

City Hall

2175 CHERRY AVENUE
Business Hours
 Monday-Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm
 Friday 7:30am-4:30pm

City Hall (General) 989-7300
 City Council 989-7301
 City Treasurer 989-7310
 Administration & City Clerk 989-7305
 Business Licenses 989-7316
 Community Services 989-7330
 Infoline (Listen Only) 989-7326
 Signal Hill Park 989-7325
 Community Center
 Pay Phone 427-9337
 Kids Kamp Office 989-7329
 Crime Stoppers 989-SAFE
 (▲7233)

Finance 989-7310
 Jobline 989-7385
 Library 989-READ
 (▲7323)

Personnel 989-7307
 Planning/Community
 Development 989-7340
 Police 989-7200
 Public Works 989-7351
 Service Requests 989-7250
 Redevelopment Projects 989-7370
 Water Billing 989-7315
 Water Quality Info 989-7250

EMERGENCY/PARAMEDICS "911"
 Chamber of Commerce 424-6489
 Long Beach Animal Control .. 570-PETS
 (▲7387)

Long Beach Gas Dept.
 (New Service) 570-5700
 (Emergency) 570-2140
 Long Beach School District ... 997-8242
 Signal Hill Disposal 597-0608
 So. Ca. Edison
 New/Emergency (800) 684-8123
 Charter Cable (866) 499-8080
 Toll-Free

Facility Locations

City Hall 2175 Cherry Ave.
 City Yard 2175 E. 28th St.
 Library 1770 E. Hill St.
 P.R.I.D.E. Bureau 1919 E. Hill St.
 Police Dept. 1800 E. Hill St.
 Signal Hill Park, Youth Center &
 Community Center 1780 E. Hill St.
 Hillbrook Park 1865 Temple Ave.
 Reservoir Park 3315 Gundry Ave.
 Hilltop Park 2351 Dawson Ave.
 Alvarado Elem. 1900 E. 21st St.
 Burroughs Elem. 1260 E. 33rd St.
 Signal Hill Elem. 2285 Walnut Ave.

City Holidays

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
 Monday, Nov. 11, 2002
Veteran's Day
 Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002
Thanksgiving Day
 Friday, Nov. 29, 2002
Day after Thanksgiving
 Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002
Christmas Day
 Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003
New Year's Day
 Monday, Jan. 20, 2003
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

City Council/Commission Meetings

CITY COUNCIL:
 Mayor **Tina Hansen**
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 Vice-Mayor **Michael J. Noll**
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 Councilmember **Edward H.J. Wilson**
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COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 Meeting: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly
 (Effective as of December -
 2nd & 4th Tuesday)
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Place: Council Chambers
 Replays: Ch. 3, Sat. 2 p.m.
 Ch. 17, Sunday-Saturday
 7 a.m., 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
 Meeting: 1st Wednesday Monthly
 Time: 5:30 p.m.
 Place: Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION
 Meeting: 2nd Tuesday Monthly
 (Effective as of December -
 3rd Tuesday)
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Place: Council Chambers

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
 Meeting: 2nd Wednesday Monthly
 (Effective as of December -
 1st Wednesday)
 Time: 6 p.m.
 Place: Council Chambers

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Mercedes-Benz Site

Construction is proceeding on the new Mercedes-Benz of Long Beach dealership located at the southwest corner of Spring Street and Junipero Avenue. This is the sixth major auto dealer to locate in the Signal Hill Auto Center bringing a total of ten new car brands to the City. At its current construction pace, the dealership's opening is anticipated in September.

Centex Homes - Bixby Ridge

The final phase of single-family homes is currently under construction at Bixby Ridge. The developer, Centex Homes, expects the remaining thirty-four homes, ranging in size from 2,100 to 2,600 square feet, to be completed by February 2003. At that time, the Bixby Ridge neighborhood will be home to 155 families.



Del's Homes

The second phase of Del's Homes, consisting of four large-lot single-family dwellings, is under construction on the east side of Orizaba Avenue north of 19th Street. Spacious floor plans, three-car garages and large backyards suitable for installing swimming pools or spas make these homes very attractive to homebuyers seeking a bit of elbowroom.

The City Council, Parks & Recreation, and Planning Commissions will be changing their meeting days effective in December. Please refer to page 12 (back cover).

Fiscal Year 2002-03 Budget

In June, the City Council adopted the 2002/03 fiscal year budget. General Fund revenues are estimated at \$12,898,505 while operating expenditures are expected to total \$13,025,650. Transfers in from the City's Special Funds (Gas Tax, Traffic Safety, Proposition C and Asset Seizure Fund, etc.) will provide an additional \$561,800 for the General Fund. The City's General Fund is estimated to be \$3,491,410 by the end of the 2002/03 fiscal year.

No new taxes have been proposed in the budget. Only in those areas where the City provides a fee for service (i.e. developer fees where costs are passed through to the recipient of such services) were fees allowed to increase if warranted. The City does not have a utility user tax (Long Beach's utility tax is 8%) and has the lowest business license tax in the area.

A two percent rate increase for the City's Water Fund was proposed as part of the budget process. The rate increase is necessary to build the reserves that help finance our capital projects, as well as keep up with inflation.

City staffing for full-time positions is set at 105 positions. This is a decrease of one position from last year's total. Additionally, a new detective position was authorized. The Crisis Intervention Coordinator position was eliminated and the duties associated with that position are being re-assigned to the Detective Bureau.

RESERVES

With the City's General Fund Reserve estimated to total \$3,491,410 at the end of this fiscal year, this represents approximately 27% of the annual operating budget. Additionally, special reserves have been

established to help replace the City's computers and telephone system (\$491,274); future insurance increases, (\$393,308); future street projects and infrastructure needs, (\$285,454); reserve for economic uncertainties, (\$1,769,237); note reserves (\$3,871,592); Agency advance reserves (\$151,004), a reserve for an expanded Emergency Operations Center, (\$1,045,787), a Library Reserve, (\$291,850) and a Park Reserve Fund for future City parks, (\$102,000).

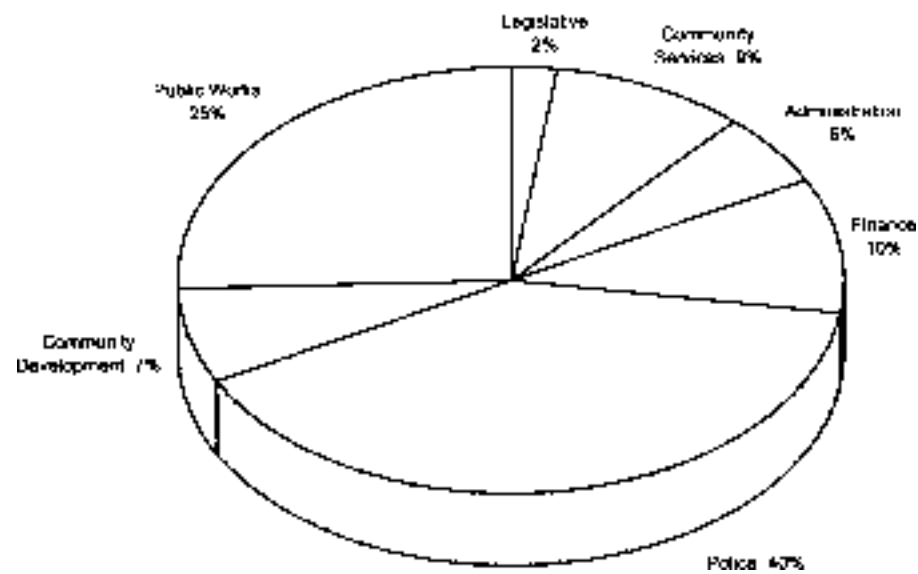
The City is securing grants and other financing sources to expand its Library, Police Station and Emergency Operations Center.

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Redevelopment Agency budget reflects the Agency's continued efforts to complete the build-out of the City's Auto Center and increase the supply of affordable housing within the City. The Agency will expend \$680,500 for economic development projects associated with the City's auto mall.

The Agency's Housing Fund will provide rehabilitation grants totaling \$100,000 for low and moderate income families to upgrade their houses in targeted areas of the City, \$550,000 for the Town Center West Senior Housing and \$300,000 for the Southwest area park land acquisition.

General Fund Expenditures



Total Expenditures \$13,025,650

COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

and the Skate Park are available to both residents and non-residents. To receive an application with permit fees, please contact the Community Services Department at 989-7330.

Adult & Family Trips

GRIFFITH PARK ADVENTURE

Departs: Sat. Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Returns: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$11 Resident/
\$14 Non-Resident

Highlights: Our expert tour guide, John, will help us discover the history of Griffith Park and its value to Los Angeles. We'll stop at Travel Town Museum to ride the train, visit the Equestrian Center and bird sanctuary, view Los Angeles from the Observatory and much more. Lunch will be on our own at Hollywood's latest entertainment center - Hollywood & Highland.

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS



EXCURSIONS

YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW WITH JOHN

Departs: Thurs. Oct. 17 at 8:15 a.m.

Returns: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$9 Resident/
\$12 Non-Resident

Highlights: Enjoy a tour of Los

Angeles with our experienced guide, John, as we visit the Watts Towers, lunch at the redeveloped Farmer's Market and tour The Grove.

WELK RESORT THEATRE MUSICAL CHRISTMAS

Departs: Wed., Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Returns: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$44 resident/
\$47 non-resident

Highlights: Upon our arrival at the Welk Resort, you will be treated to a delightful buffet luncheon. After lunch, we will enjoy the 8th Annual Welk Musical Christmas. Please note: men are requested to wear jackets, no tennis shoes.

SANTA PAULA TRAIN ANTIQUE TREASURE ADVENTURE

Departs: Thurs., Jan. 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Returns: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$28 resident/
\$31 non-resident

Highlights: Upon our arrival in Fillmore, we will board a vintage train for lunch and the trip to Santa Paula. In Santa Paula, we will be greeted by docents from the California Oil Museum for a tour of the restored Executive Offices and museum. Later, enjoy a walking tour of Santa Paula's Historical Downtown, including the many murals depicting early life and business.

BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF THE PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

Departs: Wed., Feb. 19 at 8:30 a.m.

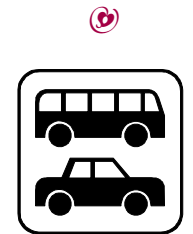
Returns: 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 resident/
\$8 non-resident

Highlights: Our tour will take us backstage at the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach and answer the age-old question, "How do they do that?" We'll see exactly how the costumes, props and backdrops are put together to form the living masterpieces showcased on stage. After our

tour, you will be on your own for lunch in the quaint city of Laguna Beach.

Please note: All excursions are subject to change



TRANSPORTATION

Dial-A-Taxi

Dial-A-Taxi is a demand responsive curb-to-curb transportation service for ambulatory Signal Hill seniors who have no other means of transportation. To receive additional information, please contact the Community Services Dept. at 989-7330.

Bus Pass Program

Monthly Long Beach Transit Senior Bus Passes are available in the Community Services Dept. Discounted rates apply to those residents who meet the income criteria. Please contact the Community Services Dept. at 989-7330.

Recreation Transit and Transportation Programs are funded through Proposition A funds.

Brown Bag

If you are a Signal Hill resident 62 years or over, you may qualify to receive FREE supplementary food items such as fresh fruit and a variety of canned goods (only one bag per household) each week. For application information, please call, 989-7330.

Funded by a Community Development Block Grant.

COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

THAI COOKING - MAIN COURSE

16 yrs. & up Fee: \$38/1 Day
Learn to prepare main courses including: soup, beef salad, Phad Thai, curry dishes and more. Bring a knife & cutting board. **Pay \$18 material fee in class.**
Wed., Oct. 16 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Instructor: Yupa Holzer

APPETIZERS & DESSERTS

16 yrs. & up Fee: \$28/1 Day
Tabbouleh salad, spicy hot wings, and corn crab cakes with chipotle mayonnaise are just a few of the appetizers that we will learn to create. Desserts will include mango lime trifle and pumpkin meringue pie. **Pay \$10 material fee in class.**
Thurs., Oct. 3 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Instructor: April Berg

GOURMET GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN

16 yrs. & up Fee: \$28/1 Day
Learn to prepare homemade flavored coffee drinks, spiced & flavored teas, bread mixes, cookie dough mixes, tangy sauces, mustard, gourmet popcorn spice and more. This class also includes creative wrapping ideas with recipes to accompany your gifts. **Pay \$10 material fee in class.**
Thurs., Nov. 7 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Instructor: April Berg

SIMPLIFY & DECLUTTER WITH THE ORGANIZING MANIAC

13 Yrs. & up Fee: \$39/1 Day
Get organized with the Organizing Maniac. Learn a system with proven techniques that will help save you valuable time and money.
Sat., Oct. 5 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Library Conference Room
Instructor: June Saruwatari

All Yoga & Pilates classes will be held at the following location:

Free Spirit Yoga
3910 Atlantic Avenue
Please be on time; do not eat 2 hours prior to class; bring a towel; wear comfortable clothes; arrive fragrance free.

YOGA LEVEL 1

Fee: \$60/6 Weeks
Ideal for beginners. You will gain a fundamental understanding of your body, beginning poses and breath work. All classes are Hatha Yoga with influence from Ashtanga, Iyengar & Viniyoga Traditions.
Mondays 7:45 p.m.
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4 & 11
or
Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6 & 13
or
Fridays 5:45 p.m.
Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8 & 15
or
Saturdays 8:00 a.m.
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2 & 9

PILATES

Fee: \$60/6 Weeks
A unique system of strengthening exercises that tones muscles, improves posture, provides flexibility and balance and unites body and mind.
Thursdays 7:15 p.m.
Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7 & 14

PET NEWS & VIEWS

Companion Village, located at 7700 E. Spring Street, houses both Animal Control for licensing and the SPCLA for animal adoption.

Hours of Operation

Wednesday - Friday,
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday & Saturday,
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed: Mon., Tues., & Holidays

Dog License Fees

Animal Control Fees for dog licenses are as follows:
Unaltered \$26.40/year
Altered \$13.20/year
Late Fees \$20.00
Senior Discount/
Altered Only \$6.60/year

License fees may be paid by mail or in person at Companion Village. Payments may be made in person at City Hall, Community Services Dept.

Reminder: California State Law penalizes pet owners of impounded, unaltered dogs. If your non-spayed or unneutered dog is impounded at the shelter, a \$35 fine will be assessed on the first impound, a \$50 fine on the second impound and a \$100 fine on subsequent impounds. These fines are IN ADDITION to the regular fines and impound fees.

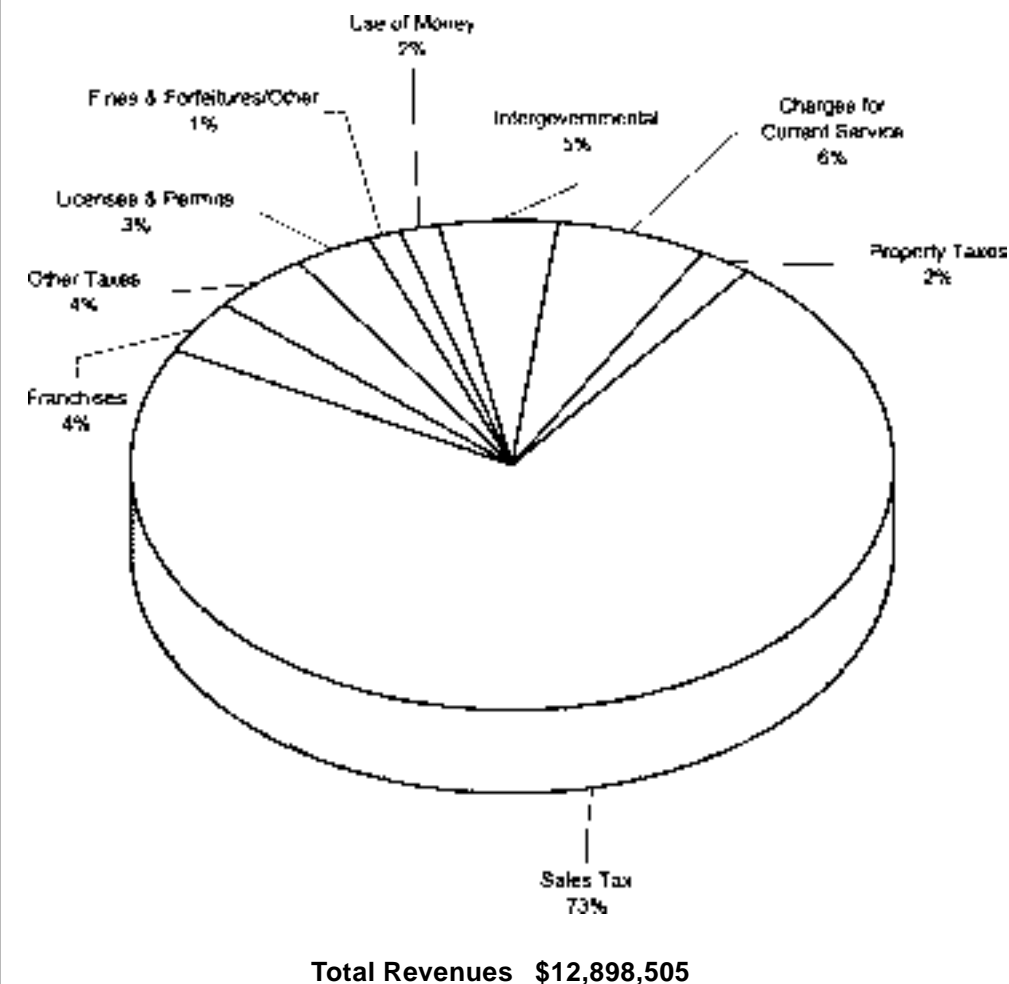
TO REPORT AN INJURED ANIMAL/COMPLAINTS

To report an injured animal, lost pet, or to file a complaint, call Animal Control at 570-7387 or 989-7330. After hours and weekends, please contact the Police Department dispatcher at 989-7201 for animals that have been injured or pose a threat. Unfortunately, calls regarding lost or stray animals will have to wait until the next working day.

Facility Rentals

City facilities are available to rent and serve as an ideal location for a meeting, party, family picnic, reception or wedding ceremony. The Community Center, Hilltop, Reservoir & Signal Hill Parks

General Fund Revenues



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Capital projects totaling \$8,164,800 are planned for this fiscal year. These include:

• Community Development Block Grant

The City receives federal funds for public improvements. Improvements totaling \$106,500 will be made to the streets in the Las Brisas neighborhood.

• Water

Water projects total \$1,568,150. Projects include the completion of the Hilltop Loop

Water Line (\$368,150) around our hilltop reservoirs; the installation of the Iron, Manganese, Arsenic Removal System, (\$880,000); a new water main on Gaviota Avenue, (\$180,000); and the Temple Reservoir and Pump Station Expansion, (\$140,000).

An interest free loan from the Water Replenishment District payable over ten years will fund the arsenic removal project. This will help the City meet tougher Federal water quality standards anticipated in the future and improve the quality and look of our water.

• Streets

Street projects totaling \$4,685,250 million have been budgeted for 2002/03. These include the Spring Street Reconstruction Project, \$4,301,000 to widen and improve Spring Street between Long Beach Boulevard and California Avenue; the Pavement Management Project Phase 4, totaling \$250,000 to slurry seal various streets throughout the City; general sidewalk repair, \$50,000; Southeast Area Street Light Improvements, \$30,000; Westside Street Light Improvements, \$30,000 and the Atlantic Avenue Landscaping Project, \$14,250.

• Parks

\$1,545,350 in park projects are set for FY 2002/03 including: the design and construction of Raymond Arbor Park, \$196,500; the Southwest area park, \$578,400; the Panorama Promenade Phase 2 and 3, \$453,700; the Discovery Well Art Piece, \$80,000; Signal Hill Park renovations, \$116,550; Discovery Well Park Improvements not furnished by the developer, \$77,200; Reservoir Park playground resurfacing, \$35,000; and Hillbrook Park Improvements totaling \$8,000. Separate from this effort will be the construction of Discovery Park on the City's east side. The park will be entirely financed and built by the developer at an estimated cost of \$2 million. Grants figure prominently in financing many of these park projects.

• Building Improvements

The capital budget has also provided funds for rehabilitating various City buildings and facilities. These projects will total \$259,550. The largest of these projects is the replacement of the Police emergency generator. It will total \$199,550 with funding provided by a Federal grant.

Identity Theft and Fraud

Here are some basic steps to reduce or minimize your risk of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud. Just remember the word "SCAM":

Stingy: Be stingy about giving out your personal information to others unless you have a reason to trust them.

AT HOME:

- Adopt a "need to know" approach to your personal data.
- Be careful how much personal information is on your checks.
- If someone you don't know calls and offers you the chance to receive a "major" credit card, prize, or other valuable item and asks for personal data, ask them to send you a written application form.

If they won't do it, tell them you are not interested and hang up.

TRAVELING:

- Have your mail held at the post office or ask someone you trust to collect your mail daily.

Check your financial information regularly and look for what should and shouldn't be there:

- If you have bank or credit card accounts, you should review your monthly statement for unauthorized activity.

Ask periodically for a copy of your credit report. It should list all bank and financial accounts under your name and will provide other indications of whether someone has wrongfully opened or used any accounts in your name.

Maintain careful records of your banking and financial accounts. You should retain your monthly statements and checks for at least one year.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I'VE BECOME A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT?

Act immediately to minimize damage to your personal funds and financial accounts as well as your reputation.

1. Contact the Federal Trade Commission at (877) IDTHEFT to report the situation or by mail to Consumer Response Center, FTC, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20580.
2. Contact the Signal Hill Police Department at 989-7200 and file a crime report.
3. Contact the Postal Inspection Service at (626) 405-1200 if you suspect your mail has been used to commit frauds involving your identity.
4. Call the Social Security Administration at (800) 269-0271 if you suspect that your Social Security number is being fraudulently used.
5. Contact the fraud investigation units of the three principle credit reporting companies:

• Equifax:

To report fraud, call (800) 525-6285 or write to P.O. Box 740250, Atlanta, GA 30374-0250. To order a copy of your credit report (\$8), call (800) 685-1111.

• Experian: (formerly TRW)

To report fraud, call (888) EXPERIAN (888-397-3742), fax to (800) 301-7196, or write to P.O. Box 1017, Allen, TX 75013. To order a copy of your credit report (\$8): call (888) EXPERIAN.

• Trans Union:

To report fraud, call (800) 680-7289, or write to P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92634. To order a copy of your credit report (\$8), call (800) 888-4213.



Park Updates

PANORAMA TRAIL

Panorama Promenade walking path will be under construction September through December 2002.



DISCOVERY WELL PARK

Discovery Well Park and Community Building are currently under construction. Anticipated completion, Winter 2003.

RAYMOND ARBOR PARK

Raymond Arbor Park will begin construction in September with anticipated completion in Winter 2002.



COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

Platinum Corporate Sponsors



Platinum Sponsors from left to right: Signal Hill Petroleum, Craig Barto; Signal Tribune, Neena and Steve Strichart; Universal Care, Howard Davis; FOSHCA President, Denise Damrow; Charter Communications, John Gean; Mesa Environmental Services, Inc., Jessica Ortega; Comstock Homes, Bob Comstock; 4th District-L.A. County Supervisor, Don Knabe; Signal Hill Disposal, Efrain Ramirez and Jim Medina; First American Team Realty, Steve Sothear Vong. (Not pictured: Shell Pipeline, Teri Wohlgenuth and Graner Oil, Steve Graner)

A very special note of gratitude to FOSHCA's Platinum Sponsors who helped us reach our fundraising goal of \$15,000: **Charter Communications, Comstock Homes, County of Los Angeles/Supervisor Don Knabe, Graner Oil Company, Mesa Environmental Services, First American Team Realty, Shell Pipeline, Signal Hill Disposal, Signal Hill Petroleum, Signal Tribune.** Their generous contributions to many cultural art programs have enhanced the quality of life within Signal Hill.



CLASSES

ADULT

SMALL MOSAIC TABLE WORKSHOP

16 yrs. & up Fee: \$45/2 Days
Make a 10" X 16" mosaic table in two classes. 1st class: design, break tiles and glue in place; 2nd class: grout, clean and polish. All materials (tile, table, glue, grout, plywood & finish) and tools are provided. **Pay \$65 material fee in class.**

Wed. Oct 2 & 9 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 18 & 25 7:00-9:30 p.m.
Mon. Jan. 13 & 20 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Location: Mike Mosaic Ltd. Studio
4126 Norse Way.
Instructor: Mike McCormick



MOSAIC MIRROR WORKSHOP

16 yrs. & up Fee: \$25/1 Day
Complete a 12" metal frame mirror with mosaic border. All materials (mirror, tile, glue, grout, plywood & finish) and tools are provided. **Pay \$50 material fee in class.**

Sat. Oct. 26 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 14 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Location: Mike Mosaic Ltd. Studio
4126 Norse Way.
Instructor: Mike McCormick

CANDLE MAKING

16 yrs. & up Fee: \$20/1 Day
Make beautiful candles in minutes using beeswax sheets, wax granules and candle gel. **Pay \$10 material fee in class.**

Wed. Oct 2 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Location: Weingart Center
5220 Oliva Ave.,
Lakewood
Instructor: Christine Angeli

All cooking classes will be held at the following location:

Signal Hill Park
1780 E. Hill Street
Community Center Kitchen



THAI COOKING - BBQ

16 yrs. & up Fee: \$38/1 Day
The author of "The Great Thai Cookbook for My American Friends" will teach you to cook exciting Thai BBQ Beef, Chicken, Sweet and Sour Sauce, Chicken Coconut Soup, Jasmine Rice and more. Bring a knife & cutting board. **Pay \$18 material fee in class.**

Wed., Oct. 2 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Instructor: Yupa Holzer

COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

Halloween Carnival



Trick-or-Treat; fill your bags with tasty treats! There will be games, prizes, food, a moon bounce and much more. All you ghosts, goblins and ghouls (ages 11 & under), join in the fun on Thursday, October 31st, from 5-7 p.m. for a happy and safe haunting. **Admission Fee: \$1**, adults free when accompanied by a child(ren).

Sponsors & Volunteers

Is your organization, business, or group looking for volunteer opportunities or to sponsor a community event? If so, the Community Services Department wants to talk to you! We are in need of volunteers to operate the game booths during the Halloween Carnival. Organizations can help sponsor the event for a cost of \$30 plus 3 to 4 volunteers per booth. For information, please call 989-7325 or 989-7330.

Breakfast with Santa



Children ages 8 & under, along with their parents, will enjoy a fabulous breakfast, put together a holiday craft, watch a puppet show and have their picture taken with Santa.

The event is on Saturday, December 14th, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Cost:
Children: \$8
Adults: \$4 (*Accompanied by a child(ren)/Breakfast only*).
Additional photos: \$3

This event is limited to the first 100 registrants and sells out annually.

REGISTRATION BEGINS: Monday, November 4, 2002

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, December 9, 2002.

Please register early to ensure a seat. For registration information, please call 989-7330.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

The public is cordially invited to attend the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 4th, 5:30 p.m., at the Communication Tower located at 2321 Stanley Avenue. Inclement weather will cancel the event.

Artist of the Quarter

MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION

Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts invites the public to meet the Artist of the Quarter on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Signal Hill Library. Chinze, an African artist from Nigeria, will exhibit her acrylic paintings created on both canvas and jute including a variety of abstracts and livescapes from her homeland. Chinze's work will be displayed at the Library through December. Next quarter's reception is scheduled on January 8th. For further information regarding the featured artist and/or information on how you can become a featured artist, please contact 989-7330.

Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts (FOSHCA)

Is a non-profit corporation promoting the cultural arts within the community. Their mission statement is, "To provide opportunities to promote and encourage community participation in the cultural arts". Through their fund raising efforts, FOSHCA provided eight free concerts in Signal Hill and Hilltop Parks during the summer months, and are in the process of commissioning an artist for a tile project at Discovery Well Park. To receive a FOSHCA brochure, call 989-7330.



Unity Monument



Unity Monument was dedicated on Sunday, September 8, 2002. The monument is located adjacent to the Discovery Well Park trail entrance on Panorama Drive.



Public Works - Recent Updates



GAVIOTA AVENUE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

An old 4-inch water main in Gaviota Avenue, south of Hill Street has been replaced with a new 8-inch Ductile Iron main. The project included the installation of new copper water services, 2 additional hydrants and a fresh slurry coat over the entire street.



THE IRON AND MANGANESE FILTRATION SYSTEM GOES ON-LINE.

The City has started using a new Iron and Manganese filtration unit. The removal of Iron and Manganese improves the color and hardness of the City's water.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

SIGNAL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS:
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12-8 p.m.
 Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10-5 p.m.
 Closed Sundays & Holidays

GATES LIBRARY COMPUTERS

The Library has six computers courtesy of a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Each computer has 38 software titles and educational games for children. All of the computers have Internet access, as well as Infotrac, an online periodical database; and Reference USA, a database with information about American businesses. All of this is free, except for a nominal printing charge

STORY TIME

FRIDAYS, 10 a.m. Pre-school storytime for children ages 3 to 5; includes stories, songs, poems, puppets and videos.

SATURDAYS, 11:30 a.m., storytime for children ages 5 to 12; includes guest storytellers.



YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY

Your place in history can be reserved now! The Friends of the Signal Hill Library encourage you to engrave your name, that of a loved one, a special date, or other tribute at the Hilltop Park "name plaza". Your tax-deductible contributions will help support our Library programs. Bricks start at \$50 for one line of engraving, \$75 for two lines, and \$100 for three lines. Special incentives are also offered for business contributions. For more information, please call 989-7374.

PARROTS, PIRATES AND MAGIC

The Library presents Parrot Tales, a colorful, high-energy show featuring live bird tricks, magic and tales of sailors and pirates in the 1700's. Join us on Thursday, October 17, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center, for this FREE program.

"ALLIGATOR AL'S" TRAVELING REPTILE PALS

The Signal Hill Library presents an educational, hands-on experience like no other! Snakes, lizards, tortoises, up close and personal. You can even touch and

CLAUS FAMILY STORYTELLER



Join the Claus Family on Wednesday, December 4, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center for an afternoon of traditional and modern Christmas stories, carols and dances for all ages.

hold them! Come to our FREE program on Thursday, November 14, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

AUTHOR TALKS

The Friends of the Signal Hill Library present local authors on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Our next Author Talk will be on Monday, November 18, 2002 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street. Recent authors have included the author of "The Love Boats", Jeraldine Saunders, and the local author of "Haunted Long Beach", Claudine Burnett. Look for the Fall author talk announcement in your local paper, The Signal Tribune, or on the City's cable channel, 17.

COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids Kamp-

State Licensed All Day Child Care (Before & After School, Extended Day)

Kids Kamp is a safe, fun, and well-supervised enrichment program for school-age children, 4 years 9 months and enrolled in Headstart through 5th grade. Kids Kamp is open Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pick-ups and drop-offs are provided for Alvarado and Signal Hill Elementary Schools and children from other schools may attend Kids Kamp for Extended Day Care. Before school care is held at the Signal Hill Youth Center, beginning at 6:45 a.m., for Alvarado and Signal Hill students. Children are picked up daily after school and escorted to Alvarado School or the Signal Hill Youth Center. Daily activities include art, drama, science, nature, crafts, cooking, sports, games, homework time, reading and library time, and much more. An afternoon snack is provided daily. Fun filled excursions are planned for school breaks at an additional cost. Additional child discounts are available. Resident rates are shown below. Please call for non-resident rates. For more information and registration, call 989-7329 or 989-7330.

If you live or work in the City of Signal Hill, the costs are as follows:

Before School Care Monday-Friday	After School Care Monday-Friday	Extended Care Monday-Friday
6:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. \$16/week	11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. \$51/week 1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. \$46/week	6:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. \$81/week

After School and Saturday Recreation Programs

Join the Signal Hill Park "Park Kids" program and enjoy fun and exciting recreational activities. The program, for youth ages 6 - 12, operates during after-school hours and on Saturdays. Scheduled activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, special events and excursions. Friendly staff members organize activities so children can experience a quality recreation program. General supervision is provided and children are free to come and go as they please. The Signal Hill Park program is free with the exception of excursions.

Location and Hours of Operation:

Signal Hill Park
1780 E. Hill Street

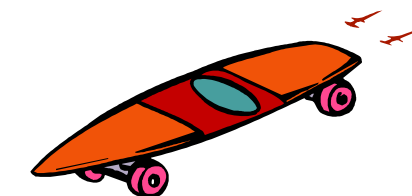
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/
Friday
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Signal Hill "Ramp 'n Rail" Skate Park

Signal Hill is the place to be for skateboarders and inline skaters! The "Ramp 'n Rail", located on the Signal Hill Park basketball courts, features portable skate elements. Skaters can test their skills on numerous ramps and rails Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Skaters are required to wear a helmet, knee and elbow pads, and must complete a registration form to enter the Skate Park. The Skate Park will be open until October 25th and admission is **FREE**. For more information, phone the Community Services Department at 989-7334 or 989-7325.



YOUTH SPORTS

Youth Basketball

For all young basketball enthusiasts, leagues will be offered to boys and girls ages 5-12. Priority registration for Signal Hill residents begins Monday, December 2nd and non-residents may register starting Tuesday, December 3rd. Registration closes on Friday, December 13th and is first come, first serve. Games begin in January and co-ed teams are offered for ages 5 to 8. Teams will be formed to participate in Pee Wee, "D", and "E" divisions. Games will be played in Long Beach and weekly practices will be held at Signal Hill Park. For more information call 989-7325.

