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Christmas



Olvera Street

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Chris Espinosa, General Manager, El Pueblo Historical Monument, in front of the Olvera Street Christmas tree.

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A Message From the CEO

LA Christmas Where It Began

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

Pass the Olvera Street Christmas tree and Nativity scene in the gazebo every few days or so during the holidays in my travels around the City. They sure look great and give off the right spirit. Of course I know I'm looking at culture. But I never quite thought that I was looking at history, too.

But I am. The Christmas events on Olvera Street are some of the oldest cultural events in the history of Los Angeles. The settlers from Mexico (by way of San Gabriel) brought these traditions with them, and the events have been done every year ever since, as far as we can tell.

That's pretty awesome when you think about it! When I attended the Christmas tree lighting (last year, when we produced this story), I loved how the community came together to unabashedly celebrate Christmas. But I didn't realize Las Posadas had been going nearly 200 years here in L.A.!

The Christmas holidays might be the best time to visit Olvera Street, with the lights, the pageantry, the free hot chocolate, the families, and just the incredible fun that happens when people get together to celebrate the great things in our world. This month's photos tell the story (and they're great photos, don't you think?) but aren't the same as being there. So enjoy the images in these pages, but stop by Olvera Street, where Christmas in L.A. began. It's a pretty awesome feeling. (And have you checked out Union Station across the street lit up for the holidays? Pretty incredible.)



El Pueblo G.M. Chris Espinosa (left) and *Alive!* editor John Burnes, similarly shirted.

You'll notice that I said we produced this story last year. That's because of production schedules – we produce our issues a month in advance, but the decorations haven't yet been put up. So, for our Christmas issue, we have to produce the story, and then wait nearly a year to publish it. We're really glad that El Pueblo Historical Monument General Manager **Chris Espinosa** is so capable – he's still in charge a year later! If he weren't, we'd be back at square one.

I love that Chris and our editor, **John Burnes**, wore nearly the same shirt for our visit last year. They look like brothers!

Speaking of brothers ... by reading the list of retirements like all of you do (I know you do), I see that **Jerry and Larry Blanton** both retired last month from the LAPD Crime Lab. Jerry and Larry were very helpful to us during our covering of the Crime Lab. But I mention this because they are identical twins, and Jerry worked in the DNA (genetic) Unit. And – they retired at nearly exactly the same time. There are a lot of parallels! Maybe you don't find that interesting, but I do. (Oh, and have a great retirement, Larry and Jerry. You have served the City very well.)

We know many of you are raising families, and budgets can get tight over the holidays. Our awesome Club discounts help make your holidays more affordable, and lots of fun in the process. **Guadalupe Lira** and the Club Store crew have put together awesome Club Holiday Specials on gifts, See's Candies, Honeybaked Hams, and my favorite stocking stuffers, the holiday ticket packs. Take advantage and save money! (We had a great time putting together this month's Club Store holiday spread.)

This December issue is packed with other stories of people doing good: the Custodian Appreciation Day; the Club Toy Drive, held in conjunction with Sanitation's West Valley Yard; other Dept. toy drives; and so forth. There are a lot of good things going on in the City. Take part, and make this holiday special.

With that, from my wife, **Kelley Hawkins**, and me, and from everyone here at the Club, we wish you a joyful Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Don't forget those in need, and then enjoy your time with your loved ones knowing you have made the world a better place.

JOHN

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Alive! editor John Burnes (right) photographs El Pueblo Historical Monument General Manager Chris Espinosa (center) in front of the Olvera Street Christmas tree.

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– KM, January 2017

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Letters to the Editor

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Rest in Peace, Ken Spiker

I wish to send my condolences to the Spiker family. Ken Spiker was an all-around good man who cared about City Employees. He helped many of the Retirees when he was with the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. association. He was also a patriot and WWII veteran. His presence will be missed but he will not be forgotten.

– Joe Magnus, Retired

See the story on Ken in our Best Years section. – Ed.



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Club Softball Move to Central Location Gets Tina in the Game

It has been great to see the softball season get on its way this year. I for one never had a chance to play in years past because getting to downtown LA was too difficult from San Pedro. So I am very happy to have the opportunity to play in Inglewood. Mr. Larios always has giveaways in his hands, ready to take your photo for the newspaper and social media.

The umpires are very knowledgeable and professional. It's been such great family atmosphere – thank you Employees Club!

– Tina Johnson, DWP

Chef Larios' Spicy Recipe Is Hot Stuff for the Langleys

That dish Chef Larios made last month [Spicy Thai-Style Beef] was pretty darn tasty. I know because we made it and it was the first time we tried his recipes. Our family loved it! Chef was right, it was easy to make and packed with great flavor. We also tried it with Sriracha and we loved that even more – it gave it a great kick. Needless to say we are going to be trying more of Chef's recipe in the future.

– Michelle Langley, LAPD

Extra Club Store Hours For Holiday Are a Benefit

I walked by the Club Store around 6 p.m. a few Fridays ago and then realized they were still open! I shouted, "Man Alive!" I was hap-

pily surprised to be greeted by the staff there, too. They told me they were staying open late on Thursday and Friday nights during the holiday season. It's going to help me a ton since I don't get off work until 5:30 p.m., and that was one hour too late to walk in the store. Thanks for looking out for me.

– Mike Lopez, DWP

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I called the Club to get help with my auto insurance since the old policy was expiring. I got a quote from them and saved \$400 for the year! I was very happily surprised at the savings. I can't tell you all enough how great my experience has been with the Club – they save me wades of money and make my life easier as well as my family. It's good to be a Club Member!

– Jenny Guerrero, General Services

Entertainment Book Is Just the Ticket for Variety of Savings

I want to send a big shout-out to the folks at the Club who made the Entertainment discounts possible. I am very much enjoying the savings at Jiffy Lube, Subway, Ralphs and Black Angus. The mobile use is most convenient for me, too, since I have kids who can navigate a phone like aircraft pilots – I mean they are experts. Anyway, keep up the hard work and thank you all.

– Tim Kennedy, Transportation

CORRECTION:

In last month's "Larios in the City," we inadvertently misidentified two Retirees, and misidentified one of their departments. The two photos and captions appear correctly on **PAGE 8, LARIOS IN THE CITY**. We apologize for the error.

Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer
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Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

Do you prefer cider or eggnog?



"I'll let you know after the holiday season!"

Evelyn Brooks, Retired

"I prefer eggnog! My grandmother made it every New Year's Eve."

Onesha Steward, Retired

"Which one has that little extra to keep you warm?"

Cliff Cannon, Retired

"A little of both can go a long way."

Theresa Hildebrand, DWP

"There is nothing like well-made eggnog."

Sammy Davis, DWP

"I am an eggnog type of guy."

Marlon Tillet, DWP

"It's all about cider!"

Lashonda Jones, DWP

"Cider!"

Tyler Rodriguez, DWP

"That's an easy question – cider all the way!"

Angela Roman, DWP

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with 33 years of City
service.

Derek W. Jackson,
Retired from the LA
Zoo with 25 years of
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Robert Larios, the Club's
Chief Operating Officer,
honors Club member
with the coveted Club
Retirement Plaque.

Congratulations!



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Retired from Building
and Safety with 31
years of City service.

Gilbert Cisneros,
Retired from the DWP
with 22 years of City
service service.



Rosendo E. Orozco,
Retired from the
DWP with 37 years of
City service.



BUILDING AND SAFETY

Goodbye, Onesha

Onesha Steward retires from Building and Safety after 31 years of City service.

A retirement party was held Oct. 14 at the Altadena home of Onesha Steward, who retired as Sr. Management Analyst, Building and Safety, with 31 years of City service.

Congratulations on your retirement, Onesha!

The Club thanks LaFrance Toliver for contributing images for this story.



Onesha Steward, Retiree, with Club COO Robert Larios, who presented her with the coveted retirement plaque from the Employees Club.



Retiree Onesha Steward (Left) with childhood friend, Sgt. Venus Mason, Retired, LAPD.



Dominic Correy of State Sen. Anthony Portantino's office.



Theadora Trindle from the Mayor's Office.



Onesha Steward, Retiree, with her parents.



Yolana Young, LAPD.



LAPD Commander Regina Scott.



Sheila Darling, Retired, LAPD Supervisor.



Hector Rodriguez of State Assemblymember Chris Holden's office.



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Angel Gomez, the Club's Mobile Man

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Be Alive! Dec. 2017



McLean Outlook - Chino Hills



Aden relaxes by the Chino Hills State Park entrance.



The scenic overlook and parking along the main road (Bane Canyon).



Aden took a big drink once we finally reached the outlook.

INFO

Chino Hills State Park

4721 Sapphire Rd. • Chino Hills, CA 91709

Trail Distance: 0.7 mile (round trip)

Elevation gain: Steady increased incline

Difficulty: Moderate, and then steep

Time: 1-2 hours (depending on your speed)

Hours:

October - March
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. every day

April - September
8 a.m. - 7 p.m. every day

Parking: \$5

Happy Holidays, everyone!

This month, we travel to Chino Hills State Park about 45 miles east of Los Angeles. The park has lots of trails and many recreational choices, including biking, hiking and horseback riding.

The park has three access points - the Discovery Center in Brea, the trailhead in Yorba Linda, and the park entrance in Chino Hills. We chose a route to the Chino Hills access point so we could get a better understanding of how large the park really is - the park is 14,173 acres and contains almost 60 miles of trails and fire roads for exploring the great outdoors ... by walking, hiking and mountain biking. Visitors of all ages can enjoy simple to more difficult activities, including observing area wildlife, discovering native plants to mountain biking and hiking. The park is so big that I think we must come back many more times just to get a feel for all the different activities in the park.

Let's begin.

The Trail: We started at the Sapphire entrance. (If you want an extra workout, park on the street at the bottom of the hill.) If you hike going up from the street you will need to continue walking all the way up to the pay entrance. If you are going to do this, you are going to need a backpack with water and also extra time to get to the pay station and then back down again - that my friends is a workout. Maybe next time.

We drove up to the entrance on Bane Canyon Road, paid the daily fee of \$5 and continued driving farther into the park. As we

drove (very slowly), we looked all around us and stopped at the first trail we noticed: McLean Outlook, seven-tenths of a mile in. We parked the car in one of the many two-car parking spots along the main road. The hike was an uphill incline almost the entire way up and continued to increase in altitude as we continued to get closer to the outlook point. As we hiked up to McLean Outlook, the trail intersected another trail, East Fence Line Trail; this trail is only four-tenths of a mile (that is another next-time trail). Once we reached the top of McLean Outlook, we could see gorgeous hills everywhere we looked. Also off into the distance we could see the Ranch and Base Camp, too. We did see a few mountain bikers but did not come across any horses, I'm sure the next time we visit we will.

We visited and described only a small section of the park. We will have to go back a few more times for sure. I am already looking forward to revisiting this amazing state park. McLean Outlook was very steep but absolutely worthwhile; I recommend this trail and the Chino Hills State Park to everyone.

Remember always bring water, sunscreen, and plenty of snacks.

If you get there before 7:30 a.m. you will find no crowds. If you get there after 9:30 a.m. there will be lots of people. See you next month.

Be safe and "Be Alive!"

Angel

If you keep going along Bane Canyon Road you will see a few scenic view locations along the way. Most have a table and some a picnic area, too.

Bane Canyon is the main road that leads to all access trails on this side of the park.





Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



Hawaii

Alfredo Fajardo, General Services, recently visited Hawaii.



Waikiki Beach – Oahu's southern shore, comprises one of the world's most impressive stretches of sand, surf, and tropical sunshine.



The Dole Plantation is the second most popular attraction in Hawaii with more than 1.2 million visitors annually.

Diamond Head is a volcanic tuff cone on the Hawaiian island of Oahu.



Pearl Harbor – The USS Arizona Memorial is one of our nation's most sacred places.



Paradise Cove – voted Hawaii's best luau.



Waikiki Beach at sunset.



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DEC. 7: RLACEI holiday party and board meeting, Grace E. Simons Lodge 12 noon.

DEC. 9: LARFPA Christmas party, Sportsmen's Lodge 11:00 a.m.

RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hal at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

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The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System is at 202 W. First Street, Suite 500, (LA Times Building), Los Angeles, CA 90012. Hours: 8AM-5PM. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans. www.lacers.org

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Open Enrollment, a New Director, and Goodbye, Ken

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

President's Report By Edward J. Harding President, RLACEI

It is with great sadness that I pass along the news that Ken Spiker passed away Nov. 6. When I got the message I had to sit down as I could not believe what I had just heard.

There is not enough room in Alive! to write about how much he did for Retirees. Ken was an RLACEI Director for 18 years beginning in 1995 and a defender for Retiree rights and benefits. He was an icon and will be missed by all. (Read Mary Beetz's column.)

The LACERS' Open Enrollment informational meetings were very well represented by RLACEI Directors. I thank Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci, Mike Perez and his wife Blanca, Mary Beetz, Cliff Cannon, and myself for alternating attendance at the meetings at the California Endowment and in Ventura,

Van Nuys, Ontario, San Pedro and Las Vegas. We recruited new members to join RLACEI. Welcome new members!

At our RLACEI November meeting, Neil Ricci, Nominating Chairman, commented that Ed Harding, President (me); Tom Stemmok, First Vice President; and Phil Orland, Second Vice President; were due for re-election. Neil asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Mike Perez was nominated for Second Vice President. Elections were held, and the Executive Board going forward will consist of myself as President; Tom Stemmok, First Vice President; Mike Perez, Second Vice President; and Michael Wilkinson, Legal and Legislative. I appointed Phil Orland as Entertainment Chairman, where he has done an excellent job. (Americo Garza will resign as Entertainment Chairman in January.)

See you at the holiday party, scheduled for noon Dec. 7 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge.

Happy Holidays and New Year. ■

Life Expectancy and Pensions As Mortality Rate Drifts Up



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

Pension systems must plan for many uncertainties to project what the plan will need to pay out during the retirees' lives. One of the most important factors is how long retired members will live.

The Society of Actuaries recently reported that there was a 1.2 percent increase in the mortality rate between 2014 and 2015 in a new mortality scale. This is the first increase since 2005 and reflects a decline in life expectancies after several years of increases in life span. It is not clear whether this one-year report reflects an aberration or a trend.

The report will be used by pension plans to make predictions on what their costs will be to provide pensions covering both active members and current retirees. The Society of Actuaries used data from the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Medicare. The slight change in life expectancy is

tied to an increase in deaths from eight of the 10 leading causes of death.

Under the new scale, the life expectancy for a 65 year-old Retiree dropped to 85.6 from 85.8 years, and that for a 65-year-old female Retiree declined to 87.6 from 87.8.

What does this change in the mortality rate mean for LACERS? The change will be evaluated by the plan actuary the next time the mortality rate is reviewed, not every year. Most likely this will not have a big impact since it is such a small change.

Using the corporate standard for valuation, the Society of Actuaries said pension obligations for private industry plans could be reduced by 0.7 percent to 1 percent. This is not much of a change, and the standards are different for public plans such as LACERS.

In summary, the report does not suggest any big change for LACERS. We should all keep up our smart lifestyle choices with exercise, eating our veggies and keeping up with doctor visits to lead longer and healthier lives. ■

RLACEI Questionnaire: Survivor Option Purchase Program



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

We think there is an inequity that needs to be addressed, and we need help from our Members. In 2009, Members of the City's Fire and Police Pensions System got a pension option via the ballot for their retirees. It was called a "post retirement marriage surviving spouse benefit." This option gives a retiree who marries after retirement the option of buying a survivor pension for the new spouse. This option is cost neutral to the City, as the retiree takes a reduced pension to fund a survivor pension for the new spouse. Since this optional plan was approved, more than 160 members of the Fire and Police Pensions System have taken the option to provide a survivor pension for the new spouse.

LACERS does not offer this option to its retirees except for the Airport Police who were consolidated with LAPD, and some wanted to maintain their pensions with LACERS. So in 2017 LACERS

offered this new option to those members of the consolidated Airport Police choosing to remain in LACERS. Is it not appropriate that the bulk of LACERS Retirees should also have this option? This is an inequity that the City should address.

Please give us your input on whether this new option should be implemented for LACERS retirees. Address your input to mkarsch@hotmail.com:

- Would you like to have a survivor option purchase program that Retirees could choose for a spouse who is married after the Retiree has retired? This would be paid for by an offsetting reduction in the amount of the member's pension.
- Would you sign up for this option?
- Do you know of other Retirees who would be interested? If so, how many?

Your input is important; please let me know by email. Thank you! ■

LACERS



Mary Beetz

In Memoriam



KENNETH G. SPIKER
1924 – 2017

Ken Spiker, former City Employee and RLACEI representative, died Nov. 6. He was 93.

In 1984 Ken Spiker retired from the City as a Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) with 28 years of City service. Two of his many accomplishments as a CLA were his involvement in helping bring the Olympics to Los Angeles in 1984, and establishing the City's full-time lobbying efforts in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

In September 1995, he was elected as Director for the Los Angeles City Employees Inc. (RLACEI). There is not enough room to write all of what he did for the retirees. He was instrumental in gaining many, if not all, the benefits that the Retirees are receiving and enjoying today. To name a few of many, the \$2,500 death benefit, the Cost of Living (COLA) increases, and the election of a Retiree to the City Employee Retirement Commission Board as an advo-

cate for pension rights and independence of benefits. He got things done.

In May 2013, he retired after 18 years of service to the RLACEI.

In 1995 he was elected to the LACERS Board of Administration as the Retired Member of the Board. He was reelected in 2000, 2005 and 2010 and was LACERS longest-serving Commissioner.

In August 2013, the Board voted unanimously to name the LACERS Boardroom the Ken Spiker Boardroom in honor of Ken's service to our members. On Sept. 24, 2013, the LACERS Boardroom was officially designated the Ken Spiker Boardroom.

Ken was also a longtime *Alive!* columnist on topics relating to Retirees.

On behalf of RLACEI and the City Employees Club, we will miss seeing Ken at our meetings, and he will not be forgotten. His legacy will continue in the Ken Spiker Boardroom.



For Retired Club Members

The Best Years

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Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System: (800) 779-8328

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The Best Years

For Retired Club Members



Thanks to Uncle George



Hal and Evelyn accept an invitation to Costa Rica.

2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

On the last Fourth of July, Evelyn and I were at the home of our daughter, Michelle, for her annual party. Michelle's Uncle George was also there and he invited Michelle and her family – including Evelyn and I, and Effie and Pierre, the parents of our son-in-law, JP – to visit him in Costa Rica. George and his wife, Katrina, had built two houses in the Central Pacific area. They are rentals, but no one was using one of the houses from Aug. 12 – 17, and we could use it. Michelle and JP and their three kids (Maddie, Isabelle and Coco) agreed immediately, but because I had jury duty scheduled for early August, I wanted to wait until that was completed. As soon as I knew that jury duty wouldn't interfere, we made plans to go.

Costa Rica, officially the Republic of Costa Rica, is a country in Central America bordered by Nicaragua to the north, Panama to the east and south, the Pacific Ocean to the west and south, and the Caribbean to the east.

Costa Rica, which translates literally as "rich coast," was the first country in the world to constitutionally abolish its army. Costa Rica ranks first in the "Happy Plant Index" and has been described as the greenest country in the world. The HPI measures how much of the earth's resources nations use and how long and happy a life their citizens enjoy as a result. The population is approximately 4.5 million, and the capital is San Jose.

Our destination was the Central Pacific coast, which is more developed for tourism than the Caribbean, but it still holds a good mixture of luxury resorts and deserted beaches. Some of the country's best-known beaches are in this region. Costa Ricans use the perfectly suited phrase *pura vida*, meaning "pure life," to describe the country, and examples of this are evident everywhere along the Pacific coastline.

Strung along the coast are scores of seaside villages and picturesque towns, exotic beaches and several protected reserves or national parks. Puntarenas is the largest town in the area and was a main port, but now it's used mainly for a base to catch ferries to the Nicoya Peninsula.

There are many activities in the area, including surfing, kayaking and swimming in the azure waters of the Pacific. There is also hiking, birding and wildlife-spotting in the forests of the national parks as well as beach walks, volleyball and horseback riding. Beautiful parks like Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio and Reserva Natural Absoluta Cabo Blanco have pristine white-sand beaches as well as birds and animal life.

I booked our flights on TACA Airlines, which has been voted the best airlines in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean. We left LAX at 2 a.m. Aug. 12 and arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica, at approximately 9 a.m., kind of a red-eye flight. The house is in the Del Pacifico Resort, halfway between Jaco (pronounced hah-co) and Quepos (pronounced kaypos), about 120 kilometers from San Jose. We were given the option of renting a car at the airport or having a car and driver take us to the house. We decided to have a car and driver take us to the house and then get our rental car. There is very little public transpor-

tation, and the house was about a half-mile from the main road.

Effie, Pierre, Evelyn and I drove to LAX and left our car at Wally Park. Our flight was nonstop, and Michelle and the rest were on a one-stop flight, which got them into San Jose about 45 minutes after us.

We carried our luggage on, so we made sure that we didn't have any liquids over 4 oz. and no banned items. The flight on TACA was great; I even slept for a few hours and was served breakfast before we landed. We breezed through immigration and customs and found our driver waiting for us. We had to wait for almost an hour before the rest of



Hal and Evelyn at sunset.



JP and Michelle on the drive to the house.

the travelers showed up. The weather was clear, with the temperature in the high 80s with very high humidity.

Once assembled, we started our drive to Del Pacifico, which we had been told would take between two and two-and-a-half hours. The road is a two-lane blacktop, winding through the mountains, and I was glad we had decided on a driver. About an hour into our journey, we stopped for lunch at a small restaurant. The view from the dining area was beautiful, and the food was very good and inexpensive. I had my first – but not my last – taste of the local beer, Imperial, and it was very good.

After about another hour on the road, we stopped at the Tarcoles River to see the crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks. When we got to Jaco, we stopped at the Mega Mart to buy groceries for the house. We got to the house at approximately 2:30 p.m. This was good because I had Adobe Car rental delivering a car at 3.

A word about the houses: The houses sit about a half-mile off the main road about a mile from the beach. Each house has a view of the ocean. Our house had two master bedrooms and two other bedrooms. There is also a casita (guest house), which has a mater loft and its own kitchen. There is a pool and spa, a volleyball court, a golf tee for hitting practice balls, Internet access, satellite TV, and most everything you would need to have a great vacation.



The tour guide feeds a croc.



Hal gets in the pool at the house.



Crocodiles sunning at the river.

We spent the rest of the afternoon lying around the pool and relaxing. Costa Rica is very close to the equator, so sunrise and sunset times are about the same all year. While we were there, the sun rose about 5:15 a.m. and set around 6:15 p.m. At sunset, we drove down to the beach (a couple of miles), and the girls took a swim while we watched the sunset.

Our host had made a reservation for dinner at a very interesting restaurant. This is the story: The restaurant is owned by the former Ukraine gymnastics coach who came to Costa Rica to coach the Costa Rican women's gymnastic team. He decided to open a restaurant and found a sunken sailing ship, which he raised and refurbished. The deck area is the restaurant, and it holds only approximately 20 people. He and his wife do the cooking. That evening, he made *chile relleno*, a garden salad and mashed potatoes. It was delicious. There were 13 of us, and the bill was \$120, including a few beers. I don't know the name of the restaurant, but his name is Vladimir, and I'm sure that if you're in the area you could find the place. He also gives massages; he came to the house, and Evelyn got a 45-minute massage for \$25.

It was still early when we got back to the

house, but everyone was tired. Our bedroom was the master suite on the top floor, and we turned on the fan above the bed and opened the patio doors and slept like babies. We were awakened at 5 a.m. to see the magnificent sunrise. After that, I managed to go back to sleep for a few hours.

We relaxed during the morning, enjoying the fine weather. After

lunch we drove about an hour to take the Jungle Crocodile Safari tour on the Tarcoles River. The river is the home to one of the world's largest crocodile populations in the wild, with individuals up to 15 feet long. In addition to the crocodiles, there were more than 50 different kinds of birds, iguanas and Jesus Cristo lizards. To get to the boat landing, we drove over dirt roads in an area where they were doing repairs, and I could hear the rocks hit the underside of the car.

The tour took about two hours, and our guide was bilingual and very knowledgeable. They used chickens to get the crocodiles to come next to the boat, and we saw some big ones. They didn't seem to want to wet the guide, though, who was standing in the river; I guess the crocs knew where their next chicken was coming from. We saw a lot of birds and a number of lizards as we cruised the river. About halfway into our tour, it began to rain, coming down in a heavy storm with thunder and lightning. We were all soaked and worried about capsizing in the river. There were life jackets, but getting into the river with the crocodiles was not my first choice.

In the end, we cut the tour short and headed back to the dock. My camera was soaked and no longer worked. Evelyn brought her new Nikon SLR, which she protected, and it was fine. I was worried about driving back to the main road, because I thought that the dirt road would be all mud, but it was firm and seemed to drain very well.

On the way home from the tour, JP stopped and picked up fresh fish for dinner, and we had a family gathering of 13.

I'll finish telling you about our trip to Costa Rica next month. ■

RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



Western Europe



Cruz Campos, Retired, DWP, and his wife, Marie, visited Italy and Spain. "My wife, Marie, and I in Venice, Italy. The trip started in Rome; we attended our daughter's wedding in Vatican City. Afterward, Marie and I traveled to Venice, then to Barcelona, Spain, where the vacation ended. Great places to visit!"

Arizona



Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP, took a helicopter tour of the Grand Canyon.

Southern California, at Sea



Councilman Robert Farrell, Retired, and Captains of the galleon replica *San Salvador*, Dr. Raymond Ashley and Jim Wehan at sea as it returned to its home at the San Diego Maritime Museum from a visit to San Pedro.

"The galleon *San Salvador*, a replica of the ship captained by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, visited San Pedro recently," Robert writes. "During its visit to the LA Maritime Museum, it was open for tours and day trips, and a long voyage back to its home at the San Diego Maritime Museum."

"I took advantage of that four days' return trip to combine a personal retreat with the experience of sailing at sea in a ship that was a key part of the Spanish exploration of the West Coast of what would become our nation (in 1542, 65 years before the *Mayflower*), and a formidable example of the exploration enterprise of its day."

Tombstone, Ariz.



Bill and Shari Hill, both Retired from Harbor in 2007, now live in Prescott, Ariz. The photo was taken on the streets of Tombstone, Ariz., where Bill was competing at the Arizona State Championship for Cowboy Action Shooting, and took fifth place in his category.



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Soleil; wife, Liliana; granddaughter, Violette, 6; grandson, Giovanni, 10; and Nick on vacation in Yosemite.

Show Us Your Grandkids!



Nick Buckroff, Retired, Rec and Parks, sent in some photos of his grandkids. Thanks, Nick!

Nick attends his granddaughter's promotion to first grade in June. His granddaughter is Violette Alvarado, 6, of Logan Middle School in Silver Lake.

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The Best Years

For Retired Club Members

Retirements

Here's a listing of all those who retired from the City this month. To all we say, welcome to the Best Years!

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Aguas, Nancy T.	Management Analyst	Public Works	33	Gaston, Rhonda B.	Sr. Manage. Analyst	Econ./Wrkfr. Dev.	29	Nguyen, Thomas Van	Trans. Eng. Associate	Transportation	17
Akbarut, Aydin	Housing Inspector	Housing	12	Gonzalez, James J.	Trans. Engineer Aide	Transportation	34	Noguez, Maria L.	Custodian	Airports	11
Annala, Linda M.	Management Analyst	Airports	32	Gutierrez, Emilia A.	Management Analyst	LAFD	42	O'Guinn, Kenneth F.	Plumber Supervisor	Public Works	27
Arline, Patsy M.	Bindery Worker	Gen. Services	33	Hayes, Lonnie B.	Window Cleaner	Airports	17	Olivia, Joseph	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Behdin, Shahin	Pr. Civil Engineering	Public Works	32	Howard, Daphne M.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	34	Paragas, Raymond P.	Systems Programmer	ITA	23
Blanton, Gerald T.	Supervising Criminalist	LAPD	30	Hurtado, Jose L.	Special Prog. Asst.	Rec and Parks	7	Payfer, James R.	Wastewater Coll. Super.	Public Works	18
Blanton, Lawrence D.	Supervising Criminalist	LAPD	31	Ibe, Edgar	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Perez, Ricardo P.	Procurement Analyst	Airports	12
Bozarth, James	Sr. Roofer	Harbor	13	Jones, Clarence A.	Security Officer	LAPD	13	Peterson, Daniel	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Brandt, Thomas	Comm. Electr. Supv.	LAPD	18	Juarros, Jesse R.	Gen. Mgr., Info. Tech	ITA	2	Pipo, Melani F.	Data Control Assistant	LAFD	36
Bronson, Dale	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Kaplan, Stephen E.	Safety Eng., Elevators	Bldg. & Safety	9	Porras, Fernando	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Castaneda, Martha	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	36	Kho, Patricia Yuen	Fiscal Syst. Specialist	Fire Police Pens.	27	Ronquillo, Norman A.	Environmental Eng.	Public Works	28
Castro, Raymond	Gardner Caretaker	Rec & Parks	29	Kile, Pamela	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Roth, Susan C.	Sr. Manage. Analyst	Airports	33
Chacon, Maria R.	Crossing Guard	Transportation	12	Kohut, Donald	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Sanders, Sherrie A.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	30
Chi, Wei	Deputy General Mgr.	Airports	8	Leon, Maria Angela	Special Prog. Asst.	Rec and Parks	3	Shieh, Neil B.	Systems Programmer	ITA	16
Cisneros, Jose	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Lopez, Rosa M.	Custodian	Airports	12	Steinman, Lisa	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Clark, David	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Lorenzen, Ronald D.	Asst. Dir. Street Maint.	Public Works	25	Stonedale, Judi	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
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Cunningham, Kimberly S.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	11	Luna, Samuel	Gen. Mgr., El Pueblo	El Pueblo Hist. Mon.	15	Tan, Olivia Lai	Admin. Clerk	Harbor	33
Davies, Mark W.	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	27	Macdonald, Steven S.	Dep. Supt. of Buidlings	Bldg. & Safety	15	Tanner, Raymond R.	Sr. Constr. Estimator	Airports	25
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Faes, Scott	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Muniz, Rosa M.	Traffic Officer	Transportation	29	Wilcox, Brian	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Flemister, Chandra L.	Pr. Clerk	Airports	31	Nefas, Paul	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Williams Jr., Charles	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Flores, Robert C.	Geographic Info. Spec.	Planning	28	Negrin, Jay	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Woody, Harry D.	Super. of Operations	Airports	5
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Gallego, Dale Reginio	Auto Body Builder	LAFD	13	Nessi, Dominic A.	Dep. General Mgr.	Airports	8	Zavala, John F.	Fire Sprinkler Insp.	Bldg. & Safety	10
Gardener, Carolyn D.	Admin. Clerk	LAPD	22	Nguyen, Hoan Van	St. Lighting Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	35				



By Tara Miller, MS RD/N, LACERS Well Program Manager, and Candace Wilkie, LACERS Well Intern



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The Gift of Healthy Holidays

There are many reasons why this *could* be the most wonderful time of the year: spending quality time with loved ones and friends, sipping hot chocolate, nibbling on holiday treats, and celebrating traditions. But if your holiday season seems more like an exercise in overeating, overspending and oversteering, it may leave you thinking, "Is it over yet?" Find the joy this time of year can bring by using these tips to keep this holiday season *healthier*.

Never Arrive Hungry

You've probably heard experts say to never be hungry when you do your grocery shopping, but that same advice goes for holiday gatherings. Despite popular belief, opting to "save" calories by skipping a meal usually results in over-consuming later, especially when there's open access to party fare. Instead, plan on having a small meal or a moderate snack before social engagements, and you'll likely make better food choices throughout the event.

Bring Your Favorite "Fitter" Dish

As the social calendar ramps up, maintaining a healthy routine can be challenging. Luckily, you may not be alone in wanting to stay on track. Resources like www.cookinglight.com or www.sparkpeople.com can

help you lighten up favorite holiday dishes, and may even prove to be a welcome and delicious surprise to your guests or host/hostess.

Be Mind-FULL

According to WebMD, by simply giving people a larger plate size, the average person will end up eating 25 -50 percent more food. To avoid this, consider using a small cocktail plate and refrain from overloading or stacking your portions. Indulgences can be just as rewarding in little packages, so mindfully enjoy small portions of your holiday favorites and skip the food items that are unhealthy, and less appealing to you.

Plan a Food-Free Event

Food, as the main attraction, is not required for making memories that last a lifetime. The real ingredient needed is quality time with friends and families, so try planning an event that centers on conversation. Consider creating holiday greeting cards and customizable gift tags, decorating ornaments and wreaths, or wrapping gifts together. You can add physical activity to the mix by leading a stroll through your neighborhood to enjoy the lights and festivities, or walking the mall before the stores open.

Additionally, you can join a volunteer organization and use the holiday season as an opportunity to make sure those who are less fortunate enjoy the season.

It's the Most Expensive Time of the Year

A well-planned budget is the linchpin of a stress-free holiday season. An NBC News poll indicated that of those surveyed with holiday debt, 59 percent of participants expected to take that debt into the New Year. This year, take a moment to plan out a budget that includes the practical dollar amount for everyone on your list and potential gift items that are within your means. Additionally, if using a credit or debit card, consider maintaining a notebook to track receipts, total amount spent on each transaction, and payment method (cash or charge). Reviewing your budget regularly will ensure you stay debt-free.

For a tool you can use now, and to add a point to your "Passport to Health," check out the featured challenge "Healthy Stress-Free Holiday Budget" at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell.

We here at LACERS Well wish you a happy and health holiday season! ■

Staying Mentally Strong

LACERS Well hosted recent mental resilience workshop.

Story and photos courtesy Heather Ramirez, LACERS

On Aug. 28, LACERS held a “Be Mentally Resilient” workshop as part of its LACERS Well project. LACERS Members took delight in lunch, prizes and inspiration from guest speakers during the event at the California Endowment downtown. The free event was sold out.

Members acquired tips for improving their resiliency in moments of distress to be mentally buoyant, courageous, and truly happy.

LACERS Well extends a sincere thank you to all who were present for this exceptional event.



At the table: Heather Ramirez, Sr. Management Analyst, LACERS (center), and Leanna Lilly, Keenan and Associates (LACERS vendor, right), welcome attendees.



LACERS Well Champions (from left) Dorothy Miller and Helen Ricks.



From left: LACERS Well Champion Linda Lam with Lily and Daniel Chen.



Mental Resistance expert Marvin Belzer, Ph.D., of UCLA speaks to the LACERS Well event crowd.



Retirees Holiday Parties in Dec.

Don't forget to attend a retiree party this holiday season!

RLACEI: The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers event is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr., Los Angeles. Lunch will be served, and there will be entertainment and valuable door prizes. Please make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines.

LARFPA: For Retired Fire and Police, your Christmas party is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9, at Sportsmen's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Contact LARFPA for more information.

Note: This is a new date.



Monthly Griffith Park Hike:

With Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz and LACERS Well

- First Friday of every month
- 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Monthly Easy-Paced Bike Ride

- Dock 52, Marina del Rey
- 3rd Wednesday of the month
- 11 a.m.
- Contact Ron Skarin for location updates and to RSVP at ronskarin@sbc-global.net



Seniors: Take a (Healthy) Walk!

The LACERS Well program sponsors walking/social events that are perfect for helping you keep in shape and take care of your health. And they're open to all fitness levels.

For outside walks and events, make sure to bring comfortable shoes, sunblock, sunglasses and water.

For more information on LACERS Well events: Tara Miller, LACERS Well coordinator: (213) 978-6843 Or LACERS.org/lacerswell

West Covina Mall Walk and Stretch

- West Covina Mall, West Covina
- Every Wednesday, 8:30-10 a.m.
- Contact Pablo and Vivian Cortez at pabcr6@aol.com

Lakewood Center Mall Walk and Stretch

- Lakewood Center Mall, Lakewood
- Every Monday, 8 a.m.
- Contact Beverly Anderson at the.andersons@verizon.net

Pathfinder Park Walk and Stretch

- Rowland Heights
- Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.
- Contact Joyce Kawai at jkawai@gmail.com

Madrugada Trail Hike and Stretch

- Chino Hills
- Every Sunday, 4-6:30 p.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at emandelcorn@gmail.com

Ontario Mills Mall Walk and Stretch

- Ontario Mills Mall, Ontario
- 1st Saturday of the month, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at emandelcorn@gmail.com

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- Ontario Mills Mall, Ontario
- Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - noon
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at emandelcorn@gmail.com

Chino Hills Senior Center Workout and Stretch

- Chino Hills Senior Center, Chino Hills
- Every Saturday, 4-6 p.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at emandelcorn@gmail.com

Buddy Walk for Life

- Kaiser Baldwin Park
- 1st Friday of the month, 8-10 a.m.
- Contact Mariam Galang at mariamgalang@gmail.com

Playa del Rey Beach Walk & Stretch

- Playa del Rey
- Every Friday, 8:30 a.m.
- Contact Frankie Gallagher at Frankiequeenofhearts@yahoo.com

Rueben Ingold Park Walk and Stretch

- View Park, Windsor Hills
- Every Thursday, 11 a.m.
- Contact Avis Ridley-Thomas at avisridleythomas@me.com

Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park Walk and Stretch

- Sherman Oaks
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m.
- Contact Debby Rolland at debbylr22@gmail.com

El Cariso Park Walk and Stretch

- Sylmar
- Every Monday, 8:30 a.m.
- Contact Irene Galvan at ronnie20dav@gmail.com

Manhattan Beach Pier Walk

- Manhattan Beach
- 1st Saturday of the month, 9-11 a.m.
- Contact Cyrous Adami at Cyrous13@yahoo.com



Halloween around the City

AIRPORTS

Story and photos courtesy Heidi Huebner, Airports

Doggone Halloween

LAX's PUP program dresses up its dogs for holiday.

Airports' PUP program – Pets Unstressing Passengers – at LAX held its third "Howling Halloween" parade Oct. 30 in Terminals 4 and 5 and the Tom Bradley Terminal at LAX.

More than 30 therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers sported costumes for Halloween and paraded in a passenger area of the terminals.

"This Halloween, our PUPs are out in costume to remind our guests that traveling doesn't have to be scary – in fact, it can be quite a treat!" said Trevor Daley, Airports Deputy Executive Director for External Affairs. "We love delighting our guests and providing memorable travel experiences, and today's PUP Halloween parade is just one example of how we bring smiles to the faces of our guests of all ages. Happy Halloween from everyone at LAWA!"

The LAX Pets Unstressing Passengers (PUP) program provides stress relief and comfort to passengers through interaction with pets. Therapy dogs and handlers roam the departures levels in the gate areas of each terminal, visiting passengers awaiting flights and providing comfort, as well

as airport information. The program educates and informs passengers about the LAX projects and construction related traffic impacts.

The LAX PUP Program began four years ago, and has more than 70 therapy dogs and is the largest airport managed therapy dog program in the nation.

PUP volunteers wishing to apply must have at least one-year experience working with a recognized dog therapy organization. The dogs must be privately owned and be at least two years old. All PUP volunteers and dogs must be registered with Alliance of Therapy Dogs, a national organization that registers, insures and supports members who are involved in volunteer animal-assisted activities. These activities include visits to hospitals, special needs centers, schools, nursing homes and airports.

For more information please contact Heidi Huebner, Director of Volunteers, at (424) 646-8471 or hhuebner@lawa.org



From left: Dea Ogata and Hunter; Marwick Kane and Kai and Dellah (seated); Julie Bergman and Antoinette (seated); Monique Pancake and Mojo; Sue Woolhether and Cleo Rose; Samantha Lynn and Beowolf; Mary Murphy and Troy; Sharon Varnes and Tucker; Jena Williams and Tucker (seated); Kathy Goodwin and Eve; Nomi Jost and Ryu (seated); and Jeff Jost and Echo.



Ketchup dog Katie with handler Richard Van Elgort (mustard) greeting travelers in Terminal 4.



Tiffany Butcher with Serjio in the buggy.



It's PUP Carnival time!

Standing, from left: Marilyn Frandsen and Arthur; Tiffany Butcher and Serjio; Nadine Lederfine and Jasmine; Debra Mindlin and Jack; Maria Miller and Penelope; Matt Elais and Pierre; Sandy Porst and Tzuzi; Judy Woolsey and Molly; Lousie Malenofsky and Rudi; Richard Van Elgort and Freddie; and Arleene Van Elgort and Katie. Seated: Robin Palankar and Zou Zou; Sophie Kondo and Tyrion; Barbara Zelin and Betty Boop; Miguel Bermudez and Vinny; and Cynthia Prochot and Finley.



CLUB

Club Store's Scary Fun

The Club Store certainly was home for some spook-tacular deals this past Halloween – but it was also home to some great costumes, as the crew (and other Club staff) got in on the fun.

The Club staff on Halloween, top row, from left: Cristina Ramos and Karina Lopez, Customer Service Associates. Second row: Hava Berman, Club Director of Database Management; Mia Victoria Garcia, Customer Service Associate; and MaryAnn Urdiales, Club Counselor. Third row: Prathima Vaisya, IT Developer; Mateo Guevara (dressed as Club CEO John Hawkins!); and Rebecca Platero, Data Processing Coordinator. Bottom: Guadalupe Lira, Club Store Manager; and Mateo's mom, Mariana Guevara, Director of Tickets and Retail.





Mark Granado, Sr. Management Analyst II.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Parking Operations

The Parking Operations and Support Division at Figueroa Plaza had a great time celebrating Halloween.

Special thanks to Jennifer Wong, Administrative Clerk, for sending in the photos.



The ... uh ... graveyard shift?



Linda Maheley, Principal Clerk.



Elsa Arzate, Administrative Clerk.



From left: Kelly Ritter and Latrece Slaughter, Administrative Clerks.



From left: Jennifer Wong and Yasmin Moran, Administrative Clerks.



Pirates add to the fun.



Karen Bennett, Administrative Hearing Officer.



From left: Otamez Haddock, Administrative Clerk; Richard Crummit, Management Analyst; Martha Oliva, Administrative Hearing Officer; and Mario Interiano, Sr. Management Analyst I.



SANITATION

Sanitation

The Public Works/Sanitation folks at HQ downtown had lots of Halloween spirit (and some Dodgers love, too!). The crews dressed up Oct. 31. The RCTOs dressed up to support the Dodgers, who played World Series game 6 that night.

Nice job, Sanitation!

Special thanks go to Pam Perez, Marketing Manager, Public Works/Sanitation, for sending these in!



Sanitation crew from downtown HQ dressed up for Halloween.



This RCTO crew showed their Dodgers love to support the team in World Series game 6.

Halloween around the City

LAPD

Story and photos courtesy Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, Club Rep

Dressed to the Nines (One One)

On Oct. 31, the men and women of the LAPD Communications/Valley and Metro 911 Emergency Call Centers had their annual Halloween fun by dressing up for the holiday.

Pictured here are many of the participants. Thanks, LAPD Communications for sharing your fun with the Club!



Metro Communications Center - Day Watch
First place: The Training Unit is Orange Is the New Black, from left, back to front: Susana Robinson, Teri Azevedo, Julie Warren, Krush Stegner, Sara Ponce, Georgina Griego, Naila Hay and Tammy Lindquist.



Metro Communications Center Day Watch

Third place: Margaret Peters as the Witch.

Metro Communications Center Day Watch

Second place: Monica De La Torre as Tupac Shakur.



Metro Communications Center - P.M. Watch



First place: Luy Cuevas as a Viking.



Second place: Magally Reyes as Katarina Dia de los Muertos.



Third place: Stephanie Nelson as a "convict chick."



Tracy Beverly as the Cat in the Hat.

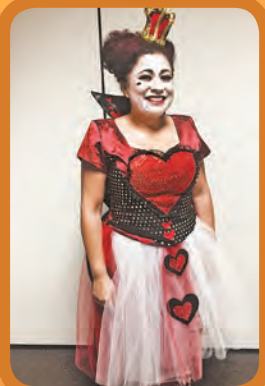
Valley Communications Center



First place: Carlos Mejia as Freddy Krueger.



Second place: Kenneth Winfrey as Spiderman.



Third place: Lorena Garcia-Sanchez as the Queen of Hearts.



Newlyweds Amanda and Andrew Cuevas-Tarrabotto came dressed for the day.



Jean Sarfaty as a Sugar Mama.



Jacqui Dreiben as a Walking Dead zombie.



Kara Adame as a "Day of the Dead" Dodger.



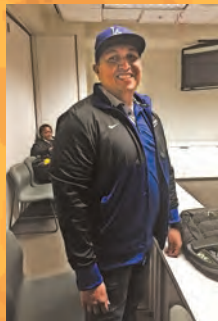
John Treguboff as Julius Caesar.



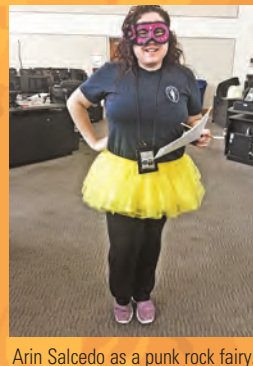
Pam Liske as a ladybug.



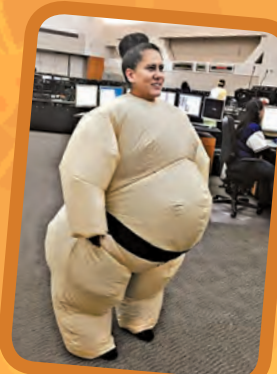
Nikki Nguyen as a magical unicorn.



Paul Gonzalez as a Dodgers ticket scalper.



Arin Salcedo as a punk rock fairy.



Jessica Okuma as a sumo wrestler.



Stephanie Burkhart as a yummy donut.



Amanda Rivera as a Kentucky housewife.



Jenna Cruz as Cruella de Vil.



Randi Miller as a cheerleader.



Cheryl Chase, Dragon Girl with no costume.



Jeff Brown as Wesley from The Princess Bride.



Photo by CSI Officer Shawn Smith



From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief John Wallace, Officer Nahum Axume, Chief of Airport Police David L. Maggard Jr., Officer Sebastian Jones, Sgt. Loretta Jones, and Capt. Tyrone Stallings.

AIRPORTS

Meet the New Officers

Airport Police welcomes two new Officers.

On Oct. 27, Airport Police added two new Officers to the nation's largest aviation law enforcement agency. In a ceremony held at the LAPD Elysian Park Academy, Airport Police Chief David L. Maggard Jr. swore in Officer Nahum Axume and Officer Sebastian Jones.

Officer Axume, a native Angeleno and former Redondo Beach Police Dept. Municipal Services Officer and Cabrillo Beach lifeguard, returns to LAX where he previously worked as a Spanish translator. Officer Axume was awarded the Human Relations award in the academy.

Officer Jones, a Montana transplant, gained his exposure in law enforcement as an

L.A. County Sheriff's Explorer, later enlisting in the U.S. Air Force as a member of the Security Forces Unit prior to joining the Airport Police. Officer Jones is the son of Airport Police Sgt. Loretta Jones, who has been with the Airport Police for 14 years and is a supervisor in the Airport Response Coordination Center.

Before swearing in his newest Police Officers, Chief Maggard thanked the graduates and their families and said, "The past six months was just the beginning; you are entering a rewarding career full of excitement and challenges, but I'm confident that you are up for the challenge and will serve us well."

Congratulations, Officers Axume and Jones!



Will \$1 Million Be Enough?

For many people, the idea of a million-dollar pot of savings for retirement is a dream. Many survive on less. For others, a million won't be nearly enough to fund the kind of lifestyle they want when they're older. It all boils down to your aims—and whether health issues throw you a curve. A million dollars—it has a nice ring to it but it may not be enough. Rather than be paralyzed by big numbers, retirees-to-be can focus on tracking the smaller amounts they're spending today. Getting a grip on your budget and on the basic tenets of investing now is an important first step in figuring out how much you'll need down the line.

The only way to get a realistic picture of how much you're likely to spend in the future is to create a retirement budget now. You can even plan for the unexpected—say, the adult child who may need a large cash infusion at some point. Mulling every possible expense could help you create a withdrawal strategy that will protect your nest egg from the vagaries of life. And the budget exercise is "a great opportunity to start thinking about how you want to spend your time in retirement," says Judith Ward, Sr. Financial Planner and Vice President of T. Rowe Price Investment Services.

The first step is to take your current take-home pay and make adjustments, perhaps subtracting commuting costs while adding money for travel. This "top-down" approach will give you an idea of how much you may need soon after you retire.

To dig even deeper, use the "bottom-up" method, by developing an estimate for each spending category. You can use a detailed budget worksheet that covers most expenses. This from-scratch


approach provides a better starting point for projecting how expenses could change over time. Even if you're already retired, creating a budget, and updating it regularly, can help you stay on track for years to come.

Even with a well-thought-out budget, the question still arises, "Will my money last as long as I do? Should I consider investing while I'm in retirement?" How do you approach your portfolio now that you're no longer collecting a paycheck? When it comes to investing in retirement, experts say there is one guiding principle: You can't earn back your nest egg without a steady paycheck. So, you'd better make sure you're investing wisely and safely. "When you are still working, and the investment markets don't do what you hope they will, you always have the option of working longer and postponing retirement," says Anthony Webb, senior economist at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. "Once you have retired, you have lost that margin of adjustment."

To be sure, unless you retired on the spur of the moment or grossly neglected your investments, you shouldn't have to revamp your portfolio drastically. Say you plan to withdraw four percent of your total assets in the first year of retirement and to adjust the amount by the rate of inflation in the following years. Such a withdrawal rate is unlikely to deplete your savings over a 30-year retirement. All you need to do is review your investments and determine whether your portfolio properly balances your need for safety, growth and income in a way that will keep you both physically and emotionally comfortable.


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FROM THE COMMISH:

**Lady Smith,
The Commish**

Returning for 2017:
The Softball Commish,
Lady Smith! Read Lady's
comments each month
in *Alive!* during the
softball season.



New Season Brings More Fun, Fans

Hello everyone! It's good to be back for another awesome season of Club Softball.

Much like the staff at Dodger Stadium did during the World Series, the City Employees Club's softball volunteers nurtured and groomed Edward Vincent Park in Inglewood in preparation for the 2017 Fall City Employees Club Softball League. Measurements were taken for home run limitations; quality softballs were inventoried; rulebooks were composed; umpires were contracted; and equipment was purchased.

On Oct. 26, the new softball season kicked off with excitement and nostalgia. Fans and players came from miles around in anticipation of friendly competition and banter. Veteran players reconnected with one another and reminisced on previous seasons. Players also welcomed many great free agents and an awesome new team from the Harbor.

Fan and players enjoyed Club gear as they cheered for remarkable plays. With eager waiting hearts, City Employees Club fans fill the stands with inspiration and a family-style atmosphere weekly, watching with admiration and pride as their team pours every bit of energy they have in fielding that ball or catching that fly. In the air, it can be heard, "Go Sister! Go Dad! You got this, Momma! Great job!" and so on. The games are full of talented players showing how great they perform double plays, hit home runs and skillfully take extra bases.

As we approach the end of the first half of the season, GameTime (once a City Employees Club free agent team) leads the league with OpeRaiders in a close second place. A three-way tie for third place keeps Tug Life, Well-Come Home and Kilawatts at bay, and team NEXT gives the competition no easy wins. These games are a must-see folks! Get down to the park next Thursday. Bring a blanket or two. Bring a friend or two. Prepare to have a wonderful time in the park with the City Employees Club Softball League players, family, and friends. ■



**Cheer on your fellow
department-mates as the season
rolls into great, fun competition!**



**We'll have more information
and photos next month.**



Hey Club Softball League players and fans, we know you take photos at the games. Share them on social media!



HERE'S HOW:

Take your photos. When you post to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, add any of the following hashtags:



Share Your Photos!

#clubsports
#clubsoftball
#cityemployeesclub

That's it! Enjoy the games!

SOFTBALL 2017

Gametime Opens Strong!

**New Club Softball
season nears the
halfway point.**

Welcome to the 2017 season of Club softball! Games have started, and will run through Jan. 25, with time off for the holidays.

In the early going, Gametime has started strong with a 4-0 record, followed by the Operaiders, who are 2-0-2.

Scores

(thru Nov. 9)

Oct. 26

Kilawatts 12, Tug Life 8
Operaiders 18, Next 0
Gametime 17, Well-Come Home 8

Nov. 2

Tug Life 11, Operaiders 11 (tie)
Gametime 15, Kilawatts 4
Well-Come Home 16, Next 7

Nov. 9

Operaiders 17, Kilawatts 4
Tug Life 13, Well-Come Home 12
Gametime 14, Next 0

Nov. 16

Gametime 23, Tug Life 9
Well-Come Home 10, Operaiders 10 (tie)
Killawatts 15, Next 0

New Season, New Location

The Club has chosen a more central location for this year's Club Softball League:

Ed Vincent Park
700 Warren Lane
Inglewood
Diamonds 1 and 2.



**Robert Larios,
The Sports Dude**

Hoops, Bowling, Softball: Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Currently, the Club is coordinating efforts for basketball, bowling and softball. Please contact sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent and for more information.

Images of past sporting events can be found on the Club Website at <http://photos.cityemployeesclub.com/ClubSports>



El Pueblo Historical Monument

Christmas ~ ~ ~ Olvera Street

Alive! photos by
Summy Lam, Glenn
Marzano, John Burnes
and Dearbhla McNulty

**Where Christmas celebrations began
in LA, they continue to thrive.**

When settlers first came to the Southland from Mexico, they brought their Christmas traditions with them and began celebrating the holiday near what is now Olvera Street.

And today, many of those traditions continue with Las Posadas, a Christmas tree lighting, a piñata event, La Pastorela, a Nativity scene, the Feast of the Three Kings, Candelaria ... and of course mariachi bands, *pan dulce*, *champurrado*, restaurants and gifts.

The City's El Pueblo Historical Monument produces these events every year in partnership with several cultural centers, foundations and groups of volunteers.

Haven't been? What are you waiting for? *Alive!* presents a guide to the Christmas events on Olvera Street, and an interview with El Pueblo Historical Monument General Manager Chris Espinosa.

¡Feliz Navidad!

OLVERA STREET'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Tree Lighting

DATE: Dec. 1
TIME: 5-9 p.m.

La Pastorela

DATE: Dec. 16 - 23
TIME: 8:15 p.m.
LOCATION: La Plaza United
Methodist Church

Las Posadas and Piñata Breaking

DATE: Dec. 16-24
TIME: 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Los Tres Reyes

(The Three Kings; Epiphany)
DATE: Jan. 6, 2018
TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

La Candelaria

(the culmination of the Christmas season)
DATE: Feb. 2, 2018
TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information:
www.elpueblo.lacity.org
(213) 485-6855



Alive! Feature

A young reveler during Las Posadas celebrations last year on Olvera Street.



LAS POSADAS

This nine-night presentation of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem is portrayed with singing, ballet folklorico, entertainment, a candlelight procession on Olvera Street and a children's piñata breaking each evening.

Here are some images from last year's Las Posadas.

LAS POSADAS AND PIÑATA BREAKING

The Procession of the Holy Family

The procession begins from the Avila Adobe, the oldest existing home in Los Angeles, and proceeds down Olvera Street.





Dec. 16-24
 6 – 8:30 p.m.
OLVERA STREET

The *Alive!* Interview

**FESTIVALS
 FIT FOR
 FAMILIES**



Chris Espinosa, General Manager, El Pueblo Historical Monument (left) and *Alive!* editor John Burnes in front of the Olvera Street Christmas Tree.

Music and Gathering

Musicians perform in preparation for the procession, while crowds enjoy their free champurrado.



On Jan. 6, the final day of Olvera Street's Christmas celebrations for 2016, *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed Chris Espinosa, General Manager, El Pueblo Historical Monument in his office above Olvera Street. Chris has 17 years of City service.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Chris. First, tell me your path of working for the City.

Chris Espinosa: Sure. I started with the City, with the Chief Legislative Analyst, and I worked there about four years. And then I transferred to the Mayor's Office and I worked under the Villaraigosa administration for seven years. Afterward, I was hired here as the General Manager of El Pueblo Historical Monument. I've been here for about five years [now six].

I think the last time we spoke with you was three years ago now, I guess, when we featured the Siqueiros Mural and the interpretive center. What a tremendous thing that is!

Yes! And we've done some really good projects since then, also. We've opened the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles, and that's in the historic Italian Hall. That building is from 1908. About two months ago [in 2016] we opened another space called the Gateway to Nature, and it's with the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. It's a beautiful shop right across the plaza from Pico House. That's a ten-year lease, and they're promoting public lands. You'll really love it.

And we start construction in the summer of 2017 on both the historic Merced Theatre and Masonic Hall. There's going to be the new Channel 35 TV studio there. In addition, we have a black box studio on the bottom floor that will be available to the public, and we can have events or meetings or performances in the space.

And then I'm working on another really nice project.

What's that?

In early 2017, we're starting on a new History of Water exhibit with the Department of Water and Power, and we'll showcase a portion of the Zanja Madre, the "Mother Ditch" that runs right across Olvera Street. Some of the oldest portions run right here through Olvera. We've uncovered this humongous portion of the Zanja and it's going to be open right here on Olvera

Street as another free museum. We're developing all the informational exhibits and the design. We're working with the Bureau of Engineering again and General Services doing the construction.

We'll have to come back and do that!

You'll love it.

Christmas on Olvera

That's tremendous to catch up on all that. Anyway, let's get to the holidays. Give us an overview of the many different things that happen here during the holidays.

Sure. Pretty much the week after Thanksgiving we start dressing up the beautiful plaza for Christmas. The first thing we do is put up a Nativity scene in the kiosk right there in the plaza. It's a handcrafted, wood-carved, beautiful, antique Nativity scene.

It's huge.

Yes. It's very beautiful and all made out of wood. We partner with Rec and Parks to decorate it. Then we kick off our season with the tree lighting ceremony. Some years we have snow, little train rides, bouncers for kids, and then, you know, mariachi and other kind of performances. And then usually the Councilmember and sometimes the mayor and some of our commissioners - they'll count down and we'll light our tree.

Yes, we were there. It's really fun.

After that we have these really beautiful, very historic Las Posadas events. The Posadas are when Mary and Joseph went searching for a place to have baby Jesus, to give birth.

Right.

They re-enact that procession on Olvera Street on a nightly basis, and they go to the different shops on Olvera Street and visit the different families. On the very last night, they accept the family into their shop. Every night they give free champurrado and pan dulce—bread. The best part about it, though, is before we get rolling on the procession, we have a piñata right here in the plaza. And what's funny - it starts at about 6:30 in the evening

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THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Dec. 1

5 – 9:00 p.m.

OLVERA STREET



The *Alive!* Interview

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and about 6:20 you don't see many people. Suddenly, 6:30 comes and just a hundred or two hundred people just start showing up! And you don't know where they come from! But they come from everywhere, and it's a real fun thing. They play some songs and the kids come in and they get to hit the piñata. It's a diverse group of people – Latinos, and Anglo and African-American and everyone! I always think of these young kids hitting the piñata and then growing up later, remembering, "I hit the piñata down on Olvera Street!" They'll remember those kinds of things for the rest of their lives. Those are the stories we hear all the time: "I grew up on Olvera Street!" or "I came for a field trip when I was in fourth grade." That's a real nice thing for us.

And after the procession on Christmas Day, many of the merchants are open.

Really?

Yes. We get a lot of customers on Christmas Day. You would think that many people stay at home, but actually they love to come down to Olvera Street.

And it's busy today, too, on the feast of the Three Kings, here and at La Placita Catholic Church.

Right, Our Lady Queen of Angels. This is a real festive event as well. The merchants will dress up. I was talking to one of them today. His name is Raphael Caballero. He's been here since the early 1970s. He's a great guy! He dresses as one of the kings, and they'll do a procession down the street.

In addition, we also have dancing in the plaza with some young people. They do traditional dances. It's very nice.

And one other event to mention – La Pastorela, a folk drama re-enactment of the shepherds following the Star of Bethlehem. There's a performance in the La Plaza United Methodist Church. For about six nights in a row, a group called Teatro del Barrio offers free performance for the public.

What's the date of that typically?

That usually runs Dec. 16 through the 24th. That performance is done very well. Juan Bandini and Antonio Coronel, two of the early settlers, used to stage this Pastorela right here in the plaza; it was one of the earliest theatrical events in the City's history. It's a big old fiesta.

Another event you mentioned is Candelaria, sometimes in early February.

Yes. Candelaria celebrates these dolls of baby Jesus. If you go up and down Olvera Street you'll notice that a lot of shops sell these little baby Jesus dolls and the clothing. There are all these intricate outfits that they can dress the baby in, and there's a competition as to who has the most beautiful doll; there are prizes at the end.

We keep it busy here.

Historic Holiday

El Pueblo Historical Monument is really the caretaker of the historical Christmas tradition in L.A.

Right. The City was established in 1781. Some of the early settlements were closer to the L.A. River, but used to get washed out because of storms and the flooding of the river. So the City moved to this higher ground where the current plaza is at around 1818. And that's

when the townhomes and these adobe houses really started to get established. La Placita church was built in 1822.

These traditions were very tight with the community. Las Posadas, La Pastorela – festivals like those were being held by our early settlers. The Olvera Street merchants took these traditional events and made them their own starting in 1930 when Olvera Street was launched by Christine Sterling. So, since 1930, Las Posadas have been going on here, and we have these beautiful paintings by Leo Politi, one of our great children's artists and author. He has these great images of the Posadas taking place here on Olvera Street. They're really great to see, and it's still going on today.

Why is it important for El Pueblo to celebrate these events, to celebrate Christmas the way that you do?

L.A.'s such a large metropolis, and there are so many different places to experience Christmas. I love Christmas Tree Lane up in Altadena. Or a lot of people go over to Riverside to the Mission Inn to see the beautiful light shows that are held over there. And a lot of people have great Christmas trees. But ours are really special, because they're historical in nature. They bring us back to the very beginnings of not just Los Angeles, but of Southern California. Ours are very quaint and very family-friendly, and when you're here in the plaza and down Olvera Street you feel like you're back in the past. That's something very special that you can't get anywhere else. Our bones are authentic. Our buildings are part of the City's history. When you're surrounded with all these festivities and people and just the buildings themselves, you feel like you're going back into the past.

You used the word "authentic," and I think that's key – this is the real deal. Our history remains unbroken today.

I grew up a Mexican-American and very Americanized. I didn't really grow up with the Posadas and these processions. But a lot of people have the Posadas in their neighborhoods. My wife grew up in Baldwin Park and they used to Christmas carol and do the Posadas around the neighborhood. As an adult here in El Pueblo, it takes the City back culturally to some of the very important festivities throughout the years. That's a really nice thing, drinking champurrado and having Mexican sweet bread. It's a tradition.

The thing about the holiday season is really just getting family together. And when you can get family together and do some nice wholesome activities, like singing or hitting a piñata or playing with each other, listening to music and having processions, it's just very sweet. That's the kind of thing that we want to keep going into the future.

You want to pass them along into the future, maybe even develop them.

Yes. We've opened a few new gallery spaces here in El Pueblo. We have a new gallery space called El Tranquilo on Olvera Street. It was in a former merchant shop. We've been talking about coordinating exhibits along with the festivities that we have here during Christmas. One of the things that we were thinking about developing was the Virgin of Guadalupe feast Dec. 12. A lot of people come down here for that. There's a very important Mass across the street at Our Lady Queen of Angels. And then during the night there are a lot of bands that come out and play and families who come out to celebrate.

We were thinking about having a nighttime gallery show to capture some of those people and celebrate.

Chris Espinosa, General Manager, El Pueblo Historical Monument.



We're also talking about having Nativity scenes and having different organizations or individuals make their own and put them here within gallery spaces, so they're nice and safe. We're playing with different ideas.

Like what happens with the altars on Día de los Muertos? Outside groups come in to do their own alter pieces?

The same thing. We get great participation on the Día de los Muertos with the altars.

We're thinking of the same type of idea of giving people a place to express themselves artistically, culturally and with a craft. And this is a great way to get families involved.

A "Feliz Navidad" wreath and door decoration on Olvera Street.



Partners

Right. Talk about volunteers and outside groups who help you. What role do they play in your holiday festivities here?

They're very, very important. The Olvera Street merchants not only have concessions here, but they created a nonprofit, the foundation, to host these festivities. A lot of the families and merchants volunteer their time to gather people to be part of the procession. They also get a lot of different bands and musicians to come on over and perform and play. We also have a very old nonprofit group here called Las Angelitas del Pueblo. They are volunteer docent tour guides who have been around since the early 1960s. And they also help us.

During the tree-lighting festival, all our nonprofits are very active. We have the Friends of the Chinese American Museum and the Italian American Museum who will come out and do children's workshops and art activities here in the plaza. We also have Fuego Tech Fire Rangers, which are youth rangers studying to become either firefighters or U.S. Forest Rangers. They come and participate and hand out the champurrado or bread. We get a lot of participation.

His Favorite Part

What's your favorite part of this whole holiday pageant, between the end of Thanksgiving until Three Kings?

I have to go back to the piñata breaking before the Posadas. I'm very fortunate that my office overlooks the plaza where they set up the piñata ring – it is like a ring, because you have to keep the families out because everybody will race to the candy! This year I saw a young boy who was probably about ten years old, and he was just so excited to beat that piñata in front of maybe 100 or 150 people. Everybody was yelling and screaming for him to break it up, and I could just see his face after he had beaten that piñata. He got one of the legs and put it on his head as a hat. I just thought, "Boy, that kid is going to remember that when he grows up." Those kinds of things stick with you.

For Families

It's such a family atmosphere.

For sure. We try to stay really family-friendly. Sometimes people get a little bit afraid to come to the plaza at night, but this place is very safe. There are a lot of people around, and we're really close to the metro. Union Station has been doing a really great job at also activating their spaces and having Christmas carolers and events and musicians. For people coming on over, it's a real simple way to get to downtown L.A. without the hassle of traffic – just come across the street, have a good time with your family, jump back on the train and head on home.

Union Station looks spectacular for the holidays.

Yes, they're doing a really great job. In the future as they develop plans to improve their property you're going to start seeing a closer relationship between that major transportation hub and El Pueblo.

Generally, I invite all our City family to join us for the Christmas season. So many departments are already part of us at El Pueblo. We have the historic firehouse and all our Fire Dept. friends. The Department of Water and Power has a big role here. ITA and Channel 35 are going to have a big role here. Our friends at General Services; the Public Works Bureaus of Engineering, Street Services and Sanitation; the LAPD, who patrol the area, are all great friends of ours, too. I want all of our City friends to think of us as their second home. I really do!

But please come down for Christmas. It's special.

Thanks for your time today, Chris.

Sure. I appreciate your coming on over and learning more about what we do. ■



During Las Posadas.

THE NATIVITY

The Nativity scene in the plaza's gazebo is handcrafted, wood-carved and antique. Volunteers from Rec and Parks assemble and dismantle it each year.



General Manager Chris Espinosa (right) explains the Nativity scene to *Alive!* editor John Burnes.

Daily
Dec. 1 – Jan. 6
OLVERA STREET



During Las Posadas, the Holy Family is transported as part of the procession.



Friendly Club staff are ready to help you find the perfect gift!



Make the Club Store Your **Holiday Headquarters!**



Great gifts. The Club Christmas Tree. The Club Toy drive. Movie ticket packs. Great Club deals on See's Candy and Honeybaked Hams.

All of this and more are available at the Club Store this Christmas season. Make the Club Store your holiday headquarters!

At the Club Store this December, look for:

GIFT CENTRAL: Fantastic Club merchandise that will be great under your tree.

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THE CLUB TREE!

CLUB TOY DRIVE: Bring an unwrapped gift to be given away as part of the Club's Toy Drive.

Start your holidays at the Club Store!



Don't Forget the Club Webstore!

Most of the items available at the Club Store downtown are also available on the Club Webstore! Go online for a great selection of Club tickets, apparel and other gifts.

The Club Store is ready to help you put great City-themed gifts and apparel under your tree.

NOTE: If you want your delivery before Christmas using standard shipping, Club Webstore orders need to be completed by close of business Dec. 11.

www.cityemployeesclub.com



Santa would be jealous of the City-themed bags for sale at the Club Store!



Gift Certificates!

Club Members can get a certificate for a one-pound box of **See's Candy** for only \$13.95* each. That's a savings of nearly 25 percent! (Limit: 10 See's certificates per Member.) *Special holiday price

Also popular for the holidays are gift cards for **Honeybaked Hams**. Cards are only \$22.50 for a \$25 card, a 10 percent savings. (Limit: Four cards per Member.)

These certificates will go fast, so make sure you stop by the Club Store at your earliest opportunity!

Great Gift Packs and Stocking Stuffers!

Do you have a City Employee on your list? (Or, as a City Employee, maybe you want to drop hints!)

The Club Store has a great selection of fun and thoughtful gifts that are just right for the City Employee's holiday stocking.

Stop by and see the selection.



Movie Tickets Packs!

A Club holiday hit when they were introduced four years ago, Club Movie Ticket Packs are beautifully wrapped bundles of movie tickets ready to go, at the great Club discount. As always, they're the cheapest in the state:

- Regal\$26
- AMC\$33
- (packs of 10)

They're perfect as stocking stuffers, gifts for co-workers or as part of a Secret Santa program, or as regular gifts.



City Seal Ornament
Etched metal \$8
(Presentation box not included.)



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City Seal or DWP Seal beer stein, 34 oz., \$15
Ornament \$4.50
(each, available in royal blue, gold, silver and red) (sold separately)



DWP Seal Mug Set
DWP seal diner mug, retractable badge holder, DWP leather key fob..... \$19.95



City Seal Mug Set
City Seal diner mug, coaster and matching retro skyline bookmark (also available with Van Gogh designs) \$9.95



City Seal Padfolio
City Seal-embossed padfolio, City Seal telescoping umbrella, textured City Seal keychain Padfolio available in black, brown or burgundy \$34.95



City Seal Stein with Cap
City Seal beer stein, B-label cap and City Seal key chain..... \$24.95

Find more holiday gift ideas at www.cityemployeesclub.com

The Club Store*
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(800)464-0452

Club Store Hours: See Page 34

*Validated parking at 220 S. Spring St.



Barbara Davis, Retired (left), stopped by the Club Store to pick up a Honeybaked Ham gift certificate from Customer Service Associate Cristina Ramos.



Holiday Happenings



Donate to the Toy Drive!

As part of its Club Angels program, the Club is gearing up its annual Holiday Toy Drive, held in conjunction with Public Works/Sanitation's West Valley Yard; *Alive!* told you about the yard's incredible toy drive program last year. Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store soon – by the first week of December – and we'll take it from there!

It's best to bring an unwrapped toy that's not fragile.

Please be generous!

Bring your donations to:

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(888) 777-1744



How to Donate

If you want to participate in this year's West Valley Sanitation Yard toy drive, you have two choices:

- 1) drop them off at the yard, 8840 Vanalden Ave., Northridge; or
- 2) drop them off at the Club Store, 120 W. Second St. downtown, and the Club will take care of it.

Deadline

Toys must be dropped off by **Dec. 13**, as West Valley donates the toys to the Guadalupe Center the next day.

Be a Part of a Club Holiday Tradition

It's Party Pix Time

We want to print pictures from your holiday office party in *Alive!*

Is your office having a holiday party? Here are two ways to get your holiday office party pictures into the January *Alive!*:

Take the photos yourself:

Take the photos yourself, and send them in as soon as you can. Digital photos are always best. And make sure you give us a description of the party: when it was, where it was, and if something significant happened, let us know that, too.

Email the photos to:

talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

If there are a lot, it's best to send them in on a thumb drive; put 'em up on Dropbox, Box, or some other cloud service; or deliver (or mail) a CD or DVD to the Club. The address is on the inside front cover. Make sure the photos are as high resolution as you can make them.

We'll take your holiday photos for you:

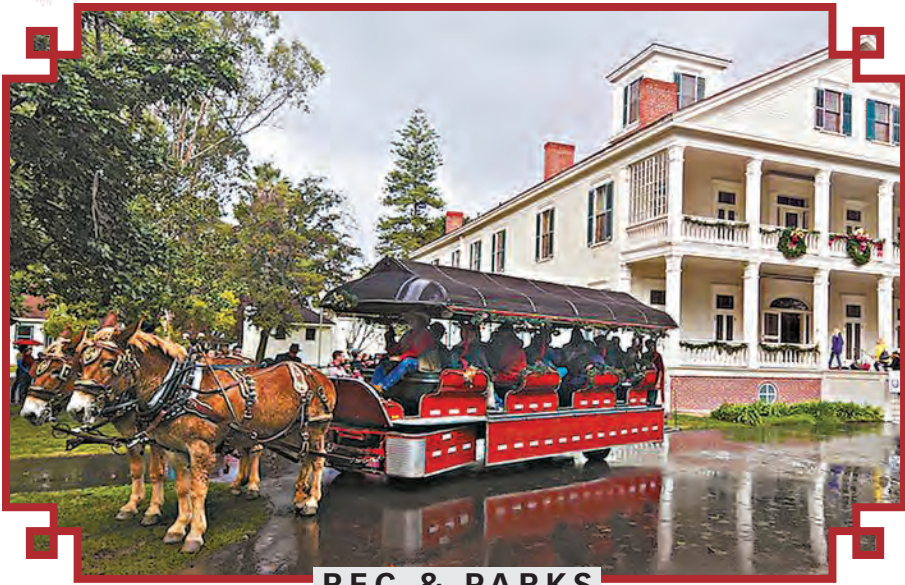
Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a Club Counselor. Please note: There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Club Rep (Arlene Herrero, Angel Gomez, Gedina Bergstrom, Dalila Vielma, Jeanette Gadut, Tiffany Sy, MaryAnn Urdiales, Cheryl Martin or Noelle Kauffman) or email Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We'll do our best to get to as many parties as we can, but we can't guarantee it. Let us know.



See you at the party!



Holiday Happenings



REC & PARKS

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT BANNING

The Banning Museum to host annual Victorian Christmas celebration.

The Victorian in all of us is invited to welcome the holiday season at the Banning Museum's Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration and Open House, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2-3 at the Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., in Wilmington.

This free event is open to the public and promises to be a weekend to remember. Visitors will enjoy period entertainment, tours of the museum decorated in holiday splendor, refreshments, a children's craft and a horse-drawn trolley ride between the Banning Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, which is also presenting a Christmas event that weekend.

Victorian Christmas at the Banning Museum has been an annual holiday tradition in the greater Los Angeles area for more than 30 years. The museum grounds are transformed into a Christmas Festival featuring Victorian-period entertainment, walk-through tours of the festively decorated Banning Mansion, blacksmith demonstrations, refreshments, family holiday crafts, a bake sale, local food vendors and handmade crafts by area artisans, and Jolly Old St. Nick himself will pose for photos with the little ones in an historic carriage. The visitor center will feature a new special exhibit, "The California Column to 900 Miles to Battle," based on the Civil War. The exhibit includes countless impressive artifacts.

Also, the annual Victorian Christmas luncheon is scheduled to take place Friday, Dec. 1, in the Banning Museum Stagecoach Barn and feature special live holiday entertainment. Those attending enjoy an elegant plated lunch, a special sneak preview of the Banning

Museum decorated for a Victorian Christmas, a tour of the Transportation Exhibition and a special exhibit in our Visitor Center. This event has limited seating and sells out quickly. Reservations are being taken now. Tickets for the special luncheon are \$95 for non-members and \$85 for Friends of Banning Museum Members. Information: (310) 548-2005.

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility, operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."

Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

When: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2-3
Hours: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: The Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., Wilmington
Cost: Free admission

Regular museum tours:

Dates: Throughout November and December: Tues. – Thurs.: 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sat. – Sun.: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.
 Closed Christmas Day
Cost (regular tours): \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)
Info: (310) 548-2005 or www.thebanningmuseum.org

ZOO

Beauty Among the Beasts

Holiday Lights is back for its fourth award-winning year

A new, great L.A. holiday tradition has returned for its fourth year.

L.A. Zoo Lights, named one of the "Best Zoo Lights 2016" by USA Today's Readers' Choice travel awards, has returned to illuminate a dazzling wonderland at the Los Angeles Zoo now through Sunday, Jan. 7.

The after-hours attraction, which requires a separate ticket from the Zoo's regular day hours, sets the Zoo's environment aglow with displays, among them tens of thousands of LED lights, flurries of illuminated snowflakes, 3-D animated projections, a musical light-and-water show and glittering light tunnels. A fanciful menagerie of shimmering animal characters brought to "life" include mischievous animated monkeys, a gigantic glowing snake coiled on a roof, animated elephants and much more.

L.A. Zoo Lights creates an atmosphere of wonder and delight unlike anything seen in L.A. before, captivating guests with photo ops galore for an ideal family outing, meet-up with friends or date night.

A self-guided 60- to 90-minute walking tour through select areas of the Zoo – while most L.A. Zoo animal residents are asleep – offers a



unique experience that features the only opportunity in Los Angeles to see real reindeer; visits with Santa Claus on select dates; and steaming hot chocolate, irresistible churros and other holiday treats and goodies for sale.

L.A. Zoo Lights was established in 2014 by the private, nonprofit Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) as a festive tradition to put a new spin on holiday lights in Griffith Park. The attraction is open every night from 6 to 10 p.m. except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Dec. 24-25). Tickets are available at www.lazoolights.org/

L.A. Zoo Lights has been developed in collaboration with art director Gregg Lacy and Bionic League, entertainment-industry partners renowned for remarkable large-scale installations for festivals, stadiums, arenas, clubs, and artists like Daft Punk, Kanye West and many others.

LA Zoo Lights

What: L.A. Zoo Lights, an immersive display lights that guests walk through
When: Through Jan. 7 (nightly except Christmas Eve; closed Christmas)
Time: 6 to 10 p.m.
Cost: Requires a separate admission: Prices not announced yet for 2017 (Last Years: \$14 for adults/seniors and \$11 for children 2-12; chil-

dren under age two are free. Premium night prices higher.
Tickets Available: Online: LAZoolights.org
Location: LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, 5355 Zoo Dr.
Parking: Free
Info: (323) 644-6042 or www.lazoo.org

REC & PARKS

Let it Snow!

Do you like snow? Have you ever seen snow? Rec and Parks is once again planning on bringing lots of it to Pershing Square!

Rec and Parks plans to host the **Winter Holiday Festival** with 90 tons of snow for sledding, a trackless train ride, entertainment, food vendors, craft booths, and a free photo with Santa at Pershing Square. (Ice skating at the next-door Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square is not free.)

Also featured will be a giant gingerbread house, bouncy houses, and food and craft booths.

The **Winter Holiday Festival** kicks off Saturday, Dec. 9, at noon and features an ice skating rink, craft booths, family entertainment and photos with Santa.

For more information visit laparks.org/pershingsquare/winter-holiday-festival.



Winter Holiday Festival 2017

What: Ice-skating rink in Pershing Square
Where: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St.
When: Dec. 9-10, Noon – 7 p.m.,

A Wonderland Train Ride

Griffith Park children's railroad offers a holiday-themed experience.

The Griffith Park and Southern Railroad is back to offering its Holiday Light Festival train rides.

Families are invited for an evening train ride around the festively decorated one mile of track. Magical scenes and tens of thousands of lights are set to captivate families and set the mood for a wonderful holiday season.

The ride runs every night until Dec. 23. The holiday rides resume from Dec. 26 – 30, weather permitting. The trains do not operate in the rain.

The first train will leave at 5 p.m. every day. The last train leaves at 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

This event requires separate tickets that can be bought at the ticket booth in advance or the day of the ride, if available. Tickets, at \$4 per person, are not available online. 18 months and under ride free. Limited tickets will be sold for each evening.

The Griffith Park Railroad is different from Train Town, which used to offer holiday-themed rides as well.

The Griffith Park and Southern Railroad

What: Evening train ride around one mile of track decorated with holiday themes
Where: 4400 Crystal Springs Dr., Griffith Park
For Whom: Adults and children
When: Through Dec. 23; Dec. 26-30
Tickets: \$4 each; free for children 18 months and under
Information: (323) 662-9678, www.griffithparktrainrides.com



Holiday Happenings

Photos by Jamie Pham, L.A. Zoo

ZOO

Moose on the Loose

Zoo brings back annual Reindeer romp.



Reindeer in LA for the holidays.



Reindeer Romp

What: Reindeer Romp, Los Angeles Zoo: reindeer, holiday fun, visits from Santa Claus
When: Now — Jan. 8 (daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day)
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: Free (except Santa photos) with paid Zoo admission (\$21 for general admission, 13 to 61; \$18 for seniors 62-plus), and \$16 for children 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age two. Admission for Zoo Association members is free.
Location: LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, 5355 Zoo Dr.
Parking: Free.
Information: (323) 644-6042 or www.lazoo.org

In addition to its big holiday lights festival, the Zoo also offers holiday fun during the day with its annual Reindeer Romp, the only opportunity to see real reindeer in Los Angeles, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily from Nov. 17 to Jan. 7 (except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day). Guests are invited to make the most of the season with a full day of adventure highlighted by the sight of four wintry visitors – two adults and two adorable youngsters – in their Reindeer Village home. A flurry of other fun on weekends includes holiday crafts for youngsters and more. All Reindeer Romp activities, except Santa photos, are free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$21 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$18 for seniors (ages 62+), and 16 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under 2. Zoo admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.



REC & PARKS

A Civil War Christmas

Drum Barracks Museum in Wilmington recalls the holidays of yesteryear.

The community is invited to welcome the holiday season by traveling back in time at the Drum Barracks Museum, the City's only surviving Civil War-era military structure. Experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

The 17th annual "A Civil War Christmas" is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2-3. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horse-drawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds – visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a soldier's Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event.

Drum Barracks Museum is a Rec and Parks facility.

A Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 2-3
 Regular hours: Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun. Closed Christmas Day.
Tickets: Free for special event (tickets for regular tours: \$5 suggested donation)
Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington
Info: (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org

HARBOR

Christmas by the Sea

Port celebrates the season with two events Dec. 2

On Dec. 2, the Port is hosting an event – Wilmington Winter Wonderland – and sponsoring a second one, the LA Holiday Harbor Afloat Parade.



The Wilmington Winter Wonderland.

Wilmington Winter Wonderland

You'll believe it can snow in the Port during the Wilmington Winter Wonderland. Bring the family and let the kids play in the snow at Wilmington Waterfront Park, 1004 W. C Street in Wilmington. This free event, scheduled from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., is hosted by the Harbor.

Los Angeles Holiday Harbor Afloat Parade

Join harbor community members for this free and festive boat parade on the LA Waterfront, sponsored by the Port. Enjoy the sparkling spectacular parade of boats and celebrate the nation's busiest international trade gateway. Before the parade, at p.m., viewers are invited to enjoy holiday festivities at Banning's Landing Community Center in Wilmington. 6-9 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.laharborholidayafloat.org/>

Holidays by the Sea

What: Two holiday-themed events
When: Sat., Dec. 2
 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.; 6 – 9 p.m.
Cost: Free
Info: www.portofla.org

Club Store Holiday Schedule

Make your plans now to visit the Club Store for all your holiday shopping and end-of-year insurance needs!

Club Webstore

The Club Webstore will be open 24/7 online, but fulfillment of some orders will be processed according to the above schedule.

Shipping

If you want your Club Webstore order to arrive by Christmas, the Club recommends you order by the close of business Monday, Dec. 11. Don't wait!

Club Store Hours

The Club Store will be open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the following exceptions:

- Dec. 25 (Monday): closed for Christmas
- Dec. 26 (Tuesday): open beginning at noon
- Jan. 1 (Monday): closed for New Year's Day
- Jan. 2-3 (Tuesday and Wednesday): open beginning at noon

Members can order from the Club Webstore at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com



The Club Store
 120 West 2nd Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90012



Holiday Happenings

EL PUEBLO

Christmas on Olvera Street

El Pueblo Historical Monument celebrates with Holiday Tree Lighting.

El Pueblo Historical Monument – Olvera Street – plans to kick off its Christmas season from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 by lighting its public Christmas tree.

The event included food, mariachi music, dancing, costumes and of course officials throwing the switch to illuminate the tree on Los Angeles’ historic district.

Olvera Street Tree Lighting

When: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1
Where: Olvera Street, Downtown
Including: Entertainment for the family, food, costumes, etc.
Cost: Free admission
Info: www.elpueblo.lacity.org



From 2014: Mayor Eric Garcetti, El Pueblo Commissioner Robert Vinson and some children turn on the lights for the event.



Mariachis Divas de Cindy Shea performed at the tree lighting in 2014.

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Movie Tickets Packs are perfect as stocking stuffers, gifts for co-workers or as part of a Secret Santa program, or as regular gifts.



Holiday Happenings



Lace 'em Up at Pershing

Rec and Parks' 20th annual ice skating rink in Pershing Square runs through Jan. 15.

The Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square returns downtown through Jan. 15. The beloved recreational landmark will kick off its 20th anniversary season with a festive series of free community and special events, including its Ice Breaker: Opening Celebration and Birthday Party, DJ Spotlights, Learn to Curl, Silent Skate Party, and Polar Bear Skate: The LA Edition.

For 20 years, the Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square has brought winter fun to sunny Los Angeles. At 7,200 square feet, it is the City's largest outdoor rink, offering visitors professional-quality real ice for skating and entertainment. This year's sponsors and media partners will include Bai, Eventbrite, Disney's Aladdin, LA Weekly, Metro, Metrolink, Yelp and Rec and Parks. A portion of all proceeds will benefit Rec and Parks.

In addition to providing hundreds of thousands of visitors and Los Angeles locals with a fun-filled outdoor ice-

skating experience each year, the iconic venue also hosts several community events:

DJ Spotlights

Select Thursdays from 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Visitors can showcase their skating and dance skills as they swirl about the rink to a litany of popular songs selected by DJ HowLy. The 2017 series officially begins Nov. 16.

Arabian Nights: Disney's Aladdin Theme Skate Every Wednesday, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Guests will imagine themselves on a magic carpet ride as this unique new event will feature special purple rink lighting and music from the *Aladdin* original Broadway cast recording.

Learn to Curl

Dec. 17 and Jan. 14, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Visitors are encouraged to channel their inner Winter Olympian at this beginners' curling pop-up hosted by the Hollywood Curling Club. Advanced registration is required.

Silent Skate Party

Dec. 13, 7 - 9:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., visitors are invited to dress up in their most festive attire as they partake in a fun-filled holiday skate party. There will be three different channels of music to dance/skate to, and the event is open to individuals of all ages.

Polar Bear Skate: The LA Edition

Jan. 1, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Experience Canada's Polar Bear Plunge done the California way. Skaters are invited to ring in the New Year...in their choicest, wildest, and most inventive beach attire, of course. Spectators will judge as prizes are awarded based on theme, originality, and overall appearance.

General admission to the rink is \$13 with skate rental included, and special group rates are offered Monday through Thursday. Tickets can be bought at the ice rink ticket window or in advance online at www.holidayicerinkdowntownla.com.

Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square

What: Ice-skating rink in Pershing Square
Where: 532 S. Olive St. downtown
When: Every day through Jan. 15
Cost: Regular skate session admission \$13; skate rental included. Purchase tickets at the rink or in advance at: www.holidayicerinkdowntownla.com
 Group rates, private party and special event pricing available.
Hours: *Now - Dec. 14:*
 Mon. - Thurs., 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Saturday, 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Sunday, 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 - 30: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. daily
Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Dec. 25 (Christmas): 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve): 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Jan. 2 - Jan. 15:
 Mon-Thurs.: 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat.: 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Sunday: 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Info: (213) 624-4289
www.holidayicerinkdowntownla.com

Rec and Parks is a sponsor of the event.

46th Annual Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association

Holiday Reception

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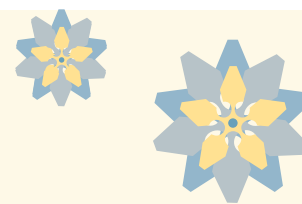
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Life's Important Moments



Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to:

Alive!, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012



New Members

Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

Airports

- Anthony Aliaga
- Max Archer
- Natalia Atkinson
- Blair Benmoin
- Bernardita Bernardo
- Mario Gonzalez
- Lorenzo Gonzalez
- Neal Johnson
- James Johnson
- Len Kung
- Hai An Lam
- John Lucas
- Brian Mack
- Jesus Mitchell
- Cardell Overstreet Jr.
- Erwin Ramirez
- Melanie Roberts
- Janice Sanders
- Crystal Williams

Animal Services

- Victoria Garcia
- Jade London

Building and Safety

- Agustin Alvarez
- Andey Chaparro
- Kevin Cheng
- Dave Evangelista
- Katya Rodriguez
- Jonathan Simona
- Jessie Tan
- Craig Vaughan

City Attorney

- Eduardo Angeles
- Jennifer Flores

General Services

- Jose Garcia Barajas
- Ananias Limbo
- Eric Sotelo
- David Trice-Robertson

Harbor

- Vincent Barron
- Pablo De La Torre
- Raymond Escobar

LACERS

- Lian Macdonough
- Martha Mirano

Library

- Sunghyo Kim
- Karlyn Williams

LAFD

- Cindy Rivota

LAPD

- Francisco Aceves
- Juan Aguilar
- Maribel Aranda
- Robert Arellano
- Anthony Barrios
- Zack Castillo
- Steve Ceja

- Elvis Franco
- Jacquelyne Graciano
- Wilson Juarez-Medina
- Sandy Lai
- Richard Lomeli
- Alora Perna
- Jose Portillo
- Claudia Rodriguez
- Gabriel Sanchez
- Ana Scott
- Regina Smith
- Armen Tomanian
- Lewis Tse
- Brandy Valle
- Daevion Wallace
- Cathy Wilder
- Jacinto Zavala

PUBLIC WORKS

Contract Administration

- Anthony Cruze
- Christopher Pacheco
- Dereck Prepchuk
- Sheimeikaa Wagstaff

Sanitation

- Anthony Anderson
- Soseh Baboumian
- Kurt Boyer
- Jose Cabrera
- Joseph Cuevas
- Anthony Diaz
- Melissa Drieslein
- Sandra Gamez
- Adam Garcia
- Jermaine Jackson
- Marisol Lemus
- Dennisse Obeso
- Darrin Peterson
- David Prater II
- Saul Ramos
- Christina Reyes
- Arlencia Rivera
- Lorena Rodriguez
- Bailey Terrones
- Randy Torres S.R.
- Jesus Vivanco

Street Lighting

- Jimmy Alvarez

Street Services

- Brian Briggs
- Jarayco Harris
- Robert Hughes
- Nikia Jordan
- Thomas Nichols
- Raymond Shirley
- Matthew Wood

Rec and Parks

- Gerardo Adame
- Carlos Angulo
- Jesse Barahona
- Claudia Barrios
- Gerardo Carbajal
- Manuel Carranza
- Joann Chung-Lee
- Noah Duran

- Daniel Enriquez
- David Gavino
- Angelica Gomez Arriaga
- Ruben Guzman Jr.
- Flavio Huerta
- Kevin Lainez
- Jimena Marquez Roman
- Lamont Mccuen
- Sandra Pineda
- Anni Quach
- Joseph Villagrana

Transportation

- Hamid Ghaemmaghani
- Joanna Morales
- Madelyn Taylor
- Sheila Wagner
- Tamika Wagner

DWP

- Timothy Achema
- Elizabeth Barbosa
- Keith Bauer
- Robert Burgoo
- Jesse Chatman
- Javier Dominguez
- Brad Fiske
- Ricardo Garcia
- Ricky Gonzales
- Abraham Hernandez
- Dwayne Hogue
- Karen Johnson
- Chacko Kuriakose
- Frank Montenegro
- James Okray
- Jewell Padua
- Vanessa Ramos
- Michael Robles
- Joseph Ronge
- Jorge Santos
- Scott Smith
- Laurence Springer
- Tikara Tapp
- Brian Trejo
- Idalberto Vargas-Lugo
- Angel Villafana
- Claudette Wicker
- Gabriel Ybarra
- Linda Yep
- Michelle Yun

Other

- Arian Abrishami
- Gina Aguilar
- Edith Bon Sanchez
- Bertha Burton
- Roseann Cammisso
- Louis Ciminieri
- Luis De Santos
- Jonathan Della
- Mikayla Dooley-Sprague
- Adolfo Duenas
- Jose Gomez
- Travis Hamby
- Deanna Mack
- Betty Marcelin
- John Mckaskie Jr
- Ryan Quiroga
- Ofelia Reyno
- Jason Ross
- Rudy Villafana

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Active			
Ardoin, Margaret	Transportation 23	Henderson, Leslie	Public Works 38
Bell, Viola	Public Works 3	Hinton, Richard	DWP 34
Buckley, Bobby	Public Works 22	Hunter, Gene	Public Works 32
Culver, Jerry	Public Works 1	Jones, David	DWP 31
Desai, Vijay	Public Works 17	Jones, Evelyn	Public Works 48
Garcia, Jose Juan	Rec and Parks 1	Jones, Wyman	Library 19
Jacobson, Kathy	DWP 31	Keener, David	DWP 20
Jimenez, Roberto	Transportation 9	Lacy, James	Gen. Services 25
Johnson, Allen	Airports 10	Mayo, Gustavo	Gen. Services 18
Madera, Rigoberto	Rec and Parks 9	Manders, John	Gen. Services 26
Padilla, Rudolph	Public Works 12	Marceline, Alexander	Gen. Services 30
Pearl, Yolanda Carlisle	City Attorney 33	Mezger, Eugene	Gen. Services 11
Ratzlaff, Daniel	DWP 35	Moore, Donald	Harbor 34
Roberson, Antonette	General Services 27	Morgan, Leslie	General Services 30
Sanchez, Samuel Jr.	Transportation 9	Oh, Sammy	DWP 31
Schmerbeck, Gary	DWP 28	Osborne, Emmitt	DWP 26
Tijerina, Elizandro	Rec and Parks 2	Pina, Pedro	Public Works 29
Wiedmann, Matthew	Rec and Parks 1	Pletz, Michael	Public Works 31
Retired		Presley, Nathaniel	Gen. Services 25
Ahlstrom, Romaine	Library 24	Price, Cornelius	Public Works 8
Anderson, Andy	Public Works 33	Quinn, Dolores	DWP 33
Anson, Margaret	Nghbd. Empowerment 23	Rodriguez, Tomas	Rec and Parks 8
Banks, Nancy	LAPD 21	Romo, Russell	Public Works 36
Barnett, Edgar	Public Works 31	Romo, Victor	DWP 30
Batchelor, Mollie	DWP 15	Rush, Donna	LAPD 24
Beagin, Mary	DWP 17	Sanchez, Anthony	LAPD 16
Berg, Donald	DWP 20	Scott, Nellie	DWP 25
Breezley, Ronald	Harbor 32	Seybert, Charles Jr.	DWP 34
Brown, Fred	Public Works 38	Shannon, Dennis	Public Works 35
Calagday, Rodolfo	General Services 26	Stevens, Milton	LAPD 32
Carr, Lloyd	DWP 32	Sumlin, David	DWP 25
Clifford, William	Public Works 33	Taguchi, Richard	Public Works 27
Cotton, Elijah	Public Works 27	Talbert, Fondro	Gen. Services 38
Dock, Beulah	LAPD 22	Temple, Wilbur	LAPD 38
Foltz, John	DWP 39	Tenbrook, Robert	Gen. Services 10
Frierson, Susie	Library 43	Tennison, Charles	Airports 17
Gaetz, Thomas	Public Works 30	Walker, Elvie	Public Works 27
Garcia, John	DWP 27	Walker, Lydia	DWP 24
George, Betty	DWP 28	Whatley, Lindsay	Public Works 29
Goggin, John	Bldg. & Safety 20	Wiens, James	LAFD 30
Greene, Nathaniel	Public Works 27	Winters, Reuben	DWP 26
Grober, Ruth	Public Works 24	Yamaoka, Betty	Library 20
Gutierrez, Raymond	Public Works 19	Yoshimura, Midori	DWP 32

Tell Their Story

Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died.

But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to *Alive!* and letting us know. *Tell their story!*

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
 - Send in a photo, if you have one
 - Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
 - Send your memories to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.
- Subject line:** *Tell Their Story*



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Please don't send the only one you have!



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



"After taking hundreds of sunset photos, there is always that one that stands out above the rest. This was taken above Royal Palms in San Pedro. It looked like the sun exploded into the ocean. Used at least two rolls of 35mm film."

— **John Nance, Retired, DWP**

John's comment: Heh heh, I know the feeling, John! Except ... I love that you're still using film. If there's still an argument for going old school, this photo is it. Awesome!



"In awe of the beautiful majestic trees, while hiking through the forest of Lake Arrowhead."

— **John Sousa, Airport Police**

John's comment: The majesty of growing up straight and true, patient and steadfast, simple and beautiful. Thanks for bringing it all into focus!



"I got to take this awesome view of the Sydney Opera House on our trip in September. It was a cool and cloudy spring (Down Under) morning with the sun high in the sky while LA was suffering an interminable heat wave! It was a memorable trip and a memorable building. Taken with my iPhone 7+. Enjoy!"

— **David Bunjac, General Services**

John's comment: Amazing, David, you and I might have passed each other in the Sydney Airport – I was there, too, with my daughter. But enough about that ... I've seen the Sydney Opera House from just about every angle, but not this one. With the edges of the "sails," it looks like you've caught the trajectory of a bouncing ball in mid-flight. Nice!



"Paradise Falls Trail – I believe it's Wildwood Regional Park, in the Simi Valley/ Thousand Oaks area. Also where the Chumash Indian caves are. I downloaded an app called All Trails; it's been taking me some pretty cool places."

— **Joshua Martinez, Rec and Parks**

John's comment: I haven't seen this swimming hole before, Joshua. I'm going to have to send this to our Angel Gomez for an upcoming "Be Alive!" feature. As for the photo, it's a beautiful composition – the waterfall leads me right to the visitor sitting there full of peace – and now I am, too.



"Here's another shot for your consideration, recently taken on the Greek island of Skopelos. The sun was slowly sliding into the Aegean Sea behind a pair of trees."

— **Yves Didier, LAPD**

John's comment: Simplicity is the name of the game here, Yves. You have four elements, all basic, and all perfectly balanced. I've seen a lot of calmness in the photos I've received this month ... maybe that's telling me something. It's time to get some holiday relaxation! Thanks for your great eye here.

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, **please send the full, original digital file yourself**, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Look for our next contest in the January edition of *Alive!*

Coloring with The Club

Compiled by Club Customer Service Associates:

Guadalupe Lira Mia Victoria Garcia Karina Lopez Cristina Ramos



Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!
Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win **4 Free Tickets to Medieval Times!**

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT.
Keenan Mageno	2	Frank Mageno	Retiree
Allison Tiet	3	Than Tiet	DWP
Janelle Parra	3	Armando Parra	General Services
Matthew Rosas	3	Nicholas Rosas	DWP
Dylan Soto	4	Juan Soto	LAPD
Emma Tiet	4	Than Tiet	DWP
Madelyn Mattar	4	Santiago Monge	Retiree
McKenzie Wall	4	Ann McNamara	LAPD
Milana Mihalek	4	Gary Kenton	Retiree
Autumn Lira	5	Fred Lira	DWP
Ethan Palacios	5	Edwin Palacios	Airport Police
Jasmine Parra	5	Janelle Parra	Economic/Workforce Dev.
Jayde Martin	5	Mario Martin	General Services
William Wamsley	5	Steve Wamsley	Rec and Parks
Abigail Cadby	6	Edwin Wold	DWP
Christian Adame	6	Kara Adame	LAPD
Hazel Hinton	6	Albert Hinton	Retiree
Jake Hernandez	6	Alan Hernandez	Airport Police
Jet Flores	6	Guadalupe Mendoza	Retiree
Lysander Maldonado	6	Gabriel Maldonado	DWP
Oliver Martinez	6	Stephen Martinez	Airports
Ryan Jensen	6	James Jensen	Building and Safety
Whitney Derby	6	Chad Derby	LACERS
Imani Mason	7	Monica Nelson	Retiree
Lorenzo Alvarado	7	Jasmine Alvarado	LAFD
Megan Dormani	7	Farhad Dormani	DWP
Myah Mendez	7	Rodrigo Mendez	DWP
Madison Kuzichev	7	Alfred Kuzichev	LAFD
Ruby Andrade	7	Richard Andrade	Airports
Gavriel Pinchas	8	Valeria Valdez	City Attorney
Henry Girard	8	Sue Girard-Manzo	LAFD
Joshua Jensen	8	James Jensen	Building and Safety
Kelsey Remolino	8	Kyle Remolino	LAPD
Malia Murga	8	Vicky Chan	Retiree
Matthew Lansang	8	Leann Lansang	LAPD
Rose Williams	8	Marvin Williams	Retiree
Sam Girard	8	Sue Girard-Manzo	LAFD
Annabelle Cirivello	9	Meghan Cirivello	LAPD
Carlos Rayo	9	Juan Carlos Royo	General Services
Emerson Parish	9	Ed Wold	Retiree
Ethan Alvarado	9	Jasmine Alvarado	LAFD
Jackson Cadby	9	Ed Wold	Retiree
Ryan Ishida	9	Kevin Ishida	LAPD
Amy Lindsey	10	Rita Lindsey	Public Works
Ava Martinez	10	Alfonso Martinez	Public Works
Chris Cailotto	10	Jeremy Cailotto	General Services
Emily Gutierrez	10	Nicolas Gutierrez	General Services
Garrett Viado	10	Leticia Lopez	Rec and Parks
Jane Girard	10	Sue Girard-Manzo	LAFD
Lily Rigney	10	Patrick Rigney	Public Works
Olivia Parish	10	Ed Wold	Retiree
Sierra Barry	10	Amber England	DWP
Christopher Lopez	11	Ricardo Lopez	Transportation
Giovanna Pemble	11	Gail Staugaard	Retiree
Jaelynn Parish	11	Ed Wold	Retiree
Joel Duarte	11	Mario Duarte	General Services
Arianna Roberts	12	Satoru Tanaka	Retiree
Ashlee Hinton	12	Albert Hinton	Retiree
Kaden Drake	12	Donnea Drake	General Services
Victor Tario	12	Jenipher Quintanilla	Airports
Allison Kim	13	Yang Kim	DWP
Celina Mendoza	13	Gerardo Mendoza	Rec and Parks
Melanie Thongthoi	13	Manaspor Khantisiri	LAPD



William Wamsley, 5

BIRTHDAY: June 26 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Curios George"
FAVORITE SNACK: Cheese n' Crackers • BEST FRIEND: Rebecca
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO MEDIEVAL TIMES? I want me and my family to go because we have never been there.
• PARENT: Steve Wamsley, Electrician, Rec&Parks



Hazel Hinton, 6

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 4 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Puppydog Pounce"
FAVORITE SNACK: Cheese Itz • BEST FRIEND: Sophi T.
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO MEDIEVAL TIMES? I have never been and it would be exciting.
PARENT: Albert L. Hinton, Building Inspector, Ret



Garrett Viado, 10

BIRTHDAY: Oct. 13 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Flash"
FAVORITE SNACK: Activia Yogurt • BEST FRIEND: Howard
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO MEDIEVAL TIMES? I want to go because I've never been and my little sister likes pirates.
• PARENT: Leticia Lopez, Recreation Facility Director, Rec&Parks



Melanie Thongthai, 11

BIRTHDAY: Dec. 23 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Riverdale"
FAVORITE SNACK: Chips and Candy • BEST FRIEND: Aiko
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO MEDIEVAL TIMES? I would like to go to this park because I've never been there and I would love to watch the shows and enjoy the food.
• PARENT: Manaspor Khantisiri, PSR



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THE CLUB

They Went to *HAMILTON!*

Thanks to the Club!



"Thanks, guys!"
– Rosalind and Karl Guder,
General Services

In early August, the Club announced a great deal on tickets to *Hamilton*, the super-cool new musical at the Pantages. It's the hottest ticket in town, with tickets on the secondary market going for many hundreds of dollars each, if you can find them.

The Club secured some tickets and made them available to Club Members at an incredible price – but because of the very limited number available, the Club created an essay contest.

The response was overwhelming.

Here, we print another reaction of a winner of Club *Hamilton* tickets.

Congratulations to the winners!

CLUB Cooking Contest

Chef Robert Larios



Christmas Cookies With the Club!

Send in your holiday cookie recipe with a photo.

Do you have a favorite holiday cookie recipe? Of course you do!

When you're making your cookies this season, take a photo of yourself holding the plate with the finished product, and send it in with the recipe. We hope to print all the submissions in our January issue. If we print yours, Chef Larios will send you a small gift:

A \$25 Trader Joe's gift card!

It's all for fun in the spirit of the holidays. (Any holiday this season is fine – Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year's, Kwanzaa, etc.) So send in your holiday cookie recipe!

Win a \$25
Trader Joe's
Gift Card!



DEADLINE: Dec. 15

Send the recipe and photo to
Talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Cooking with the Club

Photos: Patty M. Larios

with Chef Robert Larios



Red Lentil Dal and Chickpeas With Spinach

Vegetarian dishes are packed with flavor if done right. It requires the release of flavors from the ingredients and spices during the cooking process. That is why I am sharing this wonderful Indian dish that is quick and easy

to make. I must admit I was a little skeptical about locating some of the ingredients, but most supermarket and specialty stores carry dal spice blends and Marash chile flakes.

iBuen provecho!

Chef Larios

Red Lentil Dal and Chickpeas *With Spinach*

**Inspired by original recipe from Sun Basket (sunbasket.com).*

Serves 2

INGREDIENTS:

- red onion
- 1 or 2 carrots (about 6 ounces total)
- 3/4 cup red lentils
- Dal spice blend (coriander, ground ginger, granulated garlic, turmeric)
- 1/2 teaspoon Marash chile flakes (optional)
- 1 cup diced tomatoes
- 1 naan
- 1 cup cooked chickpeas
- 2 or 3 sprigs fresh dill
- 5 ounces spinach

Cooking TIDBIT

You may use kale instead of spinach or an equal combination of the two.

[Food Lover's Dictionary:]



Dal :

From a Sanskrit word that means "to split" or "burst open," the word dal refers to the split dried pulses, such as lentils, peas, or beans, from which it is traditionally made.

Sun Basket. Chickpea and red lentil dal with kale and warm naan. 2017. (Accessed November 16, 2017): <https://sunbasket.com/recipe/chickpea-and-red-lentil-dal-with-kale-and-warm-naan>

Food Quote

"Don't go and cook Indian food if you've never cooked Indian food, you know?"

– Wolfgang Puck

DIRECTIONS:

- 1** *Rinse the rice.* Start the dal by first peeling and finely chopping red onion to measure 1 cup. Scrub or peel the carrots and trim off the ends; cut the carrots in half lengthwise, then crosswise on the diagonal into one-quarter-inch-thick slices. Rinse the lentils. In a medium sauce pot over medium-high heat, warm 2 tablespoons oil until hot but not smoking. Add the onion and carrots, season with salt and pepper, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables start to soften, 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in the dal spice blend and as much Marash chile as you like and cook until fragrant, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the lentils, tomatoes, and 3 cups water. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the lentils are tender, 18 to 20 minutes. When the lentils are almost done, prepare the naan and the remaining ingredients.



- 2** Finish the dal by rinsing the chickpeas. Coarsely chop the dill. When the lentils are tender, stir in the chickpeas and kale and cook until the chickpeas are warmed through and the kale is just wilted, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the dill. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



- 3** *Serve:* transfer the dal to individual bowls and serve with toasted naan.



GENERAL SERVICES

Story and photos by MaryAnn Urdiales (right), Club Counselor, and Noelle Kauffman (far right), Member Services Manager



Custodian Appreciation Day

Thanks, Custodians!

General Services hosts annual Custodian Appreciation Day.

On Nov. 2, General Services held its 20th annual Custodian Appreciation Day and Custodial Service Awards downtown.

Custodians, Dept. Directors, elected officials and union representatives gathered in the LAPD Auditorium and on the south lawn of City Hall for the appreciation event.

SEIU Local 721 and LIUNA Local 777 sponsored the event and provided the delicious food and prizes. Many awards were presented, including Custodian of the Year, Sr. Custodian of the Year, Custodian Supervisor of the Year, and pins and certificates.

The City Employees Club proudly supports the City's Custodians and loves covering this event each year. Thank you for all your hard work!

Special thanks go to Loretta M. Quenon, Director; Tony Royster, General Manager; and Valerie Melloff, Assistant General Manager.



Award recipients.



The Custodial Services Awards.



From left: Eduardo Sermeno, Custodian, 3 years of City Service, Club Member; Cesar Avalos, Sr. Management Analyst, 11 years; Hugo Olguin, Custodian, 4 years, Club Member; Tony Royster, General Manager, 24 years, Club Member; and Wayne Scranton, Retired, General Services, 30 years, Club Member.

Thank you, Custodians, for everything you do to make our City great!



From left: Jose Castro, Custodian, 13 years of City Service, Club Member; and Sergio Santos, Custodian, 20 years, Club Member.



From left: Tomas Estanislao, Custodian, 2 years of City Service, Club Member; Rocio Colmenares, Custodian, 15 years, Club Member; Adeniyi Paris, Custodian, 17 years, Club Member; and Jarmine Sparks, Supervisor, 15 years, Club Member.



Award recipients.



From left: Benzo Jenkins, Sr. Custodian, 1 year of City Service, Club Member; and Tommy Davis, Custodian, 15 years, Club Member.



Loretta M. Quenon, Director, Club Member.



Valerie Melloff, Assistant General Manager, Club Member.



Tony Royster, General Manager, 24 years of City Service, Club Member.



Award recipients.



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From left: Derrick Shannon, Custodian, 18 years of City Service, Club Member; Victoria Hobbs, Head Custodian Supervisor, 28 years, Club Member; and Fred Abraham, Head Custodian Supervisor, 24 years.



From left: Angela Montez, Custodian, 20 years of City Service; Guadalupe Marzon, Custodian, 2 years; Maria Rodriguez, Custodian, 15 years, Club Member; Laticia Franquaz, Custodian, 17 years, Club Member; Sanjoana De La Torre Salas, Sr. Custodian, 10 years; and Josefina Raya, Custodian, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Alejandra Lopez, Custodian, 15 years of City Service, Club Member; Maria Aguilar, Custodian, 3 years; and Maria Coveas, Custodian, 15 years.



From left: Ahmed Wako, Custodian, 20 years of City Service; Odilio Lopez, Custodian, 9 years, Club Member; Jenaro V., Custodian, 14 years; and Willy Carreon, Custodian, 19 years.



Back row, from left: Jarmine Sparks, Supervisor, 15 years of City Service, Club Member; Chante Andrews, Sr. Custodian, 1 month, Club Member. Front: Porretta Siders, Custodian, 10 years, Club Member; LaSann Gilyard, Sr. Custodian, 17 years, Club Member; Charlotte Dunn, Custodian, 7 years, Club Member; and Lisa Edwards, Sr. Custodian, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Guillermo Fierros, Custodian, 13 years of City Service, Club Member; and Filadelfo Calderon, Custodian, 18 years, Club Member.



Alma Mayes, Club Member, receives the Mayor's Award.



From left: Hugo Olguin, Custodian, 4 years of City Service, Club Member; and Glenn Penny, Custodian Supervisor, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Hugo Olguin, Custodian, 4 years of City Service, Club Member; Loretta M. Quenon, Director, Club Member; and Othello Alen, Custodian, 33 years.



From left: Keyisha Tyler, Custodian Supervisor, 15 years of City Service; Jessica Davis, Sr. Custodian, 11 years, Club Member; Liz Thatcher, Supervisor, 19 years, Club Member; and Tamika Paterson, Custodian Supervisor, 15 years.




From left: Darryl Thomas, Custodian Supervisor, 9 years of City Service; Isaac Lizaola, Acting Sr. Custodian, 15 years; David; Heidi Quintana, Custodian, 1 year; and Dionna Sanders, Custodian, 23 years.


CLASSIFIED ADS

Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

- For Sale:** auto. 2018 Acura TLX, black. \$2,500 down, take over payments. Connie, (310) 237-3318. 12/17
- For Sale:** photo darkroom equipment. Enlargers, printers, easels, trays, timers, chemicals. \$5-\$150. John, (818) 846-5602. 12/17
- For Sale:** couch/cover. French Provincial style, w/ matching chair cover. Champagne brocade fabric. Best offer. (323) 750-8461. 12/17
- For Sale:** book case. Double walnut. Good quality. One side shelves only; other side has shelves on top. Middle area opens into mini office; double doors below that can open for storage. Best offer. (323) 750-8461. 12/17
-  **For Sale:** 2003 Ford Thunderbird. Beautiful, classic, 2-door. Platinum gray; light tinted windows, chrome wheels. Hard top w/stand, convertible, black leather seats, AM/FM/CD, air. 35,394 miles. \$25,000 OBO. Maxine, (323) 298-5274. 12/17
- Wanted:** room to rent. Senior man (75) looking to rent sleeping room only. Prefer Glendale, Montrose, Pasadena areas. Donald McAdams, (818) 445-6180. 12/17
- For Sale:** portable patio/carport. Frame, white tarp, weights. Exclnt weather protection. \$50, cash. d_a385@yahoo.com 12/17
- Wanted:** room to rent. Senior man (75) looking to rent sleeping room only. Prefer Glendale, Montrose, Pasadena areas. Donald McAdams, (818) 445-6180. 12/17

Transport

-  **For Sale:** Auto. 1972 Ford Maverick. 250ci 6 cyl.; am/fm stereo, runs great. Great body, new paint. Asking \$3,500. Lou Suarez, (626) 320-5169. 10/11
- For Sale:** Car. 1967 Volkswagen Beetle, good cond. New 1776cc engine. Freeway Flyer trans., front tires, upholstery, much more. Asking \$4,500. mcp794@hotmail.com, or text Mark, (626) 534-2004. 10/17
- For Sale:** Beautiful classical 2-door 2003 Ford Thunderbird. Platinum Gray; light tinted windows, chrome wheels. Hard top w/stand, convertible, black leather seats, AM/FM radio, CD player air, 36,000 miles. Asking. \$20K OBO. Maxine, (323) 298-5274. 9/17
-  **For Sale:** Motorcycle. Harley-Davidson, 2006. Road King Classic. 10,000 miles. Black/chrome. Windshield, cover, saddlebags, exclnt. cond. Rarely used. \$10,000 OBO. Tony, (562) 274-6251. 8/17
-  **For Sale:** Car. 1993 Toyota Camry LE, approx. 250,000 miles. Passed emissions Aug. 2016. Cat. converter replaced. New tires, radiator, water pump. New front lower left and right control arms included in trunk. Asking \$1,000. Valerie Brown-McCain, (323) 377-6241. 7/17
-  **For Sale:** 1939 Hudson Utility Coupe. Only '39 known! \$33,333 OBO. Paul Thomas (909) 233-4420. 6/17
-  **For Sale:** 2005 Harley-Davidson Screaming Eagle Fatboy. 23,000 miles. Exclnt. cond. Vance and Hines exhaust. Windshield, cover, travel bags. \$9,500 OBO. Text/call John Long, (909) 837-8347. 6/17
-  **For Sale:** Pickup truck. Ford F-250 XLT. 2003. Very good cond. V10. 111,000 miles. Good tires. \$10,500 OBO. Text/call John Long, (909) 837-8347. 6/17
-  **For Sale:** ATVs (2). 2013 125cc Coolster; 2003 ex 400 Honda. \$2,000 for the set. Roy Ponce, rewroy.rp@gmail.com 6/17
-  **For sale:** Chevy El Camino. 1982, ruby red. New engine under 8,000 miles. Interior, paint redone. Automatic, A/C, clean. Must sell. \$23,000 OBO. Rudy, (310) 626-0255. 3/17
-  **For sale:** Pickup truck. 2015 GMC Canyon. Metallic green. 2WD. SLT. 3.6L V6. Crew cab, long box. Leather. 3,456 miles. \$28,000 OBO. Alejandro, (562) 665-7127. 3/17
-  **For sale:** 2008 Harley-Davidson Rocker FXCWC 3,200 original miles, always garaged, custom fishtail pipes, S&S 510 G cams, Windvest detachable windshield, 6 speed, 16" Chubby apes, custom seat. \$14,000. 3/17
- For sale:** Motorcycle. 2008 Harley-Davidson Rocker, FXCWC. 3,200 miles. 6 speed. Garaged. Custom fishtail pipes, S&S 510 G cams, Windvest detachable windshield, 16" Chubby apes, custom seat. \$14,000. Danny, (323) 605-8405. 1/17
-  **For Sale:** Delivery truck. Ford Vanette, 1955. Original engine, solid body, new brakes, suspension. Could be your next food truck or rat rod! \$6,500. (951) 532-5766. 12/16
-  **For Sale:** 1967 Chevy Camaro convertible. Original everything. Perfect project car. Must offer. \$25,000 OBO. (310) 753-9522. 11/16
-  **For Sale:** SUV. Range Rover HSE, 2003. Green. Cream leather int. 180,000 miles. Well-maintained family vehicle. \$7,200 OBO. (424) 477-9694, rayproca@gmail.com 9/16
-  **For Sale:** 2015 CAN-AM Turbo side by side. Like new only 20 hours. Good Condition. Really fast and recently serviced. FOX adjustable suspension. Only \$17,500. Can deliver to serious buyer. Additional pic avail on request. Contact John 661 857 1396. 9/16
- For Sale:** Toyota Corolla, 2010, gray. 22,000 miles. In Montebello. \$10,000 OBO. Delia, (208) 262-8031. 7/16
- For Sale:** RV trailer. 2003 Wanderer, fifth wheel, model 3677B. Onan generator, 12-ft. garage, power hitch, fuel station. AM/FM CD stereo, super slide. \$10,000 OBO. Mike, (661) 557-0975, maddad111@yahoo.com 3/16
-  **For Sale:** 1980 Cadillac, red, white int., immaculate. New tires, gas tank, fuel pump, stored since 2010. 91,400 miles. \$9,495. (805) 649-1940. 3/16
-  **For Sale:** Cadillac Brougham, 1989. Leather interior. Very good shape. 77,000 miles. \$4,000 OBO. (626) 797-8328. 12/15
- For Sale:** 1984 F-150-w/camper shell and carpet kit. As is. \$1100 OBO. Call 310-764-4478 9/15
-  **For Sale:** 1963 Corvair convertible. Good cond., runs great. Light green ext./int., white top. \$9,000 OBO. Alex, (323) 691-0872. 8/15
-  **For Sale:** Watercraft, his and hers, '93 Bombardier Seadoo, '91 Waverunner w/trailer. Great condition. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 7/15
-  **For Sale:** 2003 Harley "ROAD KING" Davidson (100th anniversary edition) motorcycle, 5087 miles, stage 1 with detachable windshield, passenger back support, hardbags, battery charger, black and chrome, hardly ridden, always garaged, 1 owner only. \$10,000.00 OBO. Please call 818-366-3273 John or text 818-633-4164. 7/15

Cemetery Plots

- For Sale:** Cemetery plots. 2 @ Eternal Valley Newhall. Highly desirable near entrance, Garden of Peace. Side by side. \$7,500 (total). Jim, (661) 713-6353. 9/17
- For Sale:** Cemetery plots. 1 single. Rose Hill, Garden of Benevolence. Asking \$3,000. Carrie B. Wilson, (323) 751-3498. 7/17
- For Sale:** 4 cemetery plots. Rose Hills, Whittier. Greenwood Gardens, side by side. Valued at \$12,000, nego. Gregory, (909) 520-8053. 3/17
- For Sale:** Plot, Inglewood Park Cemetery. Double grave F, Lot 38, Park Terrace. \$8,600. JoAnn, (805) 238-6929. 11/16
- For Sale:** Cemetery plots. Rose Hills, Whittier. 4 plots side/side. Lot 858 Memory Lane. Valued at \$18,000. Sell for \$12,000 H. August, (208) 949-9858, 11/16
- For Sale:** Double cemetery plot. Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Section Tenderness, Lot 2127 Space A, B. Valued at \$13,000, asking \$11,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 7/16
- For Sale:** Cemetery plots. Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Valued at \$13,000. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Robert, (626) 899-2174. 3/16

Furniture

-  **For Sale:** bed. Twin rollaway. New, clean. Exclnt. cond. \$40. (323) 578-6312. 11/17
- For Sale:** Bed frame. Antique Cal-king. heavy iron/brass mixture. \$150 OBO. (626) 260-3787. 11/16
- For Sale:** Grand piano. Yamaha C3 Conservatory. Like new. Humidifier. Cover. Concert bench. Internal felt dust cover for soundboard. \$17,000 OBO. Victor Vallejo, (323) 356-7595. 8/16
-  **For Sale:** cabinet. Vintage, blond oak. Great condition. Glass shelves, mirror back, interior light. \$450 OBO. (626) 359-0023 5/16
- For Sale:** Furniture. Oak. King size bedroom suite; china cabinet; dining room table, six chairs; more. \$2,000 OBO. Vic, newtwic@gmail.com 3/16
-  **For Sale:** Bedroom set, 5 piece, cherry wood. Good cond. \$650 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15
- For Sale:** Crib, cream colored, designer style. Good cond. \$350 OBO. (818) 281-1488. 10/15
- For sale:** Sofa and chair, great condition, leather/upholstered, "reversible" pillows/cushions. Carved wood, unique design, nail heads. \$600 OBO. Charlene, (661) 916-2970. 5/15
-  **Dining table:** w/leaf, 6 chairs, \$300 obo. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 4/15

Homes/Rentals/Land

- For Lease:** home. 3 bd/2 bath, pool. 187 Teasdale St., Thousand Oaks. 1,600 sq. ft. Central air/heat, fireplace, recessed lighting, kitchen/dinette, new double oven, 2 car garage, low water landscaping, outside fire pit. Many features, near Cal Lutheran. \$3,000/month lease + sec. deposit, no smoking, no pets, credit history req. Kurt, kaufmankk@gmail.com 11/17
- For Sale:** real estate. Full ocean view oversized lot. Undeveloped. Puerto Nuevo, Mexico. Exclnt. location, near Lobster Village. Electricity ready. \$60,000. Alan, (714) 348-1255. 11/17
- For Rent:** Lovely Remodeled 2 bedroom/1 bath apartment located on Don Tomaso Dr in Los Angeles/Baldwin Hills area (5-units). kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Hardwood floors and laundry facilities on site. Very quiet. Close to public transportation, parks, hiking trails and 15 mins from most major freeways and locations. 11/17
- For Sale:** \$16,000; 160 acres appraised at \$160,000. All reasonable offers considered. (310) 488-6140 or barrysylvan@live.com 10/17
- For Rent:** Apartment 3 bd/1.5 bath. Inglewood. Remodeled bath, kitchen, lvg. room, dng. room, laundry. Central air/heat. 2-car garage. Encl. backyard. Near Inglewood Shopping Center, Forum, future home of Rams, LAX. \$2,400/month. Gwen, (323) 750-8461. 10/17
- For Rent:** Apartment. Leimert Park area. 1 bd/1 bath. Kitchen, living/dining rms. 1-car garage. New paint. Hdwd. flrs. Remod. kitchen/bath, new fixtures/windows. Quiet. Downstairs unit. 4 units in bldg. Close to public trans. (310) 994-3682. 10/17
- For Sale:** Aviation space. Adelanto Residential Airpark. Zoned for hanger/house. \$30,000 each. Jimmy Dunn, (562) 318-4313. 9/17
- For Rent:** Timeshare. Cancun Sunset Club. 7 days Sat.-Sat. Studio w/kitchen. Sleeps 4. \$500. Gina, (818) 395-3552. 8/17
-  **For Rent:** Big Bear Lake 3 bedroom, 2 bath house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, California. Fully furnished located near the lake. Contact John Long at 909-837-8347 6/17
- For Sale:** Farmland. Rural, upstate New York. 118 acres. Assessed at \$150,000, make offer. Ray, (310) 710-9871, ray1269@gmail.com 5/17
-  **For sale:** home. Bishop, Calif. Single family, 5 bd/3 bath. 2,900-sq. ft. Creek in backyard, view of Sierras. 2 garages. \$590,000. Patty, (661) 965-9457. 3/17
- For Rent:** Atwater Village. 2 bed/1 bath, 1 car garage, 1 pkg. spot. Hardwood floor, appliances, window A/C. No pets. \$2,300/month. John, (619) 207-0939. 4/17
- For Rent:** condo, Las Vegas. Vacation rental. 1 bd. Tahiti Village Resort, Bora Bora room. 3-, 4- or 7-nt. stay, starting \$150/night. Days avail. May-Dec 2017. Javier, (323) 547-5449, call or text. 4/17
- For Rent:** home. Covina. 3 bd/1 bath. New paint. Laundry inside. Front/backyards. Patio, carport, 1-car garage avail. Photos. \$2,000/month. (626) 482-0460. 4/17
- For Rent:** 1 bd/1 bath. Inglewood. Upstairs. Kitchen, living room, dining room. 1-car garage. New paint, hardwood, fixtures, double-glazed windows, granite countertop. 82nd/Crenshaw. \$1,350/month. (323) 292-9989. 12/16
- For Sale:** Undeveloped ranch near Victorville. 10 acres appraised at \$16,000; 160 acres appraised at \$160,000. Make offer. (310) 488-6140, or barrysylvan@live.com 12/16
- For Rent:** Vacation rental. 1 bdrm. suite, WorldMark San Diego Mission Valley. Nov. 26-Dec. 1. 5 nights, \$350. Charles Ella, (818) 212-0198. 11/16
- For Sale:** Home, Big Pine, Calif. 3 br., 1 3/4 bath. Outdoors activities near. Description, photos avail. \$195,000. bigpineproperty@gmail.com 9/16
- For Rent:** House, 3 bd./2 baths. Near Manchester/Broadway. Garage, laundry room, handicapped access. No Section 8. (323) 971-1042. 8/16
- For Sale:** House, 2 bed/1 bath, remodeled, Bakersfield. Investment property, rented month/month (\$750/month). Large cleared lot, secure. Listed at \$94,000. Sold as-is, seller selects services (title, escrow). tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 11/15
- For Vacation Rent:** Condo, 2 bd./2 bath, beachfront, Puerto Nayarit, Mexico. Private pool on balcony. April 1-8, 2016. \$1,000. Jessie, (323) 893-6570. 11/15

Household Items

-  **For Sale:** kitchen equipment. Oven, Whirlpool, 24-inch stainless steel, electric, double wall. 6.2 cubic feet. AccuBake, dual lighting, digital display, self cleaning, warm setting, Sabbath mode, more. (fire extinguisher not incl.) \$500. Kurt: kaufmankk@gmail.com 11/17
-  **For Sale:** Lamps. 2. Tiffany style. 1 12-inch wide, 1 24-inch wide. Both are green. \$30, \$60. (626) 664-2172. 6/17
- For Sale:** stovetop/oven. GE, 1950s. Pink. Hood. Great condition. \$200 OBO. (818) 865-8104, leave msg. 5/17
- For Sale:** vacuum cleaner. Kirby. Works xlcnt. \$200. Margaret, (909) 460-9092. 5/17
- For sale:** audio speakers. Pair. Sanyo. 28x19x11, good condition. \$45. (323) 754-8926. 1/17
-  **For Sale:** exercise equipment. Chair Gym, w/ mat, twister, ball, instructions. Open box, never used. \$150. (818) 242-8644. 5/16
-  **For Sale:** Exercise equipment. Ab-Doer Twist Ex. Abdominal workout machine. DVD. Exclnt. cond. \$125. (818) 242-8644. 5/16
-  **For Sale:** Fitness equipment. Back2Life back relief machine. With a/c. Exclnt. cond. \$75. (818) 242-8644. 5/16
- For Sale:** membership. Mountain Lakes Resort. \$2,500. Rudy, (213) 700-7237. 11/17
-  **For Sale:** 4 rims. Pacer chrome. 24-inch, universal holes. With 305/35R24 tires. Were on Chevy Avalanche. \$1,550 OBO. Katrina, kfrink05@hotmail.com 6/17

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For Sale: Collectibles. Lighthouses, including 1 16-inch alabaster lighthouse. Pigs, owls, salt/pepper shakers. Beverly, (562) 943-0930. 8/17

For Sale: pool table. Brunswick. Heritage. Approx. 9'x5'. Good condition. Includes cue, rack, light. \$800. Louis Radosevich, (818) 360-3687, watermaker@juno.com 5/17

For Sale: Portable generator. Honda 5000. Wheel kit, electric starter, shop manual. Avail. from noon - 8 p.m. \$1,000. (818) 893-1805. 11/16

For Sale: Vintage magazines. Architectural Digest. 150 issues dated 1981-82, 1991-99. Well kept. 25 cents each, \$25 all. Don, (818) 780-7788. 11/16

For Sale: treadmill. Sears Crosswalk. \$200. (818) 893-1805, noon-8 p.m. only. 9/16

Travel/Timeshare

Timeshare: Welks Resort, San Diego, CA. For Sale. \$20K. Chermaine @ (661) 547-6707. 11/15

Wanted

Wanted: Salt and pepper shakers from Bob's Big Boy, circa 1950s/60s. Neil, (818) 304-3133. 10/17

Wanted: Baseball teams to join Saturday league. Recreational level. Tony, (310) 764-1792 11/16

Wanted: Riders for van pool, Lomita to Lincoln Heights. Leaves Lomita @5:40 a.m., BOA Carson @5:45, JFB @6:10, Main St. @6:15, arrives Artesian St. @6:20. Return to Lomita by 5 p.m. James, (310) 626-7169 or (213) 354-4790. 7/16

Wanted: I buy all kinds of collectibles: crystal, Disney, fishing gear, military items, musical instruments, pocket knives, gold & silver, Radko, WDCC. Michael @ (626) 592-2929. 11/12

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Dodgers fans in Planning, bottom row, from left: Correy Kitchens, Planning Assistant, 3 months of City service; Kory Sirkin, GIS Specialist, 5 years; Michelle Montenegro, Planning Assistant, 3 months; Manuel Elizarraras, Student Professional Worker, 3 months; and Armando Alfaro, GIS Specialist, 10 years. Middle row: Jesus Ramos, GIS Supervisor I, 10 years; Lidia Vaiz, GIS Specialist, 10 years; Adam Villani, City Planner, 9 years; Christine Saponara, Sr. City Planner, 13 years; Arlet Shirvanian, Graphics Designer I, 2 months; Mary Crowell, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 17 years; and Tom Glick, City Planner, 32 years. Top: Nelson Rodriguez, City Planner Associate, 17 years; Aziz Bakkoury, GIS Specialist, 5 months; and Jennifer Sanchez, Student Professional Worker, 1 year.

PLANNING

Thanks, Dodgers!



These employees of the Planning Office in Van Nuys (GIS, Graphics and Policy Planners group) are not just ordinary Dodgers fans ... they're fans all the time!

They took this photo after the Dodgers lost in the World Series, just wanting to thank the Boys in Blue for a great season.

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Thanks to Lidia Vaiz, GIS Specialist, for sending in the photo.

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CINEMARK THEATERS e		
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	\$15.00	\$9.00
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READING CINEMAS - Restricted		
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Good Any Time e	\$14.75	\$8.50
Movie Pack	\$30.00	\$26.00
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REGENCY THEATERS - Good Any Time		
	\$11.50	\$7.50
STUDIO MOVIE GRILL - Good Any Time		
	\$13.00	\$6.25
ULTRASTAR THEATERS - Good Any Time		
	\$11.25	\$6.00

ATTRACTIONS

	RETAIL	CLUB
AQUARIUM OF THE BAY e		
SAN FRANCISCO	Adult \$24.95	\$19.96
	Child (4 - 12) \$14.95	\$11.96
AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC e		
	Adult \$29.95	\$18.95
	Child (3 - 11) \$17.95	\$13.95
BOOMER'S FUN CENTERS e		
SELECT CALIFORNIA LOCATIONS	4 Hour Pass \$49.99	\$24.99
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE e		
	Adult \$35.95	\$30.56
	Child (4 - 11) \$25.95	\$22.06
	Youth (12-17)/ Student (with ID) / Senior (65+)	\$30.95 \$26.31

ATTRACTIONS CONT'D

	RETAIL	CLUB
CATALINA EXPRESS e		
Round Trip Fare	Adult \$76.50	\$61.00
	Child \$61.00	\$51.50
DAVEY'S LOCKER e		
Whale Watching	Adult \$32.00	\$21.00
	Child \$26.00	\$15.75
Sport Fishing - 1/2 Day	Adult \$41.50	\$31.50
	Child \$34.00	\$25.21
Sport Fishing - 3/4 Day	Adult \$71.00	\$57.75
	Child \$61.00	\$47.25
Sunset / Evening Cruise	Adult \$25.00	\$12.61
GOLF N' STUFF		
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband - (Norwalk Location) e	\$30.00	\$16.25
All Park Pass - (Ventura Location)	\$20.00	\$15.25
GOLFLAND Discount prices vary depending on location		
GRAMMY MUSEUM e		
General Admission	\$18.95	\$12.00
IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING e		
San Francisco - Save 15% Off All Flight Packages	\$59.95	\$50.96
K1 SPEED RACING		
This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.	\$25.95	\$15.25
MADAME TUSSAUDS WAX ATTRACTION e		
All Access Pass includes Marvel Super Heroes 4D Experience.		
Hollywood	Adult \$30.99	\$17.00
	Child (4 - 12) \$25.99	\$15.00
Las Vegas (eTickets Only)	General Admission \$29.95	\$14.98
MEDIAEVAL TIMES e		
eTicket prices will vary depending on date/time selections.	Adult \$57.95	\$43.50
	Child (0 - 12) \$35.95	\$31.50
MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM e		
	Adult \$49.95	\$41.95
	Child (3 - 12) \$29.95	\$24.95
	Senior (65+) \$39.95	\$33.95
MULLIGAN'S FAMILY FUN CENTER		
All Day Pass e	Adult/Child \$36.99	\$16.50
All Day Pass (Hard Stock at Club Store)	\$36.99	\$19.25
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PIRATES DINNER ADVENTURE e		
	Adult \$56.95	\$37.00
	Child (3 - 11) \$37.95	\$28.50
QUEEN MARY / BATTLESHIP e		
IOWA COMBO	Adult \$42.95	\$31.92
	Youth (12 - 17) \$34.95	\$25.95
	Child (6 - 11) \$23.95	\$17.95
RACERS EDGE INDOOR KARTING		
Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race	\$23.00	\$18.00
Junior (50" tall): 11-Lap Junior Race	\$20.00	\$15.00
SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK e SEASONAL		
Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$48.95	\$41.95
SANTA MONICA PIER & PACIFIC PARK e		
Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$29.95	\$18.00

ATTRACTIONS CONT'D

	RETAIL	CLUB
SKYSPACE LOS ANGELES		
	Adult \$25.00	\$17.00
	Child (5-12) \$19.00	\$15.00
Slide Combo	Adult \$33.00	\$23.00
	Child (5-12) \$27.00	\$21.00
SPEEDZONE e		
3 Hour Unlimited Pass on Rides and Mini-Golf	\$49.99	\$28.00
TEATRO MARTINI e		
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	Senior (62+) or Military (with ID) \$15.00	\$10.50
USS MIDWAY e		
SAN DIEGO	Adult \$20.00	\$13.00
	Child (6 - 11) \$10.00	\$7.00
	Senior (62+) \$17.00	\$10.00
WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE		
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VALLEJO	General Admission (over 48")	\$69.99 \$41.99

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	12 Month Pass	N/A	\$109.00

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LOS ANGELES GALAXY	e	Games available online
LOS ANGELES SPARKS	e	Games available online
LOS ANGELES KINGS	e	Games available online
ANAHEIM DUCKS	e	Games available online
SACRAMENTO KINGS	e	Games available online
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Los Angeles Public Library Library's TOP 10

Here's what LA was reading, watching and listening to in October.

Lists are courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Central library downtown and 73 branches combined.

Books loaned

1. *The Late Show*, Michael Connelly
2. *Y is for Yesterday*, Sue Grafton
3. *What Happened*, Hillary Rodham Clinton
4. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance
5. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
6. *Al Franken, Giant of the Senate*, Al Franken
7. *When Breath Becomes Air*, Paul Kalanithi
8. *Magpie Murders*, Anthony Horowitz
9. *Alexander Hamilton*, Ron Chernow
10. *The Dark Prophecy*, Rick Riordan

DVDs loaned

1. *Kong: Skull Island*
2. *Ghost in the Shell*
3. *The Mummy*
4. *Wonder Woman*
5. *Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 2*
6. *John Wick Chapter 2*
7. *Logan*
8. *The Fate of the Furious*
9. *Get Out*
10. *Alien: Covenant*

Books downloaded

(e-books)

1. *The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett*, Chelsea Sedoti
2. *The Late Show*, Michael Connelly
3. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
4. *Camino Island*, John Grisham
5. *Into the Water*, Paula Hawkins
6. *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles
7. *Little Fires Everywhere*, Celeste Ng
8. *Y is for Yesterday*, Sue Grafton
9. *Big Little Lies*, Liane Moriarty
10. *Hillbilly Elegy*, J.D. Vance

Download-and-Keep songs*

1. "Havana," Camila Cabello feat. Young Thug
2. "What About Us," P!nk
3. "Revenge," P!nk, featuring Eminem
4. "Beautiful Trauma," P!nk
5. "One Foot," Walk the Moon
6. "Whatever You Want," P!nk
7. "But We Lost It," P!nk
8. "What About Us," P!nk
9. "Something Just Like This," the Chainsmokers & Coldplay
10. "Beautiful Trauma," P!nk

* "Freemal" music via the Library lets users download and keep up to five songs a month - it's seriously free and legal! Check it out at <http://lapl.freemal.com>

HARBOR

Goodbye, Jim!

Jim Bozarth retires as Sr. Roofer after 14 years of City service.

More than 150 friends, family members and coworkers attended the retirement party Sept. 21 for Jim Bozarth, Sr. Roofer, 14 years of City service.

The fun was held at the Harbor's Construction and Maintenance Yard. Catering

was supplied by Off the Grid Catering. Congratulations, Jim, on your retirement. Special thanks go to Natalie Valenzuela, Secretary.



Jim Bozarth, Retiree.



From left: Mario Cabrillo, Ryan Combs, Jose Reyes, Omero Guzman and Juan Reyes.



From left: Grace True, Jennifer Fluegal and Bill Valenzuela.



Bradley Bozarth.



Ervin Govic and John Radovcich.



From left: Thuong Le, Les Washington and Brett Bozarth.



Natalie Valenzuela.



From left: Mark Jackson and Melvin Jones.



From left: Brett Bozarth and Stephanie Bozarth.



From left: Daryl Martin and Blair Nelson



From left: Ervin Govic, John Radovcich, Tuan Le and Daniela Iacono.



From left: Victor Guzman, Andres Herrera, Les Brand and Felix Santacruz.



From left: Jerry Fair and Chris Patrizio.



From left: Rebecca Sanchez and Holly Carlson.



From left: Todd McElhane and Travis Bryan.



From left: Bruce Stone, Martin Lovato, Gary Virgil and Guy Fluegal.



From left: Irwin Palma, Robbin Stites and Mario Garcia.



Gabi Moawad and Danny Craft.



From left: Orvin Perez, Frank Rendon, Armando Godinez and Brett Bozarth.



From left: Robert Baker, Guy Fluegal and Eugene Boudreau.

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