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Pictured above at Saturday's rainy ceremony are, l to r, Former Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Gene Goss, Rotary President Marc Garlett, Rotary Treasurer Georgia Carpenter and Immediate Past President, Karen Swisher. Photo by MVNews

CITY EXCEEDS BUDGET EXPECTATIONS AS GENERAL FUND REVENUES INCREASE

By Kevin McGuire

City Council approved proposed adjustments to the Fiscal Year 21-22 budget due to the expectation that General Fund revenues would decrease due to the pandemic.

In a presentation on Tuesday, during the regular City Council meeting, Finance Director Hillary Guirola-Leon gave a summary and analysis of the budget and asked for the adoption of Resolution 22-12 approving Fiscal Year 21-22 budget adjustments appropriating the amounts projected.

After meeting with the city's property tax and sales tax consultants, General Fund Revenues are expected to increase compared to current budgeted amounts. The proposed adjustment to total revenues is now an increase of \$905,000. In addition to under-selling property taxes (by \$120,000) and sales taxes (by \$280,000), the adopted budget foresaw lower expectations on utility user taxes, service charges, license and permit charges, and other miscellaneous revenues.

The budget also highlights reimbursements of \$63,000 from FEMA for the Bobcat Fire and \$86,000 in reimbursements from CAL Office of Emergency Services due to deployments from July 2021 to September 2021.

EXPENDITURES

The General Fund is proposed to increase expenditures topping over \$1.1 million. The budget will increase by about \$302,000 due to merit increases, staffing, and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) changes. Due to COVID exposures, public safety over time, and part-time wages will see an increase of \$374,800.

But despite increases in expenditures, after adjustments, The General Fund is projected to end the fiscal year with a net positive change in fund balance of about \$2.1 million.

WATER/SEWAGE FUNDS

Due to service charge increases and the FEMA reimbursement for a generator rental, water fund revenues are expected to increase by \$534,000.

Of course, the ongoing Water Main Replacement Project is responsible for a \$154,300 increase in the investment in capital assets. But, as a result of staffing reorganization, salary budgets will see a decrease of \$15,149.

The investment in capital projects is expected to be around \$3.2 million. That money includes \$2.3 million reinvested from the positive change in the Water Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Charges to services increased revenue for the Sewer Funds by \$35,000. There were also payroll adjustments of \$6,700. The Sewer Fund is still expected to have a change in net position of +\$1,700.

City Council unanimously approved the proposed budget adjustment. The public can view the full report on the City's website at www.cityofsierramadre.com.

SIERRA MADRE RESIDENTS, ALVERNO HEIGHTS ACADEMY AND THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE MAY BE VICTIMS OF UNSCRUPULOUS SIGNATURE GATHERERS

In the news this week, including coverage on ABC TV Channel 7, allegations have been levied that resident's signatures on a film permit application in January were forged. According to resident Leesa Puleo, who first reported this matter to the Mountain Views News, the signature on the application was not hers. Upon receipt of a copy of the form via a public information request from the city, it does appear that the name next to her address is not hers. According to other news reports, there are other residents who also make the same accusations.

Alverno, which has been in the crosshair of many resident in the immediate area of the school, for a variety of reasons, had given permission to Paramount Studios to film episodes of the mini-series "The Offer", about the making of "The Godfather".

In order for a filming permit to be issued, 51% of the residents who live within 250 feet of the school, must sign a document authorizing the activity. It is that aspect of the production that has created the controversy. It appears that there are at least 3 tiers, Paramount, the Production Company, and a canvassing contractor who ultimately are responsible for obtaining permission from the residents. Initial review of the permit documents seems to suggest that the last tier, the collection of signatures by the canvassers is where the problem lies, where the signatures are in question..

The Sierra Madre Police Department has launched an investigation into the matter. SMPD Sgt. Charles Kamchamman is quoted as saying, "We're looking at all aspects, identity theft to actual misdemeanor or felony forgery".

Filming and other activities such as weddings help supplement the schools income and enables the school to offer Financial Aide.
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On Sunday, March 27, 2022, Sierra Madre's renowned Wistaria Festival will kick off at 9:00am. This year's festival highlights Historic Sierra Madre, including a shuttle tour of 30 historic locations throughout the city. This tour is being done in cooperation of the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society.

Also unique to the 2022 Festival will be not one, but two automobile shows. On the west side of town will be the Sierra Madre Classic Car Show and in the center of the city will be the Packard Motor Car Club Showcase.

In addition, the festival will showcase our local restaurants and shops as well as more than 75 crafters. This will also be the 'spot' to learn more about our local non-profit organizations, our First Responders and much more. Fun for the entire family!

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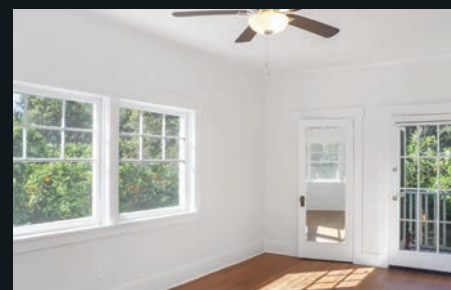
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WELCOMES OUR GUEST SPEAKER
DR. JOHN LLOYD, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF HISTORY
CALPOLY POMONA



"Walk n' Roll: An Active Mobility Plan Can Make Sierra Madre Happier, Healthier, and Safer for All Ages and Abilities."

Dr. Lloyd's presentation will highlight Sierra Madre's wonderful walkability and bikeability. He'll discuss steps the City can take to enhance the experience of walking and biking in town for people of all ages and abilities. A more walkable, bikeable Sierra Madre will be good for local businesses and make our city healthier, safer, and greener. He will help us explore ways to develop an active mobility plan. Dr. Lloyd welcomes community input.

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO JOIN OUR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15
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SPEAKER **7:30AM**



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THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON

The Meadows at Bailey Canyon in Sierra Madre is a proposed plan to permanently protect open space, preserve the Monastery, provide a new park with direct connection to Bailey Canyon — all while creating the most sustainable single-family community in our City's history.



Map of the proposed plan for The Meadows at Bailey Canyon.

Protect Open Space

Permanently dedicating more than 30 acres of open space for wildlife will help expand the protection of natural lands on the City's northern boundary.

Preserve the Monastery

The historic buildings will continue to be an iconic landmark and home to Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center and its ministries.

Provide a New Park

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SIERRA MADRE SPOTLIGHT: SHARON PEVSNER - A SIERRA MADRE TREASURE

By Meghan Malooly

This week's lovely shinee is someone whose name I heard many many times before officially getting to meet them, and that's the wonderful, and very busy, Sharon Pevsner. Sharon grew up on the east coast, New England, before finding herself in our quaint little town and falling in love with it! (I mean who couldn't? I'm definitely not biased but I heard Sierra Madre has some pretty cool people living there, including a snowman that comes out to say hello almost every year! Except if it's raining, that would get dark real quick and if you've ever seen Frozen you know what would happen...). Sharon said what drew her to SM was its resemblance to her native home coast. What sweet and nice praise from such a kind woman!

So many of you probably already know this week's hero. She's currently involved in a million different groups and organizations that benefit the town and has been a part of even more in the past! Some of the current and past organizations she has worked with include: The Sierra Madre Community Foundation, The Mt Wilson Conservancy, the Mt Wilson Trail Race Committee, The Sierra Madre Girls Softball Board as well being extremely active in her two children's schools by being the president of the Sierra Madre Community Nursery School and having had a seat on the parent board at the Gooden School. With already having been involved in so much her good work continued during COVID and that's how I first came across her. I love when I see people who were already wanting to help others before the quarantine just doubled down and did even more when COVID came about.

Pretty early on in the quarantine Sharon started organizing a space for our community to support and help the Sierra Madre Police Department. She not only created the group but took what little free time she does have, to manage it and come up with different ways we can show our local PD our appreciation. From fundraisers to drop in lunches, Sharon always makes sure that the men and women who continued to go to work during a worldwide pandemic and ensure our communities safety, were taken care of and given the accolades they deserve and now it's her turn. Not only does Sharon do all the aforementioned but her family gets involved as well! As a team The Pevsner's have worked together to benefit our community over the years including helping out at The Mount Wilson Trail Race. Sharon is one of those crazy people who enjoy running, again I wish this was something I could relate to but between the sweating, chaffing and odors that come with it I just can't seem to get on board. So she was very happy when she could marry her love of running together with giving back and along with another great woman, Jill Liston, they trained kids for The Mount Wilson Trail Race.

What's so great about a woman like Sharon is knowing that she isn't done yet, not by a long shot. Although I don't know her too well, she seems like someone who is going to continue to



Sharon, second from right with her husband Bill, Daughter Julia and Son Jake.

give back to her community and help those in need until there's no longer a need, which lets be real, there will always be a need. I admire and respect a person that does so much but is still somehow put together and not locked away in a padded room screaming at the shadows to give her some alone time. (I myself have been known to scream at a shadow or two and although it's cathartic, you look and feel crazy.) As the pandemic, hopefully, comes to an end its people like Sharon that I know will continue to do their good work and help when they can even when the world isn't in the middle of a free fall. It's for that reason that I was so excited to do this story on her. She doesn't help out of boredom or necessity but because it's what SHE wants to do and feels like should be done. Even though this article is supposed to be solely on her and how amazing of a person she is, she never misses the opportunity to talk about yet another great event she is putting together to benefit our town. While some people might have spent the entire time talking about themselves and how awesome and special they are (and there's nothing wrong with that, if you got it, flaunt it) but not Sharon. She was sure to mention her newest venture, "I am the current chair of the Whiskey and Wine Event that the Sierra Madre Community Foundation is putting on on April 2, 2022. It's a fundraiser to raise funds to give back to our awesome community.

There will be 16 whiskey's and 6 different wines to taste along with light hor-d'oeuvres. It's an event not to be missed! Tickets are limited and are on sale now here www.Sierramadrefoundation.org - Sharon Pevsner. So as I say adieu to this week's special spotlight I'd like to end it in a fashion I think Sharon would approve of.

Cheers to Sharon and her selfless work and if you would like to show her your support and gratitude for all that she's done, please consider attending or donating to her incredible upcoming Whiskey and Wine event. Let's support her, supporting us!



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CHRISTINE “CHRIS” TAYLOR

Christine 'Chris' Taylor, 72, Of Mesa, Arizona. Born and raised in Pasadena. Sadly passed away on Feb 18 from Kidney failure. She is survived by daughter Sheila Smith, Granddaughter Sabrina Tobar, two sisters, one brother, and nieces and nephew. Chris also lived for a while in Sierra Madre. Services will be held at 11 am, Thursday, April 7th at Knox Presbyterian Church, Pasadena.



MARJORIE MICHAEL

June 27, 1930 – March 4, 2022, she was three months shy of her 92nd birthday!

A family memorial is planned at the residence of Erin & Peter Russell in Sherwood, Oregon.

Mrs. Michael was born in Detroit, Michigan to Marjorie and John Christie. Midge graduated from Glendale High School and later attended Glendale College, in Glendale, California. She married Robert Clay Michael on June 2, 1951 and later moved to Sierra Madre, California where she volunteered with The Pasadena Girl Scouts, Arcadia Children's Guild, and she served as Chairman of the local Cancer drive. Midge and her family moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1969 where she worked in Real Estate and was co-owner of two businesses. In 1988 Midge and her husband Bob retired to Bend, Oregon where she was active in the First United Methodist Church and volunteered at the High Desert Museum, the Deschutes Historical Museum, and with Interfaith Volunteers. Midge was also a member of the Genealogical Society.

In addition to her passion for service, Mrs. Michael enjoyed books, tracing family genealogy, gardening, trips to the beach with her daughters, and walking in nature. Midge's greatest joy was sharing time with family and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bob in 1997. Midge is survived by four daughters; Christie Dimon of Pendleton, Oregon, Heidi Hartman of Sierra Madre, California, Erin Russell of Sherwood, Oregon, Marjorie (Meg) Goehle of Olympia, Washington and by one sister; Patricia Lindley of Ventura, California. Midge was also blessed with 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren!

Midge's family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Habitat for Humanity in Bend, Oregon, and to Tenderly Hospice, LLC in Portland, Oregon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE MEADOWS DEVELOPMENT

by Robert Gjerdge

Last month I wrote about “NIMBY’s” attempt to target and infringe on the religious rights of Mater Dolorosa (the “Monastery”). The feedback has been varied, but mostly missed the point, as did the editorial response by J. Clarke which equated to a personal attack for pointing out the infringement of the religious rights of Mater Dolorosa. Conveniently, he did not address issue of religious discrimination. He then condemned me for not “engaging in reasoned discussion of the merits of the 42-unit housing development.”

That's because this extreme initiative has nothing to do with a 42-unit housing project. Instead it changes longstanding City laws and impacts the entirety of the Monastery property, including infringing on their right to expand their ministry on the 27 acres of land not proposed for any residential development. Should the Monastery want to add a new sanctuary to their church, add a parking lot, or expand their kitchen to serve additional meals to needy residents? They can't do it. Those would be illegal under this ill-conceived initiative. No other churches or businesses in our town would be subject to these rules.

Limiting the rights of the Monastery to expand their ministry is the express intent of the initiative, as evident by the language of the measure which states it is to: “permit the continued operation of the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center without expansion, significant physical alteration, or change in use, as a nonconforming use” [emphasis added]. “Nonconforming use” is a bit of planner jargon but basically means illegal.

No matter how you feel about a housing project, any fair-minded resident understands stripping the Monastery of their rights to expand their religious practices is wrong. Worse yet, it is also illegal under the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) and could expose the City, and taxpayers, to very costly lawsuits.

RLUIPA prohibits zoning laws that substantially burden the free exercise of religion unless it is the least restrictive means of advancing a compelling governmental interest. The stated compelling interest is to “protect the hillside environment.” Certainly, that can be accomplished without prohibiting all expansion of the Monastery and its ministry. It is easy to see that the initiative overreaches and violates RLUIPA. Somehow this critical consequence was left out of the city's Initiative Summary.

The initiative also subverts the deliberative process to consider development permits, including legal advice from our City Attorney. Should this initiative pass, the City Council no longer has the authority to make development decisions about this property and the Monastery would have to seek an expensive public vote to ever expand their religious development.

If this initiative was about the 42 homes it would then be critical that it prevented them from being built. But that simply isn't true. As the City Attorney notes in the impartial summary, “under state law, duplexes, single-family homes, and accessory dwelling units are allowed with a permit approved...without a public hearing by the director of community development” [emphasis added]. The Hillside Residential zoning imposed by the initiative would allow for more than 42 homes to be built and, unlike the project currently proposed, these permits can be issued without consideration by the City Council.

Since this initiative is a citizen-led effort and puts the city at significant legal and financial risk, the city council should perform its due-diligence and take steps to educate the voters on RLUIPA, and potential other legal claims, by having the City Attorney conduct a full analysis and explain the risks to our City if it passes. A failure to fully educate voters on the significant legal and financial exposure only makes things worse, particularly when there are many discriminatory and hostile comments from residents both on the public record and on social media expressing bias against the church and working to cancel their constitutionally protected rights.

If a precedent is set by this initiative then what stops this small group of initiative proponents from targeting other private property owners and businesses in Sierra Madre that they don't like? Our collective action should be to educate voters and oppose this harmful initiative.

THE MEADOWS PROJECT AND THE INITIATIVE FOR A ZONING CHANGE

There is a longstanding process for property owners to follow to make major modifications to or build on their property. This process clarifies and allows for protection to the owner that their rights are honored. At the same time the city and its residents are assured that the modifications or building are safe and meet certain standards. Due to the complexity and nature of the proposed Meadows project a Memorandum of Understanding was created with a negotiated agreement between the Meadows Project and the City. This established the ground-rules for proceeding with the Meadows Project.

The MOU states that “This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (‘MOU’) will facilitate the administration of the Proceedings, discussed below, and will not dictate a substantive outcome regarding the Proceedings of the Applicant's Project. This MOU grants the Applicant procedural rights. It does not grant any planning or land use entitlements. The MOU was signed ‘IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties execute this MOU through their authorized officers on the dates shown below’. Signed: CITY OF SIERRA MADRE: Gabe Engleland, City Manager, and APPROVED AS TO FORM: Aleks R. Giragosian, Assistant City Attor-

ney. THE CONGREGATION OF THE PASSION, MATER DOLOROSA COMMUNITY Keith A. Zeking, Director of Financial/Assistant Treasurer, and APPROVED AS TO FORM: Gregory M. Murphy, Esq.

The Passionists Organization should be afforded their rights. They are following the MOU and the required due process with their application to the City of Sierra Madre. The MOU was legally set up to facilitate the development and it was signed by both parties and sent to the City Council for approval. The initiative being circulated subverts a fair process for both the Passionists and the City. The initiative to change the zoning of their property would take away their rights as property owners, and in effect, taking away the rights of the City to either approve or disapprove of the project.

The Passionists signed the MOU in good faith and have followed the procedure. The City, in good faith, has followed the procedure. The process should continue and in good faith give the Passionists their due process. This process should continue through to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council. The Planning Commission and/ or the City Council can suggest improvements, deny or approve the application. The initiative being circulated at this time is taking away the rights of the applicant and that of the City to follow the process. Pat Alcorn, Sierra Madre

WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time – a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic.” Adrienne Cook

“A good friend is like a four-leaf clover – hard to find and lucky to have.”

“May your troubles be less, and your blessing be more. And nothing but happiness, come through your door.” An Irish Blessing



St. Patrick's Day is next Thursday and, speaking of Patrick, he had a pretty tough time, captured by Irish pirates at age 16, brought to Ireland, enslaved for six years working as a shepherd in County Antrim, heard a voice at age 22 telling him to go home, ran away to port, set sail for Britain, shared his new faith with fellow shipmates, had a vision to go back to the place where he had been held captive and minister to the people. After various adventures, now in his early twenties, he returned to his family in Britain where he continued to study Christianity and recounted a vision he had a few years after returning home:

“I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: "The Voice of the Irish". As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea—and they cried out, as with one voice: "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

Needless to say, he felt a definite call to return to Ireland where his impact was vast: 100,000 baptisms, 300 new churches, countless priests and nuns. But he was also beaten repeatedly, chained, faced execution... sounds a little like the Apostle Paul's testimony.

“And he watched over me before I knew Him and before I learned sense or even distinguished between good and evil.”

There will be parades all over the world, everyone you see will be decked out in green, green beer will be readily available and more arrests than any other day of the year for...shall we call it...impaired driving?

St. Patrick's Day brings to mind some lovely people John and I knew back in the days when he was hosting a radio program each Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon on KCBH-FM, which has been a number of other stations since then, currently KYSR-FM. They were the Galligan Family, who traveled the world singing Gaelic folk music. Jim Galligan, who was very tall and cadaverously thin, was married to a lovely petite lady, Paulina. Jim sent us a loaf of Irish soda bread which he said “Was made this way in County Armagh by Grandma Galligan many years ago.” This bread was delicious and I'm going to make some as soon as I finish writing this edition of Walking Sierra Madre...The Social Side.

1. Put 3 cups of flour in a bowl with 1 TB of baking powder, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. salt.
2. Rub in 4 TB. soft butter, 1 TB of caraway seeds, 1 cup of currants, 1 cup of dark raisins, 1 cup of golden raisins.
3. Mix!
4. Add ¾ cup of sugar, 1 beaten egg and 2 cups of buttermilk (Now, very few of us have buttermilk lounging around in our fridge so to continue with your Irish soda bread, pour 2 TB of white vinegar in your measuring cup and add enough milk to make 2 cups. Pour yourself a cup of coffee and read the Calendar section of the paper or go make your bed and by the time you finish, you'll have buttermilk. Cool, huh!)
5. Pour in greased iron skillet or loaf pan.
6. Bake 10 minutes at 400 degrees and then 45 minutes at 350 degrees.
7. Test center with a toothpick to see if it's done, let it rest for 10 minutes, cut yourself a slice, butter it, and enjoy. Irish Soda Bread also makes delicious French toast.

Corned beef and cabbage is a huge favorite on St. Patrick's Day and I expect if you look around a little, you'll encounter someplace that will serve you a dish of same. I, personally, will not be searching hard for it.

My advice is to avoid green beer and make yourself some authentic Irish soda bread. And, just in case somebody wants to play a little Irish Trivia with you here are a few tidbits they might not know: C. S. Lewis was from Ireland, as were James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift and Bram Stoker. Now there's a mixed bag if I ever saw one!

“May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.”

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis – check out

“The Crown” -a great Easter story.
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SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

The following represents a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Sierra Madre Police Department during this period. This list is not intended to be considered exclusive or all-inclusive.

Sunday, February 27

THEFT FROM A VEHICLE At approximately 1:30 pm, a victim reported that the catalytic converter was stolen from their vehicle parked in the 00 block of N Baldwin Ave. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.

Monday, February 28

ARREST FOR UNDER THE INFLUENCE, NARCOTICS POSSESSION, AND RESISTING ARREST

Officers responded to the 600 block of Auburn Ave regarding a vehicle blocking the driveway of a residence. Upon arrival, officers observed a female inside a vehicle who appeared to be under the influence of an unknown controlled substance. The female initially refused to exit the vehicle but was ultimately convinced to exit. As she exited the vehicle, she failed to comply with the officer's direction and began to resist. The female was eventually taken into custody. Officers searched her property, which revealed a sizable amount of narcotics. The female was arrested, cited, and released on a citation.

Thursday, March 3

THEFT FROM A VEHICLE

Officers responded to a reckless driver in the 600 block of E. Sierra Madre Blvd. An investigation determined that three unknown suspects stole gardening equipment secured in the back of a pickup truck. A minor traffic collision occurred between the victim and suspect vehicles during the theft. The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident

Thursday, March 3

TRAFFIC COLLISION

Officers responded to the intersection of Orange Grove Blvd and Baldwin Ave regarding a traffic collision. An investigation determined that an elderly male had a medical condition and collided with a parked vehicle.

FRAUD

A victim filed an online report stating that a suspect(s) contacted them via email claiming to be a neighbor and requested online gift cards. The cards were obtained and sent to the suspect(s).

The Detectives' Bureau is following up on this incident.

Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Mon:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
Tues:	Sunny	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
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Thur:	Ptly Cldy	Hi	70s	Lows	50s
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SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 22, 2022 5:30pm

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As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transparency efforts and The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record. The public may also comment in person at the meeting.

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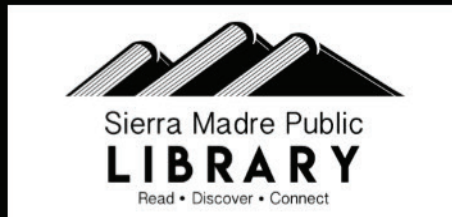


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News From Your Community For Your Community

PWP to Hold Meeting on Energy Needs

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) is set to host a virtual community meeting on the Power Delivery Master Plan (PDMP) on Tuesday, at 5 p.m. via Zoom. The PDMP is a detailed strategic plan focused on addressing critical challenges, long-term strategies, and future guidance in order to maintain a safe, reliable and cost-effective power delivery system. The PDMP will serve as a guide over a 20-year period, and will be reviewed every five years to ensure renewed focus and analysis.

In addition to other important goals, the PDMP will address:

- Future growth of Pasadena and the infrastructure necessary to support it;
- Consideration of newer customer options, such as solar, energy storage and electric vehicles;
- Newer utility technology, such as advanced metering and power system automation;
- Enhancements to the utility to provide continued reliable and quality power delivery;
- Economic planning to ensure PWP's future is cost-effective and scalable; and
- Repairs and modifications, both immediate and over a long-term period of time.

For more information about the PDMP and the upcoming meeting, visit PWPweb.com/PDMP or call (626) 744-4005.

JPL Pi Day Challenge

To celebrate Pi Day, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory is serving up a series of science and engineering questions related to some of the agency's Earth and space missions.

It's deliciously reliable, like cherry pie: Divide the circumference of any circle in the universe by its diameter, and you will always get the same number, pi, aka the Greek letter p. In fact, NASA relies on pi for all sorts of applications.

Though it has an infinite number of decimals, the mathematical constant is usually abbreviated to 3.14, which is why Pi Day is celebrated on March 14. To mark the occasion this year, the STEM engagement office at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California has released a quartet of illustrated science and engineering questions related to NASA missions: the upcoming Lunar Flashlight and SWOT (Surface Water and Ocean Topography) missions, along with InSight and TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite).

For example, one problem concerns Lunar Flashlight's mission to look for water ice in permanently shadowed craters on the Moon – an important resource for future crewed missions to the lunar surface. The small spacecraft will send infrared laser pulses to the Moon's surface and measure how much light is reflected back. For the NASA Pi Day Challenge, problem-solvers can use pi to find out how much surface area will be measured in a single pulse of Lunar Flashlight's lasers.

Answers to all four challenge questions will be made public on March 15.

More on the NASA Pi Day Challenge from JPL: jpl.nasa.



Council to Finalize Union Street Bikeway

The Pasadena city council is set to vote Monday afternoon to enter into a contract for project plans and specifications for the Union Street Two-Way Protected Bikeway at a cost of almost \$9 million. California Professional Engineering, Inc. submitted the winning bid.

According to the council's staff report, "the project will provide for a 1.5 mile protected bicycle lane (cycle track) along Union Street from Hill Avenue to Arroyo Parkway as an alternative mode of travel connecting Metro Gold Line stations to major institutions and employment centers."

The project will eliminate a travel lane and install a protected two-way bicycle facility on the south side of Union Street, with raised islands, bollards and

traffic signals that separate bicyclists from traffic. This includes, improvements at 14 signalized intersections including six new traffic signals, traffic signal equipment, conduit, conductors, pull boxes, traffic signal controller and cabinet upgrades, fiber optic communications, Ethernet switches, and splice enclosures; tighter corner radii at intersections, ADA curb ramp upgrades, pavement resurfacing, curb and gutter repairs, striping and signage according to the report..

The total cost of the contract including a contingency of \$697,000, to provide for any necessary change orders, is \$7,685,000 and the total cost is expected not-to-exceed \$8,765,000 the reports reads. Construction is expected to begin in June and be

completed in April 2023.

The city council meets at 4 p.m. by videoconference

A livestream with captioning is available at: pasadenamedia.org. Members of the public may provide live public comment. See the council's agenda for for information at: cityofpasadena.net.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

The Pasadena Fire Department is reminding residents of the long-standing "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries" campaign that encourages the public to change smoke alarm batteries when turning back clocks in the fall and ahead in the spring.

Early Sunday morning states throughout the US turned their clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time. Use this opportunity to change their home's smoke alarm batteries as well.

Because working smoke alarms are a critical element of home fire safety, we want to reinforce the importance of working batteries. Today's smoke alarms are not all designed the same, making battery messaging more nuanced.

Following is information to help make sure all smoke alarms have working batteries, accounting for the multiple types of smoke alarms on the market and their varying battery requirements:

Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.

Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

When replacing a battery, follow manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer's instructions. Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work properly if a different kind of battery is used.

Also, take this opportunity to update your family disaster kit(s) and make sure the food, water, medications, prescription glasses, pet supplies, first aid kit, etc. are current.

For more information visit: cityofpasadena.net.

Five Acres Honors 2021 Community Members



Five Acres Welcomes New Board Members Carol Alexis Chen and Zoe Walrond

Altadena based Five Acres announced Thursday new board members and recognized its community award recipients at its 134th Annual Meeting and Board Celebration Wednesday. Five Acres staff honored community members and volunteers who demonstrated an unwavering commitment to its mission during the previous year.

These individuals have supported the charity's mission in serving more than 7,000 children and families annually across five counties. The charity offers a full continuum of care for children and families in crisis, including foster care, adoption, deaf services, therapeutic residential care for foster youth, and community-based mental/behavioral health programs.

The individuals recognized were:

In honor of their memory, Gene Gregg and Margaret Sedenquist, Dorothy Cook Lifetime Achievement Award Florence Nelson, Volunteer of the Year Award Rustin Mork, Person of the Year Award

Carbon Health and Five Acres Nursing Staff, Special Service to Children

Don Boline, Special Recognition Award

In honor of her memory Melissa Kobe, The Children's Thanks

Paul Maurin, Commitment to Service Award

Five Acres also bids farewell to Don Boline and Rustin Mork, who served their tenure this year. Board members who departed made a mark on the agency's mission. Being a local builder, Boline started on the Building and Grounds Committee before he joined the Board in 2012. He served as the vice chair of administration and last year co-chaired the Gala Committee, galvanizing additional support for Five Acres. Mork started his involvement serving on the golf committee raising funds for the charity until he was recruited to join the Board in the same year as Boline. He chaired the Golf Committee and last served as the vice chair of nominating and audit committees.

The charity also welcomed two new board members: Carol Alexis Chen and Zoe Walrond who join the class of 2022. Chen is a partner and trial lawyer in Winston & Strawn LLP's Los Angeles office. She represents public and private companies, corporate officers, entrepreneurs, and other individuals in high-stakes white collar criminal and complex civil litigation. Carol is heavily involved in community, pro bono, and non-profit board service and various professional associations, and serves as a mentor for Yale Law Women, Asian Pacific Asian Women Lawyers Alliance, Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association, and The Mentorship Boardroom, the latter for which she mentors young lawyers in South Africa through virtual meetings.

Walrond comes to the Five Acres board with a background in broadcast journalism. She was a television reporter and anchor for NBC affiliates in Denver and Kansas City, Missouri, and the CBS affiliate in Colorado Springs. She also served as news director of National Public Radio affiliate KCUR-FM in Kansas City, as Morning Edition anchor on NPR affiliate KPCC-FM in Pasadena, and as a contributing reporter for NPR. In addition, Zoe was a news anchor on all-news radio station KFWB in Los Angeles. As an adjunct professor at Cal Poly Humboldt, formerly known as Humboldt State, she taught journalism and radio production and was faculty advisor to the university's award-winning student radio station.

The charity's new executive committee are Susan McGuirl, chair; Shoshana Puccia, secretary; Jason Melillo, vice chair, finance/investment; Chris Selak, vice chair, advancement; Grace Russak, vice chair, nominating; Chris Kerns, vice chair, audit and past board chair; and Kirsten Hansen, vice chair, administration.

"We honor, recognize, and appreciate all of our wonderful awardees, departing board members, new board members, and new executive committee, who have been an asset to the impact and growth of Five Acres," said Chanel Boutakidis, Five Acres chief executive officer.

To learn more, visit 5acres.org.

Photo caption: New Five Acres Board Members Carol Chen and Zoe Walrond | Photo courtesy of Five Acres

Altadena Library Renovation multi-year Project Underway

Community Town Hall on Zoom from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29

The Altadena Library District announced Thursday that they are underway with planning and design for a multi-year project to modernize and improve the Altadena Main Library and Bob Lucas Memorial Library buildings.

The District is working with capital project manager Rachlin Partners and Anderson Brulé Architects (ABA), an architecture firm that specializes in the creation of thriving community resources, and libraries in particular, to lead these efforts.

"Our libraries have served as a key resource for Altadena for almost 55 years," Altadena Library District Trustee and Chair of the Facilities Committee Jason Capell. "Through these renovations, our library facilities will become more accessible, more sustainable and more flexible. We look forward to being able to address the future needs of the community for the next 55 years."

ABA established its commitment to the Altadena libraries and community two years ago when Design Principal Mark Schoeman, AIA, and his team guided library staff in exploring improvement concepts during a 2020 design charrette for the Library Journal's Design Institute. Building on that collaboration and extensive experience, ABA will play a vital role in preparing the libraries for the next generation of service and community engagement.

"We are so excited to be

working with ABA to re-imagine our libraries for future Altadenans," Altadena Library District Director Nikki Winslow said. "We will be able to offer more public-facing spaces with study spaces and meeting rooms, making these facilities true community hubs."

ABA is nationally recognized for its leadership in planning and designing libraries and developing forward-looking library service and operational models.

"Throughout the design process, we're paying attention to the collections, technology and all the essential elements that make a library work well," Schoeman said, who brings 30 plus years of experience. "But our most important task, based on feedback from the library staff and the Altadena community, is to transform these library buildings into truly inclusive and universally accessible resources for a wide variety of stakeholder groups."

To help ensure that inclusiveness, the District and ABA want Altadena residents to provide their input on the libraries and invite them to participate in a community survey at: bit.ly/ALDSurvey (in Spanish <http://bit.ly/ALDEncuesta>).

Altadena residents also are invited to join a virtual Community Town Hall on Zoom from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 to see and provide feedback on preliminary schematic plans for the Bob Lucas Memorial Library. The District will hold a similar Community Town Hall on Zoom, from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, regarding plans for the Main Library. For more information and to sign up, go to www.AltadenaLibrary.org/Next-Chapter.



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Edison to do Construction Work in South Pasadena



On March 23 and 24 Southern California Edison (SCE) will perform nighttime construction in South Pasadena work to replace electrical transmission poles along Park Avenue from Mission Street to Hope Street. The work will require a partial street closure of Park Avenue and will be performed from 10pm to 6am.

SCE will distribute flyers to neighborhood residents notifying them of the construction activity and will post signs and message boards within the vicinity

of the work for additional noticing. Temporary power outages may occur as a result of the work. Customers impacted by the power outage will be notified by SCE in advance. This maintenance work is to ensure the continuity of a safe, reliable electrical system which serves the City of South Pasadena. Upon the completion of the project, the overall reliability of the SCE grid system will improve, which will minimize future power outages.

For more information visit: southpasadenaca.gov.

Teen Poetry Workshop in April with Suzanne Lummis

Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in a poetry workshop with Los Angeles based Poet Suzanne Lummis on April 20. This program is being presented by South Pasadena Public Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and is sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library to celebrate National Poetry Month. The workshop will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room at 1115 El Centro Street, South Pasadena, CA, 91030. Pre-registration for the program is required and can be found at the Library's Eventbrite page at www.southpasadenaca.gov/register. For questions or more information about the workshop, please contact TAB Librarian, Anne Armacost, at armacost@southpasadenaca.gov or at (626) 403-7358.

Upon request made no

later than four (4) business days before the event, the City will provide a reasonable accommodation for a qualified person with disability to have equal access to the event. Please call (626) 403-7312 or fill out the City's request form available at: southpasadenaca.gov and email the form to Human Resources at HR@southpasadenaca.gov.

The South Pasadena Public Library is located at 1100 Oxley Street in South Pasadena. Information about current library services are available at www.southpasadenaca.gov/library. The South Pasadena Public Library is open on Mondays through Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. To be notified about service changes, sign up to receive informational emails from the library at: southpasadenaca.gov/librarynews.

Pasadena Woman Wanted in \$30 Million Hospice Fraud Scheme

Authorities arrested a physician and a marketer Tuesday on federal charges stemming from a scheme that bilked Medicare out of more than \$30 million for medically unnecessary hospice services provided to patients who were obtained through illegal kickbacks.

A 14-count indictment unsealed this week also names the former Pasadena resident who controlled the hospices, Juanita Antenor, 59, who remains at large and is believed to be in the Philippines.

Authorities arrested Dr. Victor Contreras, 66, of Santa Paula, and Callie Jean Black, 63, of Lancaster.

According to court documents, Antenor owned a Pasadena hospice company called Arcadia Hospice Provider, Inc., and she controlled a second, Saint Mariam Hospice, Inc., that billed Medicare and Medi-Cal for hospice services for patients who were not terminally ill. In some case, the companies submitted bills for services that were never provided.

Contreras, who was on probation imposed by the California Medical Board while he was part of the scheme, provided fraudulent certifications for some of these patients, including patients he claimed to have examined, but never actually saw, according to the indictment.

Antenor allegedly paid marketers, including Black, illegal kickbacks for the patients referred to Arcadia and Saint Mariam.

From approximately September 2014 until April 2019, Arcadia submitted to Medicare nearly \$23 million in claims for hospice services provided to beneficiaries and was paid approximately \$18,853,757 for those claims, according to the indictment.



Juanita Antenor

Between February 2015 and April 2019, St. Mariam submitted to Medicare approximately \$13,742,116 in claims for hospice services and was paid approximately \$11,395,849 for those claims. Contreras is linked to about \$5.1 million of the total claims paid by Medicare.

Additionally, Arcadia and St. Mariam submitted more than \$5.5 million in claims to Medi-Cal, which paid the companies a total of just over \$1.35 million.

Antenor and Contreras are charged in the indictment with health care fraud – six counts name Antenor, and Contreras is charged with five counts. Additionally, Antenor is charged with four counts of paying illegal kickbacks for health care referrals, and Black is charged with four counts of receiving illegal kickbacks.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted of the charges in the indictment, Contreras would face a statutory maximum sentence of 50 years, while Black would face up to 40 years. A federal district court judge will determine the sentence.

PWP to Hold Water Rate Public Hearing

Pasadena Water and Power is set to hold a public hearing on water rate changes.

The following Water rate adjustments are scheduled for a Public Hearing on Monday at 5:00 p.m. Public



participation for this hearing is only accessible via videoconference/teleconference.

- Effective April 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, increase the Commodity Charge to generate additional annual revenue of approximately \$1.5 to \$2.0 million, and increase the Distribution and Customer Charge ("D&C") to provide additional annual revenue of \$1.0 million.

- Effective January 1, 2023 or as soon as practicable thereafter, increase the Commodity Charge to provide additional annual revenue of approximately \$1.8 million, the D&C to provide additional annual revenue of \$1.0 million, and the Capital Improvement Charge ("CIC") to provide additional annual revenue of \$1.0 million.

- Amend the description of the CIC in the Water Rate Ordinance to eliminate reference to the "Water Distribution System" and include reference to the CIC rate to be applicable to all Water System capital expenditures.

Leading up to the Public Hearing, PWP is hosting Public Outreach Meetings regarding the recommended water rate adjustments. The first meeting will be held Tuesday at 6:30 in person at the Victory Park Community Center 2575 Paloma Street. The Second meeting will be held March 9 at 2 p.m. at the Robinson Recreation Center 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

For more information visit: pwpweb.com.

Dine at El Portal, March 23 to Support Senior Center

Anyone who dines at El Portal in Pasadena on Wednesday, March 23, will have an opportunity to help support the Pasadena Senior Center.

The Yucatecan/Mexican restaurant will donate 20 percent of that day's and evening's profits to the center on behalf of everyone who says they want to help support the Pasadena Senior Center. Diners can eat at the restaurant or order takeout.

El Portal (elportalrestaurant.com) is at 695 E. Green St. in Pasadena and will be open on March 23 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are requested. Call 626-795-8553.

Anyone who cannot dine at El Portal that day and evening will still have an opportunity to support the center by visiting: pasadenaseniorcenter.org



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The Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, donor-supported nonprofit organization that has served older adults for more than 60 years. For more information visit the website or call 626-795-4331.

Pasadena Chorale Presents 'Listening to the Future'



Pasadena Chorale is set to present its next performance, "Listening to the Future," on Saturday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church in Pasadena. Audience members will be introduced to 17 new pieces composed for the Chorale by 9 student composers. The pieces, all written within the last two years, have never been heard before!

Originating in 2015, the annual "Listening to the Future" program pairs Pasadena area high school students with professional composer mentors and culminates with performing the selected pieces in concert. This relatively new concept has already seen the creation of 62 choral pieces by 24 student composers who worked with 6 professional composer mentors.

While Pasadena Choral was unable to gather, rehearse or perform during a 16-month period of the Covid-19 pandemic, "Listening to the Future" carried on its program, with student composers meeting over Zoom to continue writing the music audiences will finally hear this April.

• LA County High School for the Arts Junior Arian Cazares contributed a new arrangement of Munequita Linda as well as original composition The Old Green King. Cazares began his musical studies playing the viola at age 9 and continues to play in his high school symphony orchestra and string ensembles. In 2021, Cazares earned second place in the American Viola Society Solo Competition in Los Angeles and has also participated in statewide competitions.

• Yoni Fogelman, 19, currently works with the non-profit organizations Musicians at Play and the Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles to promote music education in Southern California. He studies composition with award-winning composer Juan-Pablo Contreras and big-band arranging with acclaimed band director and Hollywood orchestrator Ladd McIntosh.

Fogelman's pieces include an arrangement of American Spiritual All My Trials and original composition To a Rose with text by Eli Staub. • Hyomin Kim currently studies at KyungHee University in Seoul, South

Korea and continues practicing piano, cello, drums and song composition. Kim composed original music Once Again, with lyrics written by Hyomin Kim and Rachel Yun.

• Composer of many talents, Olivia Marie is a singer, dancer, actress, composer, lyricist, librettist, trumpeter, pianist and conductor. Marie has written the book, music and lyrics to four award-winning musicals and currently studies composition at University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music. Marie's performed pieces include original composition A Minor Bird with text by Robert Frost, as well as a new arrangement of Wayfarin' Stranger.

• Princeton University student Prince Takano currently studies politics and music composition. His background includes both classical and jazz. Takano's musical area of interest is composing music for video games and films. His contributions include a rearrangement of Battle Hymn of the Republic and original composition Laudate Dominum.

Los Angeles-based Filipino composer and choral artist Saunder Choi provided mentorship to student composers over the two-year endeavor. His works have been performed by the Philippine Madrigal Singers, the Crossing Choir, the LA Master Chorale Chamber Singers, Sacra Profana, Tonality, Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, World Youth Choir, Asia Pacific Youth Choir and many others. As a tenor and SAF-AFTRA session singer, he sang in the soundtrack of Disney's The Lion King (2019) live action remake, Disney's Mulan (2020) live action remake and others. He is currently Director of Music at Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica.

"Listening to the Future" will be presented Saturday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church, 301 N. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91103. Tickets are available now, on pasadenachorale.org. Tickets are offered at no cost on a "Listen First, Then Give" basis.

For more information on Pasadena Chorale's "Listening to the Future," visit pasadenachorale.org.

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A virtual Community Meeting & Artist Workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 1:00pm PST.

For more information and to apply, visit: cityofpasadena.net/arts

ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, February 27th through Saturday, March 5th, the Police Department responded to 871 calls for service, of which 93 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, February 27:

- At 7:00 a.m., an officer responded to the area of 102 East Huntington Drive regarding a petty theft report. The officer determined the suspect stole approximately \$100.00 worth of groceries before exiting the store, failing to pay for the items. The suspect was gone by the time the officer arrived.
- At 9:03 p.m., an officer responded to the 800 block of Palo Alto Drive regarding a theft from a vehicle incident. Sometime between 9:15 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 27th, someone stole the victim's catalytic converter from her Honda Civic.

Monday, February 28:

- At 4:41 a.m., an officer responded to the 00 block of North Golden West Avenue regarding a theft from a vehicle incident. The witness reported seeing three suspects steal a catalytic converter. The description of the suspects is vague, but they fled in a dark colored Ford Mustang and a light colored SUV. The suspects were interrupted by the witness, and they fled emptyhanded.
- At 2:27 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 400 block of West Le Roy Avenue regarding a fraud report. The victim was notified of three fraudulent purchases on his credit card. The victim does not know how the suspect obtained his personal information as he was still in possession of his credit card.

Tuesday, March 1:

- At 3:32 p.m., an officer responded to the intersection of North Santa Anita Avenue and Live Oak Avenue regarding the notification of a stolen vehicle in the area. Officers located the vehicle, conducted an enforcement stop, and during an inventory search of the vehicle, the officer located a glass smoking pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. A 45-year-old female from Los Angeles was arrested for Driving a Stolen Vehicle and Possession of Unlawful Paraphernalia and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, March 2:

- At 6:39 a.m., an officer responded to Phoenix Restaurant, located at 1108 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary investigation. Surveillance footage captured the suspect, a lone male, shatter the front glass window and stole the cash register. The suspect is described as a male wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and black pants. The investigation is pending a review of the footage.
- At 10:55 a.m., an officer responded to VJ's Auto Service, located at 400 North 1st Avenue, regarding a vandalism report. The victim discovered someone etched the word "KABAM" into the front glass window of the business. The investigation is pending a review of any available surveillance footage.
- At 2:57 p.m., an officer responded to Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a robbery investigation. An investigation revealed the unidentified suspect sprayed the victim in the eyes with a liquid substance and stole her purse.

Thursday, March 3:

- At 9:38 a.m., an officer responded to 24 Hour Fitness, located at 125 North First Avenue, regarding a trespassing incident. Officers located the suspect and while detaining him, they discovered he was in possession of a glass smoking pipe. The 36-year-old local male transient was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 11:02 a.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of West Duarte Road regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer determined someone entered the construction site and stole \$600.00 worth of wiring. The incident occurred sometime between February 25th and March 3rd.

Friday, March 4:

- At 7:01 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Beauty Spa, located at 1013 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a vandalism. The officer witnessed the suspect throwing rocks at the business's windows resulting in them shattering. The suspect, a 32-year-old male from Wilmington, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.
- At 8:23 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 900 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a domestic dispute. The officer discovered a wife had assaulted her husband. The suspect, a 32-year-old female from Arcadia, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, March 5:

- At 7:56 a.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Geona Street regarding a burglary report. The victim discovered someone entered his garage through a partially opened window, then ransacked the unlocked vehicles, and fled with a stolen handicapped placard.
- At 10:48 a.m., an officer responded to the 200 block of El Dorado Street regarding a stolen vehicle report. Sometime between 2:57 a.m. and 10:48 a.m. on March 5th, someone stole the victim's Chevrolet S10 truck.

DUARTE POLICE BLOTTER

The following is a synopsis of crimes reported for the week of February 27, 2022 - March 05, 2022.

February 27, 2022

- Burglary (Vehicle):**
751 Encanto Parkway (Encanto Park). On 02/27/22 between 1:15 pm and 3:27 pm suspect(s) unknown entered the victim's vehicle a gray 2016 Acura MDX that was parked at the location while she went for a bike ride. Suspect(s) unknown stole her wallet containing cash and credit cards. Loss was approximately \$1,000. No surveillance video.
- Petty Theft:**
800 Block of Junipero Drive. Between 02/26/22 at 8:00 pm and 02/27/22 11:00 am suspect(s) unknown entered the victim's unlocked vehicle a gray 2007 Toyota Tacoma and stole his company laptop. Loss was approximately \$800. No surveillance video available.

February 28, 2022

- Rape:**
1533 Huntington Drive (Days Inn). On 02/28/22 at 4:00 am the victim was in an ongoing dating relationship with her supervisor. They travel from state to state due to business. They were sharing a room at the location when they began to argue over sex. The victim left the room to diffuse the situation. She returned to the room several hours later and fell asleep in the shared bed with the suspect. The victim was awoken to the suspect rolling her onto her back and forcing himself on her. The suspect began to sexually assault her. The victim attempted to resist but was unable to. The next morning, they had another argument, at which point the suspect stated to the victim she could no longer stay with him. The victim refused medical attention stating she had a flight to Nebraska she needed to catch. Suspect outstanding.

March 01, 2022

- Burglary (Commercial):**
1128 Huntington Drive (KFC). Between 02/28/22 10:00 pm and 03/01/22 8:30 am suspect(s) unknown shattered the side entrance door and entered the location. Once inside suspect(s) unknown pried open the office door and ransacked the business and stole money from a safe. Loss was approximately \$3,800. Surveillance video not available at time of report.

March 02, 2022

- Grand Theft Vehicle:**
1600 Mountain Avenue (Walmart). On 03/02/22 Between 11:00 am and 11:30 am suspect(s) unknown stole the victims parked vehicle a blue 1995 Chevy S-10. No surveillance video available. Vehicle outstanding.

March 03, 2022

- Grand Theft:**
1800 Block of Bradbury Avenue. Between 03/02/22 8:00 pm and 03/03/22 4:15 am suspect(s) unknown stole the catalytic converter to the victims parked vehicle a blue 2003 Honda Accord. Loss was approximately \$1,500. No surveillance video available.
- Aggravated Assault:**
1322 Huntington Drive (Grocery Outlet). On 03/03/22 at 8:20 pm the victim who is a transient, was in rear alley of the location, when he was contacted by another transient a male black adult in his 30's known by the name "Derrick". The suspect without notice began to assault the victim. The suspect struck the victim multiple times while holding a pocketknife in the open position. The victim sustained a laceration to his face and redness to his back. The victim refused medical transportation. Suspect outstanding.

ARCADIA/MONROVIA-DUARTE

NEWS BRIEFS

BURGLAR SHOT BY HOMEOWNER DURING A HOME BURGLARY GONE WRONG IN ARCADIA

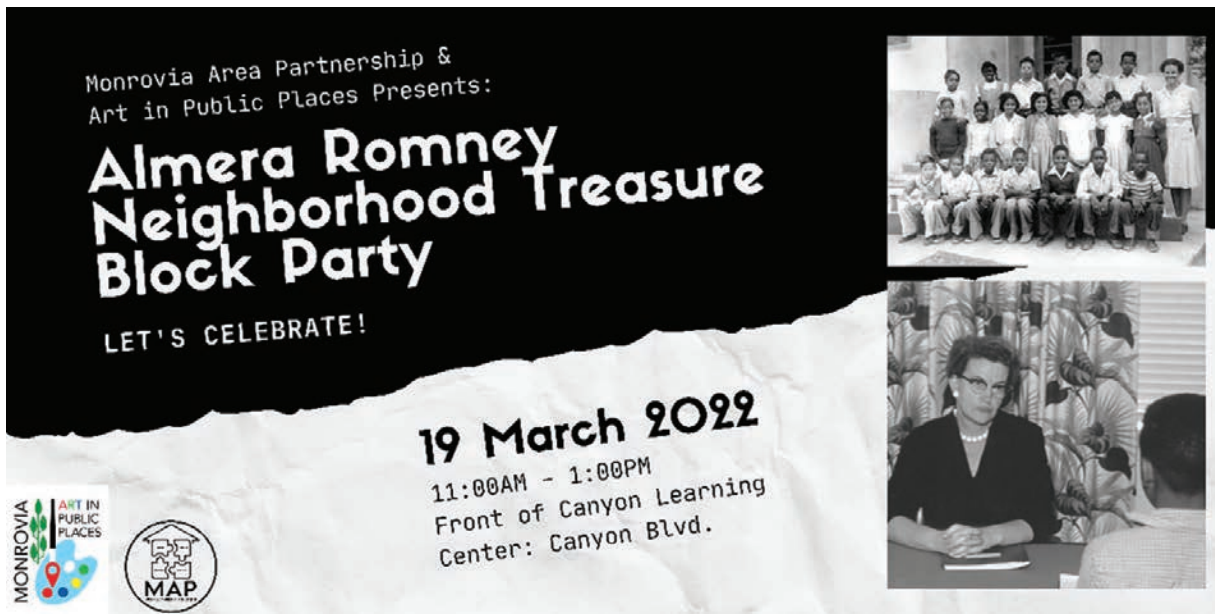
ARCADIA, Calif. (-- A man was shot by a homeowner during an alleged burglary in Arcadia early Saturday morning. Deputies from the Temple City station of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department responded at about 1 a.m. to the 5500 block of Tyler Avenue regarding reports of a burglary, said Deputy Miguel Meza of the Sheriff's Information Bureau.

The suspect was shot twice and taken to a hospital in unknown condition, according to officials. His identity was **ARCADIA ANNOUNCES MARCH 15 PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING**

The Arcadia City Council is seeking public input on draft maps for the redistricting of City Council districts. The next public hearing to review draft maps is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 240 W. Huntington Drive. Please note that the City Council meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, the City Council will consider adopting one of five potential maps that are currently under consideration. These maps under consideration will be posted on the City's website at least seven days in advance of the public hearing.

For more information regarding the City's redistricting process, please visit the City's redistricting page on the website at ArcadiaCA.gov/redistricting. If you have any questions regarding the redistricting process or wish to submit comments prior to the public hearing about draft maps, please email us at CityClerk@ArcadiaCA.gov.

NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE UNVEILING FOR ALMERA ROMNEY



Monrovia, CA - The City of Monrovia is excited to announce the unveiling of the sixth Neighborhood Treasure honoring Almera Romney. All are invited to attend the block party on Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Canyon Early Learning Center, 1000 S. Canyon Blvd.

Almera Romney was a woman who believed her faith dictated that all children, regardless of their ethnicity, should be treated equally. Over her 17-year tenure at Huntington Elementary School as a teacher and then principal, she fought her supervisor (who was also the school superintendent), her church, and the local newspaper to draw resources and attention to give Huntington Elementary Students a good education.

Huntington Elementary was the segregated school that children of color in Monrovia were forced to attend. From 1946 to 1963, Ms. Romney was the driving force that transformed Huntington Elementary School from an under-resourced and physically unsafe school to a place where students thrived academically and socially. She ensured students not only felt safe and valued, but no longer had cast-off books and unhealthy lunches. She disputed the belief that the children at Huntington Elementary were incapable of learning.

Neighborhood Treasures celebrates historically significant Monrovia residents through the installation of public art pieces in various neighborhoods throughout the community. The goal of the program is to enrich the lives of those who view the art and improve neighborhoods by its presence. When designing a public art piece for Neighborhood Treasures, artists include specialized artwork that visually represents the life and contributions of the honorees.

MONROVIA BUSINESS EMERGENCY RESILIENCY TRAINING

Monrovia Fire & Rescue's Business Emergency Resiliency Training (BERT) is back in March with a FREE workshop on preparedness for both businesses and their employees! This session is scheduled for March 24, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., at the Monrovia Public Library Community Room.

Attendees will:

- Identify who is responsible for employee preparedness
- Learn about preparedness at home and work
- Learn hands only CPR

BERT is an ongoing program designed to give businesses the knowledge and tools help to weather a disaster. The six seminar series uses lecture, small group, and hands-on activities to develop the skills necessary to design business operations and continuity plans as well as promote preparedness among employees. SCE, So Cal Gas, Monrovia Public Works and Monrovia Police Department will provide guest speakers throughout the series. All seminars are stand-alone and can be completed as a business' schedule permits.



The City of Duarte is pleased to announce Thai V. Phan's promotion from Assistant City Attorney to City Attorney.

After a lengthy request for proposals process that began in August 2021, four firms specializing in municipal law services were interviewed in January 2022 by the Duarte City Council, including the City's current firm since 2004, Rutan & Tucker, LLP. City Council members voted unanimously to renew Rutan & Tucker's contract which includes Phan's promotion.

"Ms. Phan has brought exceptional municipal knowledge and expertise to Duarte both as our Assistant City Attorney and Interim City Attorney," said Mayor Margaret Finlay. "We are certain she will make an excellent City Attorney and are happy to continue our partnership with Rutan & Tucker."

Phan is a municipal law attorney with Rutan & Tucker whose practice centers on providing advice and counsel to local agency clients throughout Southern California. She assists her clients in understanding and implementing state and federal laws, including the Public Records Act, the Brown Act, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), First Amendment and free speech rights, elections law, and land use and zoning laws. Her work includes assisting with daily legal operations such as preparing ordinances, resolutions and staff reports, and advocating for her clients in civil litigation. Phan also serves as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Menifee and is a member of the Santa Ana City Council.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve Duarte as City Attorney," said Thai V. Phan. "Rutan & Tucker will continue to provide excellent legal service and work with the City Council and staff to serve the residents of Duarte."

AROUND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



TURNING CLOCKS FORWARD IS PERFECT TIME TO TEST SMOKE ALARMS

In two months, Red Cross LA helped more than 320 people affected by home fires

LOS ANGELES, March 11, 2022 — Daylight saving time begins this Sunday, March 13, and the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region reminds everyone to TURN your clocks forward one hour and TEST your smoke alarms.

In 2022, Red Cross LA already has helped more than 320 people following more than 65 home fires with urgent needs such as emergency lodging, financial assistance and recovery planning. Most recently, the Red Cross responded to an apartment complex fire in the Crenshaw area helping 24 individuals displaced by the fire, by opening an emergency shelter and providing food, water and other services as they began their recovery.

HOW TO ‘TURN AND TEST’

Did you know working smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half? That’s why it’s critical to “Turn and Test” and take these lifesaving steps to stay safe from home fires — the nation’s most frequent disaster:

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas. Test alarms monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year if your model requires it.

Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years or older. That’s because the sensor becomes less sensitive over time. Check the date of your smoke alarms and follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

Practice your two-minute escape plan. Make sure everyone in your household can get out in less than two minutes — the amount of time you may have to get out of a burning home before it’s too late. Include at least two ways to get out from every room and select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as your neighbor’s home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows where to meet.

Teach children what a smoke alarm sounds like. Talk about fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

“As many as seven people die in this country every day from a home fire, but smoke alarms cut your risk in half,” said Guillermo Sanchez, Preparedness and Resiliency Manager for the Red Cross in Los Angeles. “Protect your household this weekend. Turn your clocks forward and test your smoke alarms.”

Visit redcross.org/fire for more information, including an escape plan to practice with your family. You can also download our free Emergency app by searching for “American Red Cross” in app stores.

HOME FIRE CAMPAIGN SAVING LIVES The Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters every year and most of them are home fires. To help prevent fire-related deaths and injuries, the Red Cross launched the Home Fire Campaign with community partners in 2014 to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries.

So far, the Home Fire Campaign has reached more than 2.5 million people and is credited with saving more than 1,200 lives across the country. Visit redcross.org/HomeFireStories to learn more.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org/la or CruzRojAmerica.org, or follow us on Twitter at @RedCrossLA or @CruzRojLA.

The Chef Knows *By Peter Dills*

THE TRUE STORY OF GUINNESS BEER

Who was St. Patrick? While images of St. Patrick usually depict him driving the snakes out of Ireland, the Emerald Isle’s patron saint is better known as the man who converted Ireland to Christianity in the 5th century. Born in Britain, St. Patrick was smuggled into Ireland by British pirates who sold him into slavery. After six years Patrick escaped Ireland and returned to his home country, but was then was overcome by a miracle of sorts that had him return to Ireland to preach the gospel and build Christ’s church. Though St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, marks the anniversary of his death, it is a day of celebrating Irish culture and the celebration of “Ireland’s Apostle.”



I can’t remember the last Irish wine I tasted but that is of little concern as the country of Ireland is ruled by beer. A good Irishman has a personality as large as the earth, so it should not astonish anyone of visual power that Irish beer is discovered most every place known to the sun. Guinness has been around for over 300 years, but believe it or not, as my honest Irish friends say, Budweiser is as popular as leprechauns and gold. In terms of preparing your Guinness for service, I recommend acquiring it at room temperature and placing it in the refrigerator before you are ready to drink. The instructions to preparing your beer are found, in typical Irish style, on the side of the can, and if you observe this Guinness gospel you’ll notice a significant difference in the flavor of your brown can of happiness. Two

hours in the refrigerator is ideal for drinking. For the perfect experience, I prefer to pour the beer into a clean un-chilled glass over a spoon. Even though Guinness is brunette brown, the calories and the alcohol content are relatively low (and even less than Coors or Budweiser) - a celebratory beer to drink on St. Patrick’s Day, and you won’t be too bloated by the festivities. If you have never tasted Guinness before, imagine unsweetened chocolate with a hint of roasted flavor at the margins.

Guinness was founded in Dublin in 1759, and first brewed by Arthur Guinness. Mr. Guinness started by brewing Dublin ale but soon diversified into ‘porter’ — so-called because of its popularity with market porters. Guinness boasts breweries in 51 countries and Guinness stout is sold in 150 countries across the globe, with 10 million glasses of stout being enjoyed each and every day. I will bet my pot of gold, St. Patrick’s Day sees Ireland taking care of that number all by themselves.

Happy Saint Patrick’s Day Guinness is on sale at Vons on Colorado Pasadena



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Public Health Continues Expanding COVID-19 Therapeutic Awareness and Access Across the County

Increasing the awareness and access of COVID-19 therapeutics that can prevent severe illness in individuals at elevated risk is a priority of the County’s post-surge plan. These free medications can help prevent serious illness, hospitalization, or death, and are particularly critical for residents at elevated risk of poor outcomes should they become infected with COVID.

Paxlovid (available for anyone 12 and older weighing more than 88 pounds) and Molnupiravir (available for adults 18 and older) are oral therapeutics that must be taken within 5 days of the first COVID-19 symptoms and require a prescription from a healthcare provider. Evulsheld is administered via injection and is available for anyone 12 and older weighing at least 88 pounds who has not been exposed to COVID-19 and can’t get a COVID-19 vaccine for medical reasons, or who may not respond well to a vaccine because they have a weak immune system due to a medical condition or treatment. Public Health is working with partners and providers to inform patients about these medications, including the Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) and the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC). Public Health is also expanding current efforts to raise awareness about therapeutics and dispatching Community Health Workers in the field, sponsoring radio PSAs, and commissioning print, digital and social media ads.

To ensure access to COVID therapeutics across the county, Public Health is working to enroll new providers in a vast network of sites that can provide information to residents and have sufficient supply of these life-saving therapeutics, particularly in those communities with residents at elevated risk of poor COVID-19 outcomes. Public Health will also be launching a pilot project aimed at providing a telehealth option for patients who are unable to access care or are uninsured. Patients testing positive at selected testing sites in under-served communities will be linked to a telehealth option and, if eligible, will be shipped medications at no cost.

The federal government also recently announced the “Test to Treat” program, which is launching this week and will allow patients to walk into local pharmacies and clinics with onsite clinics to get tested and treated on the same visit at the same location. Eighteen CVS Minute Clinics in LA County are participating in the first wave and can be found by visiting: <https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic>. Residents who would like to access these medicines or have questions on which treatment is right for them should contact their medical provider or call the COVID-19 information line at 833-540-0473, 8:00 am - 8:30 pm daily. The call center is a free resource where residents can get culturally and linguistically appropriate information about available therapeutics, and how to access them. Residents can also visit the Federal therapeutics locator to find available therapeutics near them.

“One of the tragic consequences of COVID-19 is that many residents suffer higher COVID-19 case rates, serious illness and death related to where they live and work,” said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. Given that the new therapeutics can save the lives of residents who are at elevated risk, Public Health is working closely with partners across the county to make sure they are accessible to those who are most vulnerable to severe illness from a COVID infection. Having sites where residents can both get tested and receive appropriate medications if they are positive is essential and we look forward to working with federal and pharmacy partners to expand availability of “Test to Treat” programs, especially in our under-resourced communities.”

A wide range of data and dashboards on COVID-19 from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health are available on the Public Health website at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov> including:

- COVID-19 Daily Data (cases, deaths, testing, testing positivity rate, mortality rate, and hospitalizations)
- Gender, Age, Race/Ethnicity and City/Community Cases and Deaths
- Recovery Metrics
- Contact Tracing Metrics
- Skilled Nursing Facility Metrics
- Citations due to Health Officer Order Noncompliance
- Outbreaks:
 - o Residential Congregate Sessions
 - o Non-Residential Settings
 - o Homeless Service Settings

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about novel coronavirus:

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCoV2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Spanish <https://espanol.cdc.gov/enes/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
- LA County residents can also call 2-1-1

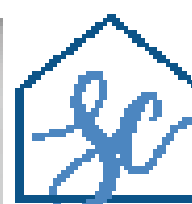
COVID 19 Cases - It's Not Over Yet!

WHERE WE ARE W/E 3/12/22 VERSUS LAST WEEK (3/05/22)
Cases/Deaths are still occurring especially among the unvaccinated.

Cases	This Week (03/05/22)	Deaths	This Week (03/05/22)
LA County	2,808,409 (2,800,741)		31,178 (30,911)

LA COUNTY VACCINATIONS AS OF 03/10/2022 (Fully)

(Last Week)	Cases	Deaths	Fully Vaccinated
Arcadia	7,869 (7,839)	163 (162)	90.3%
Altadena	8208 (8184)	94 (94)	82.5%
Bradbury	64 (64)	0 (0)	71.4%
Duarte	5,106 (5,088)	119 (118)	83.8%
Monrovia	8,144 (8,120)	100 (99)	80.8%
Pasadena	27,817 (27,730)	405 (398)	85.2%
Sierra Madre	1,497 (1489)	20 (19)	89.2%
So.Pasadena	3,920 (3907)	59 (58)	94.2%



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Dear PUSD Community,

To keep you fully informed, I'm writing to explain upcoming changes to COVID-19 protocols which were discussed at last night's PUSD Board of Education meeting. Following guidance from state, county, and local public health authorities, masks will no longer be required but strongly recommended indoors at Pasadena Unified schools and childcare sites starting this Monday, March 14, 2022. The relaxed rules come in response to declining COVID-19 cases, fewer hospitalizations, and increasing vaccination rates.

The PUSD team presented and discussed changes with the Board of Education last night so that all opinions could be heard. Our decisions are guided by science and influenced by parents, teachers, staff, and, above all, our students. Your well-being will always be our top priority.

While we're lifting the mask mandate in PUSD, we must remain vigilant as new variants of the virus develop. If conditions change, it is possible that the mask mandate could be reinstated, so we must keep masks within easy reach.

We strongly encourage parents/guardians to get their children vaccinated as soon as possible. The State of California has announced that the COVID-19 vaccine will be a required vaccination (with options for personal exemptions) once it receives full FDA approval. We know that vaccinations are a key component to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

PUSD Vaccine Clinics

Mondays from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the PUSD Education Center (351 S. Hudson Ave., Pasadena). To register, visit myturn.ca.gov

MASKING

Although masks are not required but still strongly recommended in many cases, mask mandates remain in place in the following circumstances:

- Exposed students, identified as close contacts, must wear masks for 10 days after exposure.
- Exposed students who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated must wear masks upon returning to school from quarantine from Day 6 through Day 10.
- Students and staff members on a bus or other PUSD transportation must wear masks at all times.
- Students and staff on a field trip at a public facility must wear masks while indoors.
- Students, staff, and community members at a PUSD testing or vaccination clinic must wear masks.
- Masks will also be required in the school Health Offices and the PUSD Primary Clinic as these offices provide health care.

I want to state clearly: it's imperative for everyone to feel safe on PUSD campuses. We have a diverse population with differing views and health conditions and we ask that our parents, students, and staff be respectful of each other's views. We know that some students and staff may have concerns about removing their masks indoors and may choose to continue wearing one. That's ok. After two years, we know there are individual and private reasons for staff and students to keep wearing their mask. Please be respectful of each others' decisions.

QUARANTINE

PUSD Student Quarantine protocols may also be changing since revised State TK-12 guidance was recently published and we anticipate similar revisions to county and local guidance. Once county and local guidelines are released, we will review and make adjustments to PUSD's protocols as needed. We will keep you informed.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Best regards,

Brian McDonald, Ed.D. Superintendent

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BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS VISIT EAST COAST ON AMERICAN HISTORY TOUR



Bethany Christian School 7th and 8th graders were thrilled to be able to take their traditional East Coast tour which had been postponed for 2 years due to the pandemic.

The tour was led by Bethany's 7th/8th grade history teacher Katherine Spinelli in conjunction with Joshua Expeditions.

The tour had almost 30 participants, including six chaperones and featured a packed schedule full of educational activities and sites in three different states.

In Philadelphia the students viewed the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the National Constitution Center. They then went on to visit Valley Forge, an Amish farm, Gettysburg and Mount Vernon in Virginia.

In Washington DC Bethany students toured the Holocaust Museum, the Ford Theater, the Capital Mall, the Spy Museum, the National Archives and the Museum of the Bible. They took in many national monuments including the Vietnam War Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and the Korean War Memorial as well as seeing the Supreme Court, White House and Capitol Building.

They also were privileged to meet and pray with the Senate Chaplain on the East Steps.

Four Bethany students were selected to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

The trip was an excellent educational opportunity for Bethany students to enhance their studies of American history.

For more information on Bethany Christian School visit bcsllions.org.

All Things By Jeff Brown

A FEW SIERRA MADRE MEMORIES OF THE EARLY DAYS

In order to form a picture, one must visualize a little village lying on the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains. It might have been called the village of sunshine and sage brush for there was sage brush everywhere and sunshine flooded everything. Stretching far to the south lay the broad San Gabriel Valley- a wonderful panorama.

Sometimes on a clear day we could see through the "Gap" in the Puente Hills, the ocean glittering in the sunlight. Then 30 miles out to sea rose the two highest peaks of Catalina island. No factory smoke obscured the view and the air was clear and sweet and healthful.

It was a peaceful village in the 1880's; a rooster crowing or the distant tap of a hammer, and now and then a clatter of horses hooves and wagon wheels were the only likely noises to disturb the afternoon siesta.

The silence of the long summer evenings was broken only by concerts of frogs and crickets, the tinkle of a piano or the bark of a dog. There were few trees in the valley and only the occasional glow of a light in some window.

We had no gas, no electricity, no telephone, but we were happy even though our lamps were trouble-some to fill and trim, and we baked our bread in wood stove. Recreation was healthy and simple. Church suppers and sociables, bazaars, amateur theatricals, concerts, dances and tennis parties brought people together.

The early inhabitants of Sierra Madre were no "country jakes" they were an intelligent group of people transplanted from their homes in New England, The Middle West, the British Isles, Norway and Canada; doctors, lawyers, musicians, professors, business men and farmers.

They all came with their families to California to settle and start a new life in Sierra Madre.



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CHRISTOPHER Nyerges

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:
A Pointless relic from the past

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Yes, believe it or not, it's that time of year again! Our lawmakers, in their infinite wisdom, continue to tinker with time. Manipulate the clocks and we can trick the people into supposedly saving energy. And twice a year, we're all subject to the changes and inconveniences that occur as a result of the springing forward or falling back. We have to quickly adjust. It is part of our annual ritual, our relic from the past, where we go back to standard time from daylight savings time.

But why? Are there real and tangible benefits from doing this? Must we continue to do so?

Daylight savings time is a manipulation of the basic solar time within each time zone's standard. It was said to be an idea of Benjamin Franklin, and was begun in the United States during world wars one and two, and eventually became "official" in all but two states. That right! At least two states have said "No, thanks, we'll stick to standard time." And now a few states are saying, "We're sick of changing our clocks twice a year – we want to keep daylight savings time all year."

Daylight savings time is like a quaint tradition of a bygone era that refuses to die. It is a pointless habit with little recognizable merit. Michael Downing, author of "Spring Forward: The Annual Madness of Daylight Savings Time," demonstrates that the clock-change saves energy in theory only, but not in practice.

David Letterman once asked the question to his audience during his monologue: "Why do we practice daylight savings time? It's so the farmers have more light," he laughed, answering his own question. "But how does that give the plants more light?" That's a Letterman joke for you, but there is a truth hidden under his humor. Most people queried on the street don't know why we have daylight savings time, and fewer still experience any tangible benefits from it, except perhaps the pleasantness of a later sunset time in the summer.

There are two often-cited reasons for the use of daylight savings time. One is so that the children can have more light going to school in the morning. But consider: the children have an hour more of morning light in late October, when the clock is set back ("fall back") to standard time. That is, it is the very use of daylight savings time which creates a darker morning as the days get shorter and shorter. The "falling back" an hour merely puts us back in sync with the local time zone. It is the use of daylight savings time that created the problem of less light in the morning, and only in that sense can you say that the "falling back" to regular time gives children that extra hour of light. In other words, this is a problem caused by daylight savings time. This is not a bonafide benefit from daylight savings time.

My grandfather, and all my uncles on my mother's side were farmers. I have some knowledge of the schedule of farmers. There is not one that I know who does not arise at the crack of dawn, if not sooner. There is no other way to function as a farmer. You then proceed to work as long as needed, and as long as you are able, daylight savings time or standard time. The manipulation of clocks in no way affected how much work they got done, or not done.

I have talked to many people about daylight savings time. Some like it, some do not. Some are annoyed by it, some find the long afternoons of summer very enjoyable. Everyone has arrived late (or early) on the first Sunday (even Monday in some cases) after the changing of the clocks. Daylight savings time thus gives millions of people a quasi-valid excuse for lateness at least once a year.

Let's end daylight savings time entirely and adopt a year-round standard time. If I were asked to choose between daylight savings time all year, or standard time all year, I would definitely choose standard time. Why? Simple! Standard time is the closest approximately of actual solar time. It more closely represents the real world than does the manipulation of daylight savings time.

Those who wish to start school or go to work earlier can do so! Such voluntary time alterations are fine if those individuals and schools and businesses choose to do so. It may even make the freeways less crowded at rush hours. But keep the standard time year-round.

Yes, this is a small thing in the context of a world seemingly always at war, with hate and suspicion in all political camps, with pandemics, and endless economic hardships all over the world. In that big-picture sense, this is just a little issue. But this is still an issue that should be resolved, and dealt with. I love the sun. Let the sun dictate our abstraction of time, not politicians.

Since daylight savings time is a state-by-state decision, we can begin with California. Write to our Governor and ask to implement year-round standard time. You can write to Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, or phone at (916) 445-2841, or on-line at www.govmail.ca.gov. (if you live in another state, write to your governor if you agree).

Take a poll of your friends and acquaintances before you write to the Governor. See if you can find anyone who derives tangible benefits from daylight savings time. Secondly, there is always the initiative process where a Proposition can be put on the ballot to be voted on by the people. This is a process that would take an organized effort and cost at least a million dollars, and probably more.

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Katnip News!



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Kittens THOR & BANNER, age only 7 months, are "wearin' the green" in hopes of catching your eye. They are so sweet and loving, and play-ful that you'll fall in love with them quickly! They are bonded

brothers and will be adopted together. Won't someone make it their lucky day? They're totally ready to make your home their pot of gold. Don't forget to mention our March Madness discount of \$25 off the adoption fee plus receive one of our popular fresh catnip socks. Find the adoption application on our website where you'll also find more adorable pix of them. www.lifelineforpets.org.



Pet of the Week

Two-year-old Raggedy Ann is super friendly and loves people! She's pretty chatty, and will probably use her meow to get your attention. Raggedy Ann enjoys being held sometimes, and might even jump into your arms for a cuddle. This sweet girl is looking for a home where she can get lots of love and snuggles.



The adoption fee for cats is \$100. All cat adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

New adopters will receive a complimentary health-and-wellness exam from VCA Animal Hospitals, as well as a goody bag filled with information about how to care for your pet.

View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at pasadenahumane.org. Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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PlayhouseFREE EVENT! STAGED READING
OF OUTSIDE MULLINGAR AT
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MARCH 21

WHAT:
OUTSIDE MULLINGAR. STAGED READING
OF A PLAY.

WHO: Written by John Patrick Shanley. Produced and directed by Christina Harris. Presented by Sierra Madre Playhouse.

WHERE: Sierra Madre Playhouse, 87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.
There is free parking available in lots behind the Playhouse and across the street, as well as street parking.
There are several dining establishments just yards from the Playhouse.

WHEN: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADMISSION: FREE. (Donations gratefully accepted.) Reservations are not necessary.

INFORMATION: 626) 355-4318.

WEBSITE: <http://sierramadreplayhouse.org>
All current county COVID-19 safety protocols in place at the time of the event will be followed (including the wearing of face masks indoors and the checking of COVID-19 vaccination status).

Sierra Madre Playhouse continues its Off the Page series of free, in-person staged play readings with Outside Mullingar.

IN OUTSIDE MULLINGAR, Anthony and Rosemary are two introverted misfits straddling 40. Anthony has spent his entire life on a cattle farm in rural Ireland, a state of affairs that due to his painful shyness suits him well. Rosemary lives right next door, determined to have him, watching the years slip away. With Anthony's father threatening to disinherit him and a land feud simmering between their families, Rosemary has every reason to fear romantic catastrophe. But then, in this very Irish story with a surprising depth of poetic passion, these yearning, eccentric souls fight their way towards solid ground and some kind of happiness. Their journey is heartbreaking, funny as hell, and ultimately deeply moving.

John Patrick Shanley is the playwright. He is the author of 41 produced plays, two of which (Outside Mullingar and Doubt) were produced on Broadway. His most-produced plays include Beggars in the House of Plenty, Danny and the Deep Blue Sea, The Dreamer Examines His Pillow, Italian American Reconciliation, Psychopathia Sexualis, and Savage in Limbo. He won an Oscar® for his screenplay for Moonstruck. His other screenplays include Joe Versus the Volcano, Five Corners, Congo, The January Man and Wild Mountain Thyme (adapted from Outside Mullingar). He is also a director.

Christina Harris produces and directs. Christina is thrilled to be back at the Sierra Madre Playhouse, where she was able to bring holiday cheer by directing It's A Wonderful Life, as well as her own adaptation of A Christmas Carol for several years. It was also at SMP that she co-founded Acting Up! Acting Workshops for Kids and Teens, which she has successfully run as its sole director for 10 years. A multi-hyphenate creative individual, she has performed as an actor, dancer, and choreographer throughout the country. She has taught at the acclaimed CSArts-SGV in Duarte, brought Shakespeare to life at The Gooden School here in Sierra Madre, and for over 15 years she has inspired kids with learning differences as the Drama Director at the renowned Frostig School in Pasadena.

Her cast for Outside Mullingar includes Scott Harris and Mary O'Malley.
Stage manager: Jeanne Marie Valleroy.

"Mr. Shanley's lyrical writing gives such consistent pleasure that even though we know the equations that define romcoms will add up to the familiar sums, we are happy to watch as they do."

---The New York Times

For more information about shows in the coming months at Sierra Madre Playhouse, go to <http://sierramadreplayhouse.org>

DOES MEDICARE COVER POWER LIFT CHAIRS?

Dear Savvy Senior:
Because of back pain and knee arthritis I'm interested in getting a power lift recliner for my living room that's easy for me to get into and out of. Does Medicare cover them? Can't Get Up

Dear Can't:

Yes, Medicare does indeed provide some coverage for lift chairs, provided your doctor prescribes it for a medical reason, but they won't cover the entire cost of the chair. Medicare will only pay for the motorized lifting mechanism, which is considered durable medical equipment (DME), and is covered under Part B. The other parts of the chair – the frame, cushioning, and upholstery – are not covered. Here are a few more details you should know.

What Is a Lift Chair?

First, for those who aren't familiar with them, lift chairs, which look like traditional recliners, have motorized lift mechanisms built in that aid with standing up and sitting down for people with limited mobility. With the push of a button, a lift chair hoists a person from sitting to a position where they can comfortably stand up. It also works in reverse to help a person gently take a sitting position.

Medicare Coverage Requirements

If you're a Medicare beneficiary, to find out if you qualify for coverage, you'll need to get a prescription and a "Certificate of Medical Necessity" from your doctor that indicates your need for a lift chair. The conditions you'll need to meet include:

That you have severe arthritis of the hip or knee, or a severe neuromuscular disease.
That you can't stand up on your own from a regular chair.
Once standing, you can walk independently or with the aid of a walker or cane.
That you do not reside within a skilled nursing facility, hospice or nursing home facility.

You'll also need to purchase your lift chair from an equipment supplier that's enrolled in Medicare. To find and compare Medicare approved suppliers in your area go to Medicare.gov/medical-equipment-suppliers, type in your Zip code and "Seat Lift Mechanisms" in the equipment box.

If you do qualify, Medicare will pay 80 percent of the approved cost of the chair's motorized lifting mechanism, after you've met your Part B annual deductible. You, or your Medigap supplemental policy (if you have one), will pay the remaining 20 percent of the lift mechanism. You will also pay 100 percent of the remaining cost of the chair.

You should also be aware that if you do buy your lift chair from a Medicare supplier, you will likely pay for the total cost of the chair upfront and can then seek reimbursement from Medicare. Lift chairs can run anywhere from \$400 to \$2,000 or more depending on the fabric, options and upgrades. The reimbursement is usually between \$250 and \$300 depending on the state you live in.

Advantage Coverage

If you happen to get your Medicare benefits through a private Medicare Advantage plan, they too provide lift chair coverage, but they may impose different rules and will likely require you to see an in-network supplier. You'll need to contact your plan directly for details.

Other Helpful Options

If you find that Medicare won't cover your lift chair or if you're looking for something less expensive, there are assistive products you can add to your current furniture like the Stander EZ Stand-N-Go (Stander.com, \$140), which has adjustable support handles that can be used on any sofa or recliner to help with sitting down and standing up.

Another way to make your furniture more accessible is by increasing its height with "furniture risers." These typically range from 2 to 5 inches in height and are inserted under the legs of your furniture. Costs range from a few dollars up to \$50 or more and can be purchased at retail stores like Walmart and Target, or online at Amazon.com.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

PROTECT YOUR HOME, FAMILY, & ASSETS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS

Living in the great state of California comes with the risk of forest fires and earthquakes. Yet despite these dangers, many California homeowners lack the insurance coverage needed to adequately protect their property and possessions from such calamities.

CoreLogic, the nation's largest source of property and housing data, recently reported that 64% of homeowners don't have enough insurance coverage. With that in mind, here's what you need to know to fully protect your property and your loved ones.

Wildfires
Although homeowners insurance typically doesn't pay for damage caused by natural disasters, most policies do cover fire damage, including forest/wildfires. Generally, the only instances of fire damage a homeowners policy won't cover are fires caused by arson or when fire destroys a home that's been vacant for at least 30 days when the fire occurred.

That said, not all homeowners policies are created equal, so you should review your policy to make certain that it includes enough coverage to do three things: replace your home's structure, replace your belongings, and cover your living expenses while your home is being repaired, known as "loss-of-use" coverage.

What's more, in certain areas that are extremely high-risk for wildfires, it can be difficult to find a private company to insure your home. In such cases, you should investigate California's FAIR Plan, the state-sponsored fire insurance program.

Earthquakes
Unlike fires, earthquakes are typically not covered by homeowners policies. To protect your home against earthquakes, you will need a freestanding earthquake insurance policy. While earthquake insurance is available just about everywhere, policies in high-risk areas typically come with higher deductibles, ranging from 10% to 15% of a home's total value.

Additionally, though earthquake insurance covers damage directly caused by the quake, some related damage, such as that caused by flooding, will likely not be covered. Nearly all policies exclude flood damage caused by natural events, so carefully review your policy to see what's included—and what's not.

Pack A Go-Bag
Beyond having the right insurance, if your family is forced to evacuate your home in the event of a natural disaster, you'll need important documents and supplies on-hand in the wake of the catastrophe. I recommend you always have a "go-bag" ready and packed with the essential items needed to survive for at least three days following a disaster or other emergency.

In addition to clothes, toiletries, medications, and food, your go-bag should include copies of your passport, birth certificate, driver's license, and/or other essential identification. Other documents to pack include copies of your insurance policies, vehicle titles/registration, and a recent family photo with faces clearly visible for easy identification. And don't forget to have cash, in multiple denominations, on hand at all times.

While your estate planning documents should be backed up digitally, having copies of your medical power of attorney and living will readily accessible is especially critical for medical emergencies. Without these documents, doctors and other medical professionals won't know your wishes for treatment or which of your loved ones should help them make decisions in the event of your incapacity from illness or injury.

Finally, make sure your family knows about your estate planning documents—as well as how to find them. Even if you have all the necessary legal documents in place, they won't do you any good if your loved ones don't know about them or can't locate them when needed.

Preserving Your Family's Most Precious Mementos
Obviously, not all your family's belongings can be replaced, so you should take additional precautions to safeguard your most precious sentimental items: photo albums, home videos, old letters, family histories, and treasured cards from the past. Since you won't have the time or space to pack these items in your go-bag, I recommend you make digital copies of these keepsakes and store them in the cloud.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ...March Birthdays*



Cathy Flammer, Clare Marquardt, Karen Blachly, Carla Duplex, Ella Guttman, Viky Tchatlian, Mary Cooper, Sun Liu, Helen Wallis, Joan Crow, Nancy Fox, Martha Cassara, Rita Johnson, Sharon Murphy, Heather Sheets, Mercedes Campos, Dorothy Webster, Terri Elder, Carol Cerrina, Amy Putnam, Sally Contreras

* To add your name to this distinguished list, please call the paper at 626.355.2737. YEAR of birth not required

<u>The Hart Park House Senior Center is open!!!!</u> <i>In house lunch dining service will not resume at this time.</i> <i>Access to the computer/classroom is temporarily unavailable.</i> <i>All Classes and programs will maintain a distance of 6 ft between participants. All equipment used will be sanitized after each use before it is stored. Each participant is responsible for providing their own water, masks and additionally needed supplies for each class.</i> <i>Please call the Community Services Department at 355-5278 with any questions or concerns.</i>	
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<u>Tea and Talk, Senior Book Club</u>	<u>Fiber Friends</u>
Tuesday, 3/8 & 3/22 9:00 am Hart Park House Staff has launched a new book club series, Tea and Talk , which meets twice a month to discuss the fun, suspense, intrigue, love and so much more that each selection will have in store!	Tuesday, 3/15 & 3/29 10:00 am Hart Park House If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, bunka, huck, tatting or cross stitch then we have a group for you! Bring your current project, sit and chat with like-minded fiber friends.
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OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

LAUGHTER IS NOT FOR SISSIES

Since birth, I have been infected with a Laughter-Virus. I'm not sure which side of the family it came from, or it could've come from both sides. But the least little thing will make me laugh. Sometimes I have a hard time stopping laughing. I have yet to find a mask big enough to cover my face while I'm laughing.

If I am infectious with my laughter, so be it. It is one thing I can give to the people around me.

I have been a laughter connoisseur for a very long time. The least little thing will make me break out in laughter. Sometimes at the most inappropriate time and place. But, what can I do? Laughter is laughter.

I have enjoyed my years of laughter and expect many more to come.

Although I believe laughter to be very good and healthy, I must confess that sometimes my laughter has gotten me into trouble, especially with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

Not long ago, she came into the living room with a worried look on her face and asked me, "Do you know where my glasses are?"

I immediately began to laugh because I assumed this was a joke. The reason I assumed it was because her glasses were on the top of her head.

She looked at me, "Why are you laughing? Do you know where my glasses are? This is a serious question."

It's moments like this that are very difficult for me to stop laughing. I had to suppress my laughter because I did not know exactly what she was getting at. Wives always have a way of tricking their husbands into doing something. Believe me, I have been tricked quite a few times throughout the years of our marital bliss.

She turned around quickly and walked away, muttering something to the effect of, "Why is he laughing at me?"

A few minutes later, she came back wearing her glasses and said rather firmly, "Why didn't you tell me my glasses were on the top of my head?"

With a smothered smile, I looked at her and said, "I thought you were just trying to trick me."

Looking back at me, she smiled one of those suspicious smiles, turned around, and walked out. I couldn't help but smile, which eventually turned into laughter. But as everybody knows, what goes around comes around.

Last Thursday was a long day, and I finally got home, walked into the living room, my wife looked at me very strangely and said, "You did not have a jelly donut anytime today, did you?"

With a hearty laugh, I responded by saying, "Of course not. You know I don't eat donuts during the day?" And I laughed most heartily.

"You sure about that?" She said on the edge of laughing. I laughed and shook my head, and started to walk away.

"Well then," she said rather slowly, "it looks like your shirt had a donut without you knowing it."

I stopped in my tracks, looked down at my shirt, and there it was. A drop of jelly from a donut. According to the evidence, I must've had a donut that day.

I tried to laugh it off, but in a very stern voice, she said, "That is not funny. Stop your laughing."

Laughing does have a way of getting you into trouble; at least, that has been my experience throughout the years. But on the other side, laughter has good aspects to it.

When I'm down in the dumps, so to speak, a good laugh helps to lift me above my discouragement. It's hard to find a good laugh sometimes, but it's well worth the investigation when I do.

Whenever I'm out at a store somewhere, and I see someone that looks sad and down, I always try to do something to make them laugh. It doesn't always work, but when it does work, everyone is laughing.

Not many people have much to laugh about these days. If it weren't for politicians, some people wouldn't have anything to laugh at.

Many a time, my wife and I will be sitting in the living room watching a little TV and much of that time is filled with laughter. Not so much what's on the TV, but our response to what's on TV.

Most of the time we watch TV while eating supper. Almost nightly, the advertisements had to do with some cure for diarrhea during that time. So why do I want to hear about diarrhea while eating supper? It sort of quenches my appetite at the time.

That in itself has caused us to laugh many a time. We can either laugh at it or get upset. More often than not, both of us choose the laughter element. Nothing lifts us better than laughter, no matter what we laugh at.

Thinking about how important laughter was in my life, I was reminded of the Bible verse. David said, "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen. The Lord hath done great things for them" (Psalm 126:2).

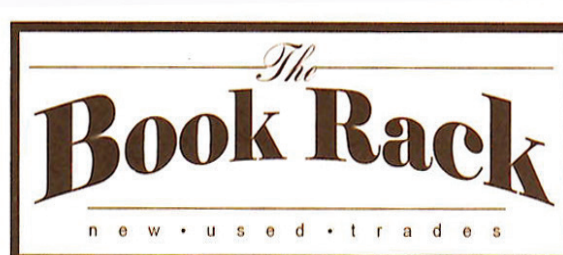
That verse sums up the important aspect of my life. Because of the great things God has done for me that has become the platform for healthy laughter in my life. Looking at my life from God's perspective, there are many things that would induce laughter.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-0437023 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PACIFIC REMEDIATION, 3364 LEWIS AVE, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DANNY BUSTILLOS, 3364 LEWIS AVE., SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: DANNY BUSTILLOS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2021. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-043102 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RAPID MOBILE WELDING SERVICES, 1612 ORANGE AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90803. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSE LUIS CORTIEZ 1612 ORANGE AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90813. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSE LUIS CORTIEZ/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/23/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-042687 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE BUFFALO SPOT, 5910 DEL AMO BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713. Mailing address: 14124 VIBURNUM DR, WHITTIER, UNITED ST. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) LLM CONSULTING, 14124 VIBURNUM DRIVE, WHITTIER, CA 90604. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: LUKE WATKINS/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/23/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022-037281 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE GOLD AND SILVER BROKERS, 11303 MONTE VISTA DR, WHITTIER, CA 90601. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) PAUL CHRISTOPHER VALENCIA, 11303 MONTE VISTA DR, WHITTIER, CA 90601. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: PAUL CHRISTOPHER VALENCIA/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code)Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: FEB 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 2022

FILE NO. 2022-037301 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JOSE ALFREDO GONZALEZ SERRANO, 3710 FOOTHILL BLVD, LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214. has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: JG GREEN CLEAN, 3710 FOOTHILL BLVD., LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 01/08/21, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2021015611. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced

to transact business in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) JOSE ALFREDO GONZALEZ SERRANO/OWNER Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 2022

FILE NO. 2022-035156 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) AL RADIALEH 19825 SIERRA MEADOW LANE PORTER RANCH, CA. 91326. has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: ACS SECURITY INDUSTRIES 11601 WILSHIRE BLVD SUITE 500, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90025. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 03/19/2021, in the county of Los Angeles. The original file number of 2021060957. The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2022. The business information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)AL RADIALEH, OWNER Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, MARCH 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022037443 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CAL PROS CONSTRUCTION 7655 WINNETKA AVE #3407, WINNETKA, CA. 91306; CALIFORNIA PROS CONSTRUCTION 7655 WINNETKA AVE #3407, WINNETKA, CA. 91306. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CALIFORNIA PROS CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION, INC., EDUARDO A. FUNEZ OROZCO, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/15/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022034825 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOOSE BEAUTY PHOTOGRAPHY 16066 DEVONSHIRE ST #1605 GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344; CAROLYN ARREDONDO COACHING 16066 DEVONSHIRE ST #104, GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) C A MEDIA, INC. 16066 DEVONSHIRE ST #104, GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: C A MEDIA, INC., CAROLYN ARREDONDO, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/11/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022030908 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MANUEL A TRUCKING 10320 S SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MANUEL A. AREVALO, 10320 S SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90003. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MANUEL A. AREVALO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022030887 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FLAMINGO SERVICES 8355 BALBOA BLVD APT 50, NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91325. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JOSHUA ANDRE ESTRADA ESQUIVEL 8355 BALBOA BLVD APT 50, NORTHBRIDGE, CA. 91325. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JOSHUA ANDRE ESTRADA ESQUIVEL, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/08/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022021156 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ANGELS STORE 1900 BEVERLY BLVD, LOS ANGEES, CA. 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MA GUADALUPE RAMOS FIGUEROA 153 GLENDALE BLVD, APT. 303, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90026. This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MA GUADALUPE RAMOS FIGUEROA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/31/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2017. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022021919 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GALAXIA SERVICES 19626 VENTURA BLVD 229, TARZANA, CA. 91356. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) GALAXIA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS & ACCOUNTING SERVICES, INC. 19626 VENTURA BLVD 229, TARZANA, CA. 91356. This Business is conducted by A CORPORATION. Signed: GALAXIA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS & ACCOUNTING SERVICES, INC., EDUARDO A. FUNEZ OROZCO, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/31/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2022021411 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: JS CONSTRUCTION CREW 16434 LOST CANYON ROAD CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91387. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ELIGIO MACIAS LEANDRO 16434 LOST CANYON ROAD CANYON COUNTRY, CA. 91387 This Business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ELIGIO MACIAS LEANDRO OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 01/24/2022. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2021. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: FEB 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2022

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1451 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.34 (AFFORDABLE HOUSING)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Ordinance 1451, amending Chapter 17.34 (Affordable Housing), Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The amendment to the City’s affordable housing ordinance is to conform to recent changes to State Density Bonus Law, specifically, Senate Bill 290 which replaces the reference to “common interest developments” to extend the law to all types of for-sale housing developments, removes “specific, adverse impact on the physical environment” from the list of reasons a city can refuse a concession, incentive or waiver, among other changes.

SB 290 took effect January 1, 2022. Staff also proposes adding a preliminary design review provision to allow the Planning Commission and residents an opportunity to review projects upon submission of a complete application and adding an appeal provision to be consistent with other development permit procedures.

The Planning Commission discussed the matter at the February 3, 2022 meeting and conducted a public hearing on March 3, 2022, forwarding a recommendation to the City Council for approval.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING
City Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024
The meeting will be streamed live on the City’s website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).
The Brown Act provides the public with the opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComments@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3 PM on the day of the meeting. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), this proposed ordinance is exempt because it is not a “project” for purposes of Public Resources Code section 21065 and section 15378 of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. This ordinance is a ministerial action to establish conformance with State law and has no direct or indirect physical impact on the environment.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 17.29 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY) AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.39 (RELIGIOUS HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Ordinance 1449, amending Chapter 17.29 (Multiple Family Residential High Density Residential) and Ordinance 1450, adding 17.39 (Religious Housing Overlay), Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The amendments to the City’s zoning ordinances are to conform to recent adopted 2021-2029 Housing Element update.

In November 2021, the City Council approved Sierra Madre’s Sixth Cycle Housing Element update, which selected housing priority sites to increase the density to 20 units per acre for parcels in the R-3-20 zone, 30 units per acre for parcels in the R-3-30 zone, and maximum density of 42 units per acre for the parcels in the Religious Housing Overlay zone, which took effect on November 9, 2021.

The Planning Commission discussed the matter and conducted a public hearing on March 3, 2022, forwarding a recommendation to the City Council for approval.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers at 232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, California 91024

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The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3 PM on the day of the meeting. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The adoption of this amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and is also exempt from review because it does not meet the definition of a project under CEQA Guidelines sections 15061, subdivision (b)(3), and section 15378, subdivision (a) and subdivision (b)(5). The proposed changes to Chapter 17.29 and Chapter 17.39, as authorized and required by Housing Element update of the Sierra Madre General Plan.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CARROLL BINGHAM BROWN Case No. 22STPB01521

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CARROLL BINGHAM BROWN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Katherine B. Cash in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Katherine B. Cash be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 28, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an in-ventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or ac-count as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Citywide
From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: City of Sierra Madre Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Cares Act
Sierra Madre Nutritional Program – 5 DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is invited to review the City of Sierra Madre’s proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project which identifies projected use of funds for the Sierra Madre Nutritional Program.

City of Sierra Madre – Sierra Madre Nutritional Program
Proposed CDBG Funding Allocation: \$24,000
This is notice of the first round of the Sierra Madre Nutritional Program. This new project will assist in the continuation of the Sierra Madre Nutritional Program which provides prepared, frozen meals to seniors who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible seniors must complete the SMNP intake form and be able to pick up or have the ability to have their meals picked up once a week at the Hart Park House Senior Center. CDBG funds will be used to continue to provide meals to seniors impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

Anyone wishing to comment should submit written comments by March 18, 2022 to: Lawren Heinz, Administrative Analyst, City of Sierra Madre, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024; or email at LHeinz@cityofsierramadre.com

For more on programs administered by the City of Sierra Madre, you may log on to our web site at www.cityofsierramadre.com. For more information on programs administered by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), you may log on to www.lacda.org.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1452 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.58 (SMALL LOT SUB DIVISIONS), ADDING CHAPTER 16.18 (URBAN LOT SPLITS) AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.59 (MINISTERIAL DESIGN REVIEW PERMITS)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending adoption of Ordinance 1452, adding Chapter 17.58 (Small Lot Subdivisions), adding Chapter 16.18 (Urban Lot Splits) and adding Chapter 17.59 (Ministerial Design Review Permits) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish objective zoning, subdivision, and design standards to promote the orderly subdivision of parcels and development of housing under Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) and Assembly Bill (AB 803). Both bills took effect on January 1, 2022.

SB 9 amends the Subdivision Map Act and the California Planning and Zoning Law to ministerially approve a housing development containing up to two residential units on a lot in single-family residential zones, and permitting a lot split of a single-family zoned lot. SB 9 also applies Exceptions to Ministerial Design Review Permits and Urban Lot Splits, exempting properties located within an historic district or containing an historic property (on a state or local register); or located in an environmentally sensitive area, such as earthquake fault zones or very high fire hazard severity zone, unless the City has adopted mitigation measures required by existing building standards.

AB 803 amends the Subdivision Map Act to authorize developers to apply to build a “small home lot development.” In these developments, a single parcel in a multi-family zone would be subdivided pursuant to a tentative and final tract map. The resulting “small home lot development” would consist of single-family homes on parcels owned in fee simple.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING
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The Brown Act provides the public with the opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComments@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3 PM on the day of the meeting. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), this proposed ordinance is exempt because it is not a “project” for purposes of Public Resources Code section 21065 and section 15378 of title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. This ordinance is a ministerial action to establish conformance with State law and has no direct or indirect physical impact on the environment.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

City of Sierra Madre

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre
Subject: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 22-01 (GPA 22-01) & ZONE CHANGE 22-01 (ZC 22-01)
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider amending the General Plan Land Use Map (GPA 22-01) to change the land use designation of certain parcels and to amend the Zoning Map (ZC 22-01) to change the zoning designation of correlating parcels. The purpose of the General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map amendment is to address those parcels which realized a land use and/or zoning designation of a reduced residential capacity by the 2015 General Plan Update and by General Plan Amendment 21-01 and Zone Change 21-01.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 3, 2022 recommending approval of this General Plan Amendment and Zone Change to the City Council for consideration.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 (Hearing begins at 5:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre; City Council Chambers; 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MOST CURRENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER’S ORDER The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com by 3:00PM on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting, filed into public record and scanned onto the City website for public review. The meeting will be streamed live on the City’s website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmedia.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Pursuant to Senate Bill (“SB”) 10 and Government Code Section 65913.5, an ordinance adopted in accordance with subdivision (a), and any resolution to amend the city’s General Plan, ordinance, or other local regulation adopted to be consistent with that zoning ordinance, shall not constitute a “project” for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code, also known as the California Environmental Quality Act. This is not considered a project and therefore, pursuant to Government Code Section 65913.5, the ordinance effecting amendments to the general plan land use designation and zoning designation is Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) as a ministerial project.

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- 1**
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It may seem like common sense, but it's surprisingly easy to make mistakes on basic information while doing your taxes. Double-check that your name and the names of your dependents are spelled correctly and that all Social Security numbers are correct.
- 2**
Inaccurately Reporting Your Income
Carefully enter all wages, dividends, bank interest and other income you received. Also, don't forget that unemployment benefits are taxable income that need to be reported as well.
- 3**
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- 4**
Entering the Wrong Bank Account Number
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- 5**
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