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Unincorporated Whittier Community CONNECTION

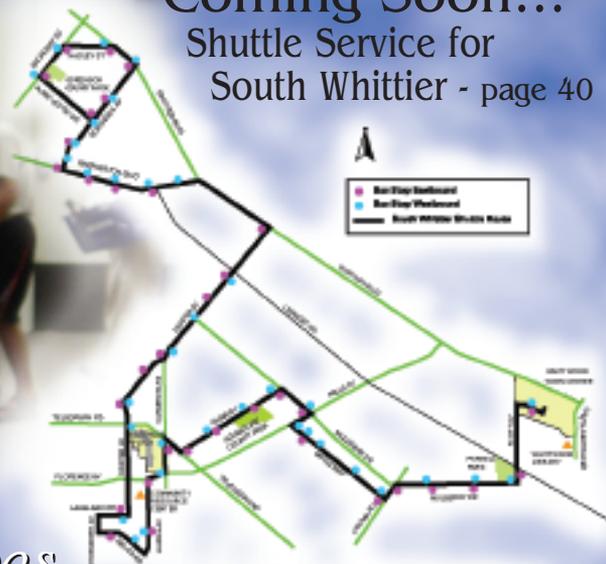
Community Resource Guide 2005-2006



Community
Resource
Center

10750 Laurel Avenue

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SOUTH WHITTIER SHUTTLE ROUTE



Emergency
Preparedness - see insert

Enriching Lives

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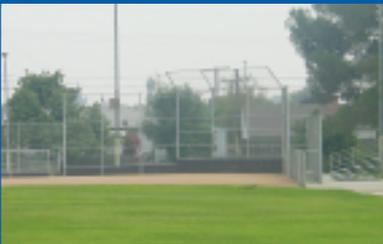
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Dear Community Member,

The County of Los Angeles is once again pleased to offer you our annual issue of the Whittier **CommunityCONNECTION**. This issue provides valuable information on County services and resources such as health, consumer tips, local parks and regional facilities, libraries, as well as information on the soon-to-be launched South Whittier Shuttle (See page 40 for Shuttle routes and schedule.)

We have also included an Emergency Preparedness Checklist to assist you in the event of a disaster. You are encouraged to take some time to review and complete this Checklist.

We hope that the Community Connection is helpful to you. In our endeavor to provide you with better service, we have included a brief survey on page 42. We encourage you to complete this survey and return it to us, or you may email us at uas_sp@cao.co.la.ca.us. For your convenience, the survey is now available on the web at <http://lacws.co.la.ca.us/cao/whittier.htm>.

Thank you.

Living in the Unincorporated Community of Whittier

Many areas in the County of Los Angeles which are not part of a city are known as unincorporated communities. Cities have their own governing bodies, while the County serves as the local government responsible for all municipal services in the unincorporated areas.

Your community is represented by either the First or Fourth County District. Made up of five districts, the County is governed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors which is responsible for establishing policies and regulations that affect the residents of unincorporated areas such as yours. The map on the back cover indicates the First and Fourth District boundaries. To verify your district, contact (562) 466-1310 or www.lacounty.info and click on the "Find Your Districts" link.

Los Angeles County employs more than 80,000 people providing services from fire safety, law enforcement, probation, health, parks and recreation, public works, library, zoning, to many other services. In addition, the County operates certain beaches, and funds arts and cultural facilities, some of which you will find in this guide.

We are here to serve you! The Board of Supervisors designates Board Deputies to help them represent your community. They can be reached at:

First District Field Office - (626) 350-4500

Fourth District Field Office - (562) 807-7350

County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan

COUNTY VISION

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient, and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our shared values:

- **A can-do attitude** – we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** – we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** – we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** – we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** – we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** – we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** – we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** – we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premiere organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- A capability to undertake programs that have public value,
- An aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation, and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

COUNTY MISSION

To enrich lives through effective and caring service.

Strategic Plan Goals

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Service Excellence | 5. Children and Families' Well-Being |
| 2. Workforce Excellence | 6. Community Services |
| 3. Organizational Effectiveness | 7. Health and Mental Health |
| 4. Fiscal Responsibility | 8. Public Safety |

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Animal Care & Control **(562) 940-6898**

Assessor **(888) 807-2111**

Children Services

Options **(626) 856-5900**

Child Care Hotline/CalWorks **(877) CHILD-99**

Children’s Protective Services (Child Abuse Hotline)
(800) 540-4000

Community & Senior Services **(213) 738-2600**

Community Development Commission
(323) 890-7001

Crisis Intervention

24-Hour Referral Service **(626) 350-6833**

Women’s & Children’s Crisis Shelter **(562) 945-3937**

Garbage/Waste Collection

Consolidated Disposal Service **(562) 663-3400**

Whittier City Disposal **(562) 464-3540**

Waste Management of San Gabriel/Pomona Valley
(909) 599-1274

General Information/Assistance

Help Line **(888) 924-HELP**

Consumer Affairs **(213) 974-1452**

Gang Alternative Prevention Program **(562) 491-5895**

Graffiti Abatement

Graffiti Removal for areas of South **(626) 458-6580**
Whittier, west of Candlewood Country Club,
West Whittier, west of Broadway,
Los Nietos, and Sunshine Acres

Graffiti Removal for areas of South **(562) 946-6468**
Whittier, east and northeast of Candlewood
Country Club, West Whittier, east of
Broadway and north of Washington,
and Northeast Whittier

L.A. County Department of
Public Works **(800) 675-HELP**

Caltrans Maintenance Division
(freeway walls & signs) **(323) 723-6366**

Hospitals

Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital **(562) 698-0811**

Whittier Hospital Medical Center **(562) 945-3561**

Parks & Recreation **(213) 738-2961**

Public Library **(562) 940-8462**

Public Schools

East Whittier School District **(562) 698-0351**

Los Nietos School District **(562) 692-0271**

Whittier City School District **(562) 789-3000**

Whittier Union High School District **(562) 698-8121**

Lowell Joint School District **(562) 943-0211**

South Whittier School District **(562) 944-6231**

Public Transportation

Commuter Action Network **(800) COMMUTE**

Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) **(213) 626-4455**

LA County Dial-a-Ride **(800) 439-0439**

Los Nietos Shuttle **(626) 458-3956**

South Whittier Shuttle **(626) 458-5960**

Public Works **(626) 458-5100**

Public Safety

Norwalk Sheriff’s Station: South & East Whittier
(562) 863-8711

Pico Rivera Sheriff’s Station: West Whittier
(562) 949-2421

Whittier County Sheriff’s Sub-Station **(562) 903-1874**

California Highway Patrol **(562) 868-0503**

Fire Department - Station 15 **(562) 943-4537**

Station 96 **(562) 941-8604**

Regional Planning

South Whittier Field Office **(562) 946-1390**
(Tuesdays Only: 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

One-Stop Center **(213) 974-6438**

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Birth Certificates **(800) 201-8999**

Death Certificates **(800) 201-8999**

Marriage License **(800) 201-8999**

Voter Information **(800) 815-2666**

Treasurer and Tax Collector

Property Tax Information **(213) 974-2111**

Business License **(213) 974-2011**

Telephone/Utilities

Adelphia Cable **(562) 946-5022**

Southern California Edison **(800) 655-4555**

Gas Company **(800) 427-2200**

Verizon Telephone **(800) 483-4000**

Water Providers

City of Whittier Water District **(562) 464-3530**

Orchard Dale Water District **(562) 941-0114**

San Gabriel Valley Water District **(562) 699-1041**

Southern California Water Company **(562) 864-8214**

Whittier County Community Coordinating Council

Whittier County Community Coordinating Council meets first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and rotates to one of the following sites: Chiropractic College, Community Resource Center, Sorensen Park - contact President Ralph Pacheco (562) 945-0701. The meetings are open to the public.

Whittier County Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Norwalk Sheriff's Station

The Whittier County Sheriff's Community Advisory Council (WCSCAC) holds quarterly meetings at 7:00 p.m. in Room K-1 at the Sheriff's Training and Resource Services Center (STARS Center), located at 11515 South Colima Road, Whittier.

The meetings for 2006 will be held on March 9, June 8, September 14, and December 14. Personnel from the Sheriff's and Fire Departments, the California Highway Patrol, and field deputies from the County Board of Supervisors attend these meetings to discuss such topics as disaster preparedness, neighborhood watch, CPR training, and identity theft. You can participate at any of these meetings to voice your concerns regarding issues in your neighborhood, or just to learn more about your community. Please contact Kathleen Lohran at (562) 652-6642 for more information.

West Whittier County Sheriff's Advisory Council

Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station

The West Whittier Sheriff's Community Advisory Council members are local residents that volunteer to serve as advocates to the residents of the unincorporated areas of West Whittier and Los Nietos. The service area is represented by the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station of which the council works closely to deal with public safety issues and other issues of importance to the community. Presentations and topics of interest are discussed at each meeting and the public is offered the opportunity to voice their concerns. Meetings are hosted on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sorensen County Park, located at 11419 Rosehedge Drive, Whittier. For more information, contact Vivien Olguin at (562) 699-8890.



Did you know that you can dial **2-1-1** to access information for emergency food and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other health and human services resources?

On July 1, 2005, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved funding and implemented the County's new **2-1-1** calling system. As a resident of the unincorporated area of Whittier, you can just simply dial **2-1-1** to access an array of health and human services information at no cost to you. The information services are provided in many languages.

This easy-to-dial **2-1-1** number is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is confidential. So, if you need any type of health and or human services information, just dial **2-1-1**.

NOTE: IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, YOU STILL MUST DIAL 9-1-1.



Animal Care and Control

Downey Animal Shelter

11258 S. Garfield Avenue
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 940-6898

<http://animalcontrol.co.la.ca.us>

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control provides complete animal care and control services to residents of the unincorporated area of Whittier. Services include pet adoptions, animal cruelty investigations, picking up injured animals, barking dog complaints, dangerous dog investigations, patrolling for stray animals, issuing pet licenses and picking up dead animals. The shelter also receives owner relinquished live or deceased pets.

Shelter Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 12:00 Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Fridays and Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays and holidays: Closed

Emergency services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Pet license fees for the unincorporated area of Whittier:

Unaltered dogs:	\$30
Spayed/neutered dogs (with certificate):	\$15
Spayed/neutered dogs (with certificate) owned by a senior citizen 60 years and above:	\$7.50
Unaltered cats:	\$10
Spayed/neutered cats (with certificate):	\$5



Pet owners are encouraged to visit the animal shelter in person to identify lost pets. Proof of ownership is required. The shelter also has many animals available for adoption. If you are considering bringing a pet into your home, please consider a shelter pet. Low cost vaccinations and licensing clinics for dogs and cats are also available.

The Department also offers extensive volunteer opportunities. For more information call (562) 940-6898 or visit the Department's website at <http://animalcontrol.co.la.ca.us>

County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission

2 Coral Circle • Monterey Park, CA 91755
(323) 890-7001

Email: info@lacdc.org • <http://www.lacdc.org>



The County Community Development Commission (CDC) administers various programs that provide financial and technical assistance to individuals seeking to buy or repair a home, start a business, and or expand their business. Following is a list of residential and business opportunities available to you through the CDC.

Residential Opportunities

- **Home Ownership Program** provides down-payment assistance to low-income, first-time homebuyers in purchasing a home. Please call the CDC Information Line at **(323) 890-7281** and leave your name and mailing address. Information will be mailed to you as soon as possible.
- **Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program** offers first-time homebuyers a federal income tax credit. This tax credit reduces the amount of federal taxes the holders of the certificate would pay and can help first-time homebuyers qualify for a loan. For more information on how to apply, contact a CDC MCC Program Specialist at **(323) 890-7034**.
- The **Single Family Grant Program** assists low-income qualified owners with funds for emergency repairs such as electrical, plumbing, heating, roofing, and elimination of code violations. Property must be in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. For more information, call **(323) 890-7239**.
- The **Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program** assists low-income, owner-occupied property owners with one to two units in need of rehabilitation. Property must be in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County or participating cities. For more information, call **(323) 890-7239**.
- The **Community Development Block Grant Program** funds various community-based organizations (CBOs). Examples of CBOs that the CDC contracts with to provide services in the Altadena area include:
 - **The Center for Community and Family Services** receives funding for the Altadena Community Improvement Center, and provides home rehabilitation services to low- and moderate-income households. For more information, call **(626) 583-1789**.
 - **Neighbors Acting Together Helping All (NATHA)** receives funding to provide tutoring and a computer lab for eligible children and youth. For more information, call **(626) 794-5889**.
 - **Soledad Enrichment Action, Inc.** provides outreach and counseling for high-risk youth, ages 14-18. For more information, call **(213) 480-4200**.

Business Opportunities

- **Business Loan Programs** are available to a wide range of businesses, large and small, commercial to industrial. A variety of low-interest loans includes the following:
 - County Business Loan Program
 - County Technology Loan Program
 - County Utility Loan Program
 - County Float Loan Program
 - County Development Loan Program

For additional information, call **(323) 890-7044**.

County of Los Angeles
Community Development Commission
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Jo Ann Eros-Delgado, Facility Director
 10750 Laurel Avenue • Whittier, CA 90605
 (562) 946-2425

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. • Fridays: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In February 1998, the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission's Community Resource Center opened its doors as a facility for residents to turn to for their health, welfare, housing, educational, and recreational needs. The Center provides residents with access to an array of information and referrals to County services such as how to apply for public housing and where to find emergency food services.

Services Information and Referral

The Center helps connect residents to services and programs to assist with a variety of needs such as legal aid, healthcare, housing, education, and childcare. Services are available in English and Spanish. Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Computer Lab

A computer lab is the Center's focal point for education. Equipped with the latest technology, the Center provides a variety of computer classes. The lab provides Internet access and is geared toward enhancing reading and math proficiency, computer concepts, job readiness skills, and resume preparation. A variety of computer programs are available, including Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, and Word. Classes are held Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). To register for classes, please call the Tri-Cities Regional Occupation Program (R.O.P.) at (562) 698-9571.



Free Microsoft computer classes in Spanish are also available on Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The computer lab is open to the community for educational and resource purposes Monday through Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

After-School Homework Assistance Program

An after-school homework assistance program and computer literacy program are offered Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. An enrollment application must be submitted for approval of eligibility.

Family Services

Families can find a multitude of support services and programs at the Center, including adoption and educational classes, educational workshops, information and referral for family counseling, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

Helpline Youth Counseling Inc.

A community based youth and family service organization, which provides comprehensive prevention and early intervention counseling services to reduce juvenile delinquency and child abuse and neglect. For information on services, please call (562) 864-3722.

Transitional Resource Center for Emancipated Foster Youth

Emancipated foster youth are familiarized with County services and are provided job training, transitional housing assistance, college and vocational assistance, financial assistance for education-related fees and supplies, and public transportation. For further information, please call (562) 906-3417.



County of Los Angeles
Community Development Commission
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
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English as a Second Language (ESL)

Classes held: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Subsidized Housing

Two independently operated housing complexes are located south of the Center. The Sunshine Terrace Apartments, operated by the Los Angeles Community Design Center, offer two-story town homes to very low-income families in the unincorporated community of South Whittier. To obtain additional information, please call **(562) 944-5115**. The second is the Sundance Vista Apartments. The three to four bedroom apartments are conventional public housing operated by the Los Angeles County Housing Authority. An application can be submitted by calling **(323) 260-3300**.



To obtain a Section 8 application and eligibility information, call **(562) 347-4663** or **(800) 731-4663** if outside the 562 area code.

Nutrition Education and Health Insurance Enrollment

A supplemental nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is available Monday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Outreach workers are also available to enroll families in eligible health insurance programs such as Healthy Families, Kaiser, Medi-Cal, and more. Hours of operation vary. To schedule an appointment, call **(562) 946-2425**. Walk-ins are accepted.

Health Care Clinic

The Health Center, operated by Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital's Family Practice Center, offers services such as women's health and children's health screening. Clinic hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call for an appointment at **(562) 698-2541**.



Handy Worker Program



A Handy Worker Program, offered through the City of Santa Fe Springs, covers up to \$5,000 in minor home rehabilitation costs for low- and moderate-income residents. For more information, call **(562) 946-5196**.

Single Family Home Grant Program

This grant program is available to assist low-income owners with repairs such as electrical, plumbing, heating, roofing repairs, and code violation elimination for houses in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. For more information, call **(323) 890-7239**.

Single Family Home Rehabilitation Loan Program

This loan program is available for repairs to houses in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. For more information, call **(323) 890-7239**.

Homeownership Program (HOP)

The HOP program provides downpayment assistance to low-income first-time homebuyers purchasing homes in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and participating cities. For more information, please call **(323) 890-7248**.

Senior Housing

Telacu-Villa Hermosa is a senior housing project, consisting of 75 units in the South Whittier area. Please call for more information at **(562) 777-9554**.



Los Nietos Community and Senior Service Center

11640 East Slauson Avenue • Whittier, CA 90606
(562) 699-9898

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Los Nietos Community Center is a multi-generational, multi-purpose facility designed to provide residents with social, recreational and educational activities. Also available are food programs and volunteer opportunities. Senior activities are offered throughout the year.

Friends of the Los Nietos Community and Senior Service Center

Senior activities:

Senior games

Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Congregate meals (lunch)

Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Friday 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Senior Training and Employment Program

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, please call (562) 695-7365

Crochet class

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Senior dance

Friday 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Jerome Verde Valley Senior Club

Third Saturday of month 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Offered Throughout Year

Victor Rosales Senior Club

First Sunday of month 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Basket Giveaway

On December 21, 2005, pre-registered, low-income families will receive holiday food baskets that include a turkey and all trimmings. Children will receive gifts and a visit with Santa. Please call the Center at (562) 946-2425 to register.

South Whittier Shuttle Launch and Transportation Fair

On January 21, 2006, join in the celebration of the two-way community shuttle, servicing more than 72 stops between Sorenson Park to the east and Whitwood Mall to the west.

Public Health Event

On April 12, 2006, between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., health education mini-workshops and resources will be provided to the community residents.

Job Fair

On Wednesday, May 17, 2006, between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 30 local businesses will provide job opportunities as well as information on job seeking on the Internet and interviewing techniques.

Art Expo

On Thursday, June 1, 2006, between 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the third annual "Through My Eyes" Art Expo will provide an experience to various forms of art as created and coordinated by local children and access information to the County of Los Angeles Arts Program.



Los Nietos Community and Senior Service Center (continued)

Cosmopolitan Senior Club

Second Sunday of month 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
and 2nd and 4th Thursday of month 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Club Cultural Pan Americano Senior Club

Fourth Sunday of month 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Community activities:

CLARO Tutoring Program

Monday through Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Offered During the School Year

Aerobics

Monday through Friday 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Offered Throughout the Year

Rio Hondo College Computer Classes

Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Offered Throughout the Year

Community Union Computer Classes

Monday through Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Danza Azteca Huehuetotl

Monday and Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Rio Hondo College Foster Care Program

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
For more information, please call (562) 908-3435.

Toy Loan Program

Tuesday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts

Tuesday 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Los Nietos Community Dance Group

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Offered throughout the year with slight variations

Community Union Computer Classes

Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.,
Offered throughout the year with slight variations

Rio Hondo College Foster Care Program Cooking Class

First Wednesday of the month 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(562) 908-3435
Offered throughout the year with slight variations

Food Pantry Distribution for Low-Income Residents of 90605 and 90606 Zip Codes

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month
Offered throughout the year with slight variations

Special events:

Flu Clinic for Older Adults

Tuesday, November 29, 2005 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Celebration and Open House

Saturday, December 17, 2005
For more information, please call (562) 699-9898.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Department of
Consumer Affairs

BEWARE OF KATRINA'S SCAM ARTISTS

The Department of Consumer Affairs cautions you to beware of bogus and fraudulent charities asking for donations for Hurricane Katrina victims. Fraudulent charities solicit “donations” through telemarketing, door-to-door soliciting, and junk emails.

Natural disasters bring out the best in most of us. Many people donate money to help the victims; others donate time, food and clothing, and even their blood. Unfortunately, some unscrupulous people see natural disasters as a chance to help themselves. If you decide to make a charitable donation to help Hurricane Katrina victims, make sure your contribution goes to the victims, not to the scam artists.

Be aware that many bogus and fraudulent charities use names that sound like the real charities. Don't be fooled. Follow the tips below to avoid being a victim:

- Give only to charities you know, like the American Red Cross and the United Way;
- Avoid solicitors who will not give you their name, a callback number, or written materials;
- Never give money to people who come to your home to pick up cash.
- Be suspicious of out-of-state groups, or any entity whose only address is a Post Office Box.

For additional information and resources concerning relief for Hurricane Katrina victims, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at:

http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/events/katrina/consumer_info.html.

The Department of Consumer Affairs also assists County of Los Angeles residents with other consumer concerns such as sales transactions, credit and financial issues, automobiles sales, landlord/tenant disputes, identity theft, real estate fraud, small claims court advice, and more. Services are free. For more information and help please call **(800) 593-8222**, or visit **lacountydca.info**.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

This is the season for shopping and giving to charity. It is also the time when the holiday spirit can cause us to overspend. These tips will help you avoid post-holiday problems and New Year budget blues.

- Prepare a holiday budget and stick to it. Paying with cash can help keep your debts low. If you must pay by credit card, use just one. It makes it easier to keep track of your spending.
- Know a store's refund policy before you buy. Some stores offer a full refund, some offer store credit only, and some may offer no refund at all.
- Save all your receipts! You'll need them for returns or exchanges.
- If an item is on sale, make sure you're charged the sale price, not more.
- Check your receipt before you leave the cash register. Make sure you have been charged the right price.
- Buying on the Internet. Make certain the website is secure before entering your personal or financial information. It may be good to use a credit card when making Internet purchases. Keep in mind that paying by credit card gives you certain legal protections if you don't receive what you ordered.
- Signing contracts. A contract is a legal document. Read it very carefully and don't sign it until you really understand it.
- Ask yourself if the interest rate is reasonable and what the total cost of the item is when interest is included. Then ask, “Can I afford it?”
- Guard against identity theft. Do not write your address, phone number, Social Security, or Driver License numbers on credit card receipts. Avoid giving personal information over the telephone or Internet unless you initiated the contact. Before revealing personal information to any business, ask how it will be used and if it will remain confidential.
- Gift Certificates. In California, most gift certificates don't expire, no matter what the fine print says. California law prohibits expiration dates on most gift certificates since 1997. Stores can give you cash for a gift certificate's cash value, or replace it with another certificate at no cost to you. Nearly all service fees on retailer gift cards and gift certificates are banned.

Buyer Beware Program

(Scanner Overcharges)

During the upcoming holiday season, the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures encourages you to check your sales receipts for accuracy since scanner overcharges tend to increase during this time period.





ATTENTION CONSUMERS



You are entitled to the lowest advertised or posted price offered by this store. For information or complaints, you may contact the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner / Director of Weights & Measures at **1.800.665.2900** or <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>

Para reportar sobrecargos, puede llamar al número escrito arriba.
Kurt E. Floren, Director

The Buyer Beware Program was started in February 2002, after a survey revealed an overcharge rate of sixty-six percent in a sample of retail stores throughout Los Angeles County. The goal of the Program is to reduce the number of instances that consumers are overcharged at the check stand and to inform consumers, via the “Attention Consumers” notice posted at the point of sale locations, that they are entitled to the lowest advertised or posted price offered by the store.

If you are overcharged by any amount, call **1-(800) 665-2900** or use the internet at: <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us> to register a complaint. All complaints are handled by the next business day.

Since implementation of the program, violation rates continue to decline due to stringent enforcement by undercover inspectors. Store convicted of an overcharge face various penalties depending on the conviction and are required to post a Notice of Overcharge Conviction sign for 60 days within five feet of the front door.

To find out if your favorite retail store has had a violation in the last three years, visit our website.

Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department

The Department provides environmental and consumer protection through the enforcement of Federal and State laws and County ordinances in the areas of health, safety, and consumer concerns. The Department's highly diverse public services include: ensuring food and water are safe and wholesome; protecting consumers and businesses from fraud; preventing the misuse of pesticides; pest management; pest identification, minimizing fire hazards from weeds and brush; and providing consumer and agricultural information. The Department's services and programs include the following:

- Pesticide Misuse or Illness Investigations **(626) 575-5466**
 - Weed and Brush Abatement/Rubbish Removal **(626) 575-5484**
 - Meter Inspections/Consumer Complaints (gas, water, electric) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Scale Inspections/Consumer Complaints (grocery stores, delicatessens, etc.) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Investigation of Packaged Goods (short weight, count, measure, etc.) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Gasoline Station Consumer Complaints **(562) 940-8911**
 - Mobile Home Parks (complaints involving gas, water or electric meters) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Scanner Overcharge Complaints/Investigations **(800) 665-2900**
 - Recycling Scale Complaints/Investigations (aluminum cans, etc.) **(562) 940-8911**
 - Pest/Weed Control Information/Coyote Complaints **(626) 575-5462**
 - Pest or Insect Identification/Plant Disease **(562) 940-7234**
 - Substandard Produce/Eggs Complaints **(562) 940-7803**
 - Bringing/Sending Fruit/Plants into Los Angeles County **(562) 940-7803**
- For more information visit <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Treasurer and Tax Collector

Location and Office Hours

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (First Floor)
 225 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, 90012

Monday through Friday • 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Toll-free: **1-(888) 807-2111**

Web site: <http://ttax.co.la.ca.us>

Property Tax
Information

Annual Property Taxes

Annual tax bills are mailed each year during the first week of October. If you do not receive your bill by November

1st, contact us immediately; state law still requires that you pay your bill on time. The First Installment is due on November 1st and must be received in our office or postmarked by December 10th.

The Second Installment is due February 1st and must be received in our office or postmarked by April 10th.

Payments not postmarked by the postmark due date are delinquent, so please mail your payment to ensure that it is received on time.



Payment Assistance Programs

If you are a senior citizen or a disabled person, there are programs available to postpone payment of your taxes or provide payment assistance. Please call the Senior Citizen Representative at **(213) 974-7222** for more information. There are also special programs for military personnel and payment plans for delinquent taxes. Please call **(888) 807-2111** for more information.

Business License Requirements

The County Code requires a business license for designated business activities that occur in the unincorporated area. The Department of the Treasurer and Tax Collector functions as the administrator of the program and is responsible for receiving the application, conducting a field investigation and issuing the license. For designated business activities, the Business License Commission conducts a public hearing before the license is issued.

Not all businesses require a County Business License. Generally speaking, businesses that by their very nature may pose a health or safety concern for individuals and the surrounding communities are required to have a valid license. Examples of businesses that are required to have a license:

- Establishments selling food products or beverages. This would include supermarkets, restaurants (sit down or take out), liquor stores, and mini-marts.
- Establishments that offer automotive services such as gasoline stations, repair and paint shops, and motor vehicle rentals.
- Establishments providing entertainment, such as music and dancing.

Taxicabs picking up passengers are also required to have a County Business License.

In conjunction with the Sheriff's office, the Treasurer and Tax Collector is responsible for ensuring that all businesses that require a license are in compliance with all provisions of the County License Code. If you would like additional information or would like to register a complaint about an existing business, please call **(213) 974-2011**, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., or go to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's website at <http://ttax.co.la.ca.us>.

Get Ready for the Flu Season

The single best protection against the flu is getting a flu vaccination shot each year. It is recommended that you get a flu shot in late-September or October so your body has enough time to fully respond to the vaccine before flu season begins.

For more information about clinics, visit the Los Angeles County Public Health website at <http://www.lapublichealth.org/acd/flu.htm> or call (800) 427-8700.

Steps to Avoid the Flu

You can avoid the flu with simple steps such as:

- getting a flu shot;
- washing your hands often with soap and water;
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth; and
- staying away from others who are sick.

Protecting others when you have the Flu

You can protect others by:

- staying home from work or school;
- using a tissue to cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough, since the flu can spread from person to person; and
- getting plenty of rest, drinking lots of liquids, and avoiding the use of alcohol and tobacco.

Do you know the difference between a cold and the flu?

Colds and flu are both contagious, respiratory illnesses. They share many symptoms and are both common during the winter, it is often difficult to tell them apart. Antibiotics, like penicillin, will not work to cure your cold and flu symptoms since they are caused by viruses and not by bacteria.

Colds:

- are the most common infectious disease in the U.S.
- generally milder than the flu
- are more likely to produce a runny or stuffy nose
- generally do not result in serious health problems
- are caused by over 200 different types of viruses
- **cannot be** prevented with a vaccination (shot)

The Flu:

- is generally worse than a cold
- is more likely to produce sudden and intense symptoms (fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry coughs)
- can lead to serious health problems (pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations) especially among the elderly
- is caused by the influenza virus
- **can be** prevented with a vaccination (shot)

Those in the following priority groups should plan to get their flu shots as early as possible this season to prevent potential complications from the flu:

- all children aged 6-23 months
- adults aged 65 or older
- persons with underlying chronic medical conditions
- women who are pregnant
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- children aged 2-18 on chronic aspirin therapy
- healthcare workers who provide direct patient care
- caregivers and household contacts of newborn babies aged 6 months or less

Depending on the supply of vaccine this year, these priority groups may change. Please contact the Immunization Program at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services at (800) 427-8700.

Facts about West Nile Virus

What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a virus that can be transmitted to birds and humans by infected mosquitoes and cause serious illness or death. The virus is most prevalent during the period from May to October when the number of mosquitoes tends to be the highest.

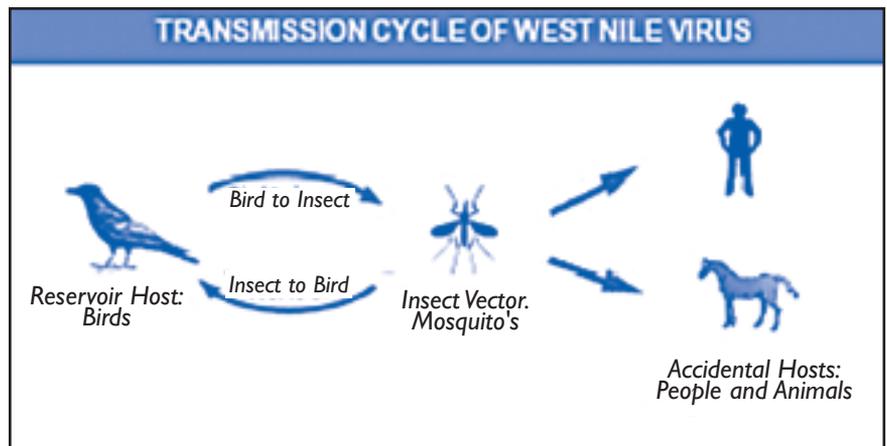
How do people get West Nile Virus?

Generally, WNV is transmitted to people by infected mosquitoes. Various species of mosquitoes carry the virus but very few mosquitoes are actually infected. A mosquito is infected by feeding on a bird with the virus in its blood. The virus lives in the mosquito and is transmitted when the insect bites a person or animal.

A few cases of WNV have been spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, breastfeeding, and mother-to-baby during pregnancy. Organs and blood are now screened for WNV to ensure that they do not contain the virus. It is important to note that WNV is not spread through casual contact such as touching or kissing an infected person, bird, or other animal.

What are the symptoms of West Nile Virus infection in people?

- Most people have no symptoms.
- Some people will experience mild systems: Mild symptoms may range from mild to severe that include: fever, headache, nausea, body aches, skin rash, and swollen lymph nodes. These symptoms typically go away in a few days, although some individuals will remain sick for longer.
- Serious symptoms: Serious symptoms may include meningitis or encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and even death. The elderly people with weak immune systems (those with HIV/AIDS and diabetes for example) are particularly susceptible to developing severe symptoms. There is no specific treatment for infection with WNV, although supportive care is important. Please consult your healthcare provider if you think you have WNV.



Can animals get West Nile Virus?

An infected mosquito can bite any animal, but not all animals will become ill. The disease most often affects birds and horses. The virus can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) but the CDC reports that horses can recover from WNV. The best way to protect horses from WNV is by vaccination.

Can I prevent WNV?

The best way to protect yourself and your family is by preventing mosquito bites.

- Avoid outdoor activity at dawn and dusk during May to October.
- Wear long pants and long sleeve shirts.
- Apply insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin when outdoors. Repellents with 10-30% DEET are available for adults and children over 2 months of age.
- Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Drain all standing water on your property.
- Change water in wading pools, pet dishes, and bird baths two times a week.
- Stock permanent ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae.
- Clean clogged roof gutter drains in the spring and fall.
- Cover trash cans and recyclables to keep out water that mosquitoes may breed in.



Edward R. Roybal *Comprehensive Health Center*

245 South Fetterly Avenue • East Los Angeles, CA 90022
(800) 383-4600



Hours

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Services

Primary care for the whole family
Specialty care
Adult and pediatric dental care
Family mental health services
Transportation assistance for the elderly and disabled
A supervised, friendly children's waiting room (for toilet trained preschool children)

Programs

Diabetes care program
Senior nutrition program
Arthritis care and educational program

Specialty Care

Senior citizens clinic
Optometry, podiatry, cancer screening for women
Cardiology

Whittier *Public Health Center*

7643 South Painter Avenue • Whittier, CA 90602
(562) 464-5350

Monday through Friday (except holidays)
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Services Available

Immunizations	(562) 464-5350
Communicable Diseases	(562) 464-5417
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	(562) 464-5350
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Information	(562) 464-5350
Tuberculosis screening, treatment, and referrals	(562) 464-5350
Public Health Registrar	(562) 464-5300
Public Health Nurses	(562) 464-5386
Healthy Families and Medi-Cal Enrollment Information	(800) 880-5305

Medi-Cal:

Referrals for the Medi-Cal worker are available at the Whittier Health Center. Call **(562) 464-5350** for more information.

Parking

Limited free parking is available behind the Health Center. Enter on Walnut Street.

Bellflower *Public Health Center*

10005 East Flower Street • Bellflower, CA 90706
(562) 804-8112

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Primary medical care services offered include:

- Comprehensive Adult Care
- Services Specific for Women
- Sick and Well Care for Children

Parking is available in a three-story parking structure and an open lot located adjacent to the building.



Department of Regional Planning

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE OVERVIEW

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning is presently updating the County's General Plan (Plan). Proposed changes include more focus on the unincorporated areas, and:

1. Community level Growth policies and housing projections for unincorporated areas with a plan horizon year of 2025.
2. Revising and expanding the boundaries of designated areas of significant ecological value under the present Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) program. The Plan will also address policies, standards and procedures related to the management of SEAs.
3. Technical conversion of all land use policy maps to a digital computer format to reflect assessor parcel boundaries.
4. Revisions to the transportation policy maps that reflect new projects at the county and regional level.
5. Revisions to the Conservation and Open Space Element to reflect major changes in laws and current planning practices related to watershed planning and abatement of pollution from storm water runoff.
6. Revisions to the boundaries of area and community plans to reflect recent city incorporations.

This update will not change the goals, policies and land use of area and community plans. Future updates to such local plans will be conducted as a separate effort.

The Department of Regional Planning plans to conduct public meetings on the Preliminary General Plan and associated ordinance changes in 2006. For further information on the General Plan Update, please visit the Department's website at <http://planning.co.la.ca.us> or call the General Plan Section at (213) 974-6417.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of the Zoning Code is an important part of the function of Regional Planning. The Department has a staff of planners dedicated exclusively to this task.

The County of Los Angeles Zoning Ordinance prohibits certain activities in Altadena and throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The following lists some common zoning violations:

- Storage of junk and salvage items;
- Storage of inoperable vehicles;
- Parking of vehicles in the front yard;
- Parking of commercial vehicles on residentially-zoned property;
- Operating a business on residentially-zoned property without a permit;
- Using a trailer or recreational vehicle as living quarters;
- Conversion of garages to living quarters;
- Converting a single-family dwelling unit to multiple dwelling units without obtaining approval from Regional Planning;
- Business signs such as banners and portable signs;
- Merchandise displayed and sold outside of an enclosed building;
- Fences over 3-1/2 feet in height in the front yard and over 6 feet in the rear yard;
- Unpermitted tarp, canopy structure, maintained within the front yard or blocking access to the required covered parking;
- Commercial vehicle storage in residential areas;
- More than two yards sales per year per residence

The Department's planner presently assigned to investigate zoning violations in Whittier can be reached at (213) 974-6483.

Complaints can be registered anonymously if you prefer by calling the L.A. County Help line at (888) 924-HELP (4357).

Department of Regional Planning (continued)

YARD OR GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE - *Things You Should Know*

What better way to get rid of some of your unwanted old clothing, children's toys, and other household items than through a yard or garage sale? However, before you put that sign up and invite all the bargain hunters to your home, you should be aware of the following standards for conducting a yard or garage sale or other similar event in the unincorporated areas of the County.

- Two personal property sales will be allowed yearly. Each sale is not to exceed three consecutive days.
- Items sold are limited to the personal property of the resident or residents of the dwelling where the sale is conducted.
- No items acquired for resale will be allowed to be sold.
- One on-site sign no larger than four (4) square feet, advertising the sale shall be allowed.
- The sign may be double-sided and facing in both directions.
- Sales are not allowed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Trash Hauling and Bulky Item Pick-Up

In order to bring consistency and to address the bulky items often left on streets, the Board of Supervisors began the process to eliminate the “free enterprise zone” for trash haulers in the unincorporated County areas approximately five years ago. Currently, residents and local businesses contract directly with their trash hauling company of choice. Beginning in 2006 and with community input, the County will contract with one trash hauling company to provide specific trash and bulky item hauling for the Whittier unincorporated area. For more information, contact **(626) 458-3562**. In the interim, bulky item pick-up requests should be made directly with current and respective trash hauling companies.

Office of the Assessor

Rick Auerbach, Assessor **(888) 807-2111**

East District Office

1190 Durfee Avenue
South El Monte, CA 91733
(626) 258-6001

The Los Angeles County Assessor establishes the assessed value of your property by appraising the value of that property under applicable State laws. The assessed value is then placed on a list with all other properties in Los Angeles County and this list is called the "Assessment Roll." The Assessor also approves and applies all exemptions, which are added to the Assessment Roll. In addition, the Assessor is responsible for the following:

- Senior Citizen Transfer (Proposition 60 and 90)
- Name/Address Change
- Supplemental Bills
- Boats/Aircraft
- Change in Ownership
- Property Maps & Data
- Decline In Value
- Business Property Taxes



BUILDING AND ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT- *For A Clean & Safe Neighborhood*

Do you have a neighbor who ruins the whole neighborhood by stockpiling junk in their yard, converting their garage into a second residence, or commencing construction without a building permit. Well, you can do something about it...anonymously. Yes, all it takes is one phone call to your L.A. County Help Line at **(888) 924-HELP (4357)** to register your complaint anonymously. Keep your neighborhood safe and beautiful.

County of Los Angeles Public Library

The County of Los Angeles Public Library operates three libraries to serve the unincorporated Whittier area: Los Nietos Library, Sorensen Library, and South Whittier Library. Each library has its own collection. In addition, access to the full County Library collection of over 10 million items is available at each community library.

Libraries Help Families Celebrate the Holidays

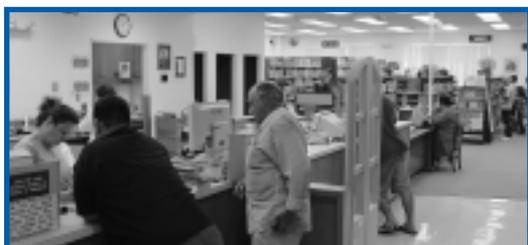
The three community libraries have books and materials to help families celebrate holidays year around. Special holiday stories and programs will be presented. For detailed information on library programs and special events, please contact each library or check the Calendar and Events section on the County Library's Web site at www.colapublib.org. Explore the Library Web site and see how this one-stop resource can be useful to you when planning your activities.

LOS NIETOS LIBRARY

11644 East Slauson Avenue • Whittier, CA 90606
(562) 695-0708

Theresa Stout-Cazares
Community Library Manager

Sundays/Holidays	Closed
Mondays and Tuesdays	12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Los Nietos Library's collection includes books, audio books, videos, CDs, magazines and newspapers. Materials are available in English and Spanish. Four public computers, including two Homework Center computers, provide free Internet access. The Library has an online catalog and indexes to newspaper and magazine articles. A coin-operated typewriter and copy machine are available. Library staff are available to assist customers in finding materials. The following are some of the special events offered at the Los Nietos Library:

- **Holiday Vacation Fun** December 27, 2005 2:00 p.m.
(Movie and popcorn)
- **Game Day** December 28, 2005 12:00 p.m.
- **Bingo** December 29, 2005 12:00 p.m.
- **January Storytime** January 14, 2006 2:00 p.m.
- **Valentine Storytime** February 11, 2006 2:00 p.m.
- **March Storytime** March 11, 2006 2:00 p.m.

SORENSEN LIBRARY

11405 East Rose Hedge Drive • Whittier, CA 90606
(562) 695-3979

Eleanor Weismiller
Community Library Manager

Sundays/Holidays	Closed
Mondays through Thursdays	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sorensen Library's collection includes books, audio books, videos, CDs, magazines and newspapers. Materials are available in English and Spanish. Two public computers provide free Internet access. The library has an online catalog and indexes to newspaper and magazine articles. A coin-operated copy machine is available. Library staff is available to assist patrons in finding materials and other resources. A Children's Storytime Program is offered on the third Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m.



Sorensen Library Expansion Project

Good News! Look for notices in the near future inviting you to be a part of the exciting Sorensen Library expansion project which will include a larger facility, additional reading and checkout materials, and internet accessible computer terminals, and more. For more information, contact (626) 350-4500.

SOUTH WHITTIER LIBRARY

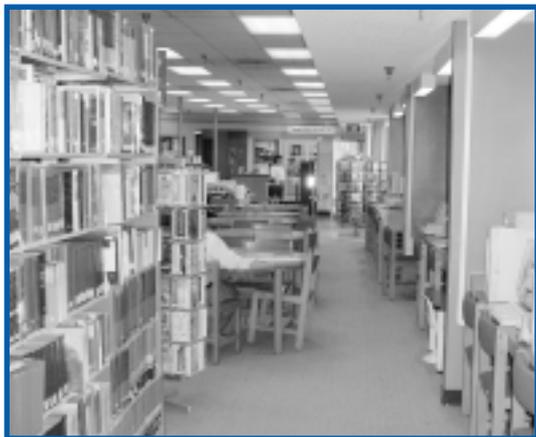
14433 Leffingwell Road • Whittier, CA
(562) 946-4415

Verna M. Dunning
Community Library Manager

Sundays/Holidays	Closed
Mondays through Wednesdays	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



South Whittier Library's collection includes books, audio books, videos, CDs, magazines and newspapers. Materials are available in English and Spanish. Four public computers, including two Homework Center computers, provide free Internet access. The Library has an online catalog and indexes to newspaper and magazine articles. There is a coin-operated copy machine. A Children's Storytime Program is offered at the Library. In addition, the Library offers a Literacy Center which serves adults who are working on their reading and writing skills. Please contact the South Whittier Library for more information on these two programs.



Online Homework Help

The County of Los Angeles Public Library has launched a new free online service to help students with their homework. A grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation has enabled the Library to offer Live Homework Help, geared to students in grades 4 through 12.

Live Homework Help is available through the County's Library Web site at www.colapublib.org on any windows-based computer that is connected to the Internet - from home, parks, boys and girls clubs, and from public computers in the library. A valid County Library card is needed to use the new service, as you will need to type in your card number to gain access.

Live Homework Help, powered by tutor.com, connects students with expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English. After logging on, a student selects a grade level and subject area, and is immediately connected to a tutor for a one-on-one session. Sessions are 20 minutes, but students may log on as often as they need help.

Students can get help in both English and Spanish. Live Homework Help is available in English every day from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Help in Spanish is available from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

For more information, visit the County Library Web site at www.colapublib.org or call (562) 940-8520.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Call the County's Public Information Office (213) 974-1311

Visit the County of Los Angeles Website
www.lacounty.info

Write or E-mail the Chief Administrative Office Office of Unincorporated Area Services and Special Projects (OUAS&SP)

723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012
uas_sp@cao.co.la.ca.us

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is proud to offer recreational activities and special events to the residents of unincorporated Whittier at the following local and regional facilities.

ADVENTURE PARK

10130 South Gunn Avenue
Whittier, CA 90605
(562) 698-7645

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Since events highlighted below are scheduled in advance, some dates and times may change.



Adult Hula *18 years and up*

Mondays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$48 for six weeks

After-School Day Camp *6 to 12 years*

September 2005 to June 2006
Monday through Friday 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35 per week

Ballet and Folklorico Dance *All ages*

For more details, please call the park.
Fee: \$4 per class

Baseball Clinic *5 to 12 years*

Call the park for date and time.
Fee: Free of charge

Crocheting *All ages*

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Computer Class *All ages*

Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Dog Obedience *18 years and up*

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35 for seven weeks

First Aid & CPR Training *All ages*

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$30

Kids in Sports/Los Nietos Sports Club

5 to 17 years

Call the park for more details.

LA County Teen Program *13 to 17 years*

Call the park for date and time.
Fee: Free of charge

Operation Read *(L.A. County Probation Department)*

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Parenting Program *All ages*

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Painting in the Park *All ages*

Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Ride-A-Bike Program *All ages*

Monday through Friday 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Scrap Booking *All ages*

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Senior Lunch

60 years and up

Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: \$2 donation

Senior Club

55 years and up

Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Senior Tai Chi *55 years and up*

Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge



ADVENTURE PARK *(Continued)*

Senior Exercise *55 years and up*
 Mondays 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Snack Program *4 to 18 years*
 September to June
 Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Spring Day Camp *6 to 12 years*
 Call the park for date and time.

Summer Day Camp *6 to 12 years*
 June to August
 Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$40 per week

Tiny Tots *3 to 5 years*
 October to May
 Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Fee: \$60 per month

Toy Loan Program *All ages*
 Fridays 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Winter Day Camp *6 to 12 years*
 December 19 to December 30, 2005
 Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$40 per week

Woodworkers of Whittier *18 years and up*
 2nd Thursday of each month 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Yoga *All ages*
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

SPECIAL EVENTS

Craft Boutique
 Call the park for date and time.

Flea Market
 1st Monday of each month 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Here Comes Santa
 December 19, 2005 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call the park.

Halloween Fest
 Call the park for date and time.

Thanksgiving Dinner
 Call the park for date and time.

AMIGO PARK

5700 Juarez Avenue • Whittier, CA 90605
(562) 908-4702

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Since events highlighted below are scheduled in advance, some dates and times may change.



Arts and Crafts *All ages*
 Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Fun Fitness *All ages*
 Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Senior Wellness *60 years and up*
 Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

Toy Loan Program *All ages*
 Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Fee: Free of charge

SPECIAL EVENT

Here Comes Santa
 December 19, 2005
 For more information, please call **(562) 908-4702**

AMELIA MAYBERRY PARK

13201 East Meyer Road • Whittier, CA 90605
(562) 944-7202

Since events highlighted below are scheduled in advance, some dates and times may change.



After-School Tutorial Club *4 to 16 years*

Year Round
Monday through Friday 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Adult Computer Tutorial

Year Round
Monday through Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Adult Basketball Summer League

Summer
Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Adult Coed Volleyball Tournament

Fall Session
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10 per person

Cheerleading

Fall session
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
(October only)
Fee: \$25 plus cost of uniform

County Capers Dance Group

March to June
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25

Kids in Sports

Year Round
Monday through Saturday
Times vary according to sport
For more information, please call the park.

High Energy Activities for Teens

Year Round
Mondays, Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
and Wednesdays
Fee: Free of charge

Morning Aerobics *All ages*

Year Round
Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Morning Aerobics Child Care *4 to 12 years*

Year Round
Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Movies in the Park *All Ages*

October through December
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Music Class *All ages*

Year Round
Monday through Friday 1st class 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2nd class 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Spring Day Camp

April 10 - April 14, 2006
Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15

Summer Concert Series

July through August
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Summer Day Camp

Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15 per week
Call the park for more information.

AMELIA MAYBERRY PARK

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Summer Lunch Program

July through August
Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Toy Loan *4 to 12 years*

Year Round
Fridays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Tiny Tots (Morning Class)

Entering Kindergarten following year

Year Round
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$40 per month

Tiny Tots (Afternoon Class)

Two years away from Kindergarten

Year Round
Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fee: \$40 per month

Youth Basketball*

February to April
Monday through Saturday
Fee: \$25

Youth Baseball

May to July
Monday through Saturday
Fee: \$30 per child

Youth Computer Club

Year Round
Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Youth Soccer*

November to January
Monday through Saturday
Fee: \$25

Winter Camp*

December 19 - December 30, 2005 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15

* For more information, please call the park.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa

December 17, 2005
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Scary Witch Hunt/Surprise Movie*

Fee: Free of charge

Halloween Carnival*

Fee: Free of charge

Halloween Dance*

Fee: Free of charge

Halloween Treat/Scary Movie*

October 31, 2006 starts at 6:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

Turkey Shoot/Coloring Contest*

Fee: Free of charge

Thanksgiving Dinner Coloring Contest*

Fee: Free of charge

Cesar Chavez Golf Tournament*

March 31, 2006

La Mirada County Golf Course

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fee: \$30 per player

Fiestas Patrias Festival*

September 17, 2006
Fee: Free of charge

Friends of the Park

Join these groups and get involved in volunteering, and shaping programs and improvements at your local park:

- The Friends of Sorensen Park meet at 6:00 p.m., the third Thursday of the month at the park,
- The Friends of Mayberry Park meet at 6:00 p.m., the fourth Thursday of the month (in December meets on the 15th) at the park, 13201 E. Meyer Road, South Whittier, CA 90605

SORENSEN PARK

11419 Rosehedge Drive • Whittier, CA 90606
(562) 908-7763

Since events highlighted below are scheduled in advance, some dates and times may change.



After-School Club *4 to 16 years*

September through January
Monday through Friday 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$60 month

Basketball for Boys and Girls *3 to 15 years*

February 2006 through April 2006
Mondays through Saturday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45

Cheerleading *4 to 17 years*

September 2005 through January 2006
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25 plus cost of uniform

Community Meeting - Sheriff's Advisory

December 2005 through November 2006
2nd Tuesday of month 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Community Meeting - Friends of Sorensen Park

4th Thursday of month 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Community Meeting - West Whittier Coordinating Council

3rd Monday of month 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

County Capers Dance Program *5 to 14 years*

March 2006 through June 2006
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Call the park for fee schedule.

Dog Obedience Classes

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Call the park for fee schedule.

Karate *4 to 18 years*

Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Fee: \$6 registration, \$6 per class

Mariachi *13 to 17 years*

Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Senior Club

Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Senior Aerobics

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Summer Day Camp *5 to 13 years*

June 2006 through September 2006
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Call the park for fee schedule.

Summer Lunch Program *1 to 18 years*

July 2006 through August 2006
Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: No charge

Park Safety Police
(800) 834-0064

SORENSEN PARK *(Continued)*

Spring and Winter Camps *5 to 13 years*

December 2005 and April 2006
 Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Call the park for more information.

Teen Club *13 to 17 years*

September 2005 through June 2006
 Every other Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tiny Tots (Morning session)

3 years to Kindergarten

September 2005 through June 2006
 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$60 per month

Tiny Tots (Afternoon session)

3 years to Kindergarten

September 2005 through June 2006
 Monday through Friday 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$60 per month

Youth Flag Football *3 to 15 years*

September 2005 through January 2006
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$45

SPECIAL EVENTS

Halloween Program

October 2006
 Saturdays and Sundays 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Fee for Haunted House

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 2006 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Free Dinner for Community & Volunteers

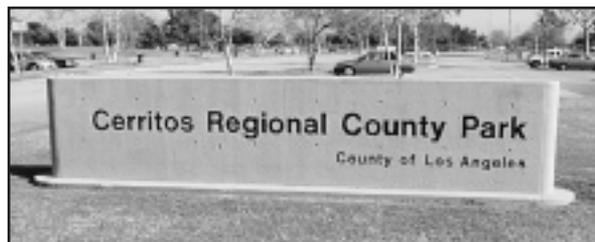
Breakfast with Santa *12 years and under*

December 17, 2005
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Free breakfast and gift from Santa

CERRITOS REGIONAL PARK

19700 S. Bloomfield Ave. • Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 924-5144
(562) 468-0193

Park Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



This beautiful facility is 84 acres and has five picnic areas, 14 tennis courts, a five-acre lake, swimming pool, gymnasium, community room, numerous play areas, and walking pathways. Since events highlighted below are scheduled in advance, some dates and times may change.

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

Afterschool Day Camp *6 to 12 years*

Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$30.00 per week

Tiny Tots *3 to 5 years*

Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$35.00

Winter Break Day Camp *6 to 12 years*

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$30.00 per week

Kumdo *6 years and over*

Monday and Friday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$70.00 per month

Indoor Tennis Lessons *6 years and over*

Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$75.00 for 10 weeks

Senior Dancercise *45 years and over*

Monday through Friday
 Aerobics 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Dance 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Fee: To be determined

LA MIRADA REGIONAL PARK

13701 S. Adelfa Ave. • La Mirada CA 90638
(562) 902-5645

Hours: 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



La Mirada Regional Park is located in the City of La Mirada. This beautiful 105-acre facility offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities. Since events highlighted below are scheduled in advance, some dates and times may change.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Women's 18 years and over

Monday 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$ 330.00 and \$11.00 umpire fee per game

Men's 18 years and over

Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$ 330.00 and \$11.00 umpire fee per game

Co-ed 18 years and over

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$ 330.00 and \$ 11.00 umpire fee per game

Friday 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$ 330.00 and \$ 11.00 umpire fee per game

Sunday 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$ 330.00 and \$ 11.00 umpire fee per game

*New Leagues forming 1st of the year 2006

Disc Golf All ages

Join the exciting world of disc golf.

Course open daily 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
For more information, you may contact park.

* For more information, please call the park.

***Wheelchair Basketball** 16 years and over
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fee: To be determined

***Jazzercise** 16 years and over
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Fee: To be determined

Cavientos Basketball 6 years and over
Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$350 per team

Open Gym 6 years and over
Daily 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: Free of charge

***Young Olympians Basketball** 6 to 15 years
Tuesdays 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: To be determined

***Cheerleading** 6 to 15 years
Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

***Self Defense** 6 to 18 years
Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

K Ro Lee Badminton 18 years and over
Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$30.00 per month

Tennis Clinic 5 to 14 years
Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$ 35.00

SPECIAL EVENTS

Health Fair / 5k
May 13, 2006 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kids Fishing Derby
June 3, 2006 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Halloween Fest
October 29 to 31, 2006 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

LA MIRADA REGIONAL PARK *(Continued)*

SPECIAL EVENTS*

Southern California Championship

November 18-20, 2005 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

Contact the City of La Mirada at (562) 943-0131

Fishing

September 23, 2006 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Lupus Run

October 3, 2006 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

3rd of July Event

July 3, 2006 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Concerts in the park

Contact the City of La Mirada at (562) 943-0131

Senior Tennis Tournament

September 6-7, 2006

Frisbee Golf Tournament / Ashley Whimppet Championship

Dog Championship / US Masters Disc Championship

2006 Golden State Classic

May 12-14, 2006 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



* For more information on the Special Events, please call the park.

SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA

15501 E. Arrow Highway • Irwindale, CA 91706
(626) 334-1065

Open daily from 6:30 a.m. to dusk.

The facility contains 836 acres of landscaped and natural areas with a 70-acre lake offering sailing, fishing and seasonal swimming. The lake is stocked with trout in the fall, winter and spring and catfish in the summer months. There are many picnic areas, children's play areas, hiking and biking trails, a nature center, and overnight camping for organized youth groups. The snack shop sells tackle, and offers boat and bicycle rentals. The large picnic sites are available for family and company picnics and other functions such as weddings and baptisms. Smaller picnic sites are available on a first come first served basis with many picnic tables and barbecues throughout the park.

WHITTIER NARROWS REGIONAL PARK

823 Lexington/Gallatin Road • South El Monte, CA 91733
(626) 575-5526

Open daily from sunrise to sunset
Closed on Christmas, December 25th

Whittier Narrows is located in the City of South El Monte, with a great variety of facilities spread over 1,092 acres. It is one of Los Angeles County's largest and most popular parks. The regional park is located on both sides of the Pomona Freeway at Rosemead Boulevard. Since events highlighted below are scheduled in advance, some dates and times may change.

Vehicle Entry fee (weekends and holidays only):
\$4.00 per vehicle.

Limited free parking available.

ACTIVITIES

American Military Museum

Open Friday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
For more information, please call (626) 442-1776.

Archery Range

Closed Mondays.
For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Bike and Boat Rentals

Open weekends and holidays.

Call (626) 575-5526 for further information.

BMX Practice and Racing

Closed for construction.

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Disc Golf Course

Open daily, closed for special events and Christmas

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Equestrian Center

For more information, please call (562) 260-9175.

Horseback Riding

Sunday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For more information, please call (562) 260-9175.

Model Airplane Field

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Model Boat Race Course

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Model Miniature Race Car

First Sunday and third Saturday of the month.

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Nature Center

1000 N. Durfee Ave.

Museum; live animals; school interpretive trips;
bird walks.

For more information, please call (626) 575-5523.

Rifle Range

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Skeet Range

Closed Mondays.

For more information, please call (626) 579-5201.

Softball League - Slow Pitch

For more information, please call (626) 575-5755.

Tennis Center

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please call (626) 442-7358.

Group Picnic Area and Sports Field Rentals

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

SPECIAL EVENTS**A+ Educational Center**

Saturday and Sunday

Feb. 5 & 6, 2006 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Family oriented educational event.

Lots of food and merchandise booths.

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Circus Vasquez

March 2006

Live entertainment for the family.

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Spring Fair

March to April 2006

Carnival is sponsored by O Entertainment

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Spring Trout Fishing Derby

April 2006

Saturday, October 22 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Cinco de Mayo

May 2006

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Concert - Spanish

Sponsored by Univision Radio Los Angeles, Inc.

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

Buddha's Birthday

May 2006

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Food, entertainment, and merchandise booths.

Sponsored by Jerry Chen

For more information, please call (626) 575-5526.

All Night Catfish Derby

July 2006

Families' camp along the shores of all three lakes. The event begins Friday night at 6:00 p.m. and ends Saturday morning. Prizes will be awarded for the different categories of fish. This event is co-sponsored by the California Fish and Game Commission.

Call the park for event dates.

WHITTIER NARROWS REGIONAL PARK *(Continued)*

Kateri Pow Wow

July 2006 Saturday and Sunday
For more information, please call **(626) 575-5526**.

Festival de Orquestras at the Meadows

July 2006 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fundraiser for handicapped children.
For more information, please call **(626) 575-5526**.

La Maquina Musical

August 2006 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Concert - Spanish
Sponsored by Univision Radio Los Angeles, Inc.
For more information, please call **(626) 575-5526**.

Mexico Event

September 2006 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Concert - Spanish
For more information, please call **(626) 575-5526**.

Festival De La Independencia

September 2006 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Concert - Spanish
Univision Radio Los Angeles, Inc. will host its annual festival to celebrate Mexico's independence. An estimated 50,000 people attend this event, which includes various Spanish musical groups. There will also be food and beverage booths and vendor product samples.
For more information, please call **(626) 575-5526**.

Annual Fall Fair

October - November 2006
Sponsored by O Entertainment
The fair is held at the special events area and includes various rides for all ages, a small circus arena, and several game and food booths.
For more information, please call **(626) 575-5526**.

Native American Veterans Association (NAVA) Pow Wow

November 2006
Sponsored by the Native American Veterans Association
The Pow Wow consists of traditional Indian dances and stories and food and vendor booths.
For more information, please call **(626) 575-5526**.

Beaches and Harbors MARINA DEL REY *Special Events 2005*

The Department of Beaches and Harbors operates and manages 20 beaches stretching along 31 miles of pristine County coastline. The Department also operates Marina del Rey, the largest man-made small craft harbor in the country. Among the many exciting public events offered at Marina del Rey which the Department supports and/or sponsors are the following.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS 2005

Saturday, December 31st
From 11:59:30 pm to 12:05 am

Fireworks shot from the south jetty will light up the sky over Marina del Rey to ring in the New Year. Beginning at 11:59 and 30 seconds, as each second passes, one firework will be shot into the air counting down to midnight and the show continues for an additional 5 minutes. Best places to view the fireworks are Burton Chace Park, located at 13650 Mindanao Way, and Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way. Fireworks may also be viewed throughout the Marina.
Admission is FREE.



Special Events

Beaches and Harbors MARINA DEL REY *Special Events 2006*

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES PROGRAM

Burton Chace Park

13650 Mindanao Way • Marina del Rey, CA
(310) 305-9595

The popular Outdoor Adventures Program returns to the Marina for a fourth season and is now offering a new Surf Kayaking Program for experienced kayakers.

Bird Watching Experience

The first outdoor adventure is a Bird Watching Experience held from January through June. Morning and afternoon sessions available for free. Two-hour walks within the Ballona Wetlands and shoreline habitats exploring fresh and salt water marshes, and nesting sites of the Great Blue and Black Crowned Night Herons.



Harbor Kayaking

The second outdoor adventure is Harbor Kayaking launching from March through October with recreational trips throughout the Marina basins.

Surf Kayaking

The third outdoor adventure offered from March through October is Surf Kayaking for experienced kayakers heading out of the Marina to surf waves on Santa Monica Bay aboard sit-on-top kayaks with instruction from Ocean Lifeguards.

Fees are charged for the Harbor and Surf Kayaking programs and include all equipment, including kayaks.

To register for an Outdoor Adventure call (310) 305-9595. Dates and times to be determined.

4th OF JULY FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

July 4, 2006
Marina del Rey, CA

9:00 p.m.

This free Zambelli Pyrotechnics-produced fireworks extravaganza over the main channel in Marina del Rey lasts approximately 20 minutes. Best places to view the fireworks are Burton Chace Park at 13650 Mindanao Way or Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way. Arrive early to get the best possible viewing spots.

FREE MARINA DEL REY SUMMER CONCERTS 2006

This will be the sixth season of the very popular Marina del Rey Summer Concerts. The concert will be held at 7:00 p.m., waterside in Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. Four classical concerts, featuring the 75-piece Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, conducted by Frank Fetta, are held on Thursday evenings. Pop concerts, featuring stars of the jazz and pop worlds, are held on alternate Saturday evenings. Recent stars have included Judy Collins, Sheila E, Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Doc Severinsen, and Patti Austin. The 2006 Marina del Rey Summer Concert schedule is as follows:

Classical Thursdays -

July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24

Pop Saturdays -

July 22, August 5, August 19, September 2



Special Events

Beaches and Harbors MARINA DEL REY *Special Events 2006* (Continued)

DISCOVER MARINA DEL REY DAY

Burton Chace Park
13650 Mindanao Way
Marina del Rey, CA

October 8, 2006 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a community event rich with opportunities for fun and learning for the entire family. The event includes live music, information booths, games and inflatables, refreshments, marionette shows, a pumpkin patch, and a simulated helicopter rescue by the U.S. Coast Guard and Los Angeles County Fire Department. Admission is FREE. There is a \$5 charge for a bracelet that allows unlimited access to the inflatables, games and snack carts for the children.



MARINA DEL REY HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Main Parade: Saturday, December 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Saturday parade begins with a burst of fireworks at 5:55 pm. Festively decorated boats illuminate the Marina's main channel in one of the Marina's most visually exciting events. Come and see this year's boats beautifully decorated for the holiday season. The parade route brings boats through the main channel of Marina del Rey as they compete for spectacular prize packages. Best places to view the parade include Burton Chace Park located at 13650 Mindanao Way or Fisherman's Village at 13755 Fiji Way. Admission to the event is FREE.

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Sunday, December 31
From 11:59:30 p.m. to 12:05 a.m.

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Town Sheriff

The Town Sheriff is a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff who is assigned to assist the residents of the unincorporated Whittier community with public safety issues. The Town Sheriff is selected based upon his/her extensive experience and background with both the Sheriff's Department and the community. In addition to providing law enforcement services in the Whittier community, the Town Sheriff may also coordinate with other County departments.

You may contact the Norwalk Station at **(562) 466-5400** or the sub-station at **(562) 903-1874**. Representing the Fourth Supervisorial District is Deputy Patrick Rincon. Representing the First District is Sergeant Tom McNeal at **(562) 863-8711**. If you live in West Whittier, contact the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station at **(562) 949-2421**.

Whittier County Sheriff's Substation

13525 Telegraph Road, Unit B • Whittier, CA
(562) 903-1874

Your Town Sheriff and volunteer staff the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Town Sheriff and volunteers are available to answer questions regarding County events, programs, and other community concerns. Volunteers also assist with community events, such as the National Night Out. .

Seniors and Friends Everywhere (S.A.F.E.) Program

The SAFE Program, which is designed to assist the elderly, is staffed by volunteers. These volunteers make daily telephone calls to those who are enrolled in the SAFE Program to check on their well-being. Please call **(562) 903-1874** for information on how to enroll in the SAFE program.



The Los Angeles County Police provide law enforcement protection for the patrons, employees and properties of Los Angeles County. These law enforcement services include the downtown Civic Center, the County's regional airports, County hospitals and clinics, which encompass the largest health care system in the world, as well as one of the most extensive park and recreational systems in the United States. County police officers patrol these diverse areas on foot, bike, ATV, car, 4-wheel drive, horseback and boat.

Explorer Program

The Los Angeles County Police Explorer Program offers young men and women, between the ages of 14-18, the opportunity to find out what police work is all about. The Explorer Program is also a career-oriented program, aimed at preparing young men and women for future law enforcement and job opportunities. The Explorer program is designed to expose youth to new experiences, knowledge, and skills, while at the same time stressing the importance of discipline and the acceptance of responsibility. The young men and women who volunteer to take this challenge are introduced to leadership, professionalism, ethics, social responsibility, healthy self-esteem, decision-making and community service through a variety of programs and training.

Recruitment and explorer information can be obtained by visiting the website at www.LACOPSONline.org or calling **(562) 940-7228**.

Office of the District Attorney
“Protecting Our Kids” - Keeping Children Safe on the Internet

<http://www.lacountyda.org/vwap>

Much like the real world, the World Wide Web can be an inviting but dangerous place for children. Young people with unmonitored access to the Internet are exposed to a wide variety of risks, including sexual predators, pornography, and opportunities to commit crime.

As a result, the District Attorney's Office has developed “Protecting Our Kids,” an online program that helps parents gain control over the family computer and monitor their children's online activity.

“Protecting Our Kids” can be accessed from the District Attorney's Web site at www.lacountyda.org. There, you can download pamphlets on Internet safety and read about:

- Real Cases of Internet Crime
- Parental Control of the Computer
- Megan's Law
- Instant Messaging
- Newsgroups
- Blogs
- Chats
- Online Games
- Juvenile Crime Online and Parental Liability



TEN THINGS PARENTS CAN DO TO PROTECT CHILDREN ONLINE

- Talk with your children about their online activities and the risks and ethical responsibilities of surfing the Web. Tell them you have a responsibility to monitor their Internet use and that you will.
- Keep the computer in a common room in your home, and set time limits for its use.
- Make sure your child knows never to divulge personal information on the Internet.
- Set rules as to what sites your children are allowed to visit and which ones they are not.
- Tell your children to let you know immediately if a stranger tries to make contact with them on the Web.
- Install an operating system that makes you the administrator of the family computer, enabling you to control Web browser settings, content that can be viewed online, and software that can be installed. Consider installing third-party filtering software.
- Insist your children give you their e-mail and chat room passwords. Prohibit them from having multiple e-mail accounts.
- Make sure your children know what online activities are against the law. Illegal activities include making threats against someone else online, hacking, downloading pirated software, creating bootlegged software, sharing music files online, and for children under 18, making purchases over the Internet.
- Go online with your kids and find out whom they send Instant Messages to and/or chat with. Do not allow your children to send Instant Messages during homework-related computer time.
- Regularly scan the files on your family computer to see what kind of material your children have downloaded and whether it was obtained legally.

Office of the District Attorney *Victim-Witness Assistance Program*

<http://www.lacountyda.org/vwap>

The District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) is committed to helping victims of crime and vigorously protecting their rights. VWAP's mission is to alleviate the trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Victim advocates provide crises intervention and referrals to counseling and community services. They also guide victims through the court process and assist victims with restitution.



With approximately 85 staff members and volunteers, the District Attorney's VWAP is the largest such program in the nation. VWAP staff members are located throughout the County to help crime victims and their families as closely as possible to their homes. Victim advocates are specifically trained to assist child victims, elderly victims, and victims with disabilities. They also help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and gang violence. Bilingual staff members are available to assist victims in several languages including Spanish, Arabic, Korean, Armenian and Tagalog.

VWAP can help crime victims and/or their families receive an array of services, including but not limited to:

- Emergency Assistance
- Property Return Assistance
- Orientation to the Criminal Justice System
- Court Escort/Court Support
- Case Status/Case Disposition Information
- Employer Notification and Intervention
- Victim of Crime Claims and State Compensation Assistance
- Creditor Intervention
- Child Care
- Restitution Information
- Witness Notification and Protection Information
- Funeral Arrangement Assistance
- Crime Prevention Information
- Temporary Restraining Order Information
- Transportation Assistance

In addition, VWAP staff can help victims receive financial assistance from California's Crime Victim Compensation Program for eligible losses, including:

- Medical/Dental Fees
- Mental Health Counseling Fees
- Wage/Income Loss
- Financial Support Loss
- Funeral/Burial Costs
- Job Retraining Costs

If you or someone you know has been a victim of a crime and needs assistance, call VWAP's central office at **(213) 974-7499** or the toll free number **(800) 773-7574**. A victim services representative will speak with you and determine how to assist you. Program services are provided free of charge and there is no legal citizenship requirement to receive assistance.

What do I do if I see a dead bird?

Counting dead birds helps Public Health track the disease around the County. If you find a dead bird, please call Los Angeles County Veterinary Public Health at **(877) 747-2243** or California Department of Health Services at **1-877-WNV-BIRD**

Do you have a mosquito problem?

Whittier residents may visit the website <http://www.glaevcd.org/> or may contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at **(562) 944-9656**. For more information, contact: the County Health Department at **1-800-975-4448** or www.lapublichealth.org.

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Residents of unincorporated Whittier are served by the following County fire stations:

Fire Station 15

11460 Santa Gertrudes Ave.
(562) 943-4537

Fire Station 96

10630 South Mills Avenue
(562) 941-8604

SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM

Thanks to new State and County legislation, new mothers who give birth to an unwanted baby now have safe, legal alternatives. The State of California Safe Surrender Law went into effect in 2001. This law allows new mothers to leave an unwanted baby at any hospital emergency room within 72 hours after the birth. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a plan that allows new mothers to safely surrender an unwanted newborn at any Los Angeles County fire station.



If you know of someone who may be at-risk for abandoning a baby, that person may call the Safe Surrender Hotline for information, counseling and referrals at **1-877 BABY-SAFE**. The new hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is staffed by professionals who speak more than 160 languages.

SAFE Surrender 24 HOUR HOTLINE

1-(877) BABY-SAFE
www.babysafela.org

SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM

The Safe House Program, implemented in 1997, is a program which ensures a temporary haven for any person who encounters a threatening situation and needs a safe place to go. Both of the County fire stations listed above that serve the Altadena area are designated Safe Houses.

BRUSH CLEARANCE TIPS

The following information is provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department to assist you and the community in preventing a fire. It provides valuable safety tips on brush clearance on and around your property, yard landscaping, and things you can do in your community to better prevent and prepare in the event of a fire.

Preparation for wildland fire season is a year-round responsibility. This year's precipitation produced an abundance of growth in easy-to-ignite grass and light vegetation. Individual property owners are urged to comply with brush clearance notices mailed to them. Consider the following suggestions to prepare your property and your family for the brush fire season.

Home and Yard Landscaping

- Remove flammable vegetation and other combustible growth within 30 feet of any structure. Increase this distance to 50 feet in high hazard areas. Thin out or remove other vegetation an additional 70 feet from structures for a total of 100 feet (200 feet in high hazard areas).
- Single trees, ornamental shrubbery and ground covers are permitted, provided they can not readily transmit fire from native vegetation to structures.
- Use plants that are drought-tolerant and fire resistant for landscaping. Maintain plants!

Many fires are started by candles, left unattended in the home. The Los Angeles County Fire Department recommends you use candles with care, keep any flame away from items that can catch fire, and **REMEMBER.....WHEN YOU GO OUT, BLOW OUT!**

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- Space trees and shrubs a minimum of 15 feet apart, or three times their diameter, from other shrubs.
- Trees should be spaced to allow a minimum of 30 feet between canopies at maturity.
- Trees taller than 18 feet: prune lower branches within 6 feet of the ground.
- Trees and shrubs of less than 18 feet: prune lower branches to one-third of their height.
- Maintain all plants by regularly removing dead branches and leaves.
- Remove all stacks of combustible materials.
- Stack wood at least 30 feet from structures. Remove flammable vegetation within 10 feet of woodpiles.
- Keep butane/propane tanks at least 10 feet from any structure and maintain 10 feet of clearance.

The Brush Clearance Program is a joint effort between the County of Los Angeles Fire Department and the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, Weed Hazard and Pest Abatement Bureau (Weed Abatement Division). This program identifies property that is considered to be a public nuisance due to existing fire hazards, and where necessary actions are taken to clear or remove the hazard. The cost of clearance is assessed to the property owner. For more information, contact (323) 881-2413.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOME

Kee your home safe from fires by following the tips below.

Smoke Detector Safety

- Install a smoke detector on every floor and inside each bedroom of your home.
- Test and clean your smoke detectors monthly.
- Change batteries at least once a year.
- Prepare and practice an escape plan.
- Know two ways out of every room, including bedrooms.

Children and Fire Safety

- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Teach children how to call for emergency assistance.
- Use safety plugs in electrical outlets.

Cooking Safety

- Never leave food unattended on the stove.
- Keep dangling clothing away from burners.
- Keep appliances clean and free of grease and food particles.
- Keep combustibles away from cooking areas.
- Turn pot handles inward on stove where you can't bump them and children can't grab them.
- Never use an outdoor charcoal or gas grill indoors.

Portable Heaters

- Keep portable heaters and space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.
- Use heaters only in well-ventilated rooms.
- Keep children and pets away from heaters.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- Use only seasoned wood—never green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- Always use a protective screen.
- Clean interior of fireplaces and chimneys annually.

Roof

- Remove dead branches from roof.
- Clean dead leaves from roof and rain gutters.
- Cover chimney outlet with a spark arrestor.

If you see smoke or fire, call 9-1-1 immediately.

How to Turn Off Your Utilities

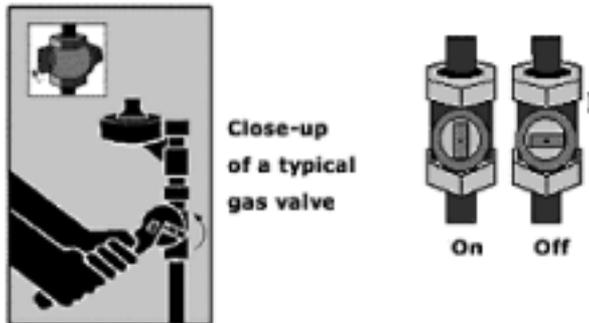
If you find yourself in an emergency situation - **Don't Panic!** It is not always necessary to turn off utilities.

Gas

Identify the location of your gas meter beforehand and check all your appliances for shut off valves. If you smell gas, or hear the hissing sound of gas, evacuate the area. NEVER light a match, candle, cigarette or turn electrical appliances and lights on or off. After an emergency, only your utility company can turn the gas back on safely. If you cannot reach the Gas Company in an emergency, call the Fire Department by dialing **9-1-1**.

To shut off your gas, follow these instructions:

1. As you face the meter, you will see a pipe running from the ground to the meter. There is a shut-off valve running parallel with the pipe, usually located about 6 to 8 inches above ground.
2. Take a 10" or 12" adjustable wrench and turn the valve 1/2 turn in either direction until the valve is crosswise to the pipe.



Visit the Gas Company website at www.socalgas.com for earthquake safety and other information. If you need service, call the Gas Company at **1 (800) 427-2200**.

Electricity

Identify the location of your electrical switch or fuse panel and learn how to turn the electrical system power off. They are usually located in a metal box on an outside wall near the electric meter. It helps to label each circuit breaker, so you can easily identify the problem. Check your neighborhood to determine if there is a widespread power outage. If your neighbors don't have power, call Southern California Edison (SCE) at **1-(800) 611-1911**. If your household is the only one without power, it may be a "tripped" circuit breaker or a blown fuse. Do not use candles during an outage. Use flashlights or battery powered lanterns instead.

To shut off your electricity, follow these instructions:

1. Turn off the lights and unplug appliances you were using and check the circuit breaker panel to find the tripped switch.
2. To reset a circuit breaker, switch it off and on again. If the switch is a push button, it will pop out. Push it all the way in to reset it.
3. If the breaker trips again when you turn on the lights, it may be overloaded. Disconnect the appliance and plug it into another outlet. If you still do not have electricity after resetting the switch, turn off the main breaker switch and all the breaker switches. Then turn on the main breaker switch and reset each circuit breaker.
4. If you do not feel confident to perform any of these procedures safely, please contact a qualified electrician.

To report power outages or lines down, call **1-(800) 611-1911**. Visit SCE's website for safety tips at www.sce.com.

Water

Identify the location of incoming water valves that are connected to your sinks, laundry area and restrooms. In the event of a natural disaster, you may need to shut off the main valve to stop contaminated water from entering your home due from a broken water or sewage line that services your area.

To shut off your water, follow these instructions:

1. Locate your water meter. It is usually located near the street in front of your home.
2. Remove the concrete meter cover.
3. Using the appropriate tool or your hand, turn the valve to the right until it is closed.

For information on how to identify safe drinking water in your home, and proper water storage, please visit the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org and refer to the "Food and Water in an Emergency" section.

It's a good idea to keep an adjustable wrench with your emergency supplies or next to your valve. For fire safety tips, please log onto the Los Angeles County Fire Department website at www.lacofd.org.



The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works administers the following public transit services in the unincorporated areas of Whittier. You may find additional information about these and our other public transit services at our new Public Transit Website at <http://ladpw.org/pdd/transit/>.

Bus Stop Amenities

There are fifty-two advertising bus stop shelters in the unincorporated areas around Whittier that are equipped with benches and trash receptacles. To report a dirty shelter, contact Public Works at (626) 458-3961.

Dial-A-Ride

The Whittier, et al. Dial-A-Ride is a shared ride, curb-to-curb transportation service for residents of the unincorporated County areas surrounding the City of Whittier (Avocado Heights-Bassett, South San Gabriel, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights and Unincorporated Whittier).

Service is for residents 60 years and over, or anyone with a physical or mental disability that prevents the use of conventional public transportation. If you are under 60 and have a disability, a physician certification and/or an ID card that indicates you have a disability may be required.

Fare: The fare is \$0.50 per one-way trip.

Hours of Service:
Monday-Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday No Service

Sunday No Service

Service is not provided on the following Holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

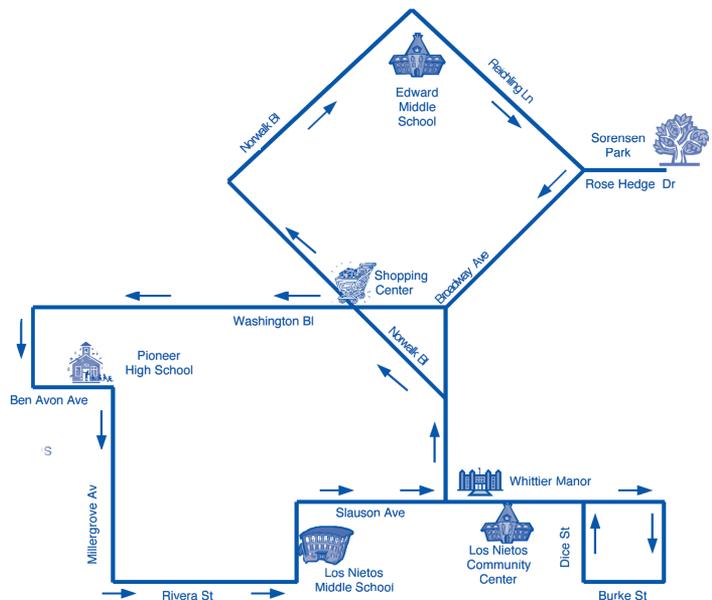
For information and registration, or to schedule a ride call (800) 439-0439.

Los Nietos Shuttle

Hours of Service:

Hours of operation are:

Monday through Friday, from 2:35 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Route:

Shuttle provides transportation for after school programs at the Community Center and Sorensen Park. The shuttle service has stops at Pioneer High School, Shopping Center, Sorensen Park, Edwards Middle School, Los Nietos Middle School, Whittier Manor, and the Los Nietos Community Center.

The shuttle has 20 seats or 16 seats with two wheelchairs.

Fare:

The fare is Free

All Aboard!

New Shuttle Service Arrives in South Whittier

Beginning **January 23, 2006**, residents of South Whittier will be able to enjoy their very own community shuttle, servicing more than 36 locations between Whittwood Town Center to the east and Sorensen Park to the west. The two-way shuttle service, Route A, (eastbound) and Route B (westbound) will connect to various other transit lines run by the MTA, the cities of Montebello, Norwalk, and Santa Fe Springs, and the County-operated Los Nietos Shuttle. Through this regional network of connectors, the South Whittier Shuttle opens the door for local residents to easily access a variety of regional and local destinations, including libraries, schools, parks, medical and social service providers, youth and senior community centers, and major shopping centers.

In the summer of 2006, new shuttle buses will be introduced with artwork and logo designs by the community with the help of a professional artist. A Community Art Committee representing youth, adults, and seniors is being established to lead the community art input process during the planning phase. Ideas and suggestions will be welcomed from residents and riders.

The South Whittier Shuttle Service is funded through the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and federal funding from the local Congressional District and state grants. For more information on the South Whittier Shuttle call **(626) 458-5960** or visit the website at **southwhittiershuttle.info**.

The following provides information on the South Whittier Shuttle's operation:

Hours of Operation:

The Shuttles depart on the hour, eastbound from Sorensen Park (Shuttle A) and westbound (Shuttle B) from Whittwood Town Center, as follows:

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays and New Year's Day

The Shuttles will not operate on the following holidays:

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Fare:

General fare is 25 cents per trip. Senior citizens, (60 and older), persons with a disability, and children five years old and younger ride for free, (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). The South Whittier Shuttle service also accepts all valid MTA passes, including EZ, monthly, bi-monthly, weekly and day passes.

REGIONAL SHUTTLE CONNECTIONS:

South Whittier Shuttle routes A and B connect with the following regional transit providers:

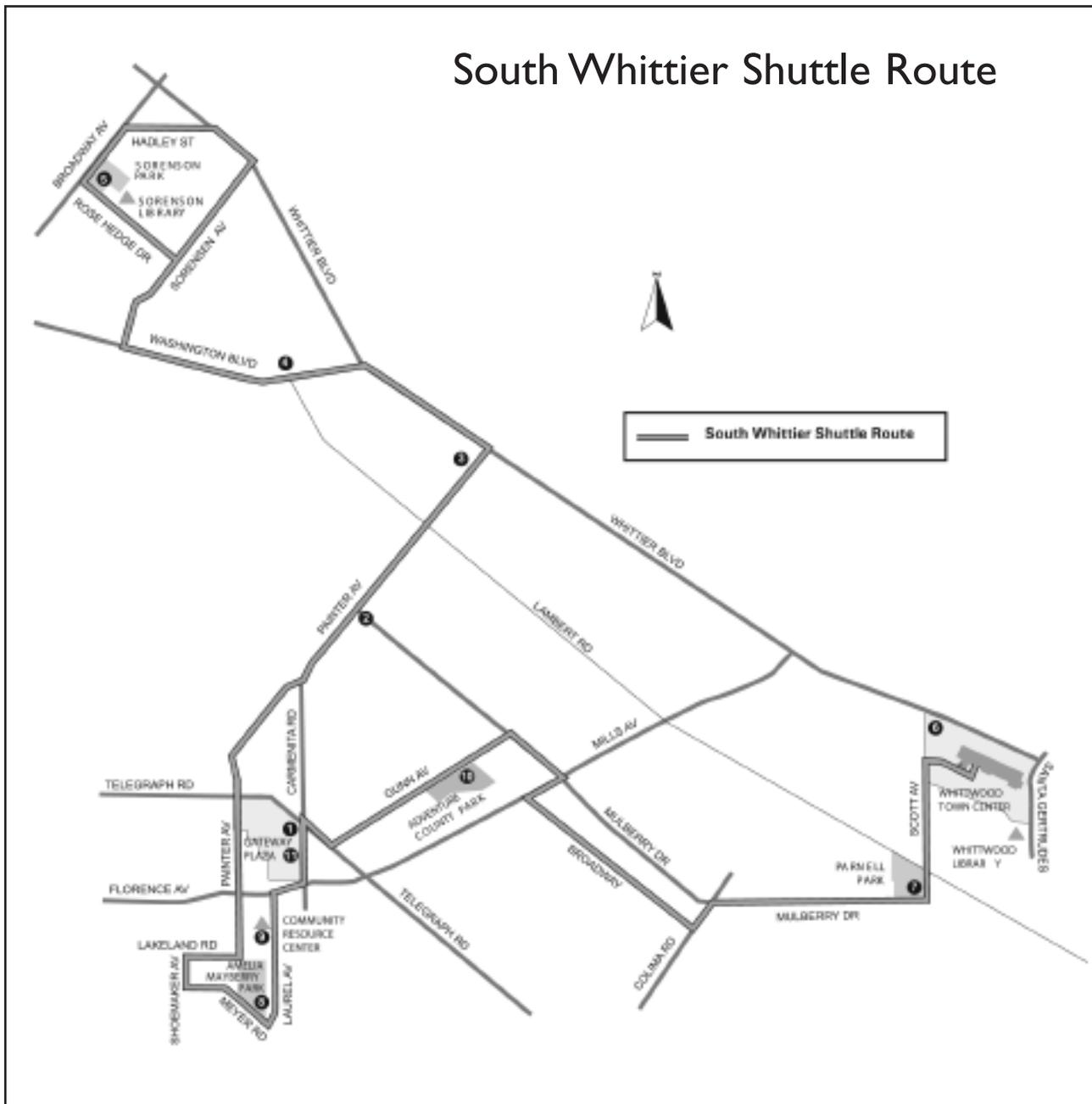
Montebello Transit
cityofmontebello.com
 (323)887-4600

MTA
metro.net
 (800) COM MUTE (800-266-6883)

Norwalk
ci.norwalk.ca.us
 (562) 929-5700

Whittier Transit
whittierch.org
 (562) 698-2131

Santa Fe Springs
santafesprings.org
 (562) 929-5735



COME OUT AND CELEBRATE:

Join the inaugural ride and transportation fair to launch the South Whittier Shuttle service on **January 21, 2006** beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Community Resource Center located at 10750 Laurel Avenue. Admission is free. Fun activities will be available for all ages.

You are encouraged to participate in the County's survey on South Whittier community transportation issues and the new shuttle route, coming in spring 2006. For more information, call **(626) 458-5960** or visit **southwhittiershuttle.info**.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We encourage you to complete and send back this survey. Your responses and comments will provide valuable information to us in our endeavor to serve you better.

Please circle the number that you feel best describes the statements regarding **CommunityCONNECTION**.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS	DISAGREE	TEND TO DISAGREE	TEND TO AGREE	AGREE	NO ANSWER
1. The information in Community Connection is useful.	1	2	3	4	N/A
2. Community Connection is easy to read.	1	2	3	4	N/A
3. Community Connection made me more aware of the services the County offers in my community.	1	2	3	4	N/A
4. Community Connection helped me find out about a service I did not know existed.	1	2	3	4	N/A
5. Community Connection contains the information I need to obtain County services.	1	2	3	4	N/A
6. I feel Community Connection has improved my access to County services.	1	2	3	4	N/A
7. Community Connection helped me better understand the County's role in providing municipal services to my community.	1	2	3	4	N/A

You may use the space below to provide comments or you may write to us at the address listed below:

Mail your completed survey form to the following address:

CAO/OUAS-SP

723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

Or E-mail your comments/requests to: uas_sp@cao.co.la.ca.us

<https://lacws.co.la.ca.us/cao/whittier.htm>

Or drop it off at one of the following locations:

Community Resource Center
10750 Laurel Avenue
Whittier, CA 90605

Los Nietos Resource Center
11644 East Slauson Avenue
Whittier, CA 90606

South Whittier Library
14433 Leffingwell Road
Whittier, CA 90604

Los Nietos Library
11644 East Slauson Avenue
Whittier, CA 90606

Sorensen Library
11405 East Rose Hedge Drive
Whittier, CA 90606

Healthy Planet

Keep Your Community Clean

(888) CLEANLA



Hazardous Household Waste Collection Events

The health and safety of people and animals, as well as the health of our communities and the environment is endangered when household hazardous waste products are discarded in household garbage, sinks or storm drains.

The following are examples of household hazardous waste products that may be found in and around your home:

- Lawn/Garden-Care Products
- Paint and Paint-Related Products
- Automotive Fluids and Batteries
- Beauty Products and Medicines
- Household Cleaners
- Electronic equipments

The County sponsors Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events where residents can drop off their hazardous waste. Collection Events are scheduled in different areas throughout the County and are free to the public. To find a collection event near you or to report illegal dumping in the storm drains, please call **(888) CLEANLA** or visit the CLEAN LA website at www.888CleanLA.com.

Tire Disposal/Storage

Tires that are illegally dumped or improperly stored can pose a serious threat to public health and safety, as well as to the environment. The County sponsors free waste tire collection events. For more information or to report illegal dumping, please call **(888) CLEANLA** or visit the CLEAN LA website at www.888CleanLA.com.

Smart Gardening Workshop(s)

Help the environment by learning smart gardening techniques on backyard and worm composting, grass recycling, water-wise gardening, and fire-wise gardening. Please visit www.smartgardening.com for additional information and to receive a free Smart Gardening CD.

Residential Recycling

Christmas tree recycling: curbside service to Altadena residents is provided by the waste hauler who serves your area. Dates and time for the Christmas tree recycling program will be available in mid-December. Please contact **(888) CLEANLA** or visit the CLEAN LA website at www.888CleanLA.com for schedules.

Smart Business Recycling Site Visits

The County implement a Smart Business Recycling Program for all unincorporated areas, including Altadena. This program offers FREE on-site waste evaluations with recommendations to assist business owners and managers with enhancing their management of solid waste, and possibly reducing their waste disposal costs, as well. Businesses can request a FREE evaluation and obtain other solid waste and recycling information by calling the toll-free Program Hotline **(800) 741-9236**, or by visiting www.businessrecycling.com.

Generation Earth

Generation Earth, a secondary school environmental education program, provides middle and high school teachers and student leaders in Los Angeles County with a variety of tools free of charge to create environmental programs at their school. Students not only learn more about local environmental issues, but are empowered by the positive results they create on campus. A variety of resources are made available to schools who participate. Call **(818) 623-4856** for more information.

Environmental Defenders

The Environmental Defenders Program reaches children in grades K-6 with important environmental messages through an exciting, interactive, multimedia in-school assembly. Students who pledge to become a Super Environmental Defender by taking specific actions to protect the environment receive a prize. A technical assistance program consisting of lesson plans and other tools to create on-campus recycling and pollution reduction programs is also provided to schools and teachers free of charge. To schedule an assembly call **(310) 552-4192**.

Tree Trimming

All parkway trees maintained by the County Department of Public Works are trimmed on either a two- or five-year cycle. Private contractors are hired for tree trimming. Trimming is done to promote the health of the trees, reduce liability from limb breakage and wind damage, and improve the appearance of trees.

Please call **(626) 337-1277** for street service.

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Other Resources

- Los Angeles County Department of Health Services - Public Health:** www.labt.org
Hotline: 866-999-LABT (5228)
- L.A. County Emergency Survival Program (ESP):** www.espfocus.org
- L.A. County Disaster Hotline:** 800-980-4990
- Info Line Los Angeles - "211 LA COUNTY":** 211
- City of Los Angeles Emergency Operation Organization:** www.lacity.org/epd
Helpline: 888-356-4661
- California Emergency Preparedness Office:**
www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/environmental/epo/epoindex.htm
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** www.bt.cdc.gov
Hotline: 888-246-2675
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security:** www.ready.gov
- Poison Center Hotline:** 800-222-1222
- Red Cross disaster preparedness information** in Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, English, Farsi, French, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese: www.redcross.org/services/disaster/

Do Your Part!

In the event of any emergency, help us by:

- Keeping **9-1-1** emergency phone lines open for true emergencies.
- Using hospitals only for medical emergencies. Keep roads clear and stay home unless you are advised to evacuate or have a medical emergency.
- Using flashlights instead of matches or electrical switches if you think there may be a gas leak.

For More Information, contact **1-866-999-LABT (5228)**

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Protection Means Planning

DON'T PANIC - BE PREPARED!

Thinking about a disaster is scary and unpleasant. It is human nature to avoid thinking about or planning for catastrophic events. "Disaster denial" is an unconscious defense mechanism in which we attempt to escape from real dangers by simply putting them out of our mind. But being prepared for a disaster empowers you to handle yourself in an emergency. And putting together a Disaster Supply Kit is the first important step in preparing for a disaster. Kits can be purchased or homemade in an endless variety of styles and sizes. They can be small enough to fit in your glove compartment or as large as a 50-gallon drum filled with supplies for your home and or business. You may have many kits, each suited to a different purpose. *Below is a list of items you may wish to consider in putting together a Disaster Supply Kit.*



Emergency preparedness means planning ahead. The checklists below make it easy. Go over them with your family and review and update them once a year so they stay complete and up-to-date. For a complete list of terrorism agents, go to www.labt.org

Protect yourself. Protect your family.

Complete this card and keep it nearby.

Create a Disaster Plan

Outline what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate during different kinds of emergencies. (See other side)

- Name two places to meet: one right outside your home and another outside your neighborhood, such as a library, community center, or place of worship.
- Make sure everyone knows the address and phone number of your second meeting place.
- Know and practice all possible exit routes from your home and neighborhood.
- Choose an out-of-state friend or relative that household members can call if separated during a disaster.
- Make sure everyone's needs are met, especially seniors, people with disabilities, non-English speakers, and pets/livestock.
- Practice your plan with all household members and be sure they have a copy.
- Check on the school emergency plan of any school-age children you may have.



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Prepare Emergency Supplies

Kee your supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers. Keep the larger one at home and put a smaller one in your car. Include:

- Three-day supply of water: one gallon per person per day for drinking and cleaning.
- Three-day supply of food, such as dried or canned foods and can opener.
- Cash (at least \$50-100 in small bills) and an ATM card.
- Changes of clothes and shoes.
- A blanket or sleeping bag for each person.
- First aid kit.
- Family's prescribed medicines and, if possible, copies of prescriptions.
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, and waterproof matches.
- Soap, toilet paper, and extra plastic bags.
- Items for pets, infant, elderly, or disabled family members.
- Extra eyeglasses, extra set of car and home keys.
- Copy of important family papers in a fireproof container.
- A whistle in case you are trapped.
- If you must evacuate your home, please take your pets/livestock if possible. Include food, medicine and I.D. tag on the pet's collar.

In the Unlikely Event of a Bioterrorism Emergency

Review the following bioterrorism agent information.

Bioterrorism occurs when substances that can cause illness or death are intentionally released, including:

Biological Agents: Bacteria, viruses, or other biological substances.
Examples: anthrax, smallpox, plague, botulism.

Chemical Agents: Toxic gases, liquids, or solids that can harm people or the environment. Examples: sarin and ricin.

Radiological Weapons: Explosive devices that spread radioactive materials.
Example: dirty bomb.

For a complete list of terrorism agents, go to www.labt.org

Personal Health and Emergency Information

Talk to your family about the health risks of different emergencies. Do a full accounting of family members' medical needs and family health resources. Fill out the form below to get started.

For more information, please visit www.lapublichealth.org/dis/pubs/displan.htm

CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Emergency Contact:	
• Local	
• Out of State	
Family Doctor:	
Local Hospital:	
Local Police:	
Local Fire:	
School(s):	
Meeting Location #1	
Meeting Location #2	
Health Insurance Carrier:	
Other:	

Family Member	Blood Type	Medical Record/ Policy Number	Past/Current Medical Conditions & Allergies	Current Medications