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New Restaurant Opens in West Covina

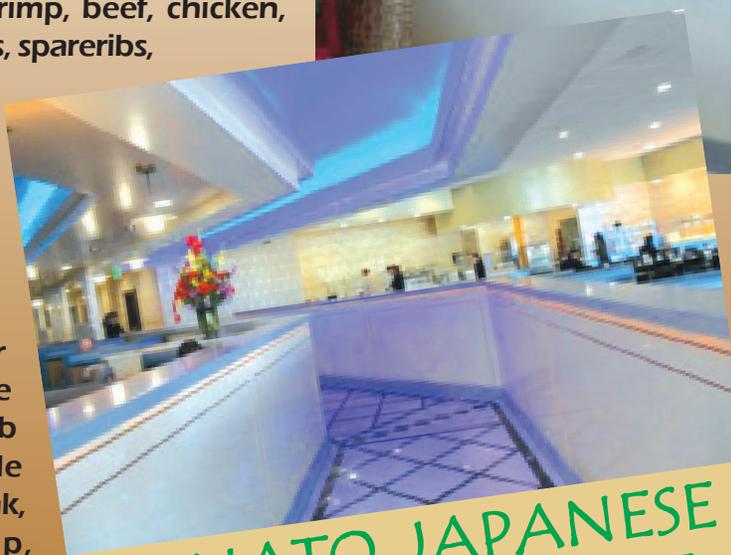
A new restaurant recently opened in West Covina, Minato Japanese Seafood Buffet, located at 318 S. California Ave., at Vincent Avenue, in a shopping center near Westfield West Covina.

Are you looking for a variety of foods, all you can eat, for a very reasonable price? Then Minato Japanese Seafood Buffet in West Covina is just the place for you. There are more than 100 items daily! They have shrimp, beef, chicken, pork, fish, vegetables, spareribs,

lo mein, fried rice, soup, a salad bar, ice cream, fresh fruit, desserts and more! Buffet items may vary by chef choice daily.

Special dinner buffet items include lobster, snow crab legs, steamed whole fish, New York steak, coconut shrimp, cocktail shrimp, sushi, sashimi, hand rolls, house special soup, dim sum, Thailand spicy chicken, Peking duck, baked salmon, New Zealand green mussels, seafood delight, and much, much more!

Lunch is available Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for only \$9.99 (\$7.99 for seniors and \$4.99 for children). Dinner is available Monday through Thursday



MINATO JAPANESE
SEAFOOD BUFFET

from 3:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for \$15.99 (\$12.99 for seniors and \$7.99 for children). From Friday to Sunday, dinner is served all day for \$17.99 (\$13.99 for seniors and \$8.99 for children). Discount coupons are on the back page of this issue of Discover West Covina.

"We welcome all West Covina residents and members of the surrounding communities," owner Li Chen said. "We offer only the finest and freshest of ingredients, offering a wide variety of foods your entire family is sure to enjoy!"

For more information, call (626) 851-8699.

Note: paid advertisement from Minato Japanese Seafood Buffet

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Fire Department Keeps an Eye on **TERRORISM**

With the constant threat of terror attacks on Americans, both within the United States and abroad, the West Covina Fire Department has taken the opportunity to become better aware of such potential situations.



West Covina firefighter/paramedics operate the Cascade Air System for use during a multi-casualty terrorism incident.

In 2013, 24 members of the West Covina Fire Department will receive terrorism awareness training through the Department of Homeland Security. This training educates fire department members on terrorism groups, types of terror attacks and possible danger signs. Also, the additional awareness

training complements previous training and equipment already in use by the West Covina Fire Department.

During the 2009-2011 fiscal years, the City of West Covina's Office of Emergency Services received federal funding to cover all expenses incurred by the terrorism awareness training. Therefore, no City general fund monies were expended.

The West Covina Fire Department adheres to the Department of Homeland Security's anti-terrorism campaign slogan, "If you see something, say something." The fire department asks the same from residents.



West Covina firefighters train with West Covina Police during an active shooter scenario.

West Covina Police Department: A Typical Day

Monday, Feb. 4 was a typical day for the West Covina Police Department. Shortly after 4 a.m., when an officer noticed a red light violation, a police pursuit began that concluded in a neighboring city with a successful arrest. At 6 a.m., the watch commander gave briefing instructions to the incoming shift of patrol officers, who then hit the streets, relieving the night shift.

Throughout the day, they responded to service calls, including disturbances of the peace, grand theft, safety and health violations, security alarms, vehicle theft, petty theft, public intoxication, battery, burglary, trespassing, a hit-and-run traffic collision and a violation of a court order. In the moments between calls, officers patrolled key areas of the city needing extra service, kept the peace and followed up on any trouble spotted.

Traffic personnel, with assistance from patrol, conducted 41 traffic stops, marked 10 abandoned vehicles for future enforcement, issued five illegal-parking

citations and responded to three traffic accidents. Volunteers under the department's SHOP program focused on providing nonhazardous duties, serving three subpoenas, checking on seven houses while the residents were on vacation and completing other support activities. Records personnel entered crime report data into



the computerized records system while assisting citizens at the front desk.

As the day progressed, detectives followed up on wide range of crimes against both people and property, with each detective pursuing an average of 46

active cases. Two detectives testified that day in court concerning a major theft ring case, while 10 other detectives prepared cases for court filings the next day. The Special Enforcement Team had concluded a surveillance and warrant operation that resulted in the seizure of several pounds of narcotics, a weapon and cash, and were conducting follow-up activities.

Into the night, WCPD officers responded to disturbances of the peace and reports of suspicious activities, and they assisted a neighboring police department. Dispatchers received more than 100 calls for service that day, including 11 "911" calls. During this 24-hour period, the police department responded to 186 law enforcement incidents and made four arrests for offenses including an outstanding warrant, evading a police officer and shoplifting. This may sound like an exceptionally busy day, but in reality that Monday was a typical day for the police department. For more information, visit www.wcpd.org.



FREE GARDENING WORKSHOP

Does your garden need a tune-up? Maybe a splash of color? Come to a free gardening workshop on Saturday, April 27 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Cameron Community Center, 1305 E. Cameron Ave. Learn how to adjust your irrigation; choose low-maintenance plants; and save time, money and water. To register, e-mail your name, address and phone number to wcgardenclass@swwc.com or call (877) 405-1747. This free water-wise gardening workshop is brought to you by the City of West Covina and Suburban Water Systems.

Make Time for a Spring Cleaning Home Safety Check

March 10 marked the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, which means that we all changed our clocks, but did you check your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors?

The West Covina Fire Department recommends that batteries in both smoke and CO detectors be changed twice a year. Ensure that your family is protected by changing the batteries and checking that all the detectors in your home are working properly. You should have at least one detector on each level of your home and outside all sleeping areas.

Remember that just because you are replacing the old batteries in your detectors, it does not mean that they have to be thrown away! These batteries often have more than

50 percent of their power left and can do double-duty in children's toys and electronics. Make sure to get the most out of your batteries before recycling them properly, and never dispose of batteries in your normal refuse.

It is also a great time of year to check your home fire extinguishers. Make sure that any home fire extinguishers are not expired, that they are properly charged and easily accessible, and that everyone in the family knows the locations.

This is also a great time to check your home first aid kit and safety supplies. The American Red Cross recommends that you have a minimum of three days of non-perishable food and water for every

member of the family to assist you in the event of a major emergency. Don't forget to include pets and any special needs of family members, such as prescription medications or any other necessary medical supplies.

Finally, take time to review your family's emergency plan. Don't have one? Then sit down with your family to create a plan of what to do and where to go in the event of an emergency. Make sure that you have updated phone numbers, addresses and other contact information for any emergency. It is vital that each member of the family knows what to do in the event of an emergency before it occurs.

For more information, call the West Covina Fire Department at (626) 939-8824.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The City of West Covina with the Castucci Foundation present a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at the West Covina Civic Center, 1444 W. Garvey Ave.

For more information, call the Community Services Department at (626) 939-8440.

Get a Load of This

COMPOST and MULCH now available




SATURDAY, MAY 11 • 8 TO 11 AM
CITY MAINTENANCE YARD - SOUTH PARKING LOT
825 S. SUNSET AVE.

Bring your own shovel, bag or wheelbarrow. Free compost and mulch will be available to West Covina residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Amounts are limited to approximately one wheelbarrow-size container per resident. Must show proof of residency (driver's license or utility bill).

For more information, call (626) 939-8458.

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Swim Lesson Registration

Session I, II & VIII

Registration for Session I begins Wednesday May 22 for **West Covina residents ONLY**; beginning Thursday May 23 registration is open to everyone. Registration is accepted from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Session I Swim Lessons will be held May 28 through June 6. **No Class on 5/27.**

Registration will only be accepted at the Municipal Pool.

Session III - VII

Registration is taken one week prior to the session you wish to attend. Registration is taken Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. for West Covina residents **ONLY** and registration opens for everyone on Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. **No Class on 7/4.** Registration will only be accepted at the Municipal Pool.

All Ages

Parent & Me

Pool Parties

Swim Team

Learn To Swim

Rec Swim

Sessions	Dates	Reg. Dates:	Reg. Dates:
		Residents Wed.	Non Residents Thurs.
I*	May 28 - June 6	May 22	May 23
II	June 10 - June 20	June 5	June 6
III	June 24 - July 3	June 19	June 20
IV	July 8 - July 18	July 2(Tues)	July 3(Wed)
V	July 22 - August 1	July 17	July 18
VI*	August 5 - August 15	July 31	August 1
VII*	August 19 - August 29	August 14	August 15
VIII*	September 3 - September 12	August 28	August 29

*Sessions I, VI, VII, & VIII night lessons only.

Pool will be closed July 4 and September 2



Private and Semi-Private Lessons

Private and semi-private lessons are scheduled throughout the summer based on instructor's availability. If interested, please fill out a request form or call the pool for more information. If an instructor is available those who have turned in a request form will be contacted.

For fees and availability contact the Cameron Park Community Center - (626) 919-6966

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EARTH DAY 2013 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Galster Wilderness Park
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- Free admission and giveaways
- Tree planting at 11 a.m. hosted by West Covina Beautiful
- Kids' workshop and activities sponsored by YMCA, Home Depot and West Covina Library
- Guided nature walk
- Exciting displays and demonstrations
- Ask questions to experts on saving money and the environment
- Food and prizes
- Freebies - books, water bottles, coffee mugs, water hose nozzles
- Special appearance by Smokey Bear

For more information,
call (626) 939-8458 or visit

www.westcovina.org/environment

City-sponsored programs and events
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RECYCLE USED MOTOR OIL, FILTERS

The City of West Covina is hosting a free Used Motor Oil Collection and Filter Exchange event on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pep Boys, located at 1540 E. Amar Road, West Covina.

Take a used motor oil filter to recycle and receive a new, in-stock filter and collection container for free. This offer is open to West Covina residents only; ID or utility bill required for verification purposes. No purchase is necessary.



For more info, call (800) CLEAN LA.

PASSPORTS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

U.S. passport application services are available at the City Clerk's Office at West Covina City Hall. West Covina offers one-stop service and assistance in filling out applications by personnel trained in passport application procedures. Passport photos are available for \$12 per applicant.

The City Clerk's Office is open for passport application service Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The office is on the third floor at 1444 W. Garvey Ave. No appointments are necessary; we offer walk-in service. For more information, visit www.travel.state.gov, or call the City's passport hotline at (626) 939-8744.



5 Weeks of GREEN 2013

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5 Weeks Of Activities To Create Awareness And Educate Residents About The Environment.

APRIL 20TH
Earth Day and Arbor Day
Celebration at Galster Wilderness Park 9am-1pm. Plan now to enjoy the celebration filled with fun and free activities for the entire family!
FREE E-Waste Round Up
West Covina Maintenance Yard 9am - 1pm
Safely Recycle old TVs and Computer Equipment.
Clean-Up Saturday, Week 1
(Monday Trash Pick-up)
An annual spring-cleaning event for West Covina single-family residents Only.
Accepted items eligible for pick-up include: household furniture, household appliances and bundled yard waste.

APRIL 27TH
Clean-Up Saturday, Week 2
(Tuesday Trash Pick-up)
Unlimited disposal of household trash
Gardening Workshop
West Covina Cameron Center 2:00-4:30pm
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MAY 4TH
Clean-Up Saturday, Week 3
(Wednesday Trash Pick-up)
Unlimited disposal of household trash
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MAY 5TH
Sunday, Garden Walk
Hosted by West Covina Beautiful
West Covina Senior Center 1:00 - 4:30pm

MAY 11TH
Clean-Up Saturday, Week 4
(Thursday Trash Pick-up)
Unlimited disposal of household trash
U-Haul Free Compost and Mulch
West Covina Maintenance Yard 8am - 11am
Limited to approx. one wheelbarrow per type.
West Covina resident only. Must show proof of residency.

MAY 18TH
Clean-Up Saturday, Week 5
(Friday Trash Pick-up)
Unlimited disposal of household trash
Household Hazardous and E-Waste Round-Up
West Covina Maintenance Yard 9am - 3pm
Bring unused paint, expired pharmaceuticals, household cleaners, household batteries & car batteries, motor oil, oil filters, computers etc.

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Have ideas for "Discover West Covina?" E-mail: Discoverwestcovina@westcovina.org
 or mail to: West Covina City Hall, City Manager's Office, Attn: PIO Sue Williams,
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