission District

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 4-7

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music. For info/tickets call (626) 282-1440



All events and artists are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Always call the auditorium to confirm dates. To hear recorded 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) 308-2868 for more information.

San Gabriel Unified School District's Family Resource Center

The San Gabriel Unified School District's Family Resource Center offers a number of services, either free of charge or low cost, to children and their families within the San Gabriel Community:

- Health Clinic - immunizations, tuberculin screenings, well- and ill-child exams, sports physicals, nutrition education
- Emergency Assistance - food, transportation, legal and housing referrals
- Counseling Services and Referrals - individual and family counseling with professional therapists
- Tutoring & Mentoring - homework assistance is held twice weekly after school
- Healthy Families / Medical Assistance - Low-cost health insurance for children of low-income families
- Parent Education Classes

Too many children do not have access to health care. A recent needs assessment conducted by San Gabriel Valley Medical Center revealed that over 21 percent of children in San Gabriel Valley live below the federal poverty level and do not have health insurance. Physicians report that uninsured children are less likely to receive proper medical care. The Children's Health Access Program of San Gabriel (CHAPS) is one of the services available at the Family Resource Center. CHAPS is a service offering no-cost health examinations, immunizations, medical and dental care to children in the San Gabriel Community. For more information, call (626) 292-2431.

Come Join the Lunar New Year Celebration!

Entering its 15th year, the 2006 Annual Lunar New Year Event celebrates the "Year of the Dog." One of the most significant cultural events in the region, the month-long celebration begins with an Art Exhibit in January and culminates with the February 4th *Parade of the Cities and Street Festival* on Valley Boulevard - the heart of one of the largest Chinese-American commercial districts in Southern California.

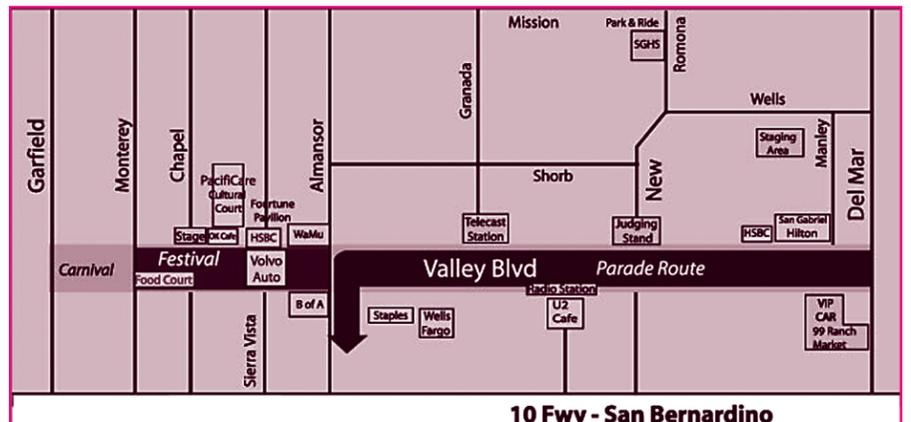
Kicking off the festivities is the art exhibit that began January 9 and ends January 31 at Alhambra City Hall.

Renowned artists have been commissioned to illustrate the characteristics and spirit of the coming zodiac. A great collection of antiques and sculptures of dogs is also on display.

The parade and street festival, held on February 4, is hosted by the cities of Alhambra and San Gabriel. Volvo is the event's title sponsor. This world-renowned, one-day street festival attracts more than 50,000 attendees from throughout the region.

The *Parade of the Cities* begins at the corner of Del Mar and Valley Boulevard and proceeds west on Valley Boulevard along the two-mile route ending at Almansor Street. Eight cities from throughout the San Gabriel Valley as well as several corporations submit beautiful floats, and school bands and cultural units march the two-mile route on Valley Blvd. The energetic performance of the long and winding dragon as well as the lion dance with acrobatic martial arts embraces the spirit of the New Year. The parade also reaches thousands of people at home through the live radio broadcasting on KMNY AM 1370, and the delayed televised program on cable and satellite channels.

The San Gabriel component of the Parade features the Mayor of San Gabriel and members of the City Council, San Gabriel Unified School District Board of Education members, Gabrielino High School Marching Regiment and the Jefferson Middle School Marching Band. Everyone is invited to stop by the City of San Gabriel booth and see the various department displays!



Stretching over seven city blocks between Garfield Avenue and Almansor Street on Valley Boulevard, the Lunar New Year Street Festival is held from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be 200 booths consisting of several theme-oriented venues, Volvo Auto Square, a carnival and ethnic food. The Cultural Pavilion will present several exhibits providing a glimpse into Chinese culture and tradition, including the giveaway of 1,000 red envelopes. Several special areas are provided for children, plus JCPenney's will host a fashion show on the entertainment stage. The festival provides fun and a taste of the Asian tradition for the whole family, and admission is free!

All residents living along the parade route and adjacent to the street festival should be aware of all posted street closures and "No Parking" signs prior to the event.

For more information about the Lunar New Year celebration and/or booth space, contact K & K Communications at (626) 284-1234, or visit www.lunarnewyearparade.com.

There's a New Fire Engine in Town!

Residents will soon be seeing the newest addition to the San Gabriel Fire Department traveling San Gabriel streets - the new 2005 Pierce Quantum Engine.

Assigned to Fire Station 52 on north Del Mar Avenue, the new engine is expected to serve the City for the next 12 years. The fire engine is equipped with a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) for more effective firefighting, especially in brush areas. While San Gabriel no longer has a large-scale brush hazard within City limits, San Gabriel, along with other area cities, participates in area mutual aid responses to large-scale brushfires. The new CAFS greatly enhances the ability of the crews to either attack fires directly, or provide a protective foam blanket over threatened structures.

Delivered at the end of summer, the process of equipment mounting, additional storage fabrication and crew training for the new engine has been completed. With the new engine now entering service, the present Engine 52 becomes Engine 751 (the Reserve engine), and will be housed at the Fire Department's headquarters Station 51 on south Del Mar. With a reserve engine in place, San Gabriel is able to send firefighters on area mutual aid strike teams, knowing that any strike team assignments will not affect service to City residents.



In addition to the new engine, the Fire Department acquired a 2005 Chevrolet Suburban Command vehicle to replace the previously used 1999 Suburban. The new vehicle is equipped with an Extendo-Bed equipment carrier that rolls out from the back of the vehicle and provides the battalion chief with a portable command post as well as equipment storage. The new Suburban Command vehicle will be housed at Fire Station 51.

School Zone Video Parking Enforcement

The San Gabriel Police Department's Traffic Bureau recently introduced an innovative program that is helping to improve school-zone safety. Known as the School Zone Video Enforcement Program, it uses video cameras to increase the effectiveness and productivity of parking enforcement officers. It has been well received not only by parents, but also by school principals and administrators of both San Gabriel Unified School District and Garvey School District.

The program was instituted in response to concerns from both parents and school officials about parking violations, which cause traffic congestion that can increase the chances of students being injured.

Parking enforcement personnel can now continuously capture parking violations on videotape as they occur. After capturing the violations, the parking enforcement officer will return to the police department to review the video footage. A citation for the appropriate violation section will be written and mailed to the vehicle's registered owner along with a cover letter explaining the reason for the citation.

Violators contesting the citation and/or requests for reviewing the video footage can make an appointment with the Traffic Bureau. For more information, please call (626) 308-2860.

San Gabriel Begins Search for Super Senior

The City of San Gabriel, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, is sponsoring an Older American Recognition Day. The Parks and Recreation Department is asking for public input in the search for San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American.

The program is designed to seek out and honor older people, who, after retirement, are still actively involved in serving others in the community. The award encourages retired persons to remain active in their community. The criteria for the Outstanding Older American are:

- ✓ Man or woman, age 60 or older
- ✓ Has performed outstanding volunteer service for the San Gabriel community
- ✓ Has not been recognized with this award in previous years. Award winners from 1990-2005: Edward Lara (1990), Bill Bauld (1991), Daniel Dominguez (1992), Carmelita Mata (1993), Helen Kennedy (1994), Marian Brittingham (1995), Lynn Backus (1996), Marie Lopez (1997), Sarah Duncan (1998), Geri Reece (1999), Al Baker (2000), Carl Bonenberger (2001), Ellie Andrews (2002), Don Morrison (2003), Helen Hoffmann (2004) and Harold Hansen (2005).

Nominations will be accepted through February 27. Please include the name, age, address, telephone number and a typed or printed narrative description of the nominee's volunteer activities. Please also include your name and contact number. Send your nomination to Older American Award, 250 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776.

For additional information and/or to obtain a nomination form, call the Parks and Recreation Office at (626) 308-2875, or visit the City's website at

City Honors Winners of Holiday Decorations Award Program

On December 14th and 15th, a Selection Committee from the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce visited each site nominated for the Holiday Decorations Awards Program, and selected one residential and one commercial winner from each of the following four areas of the city: northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast. The committee based their decision, in part, on originality, seasonal theme, and effort expended.

Winners were recognized and honored by City Council members during Santa's annual visit to San Gabriel neighborhoods on December 19. Each residential winner received a Certificate of Recognition for their holiday spirit, a gift basket of special prizes, and a sign to temporarily display in their front yard. Commercial winners also received a Certificate of Recognition plus a plaque for permanent display at their place of business.

And the winners are:

RESIDENTIAL



Northwest – 139 N. Del Mar Avenue



Northeast – 948 Santa Ynez Street



Southwest – 1100 King Street



Southeast – 423 E. Angeleno Avenue

COMMERCIAL



Northwest – Sol y Sombras – 343 S. Mission Drive



Northeast – Cricon Bodyworks – 915 E. Las Tunas Drive



Southeast – Fred Blum Insurance – 1019 S. San Gabriel Blvd.

For more information on the Holiday Decorations Awards Program, please contact NIS Manager Rita Estrada at (626) 308-2806 ext. 4636 or restrada@sgch.org.

City Employees Honored

Each year, the City of San Gabriel recognizes outstanding employee contributions through the Employee Recognition Award Program. The City's employees take great pride in their work, and are all dedicated to serving the community. This makes choosing the winners of the 2005 Employee Recognition Award Program a challenging task.

Employees are honored and commended for achievement in *Overall Work Performance, Leadership, Teamwork Excellence, Customer Service, Emergency Response* and *Innovation*. Nominations for recognition are made by the employees' subordinates, peers, supervisors or department head, and can also be initiated by employees outside the nominee's department.

The City is pleased to introduce the following 2005 City of San Gabriel Employee Recognition Award winners to the community – and gratefully acknowledge their contributions to the City and the San Gabriel community. Each year, the City of San Gabriel recognizes outstanding employee contributions through the Employee Recognition Award Program. The City's employees take great pride in their work, and are all dedicated to serving the community. This makes choosing the winners of the 2005 Employee Recognition Award Program a challenging task.

Everyone in the City-family congratulates these outstanding employees .



**Overall Work Performance
Community Development
Assistant
Brenda Mulhern**



**Leadership
Planning Manager
Lucita Tong**



**Customer Service
Assistant
Parks and Recreation
Director
Rebecca Perez**



**Teamwork
San Gabriel Police
Dispatcher-Clerks:
Johanna Ambicki (left),
Jenny Beall, Anita
Cordero, Alfred
Hernandez, Melissa
Saucedo (not pictured),
and (right) John
Shugart**



**Emergency Response
Firefighter
Paramedic
Jeff Powley**



**Innovation
Fire
Battalion
Chief
Michael Terry**

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, FEB. 15

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Asian Pacific National Bank
333 West Valley Boulevard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Chamber Mixer
5:30-7:30 p.m.
TBD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Mission 261
261 South Mission Drive

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Chamber Mixer
5:30-7:30 p.m.
TBD

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

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MEET YOUR CITY EMPLOYEES

The City of San Gabriel welcomes Larissa De La Cruz, as the new Assistant Planner in the Community Development Department. Larissa comes from the City of Hawthorne where she served in a similar capacity for the last year.

Larissa is a long-time San Gabriel Valley resident, having grown up in neighboring Pasadena. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in



Larissa De La Cruz

urban studies from Loyola Marymount University. Although only on the job for a few months, Larissa has already received a number of 'thank-you' notes from applicants for her excellent customer-service assistance and willingness to help the public. Larissa can be reached during normal business hours at (626) 308-2806. Please stop by City Hall and say hello!

Cities Test Emergency Readiness

On November 17, 2005, the City of San Gabriel participated in the annual Los Angeles County Operational Area's (OA) simulated disaster exercise to better prepare and coordinate emergency response. As in past years' simulated drills, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and from the EOC, citywide emergency operations were initiated to protect San Gabriel citizens. The drill lasted only for a few hours in

the morning, but what was learned will greatly benefit the City if a real disaster occurs.

Since 9/11, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has worked to improve the country's ability to cope with disasters, natural and man-made, and it has helped state and local governments plan for disaster mitigation. Part of the planning process requires those governmental agencies to practice their emergency operations to see if the plans are realistic, and how the emergency plans can be improved.

San Gabriel has participated in each of the annual Los Angeles County disaster events. This time, instead of an explosion, radioactive release or earthquake, the City dealt with the onset of a disease caused by the release of a biological agent. The event tested the City's ability to effectively and quickly communicate with residents throughout the City, assist public health agencies in setting up treatment areas for large numbers of the City's population and direct people to the appropriate treatment areas. Another component of the 'disaster' concerned how the City will collect and analyze the many sources of information relating to the disease and its spread, separating fact from fiction, and ensuring accurate information is communicated to the public.

Over the past year, several significant improvements have been made to San Gabriel's EOC. These include upgrading and installing laptop computers and flat screen televisions, and installing a new EOC-based radio for the Police Department. The exercises have also improved the ability of City staff to communicate quickly and effectively among all the City departments staffing the EOC, to the field units throughout the City and with the Los Angeles County EOC.

Concurrent with the technology upgrades, City staff has undergone training to create and improve policies and procedures that will be used to operate the new communications equipment. In addition, staff will be receiving training at the Los Angeles County EOC to view first-hand how the County operates in a disaster mode.

Each City employee is a disaster service worker and an integral part of the City's disaster plan, even if the employee is not directly involved in the EOC. As in past drills, City employees were directed to specific functions as if the drill were a real event. This participation helps build the necessary experience and expertise to deal with a real catastrophe.



Sensational Saturdays at the Library

Come spend your Saturdays at the San Gabriel Public Library. There are a number of exciting programs you'll find interesting:

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

To welcome in the Year of the Dog, the San Gabriel Library will host a special event on Saturday, January 21, at 2 p.m. Theresa Chen, a famous TV and radio cooking-program hostess, will cook Chinese food and share her favorite cooking tips. Stephen Chang, a prominent journalist and calligraphist, will demonstrate the Chinese calligraphy art and write New Year scrolls for participants.

HOLIDAY CRYSTALS — A HANDS-ON JEWELRY DESIGN WORKSHOP

Come and design your own jewelry with Victoria Kay Olguin, a jewelry designer and instructor, in the library on Saturday, February 11, at 2 p.m. Free materials are provided at the workshop. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the San Gabriel Library.

FOLKLORICO DANCES

To honor Cesar E. Chavez, a special celebration event will be held on Saturday, March 25, at 2 p.m. The North Ranchito Elementary School Folklórico Quetzal will present a program of regional dances from Mexico.

Pals4Kids Tutoring Program

The San Gabriel Library is co-sponsoring a free tutoring program, Pals4Kids, for students of kindergarten thru 6th grade on Saturday mornings in the library's community room. Emphasis is placed on basic skills and the specific needs of each child. Information, student applications, volunteer opportunities and specific session start dates can be found at www.Pals4Kids.com and at the San Gabriel Library.

The San Gabriel Library is part of the Los Angeles County Public Library. It is located at 500 S. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776. For information about library services and programs, please contact the library at (626) 287-0761.



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San Gabriel's 'Egg'straordinary Spring Celebration

The 62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt, sponsored by the San Gabriel Kiwanis Club and the Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at Smith Park on Saturday, April 15. The morning's activities will get underway with the Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donation for breakfast is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 10.

The menu will be pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee or milk. The exciting Pancake Races will begin at 9 a.m. This popular event will include eight races for children and adults of all ages. Contestants will run 100 feet while trying to balance a pancake on a pancake turner. Local businesses have donated a variety of great prizes for the winners in each category. Participants must bring their own pancake turner.

The Spring Celebration will continue with the Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Every boy and girl between the ages of three and six is invited to hunt for an egg at this free event. For more information about the event, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.

'Live Homework Help' Debuts at The Library

Got homework? The Los Angeles County Public Library is offering a new, free online service, Live Homework Help, to help students in grades 4 through 12 with their homework.



Live Homework Help connects students with expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English. After logging on, a student selects a grade level and subject area, and is immediately connected to a tutor for one-on-one homework assistance. Sessions are 20 minutes, but students may log on as often as they need help.

Students can get help in both English and Spanish. Live Homework Help is available in English every day from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Help in Spanish is available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

Live Homework Help is available through the County Library's website from home and from public computers in the library. A valid County Library card is needed to use this service. For more information, or to use Live Homework Help, visit the County Library web site at www.colapublib.org or phone the San Gabriel Library at (626) 287-0761.