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West Covina Soccer Complex Approved for Orangewood Park

At the Sept. 17 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the development of the West Covina Soccer Complex at Orangewood Park, 1615 W. Merced Ave. Soccer players of all ages and fans of West Covina soccer programs attended the meeting to express their support and rejoiced in the project's approval.

In 2008, the City of West Covina, with the assistance of West Covina Youth Soccer, the West Covina Unified School District and local sports groups, developed the master plan for the renovation of Orangewood Park. That plan provides for two new lighted soccer fields, new playground equipment, park benches, walking paths, restrooms, parking lot expansion, picnic tables and more. The City Council's adoption will

make the West Covina Soccer Complex a reality and signifies the City's commitment to build premier recreational facilities.

The new soccer complex is estimated to have a cost of approximately \$4.5 million, and this is to be paid utilizing Park Dedication Fees (PDF), which come from new home developers. With the new housing market beginning to recover from the Great Recession, residential home builders are beginning to invest and build new housing developments in West Covina. The City has estimated between \$5.8 million and \$8.4 million in new PDF may be generated in the next few years from several new housing developments being developed in the community.



BUSINESSES FLOCK TO WEST COVINA

West Covina is attracting new and exciting businesses to town. New businesses include BevMo!, LA Fitness, Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que, Amapola Deli & Market, J. Tomson and The Garlic Crab.

Wine sommeliers, drink aficionados and soda pop fans will soon have a vast assortment of alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages at their local West Covina BevMo! store. Opening in November at Eastland Center, the BevMo! at 2970 E. Workman Ave. will be a specialty beverage store

stocked and ready for residents to discover new and exciting beverages, buy trusted favorites, locate rare and special bottles of wine, and find unique mixers for specialty drinks.

"We are so excited to join the West Covina neighborhood," BevMo! CEO Alan Johnson said. "From our incredible wine selection and seasonal craft brews, to our vast selection of spirits perfect for your signature cocktails, our newest location will have all the ingredients West Covina residents want in one location."

In addition to Lucille's Smokehouse

Bar-B-Que opening at the Westfield mall in early 2014, Amapola Deli & Market is anticipated to open in November. Amapola Deli & Market is an upscale specialty food store and will offer a dining area in addition to the traditional grocery store departments. Online clothing retailer J. Tomson is opening its third store at Westfield West Covina, 543 Plaza Drive, in November.

LA Fitness is opening a 44,000-square-foot gym at The Row, 3103 E.

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West Covina

Live where you play, love where you live

Look what's happening...

- 1 Saladish @ Hong Kong Plaza, 987 S. Glendora Avenue Suite I
- 2 Ashley Furniture @ Eastland Center, 2753 E. Eastland Center Drive
- 3 Chipotle @ Westfield West Covina, 427 Plaza Drive
- 4 Guppy House @ McIntyre Square, 2646 E. Garvey Avenue South
- 5 The Building Room @ Sunset/Francisquito Center, 1208-F W. Francisquito Avenue
- 6 85°C Bakery Cafe @ McIntyre Square, 2626 E. Garvey Avenue South
- 7 Centrelake Imaging & Oncology Center @ 1700 W. West Covina Parkway
- 8 A&J Hot Point Hot Pot @ McIntyre Square, 222 S. Citrus Street
- 9 Chaffey Federal Credit Union @ Woodside Plaza, 2333 S. Azusa Avenue
- 10 The Ice Bar @ 550 S. Glendora Avenue

Now Open





Opening Soon

- 11 Lucille's Smokehouse BAR-B-QUE @ Westfield West Covina, 1445 Plaza Drive
- 12 BevMo! @ Eastland Center, 2970 E. Workman Avenue
- 13 Amapola Deli & Market @ Westfield West Covina, 130 Plaza Drive
- 14 4 Wheel Parts @ Covina Palm Center, 2249 E. Garvey Avenue North
- 15 LA Fitness @ The Row, 3101 E. Garvey Avenue North
- 16 McDonald's @ 501 Vincent Center, 461 S. Vincent Avenue
- 17 El Pollo Loco @ 501 Vincent Center, 451 S. Vincent Avenue
- 18 North-West College @ 2101 W. Garvey Avenue North
- 19 The Garlic Crab @ Lakes Entertainment Center, 1230 Lakes Drive
- 20 Cathay Bank @ McIntyre Square, 2672 E. Garvey Avenue South



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Protect Yourself from Identify Theft

Identify theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. It is a serious crime that can damage your finances, credit history and reputation, and it can take time, money and patience to resolve.

Cities with zip codes that start with 917, like West Covina, are top reported areas for such crimes in California. Here are some tips to help prevent identity theft and scams:

- Get a secure locking mailbox. This is the top recommendation to prevent identity theft.
- Beware of mail or telephone solicitations that offer prizes or cashier's checks, especially if asked for your personal information or financial account numbers, which you should never give out to an untrusted source.
- Be cautious of non-secure Wi-

Fi Internet, and only do business on secure/encrypted Web sites, which precede the web page address with "https" and display a lock icon.

- Monitor your banking and credit card accounts closely. E-mails and text alerts can easily be set up with your bank, keeping you informed of any unauthorized purchases or charges.
 - Don't carry your Social Security card or birth certificate; leave them in a secure location.
 - Get a free credit report at Annualcreditreport.com once a year. If you see something wrong, alert your card company or creditor immediately.
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COME CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN!

The City of West Covina Community Services Department will present two Halloween events.

Start your Halloween fun at the first annual "Dog Spooktacular" on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Central Bark Dog Park, 1500 W. Rowland Ave. This event will feature a pet costume contest, pet-related vendors, giveaways for your pet and more. For more information, call (626) 939-8864.

Also on Saturday, Oct. 26, in the evening, you can visit "Galster Haunt Scaregrounds" at Galster Park, 1620 Aroma Drive.

This free event features a haunted trail from 7 to 10 p.m., arts and crafts from 7 to 9 p.m., a costume contest (with prizes) at 7:30 p.m., a "design a scarecrow" contest at 8 p.m., and a pumpkin-carving contest (pumpkins must be pre-carved) at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (626) 919-6966.

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 5
12:00-8:00 p.m.
Food • Games • Entertainment
Dancing • Exhibits • Crafts

FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, November 2
10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
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2013 Youth Volleyball Tryouts



15u – 18u Tryouts

Sunday October 6, 2013

Time: 9:00-11:00 am

Location: Rio Hondo Community College, Whittier

Make-up tryouts:

Sunday October 13, 2013

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Location: Rio Hondo Community College, Whittier



12u – 14u Tryouts

Saturday October 12, 2013

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Location: Cameron Park Gym, West Covina

Make-up tryouts:

Sunday October 13, 2013

Time: 9:00-11:00 am

Location: Rio Hondo Community College, Whittier



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Garvey Ave. Anticipated to open in November, the two-level gym will feature an indoor lap pool, a spa, a "kids klub," an aerobics area, a cycling room, racquetball courts and a basketball court.

The Lakes Entertainment Center will soon start filling up with new business. The Garlic Crab, a Cajun/Creole seafood restaurant, will open in October at the former Macaroni Grill space, 1230 Lakes Drive. Anna's Pizza will relocate to a larger space at 1240 Lakes Drive.

InterCoast College, 2235 E. Garvey Ave., and 4 Wheel Parts, 2249 E. Garvey Ave., are joining the existing tenants at the Covina Palm Center this November. InterCoast College offers an assortment of degree and certificate programs in medical, mental health/counseling, legal, multimedia, business, and technology fields. 4 Wheel Parts is a national high-end truck parts and accessories retailer.

Looking to have some fun and show off your singing abilities? West Covina will soon have two karaoke establishments. Orlando Entertainment Karaoke will open in October at McIntyre Square, 2650 E. Garvey Ave. South, and Holiday Entertainment, LLC will open at Quailridge Shopping Center, 3660 JA-C Nogales St.

Additional businesses are coming to West Covina. Cathay Bank, 2672 E. Garvey Ave., will open its first West Covina branch at McIntyre Square. Martabak Café at Quailridge Shopping Center, 366 Nogales St., will start serving an assortment of coffees this fall. Aim Higher, an adult development center, is opening at Pioneer Center, 1751 Rowland Ave.

In addition to new businesses, West Covina property and business owners are investing in the community. North-West College, 2101 W. Garvey Ave. North, is undergoing façade renovations at the West Covina campus. The Rodeway Inn, 3223 E. Garvey Ave., is

currently under renovation and is being converted into a Holiday Inn. The West Covina Dental Arts Building, 126 S. Glendora Ave., is undergoing façade improvements and is slated to be completed next summer. Orange Medical Plaza, 131 Lang Ave., is transforming an industrial building into a state-of-the-art medical facility due to open by the end of the year.

Because of West Covina's business-friendly environment, new businesses are opening in West Covina, which translate into jobs and essential tax revenues to support essential city services. Since 2012, more than 600 new businesses have opened in West Covina.

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 West Covina Civic Center
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SATURDAY, NOV. 16
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 at West Covina Farmers Market
 on Glendora Ave. near Lakes Drive
 For info, call (626) 939-8458.

CITY OF WEST COVINA

Fourth Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Free Bus Tour on Wednesday, Dec. 18

Are you that homeowner on the block who goes all out with your home holiday decorating? Well, here's your chance to shine! The City of West Covina is sponsoring an outdoor lighting and decorating contest. Applications can be found online at www.westcovina.org, e-mailed to you by calling (626) 939-8430, or available at Cameron Community Center, 1305 E. Cameron Ave. Application fee is \$10. Light up the neighborhood with holiday cheer!

- Participants must be located in West Covina.
- Contest applications will be received through 12/5/13.
- Decorations must be in place by 12/12/13 and remain through 12/26/13.
- Judging will take place on 12/12/13 (subject to change).
- Lights must be left on until 10:00 p.m., even if no one is home.
- All visible decorations will be considered.
- All participants will receive a lawn sign noting their participation.
- Free bus tour leaves City Hall on 12/18/13.

Return this section to: City of West Covina Community Services Department
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