



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

City implements new water restrictions

We continue to experience one of the driest years for water supply in California history. The City's water service provider, California American Water, has mandated conservation practices requiring the City to reduce water consumption by 28 percent. The California Water Board has mandated Stage 2 drought regulations. The City of San Marino is requesting our residents' assistance during this severe drought condition. The Water Board has directed urban water suppliers to develop rate structures and other pricing mechanisms, including but not limited to surcharges, fees and penalties, to maximize water conservation consistent with statewide water restrictions.

Effective on June 10, 2015 the City of San Marino has instituted the following emergency water conservation regulations:

- Outdoor watering is limited to only two days a week. Odd addresses will be allowed to water on Tuesday and Friday. Even

addresses will be allowed to water on Monday and Thursday.

- No watering during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- No watering for more than 15 minutes watering per day per station
- No washing down sidewalks or driveways
- No watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff
- No washing a motor vehicle with a hose, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle
- No operating a fountain/decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recirculating system
- No watering turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation
- Restaurants and other food service establishments can only serve water to customers on request.
- Obligation to fix leaks, breaks or malfunctions in the user's plumbing or distribution system in no more than seven days of receiving notice from the City

Any violation(s) of these restrictions is subject to citations and

fines. Revenues received will be used towards water conservation efforts. To report any water waste or violations, download the GoRequest app on your smartphone.

There are many steps we can take during our daily activities that will greatly reduce future water restrictions and help ensure that there will be enough water available for future generations.

For more information, contact Environmental Services Manager, Ron Serven at rserven@sanmarino-ca.gov or (626) 300-0789. To learn more about the City's new water restrictions, conservation efforts and ways to modify your parkway with drought-friendly plants, visit cityofsanmarino.org. ■



Support the Crowell Public Library on Tuesday, October 10 at Delicious Destinations 2015. Take advantage of an Early Bird Ticket Offer this year! Buy your ticket before Tuesday, September 1 and save 20 percent. Buy your tickets at the Crowell Public Library or at deliciousdestinations.org. ■

LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE

No Outdoor Lawn Watering between 9am - 5 pm

ADDRESS	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ODD #			X			X	
EVEN #		X			X		

City of San Marino seeks to restore treasured Lacy Park Rose Arbor

The Lacy Park Rose Arbor is one of San Marino's treasured landmarks.

Throughout the years the City has maintained the Rose Arbor, which in 2005 underwent extensive modification and renovations. Unfortunately, the wooden elements of the Arbor have weathered and are deteriorating extensively despite ongoing maintenance. They now pose aesthetic and possible safety concerns. Because of these conditions, the City will ultimately need to remove the Arbor. If adequate funding is available, the City would like to replace the Arbor with an equally beautiful, but more sustainable structure.

The City is contacting the original Rose Arbor donors to ask if they would consider contributing to this process. Also, in an effort to recruit support, the City will host a community meeting in the rose garden to discuss the upcoming developments of the Rose Arbor.

The meeting will be held on Friday, September 25 at noon in the Rose Arbor at Lacy Park.

The design of the Rose Arbor is yet to be determined, however, the City ideally would like to replace the Arbor with a similar alternative to preserve the original vision of the Arbor. The cost could be substantial; as a result, the City may consid-

er design alternatives to present to the City Council.

The City intends to maintain the plaques on site despite any modifications that could unfold with the Arbor project.

The City will keep the community and Rose Arbor donors involved and notified of any plans, designs or new information regarding the Rose Arbor.

If you would like to be involved in possible fundraising for this San Marino landmark, or if you have questions regarding the Arbor project, please contact Emy-Rose Hanna at ehanna@cityofsanmarino.org or (626) 300-0700. ■



The wooden elements of the Rose Arbor have weathered and deteriorated despite ongoing maintenance.



The City intends to maintain the donor plaques on the site despite any modifications that could unfold with the rehabilitated Rose Arbor project.

Police Department offers summer safety tips

The vacation season calls for some extra attention to keep your home safe from intruders. Here are a few tips the San Marino Police Department would like to share to help you reduce or eliminate the possibility of you becoming a victim of a burglary.

For the interior of your home, lock all of your doors and windows, turn on your alarm and make sure there are signs advertising that you have an alarm. If possible set up timers or program your lights, radios or television to come on when you would normally occupy your house.

For the outside, trim back your plants and landscape to remove potential hiding places. Cancel or forward your mail and newspaper. Another suggestion is to leave a key with a trusted neighbor who will check on your home. Also, allow that neighbor to park in your driveway at night and during the day. Finally, call the San Marino Police Department (626) 300-0720 and ask for a Home Check. The fee is \$5 and it is a worthy investment. The San Marino Police Department will provide your house with extra patrol services until you return.

Coyotes

More and more residents are observing coyotes in their neighborhoods. Here are two websites with useful information about coyote behavior and how to avoid problems with these wild animals and keep your family and pets safe:

- Pasadena Humane Society pasadenahumane.org/site/DocServer/Predators.pdf?docID=306
- Department of Fish and Game wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/

Coyote

Neighborhood Watch Program

The San Marino Police Department needs your involvement and help in the prevention of crime. The department is looking for people to be Block Captains and participants in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Several new groups have formed and additional participants are being sought.

To participate, please call (626) 300-0720 and ask for Officer Brian Wong or Officer Kendric Wu. You can also sign up at ci.san-marino.ca.us/309/Neighborhood-Watch.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! ■

2016 Census Test to be conducted

The U.S. Census Bureau is researching modern and cost-efficient methods for the population to exercise its civic obligation to be counted in the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau is committed to making the mandatory once-a-decade headcount quick, easy and safe for all to participate.

To achieve this goal, the Census Bureau is conducting a U.S. Census Test in portions of Harris County, Texas, and Los Angeles County from March through August 2016. The test area includes the City of San Marino.

What is the 2016 Census Test?

The 2016 Census Test will allow the Census Bureau to study a variety of new methods and advanced technologies that are under consideration for the 2020 Census. The primary focus of the test is to refine the methodology for non-response follow-up – the operation conducted by personally visiting households that do not self-respond

Protect yourself from fire hazards this Fall

Fall is upon us and this is a time of the year when warm, windy weather, along with dry vegetation, becomes prevalent throughout Southern California. This combination can enhance the seriousness of vegetation fires. Keeping grasses, bushes, trees and other plants from becoming a fire hazard is important prevention.

Proper pruning, trimming and cleaning around your residence can greatly improve your “Defensive Space” during fire events. For detailed fire prevention tips, please stop by the San Marino Fire Department or call (626) 300-0735 to talk to one of our experts! ■

to the census. The Census Bureau will also be refining methods and related activities for maximizing self-response (particularly via the Internet) to the 2020 Census.

Why were areas in Harris County, Texas, and Los Angeles County chosen for the 2016 Census Test?

The Census Bureau selected these areas as test sites to ensure that it studies new methods for nonresponse follow-up in specific situations – large and demographically diverse metropolitan areas with a significant level of language diversity, varying levels of Internet usage and high vacancy rates.

What specifically is the Census Bureau testing?

Building on testing it conducted in 2014 and 2015, the Census Bureau will refine technologies and methods for assigning cases to field staff conducting nonresponse follow-up and continue to refine the

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RECREATION HAPPENINGS!



Rec Free Day

Join us after school for an afternoon of recreation activities on Wednesday, September 2nd! Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to meet at their school's lunch court after school and ride the bus to the Recreation Department. Try out a variety of recreation classes for FREE provided by the City of San Marino Recreation Department. The day will be filled with fun classes, free food, new friends and instructors to meet, and music. The day will last until 6 p.m.

New Fall Recreation Classes

Creative Sculpture, Video Game Design and Tech Kidz: Minecraft are new Recreation classes for Fall! New Fall Senior Trips are also being offered. See pages 14 and 15.

Fall Registration

Fall Recreation registration begins Saturday, August 22 for residents and Thursday, August 27 for non-residents and online.

For more information about the above activities, call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200. ■

City Manager's Message

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In addition to these projects, the City will be conducting a sidewalk inventory so that problematic sidewalk separations can be identified, repaired and/or replaced.

Another major issue of concern in the upcoming months will be water conservation. As you are aware, the Governor ordered cities to stop watering center median grass areas last April. While we cannot water the grass, we are working out options that will keep the trees irrigated. Our hope is that we will be able to implement a solution that sustains the trees and does not waste valuable, and very expensive, drinking water on the grass. It is also our hope that you are following the residential turf irrigation rules at your home (even addresses – Monday and Thursday; odd addresses – Tuesday and Friday).

There are other important issues facing the City, such as renovations at Stoneman and the San Marino Center, the relocation of cell towers, the upcoming November election for two Council seats and the Public Safety Tax. We will do our best to use this new Guide and other means to keep you informed on these vital issues. ■

2016 Census Test to be conducted

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use of mobile technology for data collection and case management. The Census Bureau will build on previous testing of ways to maximize self-response to minimize the need for costly in person follow-up.

How will I respond to this test?

The quickest and easiest way to respond is online. Mailed invitations and partners will educate residents about the test and encourage Internet participation by providing a link to the test website. Respondents may also choose to respond toll-free through a Census Telephone Questionnaire Assistance line. The Census Bureau also plans to mail a paper questionnaire to households that do not self-respond.

When will the Internet data collection begin for the 2016 Census Test?

Beginning March 23, 2016, households will begin receiving notices by mail inviting them to go online and respond. House-

holds also may hear about the test through partners or local media coverage.

Will the 2016 Census Test have a bilingual questionnaire or other language assistance?

Yes. Respondents to the 2016 Census Test will be able to complete the census over the Internet or by mail, in English, Spanish, Chinese or Korean. Census questionnaire assistance will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and other non-English languages. For households visited in person, the application on the Census Bureau's mobile devices allow the interview to be conducted in either English or Spanish.

How do I apply for a job to work on the 2016 Census Test?

During the 2016 Census Test, there will be temporary jobs available in both test site areas. More information will be available on census.gov when the Census Bureau begins hiring in fall 2015. ■

If you have a comment, question or idea for the newsletter, please email Community Services Director Sue Cobb at sacobb@cityofsanmarino.org.

