San Gabriel Pays Respects to Mayor Chi Mui

On Friday, May 5, the City of San Gabriel said a final ‘goodbye’ to Mayor Chi Mui. Mayor Mui passed away on April 27 after a courageous battle with cancer. The loss has been felt by everyone who experienced Chi’s kindness and friendship.

Mayor Mui proudly served as a councilmember and mayor of the City of San Gabriel. Elected in March 2003, appointed vice-mayor in 2005 and elevated to mayor on March 31, 2006, Mayor Mui made history in San Gabriel by becoming the first Asian and Chinese-American on the City Council since the incorporation of the City in 1913.

In a city where one in every two residents is Asian, Councilman Mui’s mayoral appointment was an exciting occasion for San Gabriel as the talents he brought to the City’s leadership have been, and will continue to be, an invaluable link to the members of the Asian community.

Born in Guangzhou, China, Chi Mui emigrated from Hong Kong with his family to New York City at the age of 10. His father was a cook and his mother a seamstress. Chi Mui’s immigrant roots and experiences gave him special insight, wisdom and the ability to connect with the experiences of generations of people who have come to this country and to San Gabriel for a better life. Mayor Mui always recognized and never failed to pay tribute to, his parents for their sacrifices and encouragement of their children’s education and aspirations for the future.

As a city councilmember, Chi Mui led the effort to open the county public library in San Gabriel on Saturdays to make greater access to residents and students without increasing costs. He was also a member of the Friends of the San Gabriel Public Library, an advocate of parks and open space, he helped the City obtain an additional $35 million from the state in 2001 to build the first urban state park and community facilities on the Comornfield.

The City Council’s collective leadership during this difficult time, and the teamwork exhibited throughout the City organization in organizing the memorial service to honor and celebrate Mayor Mui’s life, was unparalleled. The assistance provided by City employees in the planning and presenting of the procession, the memorial service and reception, and the extraordinary care offered to the Mui family have been deeply appreciated.

Many prominent elected officials and leaders joined in celebrating Mayor Mui’s life on Friday May 5th, including State Senator Gloria Romero and retired State Senator Richard Pancoza, who offered remembrances at the service. Other officials included Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, mayors and council members from neighboring cities, representatives of civic and non-profit organizations, and representatives from the City of Los Angeles and the Chinatown area.

The City Council’s example of team spirit and courtesy respect for others, encourages a cohesive governing body whose collective objective has succeeded in putting San Gabriel first. Their collective leadership served as an inspiration and example to all. Vice-Mayor David Huang, who served as Senior Field Deputy in September 2003, appointed vice-mayor in 2005 and elevated to mayor on March 21, 2006, served as Senior Field Deputy in September 2003.
San Gabriel Joins Cities Nationwide for America’s Night Out Against Crime

Gene and Angela Williams readily concur with Officer Acosta. The Williams reside on the 200 block of West Leslie Drive and serve as Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. They said that the program has helped reduce the risk of being crime victims, has better prepared the neighborhood to respond to suspicious activity, and has given them an opportunity to know their neighbors.

They encourage others to join Neighborhood Watch. So come August 1, step out onto your front yard, pull out a few chairs and encourage your neighbors to join you in a Neighborhood Watch group. A safer neighborhood starts with you.

“National Night Out is an extraordinary way to build neighborhood unity and strengthen police-community partnerships. Neighbors meet neighbors — and citizens and local law enforcement have the opportunity to enhance their relationships,” said San Gabriel Police Chief David A. Lawton.

For more information on Neighborhood Watch, please call the San Gabriel Police Department Crime Prevention Office (626) 308-2846. You can also email Officer Acosta at crimeprevention@sgpd.com.

Upcoming San Gabriel Civic Auditorium Events

**SUNDAY, JULY 30**  
Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society: 2:30 p.m. A concert featuring John Ledwon at the “Highly Wurzilizer” Theatre Pipe Organ. For information call (888) 328-6722

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**  
Folklorico Mi Tierra, 8 p.m.  
*“As Es Mi Mexico”*  
For infotickets call (626) 372-8307

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**  
San Gabriel Chinese Opera, 2 p.m.  
Program to be announced. For infotickets call (626) 576-5005

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**  
Los Angeles County / Rio Hondo Department of Public Safety Police Academy Graduation, 10 a.m.  
Admission by Academy issued ticket only

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
Greater Los Angeles Chinese Opera Association: 2 p.m.  
*“A Chinese Opera”*  
For infotickets call (626) 282-1272

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents “The Monday Night Cabaret” – Broadway at the Playhouse, 6:30 p.m. Dinner & show on stage, featuring the music of Broadway For infotickets call (626) 308-2865, ext. 150

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
San Gabriel Folklorico, 7 p.m.  
*“Fiesta Folklorico 2000”*  
For infotickets call (323) 254-6859

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society  
*“Octoberfest and Organ Concert”*  
Dinner and German music in the East Patio, 2:30 p.m. A concert featuring John Ledwon at the “Mighty Wurlitzer” Theatre Pipe Organ. For information call (800) 497-5007

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
San Gabriel Civic Auditorium  
*“23rd Annual National Night Out”* crime/drug prevention event. This is the 12th year San Gabriel has participated in this event.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2 p.m.**  
San Gabriel Police Department presents *The Importance of Trees in Our Community.*

**An emerging Arbor Day program included planting 29 street trees**

In addition to the festivities, the Parks and Recreation Department held an Arbor Day poster contest for elementary and middle school students in San Gabriel. The theme for the poster contest was: The Importance of Trees in Our Community.

There were over 90 entries in four age categories. The 12 talented young artists who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in their age categories were recognized for their award-winning posters and were given a mini-tree sapling as their prize, which was graciously donated by Sakaida Nursery.

In a separate action, the City Council has approved an agreement with Northeast Trees, a non-profit organization, to secure state grants and oversee a city-wide tree-planting program. Northeast Trees is currently developing the first of several proposed grant opportunities, with a projected result being the planting of the first increment of 1,000 new street trees throughout San Gabriel.

The City hopes that the Arbor Day festivities will inform residents about the value of trees and that this will be the first of many efforts to green the community.

**Tree-Planting Campaign Gets Boost**

San Gabriel’s campaign to plant 10,000 trees by 2010 got a kick-start during the City’s 93rd Birthday Celebration with an Arbor Day event on April 30. This past effort by the Community Development and Parks and Recreation Departments is the first leg of a multi-year citywide tree-planting program.

San Gabriel joins the City of San Gabriel in the “23rd Annual National Night Out” crime/drug prevention event. This is the 12th year San Gabriel has participated in this event. The City took part in dedicating a jacaranda tree in memory of Mayor Chi Ho. The Chamber of Commerce also dedicated a jacaranda tree that will be planted in Plaza Park to honor longtime council member and community leader Mary Cammarano. The initial demonstration effort, part of an emerging Arbor Day program, included planting 29 jacaranda trees on the north and south sides of Las Tunas Drive between the western city limits and the Scyramore Drive. Along with Public Works staff, service clubs from Gabrielino High School, including Future Business Leaders of America and Interact, helped plant the trees.
The San Gabriel Fire Department encourages the citizens of our community to use care when enjoying the summer months and outdoor activities. Summer can be a time for family fun and relaxation, but it also poses special hazards for burns, fires and swimming accidents. Here are a few tips to make your summer safer:

**Fireworks**
- Fireworks are not legal in the City of San Gabriel.

**Pools**
- Never leave children unattended in or around pools or spas. Locking doors, windows and self-closing, self-latching gates on fences surrounding the pool will limit access to the pool or spa area. Latches should be above the reach of children.

**Sun Exposure**
- Protect your skin from excessive exposure to the sun (especially between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and use a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15.

**Heat Cramps**
- These are muscle pains and spasms caused by heavy exertion, which triggers loss of water through heavy perspiration. To relieve cramps, press on the cramping muscles or use gentle massage. Take sips of water unless nausea occurs.

**Heat Exhaustion**
- This is a mild form of shock marked by heavy sweating, weakness, cold and clammy skin, rapid pulse, fainting and vomiting. Immediately move to a cool place. Lose clothing and apply cool, wet cloths; continue taking sips of water unless nausea occurs. If vomiting occurs, seek medical attention. Brief exposure to extreme heat can precipitate this condition in very young children and the elderly.

**Heat Stroke (Sunstroke)**
- Heat stroke is life-threatening and requires immediate medical attention. This occurs when your body’s ability to sweat has stopped and your body temperature rises so high that it may cause brain damage and/or death in less than 10 minutes, unless medical help is immediate. Symptoms include hot, red and dry skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; and rapid, shallow breathing. If you notice any of the above symptoms in yourself or another person, immediately call for emergency medical services. For more information, please call the San Gabriel Fire Prevention Bureau at (626) 308-2883.

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New Plan Charts Future for Valley Boulevard

T he future looks bright for Valley Boulevard and surrounding neighborhoods, thanks to the strategies laid out in Valley Vision: A Neighborhood Sustainability Plan. Valley Vision was a team effort developed over the past three years, with the input of neighborhood residents, business owners, architects and developers.

The centerpiece of the plan is a new development that is environmentally sustainable, which means it includes buildings that consume less energy, generate less waste, recycle and conserve more materials and reduce water consumption. Among the other highlights of the plan are:
- Concentrating the densest development at the major transit nodes
- Reducing the allowable building height in many blocks of the plan area
- Introducing multifamily residential as a permitted use in some blocks of Valley Boulevard
- Potentially increasing the amount of dwelling units and residents in the plan area
- Conserving existing residential neighborhoods
- Allowing mixed-use development by right
- Establishing rigorous design standards

Valley Vision was made possible through a grant from the California State Treasurer’s Office, Sustainable Communities Grant and Loan Program. You may review the plan at the Community Development Department at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, the San Gabriel Public Library at 500 South Del Mar Avenue or on the City’s website at www.sangabrielcity.com. Contact City Planner Mark Gallatin at (626) 308-2806, ext. 4623 or mgallatin@sangabrielcity.com for more information about Valley Vision.

Museum Seeks to Reflect City’s Historical Tapestry

S an Gabriel has historically been one of the most multicultural areas in California, and it is important to acknowledge the work and worth of everyone who has contributed to our community. People from many cultures and ethnic groups have all played significant roles in shaping San Gabriel, and as we explore their stories, we learn more about our past, present, and our future.

The San Gabriel Historical Association Museum and Hayes House provides excellent first-person insight into early California, San Gabriel’s development and the Victorian period. Information about the Gabrieño-Tongva Indians, local schools and organizations, the Mission Play, costumes, adobes and older buildings, and the life and household accommodations of the Hayes family delight visitors to the museum and Hayes House.

If you have a story, photograph or memorabilia to share, or for information about tours by appointment and volunteer opportunities, please contact Ellie Andrews, (626) 576-2525, ext. 2806.

Fire Service Day Draws Over 1,500 Visitors

To commemorate national Fire Service Day, the San Gabriel Fire Department hosted an Open House on May 13. More than 1,500 people viewed a wide variety of displays, one of which featured about three-dozen helmets and firefighting jackets from all over the world.

Firefighters showed their skills with live demonstrations that included rescuing trapped victims, proper use of fire extinguishers, auto extraction using the ‘Jaws of Life,’ and fighting what appeared to be a real roof fire.

Mark your calendars for next year’s Fire Service Day—May 12, 2007, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trash Container Placement

Trash containers placed out at the curb two or three days prior to pickup or left out after pickup for a few days are not considered ‘on time’ and will be removed by the householder from the collection place not later than 8 p.m. on the day of collection. The code can lead to a fine of $1,000. Be a good neighbor and place and remove your trash containers in a timely manner.

For additional information, call Community Development at (626) 308-2806.