

**City of Claremont
Memorandum**

TO: CLAREMONT COMMUNITY

FROM: JEFFREY C. PARKER, CITY MANAGER

DATE: MARCH 11, 2010

SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATE

MARCH 9 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The following is a summary of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency action from their meeting held on March 9:

1. The City Council reorganized and adopted a resolution appointing Linda Elderkin as Mayor and Sam Pedroza as Mayor Pro Tem.

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved:

2. Adopted a resolution approving City warrants dated March 4, 2010.
3. Adopted a resolution approving RDA warrants dated March 4, 2010.
4. Approved and filed the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Minutes of 2/23/10 (special and regular).
5. Adopted an ordinance amending the Claremont Municipal Code regarding water efficient landscape.
6. Received and filed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the City of Claremont for the year ended June 30, 2009, the Claremont Redevelopment Agency's Annual Audit Report, the Management Letter, Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, and other financial reports presented.
7. Received and filed the Police Department Annual Report.
8. Approved the 2010 Citizens' Option for Public Safety/ Supplemental Law Enforcement Services (COPS/SLESF) funding expenditure recommendations for 2009-10.

Public Hearings

9. Introduced an ordinance to allow drive-through facilities in conjunction with banks and pharmacies in four small areas of the City, and adopted the Negative Declaration.

Administrative Items

10. Approved the First Amendment to the Disposition and Development Agreement between the City, Redevelopment Agency, and Jamboree Housing Corporation.
11. The City Council and Agency Board adopted resolutions approving and adopting the investment policy and delegating authority to the Treasurer to invest idle funds on behalf of the City and Redevelopment Agency.

HOMELESSNESS/RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM L.A. County

Do you know someone who needs help with rent? Assistance is available for eligible renters.

- The County of Los Angeles is offering financial assistance for eligible renters through the Recovery Act's Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP).
- If you know of family, friends, clients, or community members who are experiencing financial hardship and need help with rent, HPRP can assist.

What does HPRP provide?

- The HPRP can provide eligible residents with monetary assistance for such expenses as: security deposit; utility turn-on fee; and back-due rent and/or utilities.
- Monetary assistance is paid directly to one's landlord and/or utility company.

Who may qualify?

- The County HPRP serves the following geographic areas: 1) the unincorporated areas of the County; 2) 47 cities with a population of less than 50,000; and 3) the City of Alhambra and the City of Huntington Park.
- To find out if someone is eligible for the County of Los Angeles HPRP, a pre-screening tool can be found at <http://housing.lacounty.gov/HPRP> or you can call 2-1-1.
- The pre-screening tool may be used to determine potential eligibility for the County's program based on income and geography requirements and directs potentially eligible residents to County locations to receive assistance.

Other cities may be offering this program; call 2-1-1 for more information or go to <http://www.lahsa.org/hprp.asp> to access the HPRP Program Referral List. Please use the following link for more details http://mylacounty.info/listserver/isdannouncement/cms1_143384.pdf

PD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

The Police Department is hosting a Neighborhood Meeting for the apartment complexes along San Jose Avenue on Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Vista Del Valley

Elementary School, 550 Vista Drive. Officers will discuss safety tips and other important issues.

VILLAGE ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

The sidewalk portion of the Village Accessibility work has been completed on First Street this past week. Beginning Monday morning, the work will shift to Bonita Avenue, between Indian Hill Boulevard and Yale Avenue. In this section of street the sidewalk area will be widened by three (3) feet and there will be new street trees installed.

Beginning Sunday, March 14 at 11 p.m., Golden State Water will be working on the water service in the Village and the water service to businesses along the following streets will be impacted until 7 a.m. the following morning:

- Bonita Avenue from Indian Hill Boulevard to Harvard Avenue
- Yale Avenue from Second Street to Bonita
- First Street from Indian Hill Boulevard to Yale Avenue

All the businesses have been contacted. This work is in conjunction with the Village Accessibility project.

PROPOSED 7-ELEVEN

On March 2, the Planning Commission officially denied a request to allow the establishment of a 7-Eleven convenience store in a portion of the building located at 601 E. Foothill Boulevard. The proposal included the sale of beer and wine and 24 hour/day operating hours. The applicant has appealed the Planning Commission decision. The City Council will conduct an appeal hearing on Tuesday March 23, 2010 in the Council Chamber, located at 225 W. Second Street. The appeal hearing will not commence before 7 p.m. Notice of the appeal hearing has been sent and the site posted today. The Courier will publish the legal ad in Saturday's edition and a copy of the appeal document has been posted to the City's website, www.ci.claremont.ca.us.

CASA MORENO RESTAURANT

Building permits were issued to Casa Moreno Restaurant this week. Casa Moreno will be located in the Plaza area of the Village Expansion. Construction should last approximately 2-3 months.

COLORS 91711

Colors 91711, a fiber arts, ceramics, and glass store, will have their grand opening on Saturday, March 13 at 248 Harvard Avenue (909-624-6161). They will carry "hand spun and natural dyed yarns; items for weavers; yarns from Rowan, Mountain Colors, Berroco, Manos, Noro, and Debbie Bliss; clocks by Dan Van Clapp; hangings from Sumi Foley; dolls from Dee Marcellus Cole; button pins from Anne Seltzer; fire and light glass hearts and stars; Pat's Mats; napkins and scarves; needles and crochet hooks and all the items that knitters, weavers and those who crochet want; tokoloshe African candles; solmate socks; soaprocks; pinzette glass; fiber magazines and books," and other merchandise too numerous to mention.

CRUISE NIGHT

Village Grille's 2010 Cruise Night season will begin on Saturday March 13. Cruise Night officially starts at 5:30 p.m. and runs until 9 pm. The Cruise Night schedule is outlined in the chart below. A reminder letter was sent to the Village merchants, and parking in certain portions of Yale Avenue and Second Street will be limited to one hour, between 3 – 5 p.m. (where posted). The purpose of the timed parking is to discourage early Cruise Night arrivals prior to the start of the event. For more information regarding the monthly event, residents should contact The Village Grill at 909-626-8813.

2010 CRUISE NIGHT SCHEDULE

March 13, 2010	July 10, 2010
April 10, 2010	August 14, 2010
May 8, 2010	September 11, 2010
June 12, 2010	October 9, 2010

EAST CAMPUS PROJECT

In February, the City of Upland released the Notice of Environmental Impact Report Preparation (NOP) and associated Initial Study (IS) associated with the subdivision and development of the Claremont Colleges East Campus property (former quarry site bounded by Sixth Street/Arrow Route, Claremont Boulevard, Foothill Boulevard and Monte Vista Avenue). The potential uses include parking and collegiate level sports facilities. This site is split by the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line, hence is located within the cities of Claremont and Upland. Given the majority of the land area is within the City of Upland, Upland is serving as "Lead Agency" in consultation with Claremont.

On Monday night, March 15, the City of Upland will hold a scoping hearing on the above referenced project. The purpose of the scoping hearing is to identify the environmental issues that the public may have regarding the proposed use(s) and/or the subject site for study within the environmental impact report. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Carnegie Library, located at the northeast corner of First and D Streets in the City of Upland. Questions can be directed to Upland's Planning Manager, Karen Peterson at 909-931-4327. Anyone interested in providing comments is invited to attend the meeting.

SENIORS, SOCIAL SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Health & Wellness Expo

The City of Claremont Human Services Department and Pomona Valley Hospital are excited to announce a Health & Wellness Expo, to be held on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Alexander Hughes Community Center in Claremont. The Expo will include a wide variety of local businesses and non-profit organizations featuring health and wellness programs and services available to the community. Included in the day's activities will be:

- **Hughes Center Open House and Class Demonstrations** – A variety of contract class demonstrations, including cooking, dance, art classes, judo and more.
- **Free Health Screenings** - Audiology, 3-D Video Otoscope inspection of the ear canal, blood pressure, body mass Index, body fat analysis, and chair massage.
- **Vendor Fair** - Various non-profit and business displays featuring health and wellness programs.
- **Entertainment by the Happy Crowd** – Claremont's very popular children's entertainers, the Happy Crowd, will be performing at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **\$1 BBQ Lunch hosted by the Kiwanis Club** – The Kiwanis Club of Claremont will host a BBQ Lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Presale lunch tickets are available for purchase at the Alexander Hughes Center and the Joslyn Center.

CLAREMONT 4th OF JULY HONOREES AND THEME CONTESTS

Honorees: The 2010 Independence Day Committee is now accepting nominations for Grand Marshal, Honored Citizen, and Honored Community Group, to be recognized at the 2010 4th of July Celebration. All honorees will be presented with certificates at the pre-parade reception and will appear in the official parade in their own decorated vehicle.

Theme Contest: All Claremont students in grades K-6 are invited to enter their ideas for the theme of the 2010 4th of July Celebration. Each theme submitted must be four words or less and have no more than 36 characters. Winners will be recognized at a pre-parade reception, ride in the parade, receive a special prize and firework tickets, as well as see their theme used throughout the event.

Nominations for Honorees and Theme Contest entries must be received by **Thursday, March 18** at the Alexander Hughes Community Center. Entry forms can be found on the 4th of July website at www.claremont4th.org.