



CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Work begins on capital improvement program

The City's \$29.3 million budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 includes \$3.9 million (13 percent of the total budget) for the capital improvement program.

"Last fall, City staff began to develop an ongoing annual capital improvement investment program," said Parks and Public Works Director/City Engineer Dan Wall. "That program was presented to the City Council in late January, and adopted with the budget on June 30."

Projects in this year's program are divided into five categories.

Streets: This year's program includes \$2 million in street maintenance paving projects. These projects will focus on streets in residen-

Active Military Banner Program Recognizing and honoring those who serve

The City of San Marino will honor community members who are actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or attending a military academy by displaying a personalized street banner in recognition of their service. The banners will be on display in the center of town from early September through early/mid-November. The banners will then be presented to each hon

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tial areas throughout the City. This work will begin in late summer.

Sewers and Storm Drains: The program will focus on the development of a sewer and storm drain system masterplan that will layout a 30-year program for the complete replacement of the aging pipe networks. The anticipated cost of the masterplan and continued repair of sewer and storm drain lines is \$265,000. This work will be completed in time for the next budget.

Sidewalks: \$250,000 of damaged and uplifted sections of sidewalk will be replaced in conjunction with the street maintenance paving projects. This work will begin in late summer.

Buildings: Projects with an anticipated cost of \$468,000 will include remodeling of the Lacy Park restrooms, painting of the exterior of the Crowell Public Library, adding office space to the Police Department by remodeling the jail area and lighting improvements at the Old Mill. This work will begin in the fall.

Other: There are three miscellaneous projects at Lacy Park included in the budget: the renovation of the Rose Arbor, completion of the irrigation system and installation of fencing and screening around the storage yard. The total cost for these projects is \$964,000. This work will begin in the fall. ■

A message from the City Manager

The City Council recently adopted the 2017-18 budget. I'd like to take this opportunity to share with the community a little bit about our budget process as well as some highlights from the budget. This year, a zero-base line item budget approach was used, meaning that each department prepared line item details for the department's activities and recommended service levels. Each department also took the opportunity to assess its operations and make changes where necessary. This process resulted in cost savings as well as several organizational changes throughout the City, including new positions in the Administration Department and increased hours of operation for City Hall. Beginning in September, City Hall will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

The budget totals \$28.9 million overall. This includes an operating budget of \$24 million, \$3.9 million in capital improvement projects and \$1 million in capital equipment purchases. This is a balanced budget that results in an increase in reserves of \$398,863 and a total projected reserve balance of \$24,211,011. Included in this bud

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How resilient are you?

In today's world, there is a case to be made for knowing your neighbors. Simply put, your chances of survival and recovery are greater after a catastrophic event if you have an established network in place to help you survive a disaster.

Disasters and threats come in many forms, both natural and man-made. It is important to be prepared for all disasters, such as windstorms, which can knock down trees and power lines, and earthquakes. Scientists tell us that the Raymond fault, which runs from northeast Los Angeles through South Pasadena, Pasadena and directly underneath San Marino, could cause an earthquake as large as magnitude 7.

Take a minute to imagine your life without power for one month. What would you do without access to your cell phone, refrigerator, lights and businesses such as gas stations, markets, banks and hospitals?

When an event does happen, how resilient will you and your family be?

The San Marino Fire Department has six firefighter/paramedics on duty every day. Depending on the circumstances of a disaster, there may not be enough responders to help everyone in need, so it is important that you be prepared to help yourself.

Here are three tips from the San Marino Fire Department to help get you started:

Tip #1: Get to know your neighbors. Your neighbors are your first responders. Depending on the disaster, they may be the first ones to come to your rescue after they have taken care of their own

families. You may need help if you are trapped in your home or need medical attention. In the event of a long-term power disruption, you may need each other for survival. No one will have all the skills and knowledge needed to survive. Working together as a team, you increase your chances of survival.

Tip #2: Create your own sense of readiness. You must have skills to survive. It is important to understand basic first aid and how to keep yourself healthy. Take Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) offered by our Fire Department. For more information, visit ci.san-marino.ca.us/705/CERT.

Tip #3: Have a communication plan. Know how you would communicate with your loved ones if you are separated and can't find each other after a disaster. Some general strategies include making use of out-of-town contacts; texting if cell phones work, but calls are not going through; or having a pre-determined meeting place after a disaster.

This year, the San Marino Fire Department is updating its emergency plans, conducting training for City elected officials and staff and updating the Emergency Operations Center in an effort to improve the City's resiliency to better serve our community.

Take personal responsibility today. Get to know your neighbors, talk about survival, create your own sense of readiness and formulate your communication plans. The feeling of being prepared and knowing that you, your family and your neighbors will be ready can be powerful and rewarding. ■

Active military banner program

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oree at a special Military Thanksgiving Breakfast to be held on November 16.

We are proud to be honoring those listed below. Banners will be offered at no cost to the serviceperson or his/her family. It is the City's hope that this project can be funded entirely through donations.

2017 Honorees:

- Ben Mills Allen, U.S. Navy
- Christian K. Beckler, U.S. Army
- Jeremy W. Chang, U.S. Air Force
- Russell Chang, U.S. Navy
- Zoe Chang, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- Charles Paul "Chip" Crowley, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- Patrick L. Crowley, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- Macklen C. Edmon, U.S. Marine Corps
- Zachary Egan-Popelka, U.S. Navy
- Garret Glazier, U.S. Marine Corps
- Philip E. Hanf, U.S. Marine Corps
- Bradley W. Haslam, U.S. Air Force
- Alfred Hwang, U.S. Marine Corps
- Jennifer I. Jimenez, U.S. Navy
- Johnnie I. Jimenez, U.S. Navy
- Patrick Larsen Cobb, South Carolina National Guard
- Richard K. Martinson, U.S. Navy
- Julian V. Padua, U.S. Army
- Justin V. Padua, U.S. Army
- Steven Wallace, U.S. Army
- Arthur Wicke, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- Mark Wicke, U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Anyone who would like to sponsor these banners can make a donation in any amount they choose. The cost of each banner is \$150. To make a donation, please complete the donation form available at Recreation, online at cityofsanmarino.org, or call Recreation at (626) 403-2200. ■

City of San Marino water restriction and usage update

Specific Citywide watering restrictions in San Marino continue to be enforced. The City also continues to encourage and monitor additional water conservation measures and best management practices in an effort to help residential and business owners make water conservation a way of life.

Water efficiency is an equally important practice for residents and business owners to incorporate into their respective landscapes. This would include, but is not limited to, using water efficient sprinkler heads and smart/weather-based controllers, grouping together plants with similar watering requirements and incorporating landscape mulch to maximize moisture retention and reduce potential runoff/water waste.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to adjust their irrigation schedules to the following:

- Spring/Summer (April 1 through October 31) – Residential and commercial properties may be watered a maximum of three days a week (see days of the week in “Limits On Watering Days” bullet below).
- Winter (November 1 through March 31) – Residential and commercial properties may be watered a maximum of two days a week. The two days of the week are at the discretion of the property owner based on the allowable days for the respective address.

Keep in mind that little to no watering is not an option for managing your landscape. Code enforcement will address properties where declining or dead landscape turf, plants and trees are observed due to a lack of water.

Current City water restrictions

being enforced for residential and commercial properties include the following:

- Hosing off sidewalks, driveways and other hardscape areas
- Washing cars with hoses not equipped with a shut-off nozzle
- Use of fountains that do not re-circulate the water
- Watering lawns in a manner that causes run-off or within 48 hours of rainfall
- Irrigating ornamental turf on public street medians

Additional water conservation recommendations and best management practices that are being monitored are:

- Limits On Watering Hours – Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated areas with potable water is prohibited between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day, except by use of a handheld bucket or similar container, a handheld hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device or for very short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system.
- Limits On Watering Days – Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated areas with potable water shall be limited to either three days per week or two days a week based on the time of year and in accordance with the following schedule: properties with odd numbered addresses may do so on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays; properties with even numbered addresses may do so on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Wednesday is a Citywide “No Watering” day. Watering or

irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated areas with potable water outside of this schedule shall be monitored.

- Limits On Watering Duration – Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated areas with potable water using a landscape irrigation system or a watering device that is not continuously attended is limited to no more than 15 minutes of watering per day per station. This does not apply to landscape irrigation systems that exclusively use very low-flow drip type irrigation systems in which no emitter produces more than two gallons of water per hour and weather-based controllers or stream rotor sprinklers that meet a 70 percent efficiency standard.

Low-flow irrigation systems (including drip irrigation and micro spray) that emit less than two gallons per hour are exempt from day of week and time limitations. ■

RECREATION HAPPENINGS!

Free Rec Day 2017

Join us after school for an afternoon of recreation activities on Wednesday, August 23! Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to meet our staff at their school's lunch court after school and ride the bus to the Recreation Department. Try out a variety of City recreation classes for FREE. The afternoon will be filled with fun classes, free food and

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Keep home, school and travel safety in mind

All of us at the Police Department want to welcome everyone back from summer vacation. Now is the time to think about safety – at home, at school and as we travel the streets of San Marino.

The Department is continuing to reduce crime in the City and to reduce the fear of crime. We want to remind all of you to use your security systems, even if you will only be gone for a short period of time. As a reminder, San Marino no longer has a False Alarm Fee, so do not worry if your alarm is activated accidentally. Make sure your system is properly maintained and that cameras are free from obstructions such as foliage or spider webs. If you do not have a security system, please consider contacting a reputable and established company to have one installed. It is a small expense for the protection of your family.

The Department has reviewed statistics for burglaries in the City. The two primary times for these crimes are during the day or in the late evening. Suspects are look-

ing for homes that are vacant and at which the possibility of being detected is minimal. Early this year we had 12 attempt burglaries. Ten of those attempts were thwarted by loud alarms that were activated as the suspects came near the rear doors of the residence. Alarms work.

As we return to work and school, traffic safety is imperative. Please remember to use your seat-belt and to use hands free devices for your smartphones. One of the leading causes of traffic injury and death is distracted driving. Please do not be a statistic; put your phone away while you are driving.

Finally, we have initiated a Volunteer Program. The program is open to residents who have an interest in helping the Department in all aspects of our operation. Volunteer opportunities will initially involve patrol and eventually desk operations, detectives or Neighborhood Watch. Information is available by calling the Department or visiting our website. We look forward to your support and involvement. ■

A message from the City Manager

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get is a new fire truck, a new phone system for City Hall and several infrastructure improvements. We are proud of this year's budget, but know that the City still faces the financial struggles associated with its unfunded pension liability and aging infrastructure. A recently appointed Long Term Strategic Financial Planning Ad Hoc Committee will soon begin meeting to help the City address these issues.

This year's budget process has provided a great foundation for future budgets and for planning for the City's long-term needs. As always, I welcome you to contact me with any questions or comments. ■

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

Recreation events

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music, as well as new friends and instructors to meet. The event will last until 6 p.m. Visit the Recreation office to register by Thursday, August 17.

Fall 2017 Registration

Fall Recreation resident priority registration begins on Saturday, August 19 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Recreation and continues Monday,

August 21 at 8 a.m. in the office and begins online. Non-resident registration begins on Tuesday, August 22.

Fall 2017 Senior Trips

“TITANIC Exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library” – Wednesday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. (arrive by 8:15 a.m.). Return at approximately 5:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, August 29.

“Big Bear Oktoberfest” – Sunday, October 15 at 8 a.m. (arrive by 7:45

a.m.) Return at approximately 6 p.m. Reservations must be made by Thursday, September 28.

“White Christmas at Cal State Long Beach Musical Theater” – Saturday, December 9 at 10 a.m. (arrive by 9:45 a.m.) Return at approximately 6 p.m. Reservations must be made by Thursday, November 9.

Turn to pages 18-19 to learn more about these trips, or call (626) 403-2200. ■