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## The Benefits of the Arts in the Community

According to a recent report from Americans for the Arts, when a city is home to arts and culture organizations, they not only "provide inspiration and enjoyment to residents, beautify shared public spaces, and strengthen the social fabric of our communities" but also generate revenue for the economy. The industry generates \$22.3 billion in revenue to local, state, and federal governments each year. The average arts attendee spends \$24.60 per event, not including the cost of admission. These patrons spend money on restaurants, hotels, retail shops, transportation, and more. Nationally, these attendees event related expenditures totaled over \$74 billion.

Located in the heart of the Mission District, the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse has hosted some of the best local music, dance, and theatre productions since its opening in 1927. With over 80 performances showcased this season, and an average of 60,000 patrons walking through its doors annually, the Mission Playhouse brings in an estimated \$1,476,000 to the San Gabriel community. Playhouse events have been featured on CNN Español, ABC7 News, KCAL9, PBS' Hispanic Lifestyle,

Univision, Telemundo, and in the *Pasadena Star News* and *La Opinión* (the nation's #1 Spanish language daily paper). This past November, the red carpet was rolled out at the Playhouse to honor the best in Los Angeles theatre for the 2013 Ovation Awards. The ceremony included celebrity presenters and was highlighted in the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Hollywood Reporter*.

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Arts and culture organizations make the cities they reside in destinations. They put cities on the map, attracting individuals that may not have come otherwise. According to the US Travel Association and US Department of Commerce, arts tourists are different from other US travelers: they travel longer, spend more, and are more likely to stay in overnight lodging. Nonlocal attendees spend twice as much as their local counterpart, helping support the neighborhood economy. These organizations are the gateway that introduces nonlocals to the city, its local businesses, and other attractions. They are economic engines for cities, help build a city's brand, and are the cornerstones of tourism.

\* Data from Arts & Economic Prosperity IV- [www.americansforthearts.com](http://www.americansforthearts.com)

## Council Approves Sewer User Fee to Fund Utility Repairs

Fees will allow the City to begin addressing critical repairs and upgrades without taking funding away from other projects and programs.

After more than five years of studying the issue, the City Council adopted San Gabriel's first ever sewer user fee on June 3, 2014. The fee was subject to a property owner protest vote under Prop. 218, which concluded with written protests from fewer than 8% of property owners.

This fee – equivalent to \$9.75 per month for a single-family home – will generate approximately \$1,750,000 each year. The revenue will be used to increase sewer maintenance and repair work to ensure reliable operation of the sewer system and to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act and State laws.

Based on a Sewer Master Plan completed in 2010, there are an estimated \$30 million in pipe repairs and upgrades needed. In addition, routine maintenance such as pipe cleaning and inspections, must be increased three-fold from current levels. 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 continue to negotiate a settlement with the Attorney General that will require a significant investment in the sewer collection system in order to avoid more costly lawsuits and financial penalties.

The sewer fee allows the City to begin addressing these critical needs without taking funding away from other projects and programs. In the first two years, the entire 72-mile network of pipes and manholes will be inspected by remote video cameras. The City will then refine the cost estimates and prioritize the repairs that are expected to take more than 30 years to complete.

For more information, contact Public Works Director Daren Grilley at 308.2806 or [dgrilley@sgch.org](mailto:dgrilley@sgch.org).



## TOYPURINA

A STORY OF LOVE, DETERMINATION & LOSS

Based on the true story of a remarkable Native American woman who led her people in a rebellion against the San Gabriel Mission in 1785, Toypurina comes to the Mission Playhouse in October 2014. Be part of this historic event.

**THURS OCT 23<sup>rd</sup> - SAT OCT 25<sup>th</sup>, 8PM AND SUN OCT 26<sup>th</sup>, 3PM**  
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## San Gabriel Fire Department Summer Safety Tips

The San Gabriel Fire Department would like to encourage 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 - 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. Check your local newspaper for a fireworks display in your area.

**Pools:** There is no substitute for adequate supervision. Never leave children unattended in or around pools or spas, **NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND.** 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. **Do not allow anyone of any age to swim alone. Drowning happens to adults too.**

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

**Know the "Heat-related illness" and what to do:**

**Heat Cramps:** Muscle pains and spasms caused by heavy exertion, which triggers loss of water through heavy perspiration. For relief, press on cramping muscles or gently massage. Take sips of water unless nausea occurs.

**Heat Exhaustion:** 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. **NOTE:** 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! It occurs when your 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. Symptoms include hot, red and dry skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; and rapid, shallow breathing. If you observe these symptoms in yourself or another person, call for emergency medical services. While waiting for emergency personnel, take the following steps to care for the individual:

1. Move the individual to a cool environment.
2. Remove the person's clothing.
3. Cool the person in a tub of cold water, covering them with a wet sheet and turn a fan or air conditioning on high, or sponge the person with cool water in an attempt to lower body temperature.
4. If you have ice or cold packs, place them on each of the victim's wrists and ankles, in the armpits and on the neck to cool large blood vessels.

If you have any questions regarding summer safety tips or any other information, please feel free to contact the San Gabriel Fire Prevention Bureau at 308.2883.



**Summer Concerts!**  
**San Gabriel**

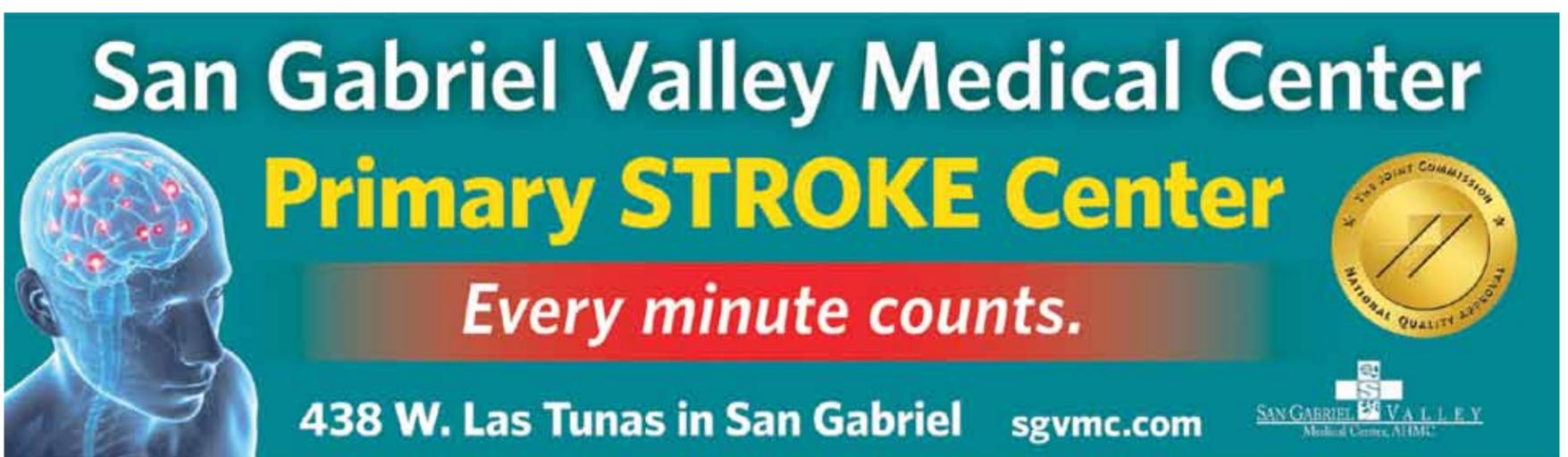
Break out the lawn chairs and blankets when live music fills the night air as the City of San Gabriel presents outdoor summer concerts. Bring the entire family, enjoy activities for kids, relax under the stars and let the music take you away! Stop by the Farmers Market at Vincent Lugo Park to pick up fresh snacks and dinner from local vendors or pack a picnic to enjoy during the concerts.

The series kicked off in June with a concert at the Mission Playhouse Plaza. Join us for these two upcoming concerts to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Admission is free.

**July 24**  
Vincent Lugo Park  
"Bumtown" (Top 40/Latin)

**August 28**  
Vincent Lugo Park  
"BIG TRUTH & Little Lies Band"  
(Fleetwood Mac/Top 40)

For additional information about the summer concerts, please contact the Community Services Department at [www.sangabrielcity.com](http://www.sangabrielcity.com) or 308.2875.



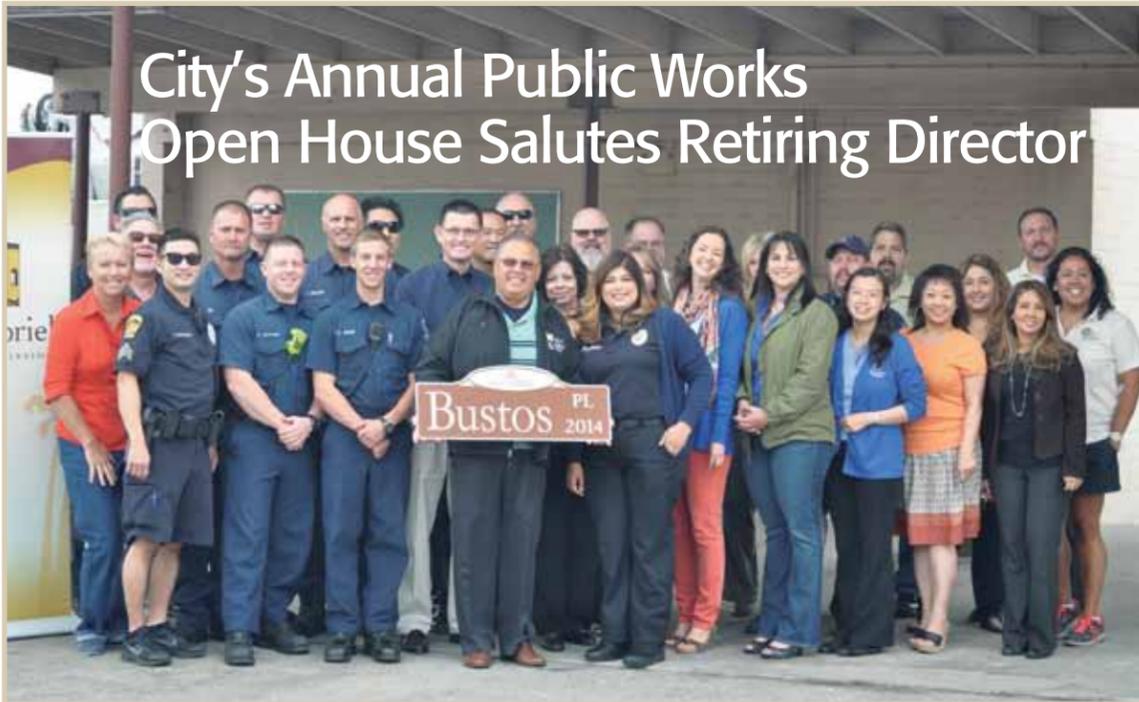
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## City's Annual Public Works Open House Salutes Retiring Director

City employees join retired Public Works Director, Bob Bustos, at Public Works Open House.

On Thursday May 22, the Public Works Department welcomed the community to its 12th Annual Public Works Day in honor of National Public Works Week. The event was well attended by the public as well as students from La Casa Preschool and Mission Elementary School. The Department used this opportunity to recognize Bob Bustos who recently retired as Public Works Director after 20 years of service to the City of San Gabriel.

The open house featured tours with exhibitions and demonstrations of the Public Works functions. Crews and equipment were also provided by the City's partners in Public Works including Southern California Edison, Athens Services, the San Gabriel County Water District and BikeSGV. A delicious barbecue lunch was served up by the Athens Services crew.

The Public Works Department thanks all who attended, its sponsors and supporters: Athens Services, Sakaida Nursery, and Allen Stutin-Empire Cleaning. If you weren't able to join us this year, mark your calendar for our next Public Works Day on May 21, 2015! If you have any questions please contact Patty Peña at 308.2825 or [ppena@sgch.org](mailto:ppena@sgch.org).

## Celebrate *Parks Make Life Better!*® Month with Your New Community Services Department

At its July 1 meeting, the City Council proclaimed July as *Parks Make Life Better!*® Month in conjunction with the state and national declaration. In doing so, the Council encourages residents to use and enjoy our city's parks and recreation programs. Recreation provides positive alternatives for youth, promotes the arts, increases social connections, and promotes lifelong learning. These programs and our city parks also add value to our community, neighborhoods and businesses.

As we celebrate *Parks Make Life Better!*® month, the city is proud to announce that the Parks and Recreation Department will now be the Community Services Department. This change is part of a larger city-wide reorganization, which includes the combining of the Park Maintenance Division and Engineering with the Public Works Department.

This reorganization, approved by the City Council at their April 15 meeting, provides a great opportunity for the Community Services Department to revitalize and re-envision itself. The department is currently developing a strategic plan that will help define the vision for the future. There will be opportunity for you to provide feedback about our programs and services.

At the July 24 summer concert, the Community Services Department will kick off their new name and celebrate *Parks Make Life Better!*® month. There will be a kid's concert, face painting, food trucks and activities for kids that will begin at 5:30 pm at Vincent Lugo Park. The summer concert featuring the band "Bumtowntown" will begin at 6:30 pm. Join us for this fun community event!

The Community Services Department strives to make our community better now and in the future by providing quality recreation programs and parks for our residents. We encourage San Gabriel's youth, families, adults and seniors to join us in this celebration! For more information about the department strategic plan or these upcoming programs, please visit the city website or call 308.2875.



## Los Angeles County Recognizes San Gabriel's 2014 Outstanding Older Americans

Lee and Pat Freeman were recently honored at the 49th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for their dedication in serving the San Gabriel community.

They have both spent a number of years involved in the San Gabriel Unified School District. Lee provided leadership for school bond measures and in the unification campaign which led to the creation of Gabrielino High School. Pat served as the President of the San Gabriel Education Foundation for 14 years and was an active volunteer for the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center's "Helping Hands" group. Together, they have volunteered for Meals on Wheels, the Ronald McDonald House, and have planted trees in the San Gabriel Mountains for the Water Shed Project. They are currently active members of the San Gabriel Rotary Club and serve as liaisons between the club and Gabrielino High School's Interact Service Club.

In addition to being recognized by Los Angeles County, Lee and Pat were also honored by the City of San Gabriel at a City Council meeting in April. Lee and Pat have recently announced that they will be moving to Coronado, California where they plan to spend time with their family as well as get involved in their new community. We are so grateful for their dedication and service to San Gabriel!

For more information on Older American recognition and older adult programs, please contact Recreation Coordinator James Lara at 308.2875 or [jlara@sgch.org](mailto:jlara@sgch.org).



Lee and Pat Freeman

## Recycle Your Used Motor Oil & Filters

After each oil change, take used motor oil and filters to a used oil & filter collection center for recycling.



Drop off items during business hours only. Do not mix oil with any other fluids or substances. Contact the oil & filter collection centers for business hours and quantities accepted. For more information, or for collection centers in other areas, call 1-888-CleanLA or visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com).

**Used Oil & Filter Collection Centers in San Gabriel:**  
**O'Reilly Auto Parts**, 965 East Las Tunas Dr., 451-9853  
**Mission Express Lube**, 918 South San Gabriel Blvd., 285-0808  
**Del Mar Auto Repair**, 1961 South Del Mar Ave., 573-4537

Fact: Just one gallon of used motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water.





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**San Gabriel to Join Cities Nationwide for "America's Night Out Against Crime"**

San Gabriel residents will have the opportunity to spend an evening with their neighbors during the 31st Annual National Night Out from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm on Tuesday, August 5. Neighborhood Watch Groups will host block parties, cook-outs and other activities. Save the date and plan to meet your neighbors and make new friends on the block.

Neighborhood Watch is not only one of the most popular community programs in San Gabriel, but also award winning and nationally recognized. National Night Out has become the embodiment of the mission of Neighborhood Watch in which groups host block parties in the spirit of giving crime a "going away party."

National Night Out is intended to increase awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood relationships and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals by letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The City encourages you to join your local Neighborhood Watch group on this night to meet with your neighbors and become aware of what is happening where you live.

"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 Police Chief David A. Lawton.

For more information about joining Neighborhood Watch and participating in this year's National Night Out event, contact Stacy Gutierrez at the San Gabriel Police Department Crime Prevention Office at 308.2846.



**Greening the Code Promotes Water Conservation**

With record-breaking drought over the last few years, water conservation has never been more important for Southern California residents, business owners and developers. One of the best ways to reduce water consumption is through the use of drought-tolerant landscaping and efficient irrigation. The City's recently-adopted "Greening the Code" project (winner of the 2014 SCAG Sustainability Award and Los Angeles APA Innovation Award) provides residents and developers with guidance on how to do just that.

Greening the Code consists of a set of zoning code amendments aimed at making development in San Gabriel more environmentally sustainable. These amendments establish new landscape design principles that City staff will consider in the review of new development applications, and also set new requirements for the location and type of plants used.

Examples of new standards include the use of native and drought-tolerant plants in certain areas, grouping of plants with similar water usage into "hydrozones", and encouraging sustainable practices such as rainwater harvesting and permeable or porous paving. Greening the Code also sets new irrigation requirements that will reduce water usage through the use of automation, scheduling, rain/moisture sensors and low-volume irrigation.

As the City redevelops over time, the introduction of landscaping that meets the new code requirements will result in a greener San Gabriel that helps conserve our state's precious water resources.



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*Fiesta 2014 - Save the Date!*

**Celebrate the 243rd anniversary of the Mission on Labor Day Weekend.**  
 Join us for the festivities on Labor Day Weekend,  
**Friday to Sunday, 29, 30, and 31 August 2014**

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