



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Lacy Park improvements planned

The Current Fiscal year budget provides for several improvements to Lacy Park. These improvements include rehabilitation of the Inner Loop, restroom renovations and playground enhancements. To help ensure public safety during construction, Lacy Park will be tentatively closed from August through October 2015.

Park admission, reservations and all other activities will not be permitted during the construction period.

Inner Loop

Rehabilitation of the inner loop will include replacing the current surface with new asphalt. Side curbs surrounding the loop will be redone to include gutters leading into a water recycling system, which will reduce irrigation costs and improve sustainability. A portion of the road improvements will be funded through grant money awarded to the City of San Marino.

Street signs for sale

Street signs that were replaced by the Public Works Department are available for sale for \$20 each. A list of available street signs is available on the City's website at cityofsanmarino.org under "City News." You can also call the Public Works Department at (626) 300-0781 for more information. ■

Restrooms

The Lacy Park restroom facilities will be renovated. The old building will be decommissioned as a bathroom and turned into storage. The new building will be expanded to increase capacity and will be modernized in terms of amenities and style. Grant funding for this aspect of the project has been applied for and is currently pending.

Playground

Patrick's Tree Foundation has been conducting a fundraising campaign to make possible various changes to the Lacy Park playground. Through the Foundation's vigilant efforts and generous donations, the Lacy Park playground will be enhanced to include three new trees for shade, improved seating and drinking fountains. Perimeter fencing will accent the new features and enclose the playground. ■

Save the date for Easter Egg Hunt

Grab your baskets and get ready for the City of San Marino's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4! The event will begin at 10 a.m. with the first hunt for kids age 2 and under, followed by six more hunts for children ages 3-12 years. Children will be grouped by age to ensure fun for all!

Presale wristbands are now available for \$4 at the Recreation Department (M-Th, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) through Thursday, April 2. On the day of the event, wristbands will be \$6. Children 1 and under are free. For more information, visit or call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200. ■

Memorial Day ceremony planned

A special Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25 at 9 a.m. at Lacy Park. The public is invited to join the City of San Marino in honoring its military veterans in a patriotic ceremony. The event will include recognition of veterans, guest speakers and patriotic music. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200. ■

Join us at the
Mayor's Town Hall Meeting
 Thursday, March 26, 7 p.m.
 Crowell Public Library

Items to be discussed:
 Budget Recap/Resident Input
 Capital Projects/Lacy Park
 Cell Tower Update
 Police Dept. Update

City trees infected

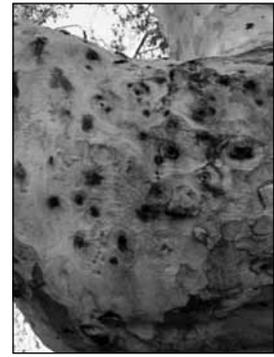
The Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) is a newly discovered species of beetle. This beetle and the symbiotic fungus it carries known as Fusarium are attacking San Marino's trees. PSHB is a vector for the fungus Fusarium, which is known to debilitate the circulation system of a tree. PSHB has been seen in a variety of tree species throughout Southern California. This pest is known to infect a wide variety of trees ranging from 2 to 81 centimeters in diameter. San Marino's Sycamores and London Plane trees are among the hardest hit species. Box Elders,

Coast Live Oaks, Avocado trees, English Oaks, Persimmons, Maples, Eucalyptus, Hazelnuts and Ailanthus trees in the City all have recorded instances of infection.

Symptoms of an infected tree:

- Crown and branch dieback
- Large sap build-up
- Bark staining and discoloration
- Small entry/exit holes (photo)
- Boring dust expelled by beetle present on the side of tree

There is currently no existing deterrent or successful prevention strategy to combat the PSHB, although some species of trees have shown resistance and have recovered after their bouts of infection. The proliferation of the pest coin-



Infected Sycamore tree at Lacy Park

ciding with drought conditions has made San Marino trees especially vulnerable.

For more information, contact City Arborist Ron Serven at (626) 300-0789 or rserven@cityofsanmarino.org. ■

GREEN CORNER

Recycling Tour

The City of San Marino, in cooperation with Athens Services, Inc., is offering an opportunity for residents to visit the recycling facility in the City of Industry that manages all trash collected in the City. The trip will take place on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Registration and transportation will be provided through the Recreation Department. The bus will depart promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the Lacy Park Scout House located on the west side of the park. Please call (626) 403-2200 for additional details. Space is limited.

Compost Giveaway

A free compost giveaway self-serve event will be held on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. until noon at Lacy Park in the west end parking lot. Bring your own



sturdy containers. There is a 30-gallon limit during the first hour and no limit from 10 a.m. until noon, or while supplies last. Plastic bags are not allowed. Bring your ID card or Athens bill.

For more information, contact Ed Chen at (626) 703-9726 or chen@athensservices.com.

Mandatory Water Conservation Restrictions Still in Effect

The San Marino City Council approved mandatory water usage restrictions last October. The restrictions are in line with the recent California State Water Resources Control Board mandatory requirements that prohibit washing down driveways and sidewalks; watering of outdoor landscapes that causes excess runoff; using a hose to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle; and using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated.

Staff's initial efforts will be to notify and warn residents once a

violation is confirmed, followed by additional enforcement measures if necessary to ensure compliance.

Hazardous Waste Roundups

The following hazardous waste and e-waste round-ups will be held on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.:

- March 21 – City of Azusa, Northrop-Grumman Corporation, West 3rd St. and Zachary Padilla Ave.
- March 28 – Unincorporated Lake Los Angeles, Vista San Gabriel Elementary School, 18020 East Ave. O
- April 18 – City of El Monte, El Monte Airport, 4233 North Santa Anita Ave.
- May 16 – City of West Covina, West Covina Maintenance Yard, 825 Sunset Ave.

To submit a comment about the "Green Corner," please contact Environmental Services Manager Ron Serven at (626) 300-0789 or rserven@cityofsanmarino.org. ■

LIBRARY NEWS

New SAT Practice Test for Teens

The new SAT is coming in the Spring of 2016. High school students in grades 9-12 can prepare for the test by taking a free practice exam at the library on Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. This test will be proctored by C2 Education and will provide a feel for the actual SAT. Space is limited. Register between Monday, March 30 and Wednesday, April 8 at the library or by calling (626) 300-0777.

“Drop Everything and Read” Readathon

Celebrate national “Drop Everything and Read” day by participating in a readathon at the library on Sunday, April 12 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. In honor of famed children’s writer Beverly Cleary’s birthday, the library will host a readathon with refreshments, prizes and games. Bring your family to read aloud or curl up with a book. For every hour present, children will get to choose a small prize.

Book-to-Movie Screening

Students in grades 7 through

12 are invited to enjoy a screening of “Inkheart” on Tuesday, April 14 at 3:15 p.m. Join us for a 15-minute pre-screening movie challenge and the chance to win some prizes. Popcorn and juice will be served.

Movie Classics Matinee

The 1955 film “Dial M for Murder” will be shown on Thursday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. In this movie classic, an ex-tennis pro carries out a plot to murder his wife. Alfred Hitchcock directs and Grace Kelly stars in this stylish thriller. Join us for complimentary popcorn during this free screening. **Meet the Author: Thomas Perry, “A String of Beads”**

Meet Thomas Perry, author of the Jane Whitefield detective series, who will discuss his latest book, “A String of Beads,” on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Perry appears as part of the “Meet the Authors” series sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Meet the Author: George M. Taber, “Chasing Gold”

On Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m., the library presents George M. Tauber, author of “Chasing Gold.” The book tells the story of how the Nazis stole more than 700 tons of gold worth \$8.7 billion to finance

their war machine. The majority was robbed from central banks, but a large amount also came from gold looted from Jews, many who were concentration camp prisoners.

Teen Pre-Med Workshop

Join MedtorCares, a local non-profit organization, on Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m. to learn how to prepare for a career in medicine. This workshop, for students in grades 9 through 12, will guide participants in taking steps toward a career in the medical industry. MedtorCares will share potential volunteer opportunities and offer advice for reaching your goals.

Library Survey

We need your input! What programs do you want at the library? Knitting? Book clubs? Desert landscaping? Let us know! If you are age 13 or older, take a few minutes to complete our survey on the Library website at crowellpubliclibrary.org. One participant will be randomly selected to win a Starbucks giftcard. ■

“Hide it, lock it, keep it” and prevent vehicle burglaries

One of the most common crimes that can easily be prevented is theft from an unlocked vehicle. During our busy and hectic days, we often leave valuables visible in our unlocked cars as we go into a store or stop at the school for just a minute. Unfortunately, that minute is long enough for a thief to come along and take your valuables.

The San Marino Police Department urges you to take a few extra seconds before leaving your vehicle to hide your property, place your valuables in the trunk of your car or take them with you. Lock your car to help ensure that your valuables are there when you return. Follow these simple steps and you will keep what you own and avoid becoming a victim. Remember,

“Hide it, lock it, keep it.”

If you have questions or concerns, contact the San Marino Police Department at (626) 300-0720. ■

If you have a comment, question or idea for the newsletter, please email Community Services Director Sue Cobb at sacobb@cityofsanmarino.org.

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RECREATION HAPPENINGS!

Senior Activities

Join us for a non-competitive game of Bridge on Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. or for a game of Canasta on the second Tuesday of the month from noon to 4 p.m. (bring a brown bag lunch). Both clubs meet at the San Marino Center and coffee is provided.

Senior Trips

Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival
Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Experience the sights, sounds and flavors of the Old West on the streets of historic Melody Ranch Motion Picture Studio.

Motown at the Pantages
Sunday, May 17, 4:45 to 9:30 p.m.
“Motown the Musical” is the true American dream story of Motown founder Barry Gordy’s journey from feather-weight boxer to heavy-weight music mogul.

Preschool Open House

Join us Friday, March 20 between 5 and 7 p.m. for our annual Open House for families of enrolled and prospective preschool students. This event will provide parents with an opportunity to tour the

classrooms and meet the teachers. Children are welcome to attend.

Preschool Fall 2015 Registration

Registration for the Fall 2015 school year begins Saturday, March 21 for San Marino residents (please bring proof of residency) and Tuesday, March 24 for non-residents from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Recreation Department.

Sign Up for Camp Lacy

Camp Lacy provides a fun-filled summer camp experience at Lacy Park. Campers will enjoy arts and crafts, sports and swimming, as well as fun weekly field trips for after-noon campers. Programs for all ages are offered, including Lacy Jr. Adventurers, Lacy Trailblazers and Lacy Freewheelers.

Registration for these programs begins Saturday, March 21 for residents from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Recreation Department. Please bring proof of residency. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, March 24 at 8 a.m.

For more information about the above activities, call (626) 403-2200. ■

Check your fire safety status

Spring is upon us and the San Marino Fire Department encourages all residents and business owners to check your fire safety status. This is a quick self-evaluation of your emergency readiness at home and at work.

Start by testing all of your smoke detectors and change the batteries. Having a well-functioning smoke detector is critical for early fire detection. Any fire extinguishers you have should be inspected to make sure they are in working condition.

Checking and updating your emergency plan this time of year is also a good idea. Review how to evacuate your home and business, turn off your utilities, store medical supplies and make sure you have the proper disaster provisions ready.

Advanced preparation is key! To learn more about fire safety, disaster preparedness or many of the San Marino Fire Department’s helpful programs, call (626) 300-0735. ■