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## City Adopts Tobacco Sales and No Smoking Ordinance

In response to residents' requests for stronger regulations limiting tobacco sales to youth and eliminating smoking from public open spaces in our City, the San Gabriel City Council adopted a new ordinance amending the Municipal Code.

On March 2, the Council adopted ordinance No. 585-C.S. amending the Municipal Code by requiring all retailers who sell tobacco and related products to obtain a tobacco retailer's license by July 1.

Additionally, the Code is amended to prohibit smoking and the use of tobacco products in all City parks, including adjacent sidewalks and parking lots. This restriction on smoking in parks and recreation areas was effective as of April 1. In May, the City will communicate to the business community, the information necessary for obtaining a tobacco retailer's license by July 1.

**"This restriction on smoking in parks and recreation areas was effective as of April 1"**

For more information about obtaining a tobacco retailer's business license, please contact the Finance Department at (626) 308-2812 ext. 4612. For information about the new ordinance (No. 585-C.S.), contact the City Clerk's office at (626) 308-2800.

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## Miss Saigon Comes to San Gabriel

The world famous *Miss Saigon*, produced by Cameron Mackintosh and directed by the Artistic Director of the National Theatre of Great Britain, ran for over 10 years at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in London's West End, where it became that theatre's longest running show ever.

In 2009, the New York production became the 10th longest-running Broadway show ever. The show also received multiple Tony awards.

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre (SGVMT) is proud to present a full-scale concert version of the show at the Mission Playhouse on Saturday, May 1st.

Set in 1975 during the final days of the Vietnam War, *Miss Saigon* is an epic tale about the tragic love story between an American G.I. and a Vietnamese girl.

This production will feature the complete show staged in concert with a full cast joined by a 24-piece orchestra on stage, and is directed by award winning director, actor and choreographer Ray Rochelle (*Miss Saigon* First National Company director; actor; and choreographer – 2005 LA Ovation Award-Best Musical, nomination Best Choreography). The music director is Richard Allen; the choreographer is Rikki Lugo.

**"San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre (SGVMT) is proud to present a full-scale concert version of the show at the Mission Playhouse on Saturday, May 1st"**

There are only two performances on Saturday, May 1st at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

To book tickets, or for more information, please visit the Mission Playhouse website: [www.missionplayhouse.org](http://www.missionplayhouse.org) or call the SGVMT Box Office at (626) 282-1440.

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## City and Chamber of Commerce Spring Happenings

There are a variety of community events to look forward to in the coming months. This is a great opportunity to come out and get involved!

Regrettably, the Chamber of Commerce will not be holding the Grapevine Festival this year. However, we welcome you to join us for the celebration of the City's birthday and the announcement of San Gabriel's 2010 Outstanding Older American at the City Council meeting on April 20. Cake and refreshments will be served as we honor a great community volunteer and celebrate 97 years of incorporation!

**"The Business Expo is free to the public and includes free food and beverages and great giveaways from local businesses"**

You are also invited to participate in one of the upcoming spring Chamber events—the Annual Golf Tournament and the ever-popular Business Expo. The Chamber Golf Tournament will be held on April 27 at Alhambra Golf Course. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12 p.m. The cost is \$110.00 per golfer, which includes all of the amenities for a day of golf and the banquet. You're also welcome to attend just the banquet at Almanson Court for just \$40 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

The Chamber's Business Expo is another great opportunity to get involved. This year's event themed "Cooking Up" New Business, will be held on May 12 at San Gabriel Union Church & Christian School, 117 N. Pine Street. The Business Expo is free to the public and includes free food and beverages and great giveaways from local businesses.

Businesses who are interested in participating at this marketing event must be a member of the San Gabriel Chamber.

For more information or to participate in this and other Chamber activities, please contact the Chamber office at (626) 576-2525.

*Major Fundraiser!*

San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce  
**Golf Tournament**  
Alhambra Golf Course - Scramble format  
Tuesday, April 27, 2010

*Golf, cart, green fees, range balls, awards banquet, & giveaways!*

10:00 AM	Registration, Free Range Balls, Putting Contest
12 Noon	Shotgun Start
5:30 PM	Awards Banquet

*Non-golfers welcome at the Banquet for just \$40 per person!  
Great Food, Networking, Raffle Prizes and Fun!*

FOR MORE INFO: Sandy Rosco, (626) 576-2525 [rosco\\_sandy@yahoo.com](mailto:rosco_sandy@yahoo.com)

San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament - April 27, 2010

\_\_\_ # of Golfers @ \$110 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Individual golfers welcome - we'll place you on a team.)

\_\_\_ # of Player's Packs @ \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (putting contest, 3 mulligan cards, 6 raffle tickets)

\_\_\_ # of Banquet Tickets @ \$40 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ # of Tee Sponsors @ \$50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sign to read \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will donate a \$25 value raffle prize \_\_\_ I have 144 small items for golfer goodie bags

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Golfer #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Golfer #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Golfer #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for supporting this Major Fundraiser!*

Please make check payable & mail to: San Gabriel Chamber  
620 W. Santa Anita St., San Gabriel, CA 91776

San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce  
*"We mean business to our community"*



# Upcoming Events at the Mission Playhouse

## Music! Dance! Theater!

**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

**SAT., APR. 24, 7 p.m.**

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

**SAT., MAY 1, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.**

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre  
"Miss Saigon in Concert"  
For info/tickets call (626) 282-1440  
www.sgvmusictheatre.org

**TUES., MAY 4, 10 a.m.**

Theatreworks USA  
"Max & Ruby"  
This is professional theatre for young people. Call your local school district to confirm participation.  
Tickets are not available to the general public.  
For info call (800) 497-5007  
www.theatreworksusa.org

**SAT., MAY 8, 7 p.m.**

San Marino Dance Academy  
Dance Recital  
For info/tickets call (626) 284-6277

**SUN., MAY 9, 2:30 p.m.**

LA Theatre Organ Society  
Silent Film – Buster Keaton in "The Cameraman" Accompanied on the Wurlitzer by Clark Wilson  
For info/tickets call (888) LATOS-22  
www.latos.org

**SAT./SUN., MAY 15-16**  
7:30 p.m. & 2 p.m.

Pasadena Dance Theatre  
"R&J" – A contemporary twist on Romeo & Juliet  
For info/tickets call (626) 683-3459  
www.pasadenadance.org

**THURS., MAY 20, 8 p.m.**

East LA College  
"Let's Dance!"  
For info/tickets call (323) 265-8740

**SAT., MAY 22, 7 p.m.**

International Culture & Art Exchange Society  
For info/tickets call (626) 318-6953

**SUN., MAY 23, 3 p.m.**

Olympia Youth Orchestra  
Free Community Concert!  
For info/tickets call (626) 447-5839  
www.olympiaphil.org

**SUN., MAY 30, 7 p.m.**

Elite Ballet Theatre  
For info/tickets call (626) 456-3391  
www.eliteballettheatre.com

**SAT., JUNE 12, 8 p.m.**

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre  
For info/tickets call (626) 282-1440  
www.sgvmusictheatre.org

**FRI., JUNE 18, 8 p.m.**

JayVee Dance Academy  
For info/tickets call (626) 300-0178  
www.jayveedance.net

**SUN., JUNE 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Fei Chiao Concert  
For info/tickets call (626) 674-9135

**THURS., JUNE 24, 8 p.m.**

Academy of Music and Dance  
For info/tickets call (626) 768-2614  
www.pasadenadanceclasses.com

**SAT./SUN., JUNE 26-27**  
7 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Ballet Petit Performing Arts Center  
For info/tickets call (818) 790-5775

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).



## Grapevine Goes Green

If 'green' is your favorite color, then you gotta love San Gabriel!

Over the past several years, the City Council has taken a number of steps to make our City and our municipal operations more sustainable. Some of those actions include: green purchasing; green building maintenance; regular tree planting; participation with Athens Disposal in a new program for electronic waste collection; replacement of electrical fixtures with ones that save energy through a rebate program with SCE; retrofitting some vehicles to meet ultra-low emission targets, and more.

Another sustainable measure planned is to use recycled paper for City newsletters. We are pleased to announce that beginning with this issue of the *Grapevine* the City's quarterly newsletter will be printed on recycled paper – and has officially gone green in spring.

Learn more about the City's green practices by visiting <http://sangabrielcity.com/> and clicking on "San Gabriel Goes Green".



## Get Out the Suntan Lotion and Head to Smith Park



The recreation program at Smith Park will open June 14, and will run Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This drop-in program is for youth ages 6 to 16. Youth trips and special events include a day at the beach, Raging Waters, boomers, bowl & swim, Disneyland and the Annual Penny Carnival.

The free lunch program is served weekdays between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for children, 18 years of age and under. Lunches will be provided at Lincoln School, Dewey School, McKinley School, Smith Park, and Vincent Lugo Park. This lunch program is administered by the San Gabriel Unified School District and the Garvey School District.

For more information and additional recreational programs, watch for your City newsletter and recreation guide delivered to your mailbox in early June.

Smith Park Pool offers lessons for all level swimmers, including adults. Lessons are offered Monday through Friday beginning June 21. Saturday lessons are also available.

**"The free lunch program is served weekdays between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for children, 18 years of age and under"**

Beginning June 12, the pool will be open for recreational swimming every afternoon and Mondays, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875 or e-mail [info@sgch.org](mailto:info@sgch.org).

## Bring the Family to Independence Day Parade



Celebrate Independence Day with your fellow neighbors at the City of San Gabriel Kid's Day & 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 3, beginning in the historic Mission District. Kick off your holiday weekend and celebrate at this free event!

Registration for parade entries will be taken up to and on the day of the event. The Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and travels from Plaza Park next to the San Gabriel Mission, heads north on Mission Drive and then east on Broadway to Smith Park, 232 W. Broadway. Prizes will be awarded to participants with the most patriotic costumes and parade entries.

**"Prizes will be awarded to participants with the most patriotic costumes and parade entries"**

Following the parade, there will be a free Kid's Day picnic in Smith Park. Enjoy the BBQ, picnic games, community booths, crafts, free swim and more!

For more information on this event, to register for the parade, or to participate as a sponsor, please visit the event website at [www.kids4thparade.com](http://www.kids4thparade.com) or contact San Gabriel Parks & Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.

## Historic Welcome Signs Being Restored

San Gabriel's historic, neon-illuminated welcome signs have received a new lease on life as part of a package of new investments in San Gabriel's infrastructure.

The San Gabriel City Council voted 5-0 to commence restoration and engage a maintenance contract for the five historic 'gateway' signs on Las Tunas Drive, San Gabriel Boulevard and Valley Boulevard.

The Council's approval also includes funds to restore the historic San Gabriel Village sign at Del Mar Avenue and Fairview Avenue, which will then be enhanced with foundation plantings. The project, conducted under direction of the Public Works Department, is part of a package of public works initiatives that includes installation of new aerial street signs (now complete); new pole-mounted street signs (installation to begin this month); and street tree plantings this spring to complete the Las Tunas Drive corridor.



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# Have Lunch at the Adult Recreation Center

Lunch is served daily at the San Gabriel Adult Recreation Center to anyone who is 60 and older or is a spouse of someone who is 60 and older. The daily lunch program is sponsored by Intervale Senior Services, which is a division of the San Gabriel Valley YWCA.

**“Reservations must be made one day in advance by calling (626) 308-2823 between 10 a.m. and noon, Monday thru Friday”**

Reservations must be made one day in advance by calling (626) 308-2823 between 10 a.m. and noon, Monday thru Friday. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 11:45 a.m.

Pick up a monthly menu at the Adult Recreation Center or visit the website at [www.sangabrielcity.com](http://www.sangabrielcity.com). Suggested donation for lunch is \$2 per meal.

Other activities that take place during lunch time include birthday celebrations on the third Wednesday of each month, holiday activities, socializing with other seniors and monthly presentations on health and wellness information.

So come for lunch at the San Gabriel Adult Recreation Center! For more information about senior programs contact Recreation Coordinator Theresa Johnson at (626) 308-2875.



# Join Your Firefighters for Fire Service Day

The San Gabriel Fire Department will be hosting its annual Fire Service Day Open House on May 8 at Fire Station 51 located at 1303 S. Del Mar Avenue. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 3 p.m.

As in the past, several exciting activities are planned. Firefighters will show the proper use of fire extinguishers on live fires.

Additionally, fire fighters will give tours of the fire station. Children will be able to fight a simulated house fire with an actual fire hose.

Firefighters will be cooking hotdogs for all attendees. Several other displays relating to fire safety and disaster preparedness will be available for public viewing. Fire apparatus and the San Gabriel Urban Search and Rescue vehicle will be on display. Fire prevention materials will be handed out while supplies last.

Please come join your San Gabriel fire fighters on May 8th for a free celebration of Fire Service Day.

**“Children will be able to fight a simulated house fire with an actual fire hose”**



# Caltrans I-10 Project Now Underway

A Caltrans construction project on the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) between downtown Los Angeles and the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) now underway will eventually restore east- and west-bound lanes and ramps. This portion of I-10 was first opened to traffic in 1956, and has seen heavy use by commuters and large commercial vehicles. As a major thoroughfare, it serves numerous eastern suburbs within Los Angeles County, as well as communities in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

The restoration of I-10 includes replacement of damaged slabs, widening shoulders, and ramp realignment. Construction requires lane and ramp closures for night work; such closures are not permitted during morning and afternoon peak traffic hours.

In San Gabriel, a continuous long term closure of the east bound Del Mar Avenue off ramp is scheduled to begin this month. It's estimated that the ramps will be closed between 30-42 days. When a closure date is established, information will be provided in news releases and posted on the project webpage (<http://dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/details.php?id=44>).

Upon project completion, estimated for Spring 2011, motorists will have a smoother, safer drive. Roadbed restoration will reduce time required for maintenance and minimize the need for lane closures.

To receive news releases via email, please send an email request to [Marlene\\_Martinez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Marlene_Martinez@dot.ca.gov). For additional project information, you may contact Marlene Martinez at (213) 897-0289 or Caltrans Public Affairs at (213) 897-3656.

**“This portion of I-10 was first opened to traffic in 1956, and has seen heavy use by commuters and large commercial vehicles”**



# Pedestrian Safety Is Everyone's Business

“Pedestrian struck and killed on roadway by passing motorist,” said police. Those are words we hate to hear on the radio or read in our local newspaper. Sadly, these accidents almost always leave pedestrians severely or fatally injured. However, many of these accidents can be avoided through preventative measures, which start with you – motorists and pedestrians alike.

While it is easy to blame drivers, they are not always responsible. All too often, pedestrians are the cause of accidents. At times, pedestrians are unaware of their surroundings, cross the street without regard to oncoming traffic, jaywalk or dart out mid-block in front of a vehicle.

Pedestrians can help prevent accidents and protect themselves by obeying the rules of the road; walking defensively; being vigilant and aware of their surroundings; stopping at the curb or corner and looking left-right-left before proceeding to cross a street while checking for vehicles; crossing streets at intersections and looking for signs or signals that help pedestrians cross safely and not assuming you are completely safe or have the right-of-way in marked crosswalks.

Despite the many reasons for pedestrian caused accidents, the greatest contributing factor is driver negligence. Drivers have to take responsibility to exercise caution on roads as well as in parking lots, sidewalks, and around schools. Drivers who disregard a crosswalk, a pedestrian crossing the road, traffic control devices; speed, talk on cell phones, or drive while intoxicated, are acting recklessly and without regard for the safety of others.

Defensive driving is imperative, and drivers must always be cautious and alert to their surroundings. So, slow down, pay attention to signs and crosswalks, do not be distracted, use caution when driving near a school or park, and most of all, obey the rules of the road.

Remember, pedestrian safety is everybody's business. For more information, please contact the San Gabriel Police Department at (626) 308-2828.

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# City Celebrates Annual Public Works Day

In honor of National Public Works Week (May 16 –22, 2010), the San Gabriel Public Works Department will be hosting its 8th annual Open House. The open house also recognizes the dedicated Public Works staff members who maintain San Gabriel's infrastructure by keeping our streets well paved, sidewalks repaired, trees trimmed, street lights and signals in good working order, sewers and storm drains free flowing, and your water flowing clean and clear.

The event will be held at the City Yard, 121 W. Mission Rd. on May 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

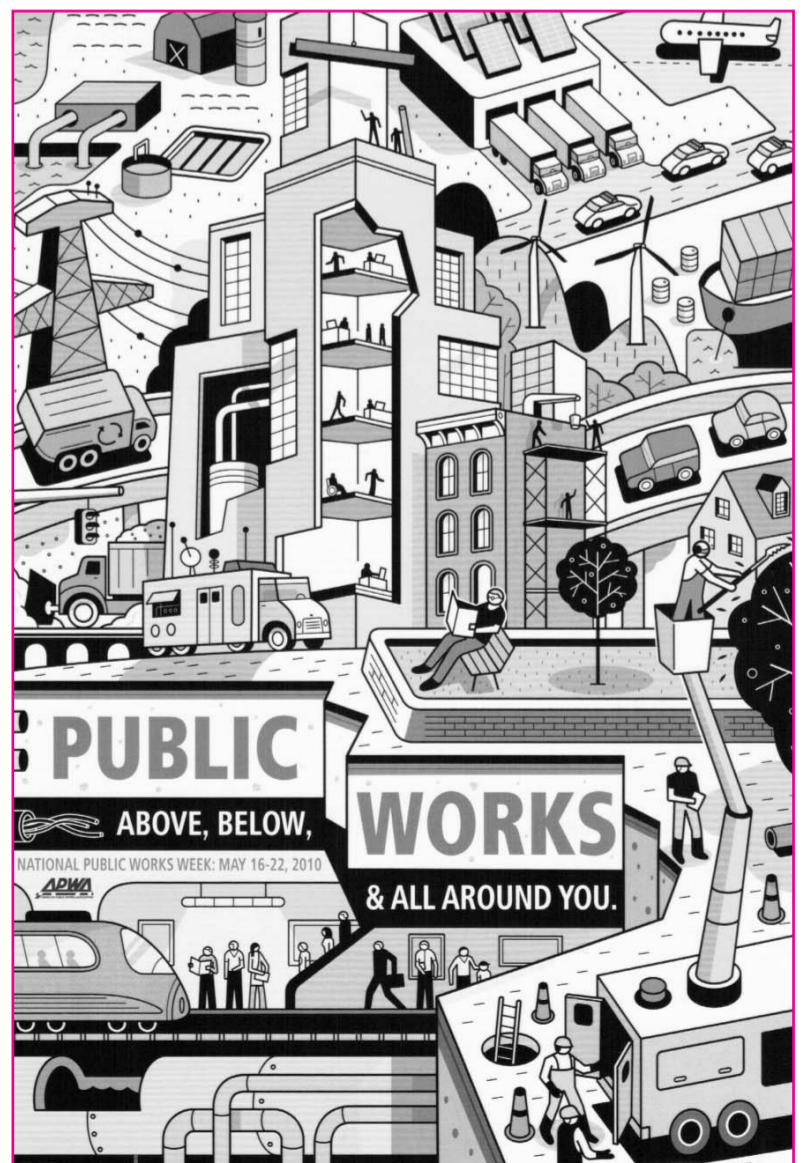
On display will be various pieces of equipment, such as an 1,500 gallon sewer rodding truck, an aerial tree trimming truck with its 58-foot boom bucket, and a 10-ton material truck used for asphalt repairs, along with a backhoe, skip loader and lots more.

There will be demonstrations of street painting applications, sign installation, traffic signal maintenance, and tree trimming techniques, as well as exhibits from other City services, utilities and public agencies.

**“The event will be held at the City Yard, 121 W. Mission Rd. on May 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.”**

So come to the Open House! Handouts, lunch and other goodies will be provided.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at (626) 308-2825.



# 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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Networking Mixer, 6-8 p.m.  
Hosted by San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre and Pizza Place California  
San Gabriel Mission Playhouse  
320 South Mission Drive

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Business Expo/Networking Mixer, 5:30-8 p.m.  
Hosted by San Gabriel Union Church and Christian School  
Gymnasium at San Gabriel Christian School  
117 N. Pine St.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Annual Installation Dinner & Silent Auction, 6 p.m.  
San Gabriel Country Club  
411 E. Las Tunas Dr.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Networking Mixer, 6-8 p.m.  
Hosted by the San Gabriel Mission  
428 S. Mission Dr.

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](mailto:rosco_sandy@yahoo.com). You must be a member of the Chamber of Commerce to host a Mixer.



## Mission Playhouse on Your Screen and in the News

The Mission Playhouse ([www.missionplayhouse.org](http://www.missionplayhouse.org)) is reaching out digitally to keep you updated. Led by Playhouse staff, a four-person volunteer team has created a blog (<http://sgmissionplayhouse.blogspot.com/>), updated the Playhouse Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/missionplayhouse](http://www.facebook.com/missionplayhouse)), is utilizing Twitter (<http://twitter.com/SGMPEvents>), and sending out regular updates via a brand new e-newsletter.

If you'd like to receive regular updates on upcoming shows every two weeks direct to your inbox, just sign up for the e-newsletter, or if you're short of time or on the move, receive messages to your inbox or cell-phone via Twitter. If you'd like to learn more about how it all works "behind the scenes," check out the blog featuring stories, insights and interviews with staff, performers and producers. Or you could simply become a "fan" on Facebook.

"This is an incredibly exciting time for us," said Mission Playhouse Managing Director Anna Cross. "We're especially grateful to these volunteers -- Amy Kwan, Serena Chen, Jaeve Burgan and Alana Saltz -- for their efforts."

The team is also focusing on getting regular updates to newspapers and radio, so check your local press and radio stations for features and articles on upcoming events.

To find out more, or to sign up for updates on Twitter, Facebook, the e-newsletter or blog, please visit the Mission Playhouse website: [www.missionplayhouse.org](http://www.missionplayhouse.org).

## City's Cable TV Station Moves to Channel 3

The City of San Gabriel's government access television station has moved from channel 55 to channel 3 on Charter Communications' cable television.

The adjustment was prompted by Charter's plan to standardize the channel lineups serving all of our southern California communities. These changes went into effect in January.

This alignment will not only mean standardization between communities, but also means the channel will be on the same location regardless of whether or not a customer has a converter box.

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### UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

There's lots of exciting programs coming up at the San Gabriel Library. Here's a snapshot:

**Dia de Los Ninos** – Festival and entertainment – May 1, 2 p.m.

**Tea Party for Moms, Dads, Grandparents, and Kids** – May 15, 2 p.m.

**Blues Musician** – "Kids Also Get the Blues" – May 29, 2 p.m.

**Summer Reading Kick-off and Juggler, Michael Raynor** – June 26, 2 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public and suitable for all ages. Parental supervision requested.

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Family Storytime** – every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

**Middle School Book Club** – every Third Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.

**Toddler Storytime** – every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

**Adult Gentle Exercise** – every Thursday, 4 p.m.

**Adult Book Club** – every Third Monday, 4 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public. The San Gabriel Library is located at 500 S. Del Mar Ave. For more information, please call (626) 287-0761.

## The San Gabriel Grapevine

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## McGruff's



# PAW PRINTS

S.G.P.D.

## Neighborhood Watch Program Helps Deter Crime

Don't let criminals knock your block off! At the San Gabriel Police Department, one of our goals is to have more citizens join the Neighborhood Watch program and become more involved with our community," states Chief David A. Lawton.

"By you and your neighbors coming together and joining the Neighborhood Watch program, you support each other in an effort to deter crime in your neighborhood," added Chief Lawton. "The Neighborhood Watch program involves residents developing an increased awareness of suspicious activity in their neighborhood and becoming the eyes and ears of law enforcement."

Your role as a member is simply to observe what is going on in your neighborhood, and when someone or something does not look right, to call the police. In order for you to know what is suspicious, you must know your neighbors, their children, the vehicles they drive, and other everyday activities that occur in your neighborhood. That is what makes Neighborhood Watch an effective tool against crime.

For more information about Neighborhood Watch and other Crime Prevention programs, contact the San Gabriel Police Department's Crime Prevention Office at (626) 308-2846.

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## shortTAKES

### VISTA Now Online

The VISTA, the school district's newsletter to the community, is now available online at [www.sgusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.sgusd.k12.ca.us).

The online version of the VISTA saves the district the cost for printing and mailing newsletters, and reaches a wider audience. Please visit the district website for VISTA and other school news at [www.sgusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.sgusd.k12.ca.us).

### McKinley Students Raise More Than \$3,500 for Haiti Relief

Some jump roping went a long way for students at San Gabriel Unified School District's McKinley School—and for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Students held a "Jump for Haiti" fundraiser February 11, collecting pledges of money donations from their parents, relatives and friends for jumping rope.

The pledges were gathered and the total came out to more than \$3,500. The students delivered their donation to the American Red Cross chapter in Pasadena.

