



City of Signal Hill

City Views Newsletter

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Summer 2003

A Greener Signal Hill



Panorama Promenade, located between the Dawson and Molino Avenue cul de sacs, showcases the beautiful northerly views from Signal Hill. Dedicated on Saturday, April 12th, the trail connects Hilltop and Discovery Well Parks and also includes exercise stations, view/seating areas and access to the Unity Monument on Temple Avenue.



Spring brings picnic improvements to Signal Hill Park! Thanks to two grants, a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and the California Proposition 12 Park Bond, new picnic tables, shelters, trash cans and BBQ's were installed. Three of the areas are handicapped accessible.



Dedicated on March 15th, Raymond Arbor Park, located at 1881 Raymond Avenue, is the City's newest neighborhood park. With a spring seesaw, overhead slide rail and swings, a beautiful fountain, shaded benches and picnic areas, there's something for everyone.



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Westbluff Estates

Westbluff Estates - models open. This development includes 30 single-family homes off Hill Street. The 4 and 5 bedroom homes range in size from 2,228 to 2,726 square feet and have outstanding ocean and city views.



Las Brisas Apartments

As part of the rehabilitation process, the Las Brisas apartment buildings have been stripped down to their framing. Each building will have new electrical, plumbing and gas systems installed and the unit entries will be reconfigured. In addition, thirty of the ninety units will have a third bedroom added. Completion of the project is anticipated in February 2004.



Spring Street Closure

Phase I of the Spring Street renovation and reconstruction project is scheduled to be completed by mid-May. Phase II will involve the closing of Spring Street between Atlantic Avenue and California Avenue. This section of Spring Street will be closed for approximately nine months, through February 2004. Willow Street and Wardlow Road may be used as alternate routes.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

SIGNAL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12-8 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10-5 p.m.
Closed Sundays & Holidays

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.



It's A Jungle Out There!



Kids! Swing into your library this summer for a magical reading experience in the jungles and rain forests of imagination. Read books over the summer and receive bookmarks, a jungle book bag and other fabulous prizes. A fun and exciting way to experience adventures in reading!

Theater Games

Actor Chris Shoemaker's theater games and improvisation allow children to explore their creativity. Everyone will be on their feet, interacting with music, paintings, objects and each other. Thursday, July 17, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Author Talks

The Friends of the Signal Hill Library present local authors and their work on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Our next Author Talk will be on Monday, July 28, 2003, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street, directly behind the Library.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids Kamp - Summer Camp - State Licensed All Day Child Care

Kids Kamp is for school-age children in Head Start through 5th grade and is held at the Signal Hill Youth Center from 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Participants will enjoy a Summer Camp setting with days full of activities including: arts and crafts, games, science and nature, cooking, music and drama, sports, special events, library time and much more. Fun filled excursions are planned twice a week at an additional cost. During the summer, a free lunch and afternoon snack are provided daily. Pick-ups are available for children attending summer school at Alvarado and Signal Hill Elementary schools. Additional child discounts are available, as well as reduced fees for Signal Hill residents. For more information on registration and fees, call 989-7325 or 989-7330.

Please call for non-resident rates for Kids Kamp.

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer and Saturday Recreation Programs

Join the Signal Hill "Park Kids" program and enjoy fun and exciting recreation activities. This free summer program operates Monday through Saturdays for youth ages 5-12. Scheduled activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, special events, and excursions. Please note that this is a drop-in program with minimal supervision and is not designed to serve as childcare. Programs are cancelled in the event of rain. For information, please call 989-7325 or 989-7334.

Location and Hours of Operation:

Signal Hill Park

1780 E. Hill Street

June 23 – August 22

Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturdays 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Burroughs Playground

(Burroughs Elementary School)

1260 E. 33rd Street

June 23 – August 8

Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hillbrook Park

1865 Temple Avenue

June 23 – August 8

Monday - Friday 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No programs will be held on Friday, July 4th.

Summer Excursions

Experience a world of adventure at Wild Rivers, canoe through the canals of Long Beach, barbecue at the beach, and become a star at Universal Studios. The Signal Hill Youth Program, for ages 5 –14, will be taking a variety of excursions every Tuesday and Friday, July 1st through August 22nd (except July 4th) that usually include uncontrollable laughter, far-out experiences, and plain old fun. For details call 989-7334 or 989-7325.

Family Carnival



Everyone is invited to the Family Carnival on Friday, August 22, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Signal Hill Park. There will be tasty treats, carnival games, knock your socks off entertainment, and great group activities! Purchase your unlimited play wristband for \$3 at the Carnival. Bring some extra money if you'd like to buy goodies from the snack shack.



YOUTH SPORTS

Youth Sports Program



Summer Food Service Program

Free USDA lunches will be provided Monday through Friday, June 23 through August 8 at Hillbrook Park and through August 22 at Signal Hill Park to children and young adults under the age of 18 years. For information, please call 989-7334.

Youth Flag Football/ Girls Indoor Volleyball

Registration for football and volleyball will begin in September and league play will begin in October. For more information call 989-7325.

Youth Boys and Girls Softball, T-Ball, and Co-Ed Indoor Volleyball

The Signal Hill Youth Sports Program, a free program for all youth ages 5-12, offers t-ball, softball, volleyball, flag football, basketball, and soccer. Parental involvement is needed in order to maintain this as a free sports program. Priority registration for Signal Hill residents begins June 2nd and ends June 13th. League play begins in July and runs through late August.

For more information, call 989-7325 or 989-7334.



COMMUNITY EVENTS and FAMILY PROGRAMS

Reservoir Park Family Festival



Reservoir Park Family Festival returns on Saturday, June 21, from 1-4 p.m. There will be entertainment, jumpers, make-and-take craft projects, food vendors and more for the entire family.

Shakespeare by the Sea Comes to Signal Hill

Friends of the Cultural Arts is pleased to present "Twelfth Night", by the touring company of Shakespeare by the Sea on Thursday, July 31, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner, relax and enjoy the show. Please call 989-7330 for location.

Summer Concerts in the Park

Enjoy your summer evenings under the stars as we present our Wednesday Summer Concerts in the Park Series, 6:30-8 p.m., Signal Hill Park.

Date and Group/Type of Music

July 9

COLD DUCK -
Classic Rock Variety

July 16

**GREGG YOUNG &
THE 2ND STREET BAND**
Rhythm & Blues

July 23

PERSON TO PERSON -
Top 40's Variety
Platinum Sponsor Night

July 30

KINDREAD - Reggae
Sponsored by:
Mesa Environmental Services

August 6

ORANGECOLORED SKY -
60's Surf

Co-Sponsored by:
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
Courtyard Care



August 13
SECTION 8 - Blues

August 20
STARFIRE - Motown, Latin & Disco

Saturday, August 23
JR LEWIS - Jazz Trio
@ Hilltop Park 4:00-5:30pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARTIST OF THE QUARTER

Meet the Artist Reception

Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts invites the public to attend the opening reception to meet the Artist of the Quarter on Wednesday, June 25th and September 10th, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Signal Hill Library. For further information, please call 989-7330.



Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts 2003 Platinum Sponsors

A very special note of appreciation to our Platinum Sponsors, who have donated \$1,000 or more to the Cultural Arts and Concert in the Park Series: **Charter Communications, Comstock Homes, County of Los Angeles/Supervisor Don Knabe, Graner Oil Co., Shell Pipeline Company, Signal Hill Disposal, Signal Hill Petroleum, The Signal Tribune, and Universal Care.** Their support and continued commitment is vital in providing diverse cultural arts opportunities for our community.

If you would like to support FOSHCA's goal to expand cultural arts experiences for the community, you may wish to become a sponsor. Five levels of sponsorships are available.

Platinum \$1,000 & over Gold Sponsor \$500-\$999
Silver Sponsor \$250-\$499 Friend \$ 25-\$249 In-Kind Donation

For additional information, please call 989-7330.



COMMUNITY CLASSES

CLASSES

Please note: pre-registration is required for most classes to ensure that the minimum number of registrants are received. Please register early at 989-7330.

MOSAIC TILE WORKSHOPS:

All mosaic tile workshops are held at Mike Mosaic Ltd. Studio, 4126 Norse Way. Please call 989-7330 for dates and times.

SMALL MOSAIC TABLE WORKSHOP

16 yrs. & up
Fee: \$45/2 Days

Make a 10" X 16" mosaic table in two classes. All materials and tools are provided. Pay \$65 material fee in class.

MOSAIC MIRROR WORKSHOP

16 yrs. & up
Fee: \$25/1 Day

Complete a 12" metal frame mirror with mosaic border. All materials and tools are provided. Pay \$50 material fee in class.

COOKING CLASSES

Cooking classes and Book Club Dinners will be held at the following location:

Community Center Kitchen
Signal Hill Park, 1780 E. Hill St.

CASUAL TO FANCY HORS D'OEUVRES

16 yrs. & up
Fee: \$28/1 Day

Learn to make classic canapés like Red Pepper Mousse barquettes to more casual fare like pot stickers and brochettes. Pay \$12 material fee in class.

Sat. Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

BOOK CLUB DINNER

16 yrs. & up
Fee: \$25 /4 Days

Enjoy dinner as you and other booklovers discuss "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. Pay \$5 material fee in each class for refreshments.

Thurs., July 17, August 21,
September 18 & October 16

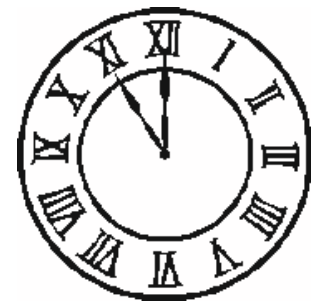
SIMPLIFY & DECLUTTER with the ORGANIZING MANIAC

13 yrs. & up
Fee: \$39/1 Day

Learn a system designed to save you valuable time and money.

Sat., July 19, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Mayfair Park, 5720 Clark Ave.,
Lakewood



TIME MANAGEMENT with the ORGANIZING MANIAC

13 yrs. & up
Fee: \$39/1 Day

Discover proven techniques that will help you manage your time more effectively!

Sat., Aug. 23, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The Centre, 5000 N. Clark Ave.,
Lakewood

COMMUNITY CLASSES

COLOR ANALYSIS for WOMEN

Fee: \$37/1 Day

Use color to bring out the best in whatever you wear.

Wed., June 25, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Weingart Sr. Center, 5220 Oliva Ave., Lakewood

Sat., Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Mayfair Park, 5720 Clark Ave., Lakewood

FITNESS

All Yoga classes held at the following location:

Free Spirit Yoga
3910 Atlantic Ave.

Please contact the Community Services Dept. for dates and times.

YOGA LEVEL 1

Fee: \$60/6 weeks

Ideal for beginners. You will gain a fundamental understanding of your body, beginning poses and breath work.

CORE CONDITIONING

Fee: \$60/6 weeks

Similar to Pilates; strengthen and tone muscles, improve posture and flexibility.

LEVEL I MEDITATION

Fee: \$60/6 weeks

This class will teach you how to relax in order to live a stress free life!

COUCH POTATOES ANONYMOUS

Fee: \$19/1 Day

Focus on living thinner, one habit at a time.

Sat., July 12, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Palms Park, 12305 207th St., Lakewood

Thurs., July 17, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Weingart Sr. Center, 5220 Oliva Ave., Lakewood



BEGINNING GOLF

Fee: \$100/4 Days

Learn the proper grip, stance, posture, rules and etiquette. Fee includes \$50 range card.

Sat. July 12 – August 2

August 9 –30

Sept. 6 –27

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lakewood Country Club, 3010 E. Carson

Youth

SWIM LESSONS



Children must be over 48" tall

Monday-Friday, 3:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40/per 2 week session

Session #1 July 7 - 18

Session #2 July 21 – August 1

Session #3 August 4 - 15

Session #4 August 18 – 29

Transportation and supervision will be provided. The bus will depart from Signal Hill Park, 45 minutes prior to the lesson. **Pre-registration is required.**

ANIMAL CONTROL

Pet News & Views

Companion Village

7700 E. Spring Street

Wed. - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed: Mon., Tues., and Holidays

COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

Dog License Fees

Animal Control Fees for dog licenses are as follows:

Unaltered \$36/year
Altered \$18/year
Late Fees \$20.00
Senior Discount/Altered Only \$9

License fees may be paid at Companion Village or at City Hall, Community Services Dept.

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

Friends of Long Beach Animals

If your passion is pets, volunteer a few hours to the non-profit group Friends of Long Beach Animals. Their goal is responsible pet ownership, education and humane treatment of all animals. For more information please call 961-9769.

Facility Rentals

Looking for an ideal location for a party, family picnic, reception or wedding ceremony? The Community Center, Hilltop, Reservoir and Signal Hill Parks are available for rental to both residents and non-residents. To receive additional information, please call Community Services at 989-7330.

Thursdays on The Green



Come and join in on the fun every Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Green on the Hill, located on the corner of Walnut Avenue and 27th Street. Listen to live music as you wander through an expansive Farmers' Market with fresh produce, baked goods, kettle corn, flowers, and more. You'll also find handmade treasures at the crafts fair. For more information, please

call the Signal Hill Chamber of Commerce at 424-6489.



ADULT AND FAMILY TRIPS

"PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS ~ SEASONS"

Departs: Wed., Aug. 27, 5:15 p.m.

Returns: 11:30 p.m.

Cost: \$33 resident/
\$36 non-resident

This year's theme, *Seasons*, promises to be a fun cultural experience for the entire family. We will arrive at the Pageant by 6:30 p.m. and have time to dine and view the art exhibits prior to the 8:30 p.m. show. Two tickets per person maximum.

Please register early as a limited number of tickets have been purchased.



SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

OUTSTANDING OLDER AMERICAN

This year's honor goes to John Leahy. John has been a dedicated Signal Hill Police Volunteer since 1997 and he has logged over 1,300 volunteer hours. John patrols the elementary schools, city parks, commercial areas and neighborhoods within our community. In addition, he assists Police Officers with traffic control, serves subpoenas to witnesses, issues parking tickets for handicapped, fire lane or red curb violations and performs other special duties. John is an outstanding resident and exemplifies the true meaning of a dedicated volunteer. Signal Hill is very proud to recognize and honor John for his dedication to our community.



COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

EXCURSIONS



"TITANIC ARTIFACT EXHIBIT AND IMAX FILM"

Departs: Thurs., July 17, 10:15 a.m.

Returns: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$22 resident/
\$25 non-resident

We will relive the voyage of the "Titanic" at the California Science Center. After lunch on your own at Phillippe's Original Home of the French Dip, our Titanic adventure concludes at the Imax Theater with a voyage to the ocean floor to explore the famous shipwreck.

SAN DIEGO BY TRAIN WITH HARBOR CRUISE

Departs: Thurs., Aug. 21, 7:15 a.m.

Returns: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$27 Resident/
\$30 Non-Resident.

Our motor coach will transport us to the Fullerton Amtrak Station for a one-way ride onboard Amtrak to San Diego. Enjoy lunch on your own at Seaport Village prior to a harbor cruise and then on to Old Town San Diego for shopping. Two tickets per person maximum.

OAK GLEN AUTUMN HARVEST

Departs: Thurs., Sept. 18, 8:15 a.m.

Returns: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$24 Resident/
\$27 Non-Resident



Our first stop will be the Parrish Pioneer Ranch where you will find antique stores, barns full of apples and more. Then off to Riley's Frontier for a down home-style chuck wagon meal along with a hayride. Our final stop will be Los Rios Rancho.

NOTE: ALL EXCURSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM INFORMATION PRIOR TO REGISTERING.



TRANSPORTATION

DIAL-A-TAXI

Dial-A-Taxi is a demand responsive curb-to-curb transportation service for residents with ambulatory disabilities who have no other means of transportation. To receive additional information, please call 989-7330.



BUS PASS PROGRAM

Monthly Long Beach Transit Senior Bus Passes are available for purchase at the Community Services Department. Discounted rates may apply to those residents who meet the income criteria. Please call 989-7330 for more information.

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

BROWN BAG

Signal Hill residents 62 years or over, may qualify to receive FREE weekly U.S.D.A. commodities, staples, produce, canned goods and more. For application information, please call 989-7330.

Funding provided through CDBG Funds.



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. California 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.



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City Holidays

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Friday,
July 4, 2003
Independence Day

Monday,
September 1, 2003
Labor Day

City Council/Commission Meetings

CITY COUNCIL:

- Mayor **Michael J. Noll**
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- Councilmember **Tina Hansen**
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- Councilmember **Edward H.J. Wilson**
e-mail: ewilson@ci.signal-hill.ca.us

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday Monthly
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Place: Council Chambers

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting: 1st Wednesday Monthly
 Time: 6 p.m.
 Place: Council Chambers

COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Place: Council Chambers
 Replays: Ch. 17, Sunday-Saturday
 7 a.m., 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.



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