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## LUCILLE'S SMOKEHOUSE BAR-B-QUE COMING TO WEST COVINA

**W**est Covina and San Gabriel Valley residents won't have to venture far anymore to find authentic Southern-style barbecue as Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que will open its first San Gabriel Valley restaurant in West Covina.

Lucille's will open at the Westfield West Covina mall near Best Buy facing the 10 Freeway, at 1445 Plaza Drive. Lucille's will seat approximately 275 guests in approximately 7,300 square feet, and the restaurant will include a Flying Pig Lounge.

Lucille's is known for its signature slow-smoked barbecue, flavorful appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, sides, and desserts that are served with a large helping of down-home, friendly service. The secret to authentic Southern barbecue lies in the way it is cooked – low and slow. Lucille's perfectly cooked barbecue takes between two and 29 hours to smoke, from chicken, rib tips, and St. Louis ribs, to brisket that is cooked for upwards of 18 to 29 hours. The hickory wood smoker in the dining room adds to the authentic Southern-style dining experience.

Lucille's restaurants are reminiscent of a Southern roadhouse replete with its distinctive Southern décor. The Flying Pig Lounge offers patrons live blues entertainment. Lucille's is also recognized for its legendary customer service rooted in Southern hospitality.

Unable to find authentic Southern-style barbecue near his hometown, Craig Hofman, president of Hofman Hospitality

Group, embarked on a two-year journey taking him from the Carolinas to Kansas, Texas and Tennessee, to uncover the best barbecue the South had to offer. He ventured through small towns and bigger cities, sampling genuine Southern barbecue found in small shacks and fine restaurants and everything in between.

In 1999, Hofman opened the first Lucille's in Long Beach, Calif., and today the company continues to accumulate awards and honors, including dozens of local "best of" awards in each of its markets.

"West Covina is another ideal location for Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que," Hofman said.

"We look forward to bringing our authentic, slow-cooked, Southern-style barbecue and our

legendary friendly service to Westfield West Covina for its visitors and others in the surrounding community to enjoy."

Lucille's is expected to open in early 2014.

"West Covina is thrilled to welcome Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que to our community," West Covina's Mayor said. "The City has been pursuing Lucille's for some time, and we are excited to finally announce that they will be opening a restaurant in West Covina. As a result of the City's efforts and business-friendly environment, West Covina is able to attract restaurants of Lucille's caliber to open in our community. Lucille's will be a great addition to our community, offering residents a new dining experience."

For more information, visit [lucillesbbq.com](http://lucillesbbq.com), on Facebook at [facebook.com/LucillesSmokehouseBBQ](https://www.facebook.com/LucillesSmokehouseBBQ) or on Twitter at [twitter.com/Lucilles\\_BBQ](https://twitter.com/Lucilles_BBQ).



# New Businesses Come to West Covina

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

## 501 Vincent Center, 451-501 Vincent Ave.

- El Pollo Loco – September 2013
- McDonald's – October 2013

## Covina Palms Center, 2211-2249 E. Garvey Ave. N.

- Covina Strength and Fitness – October 2013
- 4 Wheel Parts – November 2013
- InterCoast College – November 2013

## Hong Kong Plaza, 935-1029 S. Glendora Ave.

- Saladish – now open

## Lakes Entertainment Center, 1230 Lakes Drive

- The Garlic Crab – October 2013

## McIntyre Square, 2612-2698 E. Garvey Ave. S. and 196-252 S. Citrus St.

- Guppy House – now open
- Canaan Noodle House – September 2013
- Orlando Entertainment Karaoke – October 2013
- Cathay Bank – October 2013
- Pho Island – October 2013
- Dr. Shih General Dentist – October 2013

- EC Century Vitamin Supplements – October 2013

## Quail Ridge Shopping Center, 3620-3670 Nogales St.

- Martabak Café – August 2013

## Restaurant Row, 3101 E. Garvey Ave.

- LA Fitness – September 2013

## The Citrus Grove, 2500-2548 E. Workman Ave.

- Dr. Isha General Dentist – October 2013

## Westfield West Covina, 112 Plaza Drive

- My Teeth Dental Group – now open
- Chipotle – now open
- Altus-Mirus Tutoring Center – August 2013
- Amapola Deli and Market – September 2013
- Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que – February 2014

## Woodside Plaza, 2335-2425 S. Azusa Ave.

- City Staffing – August 2013

## Saladish Now Open, Serving Healthy Fare

Saladish, a fast-casual eatery focusing on fast, convenient, and healthy food and drinks, has opened in West Covina's Hong Kong Plaza in the HK2 Food District Market, 987 S. Glendora Ave., Unit I.

Saladish offers made-to-order and signature salads, wraps and oven-baked potatoes. West Covina is the third location, joining Rancho Palos Verdes and Pasadena.

A grand opening ceremony is set for Saturday, Aug. 17. Co-owner Ron Artest (Metta World Peace) will make a special appearance between noon and 2 p.m. to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at 2 p.m. For more information, call (626) 337-1500.

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## Help the Community with Youth Council

**M**aking your mark on the world – it is what every young mind aspires to do. Many people make their mark on the world by improving it, and everyone has the ability to do so. An easy way to start is by volunteering with the local community.

The West Covina Youth Council gives every teen the opportunity to contribute to the community. The Youth Council offers the opportunity for the young minds of today to grow in leadership experience, humble service, integrity and compassion through an active role in the community.



Youth Council events include volunteer work around the city and extending to other cities, especially during the holidays, when Youth Council participants offer help to those in need.

With events throughout the year, Youth Council participation is a fun and simple way to earn volunteer hours for school. Colleges are drawn toward students who are well-rounded and play an active role not only on their school campus but in their community.

If you are interested, feel welcome to attend a Youth Council meeting held every last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m., in Room 314 at West Covina City Hall.

For additional information, call the Community Services Department at (626) 939-8430.

## JOIN THE CITY AND YOUR NEIGHBORS AT WEST COVINA DAY AT THE FAIR

**A**ll West Covina residents are invited to join the City at West Covina Day at the Fair, Thursday, Sept. 19 at the L.A. County Fair in Pomona.

Festivities include recognition of West Covina's community heroes and a parade through the fairgrounds celebrating West Covina.

The parade will start at 5 p.m., followed by the Community Hero Presentation.

West Covina residents can save \$5 off admission with advance online purchase. See the info at the right.

For more information on West Covina Day at the Fair, call the Community Services Department at (626) 939-8430.



### WEST COVINA DAY AT THE FAIR - THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

**\$5 advance online purchase**

A portion of the proceeds benefit educational programs at the Fair

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2. Enter promo code **westcovina**, complete and print.
3. Surrender printed ticket at Fair admission gate.

Valid Thursday, Sept. 19, noon-6 p.m. \$5 admission with online purchase using promo code valid Thursday, Sept. 19 only. Must be purchased online in advance. \$5 offer not available at Fair gates. Not valid with any other offers. No cash value.

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# Annual 'National Night Out' Event Promotes Neighborhood Safety

On the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 6, the City of West Covina will participate in the annual "National Night Out," an event promoting public safety across the city. Spearheaded by the West Covina Police Department and coordinated with

the National Town Watch Association and local Neighborhood Watch captains, this annual event incorporates social gatherings including barbecues, potlucks, regional parties with entertainment and more. During the event, police officers and

firefighter/paramedics will join participating groups of community members throughout the city. Join in celebrating neighborhood awareness and unity, and help make this year's event a success.

## Galster Wilderness Park

1620 Aroma Drive, West Covina  
(626) 919-0715 • galster.park@gmail.com

Located off Azusa Avenue, Galster Park is a wonderful venue to spend a relaxing and fun time with friends and family. The park has walking trails, a playground, a large, grassy picnic area that makes a great space for parties, events (with reservations), and the Galster Nature Center.

The Nature Center is open throughout the year thanks to the dedication of its volunteers. The public is more than welcome to pop on by during opening hours and take a peek. Among many things, the Nature Center has displays of nature and geological artifacts. It also has an area dedicated to kids' crafts. With reservations, volunteers will take groups on nature walks and give short presentations on various nature and environmental themes.

The City of West Covina and Galster Wilderness Park Nature Center host various fun-filled and educational events throughout the year. In the past, the City has held Halloween parties, as well as Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations.

This summer, the Nature Center volunteers are hosting their sixth Summer Night Programs series, Twilight Fridays. The programs, sponsored by the City of West Covina and the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy (SGMRC), are held every other Friday

night from 7 to 9 p.m. through Aug. 23. The family-friendly programs are free. The Nature Center is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours may vary based on volunteer availability.

### TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ...

- Renting the picnic pavilion area for a party or event - call (626) 939-8430
- Scheduling a nature walk, group presentation or kids' craft activity - call (626) 919-0715 or e-mail: galster.park@gmail.com
- Upcoming events – call (626) 919-0715, e-mail: galster.park@gmail.com or check the SGMRC event calendar

### WANT TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

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# LEARN TO CARE FOR TREES

## FREE CLASS

The City of West Covina will host a Free Basic Tree Care Class on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the West Covina Senior Center, located at 2501 E. Cortez St.

Arborist Mike Wallich will discuss tree selection, location, pruning, planting techniques, tree removal and rules governing trees in West Covina. He has more than 30 years of experience in the tree industry. For more than 18 years, he has been a certified arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture. He is also a certified municipal specialist and certified tree risk assessor.

Class size is limited. Call the Environmental Services Section at (626) 939-8458. Handouts are available upon request.



# City of West Covina to Host Free Electronic Waste Roundup

The term "e-waste" is applied to consumer electronics that are no longer wanted.

E-waste can include items like computers, printers, televisions, VCRs, cell phones, fax machines, stereos and electronic games.

Electronics may contain lead, copper and other heavy metals or potentially toxic substances. It is critical to reduce e-waste by only buying what you need, reuse electronics that still work, and recycle electronics at the end of their useful life cycle.



If your electronics are no longer usable, take them to the City of West Covina E-Waste Roundup on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Covina Maintenance Yard, 825 S. Sunset Ave.

For more information, call the Environmental Services Section (626) 939-8458.

# Do You Change the Oil in Your Car?

## Recycle It!

The City of West Covina will host two used oil collection and filter exchange events to encourage residents to recycle.

Take your used motor oil filters along with your used oil for recycling and receive a replacement filter and collection container for free. This event is open to West Covina residents only.

No purchase is necessary, but there is a limit of 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.

Drop off your used oil and oil filters at either of these convenient certified collection centers on these dates:

**Saturday, Aug. 17**  
**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**AutoZone**  
**730 N. Azusa Ave., West Covina**

**Saturday, Sept. 7**  
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**AutoZone**  
**1035 E. Amar Road, West Covina**

For more information about hazardous waste and its safe and proper disposal, call (888) CLEAN LA.

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