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WEST COVINA TO HOST CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL AT HONG KONG PLAZA

One of China's most important traditional festivals, the Lantern Festival, has been celebrated for more than 2,000 years and marks the last day of the Chinese New Year celebration.

The Lantern Festival is celebrated on the 15th day from the first month of the lunisolar year. During the Lantern Festival, people get together to celebrate the beginning of spring by lighting lanterns, eating dumplings and other traditional foods, and observing traditional dance and music performances.

While the origin of the lighting of the lanterns comes from Chinese myths, the lighting of the lanterns represents the leaving of last year's bad luck and entering the new year with a fresh start.

The traditional food eaten at the Lantern Festival is sticky rice balls, signifying a family's bond, and eating them symbolizes good fortune and happiness for the family for the new year.

To celebrate the diversity of the



community, the City of West Covina and HK2 presents the First Annual West Covina Lantern Festival to be held at the Hong Kong Plaza, 935 S. Glendora Ave. on Saturday, Feb. 15 and Sunday, Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A special lantern-lighting ceremony with raffle will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb.

15. The festival will include activities for children, pony rides, music, a petting zoo, a magician, dance performances, raffle prizes, food and exhibitor booths.

The Community Services Department is also working on the Cherry Blossom Festival to be held Saturday, March 29. For more info on either event, call (626) 939-8430.

Parents Invited to Town Hall Meeting About Common Core State Standards for Students

Local school officials invite parents to join teachers and school administrators at a town hall meeting on Saturday, March 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Baldwin Park Performing Arts Center, 4640 Main St., Baldwin Park.

Parents will learn about the new Common Core State Standards. This program is designed to establish individualized learning benchmarks for students, whereby students, parents and teachers are all on the same page and working together for shared goals to ensure that students progress each year, and graduate prepared for success in college and in the modern workforce.



Macy's In-Store Donations Will Help Fund Park Improvements

Shop at Macy's in West Covina and make a difference in the community by helping fund the addition of a new baseball-themed playground at Walmerado Park.

The National Recreation and Park Association and Macy's, Inc. have selected West Covina's Walmerado Park to receive a grant of up to \$250,000 for park improvements.

Macy's will provide to the City of West Covina a matching grant of up to \$250,000 from donations received from shoppers at Macy's at the Plaza West Covina from March 7 through 31. Through this program, up to \$500,000 could be generated for our local parks and recreation programs.

The new playground is estimated to cost a little more than \$200,000. If each of West Covina's 106,000 residents was to donate \$1, with Macy's matching grant, West Covina would have a brand-new playground for the children of our community to enjoy. Any and all funds received through this program will be spent improving Walmerado Park.



A new baseball-themed playground is planned for Walmerado Park in West Covina.

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Used Motor Oil Collection and Filter Exchange Events

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Bring a USED MOTOR OIL FILTER to recycle and receive a new in stock filter and collection container FREE! Open to West Covina residents only. Bring ID or utility bill for verification purposes. No purchase necessary, limit two filters and one collection container per resident while supplies last. Only motor oil that is not mixed with water, gasoline or other chemicals will be accepted.

For more information on Hazardous Waste please call 1-888 CLEAN LA.

This event is brought to you by the City of West Covina Environmental Services and funded by a grant from the Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

West Covina Starts 2014 with New Businesses!

The City of West Covina and new West Covina businesses invite the community to their grand openings and ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

- **LA Fitness** - Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m., 3101 E. Garvey Ave. North
- **4 Wheel Parts** - Saturday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m., 2249 E. Garvey Ave. North
- **InterCoast College** - Thursday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m., 2235 E. Garvey Ave. North

LA Fitness will host its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m.

The celebration will include tours of the newly built two-story gym, Los Angeles Laker Girls appearance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., complimentary workouts including a sample zumba class at noon, complimentary fitness assessments, racquetball in the courts from 10 a.m. to noon, a DJ, health snacks, a face-painting clown from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and a drawing for an Apple iPad.

4 Wheel Parts, the nation's leader in



aftermarket truck and Jeep accessories, will open its brand-new location in West Covina on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the West Covina City Council at 9 a.m., free food, a bouncy house, a live band, and display vehicles including jeeps, trucks and off-road buggies. There will also be hourly drawings for prizes, including an 8,000-pound off-road winch. The first 200 people will receive free t-shirts. No purchase is necessary.

InterCoast College will host a grand

opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m.. They will serve hors d'oeuvres, provide tours of the new facility, host classroom presentations about the school's programs, and will accept applications for enrollment during the event.

Amapola Deli & Market, at 130 Plaza Drive at the Plaza West Covina mall, is also planning a grand opening event in the near future.

For more information, call the Community Development Commission at (626) 939-8417.



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WEST COVINA

Cherry Blossom FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 29, 2014
12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. | Free Admission
South Hills Plaza | 1420 S. Azusa Ave | West Covina
Corner of Azusa Ave. and Aroma Dr.



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Junior Spiker Volleyball

Session I – January thru March

Session II – March thru May

8 Week Sessions (Register online or Call)

Cost: 200.00 Ages 8-14 Time: 7-9 pm Day: Mondays

Location: Cameron Park Community Center

Non Tournament Volleyball Camps

(8 weeks, twice a week per session of volleyball instruction)

Tuesday and Thursdays

Session II March 11 - May 1

Session III May 6 - June 26

Cost: \$300.00 (per session) Ages 10-18

Times: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Citrus College, Glendora

Open Gym

Sundays

Cost: \$5.00 (ea. Day) Ages 10-18

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

Location: Rio Hondo Community College

Lisa McDaniel – Assistant Director Phone: 323-250-3388

Email: lisa@clubheightsvolleyball.com

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New Businesses Come to West Covina

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

COVINA PALMS CENTER (2211 E. Garvey Ave. N.)

- Crossfit Insurgent – now open
- InterCoast College – now open (grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m.)
- 4 Wheel Parts – January 2014 (grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m.)

EASTLAND CENTER (2620-2980 E. Workman Ave.; 2625-2929 Eastland Center Drive)

- Office Depot (relocation) – February 2014
- Massage Envy – February/March 2014
- Hobby Lobby – fall 2014

GLENDORA AVENUE (360 S. Glendora Ave.)

- Zumba by Infinite Fitness – now open
- West Covina Dental Specialties – February 2014
- Buena Vista Furniture – February 2014

HOLIDAY INN (3223 E. Garvey Ave. N.)

- Holiday Inn – February/March 2014

ISLAND PLAZA (2500 Azusa Road)

- Sprint Store – now open

LAKES ENTERTAINMENT CENTER (1230 Lakes Drive)

- Anna's Pizza – now open
- The Garlic Crab Restaurant – now open
- Yamiya Restaurant – now open

McINTYRE SQUARE (2612-2698 E. Garvey Ave. S. and 196-252 S. Citrus St.)

- EC Century Vitamin Supplements – now open
- Orlando Entertainment Karaoke – now open
- Canaan Noodle House Restaurant – now open
- Dr. Shih General Dentist – now open
- Cathay Bank – now open
- Elite Running – February 2014
- Pho Island Restaurant – March 2014

PIONEER CENTER (1751 Rowland Ave. and 541-557 N. Azusa Ave.)

- AIM Higher – March 2014

QUAIL RIDGE SHOPPING CENTER (3620-3670 Nogales St.)

- Martabak Café – now open

- Le Pot Restaurant – February 2014
- Xiang Xun Ge Spa – February 2014
- East West Supermarket – March 2014
- Holiday Entertainment, LLC (karaoke) – April 2014

THE CITRUS GROVE (2500-2548 E. Workman Ave.)

- Dr. Isha General Dentist – now open
- Elements Natural Foods – February 2014
- The Stinking Crawfish Restaurant – April 2014

THE ROW (3101 E. Garvey Ave. N.)

- LA Fitness – now open (grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 10 a.m.)

PLAZA WEST COVINA (112 Plaza Drive)

- Amapola Deli and Market – now open
- Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que – February 2014

WOODSIDE PLAZA (2335-2425 S. Azusa Ave.)

- Del Taco – April 2014

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- Affordable Healthcare Act Assessments/Enrollment
- Health & Nutrition Education
- Fitness Information
- Wellness Evaluation
- Pulse Oximetry
- BMI Screening

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Saturday 10 am - 1 pm
February 8, 2014
West Covina Senior Center

GWC

RECYCLING? YES, WEST COVINA DOES!

How it works: Trash from West Covina is taken to the Athens Material Recovery Facility (MRF) where it is dumped onto the massive tipping floor to begin its journey through a series of automated and manual sorting lines to extract recyclables. Once recyclables are removed, the residual trash is loaded onto large transfer trucks and taken to area landfills.



Although it is not obvious to residents and businesses, the City of West Covina does recycle its waste. And the recycling is accomplished in an effective, efficient and environmentally responsible way via processing at Athens Material Recovery Facility. Over 30 items are extracted from the waste stream and recycled! Watch a video of this remarkable facility on our website.



Did you know that:

- West Covina recycled over 32,000 tons of recyclable materials in 2012.
- Athens Services has made it possible to achieve and even surpass the state-mandated waste landfill diversion requirement of 50%.
- The Athens MRF is the largest, most advanced facility of its kind in Southern California.



Want to know more?

Athens Services conducts tours for any individuals, schools, or community groups who are interested in how we partner with the city to ensure West Covina consistently meets and exceeds its state waste landfill diversion requirements with the highest level of environmental sensitivity.



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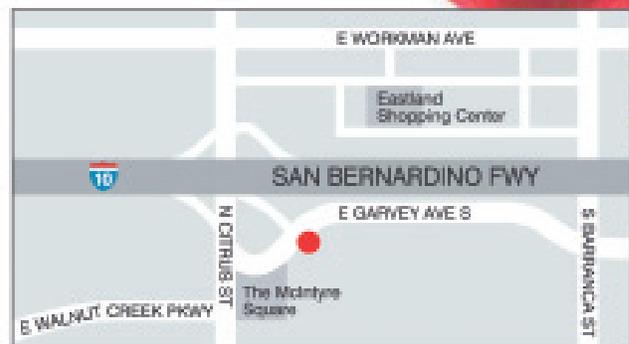
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GO WEST Transit Unveils New Fleet

On March 3, the City of West Covina will put into service its new Go West Transit fleet.

This year, West Covina residents will come to see a series of improvements to the City's popular Go West public transit program. In addition to a fleet of seven new alternative-fuel, environmentally friendly vehicles, the City will introduce its new, easy-to-read Go West service brochure with details regarding Go West routes, operating schedules and fares.

Go West provides both fixed-route and dial-a-ride services. The fixed-route service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city, including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, The Heights Shopping Center, the West Covina Civic Center, the West Covina Senior Center and Cameron Community Center. The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The fare is \$1 each way.

The City's dial-a-ride program serves seniors age 55 and older as well as persons with disabilities residing in West Covina. Dial-a-ride is a shared-ride, advanced-reservation service, available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with limited Sunday service available



from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fare is \$1 each way. The City is partnering with MV Transportation, which will provide Go West drivers as well as dispatch and vehicle maintenance services. MV will operate from the West Covina City Yard, with many of the same Go West drivers residents have come to know.

For more information on the Go West program, call the Community Services Department at (626) 939-8430 or visit the City of West Covina's Web site, www.westcovina.org.

Music CD to Help Fund City Projects

The West Covina Sunrise Rotary Club is promoting sales of a music CD that will help fund parks and programs in the community. For information and to read an interview with the artist, visit the Web site, www.savealifesaveasoul.com.

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