

Spring Events Promise Something for Everyone

There are a lot of exciting events happening this spring and summer in San Gabriel! So get out your calendars and come join us – you won't want to miss any of these:

Fire Service Day – Saturday, May 14

The San Gabriel Fire Department will once again host an open house on May 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Station 51. Included in the festivities will be several demonstrations such as live fire fighting, vehicle extrication, and rope rescue, to name a few. Also included will be a static display of fire apparatus, specialized tools and equipment, and the latest medical devices being used by our paramedics to save lives in the community.

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Please join the fire department as we celebrate our commitment to providing the best in emergency response to the community of San Gabriel.

Public Works Day 2011 – Thursday, May 19

Join us for a fun filled day at the 9th Annual Public Works Open House on Thursday, May 19. The Open House event will feature displays of traffic signals, street lights, street signs, sewer truck, pavement markings and concrete and asphalt equipment. The auto shop will also be displaying how maintenance is done to large fleet vehicles.

The open house recognizes the dedicated Public Works staff members who maintain San Gabriel's infrastructure by keeping our streets paved, sidewalks repaired, trees trimmed, street lights and signals in good working order, sewers and storm drains flowing, and your water flowing clean and clear.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Yard, located at 121 W. Mission Road (behind the police station). Handouts and other goodies will be provided.

For more information, contact Gerry Lopez, Street Supervisor at (626) 308-2825, or email at glopez@sgch.org.

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Summer Fun in San Gabriel – Starting June 13

The recreation program at Smith Park will open June 13, for youth ages 6 to 16. This drop-in program will offer various trips and special events. The free lunch program is served weekdays between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for children 18 years and under at various locations in San Gabriel. Additional program sites will be determined at a later date.

Smith Park Pool offers lessons for all ages. Lessons are offered Monday through Friday beginning June 20. Saturday and evening lessons are also available. Beginning June 10, the pool will be open for recreational swimming every afternoon and various evenings. For more information about any of these programs, watch for your City newsletter and recreation guide, contact the Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875, or e-mail info@sgch.org.

Kid's Day and 4th of July Parade – Monday, July 4

Celebrate Independence Day with your fellow neighbors at the City of San Gabriel Kid's Day & 4th of July Parade on Monday, July 4. Registration for parade entries will be taken up to and on the day of the event. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. at Plaza Park and will travel north thru the Mission District and conclude in Smith Park with a FREE Kid's Day picnic. Prizes will be awarded to participants with the most patriotic costumes and parade entries. Enjoy the BBQ, picnic games, community booths, crafts, and more!

For additional information please visit the event website, www.kids4thparade.com.

Honor Wall Dedication – Monday, July 4

The City of San Gabriel will be honoring current and past members of the armed forces that reside in San Gabriel at the 2011 Kid's Day and 4th of July Parade. In honor of their service to our country, an "Honor Wall" will be constructed that will display the name, branch, years served and picture of the soldier.

If you or someone you know served our country, the City would like to display that information on the Wall. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.

Police Department Launches 'Nixle' Service

The San Gabriel Police Department has launched a new communication service that allows the police to send important and valuable crime prevention information directly to residents using the latest technology.

Nixle allows the Police Department to create and publish messages to be delivered to residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at www.nixle.com.

Messages will include neighborhoodspecific crime alerts and advisories, traffic issues, wanted persons, missing persons, crime statistics, and more. The service is offered free of charge.

The Police Department determines the notification area, from as small as a quartermile to citywide or to all those who have subscribed in the San Gabriel area. The addresses submitted by the subscriber are cross referenced with the notification area or address that is assigned to each message. Subscribers are then notified accordingly. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether by email, text message, or over the web.

There is no spam and no hidden costs. Standard text messaging rates do apply.

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Nixle builds on the foundations of other public communication services, such as Twitter, Facebook, and MySpace, but adds a key component: security. When citizens receive information from the San Gabriel Police Department's Crime Prevention Office via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

"Nixle is another tool to provide our residents with valuable crime prevention information. In addition, it helps to strengthen our community oriented policing efforts by increasing transparency," states Police Chief David A. Lawton.

Residents of San Gabriel and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com.

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Music! Dance! Theater!

FRIDAY, APR. 29, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Greg and Steve in Concert For info/tickets call (800) 548-4063 www.gregandsteve.com

SUN., MAY I

Time TBD Pointe Ballet Studio For info/tickets call (626) 755-5910

SAT., MAY 7, 8 p.m.

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

SAT./SUN., MAY 14-15

Time TBD Li's Ballet Studio For info/tickets call (626) 285-4888 www.lisballet.com

SAT., MAY 21, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Masters of Harmony For info/tickets call (888) 664-8863 www.mastersofharmony.org

SUN., MAY 22, 2 p.m.

Wurlitzia!

Swingin' sounds, silent movies, sumptuous eats. Internationally known Wurlitzer organists and special guests, including the Temple City High School Jazz Band For info/tickets call (818) 249-1428 www.missionplayhouse.org

SAT., JUNE 4 Time TBD

Pasadena Dance Theatre
Spring Gala
For info/tickets call (626) 683-3459
www.pasadenadance.org

SAT., JUNE 11, 8 p.m.

Olympia Youth Orchestra Free community concert! For info call (626) 447-5839 www.olympiaphil.org

SAT./SUN., JUNE 18-19

Time TBD
Pasadena Civic Ballet
For info/tickets call (626) 792-0873
www.pcballet.com

SAT./SUN., JUNE 25-26

Time TBD

Vonder Haar Performing Arts Center For info/tickets call (818) 790-5775 www.vonderhaarcenter.com

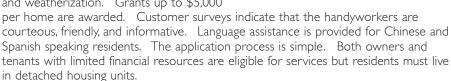
The San Gabriel Mission Playhouse is owned and operated by the City of San Gabriel. The Mission Playhouse is pleased to be the venue of choice for the events listed above. All events are presented by independent producers and are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice. Always check the event hotline for newly added events and performances (626) 308-2868 or the event calendar online at www.missionplayhouse.org.



Free Handyworker Services Helping Seniors

San Gabriel's Handyworker Program has proven very popular – 21 residents have received services since its establishment last year. Another 20 residents have completed applications and are scheduled for home assessments. The goals of the program are to promote independent living and improve the quality of daily life for seniors and people of all ages with disabilities.

The program offers free minor home repairs and low cost improvements for personal safety, comfort, fall prevention, and weatherization. Grants up to \$5,000



The program is implemented by the Alta Pasa Community Improvement Center, a non-profit organization, under contract to the Community Development Department. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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To obtain an application, make an appointment, or learn more about the program, contact Jean Zhao at (626) 457-1607. Interested residents may also visit the site office located at 415 S. Mission Drive between 9 a.m. and 1p.m., Monday through Friday.



Come See Wurlitzia! at the Mission Playhouse

n May 22, the Mission Playhouse will debut *Wurlitzia!* This spectacular event features the Playhouse's wonderfully restored Wurlitzer organ, played by some of the country's leading musicians on the instrument.

They'll be joined by the swinging sounds of the Temple City High Jazz Band and up and coming vocalist and trumpeter Laney Wilson as they offer up some of the best tunes from the magical era of swing; all this plus a silent movie with live accompaniment in the beautiful and evocative surroundings of the Mission Playhouse make this an event not to be missed. Visit the Playhouse website to buy your tickets or to find out more: www.missionplayhouse.org.



photo taken by Johnny Vy

This event is made possible with the generous support of the Peter Crotty Foundation and any proceeds from the evening will go to support future presentations produced by the Mission Playhouse.



Join Us in Planning a Once in a Lifetime Celebration

In April 2013, San Gabriel will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a City. And the *Grapevine* will be keeping you posted in every issue as the grand celebration is planned.

The Centennial Celebration will be co-sponsored by the City in conjunction with the San Gabriel Historical Association and participating community organizations. Committees are now forming, so call us at (626) 308-2803 if you would like to volunteer to help plan San Gabriel's 100th birthday!

Each quarter between now and the end of 2013, the *Grapevine* will carry fun images and possibly some interesting historical content from the collection of the San Gabriel Historical Association.

For the first in our series, Centennial Executive Committee member Ellie Andrews has supplied us with imagery from San Gabriel's past; and we also wanted to share with you below some historical snippets about the San Gabriel Fire Department. Enjoy!

A Century of Serving the City

In December 1914, bids were requested for a "chemical apparatus to be placed on an automobile chassis of 40 horsepower to be used for firefighting." In January 1915, one bid was received from A.W. Roe and Leo Davis of the Mission Garage for \$925. Two months later, Roe was appointed fire chief and was authorized to form a volunteer fire department. In May, the chemical apparatus was accepted. The City Clerk was authorized to secure the necessary hose, buckets and other necessary equipment for the chemical apparatus.

In October of 1917, a Model 12 American LaFrance fire engine was purchased for \$6,500 with a \$500 trade-in on the engine built at Mission Garage.

The Fire Department continued as a volunteer Department until 1923, when a fire station was built at 605 S. Del Mar, the site of the current police station. In 1949 a second fire station was built at 115 N. Del Mar, where it still stands, and currently houses a single fire engine.

In 1960, a new station was built at 1303 S. Del Mar to replace the south station. The new station was called "Headquarters," and is still in service, with a fire engine, a rescue ambulance, and a Battalion Chief. The Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Marshal, and Fire Secretary are also located at the south station.

Got an interesting story you'd like to share for a future *Centennial Corner?* Or would you like to volunteer on one of the many committees organized to produce the Centennial? Then send an email to us at daguilar@sgch.org, or call the Administration Department at (626) 308-2803.

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Chief Roe in 1929 on the 1917 Model 12 American LaFrance.



Mission Garage - A.W. Roe - 1922

Fang-Zhou Zhou **Named Assistant Planner**

n January, the Planning Division welcomed its newest addition, Fang-Zhou Zhou. Fang has served as the City of San Gabriel's planning intern for one year prior to being hired as Assistant Planner.

Fang earned his Bachelor's degree in Community Development from Portland State University, and is currently completing the Master of Urban Planning program at the University of Southern California. He has held internships at the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Contract Administration, the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles, and the Portland Development

Before moving to Los Angeles, he spent eight years in Portland, OR, five in Chicago, as well as several years in Maryland, Denmark, and China. In his free time, Fang enjoys photography, basketball and listening to music. Fang is very interested in urban planning issues, and looks forward to working with the San Gabriel community.



Own a Piece of History

As reported in the winter issue of the Grapevine, residents can own a piece of City history! San Gabriel is replacing street name signs citywide. Many of these signs – some of the oldest among Southern California cities -- date back to 1966, making them potential collectors' items of interest to families and businesses that would like a piece of San Gabriel history as we approach the 2013 Centennial. Thus far over 270 signs have been sold.

There are still a lot of collectible signs left! To defray the cost of the project and reduce its impact, the signs are available on a first come, first serve basis for \$35 each. If you are interested in acquiring an existing street name sign please contact, Patty Peña at (626) 308-2825 or ppena@sgch.org.



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Marcella Marlowe - New Assistant City Manager

San Gabriel Names **Assistant City** Manager

✓ arcella Marlowe joined the San Gabriel family last month as the new Assistant City Manager, following a six-month search.

The Assistant City Manager is a newly created position, replacing a deputy city manager position and an administrative services manager post. City Manager Steve Preston said that its duties will include management of the City's human resource operations, as well as a host of general gover-

"We are grateful to have Marcella's range of talents," said Preston, adding, "her experience in human resources management will help us strengthen and enhance our administrative operations."

Over the course of her municipal career specializing in human resources administration, Marcella has held positions in the City of Duarte, the City of Phoenix, AZ, and the City of Calabasas. She holds a Ph.D. from USC in political science, and is an adjunct instructor at USC's School of Policy, Planning, and Development. Marcella was most recently Human Resources Manager for the City of Duarte.

Stop in and say hello to Marcella the next time you visit City Hall!

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New Shopping Cart Ordinance

The City's contractor removed

Chopping carts are a nuisance and blight to the community. On June 1, 2010, the City Council adopted an ordinance requiring all businesses with ten or more shopping carts to install locking devices on all shopping carts.

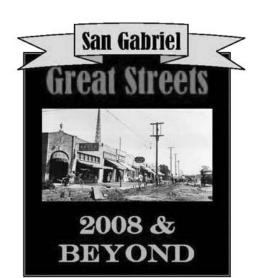
To date all businesses affected by this ordinance are in compliance. The City is still contracted with a shopping cart vendor to remove stray shopping carts from the public right of way. The City's contractor removed approximately 7,000 shopping carts last year from the public right of way, in addition to the 13,000

shopping carts retrieved by San Gabriel markets.

Three stores have

now installed the locking devices, thereby keeping the carts at the stores and not on our streets. For more information, please contact Clayton Anderson from the Neighborhood Improvement Services Division at (626) 308-2806. carts retrieved by San Gabriel markets





'Great Streets' Program Improves City Streets

hrough the Great Streets Program, the City utilizes a variety of techniques to restore and prolong the life of your streets. These pavement treatments – including asphalt overlays, crack sealing, patching and seal coats—are often divided into two categories: rehabilitation and preventive maintenance. Pavement rehabilitation is necessary for streets that are in poor condition and typically involves patching, grinding down old pavement and installing a thick layer of asphalt concrete. The City has started preparing the plans for this year's street rehabilitation project; construction is expected to start this August.

We can avoid costly rehabilitation work on streets that are still in satisfactory structural condition by conducting preventive maintenance. This work typically consists of sealing large cracks and covering the surface with a thin layer of liquid asphalt slurry that will prolong the life of the street at a fraction of the cost of an asphalt overlay. The City has completed the plans for this year's preventive maintenance project and will begin construction in July.

New Avenue Rehabilitation Coming Soon! San Gabriel is teaming up with the City of Alhambra to reconstruct the pavement on New Avenue between Interstate 10 and the Ramona/New Avenue intersection. Alhambra recently awarded the construction contract to Sully-Miller Contracting Company and work on this will begin this spring. New Avenue forms the boundary between the two cities in this area, and San Gabriel will be sharing the costs with Alhambra for the share of the project on the east side of the

Del Mar Avenue/Alhambra Wash Bridge Replacement. Design work continues on the replacement of the Del Mar Avenue bridge over the Alhambra Wash. Caltrans has authorized additional federal funding necessary to move forward with the final design of the bridge. The new bridge will include a turning lane for improved traffic flow and six-foot sidewalks on both sides. The design is slated for completion late next year; the construction contract will be awarded in mid-2013.

For more information, please contact City Engineer Daren Grilley at dgrilley@sgch.org, or (626) 308-2806, ext. 4631.

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City & School **Board Meetings**

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL IST & 3RD TUESDAYS 7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SGUSD GOVERNING BOARD

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS 7 P.M., DISTRICT OFFICE VISIT SGUSD.CSBAAGENDAONLINE.NET FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE UPDATES

PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd Monday 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Parks & Recreation

Commission

IST MONDAY 7 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

4TH MONDAY

7 P.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL

WEDNESDAY, APR. 20

Networking Mixer 6-8 p.m., Mission Playhouse 320 S. Mission Dr. \$7/person, \$10/couple

TUESDAY, APR. 26
Annual Golf Tournament
Alhambra Golf Course - 10 a.m. registration
12 pm shotgun start - scramble format
Networking/social dinner following
tournament at Almansor Court
Call (626) 576- 2525 for more info

FRIDAY, APR. 29

Free power networking breakfast, 7-9 a.m. Elks Lodge, 1373 E. Las Tunas Dr. Reservations required, call (626) 576-2525

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Business Expo, 5:30-8 p.m.

San Gabriel Union Church and Christian
School, 117 N. Pine St. (corner of Las Tunas
and Pine) For more info, call (626) 576-2525

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Free power networking breakfast, 7-9 a.m. Elks Lodge, 1373 E. Las Tunas Dr. Reservations required, call (626) 576-2525

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Annual Meeting/Installation Dinner, 6-8:30 p.m. Location to be announced Reservations required, call (626) 576-2525

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Free power networking breakfast, 7-9 a.m. Elks Lodge, 1373 E. Las Tunas Dr. Reservations required, call (626) 576-2525

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Networking mixer, 6-8 p.m.
San Gabriel Mission – 428 So. Mission Drive \$7/person, \$10/couple

FRIDAY, JULY 29
Free power networking breakfast, 7-9 a.m. Elks Lodge, 1373 E. Las Tunas Dr. Reservations required, call (626) 576-2525

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San Gabriel Community **Foundation Awards Health Grants**

Herald Health, School District receive funds

he San Gabriel Community Foundation reported that two San Gabriel non-profits have received grants to pursue health initiatives in the greater San Gabriel community.

Herald Christian Health Center received \$5,000 for a Hepatitis B education and vaccination project. A second grant of \$3,500 will help fund the San Gabriel Unified School District's School Based Flu Vaccination Initiative.

The grants, awarded by the Foundation as part of its "Healthy Communities Grant" program, are designed to foster family health and education.

'We are incredibly pleased by the thoughtful proposals we received," said Grants Committee Chairperson Jeanne Raya. "Herald Community Health Center is a rising star in the San Gabriel community, providing health services to an underserved community in need. We're proud to recognize the San Gabriel Unified School District's vaccination

program, which provides preventive care to protect our school-age children."

The Healthy Communities Grant Program is a project of the San Gabriel Community Foundation, a collaborative effort with the California Community Foundation to meet critical needs in the San Gabriel community. For more information about grant opportunities offered by the San Gabriel Community Foundation, contact the Foundation at (626)

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308-2803, or visit the website at http://www.sangabrielcommunityfoundation.org.

SGPD Unveils L.A. Crime **Stoppers Anonymous** Reporting Service

he San Gabriel Police Department recently introduced Crime Stoppers, a non-profit organization working with the community, law enforcement and the news media to help solve crimes. Crime Stoppers began in 1976 in Albuquerque, NM when a young detective, frustrated by the number of unsolved cases, had exhausted their leads and looked to the public for help.

People with knowledge about crimes that have occurred can call a hotline, text or log into the Crime Stoppers website to provide crime tip information

The local community, media, and law enforcement joined together in partnership to create Crime Stoppers. Money from private and public sectors

was raised to pay for cash rewards for crime tip information. Today, there are over 1,400 Crime Stoppers programs worldwide.

The Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Program includes members from law enforcement agencies, radio, television, newspapers, Internet bloggers and community members, all volunteering their efforts to solve crimes within Los Angeles County.

People with knowledge about crimes that have occurred can call a hotline, text or log into the Crime Stoppers website to provide crime tip

information. The tipster's identity is always encrypted and a private code is assigned to the tipster. If the information leads to an

Anonymous Tip Methods

- **Tip by Telephone** Call 800-222-TIPS (8477)
- Tip On-Line http://www.lacrimestoppers.org
- Tip by Text Send a text message via your cell phone to 274637 (274637 spells "CRIMES" on your alpha numeric key pad).

arrest, the tipster is eligible to receive a reward of up to \$1,000. Tip hotline call centers are open 24 hours a day – seven days a week. Call anytime with your anonymous crime tip information.

To access L.A. Crime Stoppers you may go to the San Gabriel Police Department website at www.sgpd.com and click on the Crime Stoppers link – http://www.lacrimestoppers.org.





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Fairview Avenue Commercial District Improvements

ity planning staff and consultants are finalizing improvement plans for the commercial district on Fairview Avenue in the San Gabriel Village.

The neighborhood will review several design options for approval, based on their prior input, this spring. Plans will include streetscape improvements and design guidelines for Village storefronts.

Contact City Planner Mark Gallatin at (626) 308-2806, ext. 4623 or mgallatin@sgch.org for more information.

> San Gabriel Library 500 S. Del Mar Ave. (626) 287-0761

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

KIDS

Tuesdays 6:30pm

Family Story Time All ages welcome for stories, music, and art activities.

Wednesdays 10:30am

Toddler Story Time For emergent readers ages 1-5. Stories, music, and art.

2nd Thursday of the month 4:30pm

Reading Group Lets read a book together.

Ist-2nd Grade

3rd-5th Grade

3rd Thursday of the month 4:30pm

Reading Group Share books and snacks.

TEENS

Saturday

Electronic Game Day May 14th, 2pm Bring your friends.

3rd Friday of the month 4pm

Board Game

Extravaganza Come and play classic board games and learn to play

ADULTS

of the month 4pm

3rd Wednesday Book Club & **Discussion Group** Light refreshments & good company.

Thursdays

Adult Gentle Exercise Strength, flexibility and balance.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday April 30

Sushi Chef Learn to create your own

Saturday May 21 2pm

Parent/Child Tea Party Dress up and nibble tea sandwiches.

Saturday **May 28** 2:30pm

Vegetarian Cooking Demonstration Learn to cook your own Vegetarian dishes.

Saturday June 18 2pm

One World, Many Stories **Summer Reading** Program kickoff Come see Swazzle puppet show live!

NEW HOURS

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday I OAM-8PM
Thursday
Friday 8AM-6PM
Saturday 8AM-6PM