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## CrimeMapping.com Empowers Community

San Gabriel residents and businesses now have an innovative Internet-based crime-fighting tool to utilize, thanks to the San Gabriel Police Department.

CrimeMapping.com ([www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)) is an interactive website enabling residents to map out and view reports on crime activity by neighborhood or near an address. CrimeMapping.com also includes a Crime Alerts service that allows users to subscribe via e-mail and receive reports on crime incidents near their home or business.

People can view exactly what types of crime are occurring, as well as where and when they are being committed.

"CrimeMapping.com will prove to be effective in reducing crime by increasing the number of eyes and ears out there, allowing for a greater awareness of local activity. This tool represents the core of what community oriented policing is all about," states San Gabriel Police Chief David A. Lawton.

The San Gabriel Police Department will utilize its present Crime View statistical software and Google Map technology in providing this beneficial service. San Gabriel residents will now be able to access accurate and timely information about crime in their area.

"CrimeMapping.com will also be a valuable aid for our Neighborhood Watch program by providing detailed, timely crime data information, and is another important digital tool to help us better serve our 41,000 residents," said San Gabriel Crime Prevention Officer Alex Acosta.

To access CrimeMapping.com, go to the San Gabriel Police Department website at [www.sgpd.com](http://www.sgpd.com) and click on the CrimeMapping.com icon. To join San Gabriel's Neighborhood Watch program, contact the Crime Prevention Office at (626) 308-2846.

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## Lunar New Year Celebration Welcomes the Year of the Tiger

Entering its 19th year, the Annual Lunar New Year Event celebrates the "Year of the Tiger." One of the most significant ethnic events in the region, the month-long celebration consists of an art exhibit at Alhambra City Hall and the popular street festival on Valley Boulevard. The event is expected to draw thousands of attendees from throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

The art exhibit from January 7-29 at Alhambra City Hall, serves as an official kick-off for the New Year celebration. Event planners regret that the annual parade that in past years preceded the street festival has been cancelled this year; however, the festival will be enlarged with an additional stage and more activities. Stretching over five city blocks, the Street Festival will be held on Saturday, February 6 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The festival will be located on Valley Boulevard, between Garfield Avenue and Almansor Street, in the heart of one of the largest Chinese-American commercial districts in the southland.

Admission is free at this event that includes entertainment, carnival rides and games, and more than 250 booths giving attendees a taste of the Chinese culture. Experience the colorful, festive celebration of the New Year, and be sure and stop by the City of San Gabriel booth to see the various department displays. The City of San Gabriel has been a participant in the event since its inception, and is proud to be part of this cultural celebration welcoming the Year of the Tiger!

For more information about the Lunar New Year celebration and/or booth space, contact K & K Communications at (626) 395-9995 or visit [www.chinesenewyearparade.net](http://www.chinesenewyearparade.net).

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## Plan Addresses City's Future Housing Needs

Few things are more fundamental to the well-being of any community than the provision of safe, sanitary and decent housing for all of its residents. With the adoption of its new Housing Element, San Gabriel has an action plan for meeting the community's diverse shelter needs. The Housing Element is part of the City's comprehensive general plan. It is the only one of the seven mandatory elements, or chapters, of the general plan that the State of California requires be updated on a regular basis. The City's last Housing Element was adopted in 2002.

As San Gabriel's principle policy document on housing, the element contains:

- an analysis of population, household and employment trends, characteristics of the housing stock, and a summary of current and projected housing needs;
- an evaluation of resources and opportunities that will facilitate the development and preservation of housing for all economic segments of the community;
- a review of potential constraints to meeting identified housing needs, and
- a Housing Action Plan to address identified needs, including housing goals, policies and programs.

Some of the topics addressed in the new Housing Element have come about due to recent changes in state law regarding how cities must zone for emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing. Most importantly, the Housing Element points the way to how the City of San Gabriel can meet its fair share of the region's need for new housing during the period 2010-2014.

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This share is estimated at about 90 dwelling units a year, distributed across all income categories.

This need can be accommodated on vacant and underutilized sites already zoned for residential uses, including mixed-use projects in commercial areas; meaning no properties need be rezoned to comply with the Housing Element. The City's fair share is a planning target, not a development quota, and the law does not require that sites identified in the Housing Element as suitable for affordable housing be developed for that purpose.

For any questions about our new housing element, please contact City Planner Mark Gallatin at 626-308-2806, ext. 4623 or [mgallatin@sgch.org](mailto:mgallatin@sgch.org).



# Upcoming Events at the Mission Playhouse

## Music! Dance! Theater!

### SAT., FEB. 6, 2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents  
*Big Band Show*  
For info/tickets call (626) 287-0602  
[www.sgvmusictheatre.org](http://www.sgvmusictheatre.org)

### SAT., FEB. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Pasadena Dance Theatre presents  
*Love Songs*  
For info/tickets call (626) 683-3459  
[www.pasadenadance.org](http://www.pasadenadance.org)

### SAT., FEB. 20, 7:30 p.m.

East LA College presents  
*"Let's Dance Company"*  
For info/tickets call (323) 265-8740  
[www.ldcweb.com](http://www.ldcweb.com)

### SUN., FEB. 21, 7 p.m.

Hanyi presents  
*United Musicians Symphony Orchestra*  
For info/tickets call (562) 921-3020  
[www.hanyiinc.com](http://www.hanyiinc.com)

### SAT./SUN., FEB. 27-28, 7 p.m. & 2 p.m.

Pasadena Civic Ballet  
For info/tickets call (626) 792-0873  
[www.pcballet.com](http://www.pcballet.com)

### FRI./SAT., MAR 12-13, 7 p.m. SUN., MAR. 14, 2 p.m.

Temple City High School  
Performing Arts Department presents  
*"Wizard of Oz"*  
For info/tickets call (626) 548-5000

### FRI., MAR. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Arcadia High School Choral Competition  
*"Pow Wow"*  
For info/tickets call (626) 821-1785

### SUN., MAR. 21

Li's Ballet Studio  
For info/tickets call (626) 285-4888  
[www.lisballet.com](http://www.lisballet.com)

### MORNING PERFORMANCES WEEK OF MAR. 22

Children's Theatre Experience presents  
*Theatre for Young People*  
For info/tickets call (800) 514-2787  
[www.ctexperience.com](http://www.ctexperience.com)

### THURS./FRI., APR. 8-9, 10 a.m.

East L.A. Classic Theatre  
Call your local school district to confirm participation.  
Tickets are not available to the general public.  
For info/reservations call (213) 300-5871  
[www.eastlaclassic.org](http://www.eastlaclassic.org)

### SUNDAY, APR. 11, 4 p.m.

Mariachi Heritage Society presents  
*"Mariachi Sol de Mexico"*  
For info/tickets call (626) 279-2064  
[www.mariachiheritagesociety.com](http://www.mariachiheritagesociety.com)

### MON., APR. 12, 10 a.m.

Theatreworks USA presents  
Theatre for Young People  
*"Freedom Train"*  
Tickets are available at your local school district  
For info/tickets call (800) 497-5007

### THURS., APR. 15, 10 a.m.

American Theatre Arts for Youth  
*"Beauty and the Beast"*  
Tickets are available at your local school district  
For info/tickets call (215) 563-3501

### SATURDAY, APR. 17, 7 p.m.

American Chinese Dance Association  
For info/tickets call (626) 643-9434

### SUNDAY, APR. 18, 2 p.m.

Esperanza Flores Dance Group  
For info/tickets call (626) 488-0761  
[www.esperanzaflores.com](http://www.esperanzaflores.com)

### WED./THURS., APR. 21-22, 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Greg and Steve in Concert  
For info/tickets call (800) 548-4063  
[www.gregandsteve.com](http://www.gregandsteve.com)

### SUN., APR. 25

Jenny An Dance Studio  
For info/tickets call (626) 287-0602

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](http://www.missionplayhouse.org).



## San Gabriel's "Egg"straordinary Spring Celebration

Hop on down for the 66th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt, sponsored by the San Gabriel Kiwanis Club and the Parks and Recreation Department. On April 3, Smith Park at 232 W. Broadway, will be the place to hunt for eggs and race with pancakes. The morning's activities will get underway with the Pancake Breakfast from 7-11 a.m.

The donation for breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. Proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis scholarship program. Come hungry because the morning menu includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee or milk.

Bring your pancake turner from home to be part of the exciting Pancake Races, which begin at 9 a.m. This popular one-of-a-kind event will include races for children and adults of all ages. Contestants will run 100 feet while balancing a pancake on a pancake turner. Local businesses have donated a variety of great prizes for the winners in each category.

The spring celebration continues with the Egg Hunt at 10 a.m., and every boy and girl ages 6 and under is invited to hunt for eggs at this free event. Mr. Bunny invites everyone to come out and join the fun at this "egg"straordinary celebration!

For more information please call the Parks & Recreation Department at (626)308-2875.

## Great Streets 2008 & Beyond

Capping the largest ongoing street rehabilitation effort in San Gabriel's history, the Great Streets 2008 program has shown marked progress. Since its kickoff in February 2008, the Great Streets campaign has already rehabilitated 12 different streets in the City.

These include:

- San Gabriel Boulevard at I-10 Gateway Landscape Improvement Project: Landscape and median improvements at the City's entrance on the north side of Interstate 10
- Fairview Avenue (two segments): From Montecito to Abbot and from Circle to Del Mar
- Gladys Street and Central Avenue Rehabilitation Project
- Allegro Square: From Valley Boulevard south to its terminus
- Charlotte Avenue: From Chestnut Street to Central Avenue
- Saxon Street: From Del Mar Avenue to Denton Avenue
- Brighton Street: From the Caltrans right-of-way north to Alhambra Wash
- Live Oak Avenue: From Junipero Serra Drive to California Street
- Roses Road: From Mission Drive east to Del Mar Avenue
- San Gabriel Boulevard Rehabilitation Phase I: From Las Tunas Drive south to Broadway
- Anderson Way Rehabilitation Project: Rehabilitation of the street surface from Mission Road to Orange Avenue
- Slurry Seal of previous Millennium Miles Phase I, II & III Streets: The first phase of slurry seal projects in which streets repaved a few years ago receive protective sealant; 52 street segments were completed. This maintenance project protects the pavement and extends its life.

The City has made street rehabilitation a top priority. It periodically communicates important news and project updates essential to keeping the community informed. A number of construction projects and citywide studies are also being developed. Some of these include:

- San Gabriel Boulevard Rehabilitation Phase II (from Mission to Broadway): This project began in November 2009 with concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, and bus pad replacement. Pavement work is now underway. The entire width of roadway paving will be replaced from Mission Road to Broadway to provide a smooth and enhanced driving surface.
- Bilton Way-Hazel Way (from Fairview to Manley): City staff has completed final in-house review of the plans and specifications. The project will be advertised for bids this month, and construction is expected to begin in March.
- Wastewater Master Plan: Citywide study to develop first wastewater master plan. The study will identify existing sewer deficiencies and develop priorities for sewers that need to be upsized and areas where sewers are being impacted by fats, oils and grease. This is in response to state water resource control board requirements to keep spills and overflows from getting into the storm drain system. The first draft of the document has been submitted for staff review.
- Intersection Improvement Designs: In 2007, the City received MTA and federal grants to help fund the design and improvement of several intersections. Concept plans have been completed and are being reviewed in concert with the San Gabriel Boulevard Streetscape project, the City's General Plan and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The intersections are:
  - San Gabriel Blvd and Las Tunas
  - San Gabriel Blvd and Broadway
  - San Gabriel Blvd and Mission
  - Broadway and Walnut Grove



A host of additional projects will also soon be underway, with more to be added as the City continues to expand on its first comprehensive Capital Improvement Program in more than a decade. Some of these include:

- Fairview Avenue (from Abbot to Circle): A third segment in the San Gabriel Village is planned, along with streetscape and physical improvements that will be selected using input from Village area residents and business owners.
- Del Mar Avenue (from Broadway to Mission): Project is under design and has been submitted for federal grant money consideration. Plans are 35 percent completed and have been submitted to the City for review.
- Pavement Management System Program Update: City staff is reviewing the draft of the updated pavement program, which not only identifies street needs, but includes a survey of all City alleys. Completion of the report and approval by the City will provide for a street maintenance program as well as a maintenance program to improve the City's alley system.
- Del Mar Avenue Bridge over Alhambra Wash: This project has received Hazardous Bridge Repair & Replacement (HBRR) funding from the federal government. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is designing the bridge and will administer the project for the City.

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Lastly, City staff has completed final in-house review of the plans and specifications for the Las Tunas Street Light Retrofit Project, a federal stimulus funding project (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act). Construction is anticipated to start in February.

Remember, even if your street is not scheduled immediately for re-paving, you can always get potholes filled or routine spot repairs made by calling the City's Public Works Division at (626) 308-2825, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and touching "1" to speak with the street supervisor.

For the latest updates on the status of street paving projects, contact the Engineering Division at (626) 308-2806, ext. 4631, or check online at [www.sangabrielcity.com/calendar/currentnews.shtml](http://www.sangabrielcity.com/calendar/currentnews.shtml). And look for future street projects in upcoming issues of the Grapevine.

# Bell Award Winners Announced

Five San Gabriel locations have received Bell Awards for outstanding design. Named after San Gabriel's famous mission bells, the program is held every other year (first established in 2005) to honor exceptional building design that promotes and improves the unique character of San Gabriel's residential and commercial neighborhoods. This year, the program also introduced the Martin E. Weil Award, which promotes historic preservation/conservation.

"The Bell Awards give us a chance to salute those who are helping to make our City a better place to live, work, and shop," said Planning Manager Carol D. Barrett.

The City reviewed all the entries and evaluated them based on the nomination criteria, which include: architectural quality and compatibility with the neighborhood; addressing aspects of the 2002 Commercial Design Guidelines; the 2003 Single-Family Residential, and the 2006 Multi-Family Design Guidelines. Criteria for the Martin E. Weil Award were based on the 2004 Mission District Specific Plan and the Resources chapter of the 2004 Comprehensive General Plan, Ingredients for Success.

There were five winning nominations this year. The categories and winners are:



115 E. Valley Blvd.

**New Commercial: 115 E. Valley Blvd.** Architect: Alex Chang, AIA (Design Inspiration Group Inc.). The Fortune Court is a new plaza designed to add vitality and appeal to one of the City's major intersections, Valley Boulevard and Del Mar Avenue. Great details were given to ample open spaces, one-of-a-kind lighting elements and contrasting finishes of stone, glass and aluminum panels.



315 N. San Marino Ave.

**Commercial Remodel:** There were two winners:  
**315 N. San Marino Ave. (Studio Physique)** Property Owner: Justin Watson. This retail complex underwent a dramatic facelift that simplified the building and woke up the neighborhood. Key design elements include a new awning feature, potted plants, new glass windows to enhance façade; and

**1011 E. Las Tunas Dr.** (UFRESH Center) Property Owner: Hong Chen/Lin Wang. This building's modern style features a stone veneer element, new signage and color. It was able to stitch together elements of the neighborhood, offering a sense of uniqueness to Las Tunas Drive.



1011 E. Las Tunas Dr.



400-412 W. Mission Rd.

**New Multi-Family: 400-412 W. Mission Rd.** Architect: Wade Killefer (Killefer Flammang Architects). The composition, massing and architectural details of the individual buildings reflects the architectural vocabulary associated with the Spanish Colonial Revival style of the 1920s and 1930s. The architectural details used throughout the project and the appearance of the façades reflect the quiet dignity and simplicity associated with the Spanish Colonial Revival style.

**Historic Preservation/Conservation: La Laguna de San Gabriel (Vincent Lugo Park), Friends of La Laguna.** Located at Vincent Lugo Park, this play area serves as a prime example of a playground that should be preserved. Created by Benjamin Dominguez, this play area can be categorized as a dream that rose from the ground and captures the importance of how play time was viewed in another era.



La Laguna De San Gabriel

Communication and outreach for nominations for the next award program will be distributed and held in 2011. For more information about the program, please call the Community Development Department, Planning Division at (626) 308-2806.

# Making Those Holidays Merry and Bright – 2009 Holiday Decorations Award Winners

Businesses and homeowners who decorate their buildings are one of the reasons the holidays are merry and bright in San Gabriel. The 2009 winners of the Holiday Decorations Awards received a visit from Jolly Old Saint Nick, the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, and the San Gabriel City Council on December 17th.

Residential homeowner winners received a basket of goodies and a commemorative certificate. Signs were posted in the front yard to alert neighbors that the yard decorations were award-winning.

The Holiday Decorations Contest is sponsored by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce with support from the Community Development Department. This is the 11th year for the program.

This year's winners are:

**Residential Winners**

- 373 Alahmar Terrace – Makiewicz Family
- 629 Dewey – Mary Battaglia/Ariane Baldwin
- 913 Lafayette – Yolanda Palacio
- 1039 Bilton – Lozano Family



629 Dewey Way



913 Lafayette

# City Employees Recognized for Achievements

The City of San Gabriel's employees take great pride in their work and are dedicated to serving the community. To recognize employees for exceptional achievement, each year, the City of San Gabriel accepts nominations for outstanding employee contributions through the Employee Recognition Award Program.

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.

Employees are honored and commended for achievement in Overall Work Performance, Leadership, Teamwork, Customer Service, Emergency Response and Innovation.

Everyone in the City-family congratulates these 17 outstanding employees!

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**Overall Work Performance  
Police Officer  
Riki Nakamura**



**Leadership  
City Engineer  
Bruce Mattern**



**Customer Service  
Wendy Poon and Rachel Sanchez**



**Teamwork  
E.D.G. (Employee Development Group):  
Cindy Alvarado; Melanie Benson; Tom Boeking;  
Donna Eggehorn; Mark Gallatin; Richard  
Godinez; Scott Harvey; Nancy Hogan;  
Thi Trang and Rick Villarreal**



**Emergency Response  
Firefighter/Paramedics Alex Robbins  
and Chris Fetner**



**Innovation  
Fire Engineer  
Jim Miller**



## 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

### SATURDAY, FEB. 13

Pala Casino Turnaround Trip  
8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Advance reservation required, \$25  
(626) 576-2525

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

Networking Mixer, 6-8 p.m.  
Asian Pacific National Bank  
333 W. Valley Blvd.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Networking Mixer, 6-8 p.m.  
Location to be announced

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Networking Mixer, 6-8 p.m.  
Location to be announced

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Business Expo, 5:30-8 p.m.  
San Gabriel Union Church and  
Christian School  
117 N. Pine St.

The San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications from businesses/services that would like to host a Mixer during 2010. 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.

## The San Gabriel Grapevine

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# City Launches Handyworker Program



The City Council has approved a contract with Alta Pasa to provide handy worker services. Alta Pasa is a non-profit employment training organization based in Pasadena that has over eight years experience in providing handy worker services to Los Angeles County communities.

The program offers free minor home repairs and the purchase and installation of home secure devices and modifications that prevent falls and accidents. Program goals are to assist residents who cannot afford the cost of and are not physically able to perform do-it-yourself improvements and support inde-

pendent living choices for aging and disabled people.

There are four types of improvements eligible: general home repairs including low-cost weatherization improvements; work required to eliminate a safety hazard; work needed to carry out other repairs necessary to correct code violations; home safety devices to support aging in place and prevent falls and accidents; and home secure devices to reduce crime.

The maximum grant amount is \$5,000 per home. Under certain circumstances where the repair, device, or modification will make a significant improvement in the quality of daily life for the resident, a grant of up to \$15,000 can be awarded.

Prospective grantees are low- and moderate-income seniors and disabled people of all ages who reside in the City of San Gabriel in a single detached home. Both homeowners and renters are eligible. Services are also available to low-income homeowners who do not qualify by age or disability, but have senior relatives or disabled dependents living with them. Income limits are based on household size and determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Documentation required includes family income verification, driver's license or ID card, and a utility bill to verify address.

An initial home visit is conducted to determine program eligibility and prioritize work. Alta Pasa representatives will then meet with City staff to obtain the necessary approvals, followed by an appointment to begin work on the home. Home repairs and installation of home secure devices and modifications can take from one to three days, depending on the scope of work. Upon completion of all work, a City staff member will conduct a final inspection. The final step is the completion of a customer satisfaction survey by the grantee. The start to finish process may take up to six weeks. The scheduling of jobs will be need-based and governed by City priorities. Urgent requests will be scheduled first.

All repair work is performed by Alta Pasa representatives with the exception of certain specialized items.

To obtain an application or make an appointment, please contact Tiffany Marshall at Alta Pasa, (626) 457-1607 or [tiffanyapic@hotmail.com](mailto:tiffanyapic@hotmail.com). Residents may bring their paperwork to the San Gabriel office located at 415 S. Mission Drive, adjacent to City Hall.

The Handyworker Program is managed by the City's Economic Development Division. Funding for the program is through federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) via the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

**"The program offers free minor home repairs and the purchase and installation of home secure devices and modifications that prevent falls and accidents"**

## shortTAKES

### City Searching for Outstanding Older American

The City of San Gabriel, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, is calling for nominations of older Americans to participate in the 45th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day. The Parks and Recreation Department is asking for your input in the search for San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American.

This program is designed to seek out and honor a nominee who, after retirement, is actively involved in serving others in the community and exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism. Criteria for the Outstanding Older American are:

- Man or woman, age 65 or older
- Has performed outstanding volunteer service for the San Gabriel community
- Has not been recognized with this award in previous years. Former award winners the past five years have been:

Harold Hansen (2005); Philomena 'Phil' Tobin (2006); Jack Vrtar (2007); Mary Cammarano (2008); and Dorothy Griffo (2009).

**"The Parks and Recreation Department is asking for your input in the search for San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American"**

Nominations should include the Older American's name, age, address, telephone number, and a typed or printed narrative description of the volunteer activities that would warrant this award. Nominations for this award will be accepted through February 22.

Please send all information to: Older American Award, 250 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776. For additional information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at (626) 308-2875.

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### Maintenance Yard Updates

The Public Works Department, which is responsible for maintenance and repairs of the City's infrastructure, is developing a design for a new maintenance yard. Currently the Public Works Department is sharing a site with the San Gabriel Police Department.

The Public Works Department has secured a contract with a design architect for the new maintenance yard project, which will be located at the current transfer station at 917 E. Grand Avenue. Jack Panichapan with Gillis & Panichapan Inc. will be working with the City's project team to prepare the needs assessment, perform preliminary design, design development and construction plan services.

The City's project team is lead by Gerry Lopez, public works street supervisor, and accompanied by key personnel from Engineering, Planning, Building and Public Work Departments.

The project team will have outreach meetings throughout the proposed project time line. The first of three meetings was held on January 7 at La Casa Community Center.

The City is interested in our neighbors and stakeholders' input as we design this new facility, and the community is encouraged to get involved. For more information about future outreach meetings please contact street supervisor Gerry Lopez, at (626) 308-2825 or [glopez@sgch.org](mailto:glopez@sgch.org).

## McGruff's



# PAW PRINTS

S.G.P.D.

## Stop the Abuse of Elders and Dependent Adults

There are many reasons that elders and dependent adults do not report abuse, but most common are fears of retaliation or shame after being victimized. It may take the courage of a caring family member, friend, or caretaker to take action.

Any person who suspects the abuse of an elder or dependent adult has occurred should report it. When in doubt, always err on the side of caution and report the incident.

There are many types of abuse that exist. Physical and emotional abuse can include physical assaults, threats or intimidation. Other types of abuse

include neglect, isolation, abandonment, and financial abuse. Financial abuse can range from taking money from a wallet to manipulating a victim into turning over property to an abuser, which can wipe out a victim's life savings in the blink of an eye. Abuse can be inflicted by a family member or caretaker and can occur in long-term care facilities, such as skilled nursing facilities or residential care facilities.

The Department of Justice has teamed with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to release a comprehensive consumer guide to help protect the elderly. This free booklet, "A Citizens Guide to Preventing and Reporting Elder Abuse," provides information on how to detect the most common warning signs of abuse and neglect, including abuse in long-term facilities, and where to report this abuse.

To get your free copy of the above guide go to: <http://ag.ca.gov/bmfea/publications.php>.

**"Any person who suspects the abuse of an elder or dependent adult has occurred should report it"**

