



*Fall 2003*

## Los Angeles County Fire Department Returns To Signal Hill

On November 1, 2003, the Los Angeles County Fire Department will once again staff Signal Hill's fire station on Raymond Avenue and 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The County provided Signal Hill's fire services prior to 1987 and was anxious to return to the City. The City's fire station will remain open and be staffed with a Paramedic Assessment engine company consisting of Firefighter/Paramedics. The County sees no change in response times. Los Angeles County Fire will transport patients using the private ambulance firm of American Medical Response. These very highly trained ambulance crews are active in our area as they transport patients to all three of our local hospitals. Additional resources, if needed, will respond from Station No. 122, immediately adjacent to Signal Hill, located just north of the intersection of Paramount Blvd. and Carson Street in the City of Lakewood. LA County has both automatic and mutual aid agreements with Long Beach Fire and can request their assistance for a large incident. The City Council strongly believes that the Los Angeles County Fire Department will provide an excellent level of service to our residents and businesses.



## West Bluff Construction Plows Forward



Construction on the West Bluff of the hilltop continues with 36 single-family homes recently completed and another 21 single-family homes and 32 townhomes on the way.



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# Fiscal Year 2003-04 Budget

**I**n June, the City Council adopted the 2003/04 fiscal year budget. General Fund revenues are estimated at \$13,945,500 while operating expenditures are expected to total \$13,867,650. The City's General Fund is estimated to be \$3,923,393 at the end of the 2003/04 fiscal year.

The budget was prepared in a conservative manner regarding its revenue estimates. Also, because of the State's dire financial affairs and the apparent stall of the economic recovery, no new programs were recommended. The City's budget assumed no reduction to the Motor Vehicle Licensing Fees and a \$675,000 reduction in the Redevelopment Agency's taxes for the Education Reimbursement Augmentation Fund (ERAF). The State, in an effort to reduce the size of their deficit, will raid the treasuries of local government.

No new taxes have been proposed in the budget. Only 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) and the business license processing charge were fees allowed to increase, if warranted.

A four percent rate increase for the City's Water Fund was proposed as part of the budget process. The City has not increased water rates since October 2001. The rate increase, effective later this fall, is necessary to fund operations, capital projects and the reserves that finance those improvements. A new franchise fee set at 3% of revenues has been adopted for the City's water utility.

Many cities throughout the State are facing structural deficits due to State cuts, expansion of services and staff during the years of economic prosperity and increases in retirement rates from the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) due to three years of investment losses. The Signal Hill City Council adopted a more conservative approach opting not to spend one-time revenues on expansion of staff and services; rather, "rainy day" reserves were established. These reserves will help the City fund its programs during the next several years until the economy and state budget improve.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Capital projects totaling \$11,517,565 are planned for this fiscal year. These include:

- Improvements to the streets, curbs and walkways in the Las Brisas neighborhood
- Completion of the Hilltop Loop Water Line
- Temple Reservoir and Pump Station Expansion
- Gundry Well Valve Replacement
- Completion of the Spring Street Reconstruction
- Slurry seal of various streets throughout the City
- Grind and Overlay Projects on Willow Street and Cherry and Orange Avenues
- The Hamilton Bowl Trash Reduction Project, includes trash nets on the outfalls to reduce trash entering the LA River
- Design and construction of Calbrisas Park in the Las Brisas neighborhood.



## Spring Street Reconstruction



**T**he Spring Street Reconstruction Project, between Atlantic and California Avenues, is expected to be completed in February 2004. Spring Street will be widened and the road lowered by 17 feet, reducing the grade approaching Atlantic Avenue and enhancing safety and improving traffic flow. Until the project is completed, the City suggests using Willow Avenue and Wardlow Road as alternate driving routes that run parallel with Spring Street.



## Las Brisas Neighborhood



**T**he Las Brisas Neighborhood Revitalization project is nearing completion with the first ten buildings ready for move-in in November 2003. The community center/childcare center is scheduled for completion in December 2003. The Calbrisas Park site has been cleared and the design process is underway.



## New Vehicle for SHPD Volunteers



**T**he Signal Hill Police Department Volunteers recently received a "new" vehicle. The vehicle was removed from the Police Department's patrol fleet and repainted for use by the Volunteers.



## 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.

### 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,

October 20, 2003, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street, directly behind the Library.

### Flights Of Fantasy Story Theatre

Flights of Fantasy Story Theatre invites children and their families to a rollicking storytelling extravaganza Wednesday, November 12, 2003, at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Lorrie Oshatz and Theresa Amy, using a lively display of masks, props

and costumes, bring your favorite folk tales, fables and poetry to life! Come join us at this FREE event.

### Claus Family Storyteller

The Claus Family returns to brighten up the holidays on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The Claus Family players will present traditional and modern Christmas stories and lead Christmas carols at this FREE event.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Kids Kamp - State Licensed All Day Child Care

Kids Kamp is a fun, well-supervised enrichment program for school-age children from 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 arts, 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. For more information and registration, call (562) 989-7329 or (562) 989-7330.

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

(Please call for non-resident rates.)

<b>Before School Care</b> <i>Monday-Friday</i>	<b>After School Care</b> <i>Monday-Friday</i>	<b>Extended Care</b> <i>Monday-Friday</i>
6:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. \$18/week	11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. \$53/week	6:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. \$83/week
	1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. \$48/week	

### After School and Saturday Recreation Programs

Join the Signal Hill "Park Kids" program and enjoy fun and exciting recreational activities. This free drop-in program for kids ages 6 to 12 offers daily planned activities including arts and crafts, games, sports, special events and excursions, at an additional cost. General supervision is provided and children are free to come and go as they please.

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. - 4:00pm



## YOUTH SPORTS

### Youth Basketball

Basketball leagues will be offered to boys and girls ages 5-

12. Priority registration for Signal Hill residents begins Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and non-residents may register starting Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Registration closes on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and is on a first come, first served basis.

Beginning in January, games will be played in Long Beach and weekly practices will be held at Signal Hill Park. For more information call (562) 989-7325.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Halloween Carnival



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

# COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

## Breakfast with Santa



On Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., children ages 8 years & under, along with their parents, will enjoy a fabulous breakfast, a holiday craft, story time with Santa and Mrs. Claus and of course, their picture with Santa.

Children: \$8  
Adults: \$4 (Accompanied by a child (ren)/ Breakfast only).

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

**REGISTRATION BEGINS:**  
Monday, November 3, 2003

**REGISTRATION ENDS:**  
Monday, December 8, 2003.

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



## Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 p.m., the public is cordially invited to ring in the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held 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 attend the opening reception to meet the Artist of the Quarter on Wednesday, October 8, 2003 and Wednesday, January 14, 2004 from 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Signal Hill Library. For further information, please call 989-7330.



## CLASSES

### ADULT CLASSES

#### BASIC FLORAL ARRANGING

16 yrs & up Fee:\$20/1 Day  
You will be walked through the basic elements of floral design. Learn how to balance an arrangement with the greatest of ease. Pay \$15 material fee in class.

Wed. Oct. 8 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Signal Hill Florist  
2099 E. Willow St.



#### FLORAL ARRANGING II

16 yrs & up  
Fee:\$20/1 Day

Having mastered the basics, you are ready to create beautiful arrangements using seasonal and holiday themes. Pay \$15 material fee in class.

Wed. Nov. 19 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Signal Hill Florist  
2099 E. Willow St.

#### CREATING A KEEPSAKE ALBUM

16 yrs & up Fee:\$15/2 Days  
Are your photos a mess tossed in a box? Learn fun, simple techniques to create a keepsake album. Pay \$20 material fee in class.

Wed. Oct. 1 & 8 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Library  
Meeting Room  
1770 E. Hill St.

Cooking classes will be held at:

Signal Hill Park  
1780 E. Hill Street  
Community Center Kitchen

#### HEART WARMING SOUPS

15 yrs & up Fee:\$28/1 Day  
There's nothing like homemade soup to warm your tummy on those cold winter nights. Pay \$10 material fee in class.

Thurs., Sept. 25 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

#### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

15 yrs & up Fee:\$28/1 Day  
Learn all about table decorations and settings and how to prepare a fabulous dinner. We'll make an old-fashioned turkey dinner with all the fixings. Pay \$10 material fee in class.

Thurs., Nov. 13 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

#### GOURMET GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN

16 yrs & up Fee:\$28/1 Day  
Learn to prepare flavored coffee drinks, spiced & flavored teas, bread mixes, cookie dough mixes, gourmet popcorn spice and more. Pay \$10 material fee in class.

Thurs., Dec. 4 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

# CLASSES, COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

## SIMPLIFY & DECLUTTER with the ORGANIZING MANIAC

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

Learn a system with proven techniques that will save you valuable time and money.

Sat., Dec. 6 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Mayfair Park,  
Sierra Room  
5720 Clark Ave.,  
Lakewood

## FENG SHUI WORKSHOP

18 yrs & up Fee:\$25/1 Day

Bring balance and prosperity to your life using the ancient Chinese philosophy of Feng Shui.

Sun., Oct. 26 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 13 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: 2923 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St.  
Signal Hill

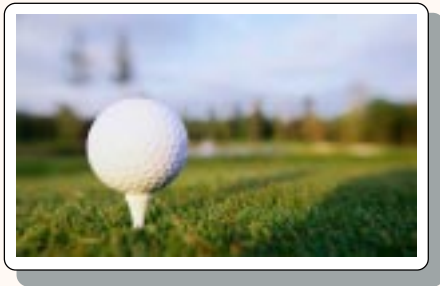
## FENG SHUI WORKSHOP II

18 yrs & up Fee:\$25/1 Day

Advance in your understanding of Feng Shui.

Sun., Nov. 23 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: 2923 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St.  
Signal Hill



## BEGINNING GOLF

Fee: \$100/4 Meetings

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

Please call for dates and times.

Location: Lakewood Country  
Club  
3010 E. Carson, Lkwd.

## HIGH ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE

9 yrs & up Fee: \$25/1 Day

Parents and children, conquer your fears on a challenging 30 foot high rope course.

Sat., Oct. 18, Nov. 15, & Jan. 17

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Location: Camp Fire USA  
7070 E. Carson St.  
Long Beach

*All of the following classes are held  
at:*

*Free Spirit Yoga*

*3910 Atlantic Ave.*

*Please contact the Community  
Service Dept. for dates and times.*

Please be on time, do not eat 2 hours prior to class, bring a towel, wear comfortable clothes and 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.

## CORE CONDITIONING

Fee: \$60/6 Weeks

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

## LEVEL I MEDITATION

Fee: \$60/6 Weeks

Learn how to relax and live a stress free life!



## ANIMAL CONTROL

### Pet News & Views

Companion Village, located at 7700 E. Spring Street, houses both Animal Control for licensing and 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	\$36/year
Altered	\$18/year
Senior Discount/ Altered Only	\$9
Late Fees	\$20.00

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



Find out what's happening in your City. Tune to Channel 17 to watch recent City Council meetings, learn about upcoming City events and get detailed information about current issues on **City Talk**.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS and PROGRAMS

## SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

### Senior Trips & Travel



#### **“THE MANY CHURCHES OF L.A. TOUR WITH JOHN”**

Departs: Thurs. October 16  
at 9:15 a.m.

Return: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$19 Resident/  
\$22 Non-Resident

Join us as we visit the First Congregational Church, complete with an organ recital, lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory, tour the Lady of the Angels Cathedral Complex in Los Angeles and much more.

#### **SOLVANG FOR THE DAY**

Departs: Thurs. November 13  
at 7:15 a.m.

Returns: 7:15 p.m.

Cost: \$19 Resident/  
\$22 Non-Resident

Traveling along the Coast Highway, our first stop will be the quaint Dutch town of Solvang. You'll have time to lunch on your own, shop and enjoy the authentic Scandinavian fare. Heading home, we'll stop at the Gainey Winery to tour the

vintner's estate and enjoy a wine tasting.

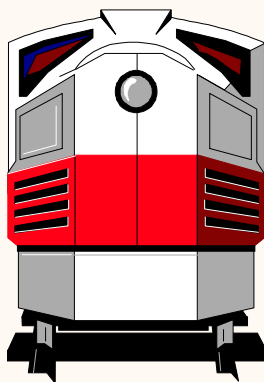
#### **WELK RESORT THEATRE MUSICAL CHRISTMAS**

Departs: Thurs., December 18  
at 10:30 a.m.

Returns: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$46 resident -  
\$49 non-resident

Upon arrival, you will be treated to a delightful buffet luncheon. After lunch, we will enjoy the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Welk Musical Christmas. Please note: men are requested to wear jackets, no tennis shoes.



#### **SANTA PAULA TRAIN ANTIQUÉ TREASURE ADVENTURE**

Departs: Thurs., January 15  
at 8:00 a.m.

Returns: 7:00 p.m.

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

Upon 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 the California Oil Museum docents and tour the restored Executive Offices and museum. Later, enjoy a walking tour of Santa Paula's Historical Downtown.

*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 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 Dept. Discounted rates 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.

*Funded by a Community Development Block Grant.*



# 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
Community Center	
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
<b>EMERGENCY/PARAMEDICS "911"</b>	
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.



# City Holidays

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

- Tuesday, November 11, 2003  
**Veterans' Day**
- Thursday, November 27, 2003  
**Thanksgiving Day**
- Friday, November 28, 2003  
**Friday after Thanksgiving**
- Thursday, December 25, 2003  
**Christmas Day**
- Thursday, January 1, 2004  
**New Year's Day**
- Monday, January 19, 2004  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**



# City Council/Commission Meetings

## CITY COUNCIL:

- Mayor **Michael J. Noll**  
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- Vice-Mayor **Ellen Ward**  
*e-mail: eward@ci.signal-hill.ca.us*
- Councilmember **Larry Forester**  
*e-mail: lforester@ci.signal-hill.ca.us*
- Councilmember **Tina Hansen**  
*e-mail: thansen@ci.signal-hill.ca.us*
- Councilmember **Edward H.J. Wilson**  
*e-mail: ewilson@ci.signal-hill.ca.us*

## 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.

## 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



# City Views

News from the City of Signal Hill

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Signal Hill, CA 90755

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