



City of Signal Hill

City Views Newsletter

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Summer 2005

Updates on New Residential Development

Pacific Crest

The Anastasi Development Company has begun construction of its Pacific Crest development along Cherry Avenue in the City's southeast neighborhood. The project includes:

- 30 3-bedroom condominium units in 10 buildings on the east side of Cherry Avenue between 19th and 20th Streets, and
- 5 detached 3-bedroom single-family dwellings on the south side of 19th Street between Cherry and St. Louis Avenues

The new homes replace previous commercial uses at the site including an auto sales lot and nightclub.



Crescent Square



The Planning Commission has approved Signal Hill Petroleum's proposal for 28 detached single-family homes at the northeast corner of Walnut Avenue and Crescent Heights Street. The 3.18-acre site is just south of the Town Center West shopping center.

The Crescent Square homes are three-stories and feature 3-bedrooms, lofts and large two-car garages. The elevations are compatible with the homes found in the adjacent Crescent Heights historic district. A public walkway will be provided between Crescent Heights Street and the shopping center.



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Blue Ribbon Committee

Members of the Blue Ribbon Committee continue to meet monthly to assess the Police Department's long-term staffing requirements to meet the demands of our expanding community. The Committee represents a diverse cross-section of our community including residents, business owners, officers and civic leaders. Committee members have studied the growth of the City and are exploring ways to maintain both the high level of service and quick response time residents have come to expect from the Signal Hill Police Department. It is anticipated that the Blue Ribbon Committee will present recommendations to the City Council in June of this year.



Temple Reservoir Expansion



Construction is currently underway on a storage building that will house supplies and equipment used in the daily operation of the Temple Reservoir facility. The building, similar in style to the existing reservoir building, will be surrounded by landscaping. Construction should be completed by the end of June.



Las Brisas Phase II Update



Demolition for the Las Brisas Phase II site has been completed. Major funding for the proposed 60-unit development will be provided through the State's Tax Credit program. Funding notifications will occur in early summer.



Storage Yard Fences Ordinance



A proposed ordinance requiring the replacement of fences at existing storage yards, many of which are unsightly due to disrepair and dilapidation, would improve their appearance. The City

is concerned that these poorly maintained storage yards negatively affect property values in the industrial areas and create the appearance of blight and decline.



Passport Services at City Hall

The Office of the City Clerk has been designated a Passport Application Acceptance Service facility by the Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State. Passport Services are available between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, Monday through Thursday. Applications and forms are available during regular business hours. A passport information line has been established to provide detailed information regarding fees and submittal requirements. Call (562) 989-7387 or you may find the same information on the City's web site www.ci.signal-hill.ca.us or the U.S. Department of State's web site at www.travel.state.gov.



Trucking Yard Moratorium



Trucking yards and freight terminals, a necessary part of the commercial landscape and vital to the free exchange of goods and services, function most efficiently on large sites accessed by wide roads designed to accommodate large size tractor trailer trucks. Trucks can cause traffic safety problems when located near residential neighborhoods, schools and other sensitive land uses especially in locations where local streets are too narrow for trucks. To allow Planners time to write new zoning regulations and standards for the development of trucking yards, freight terminals and similar uses, the City has imposed a moratorium on the establishment of trucking yards, which will extend through the remainder of 2005.



EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

Demolition of the Las Brisas Phase II site has allowed the City to complete the soils testing and methane assessment needed to secure additional funding from the County of Los Angeles. In addition, site assessments were conducted in the Auto Center for future expansion. Assessments included phase II environmental assessments, methane assessments, and human health risk assessments.

For more information on the City's EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant, contact Jim DellaLunga, Redevelopment Coordinator at (562) 989-7342.



Neighborhood Traffic Safety - You're In the Driver's Seat

The Public Works and Police Departments regularly receive calls from residents who are concerned about the reckless way people drive through their neighborhood. Drivers speeding and running stop signs are the most common issues raised by residents. Who are these drivers that disregard neighborhood safety? Surprisingly, these drivers are you and your neighbors. The Police Department has found that a high percentage of traffic tickets issued in residential areas are issued to residents. You can play a big part in improving the safety of your neighborhood by simply driving at or below the residential speed limit of 25 miles per hour and coming to a complete stop at intersections. Remember, a ticket for running a stop sign can cost you over \$300 in fines and cause you to spend a Saturday in traffic school.

The City offers traffic calming services to remind drivers to drive safely. These services include providing signs that



ask drivers to "Slow Down - Drive 25 MPH", placing a trailer on the street that tells drivers how fast they are driving compared to the speed limit, and providing enhanced Police enforcement.

If you have concerns about traffic in

your neighborhood and would like to request a traffic calming service, contact the Public Works Department at (562) 989-7351 or the Police Department at (562) 989-7200.



Community Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reservoir Park Festival

Join us Saturday, June 18, 2005, at Reservoir Park, from 1-4 p.m. for a day of fun, games, crafts and music. It's **FREE**, it's fun, so come and join us.

Discovery Well Park Festival

The Second Annual Discovery Well Park Festival returns Saturday, September 24, 2005, from 1-4 p.m. Games, crafts and fun for all. **FREE**.

Extreme Summer Carnival

Friday, August 19, come celebrate the last day of our Summer Youth Program. The event will be held at Signal Hill Park from 3-5 p.m. Plenty of healthy treats, refreshments, X Game challenges and activities. Purchase unlimited play wristbands for \$5 on the day of the event. Bring extra spending money for snacks.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Join our **FREE** summer program for youth ages 6-12. The summer program operates Monday-Saturday and scheduled activities include arts & crafts, games, sports, special events, and excursions (fee). It is not designed to serve as childcare. Children are free to come and go as they please with general supervision provided. In the event of inclement weather, programs will be cancelled. Call 989-7334 for more information.

SUMMER PROGRAM SITES

Signal Hill Park, 1780 E. Hill Street

June 20-August 19, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Burroughs Elementary School Playground, 1260 E. 33rd Street

June 20-August 5, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Discovery Well Park, 2200 Temple Ave.

June 20-August 12, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat. 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Calbrisas Park, 2451 California Ave.

June 20-August 12, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Children's Swim Lessons

Ages 5-13 years

June 27 – September 1

Limited to a maximum of 15 children.

Register early at the

Community Services Department

989-7330

From Signal Hill Park, we provide supervision and transportation to and from the U.S. Olympic Water Polo National Aquatic Center in Los Alamitos. Actual lesson time: 4-4:35 p.m.

Fee: **\$45 per nine-day session**

Session I	June 27-July 8 (No Class July 4)
Session II	July 11-July 21
Session III	July 25-August 4
Session IV	August 8-August 18
Session V	August 22-September 1



Senior Excursions

"Del Mar – A Day At The Races"

Thursday, July 21 Departs: 9:45 a.m. Return: 7 p.m.

Cost: \$21 Resident/\$24 Non-resident

"All Aboard To Santa Barbara"

Thursday, August 18 Departs: 7:15 a.m. Return: 7 p.m.

Cost: \$29 Resident/\$32 Non-resident

"We Have Lift Off To Jet Propulsion Lab"

Thursday, September 15 Departs: 10 a.m. Return: 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12 Resident/\$17 Non-resident

"Oktoberfest Luncheon"

Thursday, October 13 Departs: 10 a.m. Return: 4 p.m.

Cost: \$13 Resident/\$18 Non-resident

"King Tut And The Golden Age Of The Pharaohs"

Thursday, November 10 Departs: 8:45 a.m. Return: 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 Resident/\$35 Non-resident

For Senior Excursion information call 989-7376 and a full brochure will be mailed.



Creativity Labs

Bring the family on October 2, 2-4 p.m., to Discovery Well Park, for our first Creative Lab. The Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts is collaborating with the Long Beach Museum of Art to offer a variety of workshops throughout the year. It is **FREE** and open to the public. Drop in, create art, and share Sunday with your family at this hands-on, artist-led workshop for families with children ages 4-15. Space is limited.



Outstanding Older American

This year's Outstanding Older American is Gary Dudley.



Gary is a selfless individual, a consummate volunteer, and in his unassuming way, is making an impact through the many organizations and committees he serves on. Employed full time as a consultant, his free hours are dedicated to a wide variety of non-profit organizations. Instrumental in the formation of Friends of Cultural Arts, Friends of the Library, Signal Hill Community Foundation, and Concerned Citizens of Signal Hill, Gary served as a founding member, developing by-laws to establish these groups as non-profit organizations. He dedicates many hours serving on the boards of these groups to better the community in which he resides. As President of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Liver Foundation, he spends tireless hours organizing, planning and coordinating several major fund raising events throughout the year. Since being appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission in August 1993, Gary has been a driving force behind development of the City's open space, parks, and recreation activities. The City Council recognizes his strong leadership and has appointed him to many committees over the past years, including the Public Art Selection Committee and most recently, the Blue Ribbon Committee, established to evaluate the staffing requirements of the Police Department. Gary is truly a volunteer worthy of recognition as the Outstanding Older American.



Signal Hill Library

1770 E. Hill Street, 989-7323

LIBRARY HOURS – Mon., Tues., Thurs. 12-8

Wed., Fri, Sat. 10-5; CLOSED SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Summer Reading Program Super Readers, Super Heroes

Kids ages 3-13! Join the Signal Hill Library's Summer Reading Program starting July 1 and continuing until the end of August. You will receive rewards, bookmarks, and just by participating in the program, each youngster is entered in raffle drawings for great prizes such as tickets to local zoos, museums, and amusement parks. You will read some great books and become a super reader over the summer!

Wonderworld Puppets *FREE*

The Wonderworld Puppets present "Super Frog" on Monday, July 18, at 3:45 p.m. in the Signal Hill Park Community Center. Children of all ages will enjoy this colorful, silly and just plain fun show. Parents will love the exciting, literature based aspect, which will educate as well as entertain.

The Really Big Balloon Show *FREE*

The Signal Hill Library presents the "Really Big Balloon Show" on Monday, August 15, at 3:45 p.m. in the Signal Hill Park Community Center. This is a balloon show that has set the bar by which all other balloon shows are measured. It has comedy, magic, storytelling and mayhem. You will witness remarkable balloon sculptures and a spectacular show suitable for family audiences.

Weekly Story Time

PRE-SCHOOL Friday, 10 a.m. YOUTH Saturday, 11:30 a.m.



Summer Food Service

FREE USDA lunches will be provided Monday through Friday at Signal Hill Park June 20-August 19; and at Calbrisas Park and Discovery Well Park from June 20-August 12. This program is for youth under the age of 18.

Summer Excursions

Call 989-7334 for a list of our exciting summer excursions. Excursions are open to youth ages 6-14, every Tuesday and Thursday, starting June 28. Registration for excursions begin June 20.

Youth Sports Program

Softball And T-ball 5-12 Years

Boys and Girls softball and t-ball registration for Signal Hill residents begins May 23 and ends June 3. League play July-August. Children are taught skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship by qualified coaches during weekly practices and games. Parental involvement encouraged. Call 989-7334.

Kids Kamp

Signal Hill Youth Center

1780 E. Hill Street, M-F, 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m. Kids Kamp is a state licensed childcare program for before and after school care and during track breaks. Kids Kamp provides a well-rounded, recreation program for school aged children in Head Start thru Fifth Grade. Call 989-7329.



ADULT CLASSES

BEGINNING MS WORD

Ages 18+ Fee: \$44/4 classes
Wed., 6/1-6/22, 7-9 p.m.
Slow paced class for first time users.
Location: Signal Hill Library

EBAY COMPUTER CLASS For Beginners

Ages 18+ Fee: \$54/6 classes
Wed., 9/21-10/26, 7-9 p.m.
Learn to navigate and
research in eBay.
Location: Signal Hill Library



Youth Classes

Pre-Ballet

Ages 3-6 Fee: \$30/5 classes
Session I: Tuesday, 7/19-8/16
Session II: Tuesday, 9/20-10/18
5-6 p.m.
Intro to basic ballet steps.
Location: Discovery Well Park

Ballet

Ages 7-11 Fees: \$30/5 classes
Session I: Tuesday, 7/19-8/16
Session II: Tuesday, 9/20-10/18
6-7 p.m.
Learn basic ballet positions.
Location: Discovery Well Park

Beginning Jazz

Ages 7-11 Fee: \$30/5 classes
Session I: Monday, 7/18-8/15
Session II: Monday, 9/19-10/17
5-6 p.m.
High energy class. Students will
learn jazz dance movements.
Location: Discovery Well Park



TEEN PROGRAM

The Signal Hill Teen Program strives to develop social and recreational skills, to enhance communication and peer interaction, and to build self-esteem. A variety of teen programs and special events are provided, including: movie madness, excursions, and sports tournaments. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, call 989-7325.



YOUTH CLASSES

Beginning/Advanced Karate

Ages 6+ Fee: \$25/4 classes
Tues., 6/7-6/28 7:45-8:30 p.m.
Basic fundamentals of self-defense.
Location: Discovery Well Park

Small Ball Sports

Ages 3-5 Fee: \$25/5 classes
Wed., 6/1-6/29 10-11 a.m.
It's never too early to learn
the basics and develop excellent
sportsmanship.
Location: Discovery Well Park



FOR ALL
CLASS
INFORMATION
CALL
989-7374

Concerts In The Park Schedule

Signal Hill Park

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

July 13 Ace (Retro Disco)

July 20 Fenians (Irish)

July 27 Elm Street Band (Top 40's Rock)

August 3 Steel Parade (Calypso)

August 10 Instant Replay (Surf Music)

August 17 Ronny & the Classics (Classic Rock)

Thank You Sponsors

A very special note of appreciation to the following sponsors for their donations to the Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts and Concerts in the Park: Diamond Sponsor, Supervisor Don Knabe, with a generous donation of \$5,500; Platinum Sponsors, who have donated \$1,000 or more: Charter Communications, Comstock Homes, Graner Oil Company, Mesa Environmental Services, Shell Pipeline Company, Signal Hill Disposal, Signal Hill Petroleum, Universal Care; Gold Sponsors, \$500, Everson Spice Company, Terry's Tool Works and Terry Rogers - Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Patrick Gough Company; Silver Sponsors \$250, Golden Eagle Restaurant, The Honeycutt Family, McDonald's Signal Hill, Boulevard Buick GMC, Shannon Murphy, Signal Hill Self Storage, Courtyard Care Center, Aleshire & Wynder LLP. Their support and continued commitment is vital in providing the diverse cultural arts opportunities for our community.

FOSHCA has raised over \$15,000, which directly funds the Summer Concert Series, Creative Lab Family Art Workshops, Quarterly Artist Receptions and exhibits, and the scholarship fund for cultural art students. FOSHCA continues to strive to expand the cultural arts experience for the community providing activities and public art pieces for all to enjoy.



Facility Rentals

Signal Hill offers its facilities for special uses such as receptions, meetings, and birthday parties. Reservations may be made as early as six months prior to the function but not later than ten business days prior to the scheduled event. Call 989-7330 for more information.



Animal Control

The City of Signal Hill contracts with the City of Long Beach Animal Control to provide services to Signal Hill residents. Please call 989-7330 for more information.



Brown Bag

Signal Hill residents over the age of 62 years may qualify to receive FREE supplementary food items. To receive an application, call 989-7330.

Funds through CDBG.



Author's Talk

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 25, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the Signal Hill Park Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street.



Transportation

The Long Beach Transit Board of Directors approved an increase for local bus fares, effective July 1, 2005. The basic adult bus fare will remain at 90¢ and seniors and persons with disabilities will continue to pay 45¢. The student fare will increase from 75¢ cents to 90¢. A regular monthly pass is now \$50, Student Monthly Pass \$31, and Senior/Disabled Pass \$19. The fare on Dial-A-Lift, Long Beach Transit's reserved seat van service for persons with disabilities, will increase to \$1.50 per ride.

Dial-A-Taxi

Dial-A-Taxi is a demand responsive curb-to-curb transportation service for Signal Hill adults with ambulatory disabilities who have no other means of transportation. To receive an application call 989-7330.

Bus Pass Program

Monthly Long Beach Transit Senior Bus Passes are available for purchase at the Community Services Department. Recreation Transit and Transportation Programs are funded through Proposition A Funds.



West Nile Virus

Take steps to protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus.



AVOID MOSQUITO BITES

Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active (dawn and dusk).

When outdoors, wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and other protective clothing.

Spray insect repellent containing DEET on exposed skin when you go outdoors.

Use repellent carefully. Repellents containing DEET are very safe for adults and children when used according to directions.

MOSQUITO-PROOF YOUR HOME

Keep mosquitoes outside by fixing or installing window and door screens.

Drain standing water: A small amount of standing water can be enough for a mosquito to lay her eggs. Empty water from buckets, pool covers, flowerpots and other items every week.

For more information, you can log onto the following websites:

CDC: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm

California: www.westnile.ca.gov/Los Angeles County Health Dept.
www.lapublichealth.org



National Night Out

Join the Signal Hill Police Department on Tuesday, August 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Calbrisas Park, 2451 California Avenue, as they host their second annual "National Night Out", a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. A variety of public service organizations and local businesses will also participate in this unique community event designed to promote participation in local anticrime programs and police-community partnerships. For additional information, please contact Officer Samara Roberts at 427-3153.



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
Signal Hill Park	989-7325
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 Unified 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.
Calbrisis Park	2451 California Ave.
Hillbrook Park	1865 Temple Ave.
Reservoir Park	3315 Gundry Ave.
Hilltop Park	2351 Dawson Ave.
Raymond Arbor Pk	1881 Raymond Ave.
Discovery Well Pk	2200 Temple Ave.
Alvarado Elem.	1900 E. 21st St.
Burroughs Elem.	1260 E. 33rd St.
Signal Hill Elem.	2285 Walnut Ave.



City Council/Commission Meetings

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Councilmember **Michael J. Noll**
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Councilmember **Ellen Ward**
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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.

City Holidays

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

Monday, July 4, 2005
Independence Day

Monday, September 5, 2005
Labor Day



Agendas are posted on
 the City's website,
www.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



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