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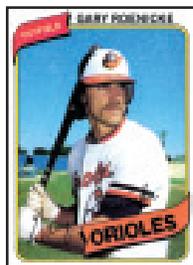
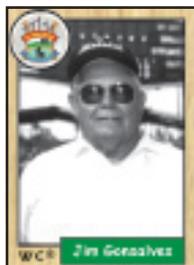
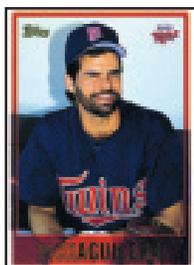
Discover WestCovina

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WEST COVINA



City Manager's Office

West Covina Big League Dreams 'Walk of Fame' Honorees



WALK OF FAME 2008 HONOREES

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City Now Accepting 'Walk of Fame' Nominations

This past November, the inaugural class of the West Covina Walk of Fame at the Big League Dreams Sportsplex was honored at a dedication ceremony. Honorees included Rick Aguilera, Tom Brunansky, Jim Gonsalves, Mike Powell, Gary Roenicke and Ron Roenicke.

The Walk of Fame was established to honor West Covina athletes, coaches and sport group volunteers who have made significant contributions to make West Covina a better place to live, work and play.

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

Nominations are being considered for individuals who are currently in or have participated in any athletic program (i.e. baseball, softball, golf, football, track and field, etc.) as an athlete, coach or volunteer.

Nominees must have represented West Covina in local, collegiate, national or international competition as well as volunteered their time to better the sports community for fans and players of all ages to enjoy. Nominees must have exhibited high ethical standards in their respective athletic fields.

Of those nominations received, the Walk of Fame Committee will evaluate and select the top candidates to be honored at a dedication ceremony later this year. The deadline for applications is June 1.

For the "Walk of Fame Application," visit the City of West Covina's Web site at www.westcovina.org.

'Public Service Recognition Week' Proclamation

Since 1985, the President and Congress have designated the first Monday through Sunday in May as "Public Service Recognition Week." This annual event provides a "yearly opportunity to celebrate the everyday work of public servants and to improve public understanding of and appreciation for their contributions," as

stated by the International City Managers Association. The West Covina City Council will adopt the following proclamation at their first meeting in May:



Proclamation
PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK
May 4-10, 2009

WHEREAS, Americans are served every day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels, who supply continuity to our democratic society; and

WHEREAS, public employees and volunteers make great contributions to their communities by serving in areas such as health, education, crime prevention, fire protection, and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the public employees of the City of West Covina are committed to exhibiting the highest standards of excellence, dedication, creativity, and skills; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated volunteers of West Covina are an integral part of improving the quality of life in our city by being responsive to the needs of citizens and supporting city services, thus making West Covina a highly-valued community; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness and efficiency of government depend in large measure on public employees and volunteers, whose task is to provide service of the quality and quantity required and expected by the public on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, City of West Covina recognizes the dedication and talents of public employees and volunteers, as well as the importance of the services they render at all levels of government; and

Public Service Recognition Week

All citizens are encouraged to recognize and express their appreciation for the vital contributions made daily by public employees and volunteers throughout the City of West Covina.

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In a previous edition of Discover West Covina, we asked residents to let us know what city services they appreciate the most. Here is one response:

"I would like to thank the City of WC Fire Dept. Station 3. Thanks to their quick response, in less than 2 minutes, they arrived at my home to help my husband. I was so impressed with their response time and am grateful that we have such a great fire dept." - West Covina resident Cookie Nance

In another edition of Discover West Covina, we asked residents for suggestions for this newsletter. Here is one suggestion:

"Last year, you put in a brief paragraph about holiday lights having to be removed before 90 days after Christmas. I think it is again time for [this reminder]. [It] did the trick last year and I saw quite a number of homes start following the rules to keep West Covina beautiful.

In any case, would you kindly put [this reminder] in the newsletter. It worked once and I think it will work again. Thank you so much!!!

P.S. Love your newsletter. It's always informative and it gets across to the residents!!!"

- A West Covina resident

Remove Holiday Lights

Now that the holiday season is well behind us, don't forget to remove any and all holiday lighting remaining on and around your home.



According to the West Covina Municipal Code, Section 7-49, "Temporary electrical power and lighting installation shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for Christmas decorative lighting and similar purposes." For more information on this code, call Community Enhancement at (626) 939-8426.



**VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT-RELATED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(VEAP)
Honoring Our Veterans**

Are you a veteran?

- Served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces during a campaign war (Afghanistan, Bosnia, global war on terrorism, Iraq, Kosovo, Persian Gulf Operation and Persian Gulf Intercept Operation)?
- Been discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability?
- Have barriers that may hinder entering the labor force?

LA Works offers a comprehensive array of employment and career-related services for veterans. We offer:

- Access to interactive workshops to help you market yourself to prospective employers and yield greater responses
- Instruction on cover letters, resume writing and follow-up letters
- MS Office instruction, job announcements and job fair notifications
- Access to the Internet, computers, telephones, fax machines and photocopiers
- Career guidance and job placement assistance
- Access to vocational training program (limited funds)



We invite you to contact Fabian Garcia and learn if the services offered are right for you.

5200 Irwindale Ave., Irwindale
Tel (626) 960-3964, Ext. 2273
TTY (626) 856-3735
fabian.garcia@laworks.org

Community Development Commission

Foodmart International Coming to Quail Ridge Shopping Center

Quail Ridge Shopping Center has undergone a transformation that is worth checking out! During the past several years, Quail Ridge Shopping Center, located at 3620 Nogales St., has experienced gradual changes that are now coming together thanks



to efforts by the City of West Covina Community Development Commission, the City and the property owner, West Covina Quail Ridge, LLC.

Since 2001, the center has gone through several renovations, including relocation of the Sav-On Drug Store (now CVS Pharmacy), façade improvement to the center, construction of an 8,000-square-foot food court and 15,900 square feet of additional retail space, which was completed in February 2008.

The center is anchored by Foodmart International, an Asian supermarket taking up approximately 37,000 square feet of retail space. Foodmart International will provide customers with low prices, quality food products and great customer service. Foodmart International will offer a delectable selection of live seafood, including fresh fish, clams, blue crab and crawfish.

In addition to Foodmart International joining the center, Maruchi Tae Kwon Do opened March 3, and Joghurt, a new yogurt store, opened April 1.

Existing stores in the center include Dreamland Deli, Baskin Robbins, East-West Bank, Cornerstone Staffing, Fashion House, Judy’s Donuts, Bubble Dog, China Blossom Restaurant, Chai Café, Thai Basil, Fashion Nail and Spa, La Fleur Beauty Salon, Kim Art Studio, TKT X-pose Studio and several professional offices.

New tenants coming to the center include a Middle Eastern restaurant and a dentist office. Leasing spaces are still available at the center.

For more information about the Quail Ridge Shopping Center, call the CDC at (626) 939-8417. For leasing opportunities, contact Vilma Chau at (626) 336-1530.



Westfield Construction Update

As of April 9, the foundation for Best Buy is being poured, and the steel framework for the roof is being completed.

Community Services Department

Picnic Pavilion Rental Program

Looking for a place to hold a birthday party or family gathering? Consider holding your event at one of our picturesque parks in West Covina.

The following parks have picnic pavilions available to rent:

- Cameron Park
- Del Norte Park
- Orangewood Park
- Shadow Oak Park
- Cortez Park
- Friendship Park
- Palmview Park
- Galster Nature Park

The rental fee is \$100 per booking for large pavilions and

\$50 per booking for small pavilions. For more information, call the Shadow Oak Community Center at (626) 965-0328.



Wah-Hoo Swim School • West Covina Municipal Pool • 1720 W. Merced Ave. • (626) 960-7266

Swimming lessons are taught during a session, which is a consecutive, two-week time slot that provides eight lessons Monday through Thursday for 25 minutes each. Swim lessons are offered from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Registration for Session I begins Wednesday, May 27 for West Covina residents only, and Thursday, May 28, registration is open to everyone. Registration is accepted from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Registration will only be accepted at the Municipal Pool.

Session I swim lessons will be held June 1 to 11. For dates of future sessions or for more information, call the Cameron Park Community Center, (626) 919-6966.

Galster Park Nature Center • 1620 Aroma Drive • (626) 919-0715

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m. – “Snake-Bite?!” Learn the do’s and don’ts of snakebites and bee stings. Dispel myths about rattlesnakes and learn about their behavior.

West Covina Senior Center • 2501 E. Cortez St. • (626) 331-5366

- Tuesday 5/5: Cinco de Mayo Lunch
- Wednesday 5/20: Memorial Day Lunch
- Monday 5/25: Senior Center closed (Memorial Day)
- Wednesday 5/6: Mothers Day Lunch
- Friday 5/22: Memorial Day Lunch
- Wednesday 5/27: 90+ Birthday Celebration

Public Works Department

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Household Hazardous and E-Waste Roundup

Saturday
May 16, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

West Covina Maintenance Yard
825 Sunset Avenue
West Covina

Open to all LA County residents.

DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE THE RIGHT WAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009

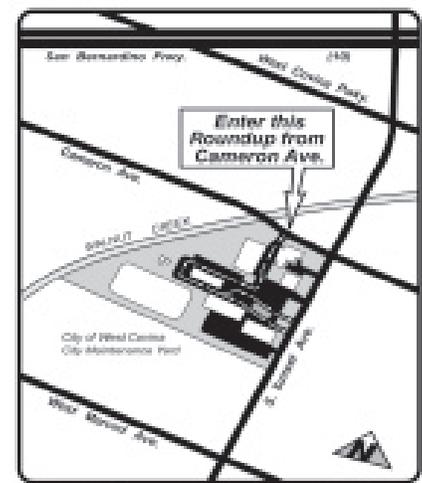
BUSINESS WASTE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- How to prepare items for transportation:**
- Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.
 - Do not mix the items together.
 - There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.
 - Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes. Remove all other items from your trunk.

- What you CAN bring to an event (examples):**
- Brake fluid, paint, paint thinner, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries and car batteries, pool chemicals, motor oil, oil filters, expired pharmaceuticals, anti-freeze, and fluorescent light bulbs.
 - Household electronic waste which includes: Computer monitors, televisions, computer CPUs, keyboards, printers, cellular phones, etc.

- What you CAN'T bring to an event:**
- Hazardous waste and electronic waste from businesses.
 - Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.
 - Trash and tires.
 - White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines, etc.
 - Controlled substances.

For a complete listing of what you can and cannot bring or information on events, contact:
1(888) CLEAN-LA • www.888CLEANLA.com, or
1(800) 238-0172 • www.lacsd.org



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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, County of Los Angeles.

Home-generated sharps waste such as hypodermic needles, pen needles, syringes, lancets, and intravenous needles **SHOULD NOT** be placed in your trash. Bring them to the Roundups or visit www.888CLEANLA.com for alternative disposal options.

You can also take your used motor oil to more than 600 oil recycling centers in Los Angeles County. Call 1(888) CLEAN-LA for a complete listing.

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Composting Workshop

Attend a free Smart Gardening Workshop Saturday, May 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St.

Come learn about backyard composting, worm composting, grass recycling, water-wise gardening and fire-wise gardening! Compost bins will be available to West Covina residents for reduced cost while supplies last.

Call Environmental Services at (626) 939-8458 to sign up.

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How Street Sweeping Can Be Improved in Your Neighborhood

Street sweeping plays an important role in keeping West Covina neighborhoods looking beautiful. Sweeping city streets keeps them clean from debris and prevents pollutants from entering the storm drain and eventually ending up in the river basin that washes out to the ocean. If cars are not removed, the sweepers cannot remove excess trash and debris that accumulates behind parked vehicles.

The City of West Covina sweeps all residential streets twice a month. However, if residents do not remove parked cars off the streets, the debris cannot be removed, resulting in accumulation of litter that piles up along the curbsides. This prevents the street sweepers from doing a thorough job, a valuable city service funded by tax dollars.

In an effort to improve the ability of the street sweepers to properly clean residential streets, many residents have requested that parking be prohibited on street sweeping days. By requesting this, they have seen marked improvement with the streets in their neighborhoods. Their streets are cleaner, more debris is removed and standing water – where mosquitoes breed – is minimized.

To have your street be considered for “No Parking on Street Sweeping Days,” call City of West Covina Civil Engineering Associate Miguel Hernandez at (626) 939-8731. You can also submit a written request by e-mail to Miguel.Hernandez@westcovina.org or by postal mail to the following address:



City of West Covina
Public Works Department
Attn: Miguel Hernandez
1444 W. Garvey Ave.
West Covina, CA 91790

If your street does not have a street sweeping sign reminding residents not to park, call the City's Public Works Department and they will get one posted for your street.

**DRUNK DRIVING KILLS
REPORT DRUNK DRIVING
CALL 911**

GRAFFITI HOTLINE 
(626) 939-8800
THANK YOU FOR KEEPING WEST COVINA BEAUTIFUL!



**WEST COVINA
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Councilmember: Mike Touhey

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