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## 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 21, 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 provide 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 \$50,000 for the master plan and redesign of Vincent Lugo Park. The 'greening' of San Gabriel was a personal passion to which he brought considerable connections and resources, such that San Gabriel is now poised to pursue state grants to fulfill that strategy.

In addition to his responsibilities and duties as a member of the City Council, Mayor Mui also participated as a member of the Small Business and Local Government Advisory Committee, Southern California Air Quality Management District, San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees,

and the Los Angeles County Library Commission.

Before he was elected to the City Council, Chi Mui was instrumental in developing 600 units of affordable and

senior housing in Los Angeles's Chinatown and taught citizenship to help hundreds of legal residents become U.S. citizens.

Chi Mui led the effort to save the 50-acre "Cornfield" in downtown Los Angeles as open space, was instrumental in organizing the Chinatown Yard Alliance, and successfully obtained \$35 million from the state in 2001 to build the first urban state park and community facilities on the Cornfield.

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 Polanco, 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 courteous 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 Gutierrez conducted the responsibilities of the office of mayor during this difficult time, and flags on City buildings were placed at half-mast in tribute to Chi Mui.

The seat on the City Council remained unfilled and at the rescheduled council meeting of May 9th, current city commissioners and residents interested in being considered for appointment to the City Council were invited to submit a Letter of Interest and resume to the City Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17. At the rescheduled meeting held May 23, the City Council considered the applications and appointed Albert Y. M. Huang to fill the remaining council term. Councilmember Huang's appointment to the City Council fills the remaining council term until the regularly scheduled election on March 6, 2007.



### - Chi Mui - A Life of Community Service

- Co-founded the Los Angeles Chinatown Athletic Association Volleyball Club, where he coached young people in teamwork and sportsmanship, and worked to expand existing recreational facilities in the Chinatown community.
- Twice elected president of the Los Angeles Chinese American Citizens Alliance. The Alliance was founded in 1895 to advocate for equal political, economical and educational opportunities for Chinese-Americans.
- Served as a field representative in the office of Assembly Member Lucille Roybal-Allard.
- Joined the office of Assembly Member Richard Polanco, becoming his Senior Field Deputy and, later, Assistant Chief Deputy.
- Appointed by State Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero to serve as Senior Field Deputy in September 2003.



## Join the Fun at Kid's Day and Penny Carnival

Gear up for the 6th Annual Kid's Day celebration! This annual event, held August 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Smith Park, is a celebration of kids and their families. Kid's Day will kick off with the summer playground program's most popular special event, the annual Penny Carnival.

Kids of all ages (that includes you too, parents!) can try their luck at a variety of challenging game booths in the hopes of winning candy and small prizes. Bring a bag full of coins and join us for this fun event!

The Kid's Day celebration will continue with a free hot-dog BBQ lunch complete with all of the trimmings. Booths will feature local organizations that serve kids and families in our community. There will also be a variety of old-fashioned picnic games and contests, free recreational swimming (beginning at 1 p.m.), ice cream, raffle prizes and more!

**Bring a bag full of coins and join us for this fun event!**

Other than participation in the Penny Carnival, there is no cost for this activity. Kid's Day is sponsored by the San Gabriel City Council and is also made possible through the generous donations of community businesses and organizations.

For more information on this community-wide event, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 308-2875.







## 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 "Mighty Wurlitzer" Theatre Pipe Organ. For info/tickets call (888) 528-6722

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Folklorico Mi Tierra, 8 p.m. "Asi Es Mi Mexico"

For info/tickets call (626) 372-8307

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

San Gabriel Chinese Opera, 2 p.m. Program to be announced

For info/tickets 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 For info/tickets call (562) 692-0921, ext. 4255

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Greater Los Angeles Chinese Opera Amateur Society, 2 p.m. "A Chinese Opera"

For info/tickets 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 info/tickets call (626) 308-2865, ext. 350

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

San Gabriel Folklorico, 7 p.m. "Fiesta Folklorico 2006"

For info/tickets call (323) 254-6859

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society "Octoberfest and Organ Concert" Dinner and German music in the East Patio, 5 p.m., Reservations required.

Concert begins promptly at 7 p.m.

For info/tickets call (888) 528-6722

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

San Gabriel Police Department presents "Annual Police and Fire Safety Expo"

Civic Auditorium Plaza in the Mission District. Free admission

For info/tickets call (626) 308-2860

### THURSDAY/FRIDAY

OCTOBER 12-13

9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

2 p.m.

Children's Theatre Experience presents "The Wizard of Oz"

For info/tickets call (800) 514-2787

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Theatreworks USA presents

Theatre for Young People, 10 a.m.

"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No-Good, Very Bad Day"

Tickets available at your local school district

For info/tickets call (800) 497-5007

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4,

2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents

"The Sound of Music" (inaugural production)

Orch I: \$40; Orch II: \$30; Orch III & Balcony: \$20. Side Terrace box seats: \$60

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For info/tickets call (626) 282-1440

All events and artists are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Always call the auditorium to confirm dates. To hear recorded event information, call (626) 308-2868. Unless indicated, all tickets are sold by the producing company presenting the event.

**Call: the Auditorium Box Office at (626) 308-2868 for more information.**

# San Gabriel Joins Cities Nationwide for America's Night Out Against Crime



**Block Captain Jerry Blanton, 1100 block of South Palm Avenue, helps McGruff take a bite out of crime**

From 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., residents will lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. Many Neighborhood Watch groups throughout San Gabriel will be hosting block parties, cookouts and other activities, and will be visited by police, fire, city officials, KIIS-FM Radio 102.7 and various branches of the armed forces.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most popular and fastest growing programs in San Gabriel, and National Night Out has become an annual tradition in which Neighborhood Watch groups host block parties and help give crime a going-away party.

"When we are at home, we spend too much time watching TV, surfing the web, or in our back yards, hidden behind fences," said Crime Prevention Officer Alex Acosta. "We become more vulnerable to crime by not seeing or knowing or even noticing what is normal for our street and neighborhood. That is why Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out are important events in San Gabriel."

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Gene and Angela Williams readily concur with Officer Acosta. The Williamses 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@sbgpd.com](mailto:crimeprevention@sbgpd.com).



**Hosting block parties has become an annual program tradition**



**National Night Out provides an opportunity to know your neighbors**



## 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 joint effort by the Community Development and Parks and Recreation Departments is the first leg of a multi-year, citywide tree-planting program.



The City took part in dedicating a jacaranda tree in memory of Mayor Chi Mui. The Chamber of Commerce also dedicated a jacaranda tree that will be planted in Plaza Park to honor longtime councilmember and community leader Mary Cammarano. The initial demonstration effort, part of an emerging Arbor Day program, included planting 29 street trees on the north and south sides of Las Tunas Drive between the western city limits and Sycamore Drive. Along with Public Works staff, service clubs from Gabrielino High School, including Future Business Leaders of America and Interact, helped plant the trees.

## 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!



# City Selects 2006 Outstanding Older American

Philomena "Phil" Tobin was recognized as San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American at the City's 93rd Annual Birthday Party and Street Festival on April 30 in the historic Mission District.

Phil is a dedicated volunteer whose passion in life is to serve others. She accomplishes this through her devotion to her church, civic organizations and the community. She embodies the true spirit of volunteerism and devotes her time and talents to a wide variety of community groups.

Phil had several volunteer jobs with the former San Gabriel Playhouse Civic Light Opera, and has spent many hours throughout the years as a docent leading children and adults through the San Gabriel Mission. As a member of the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, Phil gives the "inspiration" at each meeting or luncheon, and helps decorate and prepare for the event. Phil is also an avid "crafter" and uses her talents in a variety of volunteering capacities.

As a member of the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary, she is



**Philomena "Phil" Tobin**

part of the "Helping Hands" hospital group that makes puppets to help entertain children in the hospital. She is also a part of the Senior Sewing Circle that meets each week. This group makes lap robes for resi-

dents in senior hospitals throughout San Gabriel. Each Christmas, this devoted group delivers the hand-made quilts to the senior patients. She also helps out at her church each Christmas, delivering food and necessities to seniors in the area.

Phil truly embodies the definition of a "Super Senior" and is an exemplary representative for the City of San Gabriel. She has earned this

community's admiration, respect and gratitude.

In addition to the City's recognition on April 30, Phil was also honored at the 41st Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program. This program, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging, was held on May 17 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Congratulations on your achievement, Phil!



## Walk to Los Angeles Marks City's 225th Founding

This year's Walk to Los Angeles is going to be bigger than ever! Rising before dawn on September 4, hundreds of people are expected to lace up their walking shoes to celebrate the 225th founding of Los Angeles and pay homage to the city's original settlers, who trekked from the San Gabriel Mission to what is now Los Angeles in 1781.

### You are invited to become part of San Gabriel's and Los Angeles's shared, living history

The founding of Los Angeles came 10 years after San Gabriel Mission Archangel was founded in 1771 as the fourth mission established in the Franciscan chain of 21 California missions. Representing a key chapter in California history, the Walk reenacts the original settlers' final nine-mile trek from San Gabriel Mission to the Los Angeles River, where, on September 4, 1781, they founded El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles.

You are invited to become part of San Gabriel's and Los Angeles's shared, living history by joining the 7 a.m. Walk to Los Angeles. The Walk is the opening event for Los Angeles's founding festivities, and it follows the Mission's three-day "235th La Fiesta de San Gabriel" from September 1-3. Come celebrate San Gabriel's place in history and its importance to the region!

The Walk begins at 7 a.m. at San Gabriel Mission, heads west for nine miles along Mission Road, and ends with a warm Los Angeles welcome and festivities at El Pueblo Plaza (Olvera Street) in Los Angeles. The Walk takes approximately three hours to complete.

To return to the Mission, walkers can board a DOT (Department of Transportation) bus from Olvera Street for a free ride back to San Gabriel, or take public transportation. For those who find the Walk too strenuous, take time over the Labor Day weekend to enjoy the Mission's 235th La Fiesta de San Gabriel. Thousands of people from Los Angeles and Orange counties attend the Mission's three-day Fiesta to view the restored Mission, museum and grounds, and have the opportunity to see and experience the historic San Gabriel Mission District.

For more information about the Walk to Los Angeles, call (213) 485-8372. For information about the Mission's 235th Fiesta celebration, contact Algis Marcuska at (626) 457-3034.

## Make Your Summer Safe!

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 safe:

### Barbecue Grills

Keep children away from grills and lighter fluid. Don't leave grills unattended while lit and keep a fire extinguisher nearby. If someone gets burned, run cool water over the burn for 10 to 15 minutes. Cover the burn loosely using dry, sterile dressings or a clean cloth. Do not use butter or a salve on burns. If you receive a serious burn, seek medical attention immediately.



### 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. Keep rescue equipment near the pool area.

### 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, a weak pulse, fainting and vomiting. Immediately move to a cool place. Loosen 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.

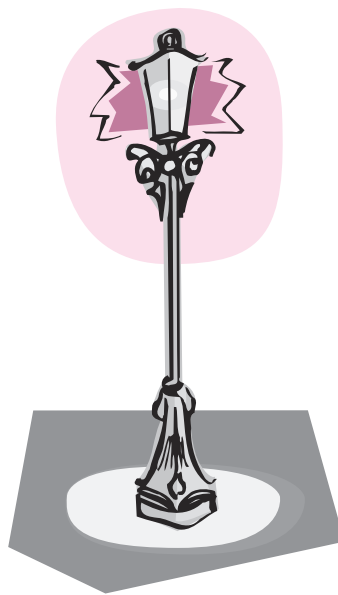
For more information, please call the San Gabriel Fire Prevention Bureau at (626) 308-2883.

## Lighting the Way

The City of San Gabriel recently received this message from a concerned citizen:

"I was wondering when we are going to get our streetlight turned back on along Las Tunas Drive between Mission and near Santa Anita. It seems that only about one-fourth of them work and it has been this way for awhile now."

The City is initiating proactive measures to address these types of concerns. The entire streetlight system utilizes lead-coated wiring from the 1930s, which has caused numerous outages. Added to the mix are other issues including burnt wiring insulation, transformer problems and aging circuitry. The street-lighting circuits on Las Tunas Drive, for instance, use what is known as 6.6 series-type circuits that must be handled very carefully because of their high voltage when turned on. They are also brittle and are easily broken.



### The City is now installing new 120-volt circuits, as new and remodeled businesses are required to add streetlights as conditions of approval

The Public Works Department has repaired about 75 percent of the circuits. The City is now installing new 120-volt circuits, as new and remodeled businesses are required to add streetlights as conditions of approval.

For more information about the City's streetlight system or to report an outage, please call Ed Sheets, Maintenance Supervisor, at (626) 308-2825, ext. 222.



# 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 AUGUST 16

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Mueller Realty  
320 W. Las Tunas Dr.

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
San Gabriel Mission High School  
254 S. Santa Anita St.

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18

Chamber Mixer, 5:30-7:30 pm.  
West San Gabriel Valley Association of  
Realtors' Auditorium  
15332 S. Palm Ave.

For more information, please call the  
Chamber Office at (626) 576-2525.

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# New Plan Charts Future for Valley Boulevard

The 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](http://www.sangabrielcity.com). Contact City Planner Mark Gallatin at (626) 308-2806, ext. 4623 or [mgallatin@sgch.org](mailto:mgallatin@sgch.org) for more information about *Valley Vision*.

# Museum Seeks to Reflect City's Historical Tapestry



Class at Roosevelt School, circa 1930

San 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 settling and shaping San Gabriel, and as we explore their stories, we learn more about our past, present, and our future.

The San Gabriel Historical Association is interested in obtaining first-person narratives, photographs, artifacts and memorabilia from the community. To accurately reflect San Gabriel's historic tapestry, information from the Asian and Latin communities is particularly desired.

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 Gabrielino-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) 308-3223. Located at 546 W. Broadway, the museum and Hayes House are open the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

# 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 extrication 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.



# shortTAKES

## Street Improvement Updates

The City continues to make significant progress on a number of key street improvement projects. Here are brief updates on two of these:

### San Gabriel Boulevard at I-10 Landscape and Median Project

- Design complete
- Anticipate advertising/awarding the project in July (pending authorization from Caltrans)
- Construction is slated to begin September 2006
- The project provides for landscaping and new irrigation in both interchange quadrants north of the freeway including landscaping in the median area
- The City is designing an entry sign that will be constructed on the east side of San Gabriel Boulevard north of the freeway

### Live Oak from California to San Gabriel Boulevard Millennium Miles Project Phase V

Project includes:

- Pavement rehabilitation on Live Oak from California Street to San Gabriel Boulevard
- Coordination with Redevelopment Agency project at Live Oak and San Gabriel Boulevard
- Widening of Live Oak by three feet from Pine Street to San Gabriel Boulevard to provide for left turns, and an asphalt concrete overlay
- New traffic signal at Live Oak and San Gabriel Boulevard
- Construction expected to start by January 2007



## Summer Fun at the Library

The San Gabriel Library kicked off its 2006 Summer Reading Program on June 17, which continues through August 31. Children are encouraged to enjoy books, storytelling, special programs and a reading game with prizes. Younger children can participate in the Read-to-Me program that also includes the reading game with prizes.

All activities are free and open to preschool through junior high school students. The Summer Reading Program is sponsored in part by the Friends of the San Gabriel Library.

The San Gabriel Library is part of the County of Los Angeles Public Library, located at 500 S. Del Mar Ave. For more information, please call the library at (626) 287-0761.

## 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 not only become an eyesore, but are also in violation of the City Municipal Code. The code says, "... containers set out or placed by the householder or commercial customer (for collection) shall not be earlier than 6 p.m. of the day preceding collection and such containers shall be removed by the householder from the collection place not later than 8 p.m. on the day of collection." Violation of 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. Also, if you have large objects such as mattresses, chairs, etc., call Athens Services at (626) 336-3636 to arrange for a pickup.

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