



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Delicious Destinations declared a success

The San Marino Public Library Foundation sends a warm “thank you” to everyone in the community who helped make the Delicious Destinations fundraiser a huge success. The event was held in early November at the library, which was transformed into the “USS Crowell.”

More than 300 guests visited four ports of call including the Caribbean, Shanghai, Barcelona and Venice. Guests sampled distinctive regional cuisines, enjoyed entertainment, participated in a silent auction and were treated to a delicious array of decadent desserts.

Celebrate the City's Centennial with a festive banner

The City will celebrate its Centennial year with a kickoff on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. Celebrate by purchasing a Centennial street banner that will be displayed on City lamp posts from June 2012 through July 2013. Banners are \$300 each and will be available for pick-up at City Hall after Thursday, August 1, 2013.

If you are interested in purchasing a Centennial banner or would like more information, contact Julie Anding at (626) 403-2209 or janding@sanmarinoca.gov. ■

The San Marino Public Library Foundation gratefully acknowledges the sponsors, donors, volunteers and attendees who made the



evening fun and memorable. More than \$50,000 was raised to enrich the Library Endowment, which will help ensure the viability of the library for future generations. ■

Post wind storm topic: Did you receive the wind storm CAMS messages?

One of the communications tools that the City of San Marino and its residents found especially helpful after the recent wind storms was the Community Alert Message System (CAMS).

Residents with listed telephone numbers, along with those who had signed up for these notifications, were able to receive telephone (home, business or cell) and/or text and/or email notifications after the disaster. These alerts provided valuable information about the disaster and the recovery effort.

If you are not currently receiving

Athens provides free holiday tree recycling

Athens Services will provide free Christmas tree recycling starting Monday, December 26 through Friday, January 13. The company will pick up your tree curbside and then grind and recycle it into mulch.

Before disposing of your tree, please remove all stands, decorations and nails. Trees that have been lightly flocked are acceptable. Place your whole tree next to your trash receptacles on your regular trash pick-up day.

For more information, call Athens Services at (888) 336-6100. ■

these messages and would like to, or if you would like to expand your subscription to this free service, you may do so at the City's home page located at www.sanmarinoca.gov by clicking on the Community Alert Message System link. Those without Internet access can subscribe to CAMS by calling the Fire Department at (626) 300-0735.

Visit the City of San Marino web site for wind storm updates and images in addition to useful community preparedness information to help you prepare for the next major emergency. ■

City of San Marino publishes Financial Transparency Report

The City Of San Marino has adopted a financial transparency policy similar to a publicly traded company whereby the salaries of executive staff are

published. The City Council and Commissioners receive no compensation. For more information on San Marino's finances and compensation, please visit [www.cityofsan-](http://www.cityofsan-marino.org)

[marino.org](http://www.cityofsan-marino.org). For the compensation of all local government employees in California, visit the State Controller's website at www.sco.ca.gov/compensation_search.html. ■

	FY	Salary	(1) Defined Benefit Retirement Plan	Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	Total
Matt Ballantyne City Manager	2011	192,096	13,447	18,726	224,269
	2010	192,096	13,447	18,766	224,309
	2009	192,096	13,447	18,766	224,309
Cindy Collins (2) Assistant City Manager	2011	127,368	8,916		136,284
	2010	127,368	8,916		136,284
	2009	124,872	8,741		133,613
Lisa Bailey Finance Director	2011	144,732	10,131		154,863
	2010	144,732	10,131		154,863
	2009	141,900	9,933		151,833
John Schaefer (3) Public Safety Director	2011	86,778	-		86,778
	2010	160,668	14,460		175,128
	2009	157,512	14,176		171,688
Jim Anderson (4) Interim Fire Chief	2011	80,735	-		80,735
	2010	63,086	-		63,086
	2009	87,292	-		87,292
Dave Saldaña Planning & Building Director	2011	128,940	9,026		137,966
	2010	128,940	9,026		137,966
	2009	126,408	8,849		135,257
Lucy Garcia Community Services Director	2011	114,700	8,029		122,729
	2010	111,900	7,833		119,733
	2009	103,608	7,253		110,861

(1) All full-time employees, including executive managers, participate in the Public Employees Retirement System (P.E.R.S.) and are eligible for benefits after a minimum of five years of full-time employment with the City. Contributions to P.E.R.S. are in part the responsibility of the City (averaging approximately 17% of salaries) and in part the employees (7% to 9% of salary). The City, as additional compensation to employees, pays the full amount of the employee's contribution. The amounts shown above do not include the P.E.R.S. contribution that is the responsibility of the city.

(2) Ms. Collins works 88% of a full-time schedule.

(3) Beginning July 1, 2010, Mr. Schaefer works 46% of a full-time schedule.

(4) Mr. Anderson worked 46% of a full-time schedule as interim fire chief from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. He worked 46% of a full-time schedule as Fire Division Chief from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, and he worked 46% of a full-time schedule as Fire Marshall from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

LIBRARY NEWS

Special Invitation

Join the Friends of the Crowell Public Library on Thursday, January 5 at 7 p.m. in the Barth Community Room as this year's One Book One City selection is announced. There will be entertainment and refreshments and copies of the book will be available for checkout.

Magic Show

The community is invited to join magician David Skale on Saturday, January 21 at 1 p.m. for a family magic show. The community is invited to join in celebrating the winners of the 5th Annual Bookmark Design Contest with magic and cake.

Library Closure

The library will be closed on Monday, January 16 for staff development activities.

Princess Storytime

Children are invited to attend the annual Princess Storytime on Saturday, January 28 at 2 p.m.. Space is limited and walk-in registration is required. There is a limit of one adult per child. Resident registration will take place Tuesday, January 3 through Thursday, January 5. Open registration begins on Saturday, January 7.

Valentine's Day Crafts

Make a special Valentine's Day craft on Saturday, February 11 at 2 p.m.

"39 Clues" Adventure

Come to the library on Saturday, March 24 at 2 p.m. and uncover secrets, solve codes and enjoy activities related to the popular book series "39 Clues."

Bilingual Storytime

Join an interactive storytime for speakers of Mandarin Chinese or English on the last three Saturdays of every month at 11 a.m., beginning January 14. The program is free and registration is not required.

College Prep Survival Tools

College-bound students will discover amazing online resources on Wednesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. Call (626) 300-0777 to register.

Valentine's Day Your Way

Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day their way on Tuesday, February 14 at 3:15 p.m. There will be activities for everyone.

Rose Pruning Workshop

Now is the perfect time to prune your roses. On Saturday, January 21 at 9 a.m., City of San Marino Environmental Services Manager Ron Serven will give you the knowledge to do the job right.

Medical Mondays

At 6 p.m. on Monday, January

23, Dr. John DeBeixendon will discuss the obesity epidemic and the consequent rise in diabetes, hypertension and hyperlipidemia.

Feng Shui for the New Year

Join Master Jenny Liu's 2012 Feng Shui seminar on Saturday, January 14 at 2 p.m.

Living Trusts

Attorney Elizabeth Botsford will answer your questions about how living trusts work on Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m.

Introduction to Opera

Learn what Opera is all about on Sunday, February 19 at 2 p.m., courtesy of a community educator from Los Angeles Opera.

Introduction to Email

Learn how email works on Tuesday, February 7 and 14 at 1 p.m. Call (626) 300-0777 to register.

Brain Aerobics

Challenge your memory and improve your recall skills Mondays, February 27 through May 14 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. for beginning and intermediate students and Tuesdays, February 28 through May 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for advanced students.

Crain Art Gallery

The work of JoAnn Formia will be on display in the Crain Art Gallery from Monday, January 9 through Monday, February 27. ■

Sign up for a holiday wonderland of fun with Winter Break daycare

The San Marino Recreation Department will offer Winter Break daycare sessions at Stoneman School for children in kindergarten through sixth grade December 27 through 29 and January 3 through 6.

Activities include holiday games, crafts and refreshments; field trips to Lacy Park, the Crowell Public

Library and Tony's Pizza; and ice skating and bowling.

Space is limited and you must register before Wednesday, December 21. Partial Care from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. is \$30 per day. Partial Care from 12:30 to 6 p.m., which includes field trips, is \$35 per day. Full Care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. is \$65 per day. There is a six student

minimum per day to run the program. For more information, call (626) 403-2200. ■

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

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City now enrolling for CERT training

The City of San Marino's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search

and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in the neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. CERTs are formed by members of a neighborhood or workplace who wish to better prepare for the hazards that might threaten their communities.

The next CERT training program will be held Tuesday, January 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Crowell Public Library Barth Community Room. Attendance at all classes for a total of 12 hours is required. To register, contact the San Marino Fire Department at (626) 300-0735 or email CERT@sanmarinofire.org. ■

Purchase a piece of San Marino history

The City is replacing street name signs and has made the old street name signs available for sale. The cost to purchase a sign is \$65. Quantities are limited. For a list of available street name signs, please contact Mica Olmos at (626) 300-0781. ■

GREEN CORNER

Energy Upgrade Workshop



Energy Upgrade workshops for Spring are scheduled for Saturday, March 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday, June 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Barth Community Room at the library.

To submit a comment about the "Green Corner," please contact Environmental Services Manager Ron Serven at (626) 300-0711 or rserven@sanmarinoca.gov. ■

RECREATION NEWS

Recreation & Library Guides

The Winter 2012 Recreation & Library Guide is scheduled to be delivered to homes beginning Saturday, December 31. Watch for it in your mailbox!

Winter Class Registration

Winter class registration begins next month. Residents can register on Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Stoneman School. ■