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West Covina Welcomes New Businesses

85°C BAKERY CAFE

After a business meeting, a boss took a group of young businessmen to a five-star hotel to celebrate their success with afternoon tea in Taiwan. Peering into the window of a café, the boss discovered not only a glass window, but a division between two worlds inside.

Inside, life was posh and relaxed, whereas outside was busy and rushed. Upon entering the café, he also found that the prices were too high for everyday business people. At that moment, he decided to build a café that breaks down that division and allows everyone to enjoy five-star quality. Thus, the 85°C Bakery Café journey began.

The 85°C Bakery Cafe, located at 2626 E. Garvey Ave. South in West Covina, serves high-



quality coffee, tea and baked goods that are also sold in five-star hotels, with experienced five-star hotel chefs and affordable prices. You will find more than 80 varieties of freshly baked breads and 40 varieties of gourmet cakes.

GUPPY HOUSE



Guppy House at 2646 E. Garvey Ave. South is an Asian-fusion establishment that offers rice and noodle dishes, tea drinks, smoothies, coffee, and their infamous shaved ice.

Some of the mouth-watering favorites include Hawaiian fried rice and popcorn chicken. And, the shaved ice and "brick toast" cause many people to return for more. The shaved ice is made with fresh fruits and topped with sweet condensed milk. A tip for first-timers: Don't order a small size without at least three helpers because the portions are huge!

Both businesses will be opening at McIntyre Square in December or in January 2013.



West Covina to Celebrate 90th Anniversary

2013 marks the 90th Anniversary of the City of West Covina. Over the course of the year, the City of West Covina will be partnering with community groups to provide various celebrations to mark this milestone. Be sure to visit the City's Web site at www.westcovina.org as we announce these special events.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest and Bus Tour

Are you the one on the block who goes all out with your holiday decorating? Well here's your chance to shine! The City of West Covina and the Castucci Foundation are sponsoring an outdoor lighting and decorating contest.

Here are the details:

- Participating homes must be located in West Covina.
- Contest applications will be received through Dec. 3.
- Decorations must be in place by Dec. 10 and remain through Dec. 26.



- Judging will take place the week of Dec. 10.
- Lights must be left on until 10 p.m.,

even if no one is home.

- All visible decorations will be considered.
- Participants will each receive a lawn sign noting their participation.
- A free bus tour leaves City Hall on Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

For an application or information, visit www.westcovina.org, call (626) 939-8430, or stop by Cameron Community Center, 1305 E. Cameron Ave. The application fee is \$10, and the deadline is Monday, Dec. 3. Light up the neighborhood with holiday cheer!

City of West Covina Community Services Department
Recreation Division

Breakfast with Santa



Date: Saturday December 15, 2012
Location: Cameron Community Center
1305 East Cameron Ave.
West Covina, Ca, 91791

Cost: \$8 per person
3 years and younger free!

*Santa has lots of stops
so please arrive by 9:15 a.m.*

It's time to have breakfast with that Jolly old man who brings presents once every year. The Cameron Community Center will host it's annual Breakfast with Santa on December 15 at 9:00 a.m. Bring the kids for a pancake breakfast, crafts, and pictures with Kris Kringle himself. All ages are welcome. The cost is \$8 per person and all pre-registered participants are served first at 9:00 a.m.; walk-ins are accepted and served at 9:30 a.m. while supplies last. (No charge for children under the age of 3.)



To pre-register call (626)919-6966 or stop by the
Cameron Community Center
front counter.

For more information contact the Cameron Community Center at (626)919-6966

West Covina Police Officer Honored

Spirit of Courage

AWARD

West Covina Police Officer Mike Weathermon was recently honored with the "Spirit of Courage" Award for his bravery and quick thinking.

Weathermon pulled well-known KFI radio personality Mike Nolan from a crashed and burning airplane and then escorted him to safety.



M. Weathermon

Weathermon's actions brought credit and distinction to both the City of West Covina and the West Covina Police Department.

"Officer Weathermon's excellent performance is representative of the collaborative teamwork, calm professionalism and bravery expected of police officers in critical situations," Police Chief Frank Wills said.

CITY OF WEST COVINA 2012 PUBLIC SAFETY HONORS



Police Chief Frank Wills and Fire Chief Paul Segalla

West Covina police and fire personnel were recently honored at the 2012 Public Safety Luncheon at the South Hills Country Club. The GWC, the Castucci Foundation and the City of West Covina hosted the event.

2012 HONOREES

- Police Officer Matt Nelson – “Officer of the Year”
- Police Officer Jose Rivera – “Reserve Officer of the Year”
- Mona Clarke – Police Department “Employee of the Year”
- Mary Cloud – Police Department “Dispatcher of the Year”
- Firefighter Brian McDermott – “Firefighter of the Year”
- Grace Chavarria – Fire Department “Employee of the Year”

City of West Covina Fire Department Receives Donation of Pet Life-Saving Masks

Thanks to the generous donation from the Emma Zen Nonprofit Foundation, the City of West Covina Fire Department received a donation of five pet oxygen mask kits. The O2 pet masks are designed to fit muzzles and snouts of four-legged pets and can be used for smoke asphyxia and other related breathing issues.



City Seeks Donations for Veterans Memorial

Be part of a true community effort. Help the City of West Covina and local veteran groups raise the \$50,000 needed to make the Veterans Memorial at City Hall a reality. More than \$10,000 has already been collected.

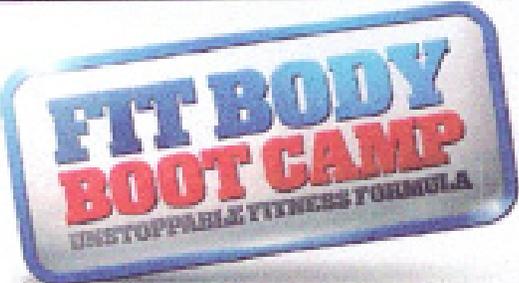
Make checks payable to “West Covina Community Services Foundation – Veterans Memorial” and mail to 1444 W. Garvey Ave., West Covina, CA 91790.



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- An aging parent requires assistance
- An early discharge from the hospital requires more care at home
- Respite care to provide rest for family member caring for a loved one
- Private Duty in the hospital, nursing home or assisted-living facility



TO ADVERTISE, CALL (626) 939-8400 OR (818) 489-0041.

West Covina Public Equestrian Center

West Covina's Public Equestrian Center, which is historically known as Ridge Riders, has provided equestrian enthusiasts with serene and lush facilities for more than 50 years!

Visitors agree that nothing in Los Angeles County mirrors the

peacefulness and beauty of this magnificent park. The facility boasts three arenas with excellent footing, shaded bleachers and picnic areas, lighted show arenas, an announcer's booth and a registration area. A backdrop of the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains accents the park.

Whether you're looking for a quiet, restful space to enjoy riding or seeking a central location for shows, West Covina's Equestrian Center is the perfect location. Visit this pristine facility located south of Interstate 10 off the Citrus Avenue exit in West Covina. For more information, call (626) 939-8430.



WALK OF FAME AT BIG LEAGUE DREAMS

This past November, the West Covina Walk of Fame honored 10 individuals at a dedication ceremony for their achievements in professional, collegiate and local sports and community involvement. These honorees have made significant contributions to make West Covina a better place to live, work and play.

The City of West Covina is pleased to announce the opening of the application period for the 2013 West Covina Walk of Fame at the Big League Dreams Sportsplex. The deadline for applications is Jan. 10, 2013.

Nominations are being accepted for individuals that are currently participating, or have participated in the past, in any athletic program (i.e. baseball, swimming, football, etc.) as an athlete, coach or volunteer. Of those



nominations, the Walk of Fame Committee will evaluate and select the top candidates to be honored at a dedication ceremony in the spring.

For an application, visit www.westcovina.org or call the City Manager's Office at (626) 939-8401.

 **City of West Covina**
Public Works Department
Environmental Services Section

FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUND-UP

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

DATES:
SATURDAY, DEC. 15, 2012
SATURDAY, FEB. 16, 2013

TIME:
9:00am - 1:00pm

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



 *Season's Greetings*

To all our neighbors in West Covina....
During this season of peace and goodwill, it is with pleasure that we pause to express our best holiday wishes and deepest appreciation for your business and friendship.
We look forward to serving you next year.

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*Add A Little More Green
To Your Holiday Season*

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

- WHO:** Single-family residences in the City of West Covina
- WHEN:** Dec. 26, 2012 - Jan. 11, 2013
On your scheduled trash collection day
- WHERE:** Curbside, next to your trash cans
- REMEMBER:** Natural Trees Only
Please remove all lights, tinsel, ornaments, bags, stands, etc.



For more information call: (626) 939-8458 or visit www.westcovina.org/environment



MLK BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The San Gabriel Valley NAACP and the City of West Covina present the 14th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration on Monday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the West Covina Civic Center, 1444 Garvey Ave. South.

This free event will include entertainment, food, arts and crafts, multicultural dance groups, choral and jazz music, children's games and a play park. Come join in the celebration.

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Council Approves New Tot Lot for Del Norte Park

The West Covina City Council authorized the replacement and upgrade of the existing playground at Del Norte Park, 1500 W. Rowland Ave.

The new space-themed playground will include two spaceships, one for small children and one for older children, as well as other age-appropriate play equipment.

The tot lot will conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) recommendations and will be fully funded using \$300,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG).

The new playground will be unveiled at a special dedication ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. For more information about this event, call (626) 939-8430.



NOW OPEN!
Vincenzo's Terrazza Ristorante is now open at McIntyre Square. Stop by 232 S. Citrus Ave. to enjoy some authentic Italian cooking.

Have ideas for "Discover West Covina?" E-mail us: Discoverwestcovina@westcovina.org or mail to: West Covina City Hall, City Manager's Office, Attn: PIO Sue Williams, 1444 W. Garvey Ave., West Covina, CA 91790

West Covina Youth Pony Baseball

Are you ready to play some baseball?

REGISTRATION DATES

at Walmerado Park
 1150 S. Walnut Ave. • West Covina
 Ages 3 1/2 to 14 years old

December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
January 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

2013 Season Dates

Players Clinic - Saturday, January 19
 Try outs - Saturday, January 26
 Coaches Clinic - Sunday, January 27
 Opening Day - Saturday, February 9

For more information visit our website: wcyouthpony.clubspaces.com

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to West Covina Police Using Social Media

The West Covina Police Department has launched several new citizen notification services that will deliver important and timely emergency and general information to the city's residents using the latest technology available.

The public can choose from the following three options:

1. The Nixle Community Information Service allows subscribed residents to instantly and automatically receive information from the West Covina Police Department via cell phone text message and/or email. Nixle is free, and it's easy to register. WCPD's specific Nixle sign-up

page is located at <http://local.nixle.com/west-covina-police-department/>.

2. The West Covina Police Department also has a Facebook page allowing registered users to receive police department information. You can register to follow WCPD at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Covina-Police-Department/458611067493257>.

3. WCPD's Twitter account, located at <https://twitter.com/WestCovinaPD>, allows followers to receive brief updates, with links to more information.

If you sign up for any of these services,

you will receive information including neighborhood-specific crime alerts and advisories, traffic issues, wanted persons, missing persons, crime statistics, community events and more.

"Enhancing communication between our police department and the citizens we serve is important and will provide immediate benefits," Chief Frank Wills said. "We are always looking for ideas to improve communication and make government more transparent as this moves us forward."

Every morning, he loves to stop and smell the lavender and the roses in our courtyard.

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No Unpermitted Curb Address Painting Allowed in West Covina

Only specially permitted companies are allowed to perform address number painting on curbs in the city. There are no companies currently permitted for this service.

Residents are encouraged to call the West Covina Police Department at (626) 939-8500 if approached by anyone soliciting money to perform address painting.



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