



40 Shades of Green

City Modernizes Code with the Environment in Mind

Spring is a time of renewal, new beginnings and the most sweeping changes to the City's development rules in decades, the "Greening the Code" initiative.

In February 2012, the City was awarded a grant from the Southern California Association of Governments for consulting help to modernize zoning and development standards, focusing specifically on making them more environmentally friendly.

The team of Dyett & Bhatia, Urban and Regional Planners and Mia Lehrer + Associates, Landscape Architects worked closely with City staff and coordinated community engagement, which included interviews with local stakeholders, a workshop hosted by the Planning Commission and Design Review Commission, and a study session with the City Council.

A total of 40 separate code amendments were consolidated into two ordinances adopted by the City Council in March and April of this year.

Highlights of "Greening the Code":

- A new landscaping chapter with illustrative diagrams.
- Greater allowances for private open space and larger patio and balcony dimensions in multifamily developments.
- Reductions in the amount of required on-site open space, subject to Planning Commission approval, for projects that enhance or improve existing open spaces, making them effectively larger and more usable.
- Parking exceptions for non-restaurant small businesses; parking reductions, subject to a conditional use permit, for projects near transit, meeting transportation demand management requirements or utilizing shared parking; and the ability of the City to establish an in-lieu fee program that could be used to help fund parking improvements.
- New parking lot standards increasing landscaping in parking lots from 2 percent to 8 percent of the total parking lot area; increasing the width of buffer landscaping along residential and non-residential property lines and requiring landscaping for parking structures and their rooftops.
- Removal of existing code sections requiring impervious driveway surfaces; allows porous paving for parking stalls.
- Establishes requirements for the number, location and design of bike parking spaces.

- Stormwater runoff rules requiring that drainage be retained on site and directed to landscaped areas to the extent feasible, and requiring parking lots to drain to bioswales or infiltration planters. Allows water retention features such as rain barrels and cisterns and makes single-family area green roof treatments permissible.
- Permits mixed-use development by right, unless any individual use or single component of the project requires a conditional use permit.
- Allowance of solar energy systems in certain districts subject to location, height, surface area, and other limitations; provisions to ensure solar panels visible from the street are compatible with, or integrated into roof materials and design.
- Allowance of community gardens by right in R-1 and Open Space/Public Facilities zones and in the Mission District Specific Plan area.
- Open-air markets, including farmers markets, become a permitted use in the Open Space/Public Facilities zone and in the Mission District Specific Plan area.



- Allowance of keeping hens and chicks in R-1 Zones, subject to specific standards.

Taken together, the "Greening the Code" amendments set San Gabriel on a new path to a cleaner, greener future. It's a future that respects the environment, encourages conservation, builds community and even harkens back to the city's agricultural past.

Go green. Go San Gabriel!

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National Public Works Week Building for Today and Planning for Tomorrow

In honor of National Public Works Week from May 18 - 24, San Gabriel's Public Works will host its 13th annual Open House from 10 am - 2 pm on Thursday, May 22 at the City Yard. This year's theme from the American Public Works Association is "Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow," representing the classic idea of stewardship embodied by the professionals of public works.

San Gabriel's Public Works Day provides an opportunity for the community to learn about the contribution of public works in their daily lives and to their quality of life. It also recognizes the dedicated staff members who manage the city's water, sewer, transportation, solid waste, recycling, storm water, parks and electrical, gas and communication systems.

Crews will provide demonstrations of street patching, pavement marking, traffic signal maintenance and tree trimming techniques; and various trucks and pieces of equipment will be on display. Other associated agencies including the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority, BikeSGV, San Gabriel County Water District, Southern California Edison and Athens Services will also present exhibits.

For more information, contact Administrative Assistant II Patty Peña at 308.2825 or ppena@sgch.org.



Tanya Tomkins, cello and Eric Zivian, fortepiano with Christopher Matthews, flute (not pictured)

The Da Camera Society, presenters of Chamber Music in Historic Sites presents

Spring Event Highlight

San Gabriel Festival

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New City Ordinance Fats, Oils and Grease Prohibited in Sewers

Think twice before you dump that cooking grease down the drain. Once it enters the sewer system, fats, oils and grease quickly harden to thick, gray, soap-like goo that sticks to pipes and accumulates until it blocks the flow of sewage. The impact of even small amounts of grease dumped from thousands of home kitchens will block the pipes that carry sewage through the city.

Grease buildup is the main cause for sewage overflows in San Gabriel that spill out onto streets and into storm drains. Recent spills have caused costly property damage, environmental problems and other health hazards.

In November 2013, a new ordinance took effect that prohibits restaurants from dumping grease and oils down the drain. These food establishments must implement most current practices, and new restaurants must install devices to separate grease from drain water.

However, the problem is in not only restaurants, but also homes. The easiest way to prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep grease out of the sewer system in the first place. Do your part and remember to never wash grease or oil down the drain or flush down toilets. Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills into a can or the trash for disposal.

New Funding Proposed to Meet State, Federal Sewer Standards

As a result of sewer spills and an audit of the sewer system operations, the City is currently subject to enforcement action by the State Attorney General and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. City staff and attorneys are negotiating a settlement with the Attorney General that will require a significant investment in the maintenance and repair of the sewer collection system in order to avoid more costly lawsuits and financial penalties.

Unlike most cities, San Gabriel does not charge customers for their use of the sewer utility. With no dedicated funding source for sewers, the utility must use

funds that could otherwise go to pay for emergency services, street repairs, or other programs.

This spring, the City Council will consider a Sewer User Fee that would charge property owners for use of the sewer utility based on their land use type. The typical homeowner would be charged the equivalent of \$13 per month. Nonresidential customers would pay based on the type of land use. This fee requires approval from the property owners as well as Council.

For more information, contact City Engineer Daren Grilley at 308.2806 ext. 4631, or dgrilley@sngch.org.

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Do your part. Never wash grease or oil down the drain. Place grease and food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal.



If you observe spills, illegal dumping or sewer backups, immediately contact Public Works at 308.2825. Outside regular business hours, contact the Police Department at 308.2828.



Fire Department Shares Leadership

New program to enhance management, save up to \$300,000.

In March, the San Gabriel Fire Department entered into an agreement with the South Pasadena Fire Department and the San Marino Fire Department to begin sharing top management resources. The program, which was unanimously approved by all three city councils, is slated to reduce costs while increasing capability and effectiveness.

Each agency will share the costs of a new management team of seven chief fire officers under the direction of Fire Chief James Frawley. This team will replace San Gabriel's prior model of four chief officers leading the department. The existing three San Gabriel Division Chiefs will become part of this new seven member command staff.

The agreement provides for a Deputy Fire Chief to be assigned to each of the three cities. In addition to providing executive contact for each city, these deputy chiefs will handle major administrative areas for the management team. Examples of this are training and safety, operations and personnel, and fire prevention and disaster preparedness. These chiefs will have offices within each city and will be available to the public and city staff alike.

Incident command will be handled by three Division Chiefs who will be on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. These chiefs will be centrally located to provide rapid response to major incidents to provide overall incident command and safety for firefighters from all three cities. Under the existing Unified Response Agreement, which brings large numbers of fire service resources to San Gabriel from 11 surrounding cities, a designated incident commander is required to serve as a liaison and commander of these resources for their effectiveness and safety.

Not only will this new program enhance effectiveness of management of the San Gabriel Fire Department, it will do so at a reduced cost. It is estimated that the City of San Gabriel will save nearly \$300,000 annually with this resource sharing agreement. This savings comes from the cost apportionment for San Gabriel in relation to the other two cities. San Gabriel's share of the program is 40%, while South Pasadena and San Marino each contribute 30%.

Although this model is being successfully used in several other areas of our state, this is the first time it has been put into practice in Los Angeles County. The closest example to San Gabriel can be found at the Brea and Fullerton Fire Departments in Orange County. These cities have been successful with this type of sharing agreement for several years. Their agreement was used as the model for the San Gabriel, San Marino and South Pasadena sharing agreement.

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cities of San Gabriel, San Marino and South Pasadena. All three neighboring fire departments are excited about this new program of command staff sharing with its promise of increased efficiency and effectiveness. As this program solidifies over the next year, it is anticipated that the possibility of sharing other related services will appear.

For more information, please contact Fire Chief Jim Frawley at jfrawley@sngfd.org.

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Exciting News!
SEF is thrilled to announce we are busily planning for the launch of our much anticipated After School Homework Assistance and Tutoring program beginning Fall 2014! For further information, please contact the SEF office at (626) 451-5465.



SEF San Gabriel Educational Foundation
The San Gabriel Educational Foundation is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization and the primary fundraising partner of the San Gabriel Unified School District. Tax ID# 95-4023144.



Replenishing City Trees

In celebration of Arbor Day and in an effort to replenish the trees that were damaged by the windstorm in December 2011, Public Works and Parks and Recreation will plant over 140 trees in San Gabriel. Over 90 trees will be planted by the end of April on Valley Boulevard alone.

On Saturday, April 26, residents and volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in a community tree planting to replace over 40 trees in northwest San Gabriel and to observe National Arbor Day.

These plantings are being completed in conjunction with nonprofit Amigos de los Rios.

The opportunity to enhance San Gabriel's urban forest was made possible through a grant received through Fifth District Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Amigos de los Rios at info@amigosdelosrios.org. For more information regarding the project, contact Administrative Assistant Patty Peña at 308.2825 or ppeña@sgch.org.

Passport Services

Now on Saturdays



Parks and Recreation offers passport services to walk in customers during the week from Tuesday through Thursday. From April 5, the department began offering passport services by appointment only from 9 am - 1 pm on the first Saturday of each month. Passport service hours are now as follows:

Tuesday	8 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 4 pm
Thursday	8 am - 4 pm
1st Saturday of each month	9 am - 1 pm
(appointment only)	

The routine waiting time to receive a passport is 4-6 weeks. Passports must be renewed every 10 years for adults and every 5 years for children. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Parks and Recreation at 308.2875.

Easy Spring Cleaning

Convenient curbside pick up and a hazardous waste round up event

San Gabriel residents are entitled to discard up to two (2) bulky items per week. All you have to do is call at least 24 hours in advance of your normal pick up day to schedule the bulky item pick up.

Athens Services also has a Residential Electronic Waste Recycling Program which provides an annual maximum of two (2) pick ups of large items; or two (2) medium and four (4) small items. These items include televisions, computers, scanners, stereos, and a host of other electronic devices.

Athens Services will not pick up hazardous materials such as fluorescent lamps, paint, motor oil, tires, pesticides, or batteries. These items should be taken to your local County Wide Waste Roundup. There will be a round up from 9 am - 3 pm on May 31 at 4233 N. Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte, CA.

To schedule a free pick up, contact Athens Services at 888.336.6100 or visit www.athensservices.com. For more information about hazardous waste disposal, contact CleanLA at 888.253.2652 or visit www.888CleanLA.com/.



Farmers Market Launches



The City launched a Farmers Market this spring! The certified farmers market at Vincent Lugo Park began April 3 and will take place every Thursday from 4 - 8 pm through September 25. Customers can expect to find seasonal fruit and vegetables, fresh cut flowers, baked goods, delectable desserts and prepared hot foods that can be enjoyed at nearby picnic tables.

Opportunities for local musicians, businesses and nonprofits are available on a first-come, first-served basis by contacting Sterling Farmers' Markets at sangabrielcfm@gmail.com. For more information about the market, contact Parks and Recreation at 308.2875.

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News Briefs

Join the 'Egg'straordinary Spring Celebration

The 70th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt sponsored by the San Gabriel Kiwanis Club and the Parks and Recreation Department will be held on Saturday, April 19 at Smith Park, 232 W. Broadway. The festivities will kick off with a pancake breakfast at 7 am and pancake races at 9 am, followed by an egg hunt for children ages 9 and under.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 308.2875.



Celebrate the 4th in SG

The City is hosting a 4th of July Parade, a Picnic, and Kid's Day. The parade begins 9:30 am at Plaza Park, travels through the Mission District and concludes at Smith Park. Registration for parade entries is open now and on day of the event. Prizes awarded for the most patriotic costumes and parade entries. Picnic activities at Smith Park to include a free Kid's Day BBQ, entertainment, games, community booths, crafts and more!

Members of the armed forces who reside in San Gabriel will be recognized on an "Honor Wall" along with their name, branch, years served and photograph. If you or someone you know served our country, submit their information to Parks and Recreation. Please submit only new entries, past entries will already be included on the wall. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 308.2875.

Participate in Summer Programs and Activities

Parks and Recreation offers free drop-in programs for children at Smith Park, Washington Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary and McKinley Elementary. The summer programs include arts and crafts, games, special events and team sports. Other summer programs and activities are as follows:

- Jefferson Middle School will host the Bulldog Sport Camp for middle school aged youth. This free camp will reinforce basic fundamental basketball and volleyball skills, while also teaching a team mentality.
- Children and families can learn lifesaving swimming skills at Smith Park Pool. Swimming lessons for all ages will be offered weekdays, evenings and Saturdays, beginning Monday, June 16. Registration opens Tuesday,

May 27. Recreational swimming will be offered afternoons and evenings beginning June 6.

- The Kid's Travel Club will visit the beach, amusement parks and other fun locations. Excursion fees apply. Participants will be supervised by experienced Recreation Leaders.
- San Gabriel Unified School District will administer a free lunch program served weekdays between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm for children, 18 years and under at various locations in San Gabriel.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 308.2875.



www.sangabrielcity.com



New Enhancements

Launched in 2004, the City's website has been continuously improved to provide excellent customer service. The website underwent a major redesign in 2012, and in March this year, it was boosted with new features including re-sized text, background logo, repositioned page icons and a new color palette.

The website also now features two new sections:

- **Forms Center** includes online request forms, which residents and visitors can use to easily report potholes, graffiti, abandoned cars, bee swarms and other concerns.
- **Budget Central** includes information about the City's finances, such as Quarterly Budget Updates, Monthly Economic Reports and Approved Annual Fiscal Year Budget.

Both of these sections can be found in the left sidebar on the City's homepage. We hope you find the website easily accessible, as we are constantly improving online features. Future improvements include online customer service tracking and a new branded application for cell phones and tablets.

If you have suggestions for improving the City's website, send them to Brian Wolfson at bwolfson@sgch.org.

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