



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

2017-18 Capital Improvement Plan presented

A \$4 million Capital Improvement Plan was presented to the City Council during the budget workshop at the City Council meeting on May 12. Highlights of the plan include \$2 million in paving projects, improvements to Lacy Park and the Crowell Public Library and the initiation of a sewer and storm drain masterplan.

Paving Projects

Earlier this fiscal year, a 10-year pavement management plan was presented to the City Council. The goal of the plan is to move the streets from their current average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 64, which is a Fair rating, to an average PCI of 80, which is a Very Good rating.

In the upcoming fiscal year, \$2 million will be budgeted to the program with the goal of eventually budgeting \$4.3 million a year to the maintenance and restoration of the City's streets. The streets targeted for paving in the upcoming year are primarily residential streets.

Lacy Park

Proposed projects at Lacy Park include restoration of the Rose Arbor, remodeling of the restrooms and an irrigation system.

The Rose Arbor will be constructed using sustainable enduring materials such as concrete and steel. The Lacy Park Landscape Com-

mittee has been instrumental in the preliminary design of the new Rose Arbor, and will continue to provide input as the design is finalized. This project will be funded through donations and has an estimated cost of \$400,000.

The cinder block restroom building at Lacy Park will be completely remodeled this autumn. The interior of the building will be remodeled to bring it up to current standards, and the exterior of the building will be remodeled to better fit in with the other buildings at the park. The estimated cost for this project is \$300,000.

A complete irrigation system will be installed at Lacy Park. Currently only part of the park is on an irrigation system, and each summer many hours of work are spent in labor intensive hand watering. The proposed \$550,000 irrigation system will eliminate hand watering, provide a more efficient use of water and improve the health and appearance of plants and trees.

Crowell Public Library

To help celebrate the library's 10-year anniversary this coming year, the facility will receive a new coat of paint and other repairs to help ensure that it serves the public well into the future.

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Attend City's annual Fourth of July event

The community is invited to attend the City's annual Fourth of July event on Tuesday, July 4 at Lacy Park. The celebration will include food booths, a fun zone, a community parade, entertainment and a fireworks display at 9 p.m. All guests will need a wristband to enter the park.

The Virginia Road entrance to Lacy Park will open at 7 a.m. No one will be allowed to enter via St. Albans Road until 3 p.m. Guests may reserve areas using blankets and chairs; no stakes or ropes will be permitted.

Pre-sale wristbands will be available to San Marino residents for \$5 each before Tuesday, July 4. Proof of residency is required and residents must present an identification card with their address or a utility bill. Pre-sale wristbands will be available for non-residents for \$15 each. Children ages 2 years and under are free.

Wristbands can be purchased now through Monday, July 3 at the Recreation Department, City Hall and Crowell Public Library. Wristbands purchased on Tuesday, July 4 are \$20 each, regardless of residency. Children ages 2 years and under are free. For more information, call (626) 943-2627.

The Rotary Club of San Marino

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Uninhabited Residential Properties Ordinance

The San Marino City Council has adopted a new ordinance that went into effect on June 15, 2017. Ordinance S.M.C.C. 14.18.01 establishes regulations and registration requirements for Uninhabited Residential Properties (URPO) in the City.

The ordinance was enacted to mitigate the public safety issues that can arise when residential properties are uninhabited for extended periods of time. These issues can pose a threat to the uninhabited property, a neighboring property or a neighboring resident, and can lead to a call for service to which Public Safety personnel must respond.

For the purpose of this ordinance, a residential property is considered uninhabited if no person has lived in the residence on a day-to-day basis for a period of 60 consecutive days or longer. Periodic visits to a property by a third party do not constitute inhabitation.

As part of the registration

requirement, the property owner must provide their current contact information as well as contact information for a minimum of three additional “authorized parties” who can respond to their property in the event a public safety issue arises. An “authorized party” means a designee having authority to act on the property owner’s behalf and who can respond within one hour to the property after telephone notification by the City.

As an alternative to having three or more contacts, a property management company that can respond within one hour on a 24-hour basis can be provided as the authorized contact, provided that the property owner has made the appropriate arrangements with the company.

There is a \$50 annual registration fee and property owners can register and pay at the San Marino Police Department. The registration form also is available at ci.san-marino.ca.us/147/Police-Department. ■

Status of lead levels in San Marino

On April 20, Reuters published an article highlighting San Marino as an area with elevated levels of lead in its children. In response to this information, the City Council held an emergency meeting on April 26 to discuss this issue. Dr. Cyrus Rangan and Maurice Pantoja from the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department noted that the small sample size of children tested resulted in a high percentage of elevated blood lead levels. They also stated that of the 333 children in San Marino that were tested, three had blood lead levels that were truly considered elevated per Centers for Disease Control standards and warranted a re-test.

At the April 28 Council meeting, representatives from California American Water presented the results of their emergency test of the City’s water. San Marino’s water was found to be well within all requirements.

Although immediate concerns regarding lead have been dispelled, the City will continue to take lead hazards very seriously. Moving forward, the City will adopt an ordinance requiring all contractors to submit their EPA-required certification for removing lead paint prior to obtaining a business license or permit. The City will also continue to work with the Department of Health and the water purveyors to ensure the City receives all relevant test data. ■

FY 2017-18 annual budget proposed

The Fiscal Year 2017-18 proposed budget is \$29.3 million. This includes an operating budget of \$24.4 million, \$3.9 million in capital improvement projects (CIP) and \$1 million in capital equipment purchases. The City is presenting a balanced budget that results in an increase in fund balances of \$80,937. Reserves are \$24,076,715, which is nearly 100 percent of the City’s annual operating budget.

This year’s budget resulted in a reduction of \$268,711 in services and supplies. The budget includes a program for Capital Projects, Building Management and Capital Outlay, which will address sidewalk, building, pavement and sewer and storm drain improvements.

Revenues are projected to be \$29.4 million, which is \$1.6 million or 5.5 percent higher than the 2016-17 budget. Property tax is projected to increase by 6 percent compared to last year.

The two major challenges facing the City are projected increases in unfunded pension liability costs, the City’s aging infrastructure and the cost of maintaining City-owned facilities. To provide the Council with the realities of unfunded pension liability costs, Bartel and Associates were contracted to conduct a complete actuarial on the City’s long range obligations in addition to strategic options available to pay down the cost. This information, along with the Infrastructure Investment program and building maintenance costs will establish the priorities of the City future finances. The 2017-18 proposed budget includes capital projects that will lay the foundation for developing a long-range CIP. ■

City to participate in National Night Out event

Each year the San Marino Police Department (SMPD) hosts an Open House in conjunction with the San Marino Fire Department. This year, instead of an Open House, the SMPD will join thousands of other communities from all 50 states in National Night Out. This year's National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 1 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Lacy Park in San Marino.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that

promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

National Night Out will feature many local vendors and community groups that will share emergency safety information and products. Other exhibits also will be presented for all to enjoy. ■

Active Military Banner Program created

To honor community members who are actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or attending a military academy, the City of San Marino wishes to display a personalized street banner in recognition of their service. The banners will be on display in the center of town from early September through early/mid-November. The banners will then be presented to each honoree (or a family member) at a special Thanksgiving Breakfast in November.

Banners will be offered at no

cost to the serviceperson or his/her family. It is the City's hope that this project can be funded entirely through donations.

In order to qualify, honorees must meet two general guidelines:

First, the honoree must be on active duty with any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard) or be attending a military service academy.

Second, the honoree must be a current or former San Marino resident, live in the San Marino Unified School District boundary or be a high school graduate of either San Marino High School or Southwestern Academy.

To apply for the program, complete and submit an application before Monday, July 10. Individuals, organizations or business owners who would like to support this program can make donations in any amount they choose. Applications and donation forms are available at the Recreation Department, Crowell Public Library, City Hall or at cityofsanmarino.org/1013/Active-Military-Banner-Program. For more information, call (626) 403-2200. ■

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Club

Crowell Library invites families to get ready, get set and go to the library and sign up for "Reading by Design," the summer reading club, starting Monday, June 5.

For two months, the library will host free activities for children, teens and adults to encourage and support a love of reading.

Participants can win prizes for reaching their reading goals. There is also a serious side to summer reading: research has shown that reading during the summer prevents summer reading loss.

Registration will take place through Friday, July 14. For more information, please visit crowellpubliclibrary.org. ■

Capital Improvement Plan presented

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Sewer and Storm Drains

San Marino's sewer and storm drain systems are nearing the end of their lives. As a first step in the replacement of these systems, sewer and storm drain system masterplans (similar to the pavement management plan) will be developed in Fiscal Year 2017-2018. These masterplans will provide guidance on the appropriate level of annual replacement and on the optimal order that components should be replaced. These masterplans will also address any capacity improvements that may be needed to accommodate anticipated future demands. ■

Registration for Summer Aquatics, Camp Lacy, Jr. Titan Sports Camp, Summer Recreation classes and Fall 2017 Preschool has begun! It's not too late to sign up for the summer fun! Visit cityofsanmarino.org to check out the Summer Guide, and visit the Recreation Department to register today!

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News from Fire Chief Mario Rueda

Summer Safety Tips

Keep children away from barbecue grills and lighter fluid. Don't leave lit grills unattended, and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

Remember that fireworks are not legal in the City of San Marino.

NEVER leave children unattended in or around pools or spas. Locking doors and self-closing, self-latching gates on fences surrounding the pool will limit access to the pool or spa. Keep rescue equipment near the pool area. Do not allow anyone of any age to swim alone.

Protect your skin from excessive exposure to the sun and use a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.

Heat cramps are muscle pains

and spasms caused by heavy exertion, which triggers loss of water through heavy perspiration. To relieve the cramps, stay hydrated and use gentle massage.

Heat exhaustion is a mild form of shock marked by heavy sweating, weakness, cold and clammy skin, a weak pulse, fainting and vomiting. Immediately move to a cool place. Loosen clothing and apply cool, wet cloths and continue to stay hydrated. If vomiting occurs, seek medical attention. Brief exposure to extreme heat can precipitate this condition in very young children and the elderly.

Fire Dept. Deployment Study

In the City of San Marino's

2016-17 budget, the City Council approved funding for the Fire Department to work with a consultant to conduct a Standards of Response Coverage (Deployment) Study. This process is intended to measure the Fire Department's performance, and also uses risk and community expectations to help elected officials make informed decisions about fire and emergency medical services deployment levels. A final report from the consultant is expected at the end of June.

Emergency Preparedness

Mayor Richard Sun has made emergency preparedness for the City a priority this year. In preparation for this, the Fire Department coordinated a City Council briefing with Dr. Lucy Jones from the United States Geological Survey to increase awareness of the risk of earthquakes and the after effects on operations and recovery. Also planned for this year are updating the City's emergency plans, implementing training for elected officials and City staff and having City officials participate in an earthquake simulation training exercise in October. ■

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will present its Annual Fourth of July Parade. Young children on decorated bikes accompanied by an adult, and bands, are invited to participate. To drive a vehicle in the parade, registration is required. Call (626) 440-1959.

The City Club is once again organizing the annual Fourth of July Pavilion. Table reservation sales have already sold out, but there is a waiting list. For more information, contact City Club President David Wang at 4thJulyPavilion@gmail.com or (310) 420-8437. ■