



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS



Pictured above is a rendering of the restroom renovation at Lacy Park.

New Restrooms at Lacy Park

New restrooms are being proposed at Lacy Park, pending City Council approval of bids and contracts. Work is tentatively planned April through June 2016. Temporary restrooms will be installed during construction.

Library Strategic Plan

We value what you think. Please let us know what we can do to improve library services. Visit the Crowell Public Library website at ca-sanmarino.civicplus.com/145/Library for more information regarding the development of the City's Strategic Plan and/or contact City Librarian Irene McDermott at (626) 300-0775 and give her your opinion/ideas for library enhancements.

Street Banners

The City approved the installation of banners along Huntington Drive, Sierra Madre and the Mission District to highlight the Old Mill's 200th Anniversary Celebration. These banners are being displayed now through the end of

October 2016. In addition, banners are also being displayed on Huntington Drive, featuring the Schools Foundation and fundraising for San Marino Schools. The school banners will be displayed through June 2016.

Pavement Management Plan

The City is currently evaluating/rating the condition of the City's streets. As a result of this assessment, a five-year enhancement plan will be formulated and submitted to the City Council for prioritization/consideration and incorporated into the City budget process. ■

Save the date

The City of San Marino's Memorial Day Service and Call for Veterans will be held on Monday, May 30 at 9 a.m. at Lacy Park. Please join us in honoring our military veterans in this patriotic ceremony. The event will include recognition of veterans, special guest speakers and patriotic music, and is open to the public. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200. ■

City of San Marino water conservation update

Last June, customers in California American Water's Los Angeles District, which includes the San Marino, Duarte and Baldwin Hills services areas combined, were mandated by a State Water Resources Control Board ordinance to reduce water use by 28 percent compared monthly to the same period in 2013. Through January of this year, usage has been cut by 28.3 percent. The district is currently meeting its drought-related conservation goal.

The ordinance, which was due to expire in February, has been extended through October 2016. Customers must continue to conserve water to keep pace with the 28 percent mandate. ■

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Current Water Savings: 28.3% — Goal: 28%

WATER SAVINGS



KEEP SAVING!



San Marino Day AT THE HUNTINGTON

Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 4 pm – 7:30 pm

The Huntington invites you to a FREE special event for San Marino community residents with fun-filled family activities:

- ✦ San Marino Chamber of Commerce's Taste of San Marino
- ✦ Live music
- ✦ Preview of the San Marino Centennial Photo Project
- ✦ Classic car display, fire truck display, and more!
- ✦ All gardens, The Huntington Art Gallery, and The Huntington Store will be open

Tickets are required for this free event through huntington.ticketleap.com/sanmarinoday. For additional information, contact Fan Wang at fwang@huntington.org or (626)405-2123.



THE HUNTINGTON
Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road | San Marino, California 91108 | huntington.org

City Manager's Message

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The City Council and City Staff have already begun working on the 2016/2017 budget. A number of public meetings have been scheduled to review various elements of the proposed budget. Watch the City's web site for specific information about what is being discussed at what meeting.

The Huntington Library is hosting a free event for the entire City on April 5th. Additional information about this wonderful opportunity can be found on the adjacent page. Hopefully I will see you at the Huntington on April 5th. ■

Prepare now for severe weather

On several recent occasions, the City of San Marino has seen a glimpse of the problems that can be created by severe weather. The San Marino Fire Department reminds residents that severe weather conditions, like those that have been occurring across our region, could result in electrical service interruptions. Power outages have occurred in several neighborhoods as a result of wires down due to wind and falling trees. Residents should take steps now at their homes and businesses to be prepared.

If you see a downed power line or dangling wire – even if it appears not to be live – don't touch or

approach it, or anything that is in contact with it, and call 911 immediately.

The Fire Department recommends preparing for potential outages by taking the following measures:

- Place flashlights in handy locations, such as near telephones.
- Install surge protectors to help safeguard valuable electronic equipment such as computers and entertainment systems.
- Know where to find each utility box (electricity, water and gas) and how to turn them off. Keep the proper tools to do so handy.
- Always back up important work and files on your computer.
- If you have an automatic garage door or gate, learn how to open them manually (without power).
- Consider keeping at least one car at least half full of fuel. Gas stations need electricity to pump gas and will be shut down during an outage. Please note that stockpiling gasoline is not recommended, as gasoline is a hazardous, combustible substance. Portable gasoline generators should never be used inside homes, garages, office buildings or other enclosed spaces.
- Make a safety preparedness plan for your family that includes a list and location of the above items. Be prepared to meet the special needs of infants, the elderly or disabled family members. Also plan how you will care for any pets.

For more public safety information, visit the San Marino Fire Department web page at ci.san-marino.ca.us/144/Fire-Department. ■

GREEN CORNER

Compost Giveaway



A free compost giveaway self-serve event will be held on Saturday, April 30 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 or Environmental Services Manager Ron Serven at (626) 300-0789 or rservern@cityofsanmarino.org.

Tour the Materials Recovery Facility in May

The City of San Marino, in cooperation with Athens

Services Inc., invites residents to visit the recycling facility in the City of Industry that manages all trash collected in the City. The excursion will take place on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to approximately noon (bus leaves from Lacy Park around 9:30 a.m.). Registration and transportation will be provided through the San Marino Recreation Department. Call (626) 403-2200 for more information. Space is limited.

For general information regarding the tour, please contact Environmental Services Manager Ron Serven at (626) 300-0789 or rservern@cityofsanmarino.org.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Bilingual Chinese and English Storytime

Crowell Public Library is proud to present an interactive storytime for speakers of Mandarin Chinese, English or both on Saturday, March 5, 12 and 26 at 11 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays will be conducted in both languages. All ages are welcome, but the program is designed for ages 3-5. Registration is not required.

Teen Star Wars Science Fun

Are you a teen and a Star Wars fanatic? Come explore science experiments inspired by Star Wars on Tuesday, March 8 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. This program is for grades 6-12.

Space is limited and registration is required. Priority registration for San Marino residents with I.D. will be held Saturday, March 5 through Monday, March 7. Non-resident registration will be held on Tuesday, March 8. Register early, as space will fill quickly.

LEGO Club

Come join us after school for this once-a-month program where we will use our imaginations to build with LEGOs! All materials will be provided; the only thing you have to bring is your creativity!

Registration is not required. This program is for ages 3-12 and will be held on Thursday, March 10 at 3:15 p.m.

Meet the Author

Brett Battles: "Rewinder"

Author Brett Battles will discuss his book "Rewinder"

on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. Battles is the Barry award-winning author of more than 20 novels. This presentation is part of the Meet the Authors series sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Battle of the Sexes: The Force Awakens!

This workshop on Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. will cover seven habits of joyful living and tools to help resolve conflicts in your relationship. This is part of the Joyful Living/Happy Life speaker series presented entirely in Mandarin by the United Charity Foundation.

Meet the Author

Norm Stevens: "Seeking More of the Sky: Growing up in the 1930s"

Author Norm Stevens will take a nostalgic look at life during the depression era on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. Stevens' book is full of true stories that take the reader back to a simpler time. Author of three books about his World War II experiences, Stevens has spoken at Crowell Library on several occasions.

Movie Classics

Come to a screening of "Robin and the 7 Hoods" (1964) on Thursday, March 17 at 12:30 p.m.

The Robin Hood legend gets a Depression-era, mob town Chicago makeover in this sprightly musical comedy. Rat Pack buddies Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. star, along with Bing Crosby. Complimentary popcorn will be served at this free screening.

ACT Practice Test

A free ACT practice test for grades 9-12 proctored by C2 Education will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The test will give you a feel for

what to expect when it's time for the real test. C2 Education will give you the results within a few days of the test. Space is limited and registration is required. Registration starts on Saturday, March 5. Register early, as space will fill quickly.

LA Opera Talk: "Madame Butterfly"

Giacomo Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" opera is a tale of tragedy and sorrow set in Japan; it contains some of Puccini's most beautiful music. Listen to community educators present fascinating facts and musical excerpts from this opera on Sunday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

Helping Hands With Hand-Held Devices

Students from San Marino High School will sit down with folks who have questions about their smart phones and tablet computers on Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m. Each class is independent and informal. Registration is necessary, so sign up today by calling (626) 300-0777.

Meet the Author Jill Amadio: "Digging Too Deep"

Feisty British gossip columnist Tosca Trevant is banished to Newport Beach, California after seeing something shocking at Buckingham Palace. When she stumbles across human remains in a neighbor's rock garden, Tosca asks a retired U.S. Secret Service agent for help.

This presentation on Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. is part of the Meet the Authors series sponsored by the Friends of the Library. ■

A message from Police Chief John Incontro

On December 2, 2015 in the City of San Bernardino, two terrorists entered a County facility and shot 34 people, resulting in 14 dead and 24 wounded, including two police officers. Since then, the San Marino Police Department has been asked if it is capable of handling a similar type of event. As your Chief of Police, I can tell you that we are capable and that the region is capable of handling an Active Shooter event.

To be prepared for an Active Shooter event, the San Marino Police Department has trained with several other agencies to be able to safely, rapidly and efficiently respond to any location in town. On January 22, 2015, the San Marino Police Department joined South Pasadena, Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Pasadena and San Fernando police departments, along with the San Marino, South Pasadena, San Gabriel, Pasadena and Alhambra fire departments, in an Active Shooter training event in South Pasadena. A considerable amount of planning was involved to ensure this training was accurate, valuable and challenging to all the public safety personnel attending.

The training scenario occurred at South Pasadena Middle School. It included volunteers from the school, community and CERT members in the region. Observing the scenario were government and school district officials from the various communities in our region.

If you have a comment, question or idea for the newsletter, please email Recreation Manager Rosa Pinuelas at rpinelas@sanmarinoca.gov.

Overall, the training scenario went very well, and lessons were learned by all participants and observers.

On another note, many past newsletter articles have discussed crime prevention, and this piece will be no different. I want to focus on one trend in particular that has caused an increase in thefts from vehicles. Unfortunately, members of the San Marino community are forgetting to lock their vehicles and remove valuables from the inside of their cars. This simple act can prevent thefts from occurring. Please remember to “Lock It Hide It and Keep It.” This can help to reduce crime in San Marino.

The Department will begin Coffee with a Cop. This will be an opportunity for any member of the community to meet with an officer to ask questions or discuss with us your ideas to make San Marino safer. We will be holding four Town Hall meetings this year. Each meeting will focus on a specific topic that will be of interest to our community.

If you have any questions about the Police Department or would like to contact us, we can be reached in several ways. Our phone number is (626) 300-0720, or you can visit our web page at ci.san-marino.ca.us/147/Police-Department. The Department is on Facebook at San Marino PD, and on Twitter @SanMarinoPD. I am also on Twitter as @SanMarinoPDCOP. In the near future, we will initiate the San Marino Police Department Nixel service. This service will allow you to subscribe to a text-based communication service between you and the Department. We will continue to have CLEARs for our web users. ■

Hop on over to the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt!

It's time for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your baskets and your bunny ears on Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at Lacy Park. This fun-filled event will include Easter crafts, pictures with the bunnies and a giant egg hunt.

Children will be grouped in appropriate age divisions for the hunt to ensure fun for all. The first egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. in the following order: 2-year-olds and younger, 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, 5-year-olds, 6- to 7-year-olds, 8- to 9-year-olds and 10- to 12-year-olds.

Pre-sale wristbands will be available starting Monday, March 7 at the Recreation Department (open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for ages 2- to 12-years-old for \$4 each. On the day of the event, wristbands will be \$6. Children ages 1 and under and adults are free. Wristband sales are final.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200. ■

Coming up in May

Our next issue in May will include our Fourth of July Celebration information. This event will feature a fireworks display, food booths, a family fun zone, a community parade and stage entertainment. There will also be a Pavilion area organized by the San Marino City Club. ■