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City Approves Crowne Plaza Hotel Proposal

The Planning Commission and Design Review Commission have ~~approved entitlements for~~ the proposed Crowne Plaza Hotel at the intersection of Valley Boulevard and Palm Avenue. The \$60 million investment is a major step forward into the revitalization of Valley Boulevard, including new jobs, economic activity, infrastructure upgrades and streetscape improvements.

Planning for the 316-room hotel began almost two years ago, and community meetings were held by the developer. Based on neighborhood concerns, Global Valley changed the design of project driveways to prevent cut-through traffic in the surrounding neighborhoods, agreed to install traffic calming features on Palm Avenue, and will utilize a parking management plan.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is expected to produce hundreds of new jobs and millions in revenue, which will help sustain economic vitality in San Gabriel. The development will also integrate sustainable practices to enhance quality of life for residents, including infrastructure, streetscape and traffic calming improvements outlined in San Gabriel's award-winning Valley Boulevard Neighborhoods Sustainability Plan.

Smith Brothers Restaurants, proprietors of Pasadena's Parkway Grill, Arroyo Chop House and Smitty's Grill has announced it will open a Smitty's Grill inside the Crowne Plaza. The hotel will also feature a Chinese restaurant, sushi bar, lounge and convenience store.



"The approval of this project is validation that San Gabriel is the place to be," said the ~~mayor~~. "We are developing a reputation in the region as a place where culture, food and travel intersect. The Crowne Plaza will help fulfill that mission."

~~The final step in the approval process is getting permission from the City Council to abandon an existing alley that serves the site.~~ The Crowne Plaza Hotel is expected to open in summer 2015.

For more information, please contact City Planner Mark Gallatin at 308.2806 ext. 4623 or mgallatin@sgch.org.

Economic Benefits

- Over a twenty-year period, the proposed Crowne Plaza Hotel is estimated to generate \$39.6 million in TOT and \$866,000 sales tax from the two restaurants.
- The Crowne Plaza Hotel is expected to directly generate 285 full-time jobs, adding nearly \$12 million in labor income. Approximately 110 indirect jobs are also anticipated as a result of the development.
- During construction of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 664 temporary full-time jobs will be generated, putting nearly \$42 million in labor income.

Upcoming Infrastructure Projects

San Gabriel Boulevard & Mission Road Intersection Improvements

This project will modify the intersection at San Gabriel Boulevard and Mission Road to enhance safety and improve mobility. The project will construct a right turn lane for eastbound Mission Road drivers to turn on to San Gabriel Boulevard, as well as dedicated left turn signals to reduce delays and improve traffic flow. The design is nearly complete and construction is expected to



begin in spring 2014 and be completed that summer. For more information, contact Senior Civil Engineer Algis Marcuska at 308.2806 ext. 4632 or amarcuska@sgch.org.

Las Tunas Drive Pavement Rehabilitation

This project will rebuild the failing pavement on Las Tunas Drive between San Gabriel Boulevard and the east city limits at Muscatel Avenue. In addition to a new asphalt roadway, the project will include traffic signal upgrades, new curb ramps at street corners and storm water quality improvements. The design is expected to be completed by early 2014, and construction complete by fall of that year. For more information, please contact City Engineer Daren Grilley at 308.2806 ext. 4631 or dgrilley@sgch.org.

Citywide Bus Shelters

The final design for 25 new bus shelters has been selected. The contract will be advertised by the end of this year, and installation is

expected to begin next spring. The new shelters will encourage ridership and provide a more pleasant experience for transit riders by sheltering them from the sun, wind and rain. For more information, please contact Associate Civil Engineer Angela Cheng at 308.2806 ext. 5131 or scheng@sgch.org.



More Projects in the Works

Other pavement repairs, intersection improvements, utility upgrades and streetscape projects are being designed for construction within the next two years. For more information on these projects, please visit the City's website and follow the "Current Projects" link in the lower right corner.



Fall Event Highlight

Saturday, December 14, 2pm
 Sunday, December 15, 2pm
 Saturday, December 21, 2pm & 7pm
 Sunday, December 22, 2pm

Pasadena Dance Theatre presents *The Nutcracker*
www.pasadenadance.org, (626) 683-3459

320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91776

For a complete list of events www.missionplayhouse.org

TURKEY TROT 5K/10K/1K November 16



SG Turkey Trot Supports Youth Programs

San Gabriel's healthiest event, the San Gabriel Turkey Trot, is shaping up to be the best ever this year. This year's event will take place on November 16 and offers 10K and 5K runs, a 5K walk and a youth 1K run. Registration is available online at www.sangabrielcity.com/index.aspx?NID=530. The top 3 winners in each age category will earn



medals, and 1st place finishers will receive a turkey gift card. Register by October 21 to save on the entry fee and to get your name on your runner's shirt. The popular race starts at Vincent Lugo Park and winds through picturesque local neighborhoods and parks. For more information, please contact Recreation Supervisor Tymeri Cuervo at 308.2875 or tcuervo@sgch.org.

Light Up San Gabriel

2013 Holiday Decorations Award Program

The City, in conjunction with the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, has established this holiday decorations award program to honor residents and businesses for their participation in spreading the holiday spirit. Winners will be notified by letter and recognized during the week of December 16, with a visit from Santa and the San Gabriel Fire and Police Departments. Winners also receive a sign to display, certificates of recognition and other special gifts from the City Council.

Everyone is encouraged to nominate a residential property, including apartment buildings and businesses for consideration. Self-nominations are allowed. Properties must be within the City limits of San Gabriel. Properties that have previously won an award within the past 5 years, current City Council members, City Commissioners, full-time City employees and members of the Selection Committee are not eligible for the award.

A Selection Committee from the Women's Division will visit each of the nominated sites and choose residential and commercial winners from four areas of the city – northwest, northeast, southwest and southeast. The Committee will base their decision in part on originality, seasonal theme and effort expended.

Nominations are due no later than 12 pm on Monday, December 9. Forms may be picked up and dropped off at City Hall, 425 S. Mission Drive; or faxed to the Community Development at 458.2830. For more information or to nominate a property by e-mail, please contact Assistant Planner Larissa De La Cruz at 308.2806 ext. 4625 or ldelacruz@sgch.org.

Halloween Safety Tips

October is the time of year for ghosts, goblins and Halloween treats. Parents and trick-or-treaters should take caution when out and about during the evening. Follow these safety tips, and have a happy Halloween!

Costumes:

- Wear a costume that is non-flammable. In case of fire, do not run. Running will cause the fire to spread rapidly.
- Any mask worn should have adequate breathing holes and not restrict vision.
- Use reflective tape or retro-reflective material on costumes for increased visibility.
- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen.

Trick-or-Treaters:

- Do not accept rides from strangers or go inside strangers' homes.
- Do not trick-or-treat alone. Trick-or-treat only in familiar neighborhoods and on well-lit streets. Do not take short cuts and use flashlights for safety after dark.
- Do not walk or cross between parked cars or mid-block. Walk facing traffic and on sidewalks.

Adults:

- Accompany children under twelve (12) years of age.
- Check the wrappers of commercial treats for tampering. Be careful of handmade treats and treats without wrappers.
- Report any suspicious or unusual activity immediately to the police department.

For more information, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Stacy Gutierrez at 308.2846.

Join the Holiday Tree Lighting Party

The community is invited to the 37th annual Holiday Tree Lighting Party beginning at 6 pm on December 3 at Plaza Park, 428 S. Mission Drive. The tree lighting ceremony will take place at 7 pm, followed by the arrival of Santa on a vintage fire truck. Holiday entertainment will be provided by local schools. Join us for this holiday event and bring an unwrapped toy for the "Sparks of Love" toy drive.

This free event is sponsored by the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please contact Recreation Coordinator Theresa Johnson at 308.2875 or tjohnson@sgch.org.

Santa Rides Again!

Santa Claus returns to San Gabriel once again and brings good cheer to all, courtesy of the Fire Department.

Be on the lookout for Santa in your neighborhood from 6 - 9:30 pm during December 20-23. He will visit a different part of the city each day, in this order: southwest, southeast, northwest and northeast.

Santa travels as many streets in San Gabriel as possible, but he cannot promise he will be able to visit every street.

For more information, please contact Recreation Coordinator Theresa Johnson at 308.2875 or tjohnson@sgch.org.



4th Annual San Gabriel Rotary Trees of Giving

The Rotary Club of San Gabriel will be hosting its 4th Annual Trees of Giving fundraising event on November 13 at Padillo Room, 324 S. Mission Drive. Enjoy good food, meet new friends and learn about Rotary. Throughout the event, unique trees, adopted and decorated by Rotarians, will be raffled. Raffle tickets will be available for sale at the event, and proceeds will benefit the Rotary's efforts to improve the quality of life in the city.

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance by November 6. For ticket purchases or more information, please contact Rotarian Alice Wong at 483.1209 or alicew@roadrunner.com; or San Gabriel Public Library Manager Julie Sorensen at 287.0761 or libraryjulie@hotmail.com.

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Centennial Events & Activities

NOVEMBER - Let's Be Thankful

November 13

San Gabriel Rotary, Trees of Giving

The San Gabriel Rotary invites the community to attend the 4th Annual Trees of Giving luncheon. Themed trees decorated by designers will be raffled to benefit community organizations.

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Padillo Room

324 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel

483.1209 / 287.0761

November 16

Turkey Trot

San Gabriel's healthiest event offers 10K and 5K runs, a 5K walk, and a youth 1K run, all beginning at Vincent Lugo Park.

7:00 am

308-2875

November 16

San Gabriel Fine Arts Association Art Show

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Glass Room Gallery

320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel

282.1448

www.sgfaa.clubexpress.com/

November 20

San Gabriel Chamber Annual Harvest Dinner

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

576.2525

DECEMBER 2013- Home For The Holiday

December 3

San Gabriel Time Capsule Burial & Community Photo

~~Gather with friends in the Mission Playhouse Courtyard at High Noon to witness the burial of the City's new time capsule to be opened in 2063. A community photo will be taken immediately following the time capsule burial.~~

12:00 pm

San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel

December 3

Holiday Tree Lighting

37th Annual City of San Gabriel Tree Lighting Ceremony

6:00 pm

Plaza Park

428 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel

308.2875

December 18

San Gabriel Chamber Holiday Mixer

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

576.2525



Sponsor Event Celebrates 'Mission Play 2013'

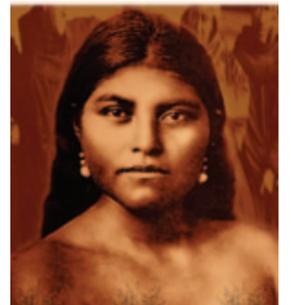


In August, Playhouse Director Anna Cross, Marketing Coordinator Jonathan Salisbury, and Development Coordinator Jennifer Atencio hosted an event to express their gratitude and to celebrate the efforts of the donors and sponsors who helped make The Mission Play 2013 a success. Over fifty guests, including members of City Hall, City Council, sponsor organizations and Mission Play cast attended. The Playhouse staff unveiled a permanent plaque, now placed in the venue lobby, to commemorate the re-production of the legendary play.

For more information, please contact Marketing Coordinator Jonathan Salisbury at 308.2864 ext. 221 or jsalisbury@missionplayhouse.org.

Collaboration with Gabrielino on 'Toypurina'

Staff at the Mission Playhouse has been working with the Tongva/Gabrielino tribe on a new play **Toypurina**. It follows the life of a remarkable Native American woman who led a rebellion in 1785 against the San Gabriel Mission, after seeing her people suffer at the hands of the settlers. She was captured, imprisoned and forced to live in exile in Monterey, far away from her homeland and people.



The play is being co-written by Matthew Lovio and Gabrielino/Tongva member Andrew Morales, who are also working with director Jonathan Salisbury on developing a performance script. The team expects to invite potential sponsors and supporters of the project to a reading of the play this fall. With sufficient funding, a full production of the play will be presented in July 2014.

For more information, please contact Marketing Coordinator Jonathan Salisbury at 308.2864 ext. 221 or jsalisbury@missionplayhouse.org.

Time Capsule Burial & Community Photo

During San Gabriel's 100th birthday, more than two hundred citizens gathered to see the unearthing of San Gabriel's fiftieth anniversary time capsule. Old newspapers and aerial maps, a vial with a handwritten message and a handful of coins were retrieved from the time capsule buried in 1963.

At high noon on December 3, the City will bury a new time capsule at the Mission Playhouse Courtyard, not to be opened until 2063. Witness San Gabriel history in the making and be part of the Centennial community photo.

Share your ideas for the time capsule to centennial@sgch.org with the subject line "Time Capsule Ideas." For more information, please contact Administrative Assistant Patty Peña at 626.308.2805 or ppena@sgch.org.

Recycle Your Used Motor Oil & Filters

After each oil change, take used motor oil and filters to a certified 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.

Certified 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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News Briefs

San Gabriel's 19th National Night Out a Success

Over 3,000 community members participated in this year's National Night Out on August 6. Sixty-seven Neighborhood Watch Groups hosted block parties, cookouts and other activities. Residents met their neighbors and made new friends, and community leaders from City Hall, Police, Fire and the armed troops strengthened police-community partnerships.

Thank you to the community for participating in San Gabriel's National Night Out and to all staff and volunteers who helped throw another successful event.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most popular community programs in San Gabriel, and it has proven to be extremely beneficial in reducing crime and reporting suspicious activity. For more information or to join, please contact SGPD Crime Prevention Officer Stacy Gutierrez at 308.2846.



Website Corner
Five Tips to Optimize Use

www.sangabrielcity.com



Have you looked at the City's website lately? It's been continuously updated with new content and features. Here are five tips to get the most out of your user experience.

1. Bookmark the home page. Adding the City's website to your list of favorites eliminates the hassle of trying to remember the web address. Once it's saved, you'll always have easy access to it.
2. Look around and explore. You'll find most information about the city here. The tabs "Living Here," "Visiting

Here" and "Doing Business" are a great place to start. You'll find local landmarks, recommendations for restaurants and directions to businesses.

3. Click away. It's never been faster or easier to reach us. Need to speak with the city staff? Hover over the icon for Contact Us. It goes to the staff directory where you'll find phone numbers and email links to every department and staff person in the city.
4. Get involved. You can point out graffiti, schedule tree trimming or report a pothole using the online forms center. Sign up for online subscriptions to receive an e-mail or text alert whenever new content is added to the website.
5. Search our FAQs. Finding answers to your questions can be frustrating if you don't know where to start. We've listed about 200 of our most frequently asked questions, organized by topic to make browsing easier.

We hope our website is easily accessible, and we are constantly improving online features. If you have suggestions for improving the City's website, please send them to cityhall@sgch.org.

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2011 Small Business of the Year Award



2011 Heart of the Community Award