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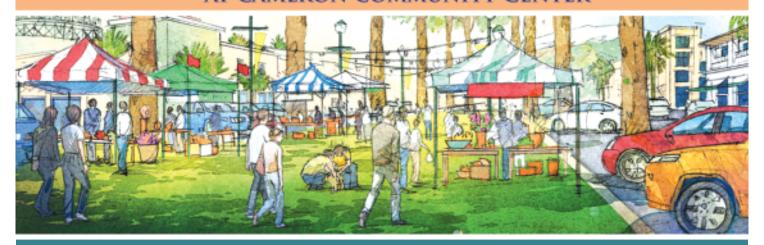
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REVITALIZE GLENDORA AVENUE

COME AND PARTICIPATE IN A DESIGN WORKSHOP TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016 AT 6:00 PM AT CAMERON COMMUNITY CENTER



You're Invited to Aug. 30 Design Workshop

ome and participate in a Glendora Avenue design workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. at Cameron Community Center, 1305 E. Cameron Ave., West Covina. The City of West Covina is taking the next step in the redesign of Glendora Avenue

to create a "ramblas" design (creation of an open-space area to run along the center of the street from Dalewood Street to Walnut Creek Parkway).

The open space and redesigned street will provide opportunities for civic events, festivals, street fairs and other types of community events.

All business owners, property owners and community members are invited and encouraged to participate in the design workshop to provide input and begin the discussion on the future of the street.

For more information, visit www.westcovina.org.



YOU CAN WORK WHERE YOU LIVE!

The City of West Covina is hiring. Check out the City's website at www.westcovina.org, and under the "What's New" tab, click on "Jobs Available" to see current job opportunities with the City of West Covina.

WEST COVINA APPROVES BALANCED BUDGET

MAINTAINS FRONTLINE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

n June 21, the West Covina City Council adopted a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$114,843,618, which includes a \$60.5 million General Fund budget. The budget was balanced without the use of City reserves.

This year, the City of West Covina conducted two community budget meetings as well as its first community budget survey to assist in determining funding priorities for the coming year. Based on the feedback received, public safety services remain the community's No. 1 priority. The community also supports the City's efforts to maintain a 20 percent General Fund Reserve, pay down the City's debt, and address the City's long-term financial obligations.

The budget includes the hiring of three additional police officers, bringing the police department to 100 sworn officers; paying down of approximately \$6.3 million in City debt; investing in information technology improvements to provide residents with



transparency and better access to City records and applications; funding for economic development efforts to bring new businesses to West Covina; increased programming at the Shadow Oak Community Center; and more.

The City Council also approved a \$5.4 million Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget. In addition to funding street repaving projects, park improvements, and security

upgrades at City facilities, this year's CIP budget will allow for the purchase of new police cars.

Most of the revenues generated in West Covina come from sales and property taxes, with additional revenues from permit fees collected, charges for services, and interest from City investments. The accompanying diagram illustrates how much of each dollar is spent on City services. To learn more, visit www.westcovina.org.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES OPEN AT WEST COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

he West Covina Police Department has expanded its volunteer program and is seeking new volunteers. Previously, the police department's SHOP (Seniors Helping Our Police) program was limited to volunteers age 55 or older. Now, the new "West Covina Police Volunteers" program is open to volunteers who are age 40 or older.

This expanded volunteer program allows citizens to channel their energy back into

the community by performing nonhazardous public-safety duties on a

volunteer basis. This frees up police officers, who are made more available to fulfill essential emergency and law enforcement duties in the field.

Volunteers work twoperson teams in fully equipped, marked vehicles, seven days a week, performing duties such as marking abandoned or illegally parked vehicles, performing vacation house

checks for residents, serving subpoenas, issuing parking citations, and more.

If you're 40 or older, in good physical condition, possess a valid California driver's license and are willing to put in a minimum of four hours of volunteer service per week, call (626) 939-8500 for more information.

Get Ready and Set for West Covina Pumpkin 5K

and Health Fair Event

ou're invited to the annual West Covina Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk and Kids' 1K Fun Run and Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 10 a.m. at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St. Proceeds are

to benefit the Senior Center.

Join in on fun for the entire family.

To register for the run or for more information, call (626) 430-

7588 Ext. 700 or send an e-mail to info@westcovina5k.com.

The Senior Center will also host a health fair with vendors and activities for the whole family. For more information about the health fair, call (626) 331-5366.

SIGN UP FOR WEST COVINA 'eNOTIFICATIONS'

You can receive the Discover West Coving newsletter, press releases, emergency notifications, and other city news and event updates. Visit the City of West Covina's website at www.westcovina.org. Under the



UPCOMING SCORE WORKSHOP

When | August 25, 2016

Where 1444 W. Garvey Ave. South West Covina, CA 91790 Council Chambers

6:00 pm - 8:00pm

SCORE.

verbings for local entrepreneurs and business owners. For more information about the SCORE Workshops, visit the City's website of www.westcovina.org (Community and Economic Development) or visit SCORE's website of https://eastangabrietvalley.score.org/.



July 28 - August 18

Online | www.westcovina.org

In-print | City Hall and Community

The City wants to get your input regarding the types of businesses and shopping experiences you would like to see in West Covina.

The City wants to know how we can make community entertainment destination. As West Covina's sales tax accounts for 29% revenues, we want to make sure resident's shopping community.

The survey will help the City identity retail strengths within the community, as well as opportunities to bring additional amenities to our



"About the City" tab, click on "eNotifications".

NEW BUSINESSES COME TO WEST COVINA

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

EASTLAND CENTER

(2753 E. Eastland Center Drive)

Famous Footwear – Fall 2016

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

Sow House – Summer 2016

McINTYRE SQUARE (220 S. Citrus St.)

- Afters Ice Cream August 2016
- Dia de los Puercos August 2016

PLAZA WEST COVINA (112 Plaza Drive)

- DXL Menswear Now Open
- Rue 21 Retailer Now Open

OTHERS:

- 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

- 4Wheel Parts (expansion) Fall 2016
- American Tires (444 S. Vincent Ave.) -Winter 2016
- Tacos El Gavilan (101 S. Azusa Ave.) Winter 2017
- Porto's Bakery (1360 W. Garvey Ave.)
 - Winter 2017





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Upgrade Your Property with PACE Program

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY

nergy- and water-saving improvements that were formerly expensive and out of reach are now attainable through the PACE program.

The Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program provides property owners access to financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water-saving improvements on their properties. The program is available to both residential property owners as well as commercial proprietors.

The residential program offers homeowners loans up to 15 percent of their home value for energy upgrades, while the commercial program allows proprietors to negotiate their own rates and terms. The loan repayment is through an

assessment on the property owner's property taxes and repaid based on mutually agreed terms.

The residential program is managed by two program



administrators, CaliforniaFirst and Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO). The sole program administrator for the commercial PACE program is Los Angeles County PACE.

For a complete list of eligible

homeowner upgrades and additional information, visit the HERO program's website at www.heroprogram.com, or the CaliforniaFirst website at

www.californiafirst.com.

For a complete list of eligible commercial upgrades and additional information, visit the Los Angeles County PACE program website at www.lapace.org.

West Covina property owners should be aware that different PACE program administrators have attempted to solicit

business in the community. The City has only approved the three program administrators mentioned: HERO, CaliforniaFirst, and Los Angeles County PACE.



Schedule Your Free **EASY' Home Energy Assessment Screening**

he Energy Assessment Screening for Your Home program, or EASY, can help provide solutions to make your home more energy-efficient.

EASY offers a free home energy assessment that includes a customized plan for potential home improvements, information about local rebate and financing programs, and access to an online tool to track your energy usage.

To participate, schedule an appointment online at www.sgvenergywise.org/EASY or call (626) 457-1800.

This program is funded by Southern California Edison Company's Local Government Strategic Plan Strategies Program



for the 2013-2014 program period under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

West Covina Food & Wine Festival

RETURNS IN OCTOBER

Toin us Saturday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, Oct. 9 for the second annual West Covina Food & Wine Festival.

South Hills Country Club will again host the four-course wine dinner on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The second day of the festival will be at the historical Hurst Ranch on Sunday, Oct. 9. Guests can look forward to the new beer garden, wine venues, food tastings and much more.

This event benefits the Citrus Valley Health Foundation and the Hurst Ranch Garden Gourmet Program.

For more information, visit the website, www.westcovinafoodandwine.com, or call (626) 277-6072.





FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUND-UP

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



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



CHECK OUT THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT WWW.WESTCOVINA.ORG



Free Motor
Oil Collection
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Oil Filters

Saturday, Aug. 27 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pep Boys 1540 E. Amar Rd. West Covina

Saturday, Sept. 24 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. AutoZone 1035 E. Amar Rd. West Covina

Bring a USED MOTOR OIL FILTER to recycle and receive a new in stock filter and collection container FREE! Open to **West Covina residents only**. Bring ID or utility bill for verification purposes. No purchase necessary, limit two filters and one collection container per resident while supplies last. Only motor oil that is not mixed with water, gasoline or other chemicals will be accepted.

For more information on Hazardous Waste please call 1-888 CLEAN LA.





This event is brought to you by the City of West Covins. Environmental Servicus and funded by a grant from the Department of Resource Encycling and Recovery (California)



Cal Recycle 🕢

Sign Up for Free Landscape Workshop on Aug. 13

he City of West Covina and Suburban Water Systems invite you to a free landscape workshop on Saturday, Aug. 13. The workshop will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Cameron Park, 1305 E. Cameron Ave., West Covina.

Workshop participants will learn valuable tips for creating and maintaining a healthy landscape in Southern California. Save time, money and water!

The workshop will also include raffle prizes. To register, or for more information, call

(877) 405-1736 or e-mail your name, address and phone number to subgardenclass@swwc.com.

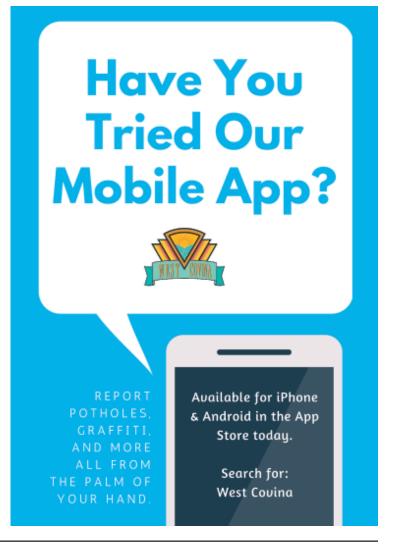


Holiday Street Sweeping and Trash Pickup Reminders

ith the Labor Day holiday approaching, here is a friendly reminder to everyone that there will be no street sweeping in West Covina on Monday, Sept. 5. Street sweeping will be delayed by one day during that week.

Also, if your trash pickup day falls on or after the holiday, your pickup day will be one day later. After your pickup day, be sure to move your trash cans away from the collection area.





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Fire Department Urges All to Be Mindful of

SUMMER HEAT DANGERS

ith the summer season in full swing, the West Coving Fire Department would like to remind residents of the emergencies that increase in frequency during the hottest months of the year. Two such conditions are the increased threat of wildfire and the increased susceptibility to heat-related illness.

The wildfire season got off to a fast start this year, both locally and

throughout the state. With California sustaining recordbreaking droughts and experiencing increasing heat throughout the summer, 2016 is shaping up to be a very busy fire season.

The month of September is the annual "National Preparedness Month," a reminder that we are also susceptible to other threats,

such as earthquakes and mudslides. Here are some tips to help you prepare for a wildfire or any other potential disaster:

- Ensure that your home has a "defensible space" that is clear of dry or dead vegetation in the immediate area and adjacent to your home.
- Trim trees away from the roof line on your property. Ensure other combustible materials on your property are removed, such as firewood and construction materials.
- Ensure your chimney has a spark arrestor, that the rain gutters are free of dead vegetation and combustible material, and that your address numbers are readily visible from the street.
- Identify several different escape routes from your home and neighborhood. Make sure everyone in your family is familiar with these routes, and have a designated meeting area away from the fire or hazard area. Remember to include

pets and large animals in your escape plans.

- Create disaster kits to include food. water, extra clothes, a flashlight, and basic first-aid supplies.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit. Also have a family communication plan in place in case you are separated. Keep additional cell phone chargers in your vehicle.

 Immediately after earthauake, check for injuries and damage. Ensure that your family

water main shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them off in an emergency.

• Be prepared if you are at your workplace or school. Keep an extra "ready to go" bag in your car in case disaster strikes while you are away from home. Also, review your company's emergency plan and your children's school emergency plans.

Aside from fire threat, summer temperatures also bring greater potential for heat-related illness and injuries, particularly for infants, children and senior citizens. Signs and symptoms include dizziness, fatique, faintness, headaches,

muscle cramps and increased thirst. These symptoms, if left unaddressed, have the potential to develop into heat stroke. Heat stroke is a life-threatening condition. Symptoms include altered mental state: hot, flushed and dry skin (sweating has stopped); rapid breathing; and rapid heart

To avoid overheating, drink plenty of fluids, even if you aren't thirsty; avoid working outdoors, especially in the middle of the day; and make sure outdoor events have a shaded area such as an umbrella. canopy or tarp and an ice chest full of drinks.

Remember that senior citizens and young children are more susceptible to heat illness, so have plenty of drinks at their disposal.

If anyone shows heat illness symptoms, immediately move that person to a cooler area, provide cold drinks, and use cold wet

> towels, ice packs, and copious amounts of water to cool off.

> **Angeles** Los County has set up designated "cooling centers" throughout the region for those who don't have

access to air conditioning and need to get out of the heat. Dial 2-1-1 on a telephone or visit www.LACOA.org for further information, hours and locations of cooling centers.

For more information on wildfire and disaster preparedness, visit the following websites:

www.espfocus.org www.readyforwildfire.org www.caloes.ca.gov www.readyforwildfire.org www.earthauakecountry.info www.ready.gov



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Remember to Pick Up After Your Dog

Animal waste contains disease-causing bacteria that, when left on the ground, washes down the storm drains and contaminates beaches. It can increase the risk of viral infections.

When you take your dog for a walk, take along a bag or other container. Picking up dog waste is a county ordinance, and dog owners disregarding this law may be fined. Specific complaints should be reported to Los Angeles County Animal Control at (626) 962-3577.





SIGN UP NOW FOR WCPD CITIZENS ACADEMY

he West Covina Police Department announces the return of the popular Citizens Academy beginning in September.

This informative program offers community members an up-close and personal look at

how the police department operates. Participants will learn about various police personnel, tools and techniques that work to enhance public safety. They will observe aspects of police operations, including patrol, investigations, forensics, SWAT and K9 operations.

These free classes will be held at West Covina City Hall on Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning Sept. 8.

To sign up, call (626) 939-8530 or send an e-mail to CitizensAcademy@wcpd.org.

GET DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR WEST COVINA DAY AT THE FAIR - SEPT. 15

The Los Angeles County Fair and Wells Fargo present West Covina Day at the Fair on Thursday, Sept. 15. There are two ways you can purchase discount tickets for West Covina Day at the Fair:

- 1. Go to www.lacountyfair.com/buytickets. Enter the desired quantity of "Community Day Admission" tickets. Use promo code: **Westcovina**
- 2. Visit the Community Services Department, Room 316 at City Hall, 1444 W. Garvey Ave. South, to pick up a discount coupon that can be presented at any L.A. County Fair admission gate on Thursday, Sept. 15.

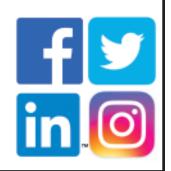




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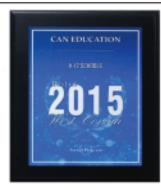
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