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Community survey reveals high marks for quality of life, need for additional street repair

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How do the residents of San Gabriel feel about their city? According to a recent city survey, most residents are satisfied with how city services are run, though improvements in certain areas could be made.

Using data gathered from a random sample of 592 respondents collected from a comprehensive database, residents surveyed were given the opportunity to share their thoughts about the city, with questions ranging from the quality of life, to the quality of services offered by several city departments. The survey followed a mixed-method design, using a variety of recruiting methods – such as email and telephone – to gather input from San Gabriel residents in English, Mandarin and Spanish. After calculating the results, this is what the survey had to say:

Quality of life

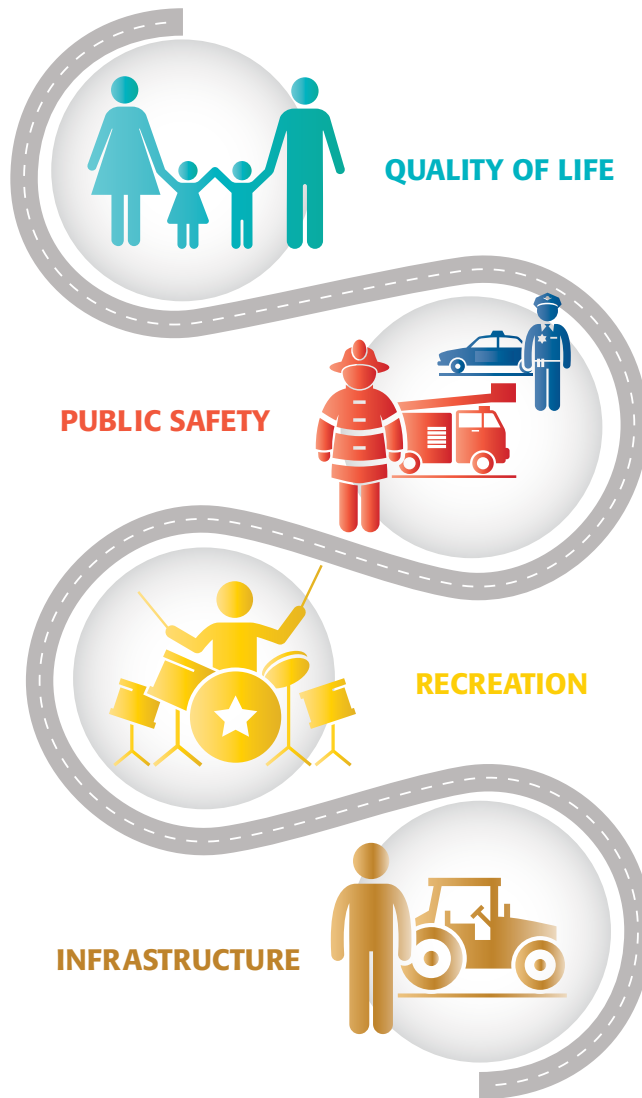
Starting with the quality of life, residents generally shared favorable opinions of San Gabriel as a place to live, with 70% of respondents rating the city as excellent or good. 69% of residents surveyed said that San Gabriel was an excellent or good place to raise a family, with 62% of residents rating their overall quality of life in the city as excellent or good. However, when asked to rate San Gabriel as a place to work, only 35% of respondents rated the city as good or excellent, with 40% of residents rating the city as fair, and 25% of respondents rating the city as a poor, or very poor place to work.

General city services

When it came time to rate general city services, a majority of respondents – 58% – were very or somewhat satisfied with the city's efforts to provide municipal services. 23% of those surveyed were somewhat dissatisfied with the quality of city services, with 9% of residents noting serious dissatisfaction. Because specific departments were omitted from this question, these numbers can be seen as a general performance marker for the city.

City programs

With regards to specific city programs, residents expressed greatest satisfaction with the city's fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services, with 92% of residents noting they were very or somewhat satisfied. 83% of respondents were very or somewhat satisfied with police services, with 79% expressing similar sentiments about community events, such as summer



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79%
of respondents were very, or somewhat, satisfied with the city's community events, such as summer concerts and holiday celebrations.

96%
of respondents made street repair their highest priority.
See page 2 to learn how city roadways are being addressed.

concerts and holiday celebrations. On the other end of the spectrum, only 50% of residents were very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the city's efforts to promote economic development to stimulate the local economy. Ranking on the bottom of the list, 66% of residents were somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the city's efforts to manage traffic congestion, and 77% of residents noted dissatisfaction with the city's efforts to maintain its streets and roads.

Budgeting

When asked how the budget should be spent, 96% of residents made street repair their highest priority, followed by the repair and maintenance of the city's sewer system at 85%. Meanwhile,

76% of respondents wanted the city to devote its resources to improving the local economy by attracting new employers and jobs to San Gabriel.

Communications

With regards to communications, close to 52% of residents were either very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the city's effort to communicate with residents, with email and newsletters rated as the most effective means of communication.

Residents can learn more about the city survey at the city's website at www.SanGabrielCity.com/BudgetCentral. For more information, contact the San Gabriel Finance Department at 626.308.2812.



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TRIO ELLAS

What it takes to fix San Gabriel's roads

Tasked with maintaining the city's infrastructure, officials at Public Works have been hard at work evaluating and repairing the city's roadways. However, not all street repair and rehabilitation projects are created equally.

Designed to withstand years of constant force, streets are composed of multiple layers, which include two layers of asphalt at the top, a base in the middle (which is composed of sand and crushed rock), followed by a subgrade (which is mainly compacted dirt) at the bottom. Depending on the condition of the roadway, engineers may elect to perform different types of rehabilitation, ranging from preventative maintenance to minor rehabilitation, all the way to major rehabilitation which sometimes entails reconstruction of the entire roadway section.

Whenever possible, preventative maintenance is the preferred choice due to its low cost and long term benefits. "We do work on pavement that's in good condition to keep it in good condition," notes Algis J. Marciuska, Principal Civil Engineer for the city. "If we elect to perform preventative maintenance on a good street that exhibits minor cracking, we're able to maintain the surface with relatively little construction." When Public Works elects to use preventative maintenance on a street, they're typically employing crack seals and slurry seals to maintain the street's seal which keeps water from seeping into the pavement.

Streets that undergo minor rehabilitation require more work, with construction crews typically grinding up the roadway's asphalt with the goal of reconstructing a new layer on the surface.

Streets that require major rehabilitation – such as Mission Road from Anderson Way to Del Mar Avenue – will oftentimes require complete reconstruction. This occurs when the road experiences subgrade failure, where both layers of asphalt and the subgrade below have failed. As one would imagine, major rehabilitation requires the most funds. Because of partial funding from the Alameda Corridor Construction Authority (ACE) for the San Gabriel Trench Project, the city was able to reconstruct a portion of Mission Road from the ground up. "These roads were used as haul routes for the ACE project," Marciuska notes. "The roadways needed work prior to ACE coming in, and given ACE's traffic demands, the project caused the roads to deteriorate even further. We ultimately had an agreement with them that allowed us to share the cost of reconstruction."

When complete funding is not available, officials must prioritize between cost, road condition, and input from the community when it comes to rehabilitating certain roadways and not others. "In 2015, we presented a pavement management plan to the City Council which classifies our streets on a scale of 0 to 100 – 100 being the finest new street, and 0 being a completely failed street," Marciuska said. "Our average PCI score – which is the Pavement Condition Index – is currently at 52 for all city streets."

The ultimate goal for Public Works is to work toward raising the PCI as much as possible. With the surge of projects from 2015 to 2018, they aim to raise the PCI to 56. In the short term, Public Works attempts to implement projects and maintenance using all available funding to ensure that the city's PCI doesn't drop. "The worst streets are the most expensive to reconstruct, and we don't want to neglect preventative maintenance because we can stretch our dollar and the life of the street with minimal

cost," Marciuska notes. To maintain its current PCI score of 52, the city would need to spend from \$3.5 to \$4 million per year on its roads. As it stands, the city is currently investing \$1.76 million into the Great Streets Program, with a projected investment of \$1.57 million for the upcoming fiscal year. Previously, the city had only been investing \$560,000 for the 2015-16 fiscal year.



A look at Palm Avenue, which currently has a PCI score of 2.



A look at Euclid Avenue, which currently has a PCI score of 50.



A look at Del Mar Avenue, which currently has a PCI score of 100.

As for the ACE project, this was a unique opportunity for the city to improve several of its roads. "It is the largest project our city has ever seen since the construction of Interstate 10 through this area. So the ACE project is very significant, and it was a one-time opportunity to partner with ACE to get quite a bit of paving done," Marciuska said. "Our challenge is to keep the number from dropping given our current funding, which is difficult given the required \$3.5 million to \$4 million in funds that it would require."

Daren Grilley, Public Works Director/City Engineer, is optimistic about his department's plan to address San Gabriel's network of roads. "We have more paving projects underway than at any time in recent history, and the City Council has approved a stable source of revenue for the Great Streets Program that allows us to begin a multi-year paving plan," Grilley said. "New revenue from the State Road Repair and Accountability Act and voter-approved Measure M will also provide the boost we need to start addressing the backlog of repairs."

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Here, construction crews are tearing out two layers of asphalt and one layer of base as Mission Road prepares for reconstruction.



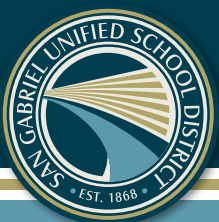
After preparing a new subgrade, construction crews are now laying down the initial layer of asphalt known as the base. Another layer of asphalt will be placed on top of the base before crews begin striping the road.



By this time, construction crews have completed placing the final layer of asphalt. The concrete pad on the left is designed for a bus stop. Because asphalt is a flexible material, this bus pad will allow buses to load without impacting the rest of the street.



A look at the newly completed Mission Road, with new subgrade, two layers of asphalt, and striping.



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City welcomes new Fire Chief

Former 19-year veteran of the SG Fire Department returns



In May, Derrick Doehler, a 19-year veteran of the San Gabriel Fire Department, assumed the role as the city's next Fire Chief.

Doehler, 50, is a former United States Army veteran who began his career with the San Gabriel Fire Department in 1997

as the station's first fulltime firefighter/paramedic. Since joining the department, Doehler has held the rank of Captain, Division Chief and Deputy Chief before initially retiring in 2016.

"I'm happy to be back, and I'm extremely proud to serve the City of San Gabriel. For the past 26 years of my life, I've always waited for the next call to come in,

and not having that sense of urgency during retirement proved to be a challenge," Doehler said.

City Manager Steve Preston said that Doehler's personal integrity propelled his candidacy for the position. "Chief Doehler has the respect of the staff, the City Council, the management team and myself. He has the blessing of former Chiefs Joe Nestor and Kirk Summers. It will be a pleasure to welcome Chief Doehler back," Preston said.

Doehler succeeds Chief Mario D. Rueda as the city exits shared command, which sought to link the command staff of the San Gabriel, San Marino and South Pasadena Fire Departments. Chief Rueda remains the Fire Chief in neighboring San Marino.

"We want to thank Chief Rueda for his service," said Preston. "There were many challenges associated with the shared command model, but we appreciated Chief Rueda's efforts."

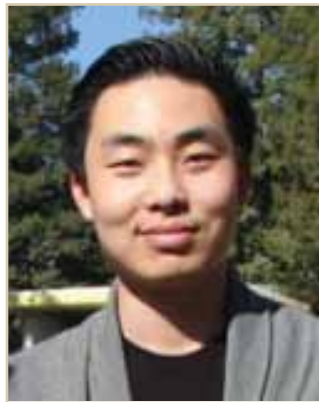
As the city's new Fire Chief, Doehler will begin assessing the station's current vacancies moving forward.

Jonathan Fu joins San Gabriel as city's new Public Information Officer

Jonathan Fu assumed the duties as the city's new Public Information Officer on May 15. Holding a bachelor's degree in both Politics and Legal Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz, Fu comes to San Gabriel from Los Angeles City Council District 14 as an intern where he assisted the Public Works Director with grant funding and infrastructure projects.

Prior to joining Council District 14, Fu served as the editor-in-chief of a ticker-blog focused on the theme park industry for over a decade.

"I'm incredibly excited and humbled to join San Gabriel, and I look forward to working with city staff to inform our residents about the city," Fu said.



En Breve...

Combatir el calor con seguridad

El Departamento de Bomberos de San Gabriel le desea un verano seguro y feliz. Con temperaturas que se espera que suban, asegúrese de beber mucha agua y usar protector solar con un SPF de por lo menos 15. También le recomendamos que reduzca su actividad física entre las 10:00 de la mañana y las 3:00 p.m. Esté alerta a los síntomas de emergencias relacionadas con el calor, incluyendo mareos, fatiga, desmayos, dolores de cabeza, calambres musculares y aumento de la sed. Y por último, no deje a los niños, ancianos o mascotas en casa solos sin aire acondicionado. Si no tiene aire acondicionado, el centro de enfriamiento de la ciudad se puede encontrar en el Centro Asiático de la Juventud en 100 W. Clary Ave. Por favor llame al 626.309.0622 para mas información y las horas de trabajo.

Ofertas para el Proyecto de Puente de la calle Del Mar Avenue

La Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Los Angeles recientemente aprobó una moción que permitiría que el Programa de Reemplazo del Puente de la Avenida Del Mar sobre el Programa de Lavado de Alhambra fuera anunciado y puesto a la venta. El proyecto -que se espera costará entre 3,4 y 4,5 millones de dólares- verá la demolición del puente existente y la construcción de un nuevo puente que contará con nuevas señales de tránsito, alumbrado público y un nuevo carril a la izquierda en el centro comercial adyacente. Se espera que la construcción comience a finales de este año.

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Del Mar Avenue的橋梁項目現在開始招標。洛杉磯縣監事會最近批准同意Del Mar Ave在阿罕布拉渠上的橋梁更替工程，將會開始公開招標。本項目預計耗費340萬至450萬美元，將拆除現有的橋梁，來建造一個新的橋梁，將有交通指示燈，路燈和新的左轉道直接進入毗鄰的購物中心。建造工程預計將在今年晚些時候開工。

How to beat the heat this summer

Important safety tips

The San Gabriel Fire Department wishes you a safe and happy summer. With temperatures expected to rise, here are a few safety tips to beat the heat.



If you are planning to be outdoors in the upcoming months, try to limit your exposure to the sun and avoid going out between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- ✓Wear sun screen with an SPF of at least 15
- ✓Reduce physical activity
- ✓Drink plenty of water
- ✓Set your air conditioner between 75°-80° F

Direct sunlight coupled with high temperatures and physical activity can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and heat cramps.

- ✓Symptoms of heat related emergencies include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps, and increased thirst

Do not leave children, elderly, or pets home alone without air conditioning. Do not leave them in motor vehicles. Even when windows are lowered, the internal temperatures of vehicles can quickly rise to life threatening levels.

- ✓If you do not have air conditioning, visit San Gabriel's cooling center located at The Asian Youth Center at 100 W. Clary Avenue. Call 626.309.0622 for daily operating hours
- ✓For a cooling center nearest you in L.A. County, call 2-1-1 for information
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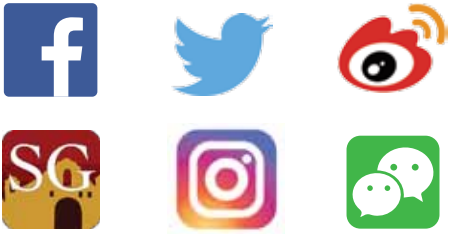


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Infrastructure Spotlight

Del Mar Avenue begins phase 3

Funded by a loan from the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank), phase 3 of the Del Mar Avenue project is now underway. The project – which runs along Del Mar Avenue from Saxon Avenue to Norwood Place – will see the reconstruction of the street's existing pavement, the addition of new curb ramps, and new striping that will include bike lanes. Construction is expected to continue until September, 2017.

Del Mar Avenue bridge project now out to bid

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recently approved a motion that allows the Del Mar Avenue/Alhambra Wash Bridge Replacement Project to be advertised for construction bids. The city contracted with L.A. County Public Works to design and manage this \$5 million project. Work will involve demolition of the existing bridge and the construction of a new bridge that will feature sidewalks, new traffic signals, street lighting and a new left turn lane into the adjacent shopping center. Del Mar Avenue will be narrowed during construction but will remain open to traffic. Construction is expected to begin late this year and will be completed in 2019.



News Briefs

San Gabriel's 2017 Outstanding Older American recognized by L.A. County

After being named as San Gabriel's 2017 Outstanding Older American, Sue Notheis was recognized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors at the 52nd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day.

While Sue lives in the City of Duarte, she has made many contributions to the City of San Gabriel. Sue volunteered more than 100 hours helping organize the Mission Playhouse wardrobe room. She helped sort fabrics, tested sewing machines, organized more than 300 pairs of shoes to be given to charity and sewed the Tyvek covers to preserve historic costumes. Sue currently assists with the Mission Playhouse's "Silent Sundays" and is looking forward to organizing and leading docent tours of the Playhouse. She has strong ties to San Gabriel Mission High School and Temple City High School, and acts as an informal liaison between the high schools and the Playhouse during rehearsals and performances.

With an interest in local history, Sue is a member of the Ramona Parlor #109, Native Sons of the Golden West. She serves as the Inside Sentinel and as a docent at their museum. Sue also volunteers at the San Gabriel Historical Museum. Sue's friends would say that she has the ability to see what needs to be done and is always willing to help. She has a tremendous sense



Sue Notheis (center) with members of the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse staff.

of humor and positive attitude. Her joyful attitude spreads to all who are around her.

Along with being honored as San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American, Sue served as Grand Marshal for the city's 4th of July Parade.

For more information on Older American recognition and older adult programs, please contact Recreation Supervisor James Lara at 626.308.2875 or jlara@sgch.org.

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