

### June/July 2016

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## **HOME PRESERVATION** Loans Are Available!

s your home in dire need of pending home improvements? Do you have some home improvement projects that you have you been putting off?

Do you have a leaky roof or do you need new windows? Do you need to replace a block wall or does your home need a fresh coat of paint?

West Covina homeowners can apply for a Housing Preservation Loan from the West Covina Community and Economic Development Division for up to \$10,000 to make the home improvements that their homes need.

The City of West Covina's Housing Preservation Loan



Program makes available to eligible West Covina medianincome homeowners a low-interest loan up to a maximum of \$10,000. Loans repaid within the first 10 years will accrue no interest. After year 10, the homeowner must pay simple interest of 5 percent of the loan amount until it is paid in full. The loan is applicable to exterior home improvements and aims to provide financial assistance to homeowners to ensure that West Covina's homes are preserved, well maintained and provide quality living conditions.

For more information on this program, visit the City's Web site at www.westcovina.org/ d e p a r t m e n t s / community-and-

economic-development/ housing/housing-preservationloan-program or call Gerardo Rojas of the Community and Economic Development Division at (626) 939-8417.

Other loans may be available from other agencies. Visit the City's website for information.

## Summer Recreation Guide Coming Soon

atch out for the Community Services Recreation Guide to be mailed to all residents beginning the first week in June! The Recreation Guide has information on classes, services and other programs offered in West Covina. You can also find the Recreation Guide online at www.westcovina.org/departments/community-recreationservices/community-recreation-guide.





## Keep Your Dog on a Leash

ity municipal code Sec 6-31 states that while in a public park or any other public place, a domestic animal shall be kept on a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length and is in the charge of a person competent to restrain such animal.

This ordinance is in effect not only for the safety of dogs, but also for the safety of humans. To report a loose dog in your neighborhood, call L.A. County Animal Control, (626) 962-3577.

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS

You are invited to come out and enjoy the City of West Covina's annual Summer Concert Series, presented by the Greater West Covina Business Association.

The concerts will be held at the Civic Center Courtyard on Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m.

- July 7: David Lorango Country Music
- July 14: Sgt. Pepper
- July 21: OPA, OPA
- July 28: The Mariachi Divas
- Aug. 4: Cold Duck
- Aug. 11: Stone Soul
- Aug. 18: Tribute to Santana





or decades, West Covina, along with neighboring cities, has advocated for our fair share of transportation funds to improve traffic along the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10).

Caltrans recently completed improvements to the 605/10 interchange and the first phase of the new highoccupancy lane (carpool lane) along I-10 from the 605/10 to Puente Avenue.

In 2014, Caltrans began the second phase of the carpool lane through West Covina, which will end at Citrus. This project includes 4.1 miles of highway and on-ramp and off-ramp improvements, scheduled to be completed in spring 2019. The total cost of this project is \$193 million.

A few weeks ago, Caltrans began the final phase of the carpool lane through

West Covina, from Citrus to the 57/10 interchange. This project includes 5.2 miles of highway and on-ramp and off-ramp improvements, scheduled to be completed in summer 2021. The total cost of this project is \$195 million.

As Caltrans completed the





By City Manager Chris Freeland

design of the freeway improvements, they reached out to the City to identify needs that the City wanted to address during the construction. The City requested several items to be included in the design of the freeway improvements, including new soundwalls to meet federal noise-level protections; soundwalls designed to deter graffiti; new landscaping of on-ramps and off-ramps; and concrete murals and detailed trim, as seen in Orange County.

Specifically, Caltrans has agreed to put

an entry monument along both the eastbound and southbound freeway routes, and concrete stampwork along underpasses depicting citrus groves. The City Council requested these popular improvements that are along freeways in Orange County, which the residents in West Covina will enjoy as well. A draft design is shown below.

The City of West Covina recognizes that, due to construction, residents have seen increased traffic along I-10 as well as on

> our residential streets. The City will continue to work with Caltrans to minimize the impact on our community.

> For further information, visit the Caltrans website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist07 or call (213) 897-3656.



## **NEW BUSINESSES COME TO WEST COVINA**

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

EASTLAND CENTER (2753 E. Eastland Center Drive)

 West Covina Dental Group & Orthodontics – Now Open

### GRAND CREEK PLAZA (100-150 N. Grand Ave.)

• Sow House - Summer 2016

### HONG KONG PLAZA (989 S. Glendora Ave.)

• Broiling Pit Restaurant – Now Open

### ISLAND PLAZA (2500 S. Azusa Ave.)

• 99 Cents Only Store – Now Open

### McINTYRE SQUARE (220 S. Citrus St.)

- Afters Ice Cream July 2016
- Dia De Los Puercos Taqueria Restaurant – July 2016

### PLAZA WEST COVINA

### (112 Plaza Drive)

- Blaze Pizza Now Open
- DXL Menswear Summer 2016
- Rue 21 Retailer Summer 2016

### QUAIL RIDGE SHOPPING CENTER (3620-3670 Nogales St.)

• The Corner Tavern – Now Open

### **OTHERS:**

- King Torta Restaurant, 956 S. Glendora Ave. – Now Open
- Paper Dolls Boutique, 709 S. Glendora Ave. – Now Open
- Opportunities for Learning,
  - 711 N. Azusa Ave. Now Open

- Sushi Fire, 1905 Badillo St. Now Open
- Wells Fargo (new location) Now Open
- Nogales/Valley Shopping Center, 4141 S. Nogales St. – Summer 2016
- The Colony at the Lakes -Lennar mixed-use project (450-unit w/20,000 SF retail) – Fall 2016
- American Tires, 444 S. Vincent Ave. – Fall 2016
- Crestview Cadillac (new used-car office), 2700 E. Garvey S. – Fall 2016
- Tacos El Gavilan, 101 S. Azusa Ave. – Winter 2017
- Porto's Bakery, 1360 W. Garvey Ave. – Winter 2017





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## WEST COVINA POOL NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER FUN

ool season is here! The weather is just right, and summer is almost here. Whether you're interested in swim lessons or just some family fun, the West Covina Municipal Pool is the perfect place to cool off this summer.

The City of West Covina Municipal Pool offers swim lessons for ages six months to adults. All lessons run for 25 minutes for a two-week period Monday through Thursday excluding holidays.

Registration began in May, and space is limited, so classes are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Recreational swim runs Monday through Thursday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$1.50 per child (17 and younger) and \$2.50 for adults.

For more information, call (626) 939-8430 or visit the City's website at www.westcovina.org. We look forward to seeing you for some summer fun at the West Covina Municipal Pool.

# **Sidewalk Etiquette Reminder**

s more people are out on the sidewalks in the upcoming summer months, we'd like to offer a friendly reminder that pedestrians walking on the sidewalk have the right of way.

Those traveling on bicycles should ride in the bike lanes as part of traffic or walk their bikes on the sidewalk.

Skateboards are not allowed on sidewalks. To ride your skateboard, visit the city's skate park located at Orangewood Park, 1615 W. Merced Ave., open seven days a week.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS SPOTLIGHT FRIENDS OF THE TAYLOR HOUSE

he Friends of the Taylor House is an auxiliary organization to the West Covina Rose Float Foundation. The mission of the Friends of the Taylor House is to support the Rose Float Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, in providing educational and cultural events at the Taylor House.



The Taylor House has been described as a "jewel in the San Gabriel Valley." The house was built in West Covina in 1912 and moved to its present location in Heritage Park at 3510 Cameron Ave. The house has been restored with historically correct materials, colors and furnishings.

The Taylor House is open for public viewing the second Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Friends of the Taylor House will host two special events this year to provide cultural activity for the community and to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the house.

On Sunday, June 12 from 1 to 4 p.m., there will be a Mini Antique Appraisal Show. Community members can bring up to three small objects for appraisal.

On Sunday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., an Art in the Park event will be held. Local artists will sell original artwork in a variety of mediums.

Visit the Friends of the Taylor house at these events, during the monthly open house hours, and on the group's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/taylorhousecraftsmanhome.

# The City of West Covina hosts The 26th Annual Independence Day Celebration!

Edgewood Middle/High School 1625 W. Durness Street West Covina, CA 91790

## Monday, July 4, 2016

### 8am-11am

Pancake Breakfast at Hurst Ranch (1227 S. Orange Ave.) \$5.00 includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee

> <u>3pm-11pm</u> Carnival, food, rides, and games

<u>6pm-9pm</u> Entertainment by SWING CATS BIG BAND Playing all genres of music

<u>9pm</u>

FIREWORKS SHOW SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF WEST COVINA AND ATHENS SERVICES

\$1.00 ENTRANCE FEE BEGINNING AT 3PM No Alcohol Allowed, Personal Belongings Subject to Search

For more information contact the Community Services Department at 626.939.8430









## WEST COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS ÁCADEMY A SUCCESS!

E arlier this year, the West Covina Police Department announced the return of the popular Citizens Academy.

This class, held Thursday evenings at City Hall, gave members of the community an upclose and personal look at how the West Covina Police Department operates. The participants learned about police assignments, tools, techniques and operations.

The Citizens Academy culminated in a graduation ceremony on April 7. Thirty-five participants completed the 10session class and received certificates from the Chief of Police.

To sign up for the next session of the Citizens Academy, or for more information, visit the website at www.wcpd.org/events/citizensacademy/.

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL – GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRICT, TROOP 433

Congratulations to Troop 433 for taking top honors at the Golden Eagle District 2016 Camporee Scout skills competition held April

22 to 24 at Schabarum Regional Park in Rowland Heights. At the weekend campout, more than 300 scouts in 52 patrols demonstrated their knowledge of knots, lashings, first aid, orienteering, knife and ax, citizenship, cooking, uniform inspection, campsite inspection, and setting up a tent blindfolded.

Spirit Stick Winners – First Place Troop Overall Dragon Patrol – First Place Patrol Overall Presidential Ribbon Citizenship First Camp Inspection Second First Aid Mountain Men Patrol - Second Place Patrol Overall First Scout Golf First Camp Inspection Third Uniform Inspection Third Uniform Inspection Third Blind Tent Chiefs Patrol – Third Place Patrol Overall Presidential Ribbon Camp Inspection Second First Aid Third Kims Game Third Citizenship



Anyone wishing to join the troop can contact Scoutmaster Armando Santos at (626) 590-5134 or show up to a troop meeting, held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 4315 N. Vincent Ave., Covina. The age range for the troop is 10-1/2 to 17 years old. THE CITY OF WEST COVINA DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY OF THE PAID ADVERTISERS.





# CITY OF WEST COVINA

### \$20 annual registration fee \$93 per week per child \$26 per day per child

Contact the site for summer availability: Vine School, 1901 E. Vine, (626) 919-7807 Orangewood School, 1440 S. Orange, (626) 337-2865 Wescove School, 1010 W. Vine, (626) 960-8890



## **CLUB HEIGHTS 2016 SUMMERCAMPS**

### Skills Clinics

#### For players Ages 14-18

### HITTING AND BLOCKING CLINIC

All Around Hitter- This session athletes will learn fundamental skills that will make any type of hitter a better attacker. All athletes will go over a dynamic approach's footwork, arm management, loading and unloading hips, and hitting with range.

### June 17th & 24th 7:00pm-9:00pm.

#### SERVE/SERVE RECEIVE CLINIC

Ist Contact Passing- This session athletes will build on their angle management skills in both serve receive and defense. The key to an effective offense is a good first contact and athletes will be given keys to make their first contact better to make that a priority of the game.

Serving with a Purpose- This session will focus on athletes doing one of the most important skills: serving. Not only will athletes be given techniques to make their serve more effective, also reasoning and critical thinking skills will be introduced to allow athletes to understand serving with a purpose.

July 8th & 15th 7:00pm-9:00pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO

TO OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.CLUBHEIGHTSVOLLEYBALL.COM



Contact: Lisa McDaniel phone: 323-250-3388 or email: lisa@clubheightsvolleyball.com Camp Location: Cameron Community Center

### All Skills Camp

The All Skills Camp will give the players an opportunity to build upon their existing skills. This is a great way for players interested in playing middle school volleyball and/or who are interested in the fall playing for a competitive club team. This program is for players who have some volleyball experience.

Session I – June 20, 22, 23, 27, 29 & 30 Session II – July 11, 13, 14, 18, 20 & 21 Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm Location: Cameron Community Center, West Covina

#### Junior Spikers

The Club Heights Volleyball Junior Spiker Program for girls is for junior high and elementary school athletes. We provide an environment where Club Heights' coaches skills and techniques taught with the Club may implement a structured and effective curriculum that builds on basic Heights Volleyball systems used with our club teams. We create an atmosphere of fun and learning for the beginner volleyball player.

Fridays June 3rd - July 29th 7:00-9:00 pm

## WATCH MOVIES IN THE PARK

**B** ring your blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family and friends. Movies will be shown Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. throughout the summer.

Check below for dates and locations. Food and snacks will be available for purchase.

### WEST COVINA CIVIC CENTER

(1444 W. Garvey Ave. South) June 14: "Minions" June 21: "Max" June 28: "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" July 5: No movie will be shown on this date July 12: "Goosebumps"

### **SHADOW OAK PARK**

(2121 Shadow Oak Drive) July 19: "Inside Out" July 26: "Zootopia"



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### CITY OF WEST COVINA PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Palm View Center, 1340 E. Puente Ave. Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ages 3 to 5 years old License #198016526

\$20 annual registration fee

<u>PART-TIME</u> (<u>less than 20 hours)</u> \$110 per week \$26 per day FULL-TIME (20 hours or more) \$125 per week \$36 per day

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# Enjoy Safe SUMMER GRILLING

here's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food, especially in the summer!

However, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Grills can be very hot and can cause serious injuries if not used correctly. Follow these simple steps to enjoy a summer of safe grilling.

### **Safety Tips**

• Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.

• The grill should be placed well away from the home and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

• Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

• Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

• Never leave your grill unattended.

• Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.



• There are several ways

to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as fuel.

• If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

• Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

• There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.

• When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container, and never dispose of hot coals on the ground or on the beach.

### **Propane Grills**

If you smell the odor of gas around your grill, you may have a leak. To check a gas tank hose for leaks, apply a light soap-and-water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your propane tank or hose has a gas leak, turn off both the tank and the hose until the leak can be repaired by a professional.

For more information, visit the City's website at www.westcovina.org or stop by your local fire station.

### Summer Lunch Program

Cameron Park, 1305 E. Cameron Ave. June 13 to Aug. 12, Monday through Friday 11:45a.m. to 12:45 p.m. or until food runs out

West Covina's free Summer Lunch Program is available to all participants under the age of 18. Food is pre-ordered and served on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the Cameron Park Community Center at (626) 919-6966.





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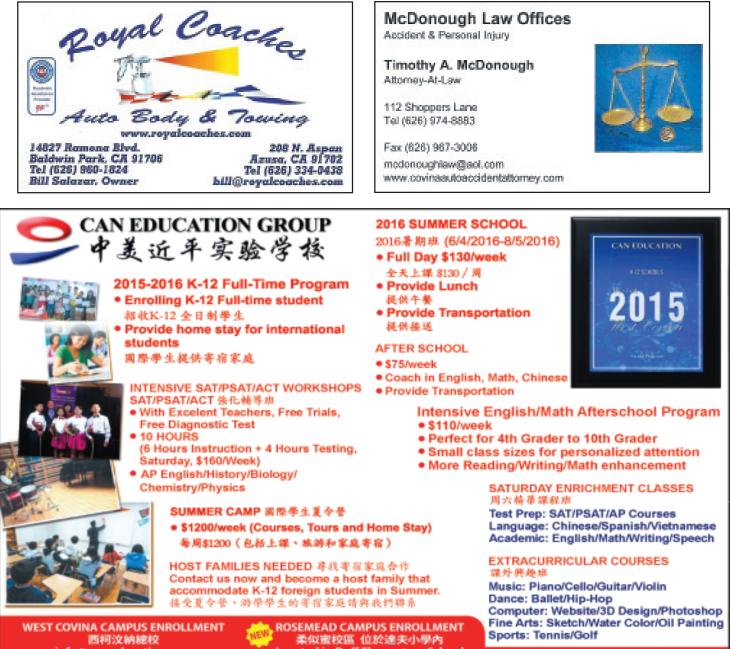
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Have ideas for "Discover West Covina?" E-mail: Discoverwestcovina@westcovina.org or mail to: West Covina City Hall, Community Services Dept., Attn: Heather Sayers, 1444 W. Garvey Ave., West Covina, CA 91790

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