



# CITY OF SAN MARINO

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## CITY HIGHLIGHTS

### Summer experiences abound at Camp Lacy

Experience a fun and enriching summer with Camp Lacy! Camps are running weekly now through Friday, August 13.

Camp Lacy offers an exciting blend of activities and experiences for children in kindergarten through middle school. Under the guidance and supervision of experienced staff, campers learn new skills, build self-confidence and establish new friendships.

Sessions are divided by week with a morning option (no field trip) as well as an afternoon option (with a field trip). For more information regarding Camp Lacy, please call (626) 403-2200 or refer to the

Summer Recreation and Library Guide. Check out our Lunch Ride service and Freewheelers programs as well! ■



### Schedule free bulky item pick-up

Residents are reminded that a free bulky item pick-up day is scheduled for Saturday, July 17. The City's trash hauler, Athens Services, is now accepting appointments for those who have bulky items they would like removed. To schedule a pick-up, call 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. ■

### Attend City's Fourth of July celebration

Get ready for the City's annual Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 4 at Lacy Park! This year's patriotic event will feature ongoing game booths and bingo from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., a community parade at 5 p.m., stage entertainment from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a fireworks display at approximately 9 p.m.

Those interested in participating in the Fourth of July Rotary Parade should obtain an entry form at [www.cityofsanmarino.org](http://www.cityofsanmarino.org) or by calling (626) 403-2200.

Four complimentary wristbands for the fireworks celebration will be available to each San Marino household. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 each. (Please refer to the wristband form in this newsletter or the Recreation/Library Guide.) For more information about the Fourth of July celebration, please call (626) 943-2627. ■

*The J.P. Blecksmith Memorial 5K will be held on the Fourth of July. James Patrick "J.P." Blecksmith was killed in Iraq in November 2004. Proceeds raised from the event benefit the J.P. Blecksmith Leadership Foundation. For more information, go to <http://jpblecksmith.org/>.*

### Register online for summer classes!

**July is Parks and Recreation Month!** Show your support by registering online for Summer classes. Visit <https://registration.sanmarinorec.org>. A \$2 convenience fee applies. All classes and camps are available online except for Preschool Summer Camp, Camp Lacy and Aquatics. Register for these programs at the Recreation Office. Refer to pages two and three for more information.

## San Marino Fire Department offers tips for reducing fire season risks

In Southern California, fire season is something that is all too familiar. With this year's El Nino condition, fire season most likely will arrive sometime this summer and continue through the fall. It is important to take advantage of the summer season to make a concerted effort to reduce the risk of a vegetation fire consuming San Marino's neighborhoods.

Proper preparation will be key to surviving fire season. Following are six steps to help reduce risk:

- Follow all local fire and hazard abatement codes.
- Keep roofs and rain gutters free

of dry needles, leaves and other debris.

- Keep all tree branches at least 10 feet away from chimneys.
- When replacing plants, consider drought tolerant or fire resistant varieties.
- Remove dead trees from property. Always obtain a permit from the City before removing any tree.

In the event that surrounding cities experience a vegetation or wildland fire, pay close attention to radio and television reports. Smoke traveling from these fires can hurt ones eyes, irritate the respiratory

system and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases. Individuals who already have a pre-existing respiratory condition such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) should have a plan to leave the area until the local air quality improves.

Should you discover a vegetation fire, dial 9-1-1 and evacuate the area immediately. Vegetation fires move quickly and can render a motor vehicle useless if the smoke gets too thick and restricts the air movement a vehicle requires to operate.

The San Marino Fire Department encourages the community to follow the above tips to experience a safe and enjoyable summer. ■

### Green Corner



#### Oak Tree Preservation

Help preserve the City's California Live Oak trees. Excessive watering around the trunk of the tree, incompatible groundcover around the base and overpruning all can be deadly.

The City encourages property owners with California Live Oak trees to modify their irrigation systems to reduce/eliminate water around the base of the trees and remove incompatible groundcover such as turf and rocks.

Since starting a program one and a half years ago to preserve oak trees in San Marino, 65 City parkway trees have been modified. These types of trees are the target of the program.

If you have a California Live Oak tree planted in the City easement located in front or your house and are interested in participating in the program, please call (626) 300-0789.

#### Green Tip

Be sure to recycle all mercury-containing light bulbs, including compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), after they burn out. Household hazardous waste collection facilities usually accept these lamps.

While mercury-containing bulbs contain small amounts of mercury, they are one of numerous sources that collectively impact the environment during disposal. Nationwide, more than 670 million mercury-containing bulbs are discarded each year, contributing to a release of mercury into the environment. Virtually all components of a fluorescent bulb can be recycled. More information is available at [www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/wastetypes/universal](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/wastetypes/universal).

To submit a comment about the "Green Corner," contact Administrative Services Manager Ron Serven at (626) 300-0789 or [rserven@sanmarinoca.gov](mailto:rserven@sanmarinoca.gov). ■

### Sign up for scenic senior excursion

Seniors are invited to take a tour of the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Gardens at California State University, Long Beach and the historic Rancho Los Alamitos on Thursday, September 16.

The bus will leave Lacy Park at 9 a.m. (spot time is 8:45 a.m.) and return at approximately 4 p.m. Lunch at Tokyo Wako is included. The fee is \$39 per person. Make your reservations by Wednesday, September 1. Call (626) 403-2200 for more information. ■

### Recreational Swim & Aquatics!

Cool off this summer with aquatics activities conducted at the San Marino High School Pool, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (626) 403-2209.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### *At Your Service, 24/7*

Library services are always available at [www.crowellpubliclibrary.org](http://www.crowellpubliclibrary.org). Access your account, renew books, pay fines, reserve a book and use the library's databases, all from the comfort of your own home. Even when the building is closed, we're still open!

### *UCLA's Senior Study Program*

Starting in September, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes will be available at the library. Osher is a membership program for adults ages 50 and older. Offered in partnership with UCLA Extension, the program offers a wide selection of stimulating tuition-based courses. Visit [www.uclaextension.edu/osher](http://www.uclaextension.edu/osher) for program details and to register.

### *The Doctor Is In*

Learn about facial rejuvenation with plastic surgeon Dr. Perry Liu on **Monday, June 28 at 6 p.m.** Dr. Liu will discuss the latest procedures available and answer questions. This event is co-sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center.

### *Alma Nova Ensemble*

Join this award-winning flute and guitar duo on **Wednesday, June 30 at 7 p.m.** as it presents an eclectic program of Chamber music. Flutist Jessica Pierce and guitarist Almer Imamovic are masters of their instruments. Their live performances are filled with energy and passion.

### *Publish Your Photographs*

Learn how to inexpensively publish your own book of photographs on **Monday, July 19 at 7 p.m.** Escott O. Norton, owner of EON Design Company, will share his expertise on unique ways to manage your digital treasures and create

albums of special memories.

### *Brain Aerobics*

Look for the return of Brain Aerobics this September. Come see what all the buzz is about!

### *Summer Reading Program*

Following are upcoming events in the Summer Reading Program (SRP) for children, generously supported by the Friends of the Crowell Public Library:

- SRP Films – **every Monday through July 26 at 2 p.m.**
- SRP Teen Films – **every Thursday through July 22 at 2 p.m.**
- Flights of Fantasy – **Saturday, June 19 at 2 p.m.**
- Barks and Books – **Tuesdays, June 22 and July 27 at 3:30 p.m.**
- Chinese Bilingual Storytime – **Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m.**
- Gigi and Mike – **Saturday, June 26 at 2 p.m.**
- Bubble Day – **Tuesday, June 29 at 2 p.m.**
- Crafts – **Tuesday, July 6 at 2 p.m.**
- Teen Eclipse Party – **Wednesday, July 7 at 3 p.m.**
- Kids in the Kitchen (Ages 5-12) – **Tuesday, July 13 and Saturday, July 17.** Reservations are required.
- Beach Party – **Tuesday, July 20 at 2 p.m.**
- Toddler Dance Party – **Wednesday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m.**
- Teen Guitar Hero – **Saturday, July 31 at 2 p.m.**
- SRP Final Party with David Cousin the Juggler – **Saturday, August 7 at 2 p.m.**

### *Adult Summer Reading Program*

Participate in the Summer Reading Program for adults! Read a book and submit your name and book title at the reference desk. Weekly drawings will be held for interesting prizes. ■

## Register now for Preschool programs

**R**egistration for the City's popular Preschool programs is now underway.  
**Tot Time**

Designed for parents and toddlers, this class helps build self-esteem and social skills and promotes independence in a safe environment. The class is designed for children ages 1 to 2 ½ years who may not be potty trained or ready to enter preschool. Summer months include water play and simple crafts.

### **Lil' Playmates**

This class is for children who have outgrown Tot Time, but are not yet ready to separate from their parents. Participants have a special opportunity for socialization and interaction among other children and parents. Activities include circle time, outside water play, music and crafts. Parents provide snacks on a rotation basis. Diapers are welcome!

### **Too Cool Two's**

This class provides an opportunity for children to learn to separate from their parents in a safe environment with other children. Participants are introduced to cooperative play and pre-academics with an emphasis on first-time experiences.

Summer months provide a fun-filled "camp style" experience with pools and sprinkler play. Diapers are welcome and staff will assist in potty training. This is a monthly program.

For more information, call Angie Murillo at (626) 403-2210. ■

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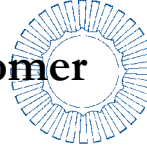
**If you have a comment, question or idea for the City newsletter, please e-mail Community Services Director Lucy Garcia at [lgarcia@cityofsanmarino.org](mailto:lgarcia@cityofsanmarino.org).**

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**Submit City of San Marino Fourth of July Celebration wristband form**

Dear **Resident**,

To thank you for your support of the Safety and Utility Tax, 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 21 to July 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents may purchase additional wristbands for \$10 each through Friday, July 2. (Ages 4 and under are free.)**

**All wristbands will be \$20 on Sunday, July 4.**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Complimentary wristbands requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ # Purchased wristbands: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # "4 years and under" wristbands requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resident Wristband Coupon 2010**