



# CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## CITY HIGHLIGHTS

### City Water Conservation Ordinance proposed

The State of California will be imposing water conservation practices in accordance with Assembly Bill 1881 (AB 1881) effective January 1, 2010. In order to be proactive and begin conservation efforts immediately, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is requiring all local agencies to adopt a Model Water Conservation Ordinance by July 1, 2009. Agencies who do not adopt an ordinance by this time will not be eligible for MWD grant funds. Those that do not adopt their own Model Water Conservation Ordinance before January 1,

2010 will be mandated to abide by the state requirements.

The MWD has compiled sample ordinances that include four levels of conservation and water use efficiency. As the severity of the water conditions increase, additional restrictions are imposed. The City of San Marino may include any or all elements from the sample ordinances to customize its own to the City's needs. Enforcement of all aspects of the ordinance will be the responsibility of the City.

Following the regular meeting of the City Council on Friday, May 22, an ordinance was drafted based

on comments from the meeting and MWD recommendations. The Council determined that the Voluntary conservation efforts proposed by MWD would be adopted as recommendations for the San Marino community. First level restrictions include no watering from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except by hand; an irrigation system limit of 15 minutes; no exces-

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### Annual Fourth of July celebration planned

The City of San Marino's annual Fourth of July celebration will be held on Saturday, July 4 at Lacy Park (1485 Virginia Road). This popular community event will feature ongoing game booths and bingo from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., a community parade at 4:45 p.m., stage entertainment from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a fireworks display at approximately 9 p.m. Support San Marino Girl Scout Troop 2321 by purchasing food and other goodies at the food booths.



The Virginia Road entrance to the park will open at 7 a.m. Entrance will not be allowed via St. Albans Road until 3 p.m. Guests may reserve areas using blankets, chairs and ropes. No stakes will be permitted in the ground to mark off areas.

The Fourth of July parade is presented by the Rotary Club of San Marino and will begin at 4:45 p.m. To participate, please submit a parade application by Tuesday, June 30. For more information about the parade or to request an application, call (626) 440-1959.

For more information about the Fourth of July celebration, please call (626) 403-2200. ■

SoCal CCCA & SMPLF present

## SAN MARINO GRAND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SATURDAY  
JULY 11, 2009  
9AM TO 2PM  
LACY PARK  
1485 VIRGINIA RD  
SAN MARINO,  
CALIFORNIA  
91108



TICKET INFO: [WWW.SANMARINOGRANDCLASSIC.COM](http://WWW.SANMARINOGRANDCLASSIC.COM)  
(626) 943-2627

*San Marino residents can purchase tickets in advance at the Crowell Public Library for \$15. Children under 12 are free. General admission is \$30 the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$25 (plus a handling fee) at [www.sanmarinograndclassic.com](http://www.sanmarinograndclassic.com). Lacy Park will be closed to the public on this day just before, during and shortly after the car show.*

## Understanding hazardous materials

The San Marino Fire Department would like to help the community better understand hazardous materials, especially as they relate to households.

Hazardous materials are not restricted to the highway, local refinery or manufacturing firms. Consumer items such as motor oil, paint, pool chemicals and other common household products are classified as hazardous materials as well. If everyday hazardous materials are not stored or disposed of properly, serious health and environmental issues can occur.

To avoid having a mini-hazardous materials incident in your home or business due to an earthquake or accidental spill:

- Use original containers for storage.

## Water Conservation Ordinance proposed

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sive water flow or runoff; no washing down hard or paved surfaces; an obligation to fix leaks in reasonable time (within 7 days of notice); fountains only with recirculating water; wash vehicles only with bucket or shut-off nozzle; restaurants only serve water on request; and restaurants must use conserving nozzles.

Recommendations would not be mandatory at this time. The Council will determine when or if mandated requirements are imposed.

The ordinance was presented for the City Council's consideration on first reading at its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 10, and will be presented again for a second reading at the meeting on Friday, June 26. ■

- Regularly check containers for wear and tear.
- Place leaking packages in larger clearly marked containers.
- Store materials in a cool dry place.
- Separate incompatible products.

Do not attempt to transport unused household hazardous materials to your local police or fire department. To dispose of household hazardous materials, do one of the following:

- Use up the entire supply.
- Recycle unused portions.
- Take the unused supplies to a household collection event more commonly referred to as Haz-Mat Round-Ups.

For more information about the nearest household hazardous materials round-up, please contact the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County at (888) CLEAN-LA (253-2652). ■

## City schedules free bulky item pick-up day

A free bulky item pick-up day is scheduled for Saturday, July 18. If you have bulky items you would like removed, please call the City's trash hauler, Athens Services, at (888) 336-6100.

Bulky items are those that are oversized or overweight such as stoves, refrigerators (Freon free), water heaters, washing machines, furniture, sofas, mattresses, box springs and large rugs.

Once you have contacted Athens, place your bulky items next to your trash cans in your backyard and Athens will remove them. There is no need to place bulky items on the front curb. ■

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**If you have a comment, question or idea for the City newsletter, please e-mail Interim Community Services Director Lucy Garcia at [lgarcia@sanmarinoca.gov](mailto:lgarcia@sanmarinoca.gov).**

## Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month

In observance of Parks and Recreation Month in July, the City of San Marino encourages all citizens to support Parks and Recreation by enrolling in classes, educational programs and sports; visiting Lacy Park; and spending time

with family and friends. Parks and Recreation bring a higher quality of life to San Marino, provide safe places for kids to play and facilitate healthy alternatives for everyone.

For more information, call (626) 403-2200. ■

- **Jr. Titan Sports Camp** - June 15-July 24, various locations
- **Summer Reading Program** - June 15-August 1, Crowell Library
- **Summer Aquatics** - June 15-August 7, San Marino High School
- **Camp Lacy** - June 15-August 14, Lacy Park
- **Preschool Summer Camp** - June 15-August 21, Stoneman School
- **San Marino Fourth of July Spectacular** - July 4, Lacy Park
- **Drama, Music, Sports and More!**



## MAY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

At the May 13 City Council Study Session, Council directed staff to enforce the ordinance restricting/prohibiting the display of banners on the City's medians. Based on the ordinance, and effective July 1, 2009, community banners along the City's medians on Huntington and Sierra Madre will no longer be permitted. ■

## Conserve energy by switching off the lights

Conserve energy by switching the lights off every time you leave a room. Southern California Edison offers the following facts to illustrate how this saves energy.

- The shortest lamp life is associated with continuously burning lamps. By switching lights off during un-needed periods, re-lamping may be delayed for as long as eight years.
- Ballast life is NOT affected by switching.
- Under normal conditions, switching lights off when they are not needed is always a savings.
- Studies show that the surge of electricity caused by switching lights on and off is insignificant. The savings incurred by turning lights off far outweigh the added energy created by the surge.

For more information, please visit [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com). ■



## LIBRARY NEWS

### *Energy from the Sun*

Can you save or even make money from the free energy that streams from the sun? Find out on Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m. in the Barth Room as Fabian Rousset of the PHAT Energy Corporation demonstrates his company's innovative, web-based solar system sizing analysis tool. Watch as he breaks down a customer's power costs and then selects a solar system based on the speed in which it could return a positive cash flow. Bring your utility bill. After the presentation, Rousset will "run the numbers" on the spot to assess the advantages of a solar system for your home or business.

### *eBay for Beginners*

Learn how to sell your "gems" on eBay! Join us on Tuesday, June 23 at 11 a.m. as Susan Chick walks you through the basics, including creating PayPal and eBay accounts, organizing your merchandise, posting your items with quality pictures, shipping and maintaining a positive seller's rating to keep you in business for years. This event is free.

### *Re-engage on the Web!*

Interested in using Twitter, Linked In and Facebook for career development, but don't know how to get started? On Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m. in the Barth Room Susan Hillyer will walk you through the basics of social media. Join us for this free presentation.

### *Cross-Cultural Workshop*

In this cultural awareness workshop, participants will acquire tools to communicate

across cultures in our community, including learning helpful Chinese phrases and basic Chinese customs. Bring your questions and example situations for a lively, fun morning of discussion and sharing. This free event will be held on Friday, June 26 at 11 a.m.

### *Author John Goddard*

From early childhood, world famous adventurer and motivational speaker John Goddard dreamed of being an explorer. Don't miss this storyteller extraordinaire on Sunday, June 28 at 2 p.m. in the Barth Room as he reminisces about the highlights of his exciting life.

### *Introduction to E-Mail*

You don't need a computer at home to enjoy the benefits of e-mail; you can use the Library's computers! Two free classes for beginners will be held on Tuesday, July 7 and 14 at 1 p.m. in the Computer Lab. In the first session, free e-mail accounts will be set up for each participant and they will learn how to send and receive messages. The second session will offer more practice and additional basic e-mail skills.

### *Travel Tips on the Web*

These days, it's not just about finding the least expensive way to travel, it's about getting there with the fewest hassles and potential for disaster. Librarian Irene McDermott will teach participants how to use the Web to safely navigate one's summer travels, no matter where the destination may be or how one gets there. This free class will be held in the Computer Lab on Thursday, July 16 at 10 a.m. Please call the Reference Desk to register. ■

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**Check out the new Community Calendar!**

The Community Calendar is up and running! Please log on to [www.cityofsanmarino.org](http://www.cityofsanmarino.org) or [www.crowellpubliclibrary.org](http://www.crowellpubliclibrary.org) and click on the Community Calendar link to view various activities around town. For information on how to create a calendar for your San Marino community organization, please contact City Librarian Ann Dallavalle at (626) 300-0775. ■

**San Marino residents invited to Fourth of July Celebration**

A decorative border featuring a stylized American flag with stars and stripes in blue and white.

Dear Resident,  
The San Marino Mayor and Councilmembers invite you and your family and friends to be guests at the Fourth of July celebration at Lacy Park. This form will serve as your request for Fourth of July entry wristbands. **This year each household will receive up to 4 complimentary wristbands.**

**This coupon can be cut out and redeemed at the San Marino Recreation Department** (1560 Pasqualito Drive), Monday-Friday, June 15 to July 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents may purchase additional wristbands for \$5 each through Thursday, July 2. (Ages 4 and under are free.)

**There will be no ticket sales on Friday, July 3. All wristbands will be \$20 on Saturday, July 4.**

Thank you again for your continuous support of the San Marino community!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Complimentary wristbands requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ # Purchased wristbands: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Resident Wristband Coupon 2009**