

City to host 3rd Lunar New Year Festival Jan. 28



The San Gabriel community will come together to celebrate the Year of the Rooster at the city's 3rd Annual Lunar New Year Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 in the historic Mission District.

The event will open with a lion and dragon dance and welcoming remarks by local elected officials and dignitaries. Festival features will include live performances, a dance competition, a street food fair, a crafts village, dessert land, a beer and wine garden, chalk art contest, shopping, live calligraphy and fortune telling, a kids zone and more.

The event is free to attend and open to the entire community. There will be fun and entertainment for all members of the family.

The goal of the festival is to present a unique community event that provides a fresh, interactive and exciting experience for all members of the community to enjoy. It is an opportunity to build bridges and make connections across cultures by blending the old and the new, the traditional and the modern.

The festival will take place on Mission Drive between Carmelita and Mission Road and Santa Anita between Broadway and McGroarty.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 626.308.2875. Find the latest event details at www.sglunarnewyear.org.

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Make your voice heard in the March 7 election



The presidential election is behind us, but another important choice will face San Gabriel residents this spring. Voters will elect three City Council members, City Clerk and City Treasurer in the General Municipal Election on March 7, 2017.

The winners of the election will make important decisions that will affect residents' everyday lives, so the City Clerk's Department

stresses the importance of getting out and voting so San Gabriel citizens can make their voices heard this March. Every vote counts in the local election; in fact, the last General Municipal Election in 2013 was decided by just two votes.

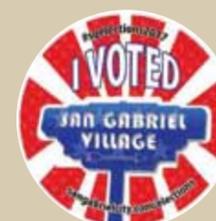
Voters can encourage their friends to vote local by using the #sgelection2017 hashtag on social media.

This year's election will be slightly different from previous local elections, because the city will consolidate the General Municipal Election with Los Angeles County. This means the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk will run the city's election, rather than the San Gabriel City Clerk's Department. This will also result in a large cost savings for the city, as the consolidated election will cost less than half of what it would have cost to conduct a

stand-alone city election.

Although the City Clerk's Department will not run the March election, staff members have pledged to visit polling locations on Election Day to ensure compliance, stay late on election night to update the public on the incoming results, serve as a drop off location for vote by mail ballots, provide Dial-A-Ride services on Election Day to assist voters, and continue voter outreach efforts in multiple languages.

For all the latest information on the election, visit www.sangabrielcity.com/Elections or contact the City Clerk's Department at 626.308.2800, ext. 4600.



Winter Event Highlight

4th Annual Mariachi Women's Festival: ¡Viva Veracruz!

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Saturday, March 25th, 7:30pm



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Dream Your Park: City launches parks and open space planning process

With a limited amount of parks and open space in the city, sometimes it can be hard for San Gabriel community members to find a place to play, relax, exercise and enjoy the outdoors.

Since open space is in short supply, the city has launched a new initiative to determine the best way to expand and improve current parks and open space, and maximize recreation programs to meet residents' needs and desires.

Over the next year, the city will develop a Parks and Open Space Master Plan to lay out a framework for future projects that will expand and enhance the city's facilities and programs. The plan will help prioritize these projects and find ways to develop new funding sources to complete them. With only opportunities ahead, the



city is asking community stakeholders to "Dream Your Park."

"Parks, open space and recreation programs are so important for our city and the health and well-being of our community," Community Services Director Rebecca Perez said. "With this plan, we will be able to identify and, hopefully, find new funding for important improvements and additions to our facilities and programs. We invite residents to dream their park."

In the end, projects on the list could include initiatives

like refurbishing the Smith Park pool, creating pocket parks in the city, adding new playground and exercise equipment at existing parks, and more. The plan will also help the city develop new and creative ways to better use its current spaces, including adding new programs or classes.

There are endless possibilities, and the city can't make these decisions alone. Community input is extremely important for the planning process and residents and other park users will have many opportunities to give direction and share their dreams for San Gabriel parks and recreation. The city will make a strong effort to engage all community members, in multiple languages, during this process to get a true sense of the city's parks, recreation and open space needs.

Public meetings will be held February 6-8, schedule will be available on the city website once details are confirmed.

The city aims to complete the plan by October 2017. For more information and the latest updates, visit the Parks and Open Space Master Plan page on the city website at www.sangabrielcity.com/parksmasterplan, or call the Community Services Department at 626.308.2875.

Infrastructure Spotlight

Marshall Park construction begins

The city broke ground on the long-awaited Marshall Park in December. Soon, San Gabriel's first new park in decades will be open, giving the neighborhood much needed open space. It will also be the first park south of Valley Boulevard.



Breaking ground at Marshall Park.

The project, on the site of the old John Marshall Elementary School (Marshall Way and Norwood), was made possible by a grant through the Statewide Park Development. Construction is scheduled to be completed by July.

For more information, contact Public Works Director/City Engineer Daren Grilley at dgrilley@sgch.org or 626.308.2825.

San Gabriel Blvd./Mission Road intersection improvements

Improvements at San Gabriel Boulevard and Mission Road will be complete this summer, easing congestion and improving safety at one of the city's busiest intersections. The project will include a new right turn lane from Mission Road to southbound San Gabriel Boulevard as well as a new and improved traffic signal. Construction will begin early this year.

For more information, contact Senior Civil Engineer Algis Marciuska at amarcuska@sgch.org or 626.308.2825.

2016 Great Streets Project

Each year, the city completes needed work on city streets through the Great Streets Program.

The 2016 Great Streets Project includes rehabilitation of pavement on Bradbury Drive north of Las Tunas Drive and Charlotte Avenue between Mission Road and Grand Avenue, preventive slurry seals on sections of ten streets and three city parking lots, and crack sealing on Del Mar Avenue between Las Tunas Drive and Roses Road. These projects will be completed in the spring. The city is already working on designs of the 2017 Great Streets Program.

For more information, contact Public Works Director/City Engineer Daren Grilley at dgrilley@sgch.org or 626.308.2825.

Street tree planting in the Fairview Ave. business district

Public Works crews will plant 24 new trees along Fairview Avenue this winter.

Trees are a valuable asset of our urban community by improving air and water quality, providing shade and reducing energy costs and improving the appearance of our neighborhoods.

This project is part of a master design strategy that will include additional street beautification in the future. It is also part of the continuing implementation of the city's general plan and street tree master plan.

For more information on this project or to request a street tree near your home, contact Parks and Facilities Manager John Gonzalez at jgonzalez@sgch.org or 626.308.2825.



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City hires new Planning Manager Tracy Steinkruger



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In November, the city welcomed new Planning Manager Tracy Steinkruger.

Steinkruger has more than 10 years of municipal service experience, including working most recently as a senior planner with the City of Pasadena. Previously, she worked as an assistant planner, associate planner and senior planner for the City of Burbank.

"I am honored to have been selected to lead San Gabriel's Planning Division," Steinkruger said. "The

team here is a great blend of seasoned veterans and up-and-coming staff who are dedicated to serving San Gabriel's residents and businesses and continuing a long-standing tradition of outstanding community service."

Steinkruger's extensive experience in planning includes serving as the project manager for Burbank's General Plan (Burbank 2035), working on several large-scale mixed-use developments, and most recently in Pasadena, working on several high priority projects.

In her free time, Steinkruger enjoys running, reading, camping, watching sports and playing with her cat, Leo. Steinkruger said she originally became interested in city planning at her first job, when she was 15 years old, doing parks maintenance for the City of Lincoln, Neb. Parks and Recreation Department. The construction of a new park in an up-and-coming neighborhood made her want to pursue the field.

Steinkruger has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is also actively involved with the American Planning Association (Los Angeles Chapter) and is currently serving as the director of programs.

En Breve...

Vote en las elecciones locales del 7 de marzo
La elección presidencial ya terminó, pero un igual si no más importante elección enfrentará a los residentes de San Gabriel esta primavera. Los votantes elegirán a tres miembros del Concejo Municipal, Secretario Municipal y Tesorero Municipal en la elección Municipal General el 7 de marzo.

Los ganadores de las elecciones harán las decisiones importantes que afectarán la vida de los residentes. El Departamento de la Secretaria Municipal les avisa la importancia de salir y votar para que los residentes de San Gabriel puedan hacer sus voces oír este mes de marzo. Para la última información sobre las elecciones, visite la pagina de www.sangabrielcity.com/Elections o el Department de Secretario Municipal al 626.308.2800, ext. 4600.

El Evento 'Egg'straordinario de la Primavera en el 15 de Abril

Celebre la primavera en San Gabriel y participe en el evento anual del desayuno con panqueques y la búsqueda de huevos el 15 de Abril. Este evento empezara a las 7 a.m. en el parque Smith Park, 232 W Broadway. Para mas información llame al 626.308.2875.

La Ciudad celebrara el evento Annual de Lunar New Year Festival Enero 28

La ciudad de San Gabriel celebrará el evento comunitario del festival Lunar. Este será el año del gallo y será el tercer año que se celebra este evento. El evento será de las 11:00 a.m. a 10:00 p.m. el Sábado 28 de enero en el distrito de la misión. No cuesta nada para entrar a este evento. Habrá comida, y entretenamiento. Para más información, llame a el departamento de servicios comunitarios al 626.308.2875. También visite esta página para mas información www.sglunarnewyear.org.

公共建設日

3月7日地方選舉
總統大選已經過去了，不過另外一個對聖蓋博市居民來說更重要的選擇將在春季到來。3月7日的地方選舉中選民將選出三位市議會成員，市書記員和市財務。
選舉中的贏家將做出影響市民日常生活的重要決定。所以市書記員辦公室強調聖蓋博市投票的重要性，讓大家的意見在三月能被聽到。如需了解最新的選舉信息，請訪問www.sangabrielcity.com/Elections 或致電市書記員辦公室 626.308.2800 分機4600。

復活節彩蛋春季慶祝活動 4月15日
在4月15日來聖蓋博的第72屆年度薄烤餅和找彩蛋的活動來慶祝春天吧。這個有趣的家庭活動將在Smith公園，232 W Broadway早上7點開始。活動將包括薄烤餅早餐，找彩蛋和其他活動。如需更多信息，請致電626.308.2875

本市將在1月28日舉辦第3屆年度新春嘉年華
聖蓋博市社區將一起在2017年1月28日星期六在Mission區從早上11點起來本市第3屆年度新春嘉年華來慶祝雞年。此活動免費入場，將包括娛樂，食物，手工藝品等。如需更多信息，請聯繫社區服務部門 626.308.2875. 和在網上了解最新活動細節 www.sglunarnewyear.org.

'Egg'straordinary Spring Celebration April 15



Celebrate spring in San Gabriel at the 72nd Annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt on April 15.

This fun family event will begin at 7 a.m. at Smith Park, 232 W Broadway. The event is sponsored by the San Gabriel Kiwanis Club and the San Gabriel Community Services Department.

The festivities begin with the traditional pancake breakfast, prepared by Kiwanis. The event continues with the exciting pancake races at 9:00 a.m., followed by an egg hunt for children ages nine and younger at 10:00 a.m. Children will be separated by age groups. Other activities will include face painting, prizes for egg hunt participants and a special bunny visit.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 626.308.2875.

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Arts funding puts Playhouse on the map



This year, the Mission Playhouse was awarded its first-ever grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The funds will go toward the theater's week-long, multi-arts series, "The Latin Wave: Exploring Myth, Illusion and Cultural Appropriation," this May. The series, which includes live performance, film, discussion and an exhibit, looks at how the portrayal of Latino people in early Los Angeles culture affects contemporary perception.

"This award helps to signal how important our work in the arts really is; it puts the Playhouse on the map," said Anna Cross, Playhouse Director. "Ultimately, this will help increase the Playhouse's exposure on a regional and even national scale, opening up additional opportunities for funding partnerships. And more visibility for the Playhouse means more visitors to San Gabriel and potentially, a positive impact on the city's economic growth."

The NEA celebrated 50 years in 2015. Beginning with President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act, this independent federal agency's vision is of "a nation in which every American benefits from arts engagement, and every community recognizes and celebrates its aspirations and achievements through the arts." It has supported thousands of arts organizations and projects over the years. In 2014, 20 million Americans throughout 50 states attended events supported by the NEA, and each year, the arts contribute \$698 billion to the US economy.

Find out more about the NEA at www.arts.gov and for more info on the Playhouse's "Latin Wave" series see our upcoming publications or visit www.missionplayhouse.org.

News Brief

City Employees recognized for outstanding service

On Dec. 6, the City Council recognized several employees for their achievements and exemplary service in 2016 at the annual Employee Recognition Awards. Nominations were made by full-time employees and voted on by the Executive Team. For more information, contact Krystle Murillo at 626.308.2802 or kmurillo@sgch.org.

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