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Residents Get in the Spirit with Winning Holiday Decorations

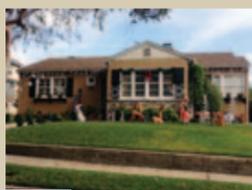
The 2014 winners of the Holiday Decorations Awards received a visit from Santa Claus, the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, and the San Gabriel City Council on December 18th.

Residents and business residents who decorate their homes and businesses are one of the reasons the holidays are merry and bright in San Gabriel.

The Holiday Decorations Contest is sponsored by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce with support from the Community Development Department. This is the 16th year for the program.

The winners of the 2014 Holiday Decorations Awards Program are:

Northwest Winner -
338 North Arroyo Drive



Northeast Winner -
700 North Alabama



Southwest Winner -
212 South Circle Drive



Southeast Winner -
819 South Euclid

Business Winner -
John L. Raya
Insurance Group
401 South Mission Drive



San Gabriel to Host 1st Annual Lunar New Year Festival

Join us on Sunday, February 15 as San Gabriel celebrates the Year of the Ram with its 1st Annual Lunar New Year Festival.

The event will be held from 10 am to 6 pm in the historic Mission District. Mission Drive will be transformed into a street festival complete with food booths, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, a tea garden, vendor booths with art, crafts, cultural items and information about community organizations.

There will be plenty of activities for children including crafts, activities and carnival game booths.

Entertainment will be featured on an outdoor stage as well as inside the Mission

Playhouse. In addition to traditional elements such as lion and dragon dance performances, the event will incorporate a modern twist that incorporates all cultures and generations.

Lunar New Year is the most celebrated holiday throughout East and Southeast Asia with a growing number of large celebrations and festivals occurring in the United States. 2015 marks the year of the Green Wooden Ram. It is an inspiring year of positive changes and new relationships. We invite you to join us for this exciting new event.

For more information, please visit the event website at www.SGLunarNewYear.org or contact Community Services Director Rebecca Perez at 308.2875. To participate as a vendor or sponsor, please contact KCM Agency at info@SGLunarNewYear.org.

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Improvements and Repairs Slated for Sewers and Streets

The Public Works Department is busy delivering several street improvement projects this year.

Through the 2014 Great Streets Project approximately 1.7 miles of streets were completed in December and January, including Fairview Avenue, Circle Drive, Abbot Avenue, Chestnut Avenue and a portion of Mission Drive near Roses Road.

The Las Tunas Drive Pavement Rehabilitation Project – one of the largest street repair projects in recent history – is just beginning and will be completed by early summer. This project will transform Las Tunas Drive east of San Gabriel Boulevard into a Complete Street that safely serves autos, pedestrians and bicyclists.

With funding from the federal Community Development Block Grant program, several local neighborhood streets are being resurfaced this winter. These include portions of Burton Avenue, Elm Avenue, Central Avenue, Jackson Avenue, Marshall Street and Norwood Place. This project also includes sidewalk and ramp improvements that will enhance the new Marshall Community Park that will also be constructed this year.

Public Works engineers are also kicking off the design of sewer improvements to Del Mar Avenue between Chestnut and Dewey Avenue. This work is necessary to correct problems with the existing sewer pipes prior to the planned reconstruction of Del Mar Avenue pavement. Stay tuned for more information on this important and highly anticipated project.

For more information on these projects, contact Senior Civil Engineer Algis Marciuska at 308.2825 or amarciuska@sgch.org or Public Works Director Daren Grilley at 308.2825 or dgrilley@sgch.org.



American Chinese Culture Association presents

Winter Event Highlight

US Chinese-American New Year Festival Gala

Saturday, February 14, 7pm
www.uschunwan.com
(626) 446-0917



For a complete list of events
www.missionplayhouse.org
320 South Mission Drive,
San Gabriel, CA 91776

ACE Trench Bridge Construction Underway

October, 2014 saw the start of bridge construction at the Mission Road/Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing.

Mission Road is closed to all traffic and is scheduled to reopen in April, 2015. The final bridge structure will contain elements depicting Native American symbols and other characteristics in keeping with the Mission District Specific Plan.

Construction of the San Gabriel Boulevard Bridge crossing also started October, 2014 and is scheduled to be completed in April, 2015. The contractor will provide one lane of traffic in each direction on San Gabriel Boulevard during construction. The final bridge structure will contain elements and characteristics in keeping with the San Gabriel Boulevard Streetscape Plan adopted by the City Council.

Once Mission Road and San Gabriel bridges are complete and open to traffic, the contractor will

start the Del Mar and Ramona bridge construction. This work is tentatively scheduled to start in June, 2015.

Both street crossings at the UPRR will be completely closed to through traffic during construction. Ramona is scheduled to be completed by mid-August, 2015 while Del Mar is scheduled to be opened to traffic by mid-September, 2015.



UPRR train on relocated tracks at Mission Road bridge site. (photo courtesy of ACE)



Photo Simulation of Completed Trench Project. (photo courtesy of ACE)

New Development Projects will Generate Much Needed Jobs, Public Improvements

San Gabriel's cityscape will likely see a number of new additions in the coming year. Several development projects have been approved recently and are expected to break ground in 2015.



New development projects include:

1. 704-712 W. Las Tunas Dr. (mixed-use development with 31 residential units, 4 live-work units, 4,800 sf of new commercial space)
2. 101-111 W. Valley Blvd. (hotel and mixed-use development with 85 residential units, 222 guest rooms, 55,872 sf of commercial space)
3. 221 E. Valley Blvd. (hotel with 316 guest rooms and two restaurants)
4. 835 E. El Monte St. (residential townhome community with 88 units)
5. 130 S. Mission Dr. (mixed-use development with 11



6. 402 E. Las Tunas Dr. (9,500 sf medical office building)

Applications have also been submitted for several large mixed-use projects at 201-217 S. San Gabriel Blvd. (159 residential units and 16,000 sf of commercial space), 400-420 W. Valley Blvd. (127 residential units and 60,000 sf of commercial space) and 101 E. Valley Blvd. (81 residential units and 15,000 sf of commercial space).

Once completed, these new developments will not only provide new housing and lodging opportunities,

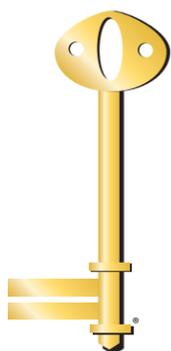


but will also bring updated commercial space that will help attract mainstream businesses to San Gabriel.

All of these major projects have undergone extensive review by the City's staff and Planning and Design Review Commissions to ensure the highest quality in design and amenities for the community.

The projects will also generate additional sales tax, hotel tax, permitting fee and development impact fee revenues that will help the City complete much-needed improvements to its infrastructure and services.

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Employees Recognized for Outstanding Service

The City presented the 2014 Employee Recognition Awards at a special City Council meeting on December 2, 2014.

The awards were presented to individuals and groups that have made significant contributions to the City of San Gabriel throughout the year. Congratulations to the winners for their dedication and outstanding service.

Overall Work Performance

Mark Gallatin, Community Development

Customer Service

Antonio Negrete, Fire Department

Leadership

Kevin Murphy, Fire Department

Innovation

City-Wide Safety Committee (Tom Boecking, Mark Gallatin, John Gonzalez, John Holder, Rayna Ospina, Daniel Russo, and Linda Tang)

Teamwork

EDG Health & Wellness Subcommittee (John Adkins, Tymeri Cuervo, Mark Gallatin, and Karina Bañales)



Award Recipients pictured are (l-r); Tom Boecking, Mark Gallatin, Rayna Ospina, Karina Bañales, Linda Tang and Tymeri Cuervo.

Emergency Response

Police Department – Investigations Division (Eric Britt, Rebecca Gomez, Anh Huynh, Ray Lara, Gilbert Lee, Jeffrey Whitney, and Dane Woolwine)

Nominations were made by full-time employees and voted on by the Executive Team.

For more information, contact Krystle Murillo at 308.2802 or kmurillo@sgch.org.

En Breve...

Una nueva Directora de Desarrollo Comunitario al igual que un nuevo Oficial de Información Pública se incorporan a la Ciudad
Este mes, la Ciudad de San Gabriel se complace en darles la bienvenida a dos nuevas caras que se incorporarán a nuestra familia municipal.

Arminé Chaparyan se incorpora a la Ciudad como Directora de Desarrollo Comunitario. La Sra. Chaparyan llega a San Gabriel desde Santa Clarita, donde desempeñó la función de Gerente de Vivienda y Preservación Comunitaria. La Sra. Chaparyan cuenta con un título universitario en Ciencias Políticas de UCLA y una Maestría en Administración Pública de USC. Armine Chaparyan asumirá su cargo el 17 de diciembre.

Lauren K. Gold se incorpora a San Gabriel como su nuevo Oficial de Información Pública. La Sra. Gold, mejor conocida por sus nítidos y bien documentados reportajes en Pasadena Star News, le brindará a su cargo sus habilidades especiales en medios tradicionales y digitales. La Sra. Gold iniciará sus deberes en San Gabriel el 15 de diciembre.

Actualización del Proyecto ACE

Las obras de dos de los cuatro puentes que ha de construir Alameda Corridor East San Gabriel Trench Project se encuentran actualmente en marcha. Si tiene alguna pregunta, favor de comunicarse con el Coordinador del Proyecto ACE, Bruce Mattern, al 626.308.2825 o bmattern@sgch.org.

Ayuda a mantener limpias las calles de San Gabriel

Desechar muebles viejos tirándolos a la calle no solamente es contra la ley sino que además es algo que es desagradable ver por las calles de la Ciudad. Los residentes deberán llamar a Athens Services para asegurar la eliminación indicada de éstos. Favor de comunicarse con Patty Peña al 626.308.2825 o ppeña@sgch.org.

Enfoque en la infraestructura

El Departamento de Obras Públicas se mantiene muy ocupado dedicándose a los muy necesitados proyectos de reparación del pavimento y mejoras del alcantarillado. Comuníquese con el Director de Obras Públicas, Daren Grilley, al 626.308.2825 o dgrilley@sgch.org.

La protección de nuestros bosques urbanos

Es necesario prestarles la atención debida a los árboles para proteger este valioso recurso, especialmente en la actual sequía en la que es necesario de vez en cuando efectuar un riego profundo para el sustento de los árboles más viejos. Para más información, favor de comunicarse con el Gerente de Parques e Instalaciones de Obras Públicas, John Gonzalez, al 626.308.2825 o jgonzalez@sgch.org.

Festival del Año Nuevo Lunar

Acompáñenos a celebrar el Año del Carnero en San Gabriel, nuestro 1er Festival Anual del Año Nuevo Lunar, el domingo 15 de febrero de las 10:00 am a 6:00 pm en el histórico Mission District. Para más información, favor de comunicarse con la Directora de Servicios Comunitarios, Rebecca Perez, al 626.308.2875 o rperez@sgch.org.

簡介

新社會發展部總監和公共信息管理員加入聖蓋博這個月，聖蓋博市政廳歡迎兩位新面孔加入我們的大家庭。
Arminé Chaparyan 加入市政廳成為社會發展部總監。Ms. Chaparyan 之前在 City of Santa Clarita 擔任住房和社區保全經理。她在UCLA 獲得政治學本科學位並在USC 取得公共管理碩士學位。她在12月17日正式上任。
Lauren K. Gold 成為聖蓋博的公共信息管理員。Ms. Gold 在帕薩德納之星 (Pasadena Star News) 以乾脆利落和深入研究的報導為名並對傳統和電子媒體有獨特的見解。她在12月15日正式上任。

聖蓋博鐵路地下槽工程進度
現階段鐵路地下槽工程正施行四項工程中的兩項行車路鐵路分隔工程。如有任何問題或欲知詳情 請聯繫ACE 項目協調員, Bruce Mattern, 電話: 626.308.2825 或電郵: bmattern@sgch.org。

聖蓋博街道保持整潔
在街道上隨意亂丟舊傢俱不但違法而且嚴重影響市容。聖蓋博居民應聯繫垃圾清理服務 (Athens Services) 以正確的方式處理雜物。欲安排垃圾清理請聯繫Patty Peña, 電話: 626.308.2825 或電郵: ppeña@sgch.org。

焦點放在城市基礎工程
聖蓋博的公共工程部正積極提供路面維修服務和下水道改善工程。如欲知詳情, 請聯繫公共工程部總監Daren Grilley, 電話: 626.308.2825 或電郵: dgrilley@sgch.org。

一起保護城市的樹木
為了保護城市中珍貴的資源, 我們務必要用正確的方法照顧樹木。尤其是在乾旱的環境下, 偶爾為樹木進行深入澆水可以幫助樹木持續滋長。欲知詳情, 請聯繫公共工程部的公園設施經理 John Gonzalez, 電話: 626.308.2825 或電郵: jgonzalez@sgch.org。

第一屆農曆新年慶典
一起參加聖蓋博半年的第一屆農曆新年慶典。二月十五日, 星期天早上十點到旁晚六點在使命區 (Mission District) 慶祝新年佳節。欲知更多詳情, 請聯繫社區服務總監 Rebecca Perez, 電話 626.308.2875 或電郵 rperez@sgch.org。

Welcome New City Employees



Arminé Chaparyan named Community Development Director

Arminé Chaparyan assumed the title of Community Development Director on December 17.

"We're thrilled to have Arminé join us," said City Manager Steve Preston. "She brings unique qualifications in community building and economic development strategy that will help define San Gabriel as the premier city of the San Gabriel Valley."

With more than 14 years' experience, Chaparyan was the Housing and Community Preservation Manager in Santa Clarita, overseeing its redevelopment, housing, business recruitment, retention, and code enforcement programs.

Her prior work included implementing the Old Town Newhall Specific Plan entailed streetscape improvements, construction of a \$25 million public library, and infrastructure improvements to the downtown core.

Lauren Gold joins San Gabriel as Public Information Officer

Lauren K. Gold, best known to San Gabriel readers of the *Pasadena Star News* for her crisp, balanced coverage of local communities, assumed the duties of Public Information Officer on December 15.

Holding a bachelor's degree in English from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, Gold has been a cityside reporter at the *Pasadena Star News* since 2011, covering several San Gabriel Valley communities as well as breaking news and political stories in Pasadena.

"Lauren brings skills in both traditional and digital media," said City Manager Steve Preston. "Those skills are increasingly important as we find new and better ways to communicate with our residents, businesses and community organizations. We are excited to have an individual of Lauren's caliber join our organization."

Presented by Elder Care Planning Attorney
Carlos A. Arcos

Dates: **Thursday, January 29, 2015**
Thursday, February 19, 2015
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Time: **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

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 Arminé Chaparyan, Community Development Director
 Rebecca Perez, Community Services Director
 Anna Cross, Mission Playhouse Director

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News Briefs

Outstanding Older American Search

The City of San Gabriel, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, is calling for nominations of older Americans to participate in the 50th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day. The Community Services Department is asking for your input in the search for San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American. The nominee criteria are:

- **Man or woman, age 65 or older**
- **Has not been honored at the event in previous years**
- **Has performed outstanding volunteer service for the San Gabriel community**

This program is designed to seek out and honor an older adult who is actively involved in serving others in the community and exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism.

Nomination forms for this years' Older American will be accepted through February 16, 2015 at the Community Services Department, 250 South Mission Drive. The 2015 Older American Award winner will be recognized at the April 21st City Council Meeting in conjunction with the celebration of San Gabriel's 102nd anniversary of incorporation.

For more information or to receive a nomination packet, please contact Recreation Coordinator James Lara in the Community Services Department at 308.2875 or jlara@sgch.org.

'Egg'straordinary Spring Celebration



Celebrate spring in San Gabriel at the 71st Annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt on April 4! This wonderful family fun event is held at Smith Park, 232 West Broadway and is sponsored by the San Gabriel Kiwanis Club and the Community Services Department.

The festivities begin at 7 am with a generous pancake breakfast prepared by Kiwanis. You won't want to miss the exciting pancake races at 9 am, followed by our 10 am egg hunt for children ages 9 and younger. Children are separated by age groups. Other activities include face painting, prizes for egg hunt participants and a special bunny visit!

For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at 308.2875.



Help Keep Our Streets Clean

Nobody wants to see old dirty couches or mattresses sitting on their street. Did you know that as a San Gabriel resident you may request convenient curbside collection of large or bulky items from Athens Services?

Residents are eligible for two (2) complimentary pickups per year just by calling Athens Services Customer Service at 888.336.6100 at least 24 hours in advance of your normal pickup day. Athens will remove items such as couches, chairs, mattresses, refrigerators, washing machines, rugs, and other large household items. Tree branches and lumber must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length.

Do you have an old computer or television to dispose of? Residents can also schedule "E-Waste"

pickups by calling ahead to Athens. Residents will be allowed 2 free pickups per year of a maximum of either 2 large items, or 2 medium and 4 small items. Additional pickups will be charged at \$25.00 per item.

Athens will not pick-up Hazardous Materials, such as paint, motor oil, paint thinner, turpentine, pesticides, herbicides, batteries or tires. Oil can be recycled at several locations in the area. Other items should be taken to your local Countywide Hazardous Waste Roundup. Call 888.CleanLA for the location of the one nearest you.

Before you dispose of usable items, consider donating them to local charities. You can receive a receipt for tax purposes, assist those less fortunate, and practice "Reuse & Recycle."

For further information please contact Public Works Management Analyst, Patricia Peña at 308.2825 or ppeña@sgch.org.

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