

WISTARIA VINE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER AND BROCHURE

Youth Activity Center

**Pumpkin carving contest,
cooking class, frisbee golf
and new programs!**

Youth & Adult Classes

**Tennis, Tai' Chi, Karate,
Sports Blitz, Ballet & Tap,
and more!**

Window Painting

**Downtown Sierra Madre
October 23-24**

Oktoberfest

**Golf & Tennis Tournament
All proceeds benefit the YAC
October 2, 2010**

Halloween Happenings

**Costume Parade & Contest
October 29, 2010**

Hart Park House Senior Center

**Exercise classes, bingo, day
adventures, Nintendo Wii
and Wii Fit!**



Hart Park House - Western Luncheon

COUNCIL & COMMISSIONS

City Council Members

Mayor Joseph Mosca

Mayor Pro-Tem John Buchanan

MaryAnn MacGillivray, Josh Moran, Nancy Walsh

Community Services Commission

Pat Alcorn

Rachelle Pastor Arizmendi

Jake Bartlett

David Crochetiere

Leslee Hinton

Jim Liston

Vacant

Meets the 3rd Monday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm

Community Arts Commission

Erica Blodgett

James Faulkner

Cathy Imhoff

Jeff Shantz

Lisa Spigai-Perez

Barbara Wamboldt

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 pm

Senior Community Commission

Nina Bartolai

Alice Hultsman

Ann Luke

Bill Nelson

(3 Vacancies)

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 3:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees

Pete Siberell, Chair

Holly Moore, Vice Chair

Catherine Addé, Trustee

Lida Bushloper, Trustee

Glen Putnam, Trustee

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month in the City Hall Conference Room at 7:00 pm

Planning Commission

Gina Frierman-Hunt

Kevin Paschall

Tom Pendlebury

William Pevsner

Russell Replogle

Bob Spears

John Vandavelde

Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

Tree Advisory Commission

Jeff Hall, Chair

Caroline Brown

Jeffrey Monohan

Ilona Volkmann

(3 Vacancies)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

Administrative Staff

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager

Marilyn Diaz, Police Chief

Steve Heydorff, Director of Fire Services/Fire Chief

Karin Schnaider, Administrative Services Director

Bruce Inman, Public Works Director

Danny Castro, Development Services Director

Toni Buckner, Library Services Director

Elisa Weaver, Community & Personnel Services Director

Community & Personnel Services Department

Elisa Weaver, Director

Kristi McClure, Deputy Director

Miguel Hernandez, Personnel Analyst

Adam Matsumoto, Recreation Supervisor

Rosemary Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator

Liz Martinez, YAC Specialist

Kyle Schnurr, Events Specialist

Sierra Madre City Hall

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Community & Personnel Services Office

611 East Sierra Madre Boulevard Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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Commission and Committee Vacancies

The City of Sierra Madre has a number of vacancies on commission and committees. Openings include: Community Services Commission, Senior Community Commission, Tree Advisory Commission, General Plan Steering Committee, Green Committee, and Parks Master Plan Committee. Additionally the City accepts applications for commissions and committees regardless of vacancies. Applications can be found at www.cityofsierramadre.com or at City Hall, Community Recreation Center or the Library. For more information please call 626-355-5278.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September

- 2 Senior Community Commission Meeting
- 8 Community Arts Commission Meeting
- 9 SML - Barks and Books
- 11 A Taste of Sierra Madre
- 11 Sierra Madre Family Preparedness Festival
- 13 SML - Author Dianne Dixon Book Signing
- 14 City Council Meeting
- 16 SML - Book Club
- 18 AHS - 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 20 Community Services Commission Meeting
- 23 Sierra Madre Honor's Dinner
- 25 SMKC - Pancake Breakfast
- 28 City Council Meeting

October

- 2 Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament
- 3 MD - Auction and Dinner
- 6 SML - Author Holly Cleeland Homemade Halloween Workshop
- 6 GS - Tour and Orientation
- 7 Senior Community Commission Meeting
- 7 Coordinating Council
- 11 Columbus Day - City Hall Closed
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 13 Community Arts Commission Meeting
- 14 SML - Barks and Books
- 14 SML - Edgar Allan Poe Play
- 18 Community Services Commission Meeting
- 21 SML - Book Club
- 22-23 Downtown Window Painting
- 23 SMWC - Bridge and Games Tea
- 26 City Council Meeting
- 29 Halloween Costume Parade and Contest
- 30 AHS - Festival of Haunts

November

- 4 Coordinating Council
- 4 Senior Community Commission Meeting
- 9 City Council Meeting

- 10 Community Arts Commission Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day - City Hall Closed
- 11 SML - Barks and Books
- 11 GS - Tour and Orientation
- 13 GS - Open House
- 15 Community Services Commission Meeting
- 17 SMEC - Prayer Breakfast
- 18 AHS - Harvest Concert
- 18 SML - Book Club
- 21 AHS - Open House
- 23 City Council Meeting
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall Closed

December

- 1 SMLL - Registration
- 2 Coordinating Council
- 2 City Council Meeting
- 2 SMUMC - Rummage Sale
- 4 SMVFA - Christmas Dance
- 4 SMLL - Registration
- 5 SMUMC - Gift Fair
- 3-4 SMWC - Holiday Thrift Shop Sale
- 8 Community Arts Commission Meeting
- 9 SML - Barks and Books
- 14 City Council Meeting
- 15 AHS - Candlelight Celebration
- 16 SML - Book Club
- 20 Community Services Commission Meeting
- 28 City Council Meeting

KEY

- AHS - Alverno High School
- GS - Gooden School
- MD - Mater Delorosa
- SMKC - Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club
- SML - Sierra Madre Library
- SMLL - Sierra Madre Little League
- SMVFA - Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Association
- SMUMC - Sierra Madre United Methodist Church
- SMWC - Sierra Madre Woman's Club

Sierra Madre Farmer's Market

The City was notified by Scholastic Gardens, the operator and manager of the Farmers Market since 2007, that they would no longer be able to operate the Farmers Market after September 30, 2010. The City of Sierra Madre sent out requests inviting qualified operators to submit proposals for overall management and marketing of the City's Farmers Market. The Community Services Commission and City Council will review these proposals beginning in September to determine the future of the Farmers Market. For updated information please contact the Community Services Office at 626-355-5278. Until September 30 the market will continue to operate every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the public parking lot on Mariposa Avenue.

WATER RATES INFORMATION

In July 2010 the Sierra Madre City Council decided to defer any increase in city water rates, even though the majority protest that would have been required to prevent a rate increase was not achieved. Although the Council has the legal authority to increase water rates, the Council decided to defer any increase pending education, outreach and dialogue with the community.

The Council is reaching out to residents and business owners, asking them to read the literature that will soon be in their mailboxes, and to engage in the water rate dialog at either the upcoming "Walk and Talk" sessions at the Public Works Yard, or at a community presentations. For a detailed list of the remaining community presentations, please visit www.cityofsierramadre.com or call 626-355-7135.

- **Walk & Talk** - tour the water treatment and distribution plant, meet water department staff, learn about what's involved in providing quality water, obtain information about the department's finances, and most importantly as questions. (approximately 2 hours.)
- **Community Water Forums** - another opportunity to learn about the City's water department, finances, operations, and ask questions, without the need to walk around the water department maintenance facility. (approximately 1 hour.)
- A few of the items covered include: where the City gets its water, why water system improvements are necessary, which future projects are planned, what it will cost, what are the finances of a water department, what happens if the Water Department is unable to meet its financial obligations, and much more.

Also, tune into the City's cable channel, SMTV3, or visit the City's website for special water department broadcasts. A schedule of programming will be available soon on the City's website.

Community Groups, Homeowner Associations, or individuals interested in hosting a group presentation should call Elisa Weaver, Director of Community & Personnel Services at 626-355-5278.

The following questions have been compiled to provide some more information on the water system and why a rate increase is important. If you have more questions, please call 626-355-7135.

When were water rates last increased?

Sierra Madre's water rates were last reviewed in 2005 and increased effective July 2006. At that time, the report recommended annual water rate increases through 2013. The approved increases were designed to keep up with inflation in operating costs and to fund ongoing capital improvements to the water infrastructure, such as Mira Monte Reservoir and new water pumping stations. However, after 2006, the recommended increases were not applied to the water bills (see below). As a result, water customers have not paid an increase in five years.

Why were water rates not increased as recommended?

Subsequent to the 2005 rate increase, a State Supreme Court case *Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency v. Beringson (July 2006)* determined that certain public utility rates, including water rates, are subject to the

requirements of the Proposition 218, "Right to Vote" process.

What are the consequences of the past rate increases not being implemented?

As a result of the halt to the rate increases, Sierra Madre's water rates have not kept up with operating and capital expenses of the Water Department. Accordingly, customers have been paying less than the actual cost of providing the service and maintaining the infrastructure. In addition, the operating margin for the Water Department is in jeopardy of not meeting the legal requirements attached to the Water Revenue Bonds issued by the City in 1998 and 2003. While the City continues to make its bond payments in a timely manner, the City must increase its revenues to meet future operating expenditures, as well as the bond commitments, without jeopardizing capital reserves.



Water rates information continued.

Why does the water department need funding for infrastructure (i.e. water mains, water wells, pumps, etc.) improvements?

Portions of the City's water system are more than 50-75 years old, and the City's water infrastructure improvement program must continue to address aging infrastructure. Failure to replace aging infrastructure means more water main breaks, and a decrease in reliability.

Which water projects need funding?

Projects to deal with declining groundwater levels.

Groundwater levels in the East Raymond Basin, from which Sierra Madre draws 90-95% of its water, have steadily declined over the past several years as a result of drought and overproduction. Upcoming infrastructure projects will focus on improving the City's access to existing groundwater and on sub-regional improvement of groundwater recharge, to halt to the decline of water supply. Declining groundwater levels increase the cost of pumping water and threaten the very source of the City's water. Water levels in the east Raymond Basin recently reached historic lows. This decline in groundwater levels is the result of existing land uses; in other words, the improvements are needed to serve existing water customers.

New Wells

Sierra Madre will soon need to construct a new, more efficient, deeper well, at a cost of over \$2 million. The City is seeking Federal funding to assist in the cost of these projects; however, a 40% City match is required. The City will set aside portions of these water rates for the required match.

Improvements to recharge facilities

Sierra Madre plans to work with its East Raymond Basin partners, Los Angeles County Public Works and the City of Arcadia, to make extensive improvements to the existing groundwater recharge facilities in Arcadia and Sierra Madre. This funding will not come entirely from Sierra Madre rate payers. The three agencies will be assisted in the East Raymond Basin

program by a \$20 million Federal authorization from the USEPA. These Federal funds must be matched by similar amounts of local funding, or they cannot be used by local agencies. However, under Sierra Madre's current rate structure, the City cannot provide the match funding for its \$10 million to qualify for the Federal funds.

What are tiered rates and why are they being proposed?

Tiered rates are designed to encourage water conservation. The rates are set to make each 'unit' of water used more expensive. A unit of water (1CCF) is equal to 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons. By setting rates that increase as the water is consumed, water customers can actively reduce both water consumption and the water bill costs by reducing the water used in a billing period. Tiered rates are encouraged by the State and have been implemented by many cities statewide as part of successful water conservation efforts.

You said that the rates did not increase, so why does the new water bills show a tierd system?

As the City moves to a new financial platform, you will notice that water bills will look different beginning in October 2010. One of the new improvements to the bill includes a chart of water usage history, another is an illustration of how much water you use within each tier. However, all tiers will continue to be charged the same (\$1.79 per ccf) until that time the City Council adopts new water rates.

What are the tierd rates?

Tier 1 (<18 ccf), Tier 2 (18-33 ccf), Tier 3 (>ccf)

What happens next?

This fall, the City Council will discuss increasing the City's water rates. Please provide your input and comments at a Walk & Talk, or a Community Water Forum, or by contacting City Hall – the City Council will use your input and comments when they discuss a future water rate increase.

Please call 626-355-7135 if you have additional questions.

MUDFLOW PREPARATION

Key Mudflow Tips

Mudflows can be extremely dangerous. They can happen quickly with little or no warning and carry large rocks or other dangerous debris.

Sand bags will be available at the City Yards from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm weekdays when the rain season begins. Residents must fill their own bags and transport them to their destination. A limit of 10 sandbags per residence is in effect unless otherwise noted. If you live outside the area, are able bodied, and would like to assist with sand bag placement and other storm relief activities, please contact Suzi McConnell or James Carlson of the Sierra Madre Public Works Department at 626-355-7135.

Remember that the goal is to channel mudflow away from people and structures and into the City's streets. The City will then coordinate to clear the debris as quickly as safety permits.

Please keep your evacuation plans in mind and up to date as we head into the Fall and Winter months. Consider evacuating when the warning is issued. Once evacuated, stay out of the area until the cleanup is completed. Cleanup activities are impeded by pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

For up to date emergency information, please visit the city website at www.cityofsierramadre.com, or the Emergency City PIO blog at www.sierramadrepio.blogspot.com. Also you can sign up for email notifications. To do this go to www.cityofsierramadre.com, click on Access Sierra Madre, then click CommunicationLink.

Sierra Madre residents have been through a lot in the past couple of years. We have seen wildfires, mud slides, an earthquake, and police action yet there has been no loss of life or property thanks to the community coming together when faced with adversity. It is important to continue this collaboration, not only when we respond to emergencies, but also in preparation and for future events. Please continue to work with your neighbors and community to prepare for the potential mudflows.

Sierra Madre Emergency Radio Station, "AM-1630"

In case of emergency (fire, earthquake, mudslide, etc), tune to AM-1630 to hear important public safety bulletins from the Sierra Madre Emergency Operations Center

Ready for 7

EMERGENCIES NEED A PLAN

Be prepared to care for you and your family for at least 7 days in the case after any type of emergency by following these general steps:

- Assemble Emergency Supply Kits for your home, workplace, and vehicle.
- Develop and practice an Emergency Plan with members of your household.
- Develop and practice an Evacuation Plan with members of your household and neighbors.
- Store a seven-day supply of food and water in closed and clean containers. Each person requires at least one gallon of water per day. Refresh your stored items when needed.
- Pay attention to your surrounding, stay informed with current and local conditions, pay attention to notifications and follow directions from emergency agencies.

PETS

Be sure to include all of your pets when planning your Emergency and Evacuation plans

- Consider appropriate lodging in advance should you be asked or required to evacuate.
- Pets are generally not allowed inside the City's shelter buildings.
- Maintain copies of current records of your pets including any licensing, microchip, rabies and medical information.
- Be sure to have current photos of your pet and do not forget extra water and your pet's food.

General Plan Update

The City of Sierra Madre is embarking on an update to its General Plan. The City is seeking your input and participation on this important community plan.

What is a General Plan?

A General Plan is a document describing goals and objectives, standards, and principles, as well as a set of maps and diagrams. The General Plan is a blueprint for what Sierra Madre will be – it sets future City policy decisions for the next twenty years, affecting land use, social, economic and environmental issues. It is a community-based document that reflects our shared vision for the future.

The City is seeking volunteers to assist the GPSC with a community outreach plan and provide input.

What is your vision for Sierra Madre?

GPSC meetings are open to the public and are held every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber. Look out for invitations to community meetings that will be held throughout the year. We want your participation and input for the future of Sierra Madre!

For information regarding volunteering, and for any questions or comments, please contact Danny Castro, Director of Development Services, 626-355-7135, or email at GeneralPlan@cityofsierramadre.com.



Sierra Madre Police Department Information

Chantry Gate Enforcement

Over the years, we have had many folks visit the Chantry Flats area and enjoy a day in the beautiful wilderness trails in the Sierra Madre foothills. Unfortunately, some guests overstay their visit past the closing time into the nighttime hours. To prevent people from driving on this narrow roadway during the hours of darkness, Sierra Madre Police Department officer secures the gate on Santa Anita nightly from 8:00 pm until 6:00 am. In June 2010 new signs were posted at the gate to educate and remind park visitors of current road closure times.

If visitors become locked behind the gate, officers must respond to the gate and unlock the gate for people who extended their stay in violation of the law.

The Sierra Madre Police Department will begin issuing administrative citations for violations of the gate's closing hours. Pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicular traffic that stay past the closing time and are locked in behind the gate will be in violation of Sierra Madre Municipal Code section 9.24.090.

If you have questions please call the Sierra Madre Police Department at 626-355-1414 and ask for the Watch Commander.

Vacation Checks

The Sierra Madre Police Department offers residential vacation checks. Sierra Madre Police officers and staff will check on your home while you are away, whether it is for a weekend or longer.

Please stop by the Sierra Madre Police Department prior to leaving town and complete a vacation request form, or you may go to the Police Department's website and look for the link entitled "Vacation Check." Please submit your request form to the front desk staff at the Police Department, or you may leave it with any police officer. The form will provide police staff with a way to reach you or your designated responsible party in the event of an emergency.

For more information, please call: The Sierra Madre Police Department at 626-355-1414.


ONLINE REGISTRATION


Online Registration Process

Be First In-Line, Online! <http://cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration>

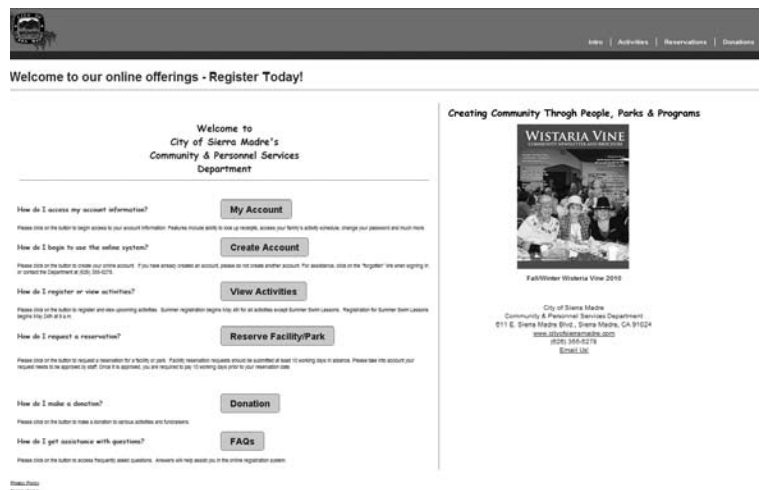
Driving value and convenience for the local community, the Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department has a new look for our online registration process. With online registration capabilities, thousands of recreation participants will now be able to view, register and pay for the department's many class activities, including excursions, gymnastics, dance, and tennis lessons at any time during the registration period, from any Internet-enabled computer. Additionally, online users can tentatively reserve City facilities and parks. Online users will have the ability to check if a class or program is nearing maximum enrollment and can keep track of start and end dates for classes. Best of all, there are no additional fees to register online!

How to create your new account:

1. Click on the "Create Account" button. 
2. Fill out the form for New Create Account request completely; including all required fields and click submit. Please submit your request only once. *Note: If you are registering a child for a program, please use your own information when filling an online registration account request form, NOT the information of the child you wish to register. Once you have an online registration account, you will have the opportunity to "Submit and Add Family Members".
3. After creating your new account, you may search and enroll for any activity. *This new registration services allows you to register from the convenience of your own home or any location with internet access.

As an online user you can search for classes and facilities; view details, schedules and availability; register in just minutes; and pay online with a credit card when and where it is most convenient for you. Please click on the "My Account"  button to access information. Users have the opportunity now to: add family members, view transaction history, reprint receipts, and view weekly schedules of your family's upcoming activities. As an added convenience, you will receive an e-mail immediately following an online transaction to confirm you enrollment in a program.

To access Sierra Madre Community & Personnel Services Department online registration service, visit <http://cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration>. For more information call 626-355-5278.



REGISTRATION POLICY

WALK - IN REGISTRATION LOCATIONS

Community & Personnel Services Department

611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

8:30am-6:30pm
Monday through Thursday
9:00am-6:00pm
Alternate Fridays

Hart Park House Senior Center

222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

9:00am-2:00pm
Monday through Thursday
Service Desk Closed Alternate Fridays

Online Registration Available at <http://www.cityofsierramadre/onlineregistration>

General Information

- All activities are filled on a first-come first-served basis.
- All activities are subject to cancellation or change.
- Activities are closed when maximum enrollment is met.
- Classes will be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met.
- If paying by check or money order, please make payable to "City of Sierra Madre."
- There will be a \$35 service charge for all returned checks.
- If the class is full when your check is received, your check will be returned to you by mail and your name will be placed on a waiting list.

Policy on Cancellation/Refunds

It is the goal of the Sierra Madre Community and Personnel Services Department ("Department") to provide quality programs and services to the Sierra Madre community. Staffing and program decisions are made based on registrations and anticipated revenues to cover program costs. Cancellations adversely impact the Department's ability to retain qualified staff and offer the high level of services patrons have come to expect. Therefore the Community Services Commission and City Council have set the following policy on cancellations and refunds:

Cancellation By City: Full refunds will be issued for any program or excursion/trip cancelled by the City in the form of a credit to the patron's account with the Department, or a refund by check upon the submission of a written request to the Director of the Department. The written request must be made within 10 days of the date of the cancelled program or event. Credits will remain on the account of the patron for one year after the date issued, and may be used for any program or service offered by the Department.

Cancellation By Patron: Notification of the cancellation must be made at least three (3) days before the commencement of the program. A refund will be issued, less a \$6.00 cancellation fee, in the form of a credit to the patron's account. The credit will remain on the patron's account for one year from the date issued and the credit may be used for any program or service offered by the Department.

There will be no make-ups or refunds for missed classes. The Department will not prorate class registration fees for patrons who register after the first day of class.

Refunds, in the form of credit, will not be issued for any excursion/trip, except for a medical excuse, unless the Department is able to fill the patron's spot from a waiting list.

Medically Excused Absences: A full refund for days missed, less a \$6.00 cancellation fee, will be issued for any program or excursion/trip which a patron cannot attend for medical reasons, provided a doctor's note is provided to the Director of the Department. The refund will be in the form of a credit to the patron's account good for one year from the date of cancellation, or a refund by check upon the submission of a written request to the Director of the Department. The written request must be made within 10 days of the date of the event which the patron could not attend for medical reasons.

Concerns regarding the quality or manner in which a class or program has been conducted should be immediately directed to 626-355-5278.

TOTS AND TWEENIES

Hapkido Karate

Hapkido is one of the most practical, and effective martial arts systems in the world! Hapkido relies on perfection of technique, rather than speed and brute strength. In addition to dynamic kicking and percussive punching techniques, your children will learn self-confidence, discipline and a can-do attitude that will stick with them for life. Karate uniforms can be purchased through the instructor. Classes are on-going.

Days & Times:

Mon., 7:00–8:30 pm *Beg. 9 & up*

Sat., 10:00–11:00 am *5-8 yrs.*

Sat., 11:00 am–12:00 pm *Adv. 9 & up*

Instructor: Daniel Leyva

Location: Sierra Madre Room/YAC

Fee: \$32 per month (Kids)

Tennis

The goal: introduce the fundamentals of tennis along with athletic skills. The class will work on the basics of tennis including; hand-eye coordination, footwork, balance, and having fun. Students will also learn courage and discipline through tennis. The instructor, Andreas Weyerman, looks forward to working with your kids! *Please note students are required to bring (2) canisters of tennis balls the first day of class.*

Days, Times &

Fees:

Wed., 4:15–5:00 pm *Pee Wee* \$30

Wed., 5:00–6:00 pm *Beg.* \$39

Wed., 6:00–7:30 pm *Int.* \$51

Thur., 3:45–4:30 pm *Pee Wee* \$30

Thur., 4:30–6:00 pm *Adv.* \$51

Fri., 4:00–6:00 pm *Jr. Workout* \$63

Instructor: Andreas Weyermann

Location: Memorial Park Tennis Courts

Gymnastics in Movement

The program is aimed to provide kids with a fun, safe, challenging & progressive gymnastics experience. Gymnastics helps develop not only a child's body, but their ability to solve problems, function independently, and build self-confidence. Please call 626-355-5278 for more information on registration in October.

Day: Thursdays

Times: 10:15–11:00 am *Baby (15-35 mos.)*

11:00–11:45 am *Kinder (3-4 yrs. old)*

11:45a–12:30 pm *Kinder (3-4 yrs. old)*

12:30–1:15 pm *Kinder (4-5yrs. old)*

3:30–4:15 pm *Beginning (3-4 yrs. old)*

4:15–5:00 pm *Beginning (4-6 yrs. old)*

5:00–6:00 pm *Adv. & Beg. (6-10 yrs.)*

Instructors: Brian & Pat Grenham

Location: Sierra Madre Room

Fee: \$76 / 6 weeks

Sports Blitz (4–6 years)

Designed specifically for beginners, Sports Blitz will introduce kids ages 4 - 6 years to a range of youth sports. Participants will learn the fundamentals of baseball, soccer, and basketball through no pressure games and scrimmages. Each participant will receive a t-shirt. New sessions begin September 30th and November 18. Advanced registration is required before the first day of calss.

Day & Time: Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 pm

Instructor: Assist Athletics

Location: Sierra Vista Park

Fee: \$85 / 6 weeks

Advanced Sports Blitz (6-8 years)

Designed for beginners, Advanced Sports Blitz introduces children youth sports. Participants will learn the fundamentals of baseball, soccer, and basketball through no pressure games and scrimmages. Each participant will receive a T-shirt. New sessions begin September 28 and November 16. Advanced registration is required before the first day of calss.

Day & Time: Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 pm

Instructor: Assist Athletics

Location: Sierra Vista Park

Fee: \$85 / 6 weeks

Ballet, Tap & Creative Dance

This class will introduce young children to a positive dance experience. Ballet and tap classes improve creative movement skills and provide great coordination. Dancers learn dance techniques for basic ballet and tap. Parent participation is required in the 2-3 year old class. New classes begin on October 20, with registration beginning September 15, 2010.

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 12:00-12:45 (2-3 years)

12:45-1:30pm (3-5 years)

Instructor: Miss Claire

Location: Sierra Madre Room/YAC

Fee: \$85 / 7 week

YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTER

Located on the top floor at:
611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Membership \$32.00 per year

Hours of Operation:

Monday 12:30pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday - Friday 2:30 - 7:00 pm



SMPD Guest Speaker Presentation

The Youth Activity Center (YAC) is a year round facility for youth ages 11-17 years old. The YAC offers daily activities, study hours, guest speakers, a computer room, games, and much more! Special events and programs are scheduled regularly such as cooking classes, pumpkin carving, tournaments, and skate demonstrations. Youth and their parents can sign-up for the YAC at the Community and Personnel Services Office located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information please contact Liz Martinez, YAC Specialist, at 626-355-5278 ext. 720.

YAC Programs

Friday Movie Nights

Starting September 24, movies will be shown at the YAC every other Friday from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Free popcorn will be provided for all YACers in attendance.

Frisbee Golf

Come check out the YAC's version of frisbee golf in Sierra Vista Park. Pick up your mapped out course and scorecards at the YAC and join staff in frisbee golf games throughout the year..

Easy Cooking Class

Wednesdays (5 week class)

Dates: October 20 - November 17

Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm

Cost: \$15 per person

Location: Youth
Activity Center

Menu: Tabbouleh,
scalloped potatoes,
chicken pasta with
homemade alfredo,
and more!



Youth Activity Center Activities and Events

All activities and events are absolutely free for YAC members.

Active Skate Day

Monday, September 27

Free with participant waiver

@ Sierra Vista Park

Drum Circle

Tuesday, October 12

@ Sierra Vista Park

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Thursday, October 28

@ the YAC

Kick Ball Tournament

Wednesday, November 3

3:00pm-5:00pm

@ Sierra Vista Park

Turkey Day

Monday, November 22

@ the YAC

Sports Week

Monday, December 6 - Friday, December 10

@ the YAC

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Halloween Activities

The Community and Personnel Services Department, in conjunction with the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club and Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce presents Halloween Happenings. Halloween activities include: trick-o-treating, costume parade along Sierra Madre Blvd., and a costume contest in Memorial Park.

Friday, October 29, 2010

3:30-5:00pm: Downtown Sierra Madre Trick-o-Treating

Sierra Madre merchants will be handing out candy in and around Kersting Court. Participating businesses will have a trick-o-treating signs in their window.

4:00-5:00pm Costume Contest Sign-Up

The Costume Contest is sponsored by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. *Registration may only be done in Kersting Court.*

5:00pm Costume Parade

Everyone is invited to participate in the Sierra Madre Costume Parade, no registration is required. The start of the parade will begin in Kersting Court. The Sierra Madre Fire Department will be leading the parade down Sierra Madre Blvd. to the finish at Memorial Park.

5:30pm Costume Contest

Once you have arrive at Memorial park, head to the Bandshell for the Costume Contest. Participants will be judged in the following age categories: walking-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-7 years, 8-10 years, and 11 and up. Awards for the top three contestants will be presented immediately following the judging of each age category. *Remember youth must pre-register in Kersting Court to be eligible.*

Downtown Window Painting

Interested in showing off your artistic side to the Sierra Madre Community?! This is your opportunity to paint Halloween inspired artwork on local downtown business windows. This great event is made possible by the generous support of Sierra Madre merchants and the Sierra Madre Civic Club.

Dates & Times: Friday, October 22 from 2:30pm-6:00pm & Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 8:00am-12:00pm

Who Can Participate? The Downtown Window Painting Contest is open to youth ages 9-17. Each team must consist of two to four youth of the same age group, with at least one participant being a Sierra Madre resident. Groups will be divided in the following age categories: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17 years.

Application: Each team must complete an application and return it with a colored drawing of the artwork to the Community and Personnel Services Office, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Deadline: All applications must be received by Monday, October 18, 2010 at 5:00pm. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Judging & Awards: Judging of the window paintings will take place on Saturday, October 23 from 12:00pm-1:00pm. An awards presentation will take place in Kersting Court at approximately 1:15pm with winners announced in each age category.

Information: For more information contact Adam Matsumoto, Recreation Supervisor at 626-355-5278 ext. 704.



Sierra Madre Little League - Spring Baseball 2011

Little League registration will occur Wednesday, December 1, 2010 from 6:00pm-8:30pm and Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Sierra Madre Community Recreation Center located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Please note registration must be done with the Sierra Madre Little League, City Staff cannot accept registration forms.



You must pre-register online before attending a registration event at <http://www.sportssignup/Sierra-Madre-Little-League-Online-Registration.start>

Bring proof of age, residency December 1 or 4. For additional information on Sierra Madre Little League residency boundaries, please see our website at www.sml.org.

For information please contact: Steve Tanner at 626-355-1249 or by email at stanner@arguscg.com or Brenda Wendt at 626-355-6027 or by email at brendaawendt@aol.com.

Bailey Canyon Eco Challenge



This class is designed for non-profit youth organizations wishing to meet community service goals and wanting to develop or enhance outdoor skills such as camping, cooking, astronomy, mountaineering or ecology. The group will describe in detail the service activity that they wish to perform which is appropriate for Bailey Canyon. Possible activities include trail clearing, fire ring maintenance, and other conservation/ecology efforts. Groups must also describe in detail the outdoor skills they want to learn or practice.

Submit activity description along with the park reservation form to the Community Services Commission for approval of the activity. All fire permits and insurance requirements must be met.

Location: Bailey Canyon Wilderness Area

Fees: No charge for participants under 18 or for supervising adults

For more information contact 626-355-5278.



Coordinating Council

The Coordinating Council meets the first Thursday of every month at noon, at the Youth Activity Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre, Sierra Madre. It is a roundtable style meeting, with one organization highlighted each month with a 15 minute presentation to inform community members of activities, events and fundraisers going on in the community. The following presentations are scheduled for the upcoming months: Creative Arts Group for October, Foothill Unity Group for November and the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association for December.

If you're interested in joining this group, please submit your contact information (include name, address, phone number and email address) to: Community & Personnel Services Department, c/o Coordinating Council 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 or email city@cityofsierramadre.com. Your name will be added to our email meeting notices. If you have additional questions, please call 626-355-5278 for more information.

OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER



Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament

The Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament is a fundraiser designed to directly benefit the Youth Activity Center. All proceeds from this event will go towards purchasing new equipment, furniture and supplies at the Youth Activity Center as well as funding classes and programs. You can participate in this great event in the following ways: golf tournament, tennis tournament, lunch reception, or silent auction. Below is a sampling of the event activities.

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Golf Tournament:

Golf will be played as a foursome, best-ball format at the Eaton Canyon Golf Course. Sign up as a team or as an individual. Win one of three great prizes by participating in our Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, or Putting contests and have the opportunity for a Hawaiian vacation at our brand new hole-in-one contest! The golf tournament will begin at 8:00am with assigned tee times.

Tennis Tournament:

Tennis will be played as round robin doubles with rotating partners in co-ed divisions at the Arcadia-Orange Grove courts located at the corner of Orange Grove Blvd. and Baldwin Avenue. The tennis tournament will begin at 8:00am. Participants will also have the opportunity to test their skills in our serving contest.

Lunch Reception:

Following the tournaments is a reception at the

Hart Park House, Senior Center, located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. While at the reception enjoy an Oktoberfest inspired lunch, participate in the silent auction and raffle, and watch the awards presentation for the golf and tennis tournaments.

If you are unable to attend the Oktoberfest event, you can still help out! The Oktoberfest Committee is looking for donations of in-kind products or services that can be used at the silent auction. You also have the opportunity to sponsor a Tee or Court Sign at \$100 (includes one registration in the tennis or golf tournament). If you have an interest in helping support the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament, please email Kyle Schnurr at kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com

For more information on the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament, please contact Kyle Schnurr, Events Specialist, at 626-355-5278.

ADULT PROGRAMS

T'ai Chi Ch'uan

This gentle exercise is suitable for adults of all ages. Practicing t'ai chi improves balance and breathing, while promoting body awareness, relaxation and stress reduction. Upon learning the Classical Yang Long Form, an advanced class, and group practice is available and ongoing Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. This advanced class is designed to improve the T'ai Chi Practitioner who knows the Yang Long Form.

Day: Tuesday

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm (Beginners)
7:00 - 9:30 pm (Advanced)

Instructors: Sam and Cynthia Sirlin

Location: Sierra Madre Room

Fee: \$32 per month for advanced students
\$56 per month for beginning students

AARP Driving Class

The 55 Alive/Mature Driving Class is designed to help senior drivers recognize their physical limitations and learn how to best compensate for them. Most insurance companies honor the class certificate by discounting insurance rates. Must pre-register. (Requirement of 10 students; drivers over 70 must take DMV written test)

Day & Time: Oct. 26 & 27, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Instructor: Certified AARP Instructor

Location: YAC

Fee: \$12 AARP Member, \$14 Non Member

Yoga for All Ages

Yoga, the union of body, mind, spirit and breathe. This combination is very health-giving, aiding the immune system, increasing lung capacity and flexibility. This class will consist of traditional asanas with a focus on meditation at the end of our session. Bring a towel or mat and wear loose fitting clothing. Classes are on-going. *Please purchase punch pass cards at the Community Services Office. Passes are not sold at the class.*

Days & Time: Tuesday 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Instructor: Andrea Walsh

Location: Hart Park House (Senior Center)

Fee: \$28.00 (4 sessions) for 50 & over
\$32.00 (4 sessions) for 49 and under

Hapkido Karate

Hapkido is one of the most practical and effective

martial arts systems in the world! Hapkido relies on perfection of technique, rather than speed and brute strength. Practitioners seek to gain advantage through footwork and body positioning to employ leverage, avoiding the use of strength against strength. Participants will learn dynamic kicking and percussive punching techniques. Karate uniforms can be purchased through the instructor. Classes are ongoing.

Day & Time: Saturdays, 9 – 10 am

Instructor: Daniel Leyva

Location: Sierra Madre Room/YAC

Fee: \$34 / per month

Tennis

The goal: to improve your competitiveness and focus and learn tennis strategy. The fundamentals for all strokes will be learned. With over 30 years teaching experience as a USPTA professional, the program is dedicated to pursuing excellence in tennis and life. Andreas looks forward to working with you and improving your game. *Participants are required to bring two canisters of tennis ball to the first day of class.*

Instructor: Andreas Weyermann

Location: Memorial Park Tennis Courts

Morning Classes (Adults) 8:30 – 10:30 am

Monday: Advanced

Thursday: Intermediate

Fee: \$63.00 / 6 week sessions

Evening Classes (Adults)

Wednesday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm (Int.)

Thursday: 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Beginner)

Thursday: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Fee: \$51.00 / 6-week sessions

Sierra Madre Aquatic Center - Fall Lap Swim

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will be open through Fall 2010 for lap swimmers. This is a great opportunity for low impact exercise in a heated outdoor pool. Registration may be done at the Community Services Office. Call 626-355-5278 for more information.

Dates: September 7 through November 24

Hours: 12:00 - 2:00 pm (Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat)
and 7:00 - 9:00 pm (Tues & Thurs)

Cost: \$100 per person (no daily admission)

SENIOR SERVICES

Hart Park House - Senior Center

Located in Memorial Park at:
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm
Service Desk Closed Alternate Fridays

Phone: 626-355-7394



The City of Sierra Madre and the Senior Community Commission recognizes the need to assist in providing services and amenities to enrich the quality of life, provide information and education, and to support the emotional and physical needs of mature adults. It is our hope that through the programs offered at the Hart Park House / Senior Center and the support of our volunteers that this goal is met. Come visit us for lunch, use the computer, play Bingo or just to visit with others!

Seniors Living Alone

The City of Sierra Madre offers two programs to assist seniors living alone: the Carrier Alert and Ear-to-Ear programs. The Carrier Alert program is in conjunction with the US Postal Service and the Sierra Madre Police Department to provide routine welfare checks for older or special needs residents. The Ear-to-Ear program offers weekly calls to home bound seniors. For an application for either program please contact Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator, at the Hart Park House at 626-355-7394.

Meals-on-Wheels

The Meals-on-Wheels program offers hot meals to home-bound seniors in our community. Meals will be delivered to your door by our volunteers Monday through Friday and frozen meals for the weekends. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver please contact Darlene Traxler at 626-355-0256. To receive Meals-on-Wheels please call the YWCA Intervale program at 626-858-8382. There is no waiting list for Sierra Madre Residents.

Senior Information and Referral

General information and referrals regarding services such as legal matters, transportation, housing, the senior meal program and tax assistance, please call the Senior Services Desk at 626-355-7394 Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 2 pm.

Senior Resource Guide

The resource guide is available to view or check-out at the Sierra Madre Public Library, the Hart Park House, City Hall or the Community & Personnel Services office located in the Recreation Center. This new guide was developed by the Senior Community Commission and contains 63 pages of resource information on Local Government, Health Care, Public Transportation, Recreation, Adult Education, Fitness and Non-Profit organizations.

Senior Moments Newsletter

This publication contains senior information, schedule of activities, current events, and more! The Senior Moments Newsletter is your best resource for all senior related activities and programs! Call the Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator, at 626-355-7394 to have your name added to the list or to share an idea.



Scarf Class

MONDAYS

YWCA Intervale Program Daily Lunches

All seniors and friends are invited. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm. Meals cost \$2.00 for seniors 60+ and \$3.75 for guests. Daily reservations are necessary so please call 626-355-0256.

Strength Training

Join Lisa Brandley at the Hart Park House every Monday, 1:00 – 1:45 pm for this free energizing class. Great for stretching with light hand weights while you sit and exercise with your friends. This is a great source for a low impact workout. All hand weights are provided for participants.

TUESDAYS

YWCA Intervale Lunch Cafe – 12:00 pm

FREE Blood Pressure Testing

2nd Tuesday of the month, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Hart Park house. A nurse from Methodist hospital will be available to answer all your questions. No appointment needed.

Bingo

Come play with us every Tuesday afternoon at the Hart Park House. Bingo starts promptly at 1:30 pm and concludes at 3:30 pm. Cards are only 25 cents each. Special prizes are available on the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

WEDNESDAYS

YWCA Intervale Lunch Cafe – 12:00 pm

Balance Classes

Wednesdays from 11:00-11:45 am there is a free Stretch & Balance class conducted by Teryl Willis. Join in some simple & gentle exercises, a little light yoga and a bit of tai chi. This is a great introduction to balance techniques that can be done in a chair and does not require extensive physical exertion. No reservations necessary.

FREE Legal Consultation

Attorney Geoffrey D. Chen will volunteer his time on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Hart Park House. 10:00 – 11:30 am – Appointments necessary.

THURSDAYS

YWCA Intervale Lunch Cafe – 12:00 pm

Day Adventures

Join us each month for different out-of-town adventures. Trips depart from and return to the Hart Park House/Senior Center unless otherwise noted in the newsletter. Reservations must be made in advance either in person or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistrion. More information is published monthly in both the Senior Moments newsletter and the local paper. Feel free to contact the Senior Services Desk at 626-355-7394.

Game Day

Nintendo Wii and Wii Fit - This virtual reality game is now available Monday through Friday by contacting the Recreation Coordinator at 626-355-7394 to arrange for a time to come and play.

FRIDAYS

YWCA Intervale Lunch Cafe – 12:00 pm

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Senior Club

Every Saturday at 11:30 am. Dues are only \$5 per year for ages 55+. Bingo played beginning at 12:30 pm. Be sure to bring your own lunch.

VFW

Join the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the second Sunday of each month, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Call the Senior Services Desk for more information.



TRANSPORTATION

Gateway Coach

Transportation Runs Monday - Friday

Commuter Loop

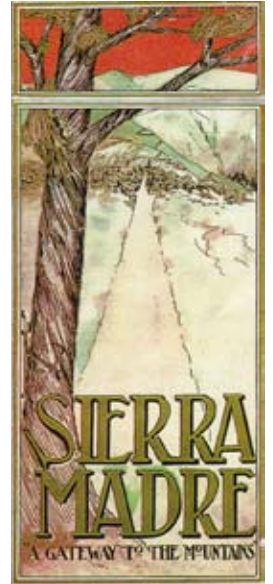
7:00 - 8:34 am; 5:00 - 6:34 pm

Round-A-Bout

11:00 am - 3:45 pm

The fare is 75¢ - However, some riders qualify for free services including seniors (65 or older), those who are disabled and youths who are 16 and younger. Will need to show a California I.D. to verify age.

Schedules and stops have changed to improve transportation services! For a detailed schedule please visit the Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Library, Senior Center, or log-on to www.cityofsierramadre.com.



Dial-A-Ride

Reservations – please call 626-355-3873

Monday-Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

No service Sundays and Holidays

In-town trips \$1.00 each way

Out-of-town trips \$2.00 each way

Sierra Madre Dial-A-Ride program is a curb-to-curb transportation service for elderly and disabled residents of Sierra Madre. Out-of-town trips can go no more than two miles beyond the City, but may travel to a variety of the medical facilities in Pasadena, Arcadia, or Duarte.

Riders must be residents of Sierra Madre and must be 62 years of age or older, or must have a form, signed by a physician, attesting to a disability which hinders mobility and the use of MTA buses. All patrons of the service must first register with the City's Community and Personnel Services Department, and present proof of residency and age or disability. Rides are paid for by the use of vouchers, which are \$1 for in-town trips / \$2 for out-of-town.

On Tuesdays, Dial-a-Ride will travel East as far as Duarte's City of Hope, but not in the Westerly direction. On Thursdays, Dial-a-Ride will travel West as far as Pasadena's Huntington Hospital, but not in the Easterly direction. On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays Dial-A-Ride will travel in both directions for scheduled appointments.

Medical trips will continue to receive priority only if they are reserved a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the date of service. Existing non-medical trips reserved within 48 hours of the requested time will not be bumped by last-minute medical trip requests. Last-minute medical trips will be accommodated as much as availability allows.

Upon making a reservation please provide the address of the destination, number of persons traveling, whether a wheelchair-accessible vehicle is needed and your telephone number. The dispatcher will advise travelers of the approximate pick-up time. Please allow for a 20 minute window. At pick-up drivers are not required to wait more than 10 minutes.

Passengers requesting a wheelchair accessible vehicle must make their request at least one hour in advance.

Drivers may assist upon request in loading and unloading of senior citizens and disabled riders' packages not exceeding twenty-five (25) pounds.

Dial-A-Ride vouchers can be purchased at the Hart Park House, City Hall or the Library.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

440 West Sierra Madre Blvd.

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

626-355-7186

www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday, Noon – 9:00 pm

Thursday & Friday, Noon – 6:00 pm

Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm

Closed Sundays and major holidays



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Download Favorite Titles with OverDrive. The Library has partnered with the Southern California Digital Library to provide thousands of popular audiobooks and eBooks for loan as downloads to your computer, iPod or e-reader. All you need is an active Library card to enjoy 24/7 access to this wonderful new fiction and nonfiction digital collection. Please note that these titles will not be accessible using the Library’s computers; users must provide their own downloadable device. To

access the collection, go the Library’s homepage and follow the easy instructions.

“Words on Wheels” for the Homebound. If you are a resident of Sierra Madre and cannot come to the Library, the Library can come to you! Volunteers are now available to take care of all your Library needs—selecting and delivering fiction and non-fiction books to your home for your reading or listening pleasure, and returning the items when you have finished them. With your active Library card, a full range of material will be available to you—large and regular print books, audio books, Playaways, and music CDs. Call Ana Valencia, Words on Wheels Coordinator, at 355-7186, to get started on this free program today!

Career Transitions for the Job Seeker. Your active Library card will enable you to open up a user account on this online Gale database, giving you access to resume help, job listings, and the opportunity to analyze your interests and explore different career opportunities. Click the Online Services link on the Library webpage, and check it out! This project is supported in whole by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Before You Take a Trip... Go to the Library’s webpage Online Services link and click on Global Road Warrior for help planning your next excursion. This free travel guide will provide you with useful geographical, cultural, and travel information on any country you wish to visit.

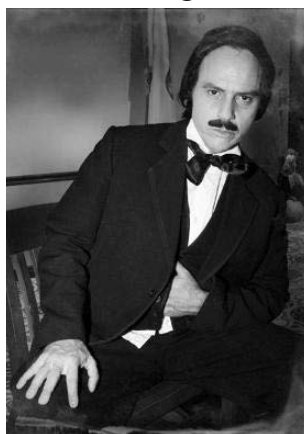
UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY



On Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m., Dianne Dixon will discuss and sign her new psychological mystery, "The Language of Secrets." An award-winning and Emmy-nominated scriptwriter, Ms. Dixon's novel centers around the occupants of a fictional house on Lima Street in Sierra Madre. See what the "buzz" is all about, and why book clubs everywhere are eagerly reading this wonderful story, set in our own home town!

Go frugal and green for Halloween! On Wednesday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m., Holly Cleeland, author of "Glue & Go Costumes for Kids: Super-Duper Designs," will teach parents and children how to create unique, oversize, eye-catching costumes with recycled and other readily available supplies, such as plastic cups and plates, cardboard boxes, fabric and foam core. Three costumes, constructed during the presentation, will be given away at the end of the program.

On Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m., Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson will perform as that literary master of psychological terror, Edgar Allan Poe, in "The Shadow of the Raven." Poe wrote some of the most dark and chilling tales in American literature, and was himself a man of mystery. In this unique one-person play, Poe rises from the dead and looks back at his enigmatic life through the lens of some of his most famous works.



"THIRD THURSDAY" BOOK CLUB

Lively roundtable discussions of new and noteworthy books, moderated by Catriona Shafer. Meets at the Library on the third Thursday of the month, 11:00 a.m. – Noon. A list of upcoming selections is available at the Library Service Desk

and on the Library website. Funded by The Friends of the Library.

"SPEED READ" BOOKS

For those who like to read 'em first and read 'em fast, the Library offers a "Speed Read" shelf of the most popular current NY Times and LA Times fiction and non-fiction Best Sellers. Speed Read copies are available for seven-day checkout only, with no renewals or holds allowed. Overdue fines are \$1.00 per day per book. These books are second copies of titles that are also acquired for the Library's permanent collection, which can be found on our regular New Books shelves. These copies can be checked out for the usual three weeks, with one renewal permitted if the books are not on hold.

TUTOR.COM—IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS ANYMORE!

Tutor.com is a free, interactive service that provides qualified tutors online for students Grades K - Adult Learners. An active Sierra Madre Library card is all that's needed to obtain personalized help with Math, Science, English, and Social Studies assignments, as well as SAT, GED, Standardized Tests, and Resume prep. The site's Proof Point link will connect you with an English tutor who will review and proofread assignments and research papers. Study help is also available to adults preparing for American citizenship. The SkillsCenter Resource Library link, which is accessible online 24/7, gives you access to thousands of helpful worksheets, tutorials, study guides, and more. English as well as Spanish-speaking tutors are available seven days a week, from 1:00-10:00 p.m. Tutors undergo third-party background checks, are trained and certified, and all tutoring sessions are recorded and reviewed. To access Tutor.com, click on the Online Services link on the Library Home Page at www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. If you don't have a Library card, obtaining one is free with a photo id and proof of current address. Children under 18 will need a parent or guardian present. For more information, call Meegan Tosh at

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FREE WiFi AT THE LIBRARY

You can connect to the Internet on your laptop and work for free, without interruption whether inside the Library or in the patio garden. Drop by the Library Service desk and find out how!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The California State Library, in conjunction with the national organization VolunteerMatch, is funding a program for those interested in volunteering in public libraries throughout California. Be part of our own Library's mission to provide our patrons with a welcoming environment, quality materials, and technology, while working alongside a professional, dedicated staff. We need your help with short-term projects as well as ongoing tasks in the following areas: technology, scrapbooking, archives, photography, grounds keeping/gardening, and behind-the-scenes general Library work. Volunteer applications are available at the Library Service Desk. For more information visit our site at www.volunteermatch.org, or contact De Alcorn, Secretary of Service and Volunteering for the City, at 626-355-4793, or Ana Valencia, Library Volunteer Coordinator, at 626-355-7186.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Offered year-round. Classes include Basic Computer I & II, Basic Internet I & II, Email Basics, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Desktop Publishing. Schedules and registration forms are available at the Library's Circulation Desk. A \$20.00 deposit per class is required, which is refunded on attendance.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR

Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 7:00

- 8:00 p.m. Lively stories, songs, and crafts for young children.

TEEN BOOK CLUB AND ADVISORY BOARD

Youth in Grades 7 – 12 meet every Thursday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., October through June, in the Library basement. Fun books, games, crafts, and yummy snacks are provided for Club members. Members also brainstorm ideas for teen programs, outreach, and book club selections, weigh in on cultural and literary trends, and connect with schools and organizations. Sign up on line or at the Library.

BARKS AND BOOKS

On the second Thursday of each month, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., September – July. Children visit with and read to specially trained dogs, assisted by Pasadena Humane Society volunteer Dorothy Raymond.



For more information on the youth programs, call Meegan Tosh at 355-4672, or go to the Library's homepage, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. Programs funded by The Friends of the Library.

SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

Explore local history at the Sierra Madre Historical Archives, jointly owned and maintained by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and the Sierra Madre Public Library. For assistance with research, please call our Archivist, Debbie Henderson, at 355-7186 x 118 for an appointment.



Community Arts Commission Fall/Winter Art Exhibition & Reception

The City of Sierra Madre Community Arts Commission presents the Fall/Winter featured Artist, Frank Hart. His work will be displayed at the Sierra Madre City Hall starting Monday, October 18 through Friday, December 10, 2010. Frank Hart's Art Exhibition Reception is scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2010 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and is open to the public.

Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts is to strengthen the connection between the community and its artists by developing the creation and production of visual and performing arts projects and events.

If you love your Sierra Madre community and want to participate in community centered activities that provide a focus on the arts to help develop programs and art viewing venues, then please join us the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Park House, Memorial Park.

Join us on Facebook; Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts. Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts is a non-profit organization and tax deductible donations can be made to the Sierra Madre Community Foundation c/o Friends of the Arts.

Call for Artists for Art Shows

In an effort to promote the professional development of local artists and their work, the Community Arts Commission features a rotation calendar of visual art shows at City Hall. Local artists are invited to submit samples (copies, not originals) of work for review and possible inclusion for future shows. Shows run for 8 weeks with a special opening reception. The exhibits may be viewed during business hours at Sierra Madre City Hall, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

If you are interested in submitting your work for an art show, please submit samples (copies, not originals) of your work to: Community & Personnel Services Department, c/o Community Arts Commission – Art Review Board, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

If you have additional questions, please call 626-355-5278 for more information.

Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Mixers/Ribbon Cuttings

Facebook for Your Business

Annual Chamber Chili Cook-off

Best Buy Pharmacy – celebrating 100 years!

Buccaneer Lounge – celebrating 50 years!

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association

For more information on upcoming mixers/ribbon cuttings visit www.SierraMadreChamber.com/mixers

2011 Wistaria Festival

Save the Date!

Sunday, March 20, 2011

Presented by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

For more information visit www.wistariafestival.com

Dickens Village

Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010

3:00pm to 8:00pm

- Shopping
- Santa Claus
- Sledding
- Horse and Buggy Rides
- Caroling
- Tree Lighting Ceremony

JOIN US!!

www.DickensVillage.info



COMMUNITY GROUPS

Kiwanis Club of Sierra Madre

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club's Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will happen on Saturday, Sept. 25, in Memorial Park, 7am to 11am. Delicious pancakes, sausage, coffee and OJ, all for only \$5! Tickets may also be purchased at the event that morning. This year's Pancake Breakfast proceeds will help pay for Sierra Madre's new "Emergency Radio Station"!

The new Sierra Madre Emergency Radio Station, "AM-1630". Tune in 1630 on your AM dial to hear information about local Sierra Madre community events. In case of emergency (fire, earthquake, mudslide, etc), tune to AM-1630 to hear important public safety bulletins from the Sierra Madre Emergency Operations Center. For more information, contact Hank Landsberg at 626-355-3656.

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church

THE GREATEST LITTLE RUMMAGE SALE IN TOWN! Saturday, October 2, starting at 8:30 a.m., Sierra Madre United Methodist Church 695 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre. Ample parking in the church lot off Michillinda. To donate items or for more info, call 626-355-0629

The best deals in town are found at the SMUMC's semi-annual rummage sales! Come early for the best selection of quality adult and children's clothing, accessories, linens, toys, books, household and craft items, and much, much more, all priced to sell! The fall sale also features decorative holiday and gift-worthy items. And there are even more bargains to be had at the "Two Dollars at Two" all-you-can-get-in-a-bag sale!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR!

Sunday, December 5, 11:00am - 1:00pm Hartzell Hall, Sierra Madre United Methodist Church Avoid the hassle and stress of holiday shopping and honor your friends and relatives with gifts and donations to projects that benefit our local and worldwide community. Enjoy free refreshments as you leisurely browse booths offering unique fair trade products, and consider alternative "gifts that

keep on giving" from organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Heifer Project and Friends in Deed.

Sierra Madre Community Foundation - Private Giving for Public Good!

The Sierra Madre Community Foundation (SMCF) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Sierra Madre for the benefit of all residents. SMCF does this by helping individuals, businesses, and organizations maximize their long-term philanthropic impact on the community, and by supporting the programs and projects of Sierra Madre non-profits and community groups. Community groups can apply for funding for a project or program through SMCF's competitive grant process, or work with SMCF on establishing their own special projects fund. Gifts to SMCF from individuals, businesses and organizations are tax-deductible and support the grants that the Foundation makes in the areas of Civic Improvement, Environment, Learning & the Arts, and the Library. SMCF is run by an all-volunteer Board of Directors made up of Sierra Madre residents. Giving to SMCF means you are giving to the long term future of Sierra Madre.

If you are interested in making a gift or in applying for a grant please contact the Sierra Madre Community Foundation at www.sierramadrecommunityfoundation.org or at P.O. Box 716, Sierra Madre, California 91025.

Sierra Madre Fire Safe Council

The group meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Programs alternate with the educational outreach of the Fire Safe Council on fuel modification through the Curbside Chipper rebate program for residents north of Grandview in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone along with other topics of interest presented by the Fire Marshal. For information, call: 355-0741

e-mail: smfiresafecouncil@gmail.com

Web site: www.firesafe.com

Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society

Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society celebrates Sierra Madre as they work to preserve and share the rich history of our town. Their most recent publication, a beautiful local history entitled "Southern California Story: Seeking the Better Life In Sierra Madre" has become a best seller with national recognition. Prestigious awards from the American Association for the State and Local History have been received by the book's author Michele Zach for achievement in the project and to Jeff Lapidés for the book design and its many photographs. This is a treasure to add to your own library or for special gift giving. Priced at \$45.00 plus tax, it is available at local stores, by calling 626-355-3905 or at www.smhps.org.

The Society houses and preserves historical archives at the Sierra Madre Public Library which are available for public research. They also maintain two museums, Lizzie's Trail Inn and Richardson House, located at 167 E. Mira Monte (the start of historic Mt. Wilson Trail), open free to the public on Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon. This group with a past welcomes your interest and membership. For more information contact Phyllis Chapman at 626-355-8129.

Sierra Madre Civic Club

Sierra Madre Civic Club has been an important service organization in Sierra Madre for over six decades, ready to step up to the plate when there is a need. Their fun for fund-raising events allows them to give generously each year to long list of worthy causes.

Among ongoing activities are; the planting, care and holiday decorating of City Hall Rotunda, Huck Finn Fishing Derby, Halloween Window Painting, their Civic Club Shoppe selling beautiful hand knit items and other creations. Along with this hum of activity, caring for each other and building friendships are a priority.

Club meetings are held year round on the 2nd Thursday night of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Memorial Park Hart House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. They invite interested women in the area to attend a meeting and learn about this special group. For more information contact Membership Co-Chairs Joan Spears 626-355-3360 or Linda Wochnik at 626-351-2042.

Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council

The Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) was formed in 1971 and is dedicated to promoting environmental quality in the community through continuing educations, programs, and projects. Our activities include the educational Nature Awareness Program for our local schools, the stewardship of Bailey Canyon and adjacent trails, updating the Sierra Madre Trails and Parks brochure, the donations of environmental books to the Sierra Madre Library, and the promotion of environmental issues that affect our community. Regular meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We invite you to join us in our efforts and to share our environmental concerns. Contact Alison Snow-Wesley at 626-355-1544.

Festa del Raccolto ~ A Roman Harvest Festival"

Mater Dolorosa's Seventh Annual Auction and Dinner ~ Sunday, October 3, 2010
We thank the community of Sierra Madre for your past support of our annual Harvest on the Hill fundraiser. Many happy bidders have enjoyed delicious food, gift certificates and whimsical items generously donated by you. We invite your participation again this year. Ways to participate include: Business or Family Sponsorship – signage will be placed in prominent areas at the event, Donate an auction item, Buy raffle tickets for a weekend getaway at either The Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego or The Ritz Carlton in Laguna Niguel, Attend our event. For more information, contact, Jeanne Warlick at 626.355.7188, ext. 103 or jeanne@materdolorosa.org. Mass at Mater Dolorosa Chapel every Tuesday at 8:30am. Enjoy refreshments & fellowship immediately after.



Sierra Madre Woman's Club

Sierra Madre Woman's Club has been a tradition in this town since organizing back in 1907. Daytime meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, from September through May, in Essick House at 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., a City historic landmark.

A program of interest is presented at each meeting, plus the club calendar brims with special events. Their annual Bridge and Games Tea will be held Saturday, October 23, 1:00 p.m. and is noted for fabulous refreshments. They are active members of the Federation of Women's Clubs, an international volunteer group dedicated to community needs.

Each year they make a large outlay of money to charity needs voted by the membership. Members are on board participating in community events. Their Wisteria Thift Shop, located at the rear of the clubhouse is open Monday, Thursday, Friday and the 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is a great place for the bargain shopper in these tough times as well as the treasurer seeker. The shop phone is 626-355-7739.

Their air conditioned Craftsman clubhouse is available to rent for weddings, private parties, business meetings, etc. with an excellent kitchen facility, ample tables and chairs, an outdoor patio. The clubhouse phone is 626-355-4379. Membership in the club offers a very worthwhile experience and warm friendships. For more information contact Membership Chair Phyllis Chapman, 626-355-3928.

Sierra Madre Garden Club

Sierra Madre Garden Club meets on the 2nd Monday night of each month, 6:00 p.m., from October to May in the Memorial Park Hart House Senior Center, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. A delicious catered dinner is served followed by a garden related program. They invite you to attend a meeting and enjoy the special joy of gardening. Dinner reservations are needed by calling 626-355-0606. To skip dinner and just attend the evening's program, no charge or reservation needed, it is suggested you arrive by 6:45 p.m.

Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy

Incorporated in 1989, it is the oldest independent conservancy in the San Gabriel Valley. The first purchase of Open Space property with Proposition A funding, in 1996, was the 13 acre John Bowman property, at the base of the Mt. Wilson Trail. With this acquisition, the Mt. Wilson Trail head was protected for public access with a conservation easement, which includes the entire 1200 acre Sierra Madre Historical Wilderness Area and Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park. For further information call Caroline Brown, President, 355-9350.

Sierra Madre Woman's Club
550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Invites the Community to their
**Annual Inter-Faith Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday, November 17, 8-9am**
(Please arrive by 7:45 a.m. - event begins
at 8:00 a.m. Sharp!)
No charge - Everyone is welcome!
**Reservations Required - Call
Genevieve Stubbs at (626) 355-5528**

**Huge Holiday Sale
Wisteria Thift Shop**
run by
Sierra Madre Woman's Club
550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Friday & Saturday - December 3 & 4
9am to 3 pm
Huge Inventory - Lowest Prices!!!
Proceeds support club charities

SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOC.



ROSE FLOAT BARN HOURS - DECEMBER

Open 7 Days a Week, Closed Dec. 25
12/1 - 12/23: 10:00am - 5:00pm or later
12/24: 8:00am - 5:00pm
12/26 - 12/30: 8:30am - midnight
12/31: 8:30am - One hour after float departure



Sierra Madre Rose Float Association's 2011 Entry: "Sueños de California"

The theme of the 2011 Tournament of Roses Parade is "Building Dreams, Friendships and Memories." Sierra Madre's entry is titled "Sueños de California," which translates to "Dreams of California." The design highlights California's Latino heritage by remembering the pioneers who built our Golden State.

At the front of the float a burro draws a cart laden with produce to market. Magnificent monarch butterflies flutter overhead, alighting on Mission San Carlos Borromeo. Señoritas gather by a glistening fountain in a courtyard blooming with bougainvillea, saguaro, prickly pear and citrus trees. Colorful folk dancers perform alongside.

The float is one of Sierra Madre's largest, measuring 33 feet tall, 55 feet long and uniquely, 22 feet wide. Extensive animation brings the design to life. The burro nods his head, the wheels of the cart turn and the gigantic monarch butterflies flap their wings. The fountain features hundreds of gallons of re-circulating water.

"Sueños de California" showcases a stunning array of flowers. Jewel-tone roses carpet the base of the float while dendrobium, mokara and phalaenopsis orchids simulate the bougainvillea that grows over the mission. The gardens are landscaped with a blend of live succulents, orchids, leucadendron, sansevieria, ginger and protea.

The design also makes clever use of edible decoration materials, such as rolled oats, cinnamon and sesame seed which cover the facade of the mission. A wide variety of beans, lentils and peas will be applied one at a time to over 100 painstakingly detailed Mexican tiles. The float also incorporates oranges, lemons, limes, pink grapefruit, grapes and chili peppers.

In 2011, Sierra Madre celebrates its 94th year of Rose Parade participation and its 79th float. The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization and is funded solely by private donations. The association strives to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for volunteers of all ages. In the last five years, Sierra Madre has received five consecutive awards. The association is steadily building a reputation for fine craftsmanship and outstanding floral design. This year's entry is designed by Charles Meier, who designed four previous award-winning floats for Sierra Madre.

SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT BARN

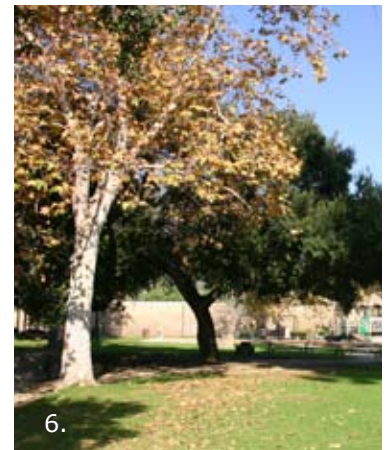
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Adjacent to the Pioneer Cemetary and
above park tennis courts.

www.sierramadrerosefloat.com

Email: donjeanne@altrio.net

PARKS & FACILITIES

Select recreation facilities may be reserved by private organizations or community groups. Reservations and permits must be filed in the Community & Personnel Services Office, located in Sierra Vista Park. Any group desiring information concerning reservations should call 626-355-5278 or visit www.cityofsierramadre.com. All Sierra Madre parks are open to the public 6 am - 10 pm except Bailey Canyon, which is open from dawn to sunset.



1. Bailey Canyon Wilderness Park 451 W. Carter Ave.

Picnic Areas	Fire Ring
Hiking Trails	Interpretive Display
Native Botanical Area	Outdoor Restrooms
Handicap Accessibility	Handicap Parking
New Trail Marker Signage	

2. Memorial Park 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Hart Park House (Senior Center)	Bandshell
Playground	Covered Pavilion
Weeping Wall	Tennis Courts
Outdoor Restrooms	Community Gardens
Picnic Areas	Veteran's Memorial Wall

3. Milton & Harriet Goldberg Recreation Area 171 S. Sunnyside Ave.

Sierra Madre's first pocket park opened in April 2008. This passive recreation area includes picnic areas, stone benches, and California native plants. Park features include a sand play area, desert willow hut structure, and dry stream bed.

4. Mount Wilson Trail Corner of Mount Wilson Trail and E. Mira Monte Ave.

A trail leading to Mt. Wilson Interpretive Observatory, the trail is the site of the second oldest trail race in California. Intermediate destinations are First Water and Orchard Camp.

5. Mt. Wilson Trail Park 189 E. Mira Monte Ave.

The Mt. Wilson Trail Park features include: playground equipment, picnic tables, open grass areas, and the City's beloved turtle.

6. Sierra Vista Park 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Community Service Office	Volleyball Court
Recreation Center	Basketball Court
Youth Activity Center	Hesley Field
Aquatic Center	Dapper Field
Covered Pavilion	Sierra Madre Rose Float Building
Picnic Areas	Outdoor Restrooms
Playground	Dog Parks
Tennis Courts	

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