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

Residents in San Gabriel will have the opportunity to spend an outdoor evening with their neighbors during the 30th Annual National Night Out from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm on Tuesday, August 6. 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 a tradition in which Neighborhood Watch groups host block parties in the spirit of giving crime a "going away party." This will be San Gabriel's nineteenth year participating in the event, and over 37.5 million people are expected to participate nationwide.



National Night Out is intended to increase awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit 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 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 or participating in this



year's National Night Out, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Stacy Gutierrez at 308.2846.

## Investment is Necessary to Preserve the Sewer System



Each day, millions of gallons of wastewater are flushed out of homes and businesses in San Gabriel into the sewer system that flows beneath the streets.

The majority of this underground system of pipes and manholes has been hard at work for more than a century now.

Though sewers may be out of sight, recent inspections show visible signs of age including cracks and roots. Undersized or clogged pipes can cause untreated wastewater overflows into the streets and

stormwater systems. Operating a sewer system is an important matter, and failures threaten public health.

It is estimated that more than \$30 million is needed for repairs and upgrades to the City's sewer system, in addition to increasing the annual cleaning and maintenance budget.

San Gabriel is one of the few cities in California that does not charge customers a sewer utility fee. However, sewer operations and projects compete for scarce funds against other projects, services and programs. The result leaves only 5% of the necessary funds needed to successfully maintain the sewer system.

The City Council will consider options for adequately funding a safe and reliable sewer system at a meeting this summer. One option being considered is to ask property owners if they are willing to pay for sewers

through an annual fee based on their usage of the system. This would require a public vote in accordance with state law and, if approved, the funds could only be used for sewer maintenance and projects.

For more information, please contact City Engineer Daren Grilley at [dgrilley@sgch.org](mailto:dgrilley@sgch.org) or 308.2806, ext. 4631.

### Don't Flush Fats, Oils and Grease Down the Drain

Think twice before you dump that cooking grease down the drain. Once the liquid enters the city's sewer system, it quickly hardens to thick, gray goo that sticks to pipes and accumulates until it blocks the flow of sewage. (Continued on page 3)



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## July 2013 is Parks Make Life Better!® Month

Lugo Park



98% of California households visit a local park at least once a year, two out of three households visit a park once a month and 50% of households participate in an organized recreation program.

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 the City's parks and recreation programs.

Parks provide access to outdoor spaces where children and adults can play and be active, while also offering an opportunity for the community to enjoy the serenity and inspiration of nature. Recreation provides positive alternatives for youth, promotes the arts, increases social connections, and promotes lifelong learning.

Parks and Recreation programs also add value to our community, neighborhoods and businesses.

The Parks and Recreation Department strives to make our community better now and in the future by providing quality recreation programs and parks for our residents.

For more information, please contact Recreation Supervisor Tom Boecking at [tboecking@sgch.org](mailto:tboecking@sgch.org) or 308.2875.

Smith Park



## 11th Annual Public Works Open House

In celebration of National Public Works Week in May, the San Gabriel Public Works Department opened its doors to the community at its 11th annual Open House.

The open house was attended by the general public as well as local school children and members of the City Council.

The open house featured tours, exhibitions and demonstrations of how the department operates and maintains the neighborhood. The Edison team and Athens Services both provided demonstration trucks, and Athens served hamburgers and hot dogs for all in attendance. The Alameda Corridor East (ACE) Construction Authority provided information on the railroad trench project, the San Gabriel County Water District offered water conservation tips to residents, and the Centennial Committee displayed historic artifacts and photographs of San Gabriel.

Public Works would like to thank all attendees, sponsors and supporters, including Athens Services, RKA, Sakaida Nursery, West Coast Arborist, Allen Stutin-Empire Cleaning, Mission Hardware and Hagemeyer.

For more information, please contact Street Superintendent Gerry Lopez at [glopez@sgch.org](mailto:glopez@sgch.org) or 308.2825.



La Casa Pre-school enjoying the Public Works Open House with Public Works staff.

## Summer Tips for Pool Safety

An adult should actively keep an eye on children who are swimming in a pool. For infants and toddlers, the adult should be within arm's reach of them to provide "touch supervision." For older children, the adult should pay constant attention and avoid distractions such as tending household chores or talking on the phone. It is absolutely necessary that the supervising adult knows how to swim.

### Pool Rules

If you have a pool in your backyard, please consider implementing the following rules:

- No running on the pool deck
- No diving in a pool that is not deep enough
- No electric appliances near the pool
- No tricycles or other riding toys near the pool
- Keep toys away from the pool when not in use
- Empty blow-up pools after each use

### Pool Fences

Children can climb out a window, crawl through a doggy door or sneak outside to the pool in your backyard. To prevent small children from entering the pool area on their own, consider building a fence that surrounds the perimeter of the pool. Combined with the watchful eyes of an adult, a pool fence is a great way to protect your child and other children who may visit or live nearby.

### Pool fences should also:

- Be climb-resistant and not have anything nearby that can be used to climb it, e.g. lawn furniture
- Be at least 4-feet high and have no footholds or handholds that could help a child climb it
- Have no more than 4-inches between vertical slats. Chain-link fences are easy to climb and not recommended as pool fences. If they must be used, the diamond shape should not be bigger than 1 3/4 inches
- Have a self-closing and self-latching gate. It should only open away from the pool. The latches should be higher than a child can reach – approximately 54-inches from the bottom of the gate
- For above ground pools, always keep children away from steps or ladders. When the pool is not in use, lock or remove the ladders to prevent access by children

Other protection products, when used with an "isolation" fence, may be of some benefit. However, these are supplements and not substitutes for adequate fencing. These may include the following:

- Automatic pool covers. Pool covers should cover the entire pool so that a child can't slip under them. Make sure there is no standing water on top of the pool cover. Be aware that floating solar covers are not safety covers
- Door alarms, self-closing and self-latching doors to the house
- Window guards
- Pool alarms

### Swimming Lessons

Children need to learn to swim. The American Academy of Pediatrics supports swimming lessons for most children 4 years and older. As a result of recent research, the AAP no longer advises against swimming lessons for children 1-4 years of age. Keep in mind that because children develop at different rates, each child will learn to swim at his or her own pace. Other factors parents may want to consider before enrolling younger children in swim lessons include frequency of exposure to water, emotional maturity, physical limitations and health concerns related to swimming pools such as the potential to swallow water, infections, and chemicals.

### Diving

Serious spinal cord injuries, permanent brain damage and death can occur to swimmers who dive into shallow water or spring upward on the diving board and accidentally hit it on the way down. All swimmers can keep safe by following these simple diving rules:

- Check the water level
- Enter the water feet first, especially when going in for the first time
- Never dive into above-ground pools, they are usually not deep enough
- Never dive into the shallow end of a pool
- Never dive through inner tubes or other pool toys
- Learn how to dive properly by taking classes

For more information, please contact the Fire Department at 308.2880.



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# Centennial Events & Activities

## JULY – Celebrate Our Youth and The Future of San Gabriel

### July 29

**San Gabriel Library “100 Books” Event closes** – San Gabriel residents are challenged to read 100 books by July 29. 287.0761  
[www.colapublib.org/libs/sangabriel](http://www.colapublib.org/libs/sangabriel)

## AUGUST – Celebrate Our Community and Cultural Diversity

### Throughout August

**Library Month: “One City, One Book, One Read”** – San Gabriel Library encourages residents to engage in this unique communal read of “The Hobbit.” 287.0761  
[www.colapublib.org/libs/sangabriel](http://www.colapublib.org/libs/sangabriel)

### August 6

**National Night Out** – Join forces with communities nationwide for a crime/drug prevention event.

## SEPTEMBER – Living History

### August 30 - September 1

**San Gabriel Fiesta & Mission Tours** – A Labor Day weekend event coordinated by the San Gabriel Mission features entertainment, international foods, games, bingo, rides, and historical and cultural festivities. 457.3035  
<http://parish.sangabrielmissionchurch.org/>

## OCTOBER – Health and Wellness

### October 5

**SGV Medical Health Fair** – San Gabriel Valley Medical Center’s annual health fair provides opportunities to learn more about healthcare options and receive free screenings and treatment. Special activities for kids are included.  
9:00 am-1:00 pm 570.6533

### October 13

**San Gabriel Chamber Bridal Expo** – Expo is suited for anyone planning special events from wedding to balls to Quinceañeras and more. 576.2525

## NOVEMBER – Let’s Be Thankful

### November 13

**San Gabriel Rotary, Trees of Giving** – 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 PolioPlus.

### 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 20

**San Gabriel Chamber Annual Harvest Dinner** 6:00-9:00 pm 576.2525

### TBA

**San Gabriel Fine Arts Association Art Show** – SGFAA’s Fall Art Show 282.1448  
<http://www.sgfaa.clubexpress.com/>

## DECEMBER – Home For The Holidays

### December 3

**San Gabriel Time Capsule buried** – 12:00 pm  
**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 8

**Holiday Home Tours including Adobes** – 12:00-4:00 pm 286.0565

### December 18

**San Gabriel Chamber Holiday Mixer** – 5:30-8:00 pm 576.2525

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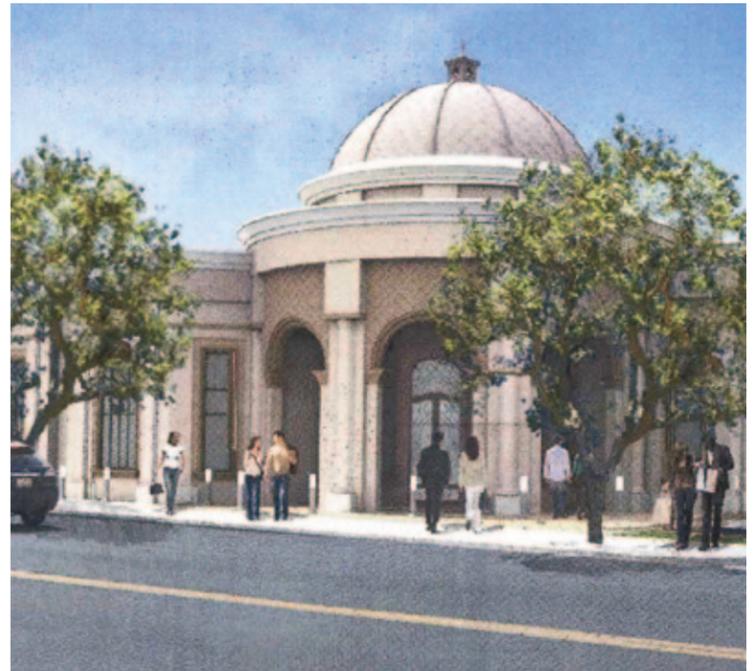
## Don’t Flush Fats, Oils and Grease Down the Drain

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 of sewage overflows in San Gabriel. Recent spills have caused costly property damage, environmental problems and other health hazards. The easiest way to prevent overflows is to keep fats, oils and grease out of the sewer system in the first place. Do your part and remember not to flush grease or oil down the drain. Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash for proper disposal. Restaurants must install and maintain grease interceptors by having them cleaned and serviced on a regular basis.

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

## Hing Wa Lee Jewelers Set for Grand Opening in October



The Hing Wa Lee Jewelers flagship store is taking shape at 1635 S. Del Mar Avenue. It will be more than five times larger than their existing location, which is consistently one of the City’s top sales tax producers. Grand opening ceremonies are planned for October, featuring fireworks and a performance by world-renowned classical pianist Lang Lang.

For more information, please contact City Planner Mark Gallatin at [mgallatin@sgch.org](mailto:mgallatin@sgch.org) or 308.2806, ext. 4623. You can also visit Hing Wa Lee Jewelers’ website at [www.hingwalee.com](http://www.hingwalee.com).

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## News Briefs

### New Rescue Ambulance for Fire Department

Each year San Gabriel's rescue ambulance team responds to over 2,000 calls per year within City limits and in neighboring municipalities.

In July the Fire Department replaced an old rescue ambulance with a new one from Emergency Vehicle Group of Anaheim. This new rescue ambulance carries both protective firefighting equipment and the most current life support equipment, which will ensure a safe and comfortable mode of transport for all patients.

For more information, please contact the Fire Department at 308.2880.

### Two New Firefighters/ Paramedics

The San Gabriel Fire Department welcomed two new firefighters/paramedics, Vanessa Acosta and Phillip Apparis, in June. Acosta is the fire department's first female firefighter. When she tested with the Fire Department, two of her three jobs then required 24-hour shifts in order to gain the knowledge and experience to be successful in the fire service. She is extremely humble and when asked why she wants to be a firefighter, she responded, "I just want to do the very best I can." Both of these new firefighters have been trained as Emergency Medical Technicians, attended a California State Fire Marshal accredited fire academy and graduated from paramedic school. Congratulations to Ms. Acosta and Mr. Apparis on their continued success as firefighters/paramedics.

### City Council Approves Las Tunas Mixed-Use Development



The City Council has approved proposed mixed-use development at 416 E. Las Tunas Drive. This project features 9,000 square feet of commercial space, 15 residential condominiums and 18 live-work units. The proposed development, once completed, will help eliminate blight and improve neighborhood aesthetics, along Las Tunas Drive.

For more information, please contact Associate Planner Larissa De La Cruz at [ldelacruz@sgch.org](mailto:ldelacruz@sgch.org) or 308.2806, ext. 4625.

### In Memoriam: Dondi Adkins

For her strong volunteerism and dedication, Dondi Adkins was awarded with the 2013 Outstanding Older American of the Year. She served as a member of the City's Planning Commission and the City's liaison to the West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors.

Adkins was formerly President of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce and Vice President of the Women's Division. She had also been active in community organizations including the San Gabriel County Water Board, Parent-Teacher Association, Boy Scouts and Sunnyslope Little League.

Ms. Adkins passed away during Memorial Day weekend, and a memorial service was held at Pierce Brothers Mortuary. In honor and memory, her son and granddaughter were proud to serve as Grand Marshal during Kid's Day and the 4th of July Parade. The City of San Gabriel is grateful for her years of dedication and support on behalf of the community.

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