



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Active Military Banner Program created

One of Mayor Richard Sun's goals for 2017 is honoring the brave men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces through a Military Banner Program. Mayor Sun recently formed an advisory committee to implement this goal.

The City of San Marino plans to honor its active military and academy personnel using streetlight pole banners that will be displayed in the center of town. Each banner will list the honorees' name and branch of service and will be proudly displayed throughout the City.

The banners will be up from early September through mid-November. Banners will then be awarded to the honoree or to a family member at a special Thanksgiving Breakfast in November. The program is offered

at no cost to the military members with the hope that the project can be funded entirely through donations. Residents, organizations and business owners can make donations in any amount to support the project.

To be eligible, the military member must be an active member or reservist of the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard) **and** either a current resident of San Marino, a San Marino High School graduate, a Southwestern Academy graduate or a former resident of San Marino or the San Marino Unified School District. Those currently attending service academies or other military preparation programs are also eligible.

Applications for the recogni-

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A message from the City Manager

I am excited to announce the implementation of the Mayor's Military Banner Program to honor the City's active duty service members. The street banners will be displayed beginning Friday, September 1 and will be taken down in late November. A community breakfast will then be held to present the service members with their banners and to thank them for their service. We are requesting the names of San Marino residents

who are actively serving to be identified on the banners; to do so please contact the San Marino Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200.

The City Council recently formed a Long Term Strategic Financial Planning Ad Hoc Committee. The intent of this committee is to develop a strategic financial plan to address the ongoing financial issues facing the City, including the

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Attend City's annual Fourth of July event

The community is invited to attend the City's annual Fourth of July event on Tuesday, July 4 at Lacy Park. The celebration will include food booths, a fun zone, a community parade, entertainment and a fireworks display at 9 p.m. All guests will need a wristband to enter the park.

The Virginia Road entrance to Lacy Park will open at 7 a.m. No one will be allowed to enter via St. Albans Road until 3 p.m. Guests may reserve areas using blankets and chairs; no stakes or ropes will be permitted.

Pre-sale wristbands will be available to San Marino residents for \$5 each. Proof of residency is required and residents must present an identification card with their address or a utility bill. Pre-sale wristbands will be available for non-residents for \$15 each. Children ages 2 years and under are free.

Wristbands can be purchased Monday, June 12 through Monday, July 3 at the Recreation Department, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; City Hall, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Monday, June 19 through Monday, July 3 at the Crowell Public Library, Monday

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City adopts Uninhabited Residential Property Ordinance

In January of this year, the San Marino City Council approved and adopted a new ordinance that requires residential property owners to register their home if it will be uninhabited for a period of 60 days or longer.

The motivation behind the Uninhabited Residential Property Ordinance ordinance (URPO) is to ensure that public safety officials have a way to contact an “authorized party” in the event of an emergency. An authorized party is a person the homeowner designates as having

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CALPERS unfunded liability and the City’s aging infrastructure. This committee consists of Mayor Richard Sun and Councilmember Steven W. Huang along with advisors, which include the City Treasurer, City Manager, Finance Director and two members of the community with experience in financial planning. The Ad Hoc Committee is currently seeking to appoint the two community members. The Committee will meet two times per month between June and September. If you are interested in participating, please submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk outlining your experience in financial planning.

Finally, the City is currently in the middle of the budget preparation process. On Friday, May 12 at 8 a.m., a budget presentation will take place in the Barth Room at the Crowell Public Library. I invite you to join us as we present the budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Sincerely,
Cindy Collins, Interim City Manager ■

the authority to act on behalf of the property owner in the event a public safety issue arises.

Registration with the San Marino Police Department is required annually with a fee of \$50, unless you can provide proof of an existing alarm service contract. More detailed information regarding the new ordinance can be found in the San Marino municipal code under section **14.18.01 Uninhabited Residential Property**.

In the coming months, a mailer will be sent to all San Marino residents explaining the ordinance in greater detail. While this ordinance was developed to establish a list of emergency contacts for those homes that are expected to be uninhabited for 60 days or longer, the City also encourages all residential property owners to register as a way to ensure City officials have a current contact number in the event of an emergency. For more information, contact Commander Rich Ward at (626)300-0720. ■

Banner program

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tion banner will be available at City Hall, the Recreation Department and online at cityofsanmarino.org. Applications will need to be renewed every year in order for a banner to be displayed going forward.

If you would like to make a donation to the Military Banner Program, please see the Military Banner application for information.

Call Recreation at (626) 403-2200 or email rpinelas@sanmarinoca.gov for more information about the program, application and/or sponsorships. ■

Memorial Day ceremony to be held

A special Memorial Day ceremony will be held on Monday, May 29 at 9 a.m. at Lacy Park. The public is invited to join the City of San Marino in honoring its military veterans in a patriotic ceremony. The event will include recognition of veterans, guest speakers and patriotic music. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (626) 403-2200. ■

City seeks Ad Hoc Committee advisors

The City of San Marino is seeking volunteers to fill two advisor positions on the newly created Ad Hoc Strategic Financial Planning Committee. The committee will meet twice each month, or as needed, for four to six months.

Candidates should have an in-depth knowledge of and background in long-term financial strategic planning. Candidates’ schedules must be flexible to meet with the Mayor, one Councilmember, advisors, City Manager, City Treasurer and Finance Director to research, analyze and consider strategies to reduce the unfunded liability of the City’s retirement plan under the California Public Employee’s Retirement System and to address the City’s aging infrastructure.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest, along with a curriculum vitae, to the City Clerk’s Office, City of San Marino, 2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108. The deadline for submitting Letters of Interest is Monday, April 17, 2017 at 4 p.m. ■

Ivy Sun receives Congressional Women of the Year Award

San Marino resident Ivy Sun was selected as a recipient of Congresswoman Judy Chu's Congressional Women of the Year Award to represent the City of San Marino. The award recognizes outstanding women who have contributed greatly to Representative Chu's 27th Congressional District.

A ceremony honoring the recipients was held on Saturday, April 8 at the San Marino Center.

Sun was recognized for her many accomplishments in the community. She is a lifetime educator who has dedicated herself to this field for more than 30 years. She is committed to the preservation of historical

sites in Los Angeles County and has served on the Los Angeles County Landmark and Record Commission for more than 25 years.

Throughout her career as a school administrator, Sun was active in the community. She served as the chairperson of the Chinese Club of San Marino, San Gabriel-Changhua Sister City Committee and National Taiwan University Alumni Association of Southern California. She also served as a member of the Centennial Book Committee of the San Marino Historical Society.

Sun is currently the chairperson of the supervisory board of the Chinese American Education

Association. She also is the honorary chairperson of the Los Angeles Chapter of the International Leadership Foundation, for which she has served as the chairperson for four years in the past.

Sun was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2012 for her long-term services to children and families in the community. In 2014, she was selected and honored as a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International.

In 2016, Sun, along with three other authors, published an English-Chinese dual language book called "Practice Happiness – 7 Habits of Joyful Living." ■

Enjoy the Pavilion on July 4 at Lacy Park — The tradition continues

The community is invited to once again participate in San Marino's Fourth of July Pavilion on Tuesday, July 4.

The Pavilion is an exclusive premium area in Lacy Park. Participants will enjoy community socializing, entertainment and the option to purchase dinner and beverages without the stress of early morning stake-outs and wayward wagons loaded with the evening's provisions.

The Pavilion will open at 5 p.m. and will be available through the fireworks display, which will end at approximately 9:30 p.m.

A significant number of changes have been made for 2017:

- In an effort to simplify the event, only full tables will be sold (no more individual tickets).
- The cost of the event has been reduced. Unlike 2016 where the price per table was as high as \$850, the cost per table in 2017 starts at only \$250 (plus

the cost of food).

To reserve your table, please contact City Club President David Wang at 4thJulyPavilion@gmail.com or (310) 420-8437. Space is extremely limited this year and the event is anticipated to sell out. For additional details regarding the event, please see a listing of commonly asked questions below:

What does a table reservation include?

- Admission for 10 to Lacy Park and the 4th of July Pavilion
- A reserved space at Lacy Park in the Pavilion
- Access to a variety of beverages at nominal cost

Does my \$250 include food?

- The \$250 does not include food. All adults over the age of 21 are required to purchase a basic meal at an additional \$25 per person.
- The meals will be catered by Porta Via.

How do I reserve my table?

- Contact David Wang at 4thJulyPavilion@gmail.com or (310) 420-8437.
- Tables reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
- A wait-list will be established once all tables have been reserved.

Do I need to pay a deposit to reserve a table?

- Yes. A **refundable** deposit of \$250 per table will be due within seven days of making your reservation. Reservations without a deposit will be canceled.
- Reservations can be canceled with a full refund prior to Thursday, June 1.
- No refunds will be processed after Thursday, June 1. ■

A message from Fire Chief Mario Rueda

Follow tips to enjoy a fun and safe summer

The San Marino Fire Department would like to remind those in the community to use care when enjoying the upcoming summer months and outdoor activities. Here are a few tips to help make your summer safe:

Barbecue Grills: Keep children away from grills and lighter fluid. Don't leave grills unattended while lit, and always keep a fire extinguisher or connected water hose nearby. If someone is burned, run cool water over the burn for several minutes. Cover the burn loosely using dry, sterile dressings or a clean cloth. Serious burns involve the hands, feet, face or head. If you receive a serious burn, call 911.

Fireworks: Fireworks are not legal in the City of San Marino. Call the San Marino Recreation Department for information regarding the City's fireworks display.

Pools: Never leave children unattended in or around pools or spas – **not even for a second.** Locking doors, windows and self-closing, self-latching gates on fences surrounding the pool will limit access to the pool or spa area. Latches should be above the reach of children. Keep rescue equipment near the pool area. Do not allow anyone of any age to swim alone.

Exposure to the Sun: Protect your skin from excessive exposure to the sun (especially between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and use a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.

Know the "Heat-Related Illnesses" and What to Do:

Heat Cramps – These are muscle pains and spasms caused by heavy exertion, which triggers loss of water through heavy perspiration. To relieve the cramps, keep

hydrated and use gentle massage.

Heat Exhaustion – This is a mild form of shock marked by heavy sweating, weakness, cold and clammy skin, a weak pulse, fainting and vomiting. Immediately move to a cool place. Loosen clothing and apply cool, wet cloths and continue to stay hydrated. If vomiting occurs, seek medical attention. Brief exposure to extreme heat can precipitate this condition in very young children and the elderly.

Heat Stroke (Sunstroke) – Heat stroke is life threatening and requires immediate medical attention. This occurs when the body's ability to sweat has stopped and your body temperature rises so high that it may cause serious neurological injury unless medical help is immediate. Symptoms include hot, red and dry skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; and rapid, shallow breathing. If you notice any of the above symptoms, immediately call 911 for emergency medical help. While waiting for emergency personnel, take the following steps:

- Move the individual to the shade or a cool environment.
- Remove the person's clothing.
- Cool the person with water or a wet sheet and turn a fan or air conditioning on high, or sponge the person with cool water in an attempt to lower the body temperature.
- If you have ice packs or cold packs, place them on each of the victim's wrists and ankles, in the armpits and on the neck to cool the large blood vessels.

If you have any questions regarding summer safety tips, please contact the San Marino Fire Department at (626) 300-0738. ■

San Marino among "100 Richest Places"

San Marino has ranked No. 78 on "Bloomberg's" recent list of "America's 100 Richest Places." The list ranked the cities with the highest U.S. household incomes in 2015, according to a "Bloomberg" analysis of census data.

The average household income in San Marino in 2015 was estimated at approximately \$207,000. The top ranking city on the list was Atherton in San Mateo County, with an average household income in 2015 estimated at \$444,000. ■

Fourth of July

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through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Wristbands purchased on Tuesday, July 4 are \$20 each, regardless of residency. Children 2 years and under are free. For more information, please call (626) 943-2627.

The Rotary Club of San Marino will present its Annual Fourth of July Parade. Young children on decorated bikes accompanied by an adult are invited to participate. Bikes parade in a special section at the front. Bands are also welcome. If you would like to drive a vehicle in the parade, registration is required. For more information, please call (626) 440-1959. ■

If you have a comment, question or idea for the newsletter, please send an email to Recreation Manager Rosa Pinuelas at rpinelas@sanmarinoca.gov.