



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

City adopts new water ordinance now in effect

Last month the City of San Marino adopted a new water ordinance that established a water conservation program within the city. In accordance with Assembly Bill 1881 (AB 1881), local agencies were required to prepare their own Model Water Conservation Ordinances by January 1, 2010 or adopt a State-prepared model ordinance. San Marino prepared its own ordinance to better suit the unique aspects of the City.

A draft ordinance containing conservation guidelines from the Metropolitan Water District was first considered in May 2009. In September, the first reading of the ordinance was conducted. Based on input from the public and City Council, a revised ordinance was brought back before the Council in November and approved in December.

The new ordinance includes voluntary conservation efforts only. In the event that the severity of water shortages increases, the City Council has the ability to make the measures mandatory. If this occurs, enforcement will be on a complaint basis and the responsibility of the City. Violations of the water conservation regulations will be subject to administrative citations.

Following is a brief rundown of the voluntary water conservation requirements in effect. For a com-

plete list of regulations, including noted exceptions, visit www.sanmarinoca.gov.

- Watering is prohibited between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., with some exceptions.
- Watering is limited to no more than 15 minutes per day per station. Exceptions apply.
- Watering in a manner that causes excessive water flow or runoff is prohibited.
- Washing down hard or paved surfaces is prohibited except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards.
- Excessive use, loss or escape of water through breaks, leaks or other malfunctions is prohibited.
- Operating a water fountain or other decorative water feature that does not use re-circulated water is prohibited.
- Using water to wash or clean a vehicle is prohibited, with exceptions.
- Eating or drinking establishments are prohibited from providing drinking water unless expressly requested.
- Installation of single pass cooling systems is prohibited in buildings requesting new water service.
- Food preparation establishments are required to use water conserving dish wash spray valves.

(continued on back page)

Edison honors City



(From left) City Manager Matt Ballantyne, Assistant City Manager Cindy Collins, Councilmember Richard Sun, Vice Mayor Dennis Kneier, Mayor Eugene Sun and Dave Ford and Maya Aubrey from Edison

Southern California Edison, in partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, recently honored the City of San Marino for its outstanding commitment to energy efficiency and savings.

The Crowell Public Library and Street Light Conversion projects have saved the City more than 481,000 kilowatt hours of energy annually - the same amount of power consumed by 45 average households a year. The City has received more than \$50,000 in energy rebates for these two projects.

Mayor Eugene Sun, Vice Mayor Dennis Kneier, and Councilmember Richard Sun accepted the award on behalf of the City at a luncheon hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership. The mayor thanked the partnership for recognizing the City's "green" efforts. ■

City recognizes 2009 Employees of the Year

Three City employees were recently recognized as the 2009 Employees of the Year.

Captain Kevin Lennox of the Fire Department has served the San Marino community for nearly 29 years. He was selected for his extensive experience and knowledge of fire suppression, hazard mitigation and emergency medicine, in addition to his strong leadership, demonstrated teamwork and commitment to his co-workers.

Officer Scott Denhart was unanimously selected by his supervisors and managers as the Police Department's Employee of the Year. He joined the San Marino Police

Department in 2001 and has served as a motor officer, field training officer and acting watch commander. In July of 2008 he was granted Master Patrol Officer status.

Recreation Supervisor Julie Anding was honored for her role in planning and executing some of the City's major programs and events, including the Fourth of July, Fishing Derby and Snow Day. Anding joined the City more than 10 years ago as a lifeguard. She has held positions as water instructor, aquatics manager and recreation coordinator.

The City of San Marino congratulates all three of its 2009 Employees of the Year. ■

Overnight parking changes in effect

The San Marino City Code prohibits parking a vehicle at night between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. on any given day and on any street within the City, excluding Huntington Drive and San Gabriel Boulevard.

In an effort to allow for those occasional situations where residents may need to park on the street overnight, the City recently made minor additions to the City Code. Upon request to the San Marino Police Department, up to five overnight parking permits per calendar year can be issued authorizing persons residing or visiting the property to park a single vehicle on a street overnight.

Residents can acquire additional one-night permits for \$5 a night. Permits can be purchased at www.sanmarinoca.gov or in person at the Police Department.

The Chief of Police has the authority to issue long-term overnight street parking permits allowing a resident to park vehicles on a street for more than five consecutive nights. The Chief of Police must verify that practical difficulties exist. The fee for such long-term overnight street parking permits shall be established by the City Council.

These changes help balance the occasional need of residents for overnight parking with the City's long-standing practice of keeping vehicles off of the street.

Changes became effective on January 2. ■

Green Corner



E-Waste Collection

A free electronic waste collection event will be held on Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Huntington Middle School. The event will benefit the San Marino Unified School District.

Water Wise Tips

Following are some tips to help conserve water in your home:

- Grow your lawn out to three inches to shade and protect the grass root system.
- Water your lawn early in the morning (before 8 a.m.) or at night to reduce evaporation.
- Add mulch to your flower beds to hold in moisture.
- Conduct a sprinkler audit to make sure that your sprinklers are working properly. During the winter, reduce your watering schedule.
- Use a broom to sweep your driveway or patio, not a hose.

Only use a hose with a shut-off valve when watering plants or washing a car.

- If you notice a neighbor or business with a broken sprinkler head, notify them or contact Cal American Water.
- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher or laundry.
- Take shorter showers.
- Turn off the water while brushing teeth, scrubbing dishes or loading the dishwasher.
- Use catch buckets in your kitchen sink and bathroom shower to save water while heating.
- Replace old toilets and install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators. Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets.

For more information, visit www.bewaterwise.com or www.amwater.com. Helpful water gardening tips are also available at www.ladpw.org. ■

If you have a comment, question or idea for the City newsletter, please e-mail Community Services Director Lucy Garcia at lgarcia@sanmarinoca.gov.

LIBRARY NEWS



Safe Travel

Join Adult Connections on Thursday, January 21 at 10 a.m. for conversation, coffee and more in the Community Room. Debbie Priester from Titan Travel will discuss how to travel safely and how to keep your home safe while you're away. Additional programs will be held on Thursday, February 18 (Genealogy) and Thursday, March 18 (TBD).

Brain Aerobics

Brain Aerobics challenges memory, improves recall and eases the burden of hearing loss through lip reading. Francine Katz leads this fun-filled class on Mondays from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room.

"Tame the Paper Jungle"

Being overrun by stacks of paper? Learn to "Tame the Paper Jungle" on Friday, February 5 at noon in the Community Room. Professional organizer Pamela Mims of Mims Consulting will guide participants through the process of transforming piles of

printed chaos into neat files.

Introduction to E-Mail

Learn the basics of e-mail in an Introduction to E-Mail on Tuesday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 16 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rex Mayreis will teach participants how to create an e-mail account, send and reply to messages and more. Attendees will leave with a Gmail account and a basic understanding of how to connect electronically with others.

Social Networking

Learn about Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and other sites in an Introduction to Social Networking for Adults on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. A panel of networkers will discuss the pros and cons of socializing online and will offer privacy tips for those using these popular sites.

Mt. Lowe Incline Railway

Join Michael Patris as he guides participants through the history of Thaddeus Lowe and the Mt. Lowe Incline Railway on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Relive the excitement of riding the funicular that ran above Altadena for 43 years.

Wagner's "Götterdämmerung"

The LA Opera speaker series continues on Sunday, March 14 at 2

p.m. with a discussion of Richard Wagner's "Götterdämmerung," the final part of the "Ring" trilogy. The talk will include musical excerpts and a Q&A session.

Book Donations

The Friends Book Shoppe welcomes donations of gently used books. Assistance is available to transport items from your car to the library.

New Program!

The library now offers a monthly bilingual pre-school storytime in Mandarin/English. Programs will be offered on Saturdays, January 16, February 20 and March 20 at 11 a.m. Stories are presented in Mandarin and English and are followed by a simple craft. Registration is not required. This program is geared toward children age 3 to 5.

Go Green!

Want to receive e-mail reminders before your library materials are due rather than having overdue notices in your mailbox? Simply provide your e-mail address to any library staff member and then relax, knowing that you are decreasing your carbon footprint. ■

New service makes Library one-stop travel shop

Passport application services are now offered at the Crowell Public Library, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. by appointment only and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only. Passport photo service also is available at the library.

With more than 2,800 travel books to browse through, the Crowell Public Library is the perfect place to begin planning

your next trip. Once you decide where you're going, ask one of the Library's friendly staff for a passport application. After you've submitted your application, you can even book your flight at one of the Library's computer stations or by using your own computer and the wireless access available at the library. The Library is practically a one-stop travel shop!

For more information about passport application services at the library, call (626) 300-0777. ■

Complete a survey for chance to win an iPod!

The Crowell Public Library would like to hear from you! This month the community will have an opportunity to provide valuable feedback via a Community Library Survey.

The survey will be available January 18 through 31. Look for the survey online or at the Library. One lucky participant will win a new iPod. To complete the survey online, visit www.crowellpubliclibrary.org. ■

City of San Marino

2200 Huntington Drive
San Marino, CA 91108

Standard Presorted
U.S. Postage Paid
Pasadena, CA
Permit No. 26

City Council

Eugene Sun, Mayor
Dennis Kneier, Vice Mayor
Dr. Richard Sun, Councilmember
Richard Ward, Councilmember
Dr. Allan Yung, Councilmember
Matt Ballantyne, City Manager

(626) 300-0700

www.sanmarinoca.gov

Postal Customer



Police Dept. offers Live Scan Fingerprinting

In November 2009, the San Marino Police Department began offering Live Scan Applicant Fingerprinting service. Live Scan Fingerprinting is required as a condition of employment in many professions as well as for certain types of licensing, including those for notaries, driving instructors, teachers and elder caregivers.

The entire fingerprinting process can be completed in as little as 15 minutes. The Police Department charges a rolling fee of \$20 PLUS ADDITIONAL FEES determined by the Department of Justice, based on the type of fingerprint request.

Fingerprinting is available on a walk-in basis from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Appointments are also accepted. For groups of 12 or more scheduled in advance, this equipment can be transported to your location for expedience and ease if so requested.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact the San Marino Police Department at (626) 300-0720. ■

Friends select "Iron River" for 2010 program

The T. Jefferson Parker detective novel "Iron River" will be the 2010 One Book, One City Friends pick. Iron River is a metaphor for the chain of gun shops and dealers that run along the U.S.-Mexican border.

See Rutten's review in *LA Times*

Calendar 1/6/2010.

The library has 12 copies on reserve. Parker will discuss the book at the Library on Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. For more "Iron River" One Book, One City programs, visit the Friends' website at www.crowellpubliclibrary.org. ■

City adopts new water ordinance now in effect

(continued from front page)

The new water ordinance does not apply to water uses necessary to protect public health and safety or for essential government services such as police and fire. It also does not apply to the use of recycled water or to the use of water by commercial nurseries and growers.

Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

AB 1881 also required that all cities and counties adopt a water efficient landscape ordinance by January 1, 2010, which San Marino did. This particular ordinance addresses water conservation in relation to the amount of water used for landscaping and irrigation only. It does not address water used for interior plumbing such as washing

machines, showers, etc. The ordinance applies only to newly constructed homes and homes that are significantly altered.

Properties subject to this ordinance have a designated amount of water per year that can be used for landscaping and irrigation purposes. These properties are required to install water efficient landscaping and irrigation systems designed by a licensed landscape architect or contractor.

Water audits may be used by the City to check for compliance. For more detailed information about the specific requirements of the water efficient landscape ordinance, contact the San Marino Planning and Building Department at (626) 300-0711. ■