



Discover WestCovina

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WEST COVINA

JOIN CITY FOR CORTEZ PARK WALKING TRAIL DEDICATION

The West Covina City Council announces a dedication ceremony to be held Saturday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. for the walking trail extension at Cortez Park, 2441 E. Cortez St. Residents and businesses are invited for a morning walk in the park and light refreshments.

The new walking trail connects to existing park trails, creating a loop around the lower park, which also leads to the upper-level walking path. From the elevated knoll, the trail offers pleasant vistas of the Cortez Park area. The new walking trail greatly improves pedestrian access.

The City received a grant of \$150,000 from Los Angeles County for the construction of the walking trail, additional security lighting, a



retaining wall and irrigation.

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

Construction Progresses on New Playground at Palmview Park

A dedication ceremony is being planned for the new tropical-themed playground tot lot that is currently under construction at Palmview Park, 1340 E. Puente Ave.

Designed primarily for children ages 2 to 5, the tot lot will also be used as part of a City-operated licensed pre-K program operating out of Palmview Community Center.

The dedication ceremony will take place once construction is complete.

For information about the pre-k program or the tot lot dedication ceremony, call (626) 939-8430.

A Free Event for the Entire Family!

SPEND ALL HALLOWS EVE AT 'GHOSTER' PARK

Galster Park Nature Center, 1620 Aroma Drive, will present a night of ghosts, goblins, tricks and treats, costumes and carvings for the entire family. Come dressed to scare and go on a "spooky hike." Enjoy a scarecrow costume activity. Bring your own pre-carved pumpkin to enter into the pumpkin carving contest – prizes will be awarded for the best pumpkin carving.

This free event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Don't miss out on this fright night. For more information, call the Galster Park Nature Center at (626) 919-0715 or the Shadow Oak Community Center at (626) 965-0328.





‘Operation Drop Off’ Returns to Cameron Community Center

Kids just want to have fun! Parents just want a night out on the town or a shopping trip to the mall.

The whole family wins on Friday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Dec. 10 when Cameron Community Center (“C³”) hosts “Operation Drop Off” from 5 to 10 p.m.

C³, located at 1305 E. Cameron Ave. in Cameron Park, provides a safe, welcoming environment staffed with caring, well-trained professionals.

The staff keeps children ages 5 to 12 busy with games, arts and crafts, snacks and fun-filled scavenger hunts while you take the night off.

The fee is \$20 per child. To register or for inquiries, speak with a Cameron Community Center team member at (626) 919-6966.

A Very Special ‘Thank You’ to These Community-Minded Contributors

In the face of our country’s economic hardship, several individuals and agencies came forward to contribute more than \$20,000 in financial support for the Community Services Foundation. Donations help pay for recreational programs, equipment and supplies. The City of West Covina extends its deepest gratitude – we applaud their contributions!

- Arsenal Baseball Organization
- Castucci Foundation
- Dukes Baseball Organization
- Jones & Mayer
- Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
- Nationwide Environmental Services
- Royal Coaches Auto Body & Towing
- Superior Communications
- Steve Herfert
- West Covina Firefighters Association
- Wittman Enterprises, LLC



The Community Services Foundation is a nonprofit that generates donations for recreational programs and services in the city. To inquire about making a donation, call (626) 939-8430. Each donation goes directly to services, equipment and supplies with the Community Services Department to help make programs come alive for West Covina residents of all ages.



The West Covina Rose Float Foundation presents “Heroes in the Making,” West Covina’s entry in the 2011 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. This float pays tribute to the service and commitment of our first responders – fire, police and medical personnel – featuring children in oversized public safety uniforms, dreaming of one day helping others as first responders. In addition, we honor the service of first responders on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and the immeasurable sacrifices that our public safety servants voluntarily made that day. For more information about the West Covina Rose Float Foundation, visit www.wcrosefloat.org.

M C I N T Y R E S Q U A R E

Bringing 'Town Square' Atmosphere to West Covina

Situated at the corner of South Citrus Street and East Garvey Avenue South in West Covina, the shopping center that was formerly known as Country Club Center has been undergoing a massive renovation in recent months.

Although not slated for completion until 2011, the reshaping of this West Covina landmark is highly anticipated due to the center's plunge into a state of disrepair in the past decade.

However, since it was purchased by the McIntyre Company in 2007, the 6.4-acre site has been on track to become the preeminent daytime and nighttime destination for community residents.

Upon completion, the center, renamed McIntyre Square, will welcome patrons with an entirely new layout consisting of a central plaza with a "town square" atmosphere.



Contemporary architecture done in warm earth tones, brick accents and brushed aluminum decorative lighting will be featured, while lush landscaping including a 60-foot-tall cedar tree,

orange groves and flower beds will surround the site.

At night, McIntyre Square will radiate with custom decorative lighting throughout the facades and parking lots, done by Craig Pierce, the same lighting designer used by Disney for its Downtown Disney development.

Although they are not yet finalized, tenants occupying the 64,000 square feet of retail space are likely to include a diverse selection of casual dining spots as

well as a broad selection of shops and service providers.

For leasing information, call the McIntyre Company at (626) 332-2978.

GROUND BREAKING PLANNED FOR WEST COVINA VETERANS MEMORIAL

A group of local veterans have joined together to construct a memorial wall honoring West Covina veterans who were killed while serving our country. A ground breaking ceremony will be held on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the West Covina City Hall courtyard, 1444 W. Garvey Ave. The public and the press are welcome to attend.

The memorial will be constructed in the courtyard at City Hall and will be funded completely through private donations. If you know of a veteran whose name should be included on the wall, or if you would like to contribute to this endeavor, call the West Covina VFW at (626) 337-2102 and leave a message for Cmdr. George Ogden, or call the City of West Covina Community Services Department at (626) 939-8430.



Live, Work & Play in West Covina

We've been asking residents to send us photos showing people as they "Live, Work & Play in West Covina." Here are some of the photos we received. E-mail your photos to discoverwestcovina@westcovina.org or mail them to West Covina City Hall, City Manager's Office, PIO Sue Williams, 1444 W. Garvey Ave., P.O. Box 1444, West Covina, CA 91793.



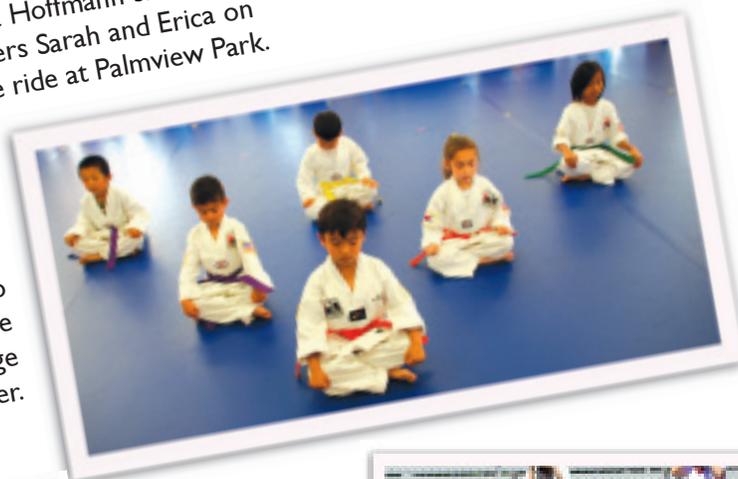
Craig and Bertha Hoffmann share this photo of daughters Sarah and Erica on an afternoon bike ride at Palmview Park.



Brendan Jarrett and his instructor, Andy Mendoza, at the Merced tennis courts in West Covina. Brendan is holding the first-place trophy from the Merced tennis tournament.



Jeff Cook sent this photo of Kristie Walsh receiving the keys to her new car from Norm Reeves Honda sales professional Yury Kusteryn.



Hun Kim sent this photo of students in a tae kwon do class held at the Quail Ridge Shopping Center.



Jeff Cook took these five action photos of the WC American Little League.



West Covina Announces 2010 Walk of Fame Honorees

The City of West Covina announces the selection of the 2010 West Covina Walk of Fame honorees who will be inducted during a ceremony at the Big League Dreams Sportsplex, 2100 Azusa Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. The public is invited to this free event.

In 2008, the West Covina City Council approved the creation of a Walk of Fame at the Big League Dreams Sportsplex to honor athletes, coaches and sports group volunteers

from West Covina who have made significant contributions.



The Walk of Fame includes bronze plaques that are inserted into the concrete walkways that transverse the Big League Dreams facility.

Look for an article in the next issue of Discover West Covina for information about

the honorees' accomplishments. Or, visit the City's Web site at www.westcovina.org to view a press release.

2010 WALK OF FAME HONOREES

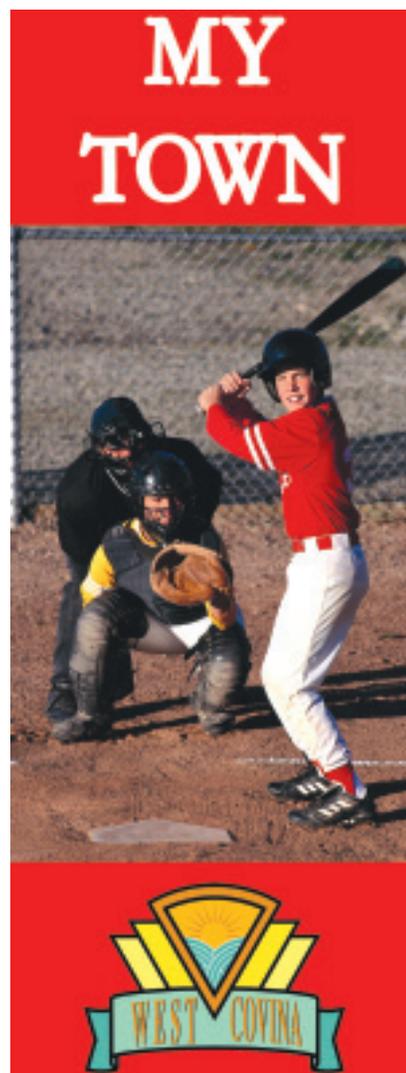
- Jeff Cook (basketball)
- Duke DeFrates (travel baseball coach)
- Mal Eaton (high school football coach)
- Pat Haden (football)
- Dan Haren (baseball)
- Jay Johnstone (baseball)
- Mike Lamb (baseball)
- Bee Nichols (Little League volunteer)
- Aaron Small (baseball)
- John Vanettes (Little League volunteer)
- Ken Wells (high school football and baseball coach)
- Michael Young (baseball)

Congratulations to West Covina Youth Baseball Champions

The City of West Covina has a lot to be proud of, as many of our local baseball teams brought home several championships this past summer.

Congratulations to all the hard-working and talented youth teams, coaches, parents and sponsors who made it happen. Way to go, teams – you've made your community proud!

- **West Covina Youth Pony Foal All-Stars – World Series Champions**
- **SGV Arsenal Baseball Club – AABC Mickey Mantle 16U World Series Champions**
- **West Covina Youth Pony Shetland All-Stars – Zone Champions**
- **West Covina Youth Pony Bronco All-Stars – Super Region Champions**
- **West Covina Youth Pony Pinto All-Stars – Super Region Champions**
- **West Covina Youth Pony Mustang All-Stars – Regions Champions**
- **West Covina American Little League Cardinals – Major Division City of West Covina Tournament Champions and Little League District 19 Champions**
- **West Covina American Little League Red Sox – Minor Division City of West Covina Tournament Champions and Little League District 19 Champions**
- **So Cal Smash – Cooperstown, New York Tournament Champions**



Experience a 1912 Christmas at the Taylor House

The Friends of the Taylor House will host a unique Christmas House Tour at the Taylor House on Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to visit this hidden jewel in the San Gabriel Valley to experience a historical 1912 Christmas.

The house will be decorated in the fashion of a 1912 Craftsman house with each room of the house reflecting

a heritage Christmas. Gingerbread and hot spiced cider will be served, a boutique will be hosted by local crafts people and seasonal music of the period will set the mood. A \$3 donation per person is requested.

The Taylor House is a city-owned property that is managed by the West Covina Rose Float Foundation. Located at 3510 Cameron Ave. in West Covina, the Taylor House is an

example of Craftsman architecture and was fully restored and historically furnished in 2006 and 2007.

The Friends of the Taylor House is a recently formed auxiliary to the West Covina Rose Float Foundation. The mission of the group is to support the Foundation in providing educational and cultural events at the Taylor House.

WEST COVINA
IT ALL COMES BACK TO YOU



**Join the City of West Covina in
Celebration of America Recycles Day
Saturday • November 13, 2010
From 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**



**DR. SYLVIA MANN
SELECTED AS
'COMMUNITY HERO'**

Dr. Sylvia Mann, a dedicated resident who has volunteered thousands of hours in the past two years, is a composer, conductor and virtuoso performer. Thanks to her love of music and a wealth of experience, she was able to single-handedly coordinate the rebirth of the West Covina Symphony Orchestra.

In order to accomplish the goal of completely transforming in only two years a dormant orchestra to the regionally respected ensemble it is now, it took someone with the enormous experience that Mann has to offer.

In addition to volunteering much of her time back to her community, Mann is currently composing, conducting and recording music for an upcoming independent feature film – something she has done before for many short film festivals and theater productions. Congratulations on being selected West Covina's 2010 Community Hero!



Giveaways Demonstrations

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Location: West Covina Farmers Market
1035 West Covina Pkwy between Firestone and Margarita Jones
For more info call: 626-939-8458
Or visit: www.westcovina.org/environment



Congratulations to the West Covina Police Explorers, who recently won seven trophies and first place overall competing with 18 other law enforcement agencies.

Decorate Your West Covina Home for the Holidays

Are you the person on the block who goes all out with your holiday home decorating? Well, here's your chance to shine! The City of West Covina is sponsoring an outdoor lighting and decorating contest for homes in West Covina.

To enter your home/front yard in the competition, submit an application by Tuesday, Nov. 30. To have the application form e-mailed to you, call (626) 939-8430, or you may pick one up at West Covina City Hall, Community Services Department, 1444 W. Garvey Ave., Room 316. The entry fee is \$5.

All decorations and lighting must be in place by Tuesday, Dec. 14. Judging will take place the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 15. Light up your West Covina neighborhood with holiday cheer!



WC Sunrise Rotary and City of West Covina Raise Funds for Children's Shoes and Socks Program

For the past two years, West Covina Sunrise Rotary has provided new shoes and socks for underprivileged children in West Covina. You can help contribute to this cause by attending the "Savin' Up for Saturday Night – the Honky Tonk Musical" on Sunday, Nov. 14 at noon at The Grove Theatre, 276 E. Ninth St., Upland.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (626) 939-8430. Attendees will get to enjoy the musical show, lunch, wine, bottled water and coffee – all for \$30 per person. Call early because tickets sell out fast!

This will mark the third year that West Covina Sunrise Rotary partners with Westfield West Covina and Payless ShoeSource to bring joy to needy children in our community. For more information about Sunrise Rotary, send an e-mail to Carolina@MyRealEstatePro.net.



Dog License Canvassing to Begin in West Covina

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control will begin canvassing neighborhoods in West Covina to check for unlicensed dogs. Canvassing will take place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Animal care and control officers are uniformed, carry county identification and travel in unmarked, personal vehicles. To verify the credentials of a canvasser, residents may call canvassing dispatch at (562) 658-2019.

Canvassers will assess penalties in the field for unlicensed pets and for late renewals. Avoid penalties – renew your license or print a license application online at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>, or call the Animal Licensing Division at (562) 728-4706 or (626) 962-3577 or in person at the Baldwin Park Animal Shelter, 4275 Elton St., Baldwin Park.

Storm Drains Are for Rain, Not Trash

Water running off your yard, sidewalk or street flows down gutters to storm drains. Anything carried by this runoff – pesticides, oil and antifreeze from leaky cars, pet waste, foam containers and plastic bags – is not only unhealthful to our neighborhoods, but it ends up trashing the beaches, polluting the ocean and harming marine life.

Here are some helpful tips to follow:

- Recycle all hazardous waste, including used motor oil, antifreeze and radiator fluid, as well as household hazardous waste, such as paints and household cleaners.

- Use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers carefully and sparingly. Do not overwater after application or apply during rainy periods.

- Bag, compost or recycle grass, tree limbs, leaves and other yard waste. Use a broom rather than a hose to clean up garden clippings, dirt and litter from sidewalks, patios and driveways.

- Dispose of pet waste in trash cans.
- Put garbage in the trash can. Trash in gutters increases neighborhood pollution and clogs storm drains.

PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

In a past issue of *Discover West Covina*, we ran an article about a photo and creative writing contest. We'd like to congratulate the July photo contest winner, West Covina resident Cassie Franklin. Here is the winning photo with the theme, "Music." If you would like to enter the photo contest, visit the City's Web site at www.westcovina.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, Oct. 16

Free E-Waste Roundup, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Covina Maintenance Yard, 825 S. Sunset Ave. E-waste accepted on this day only. For more information, call the Maintenance Department at (626) 939-8458.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Hurst Ranch Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hurst Ranch Historical Center, 1227 S. Orange Ave., West Covina. The event will include hands-on farm activities, a petting zoo, a Home Depot "make and take" project, pumpkins, exhibits and more. Admission is \$5 per person, with children under 2 free. Family rates are available. A hamburger lunch will be available for \$5 per person. For more information, call (626) 339-5151 or visit www.hurstranch.com.



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CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

West Covina City Hall will be closed during the holiday week of Monday, Dec. 27 to Friday, Dec. 31.

This will allow a cost savings for the city while minimizing the impact to residents. These dates each year are always very slow at city hall, so this provides an opportunity to coordinate unpaid furlough days for city employees.

Police and fire services will still be available during this time. During that week, Public Works will respond to the following urgent

items, which can be reported by calling (626) 939-8458:

- potholes
- traffic signs down
- traffic signal malfunctions
- storm and sanitation sewers
- street sweeping
- trash collection services
- tree limbs down
- irrigation issues, such as water running into the street from City-owned property
- park issues, such as restrooms or overflowing trash cans.

Have any new ideas for "Discover West Covina?"

e-mail us: Discoverwestcovina@westcovina.org

or mail to: West Covina City Hall, City Manager's Office,
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