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PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT - EAST GRAND VIEW WATER PROJECT

Beginning in early February, the Metropolitan Water District will be working in East Grand View Avenue. The construction activity will create a new water system connection for Sierra Madre to the Metropolitan Water District Upper Feeder that runs under Grand View Avenue. Construction of the water connection is being done under an April 2006 agreement between MWD, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD), and the City. The connection, which does not currently exist, will provide water for Sierra Madre only on an emergency basis. Under the Agreement, the connection is not intended to provide a regular, long-term source of water for the City. The project is fully funded by SGVMWD; there will be no cost to the City of Sierra Madre for this project.

At times the nature of the construction will require complete closure of Grand View to all through traffic. Sierra Madre residents are urged to avoid the use of East Grand View between Canon Drive and Santa Anita while construction activity is under way in the street, beginning February 14 and ending March 7. It is particularly important to avoid the area during the period from February 21 through February 27, as construction activity will be continuous 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Electronic message boards will be set out prior to the project to remind motorists to use alternate routes, such as Sierra Madre Boulevard or Orange Grove Avenue. Additionally, traffic enforcement will be stepped up in the area surrounding the project during the construction period. For any questions about the project, please call Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works, at (626)355-7135 x 801.



SIERRA MADRE STATE OF THE CITY

On Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm the City of Sierra Madre will host its 3rd Annual State of the City address at the Community Recreation Center in the Sierra Madre Room at 611 East Sierra Madre Boulevard. The State of the City, hosted by the Mayor, will highlight programs and services the City has provided over the past year and give residents insight to the City's goals for the next fiscal year. Representatives from each City Department will be available to answer any community questions and a City booth will highlight current programs and projects. For more information on this event please contact 626.355.5278

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE BUSINESS LICENSES

Anyone doing business in the City must have a business license. This includes businesses based in the City such as stores, industrial operations home offices as well as contractors and other businesses located outside the City. To obtain a business license visit City Hall during normal operating hours. There is a business license fee and licenses must be renewed annually (quarterly and one time licenses are also available).

Completed applications must include the following: Business name and address, business owner's name and address, emergency contact, property owner's signature, federal employer I.D. number, state license number, retail permit and vehicle license plate number.

For further information about the business license requirements and fees, contact the Finance Department at 626.355.7135.

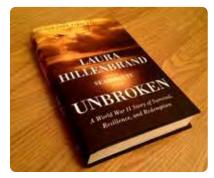


SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY | 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 | 626.355.7186 | www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us LIBRARY HOURS | Monday - Wednesday, 12:00pm-9:00pm | Thursday & Friday, 12:00pm-6:00pm | Saturday, 12:00am-6:00pm | The Sierra Madre Library is Closed Sundays and major Holidays

I Love My Library Drawing and Essay Contest (January 7 – 31, 2013)

Calling all students in grades K - 8 who attend school in Sierra Madre! Cash prizes await some talented children who enter the I Love My Library drawing and essay contest. Children in grades K – 2 can create a drawing showing how they love our library. Those in grades 3-8 can write an essay telling us why they love our library. Judges will award one prize per grade level, city-wide. Entries are due by January 31, 2013 at the Sierra Madre Public Library and the winning entries will be announced on Valentine's Day, February 14. Winning entries will be posted on the city website, www. cityofsierramadre.com. Entry forms are available at the library and on the Library homepage www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us beginning January 7, 2013.

Sierra Madre's 2013 One Book One City Selection Chosen (February 2013)



The Sierra Madre Public Library is pleased to announce, Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand, as the City's 2013 One Book One City selection. A month-long celebration, including free programs, open to all, with a WWII theme, is being planned. Sierra Madre residents have held a One Book One City event for the past 9 years beginning with The Grapes of Wrath, followed by Tortilla Curtain and Wizard of Oz. It became an annual event in 2009 with Fahrenheit 451, then Zorro, On Gold Mountain and last year, Sherlock Holmes. One Book One City invites Sierra Madreans to read the same notable book at the same time and encourages everyone to come together to explore literature and its cultural perspective.

Ancestry.com is Your Entrée to your Family Tree at the Library



Trace your family history at the Sierra Madre Public Library using Ancestry.com. This popular database includes over 10 billion genealogical records and is the world's largest online family history resource. Ancestry.com is available for in-

library use only. Just call the Library at 626.355.7186 to reserve a spot at the next free workshop; space is limited. Bring in your own laptops or use library computers.

Downloading City Documents is Easy

City Council packets are now available online from the City's webpage. Contact the library anytime during open hours and we help you to access the meeting packets. Other Boards and Commissions have also begun putting their agendas and meeting packets online.

Teen Book Club Attracts Readers

Youth in grades 7 – 12 meet Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Library basement. Join other teens for fun books, games, crafts and snacks. Members brainstorm ideas for book club selections and engage in lively discussions of current cultural and literary trends.



Get the First Look at the Latest Books with New Book Alerts



New Book Alerts is a free online service at the Sierra Madre Public Library that showcases the newest titles - books, movies and music, purchased by the Library. You can find New Book Alerts on the Library homepage www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us, and sign up to receive new title alerts via email and/or RSS feeds. See a new title

that you are interested in? Click on it and it will show you reviews and information on the author. You can even "check catalog" to place a hold on it right away. Just a new feature to help keep Library patrons informed on the brand new titles available at the Sierra Madre Public Library.

eReader Workshops Popular at the Sierra Madre Public Library (monthly)

Learn how to download free eBooks from the Sierra Madre Public Library to your Kindle, iPad, Nook or other device. Free classes will focus on how to download free books from the Library Overdrive service and will include a demonstration and individual hands-on practice. If possible, bring your own e-reader to the class. Morning and evening sessions are available but registration is required for these popular classes. Please call the library for more details and a class schedule, 626.355.7186. The schedule is also posted on the Library website, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us

Third Thursday Book Club Sparks Animated Discussions

Lively roundtable discussions of new and noteworthy books highlight the Third Thursday Book Club which meets at the Library on the third Thursday of the month, 11:00 a.m. – noon. A flyer listing the upcoming selections is available at the Library Service Desk and on the Library website. The 1/17 selection is Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs and the 2/21 choice is Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand. Please call the library for more details at 626.355.7186.

Popular Parenting Workshop Returns in March



Families with children ages three and younger are invited to a five-week Parent/ Child Workshop featuring noted resource professionals on Parenting Workshop Wednesday evenings 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 at 6:30 p.m. The interactive workshops include toys, crafts, books, and play in addition to discussions of parenting issues and concerns. Enrollment is free, but in-person pre-registration at the Library is required to ensure a spot in the program. The Library is a national Family Place Library. Please call the library for more details at 626.355.7186.

Year Round Preschool Storytime

Parents and preschool children meet on Mondays 10:00-11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m. for lively stories, songs and crafts.

Lively Barks and Books

Children are invited to visit with and read to a gentle and specially trained dog on the second Thursday of each month, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



HART PARK HOUSE SENIOR CENTER | 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 |626.355.7394 HOURS OF OPERATION | Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm | Closed on Alternating Fridays

Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year



The Community Services Department is now accepting nominations for the Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year. If you know someone who lives in Sierra Madre, has demonstrated outstanding community service and is 60 years of age or older please be sure to fill out a nomination form. Nomination forms are available at the Hart Park House Senior Center or by calling the Senior Services Office at 626.355.7394.

Nominations are due to the Hart Park House Senior Center by Monday, February 17, 2013. The Senior Community Commission reviews each nomination and will decide the 2013 honoree at their meeting on March 7, 2013. The 2013 Older American honoree is recognized at a formal reception held in their honor in May.

Community Excursions

The Community Services Department arranges monthly day excursions to various museums, shows and exhibitions throughout the year. Upcoming excursions include: Gene Autry Museum, Fashion Institute of Los Angeles, Palm Springs Follies, California Science Center Endeavor Shuttle Exhibit and Jeopardy taping. Excursion information is available by contacting the Hart Park House Senior Center at 626.355.7394.

Senior Movie Program

The Senior Community Commission sponsored Senior Movie Series continues in 2013! Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month, a free movie is shown at the City Hall Council Chambers. Every month a classic and contemporary movie is shown starting at 1:00pm. This is a great opportunity to enjoy your favorite movies with your friends in the comfort of the climate controlled Council Chambers! Movie patrons decide which movies are chosen to be part of the series. For more information contact Recreation Supervisor Kyle Schnurr at 626.355.7394.

YWCA Intervale Low Cost Lunch Program

The Hart Park House Senior Center hosts a low cost meal program Monday through Friday. All seniors 60 years of age or older can take part in the daily program at 12:00pm. Meals are a suggested donation of \$2.00 per senior. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling 626.355.0256.

Senior Activities

The Hart Park House Senior Center hosts free daily activities for seniors. Activities and programs include: chair yoga, strength training, bingo, card games, blood pressure testing and legal consultation. Appointments are necessary for the free legal consultation which is available the second Wednesday of each month. All other activities are drop in programs. Please contact the Hart Park House Senior Center at 626.355.7394 for a list of activities and services.





COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER | 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 | 626.355.5278 **HOURS OF OPERATION** | Monday through Thursday, 7:30am-5:30pm | Alternating Fridays, 8:00am-5:00pm

Online Registration for Adult and Youth Classes & Park and Facility Rental



Visit www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration for all your online registration needs with the Community Services Department. You can register for classes, special events, and make reservations for parks and facilities. Classes for 2013 include tennis, soccer, yoga, karate and many more. Classes are ongoing and fees vary depending on the length of the class and session. If you are planning a birthday or other special occasion, reservations for parks and facilities guarantee you have use of the space. For more detailed information on the types of classes and facilities the City offers please visit the website at www.cityofsierramadre.com or contact the Community Services Office at 626.355.5278.

Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout - Early April

The annual Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout will be held in early April 2013. Families can spend a night under the stars at the campout and then rise early and be first on the pond for the fishing derby. Last year the fishing was fantastic with many youth catching their limit within 30 minutes! Campout registration begins Monday, February 25, 2013. Be sure to register early as all available campsite sold out last year. More event information will be available in February by visiting the City website or contacting the Community Services Office.



Mount Wilson Trail Race- Saturday, May 25, 2013



Don't miss out on the hottest ticket in town! The 2012 Mount Wilson Trail Race (MWTR) sold-out in a record 8 hours. Registration is available online at www.cityofsierramadre. com/onlineregistration or in person at the Community Services Office for the 2013 MWTR starting Monday, March 4, 2013 at 9:00am. For the latest race information including training runs, youth activities, beer garden and sponsorship opportunities visit www.mountwilsontrailrace.com.

Waterworks Aquatics Swim Programs

Waterworks Aquatics offers a full schedule of year around swim classes, water aerobics, lap swimming and more! The pool is heated all year and is kept at a comfortable 86 degrees Fahrenheit which is perfect for those winter swims. For more detailed information visit www.waterworksswim.com/sierramadre or contact Waterworks Aquatics at 626.836.1200 or 310.277.7775.

Pasadena YMCA Youth Services

The Pasadena YMCA offers after school care for youth ages Kindergarten through 5th grade at the Community Recreation Center. IN addition the YMCA offers a Teen Leadership Club for youth ages 11-17 years at the Youth Activity Center. For more information on both programs contact Camille Rillorta at 626.432.5880 or visit the YMCA website at www.ymcala. org/pasadena.



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| Finance Services | 626.355.7135 |
| Fire Services | 626.355.3611 |
| Hart Park House Senior Center | 626.355.7394 |
| Human Resources | |
| Public Library | 626.355.7186 |
| Police Services | 626.355.1414 |
| Public Works | 626.355.7135 |
| YMCA Youth Programs | |
| Waterworks Aquatics Center | 626.836.1200 |
| Sierra Madre Post Office | 626.836.3596 |
| Southern California Gas Company | 800.427.2200 |
| Southern California Edison | 800.611.1911 |
| Athens Trash Services | 888.336.6100 |
| Verizon Phone Services | 800.483.4000 |
| Time Warner Cable Service | 888.892.2253 |
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SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL

The Sierra Madre City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at the City Hall Council Chambers starting at 6:30pm. City Hall is located at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. All meetings are open to the public. If you are unable to attend the meeting, live streaming is available at www.sierramadre. kgem.tv or meetings are shown live on channel 3 for Time Warner Cable subscribers. Copies of the meeting agenda and reports are available at www.cityofsierramadre.com. For additional information contact City Hall at 626.355.7135.

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