

City and School Districts Launch SHOP LOCAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

he City of West Covina, in partnership with the West Covina Unified School District and the Covina-Valley Unified School District, is launching a new program and business opportunity to benefit our local youth.

The new Shop Local After School Program is designed to encourage residents and visitors of West Covina to shop at local retailers that give back to local schools.

With local businesses' support, the children of West Covina will benefit from enriching programs in science, engineering, music, dance, robotics, cultural arts and many other after-school programs while businesses receive increased brand awareness and marketing.

The school districts in West Covina have a strong





commitment to academic excellence, and this supplemental after-school program aims to provide opportunities for children in elementary school through high school to experience science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

Some children are not engaged

in the classroom with the core curriculum, and non-traditional programming helps them stay in school. This program, once fully funded, will offer initiatives such as a culinary art class or computer game engineering to students who either don't have

> the means or the availability in their daily school schedules. This program will expose them to new experiences they might have otherwise missed.

> The City of West Covina, the West Covina Unified School District and the Covina-Valley

Unified School District are pleased to offer this new program to the youth in the community. To learn more about this partnership and sponsorship opportunities, please visit the website, www.westcovina.org/ shoplocalafterschool, and support local schools.



West Covina Police Department Citizens Academy Returns Thursday, Feb. 9

I n 2016, the West Covina Police Department brought back the popular Citizens Academy program. This program consists of classes held Thursday evenings at West Covina City Hall to give members of the community an up-close and personal look at how the West Covina Police Department operates.

Class members learn about various police personnel, tools and techniques that work to enhance public safety. Class members also observe aspects of police operations, including patrol, investigations, forensics, SWAT, and K9 operations.

Classes are free and will be held every Thursday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall for 10 consecutive weeks beginning Feb. 9.

To sign up or for more information, e-mail CitizensAcademy@wcpd.org or call (626) 939-8530.



FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUND-UP

West Covina Maintenance Yard 825 S. Sunset Ave. West Covina



Recycling Items Accepted: TVs, Monitors, Computers, Laptops, Cell Phones, IPods, Stereos, Game console, DVD/VCR Players, Printers, Fax machines, Modems ***No Hazardous or Bulky Waste Accepted***

For more information, call Public Works Environmental Services Section at (626) 939-8458 or visit our website at



www.westcovina.org/environment





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CITY OF WEST COVINA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, Feb. 15 South Hills Country Club 2655 S. Citrus St., West Covina

Entertainment and social hour 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Beautification awards 8 p.m. - RSVP BY FEB. 8 -To RSVP or for more information,

call West Covina Beautiful President Colleen Rozatti at (626) 384-8126.



Passport Services Available at City Hall

he City Clerk's Office at West Covina City Hall offers one-stop service and assistance in filing U.S. passport applications by personnel trained in passport application procedures. Passport photos are also available.

The City Clerk's office, 1444 W. Garvey Ave., is open for passport application acceptance on

Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary; walk-



in service is available.

For the most up-to-date and accurate information, visit the Department of State's website at www.travel.state.gov, or call the City's passport hotline at (626) 939-8744.

SCORE WORKSHOPS

UPCOMING SCORE WORKSHOPS

What & When

Financial Planning February 23, 2017

Branding, Marketing, and Sales March 30, 2017 April 27, 2017 May 3, 2017

Technology to Improve Sales

June 29, 2017 July 27, 2017 August 24, 2017 **Business to Business** September 28, 2017 October 26, 2017 November 9, 2017

*series subject to change

Where 1444 W. Garvey Ave. South West Covina, CA 91790 Council Chambers

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Time



Free workshops and lousiness consultations for local entrepreneurs and business owners. For more information about the SCORE Workshops, visit the City's website at www.westcovina.org [Community and Economic Development] or visit SCORE's website at https://eastsongabrietvalley.score.org/.



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SAVE THE DATE Thursday | March 9, 2017 | 8:00am - 10:00am

HURST RANCH | 1227 S. ORANGE AVE., WEST COVINA, CA 91790 -----

For more information, please visit www.greaterwestcovina.com or www.westcovina.org.



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Upcoming FREE Community Events

Egg-Celebration Saturday, April 15 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Shadow Oak Community Center 2121 E. Shadow Oak Drive Egg hunt at 11 a.m. Take photos with the "Spring Bunny".

> Earth Day Saturday, April 22 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cortez Park 2441 E. Cortez St.

Community Service Day Saturday, April 29 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Civic Center, 1444 W. Garvey Ave. South Come volunteer for a day of service in the community. Volunteers meet at the Civic Center and then go out into the community for service.

Projects will include painting, park cleanup and planting, food drives, and home rehabilitation. To volunteer, call Mike Cresap at (626) 939-8853.



Farmers Market Under New Management Same Location, New Management Team!

"Farmers Markets and Local Community Events" is now running the Farmers Market on Glendora Avenue. The nonprofit organization has exciting plans for the future, including live music, rides, interactive crafts and activities for kids, and new vendors with more variety of products and fresh produce for the community. The Farmers Market runs on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, on Glendora Avenue near Edwards Theater.

NEW BUSINESSES COME TO WEST COVINA

Check out these new businesses in West Covina _____ and shop locally! _____

Eastland Center (2756 E. Eastland Center Drive) • Famous Footwear – Winter 2017

McIntyre Square (220 S. Citrus St.) • After's Ice Cream – February 2017

Others:

- American Tires (444 S. Vincent Ave.) Fall 2017
- Tacos El Gavilan (101 S. Azusa Ave.) Winter 2017
- Porto's Bakery (1360 W. Garvey Ave.) Winter 2018

Plaza West Covina (112 Plaza Drive)

- Stone Oven Gourmet Sandwiches & Salads – Now Open
- Jump'n Jammin Children's
 - Entertainment Center February 2017



HOUSING PRESERVATION LOAN PROGRAM

Do you have pending home improvements that are in dire need? Do you have home improvement projects that you have you been putting off? Do you have a leaky roof or are you in need of new windows? Need to replace a block wall or is your home in need of a fresh coat of point? West Covina homeowners can apply for a Housing Preservation Loan from the West Covina Community and Economic Development Division for up to \$10,000 to make the home improvements that your home is in need of. The City of West Covina Housing Preservation Program (HPP) makes available to eligible West Covina homeowners (please see income guidelines below) a 5% interest loan of up to \$10,000 for exterior improvements. Loans repaid within the first ten (10) years accrue no interest. The loan aims to assure that West Covina's homes are preserved, well maintained and of quality living conditions.

2016 MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS

Formily Size	Annual Income
1	\$ 45,350
	\$ \$1,850
	\$ \$8,300
	\$ 64,800
	\$ 78,000
	\$ 75,150
	\$ 80,350
	\$ 85,550

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Please contact Community & Economic Development for more information at (626) 939-8417 or visit our website at www.westcovina.org (Housing).

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West Covina Fire Department Addresses ——Fire Safety in the Home

ooking accidents and problems with home appliances and utilities are among the most common causes of residential fires, with the No. 1 source being cooking, usually from people leaving pots or pans unattended on the stove.

Cooking Safety

• Be alert when cooking, and don't leave food unattended.

• Don't throw water onto a grease fire. Grease and oils float on top of water, causing hot and fiery items to splash and spread the fire. Put a lid on the pan to smother the fire.

• If an oven fire flares up, turn off the oven and leave the door shut until the fire extinguishes itself.

Electrical Safety

Electrical fires can be caused by an equipment malfunction; from an overloaded circuit or extension cord; or from an overheated light bulb, space heater, washer, dryer or other appliance. Know the location of your home's circuit breaker panel, as a faulty outlet or appliance can be shut off by turning off the circuit.

• Don't overload outlets or extension cords. Read all labels and warnings advising proper use.

• Make sure you have the right cord for the job – inside cords for inside use, and heavy-duty/outside cords for outdoor use.

• Make sure all wiring is properly insulated.

• If electrical outlets are near water, such as in the kitchen or bathrooms, make sure they are GFCI outlets.



The photo above shows a typical circuit breaker panel with switches that indicate if the circuit is on or off.

Clothers Dryer Safety

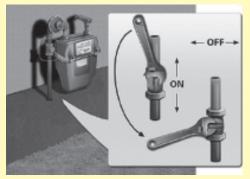
Clothes dryer fires are also among the most common origins of residential fires, accounting for 15,000 to 20,000 fire incidents per year. The most frequent articles that start fires are excess lint and also clothing items themselves.

Most dryers also use natural gas. Ensure the gas valve is properly installed and maintained. When in doubt, consult a professional.

• Clean the lint screen frequently, and don't run the dryer without it.

• For gas and propane dryers, make sure there aren't any leaks in the gas lines, and use plumbers's tape over the threads to prevent leaking.

• Vent the dryer to the outside of the house and ensure nothing



The illustration above shows how to shut off a gas valve.

blocks the vent pipe. Clean out the vent pipe every three months.

Furnace and Water Heater Safety

Like dryers, furnaces and water heaters use natural gas. Know where your gas shutoff is and how to use it. Also, many furnaces and water heaters use piloted ignition.

Your furnace or water heater should be at least 18 inches off the floor to keep the pilot light away from combustibles at floor level.

• Remove all flammable materials and chemicals from the area surrounding your furnace.

• Be aware of changes in the air, such as an unusual odor, that may indicate a major problem.

• Ensure nothing is obstructing air intakes or ventilation.

• Schedule an annual house call for your furnace and your water heater, especially if they are older models. Maintenance should be made by an HVAC professional or a plumber. These professionals will not only properly service these units, but can also ensure everything is up to code.

As always, ensure that you have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home. If battery-operated, install new batteries every six months, when the clocks are changed in the fall and the spring. If hard-wired, ensure they have a backup battery or you have additional detectors and alarms that are battery-operated in the event of a power outage.





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Take Precautions to Keep COYOTES Away

oyotes play an important role in the ecosystem, helping to keep rodent populations under control.

They are by nature fearful of humans. If given access to human food and garbage, their behavior changes. They lose caution and fear. They may cause property damage. They might threaten human safety. They might be killed.

Relocating a problem coyote is not an option because it only moves the problem to someone else's neighborhood.

Help prevent human-coyote conflicts by taking some precautions around your property.

'Coyote Country' Precautions

• Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes. The result may be deadly conflicts with pets or livestock, or serious injuries to small children.

• Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.

• Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.

• Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.

• Be aware that coyotes are more active in the spring, when feeding and protecting their young.



• If you are followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.

• If a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact the nearest Department of Fish and Wildlife or law enforcement office.

Stash Your Food and Trash

• Allowing coyotes access to human food and garbage is

reckless and deadly.

• Coyotes primarily hunt rodents and rabbits for food, but will take advantage of whatever is available, including garbage, pet food and domestic animals.

• Put garbage in tightly closed containers that can't be tipped over.

• Remove sources of water, especially in dry climates.

• Bring pets in at night, and do not leave pet food outside.

• Avoid using bird feeders, as they attract rodents and other coyote prey.

• Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry and other livestock.

• Pick up fallen fruit, and cover compost piles.

Ask your neighbors to follow these tips. Everyone should respect and protect wild animals and help keep them wild.

(Article from California Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Business Assistance Loans

The City of West Covina will be offering business loans to local businesses that need financial assistance. The loan will be based on the creation of new jobs, \$20,000 per full time equivalent position.

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Applications will be available starting February 9, 2017 and submittal deadline for all applications is March 30, 2017.

For information on the loan program please visit the City website at www.westcovina.org.

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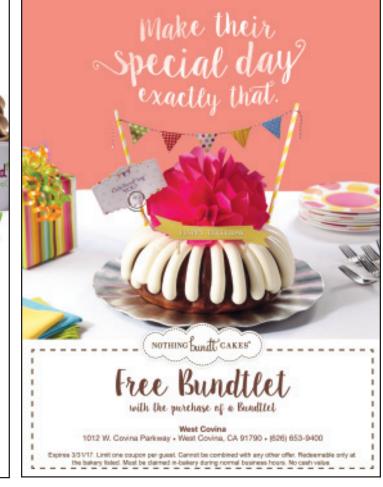


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You can receive the Discover West Covina newsletter, press releases, emergency notifications, and other city news and event updates. Visit the City of West Covina's website at www.westcovina.org. Under the "About the City" tab, click on "eNotifications".

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- Connect with Birds and Other Bird Lovers -

B irds are all around us in our back yards, parks and natural areas, entertaining us with their beautiful songs and bright colors.

Do you love birds and want to learn more about them? If so, the Pomona Valley Audubon Society is the organization for you.

The Pomona Valley Audubon Society is a local Audubon chapter that covers the inland area that includes West Covina and extends east to Ontario and south to Chino Hills.

Join the group for free monthly meetings that include bird ID tips, a bird-related talk, and refreshments, or attend a free field trip with experienced leaders to explore local birds and learn how to identify them. Monthly walks are offered at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens and Frank G. Bonelli Park, and other trips that cover diverse areas such as San Dimas Canyon or Prado Park.

Visit the group's website, www.pomonavalleyaudubon.org, for meeting times, location and topics, as well as the field trip schedule and other information about local birding.

If you have questions, e-mail Suzanne Thompson at sthompson@pomona.edu.

BIRD QUIZ: Test your bird knowledge with this quiz. Can you identify each of these local birds shown below? Check your answers on the website, www.pomonavalleyaudubon.org. Click the "More..." tab and then click on "Birding Quiz and Answers."





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