



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

A message from the City Manager

I want to extend my appreciation to the community for giving me such a warm welcome to San Marino. The last couple of months have been a whirlwind of activity, as I've gotten to know the staff within the organization and begun the process of integrating myself into the community.

Transparency is a priority of the newly constituted City Council, and rigorous dialogue is a priority of mine. To marry the two, I am excited to announce that we will be launching a series of opportunities for community members to engage

with staff on issues that are important to you! We will be holding these events at a variety of locations within the City, at a variety of times, and even on a variety of topics.

The first of these events will be held in the Barth Room at Crowell Public Library on Friday, January 12 at 9 a.m., and will be focused on getting to know your new city manager - me! I'll share my background and field whatever questions you have for me about my philosophy, experience, etc. You'll also be invited to share with me whatever things you think I need to know. No RSVP is necessary; I hope to see many of you there. ■

City Council election

On November 7, 2017, Gretchen Shepherd Romey, Ken Ude and Susan Jakubowski were elected to the San Marino City Council. The three new Council Members will replace outgoing Mayor Richard Sun, Vice-Mayor Richard Ward and Council Member Allan Yung, all of whom opted to not seek re-election.

The election results were certified and the new Council Members were sworn in at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, December 13. We'd like to thank our outgoing City Council Members for their service, and congratulate our new City Council Members! ■

Active Military Banner Presentation Ceremony

On November 11, the City held an Active Military Banner Presentation Ceremony at Lacy Park. The event was the culmination of the street banner program created earlier in the year to honor brave community members actively serving in the military or attending a service academy.

Through this program, 26 honorees were identified. At the event, City Council presented the banners to honorees or family representatives. The event opened with a performance by the Huntington Middle School

Crowell Library celebrates 10th anniversary

Crowell Public Library will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an open house on Saturday, January 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by to see the variety of services the library has to offer, including programs for seniors, teens and kids; cultural programs; passport acceptance and even test proctoring. At noon, see the announcement of the annual bookmark contest winners. Have lunch at a food truck, have your face painted and watch an award-winning juggler! Crowell Library has something for everyone in the community. ■



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Chamber Orchestra. Congresswoman Judy Chu was the keynote speaker and Assemblyman Ed Chau presented a proclamation to San Marino acknowledging the program. ■

A message from Fire Chief Mario Rueda

Our community has much to be thankful for

As we enter the holiday season, our San Marino community has much to celebrate and be thankful for. This is the time of year that many of us, including myself, take time to reflect on the priorities that matter to us most in life; the things that cannot be purchased. These are things such as our health and the health of our families, making time for friends and family to come together, and loved ones who won't be home for the holidays, just to name a few.

As the Fire Chief and public representative of this fine Fire Department, not a day passes that I am not approached by citizens from our community and met with nothing but praise for the dedication and professionalism exhibited by the members of the San Marino Fire Department. Their commitment and effort to safeguard the residents of our City during the

past year have not gone unnoticed. The public outpouring of support and appreciation for the hard work from our firefighters is both overwhelming and humbling. It remains quite evident that the community of San Marino places a very high value on public safety and the preservation of lives and property.

As your first responders, our goal is to consistently provide the highest level of professional service and to leave your lives in a better state than we found them. I know I speak for our entire Department when I say that each one of us feels blessed to be a part of this unique City, and we consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to dedicate ourselves as public servants to such a grateful community.

On behalf of the San Marino Fire Department, I send our best wishes to the community for a safe, healthy and peaceful holiday season. ■

GREEN CORNER

Trees to Prune in Winter Months



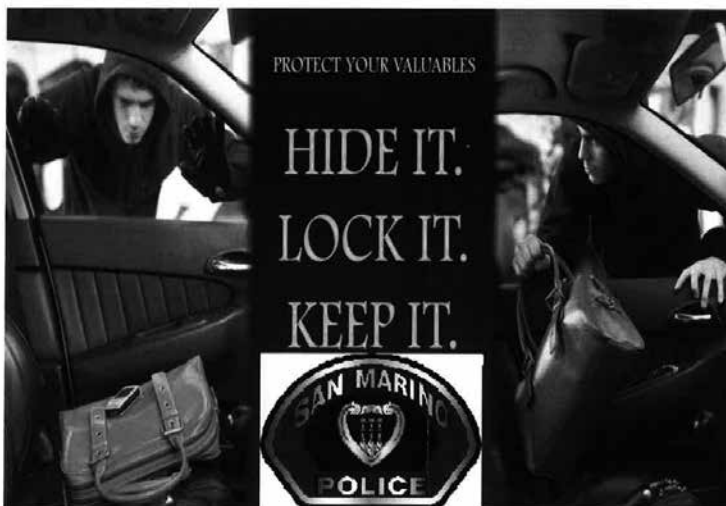
Conifers (including pine trees), Eucalyptus and deciduous fruit trees should be pruned in the winter months. Conifers and Eucalyptus trees should be pruned during this time of year due to their slower growth and lower susceptibility to insects, which can damage or even kill these trees.

Don't Forget to Prune Your Roses

January is the best time to prune your roses. A rose pruning seminar will be held on Saturday, January 6 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Crowell Public Library Barth Community Room.

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

AT HOME, WORK AND AT PLAY LOCK YOUR CAR



KEEP YOUR VALUABLES

Save the Date! Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 17
10 a.m. to noon
Lacy Park

Turn to page 9 for details.

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

Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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Protect yourself this holiday season

The holiday season is upon us. With this in mind, it is important to remember the steps we all can take to make this a safe holiday season. First of all, participate in the Neighborhood Watch program. It will give you a chance to meet your neighbors, learn how to keep your home safe and prepare for emergencies. Neighborhood Watch is not a once-a-year event; it is a daily habit of keeping an eye on your neighborhood.

Keeping an eye on your neighborhood is directly connected to the saying “See Something, Say Something.” Those four words ask us to do something very simple: if something does not look right or seem right in the neighborhood, give us a call. Our officers are in your neighborhood every day of the week, all day long, ready to respond to your call. Thankfully, many of you have heeded that advice. Our calls for service from the community have doubled this year compared to last year. This has been a significant change. We want and need you to call us when you suspect something may be wrong. This simple change has helped us reduce burglaries this year.

Here are a few other simple things to remember to keep this a happy holiday season:

Use your security system. If you do not have one, get one from a reliable company that monitors your system.

If you are going to be away, call us and set up a vacation check. We will check on your house until you return. Let your neighbor park a car in the driveway to make your house look as if someone is home while you are away.

For more suggestions about what to do to protect yourself and your neighborhood, email our Neighborhood Watch Coordinators, Sergeant Candice Torres at ctorres@smpd.us, Corporal Kenric Wu at kwu@smpd.us and Officers Vanessa Golden at vgolden@smpd.us and Jeremy Bestpitch at jbestpitch@smpd.us. Officer Golden is fluent in Mandarin.

The holiday season gives us an opportunity to be thankful for all life has given us this past year, to remember those we lost and to celebrate the new year to come. The San Marino Police Department, with the support of those living in, working in and visiting San Marino, will continue to work hard to reduce crime and make this a safe city for the entire community. From all of us at the San Marino Police Department, we wish you a happy holiday and a safe new year. ■

2018 Senior Trips

Join us for the following 2018 Senior Trips!

A “Remembering Redlands” excursion will be held on Wednesday, January 17 from 8:15 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. The journey begins at the Kimberly Crest House and Gardens where participants will be treated to a guided tour of this French Chateau built in 1897. Lunch will be at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Redlands. The afternoon will be spent at the Lincoln Memorial Shrine, one man’s collection of memorabilia about his favorite president, Abraham Lincoln. The cost is \$65 per person. Make your reservations by Thursday, January 11. See page 18 for more details.

On Wednesday, February 21, seniors will enjoy “NEW YORK, NEW YORK!” an entertaining tribute show packed full of energy, excitement and great music! The trip will take place from 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. A professional, seasoned cast will be impersonating well-loved performers using their own voices. This show is held at the Camelot Theatre in Palm Springs and celebrates four of the greatest icons in popular American music, including Tony Bennett, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand and Bobby Darin. Lunch will be at Billy Reed’s Restaurant. The cost is \$75 per person. Make your reservations by Saturday, January 20. See page 19 for more details. ■



2018 Track Meet

Parents, mark your calendars!

Registration for the 2018 All City Track Meet takes place Tuesday, January 2 – Thursday, February 15.

Turn to page 9 for more information.

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