

# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

**February 8, 2018**

*New City Manager Tara Schultz is off to a great start meeting with community members and business leaders this week. The community is invited to meet Tara at a Welcome Reception on Monday, February 12 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Alexander Hughes Community Center.*



## **A MESSAGE FROM TARA SCHULTZ**

This week, I had the privilege of meeting many residents and community leaders. I was overwhelmed by the warm welcome I received and cannot express how excited I am to be a part of this very special community. I look forward to building positive relationships and working on ways to better improve our community. Thank you for an amazing first week!

This week, the Weekly Update has a new look. The City is working hard on a variety of projects and programs and I hope you enjoy reading all about them.

## Calendar

### February 9

4:00pm-10:00pm  
CERT Fundraiser  
El Rancho Restaurant

### February 10

8:30am-12:00pm  
Tree Planting Event  
Wheeler Park

9:00am-3:00pm  
HHW and E-Waste Roundup  
City Yard

### February 12

5:30pm-7:00pm  
New City Manager Community  
Welcome Reception  
Hughes Center

### February 13

6:30pm  
City Council Meeting  
Council Chamber

*All Commission agendas may be found attached to the meeting's calendar listing on the website.*



# TOP STORIES

## **City Council Meeting on February 13, 2018**

The City Council will meet for its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The Council agenda is posted on the City website, at City facilities, and at the Claremont Library, the Thursday evening before the meeting. [View Regular Meeting Agenda](#). [View Regular Meeting Agenda Packet](#).

## **Residents Voice Concerns to CPUC on Water Rate Increase**

On Wednesday, January 31, Claremont residents and the City Council voiced their concerns and opposition to Golden State Water's proposed 15% rate increase. Golden State Water filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting to increase their rates over a three-year period for service in 2019, 2020, and 2021. The CPUC held two public hearings at Taylor Hall regarding the proposed increase. An Administrative Law Judge presided over the hearings to listen to concerns, comments, and opinions. Golden State is required to file a General Rate Case (GRC) with the State to propose a rate structure every three years.

If you were unable to attend the hearing, you may still submit your comments to the Administrative Law Judge by emailing the Public Advisor's Office at [public.advisor@cpuc.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.gov) and reference GSWC's GRC APPLICATION No. 17-07-010.

## **Water Outage Update and Boil Notice**

Late Monday evening, Golden State Water (GSW) notified the City of a water outage affecting approximately 2,000 homes in the northeast section of Claremont. Residents were without water until Tuesday afternoon. Following the outage, Golden State Water issued a precautionary boil notice as they flushed the system. Residents were asked to boil water used for drinking and cooking. The City closed the water fountains at the Wilderness Park and City parks in the affected area and had rangers hand out water. The company lifted the boil notice on Thursday, February 8 following water testing. As a precaution, GSW is recommending that customers dispose of any ice or beverages made during the precautionary boil water notice period. Information can be found on the Golden State Water website at [www.gswater.com](http://www.gswater.com) or by calling (800) 999-4033.

## **Fundraising Goal Reached For Joslyn and Blaisdell Patio Project**

The Claremont Senior Program Friends Campaign has reached its fundraising goal of \$50,000 for the completion of the Joslyn and Blaisdell Patio Project. With matching funds and the help of the Rotary Club of Claremont, the project will be completed this spring.

The space will be used for social gatherings, as an outdoor classroom, and for casual enjoyment. It will have shade structures, colorful furniture, new landscaping, and string lighting for evening activities. A grand opening is scheduled for Thursday, April 5 at 4:00 p.m. at the Joslyn Center (660 N. Mountain Avenue).



### **CicLAvia Open Streets Event Outreach**

CicLAvia is an open streets event that encourages people to ride bicycles and walk their communities. The CicLAvia event will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2018 and span the cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, and Claremont. The event route in Claremont will be on Arrow Highway, First Street, and a portion of College Avenue. An outreach team from CicLAvia will be going door-to-door to all residents along the event route on Friday, February 9. They will be distributing "Save the Date" postcards for the CicLAvia Event in April and talking with residents about how to access their properties that day. For more information, please call the Claremont Human Services Department at (909) 399-5490 or visit [www.ciclavia.org](http://www.ciclavia.org).

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **CERT Team Fundraiser on Friday, February 9**

Help support Claremont's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by having dinner at El Rancho Restaurant (984 W. Foothill Boulevard) on Friday, February 9. Dine at El Rancho anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and a portion of each bill will be donated to help support the ongoing efforts and programs of CERT. Claremont's CERT members are trained volunteers who play a significant role in our community's emergency response to disasters. In addition to being ready to assist the City during times of crisis, team members also provide training to our community through the Basic CERT course and Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness meetings and training. For more information on CERT, please contact the Claremont Police Department at (909) 399-5411 or visit the [Police Department website](#).

### **Claremont Officers Honor Passing of Claremont Resident and LA County Sheriff's Deputy**

This week, Claremont officers wore black memorial bands on their badges to honor retired LA County Sheriff's Deputy and Claremont resident Steven Belanger. Officer Belanger passed away Tuesday, February 6 from an injury he sustained in the line of duty 23 years ago. He was 52 years old and leaves behind a wife and 15 month old daughter.

On December 11, 1994, Deputy Belanger was conducting a traffic stop and questioning an assault suspect in Rowland Heights when a 20 year-old man approached him on a skateboard and shot Belanger in the head. The gunman shot and killed himself later the same day in front of a church. Belanger lived with the bullet in his head for 23 years before he passed away this week from injury-related complications. A private memorial service was held on Thursday, February 8 at Pomona Valley Memorial Park.

### **Claremont Chinese Baptist Church Safety Presentation**

The Claremont Police Department will provide a safety presentation to the congregation of the Claremont Chinese Baptist Church (1364 N. Towne Avenue) on Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m. Chief Shelly Vander Veen and Captain Aaron Fate will be joined by Jeff Ting, a Claremont Police Officer fluent in Mandarin, in providing the crime prevention presentation with a specific focus on Claremont's Chinese community. The presentation will be interpreted into Mandarin.

### **Claremont Officer Locates Murder Suspect**

On Wednesday, February 7, a Claremont Police Officer stopped a person riding a bicycle for a vehicle code violation. During the interaction, the suspect told the officer that he had been involved in an argument at his mother's apartment in Ontario and had stabbed someone. Further follow up revealed that Ontario police were actively working a homicide investigation and that the person stopped in Claremont was the Ontario murder suspect. Officers from Ontario PD took the suspect into custody.

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

## **Pomona College Museum of Art - Tree Removal**

Pomona College construction crews will be removing a privately owned tree in the Claremont Library parking lot on Saturday, February 10. Approximately four parking spaces will be unavailable for 2-3 hours on Saturday morning.

## **Sewer Construction for Pomona College Museum of Art**

Next week, Pomona College will begin the second phase of sewer improvements for the Museum of Art, scheduled between Monday, February 12 and Friday, February 16. During this time, approximately four spaces near the north end of the library parking lot will be closed to the public. Library employee parking will remain open. Library patrons who would like to park in the parking lot are encouraged to use the Second Street entrance. Parking lot access will be limited between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, over the next two weeks.

During these projects, drivers and pedestrians are directed to follow the appropriate construction signs. For more information, please contact the Engineering Division at (909) 399-5465.

## **Weekend Construction Closures on 60 Freeway**

The Alameda Corridor-East Project (ACE), in cooperation with Caltrans, County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Industry and Diamond Bar, have scheduled a series of 55-hour weekend lane and ramp closures on portions of the Pomona Freeway (SR-60) between Fairway Drive and Brea Canyon Road as part of the SR-60 Lemon Avenue Interchange Project.

Each closure period is expected to begin at 10:00 p.m. on Friday and last continuously until 5:00 a.m. on Monday, when all lanes will reopen for the morning commute. Motorists should anticipate delays and are strongly advised to plan ahead and use alternate routes, including the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) and Foothill Freeway (I-210) to avoid the area. There will NOT be a full freeway closure.

- Friday, February 9, 2018 at 10:00 p.m. - Monday, February 12, 2018 at 5:00 a.m.  
2 lanes of westbound SR-60 CLOSED between Brea Canyon Road and Fairway Drive. Westbound Brea Canyon Road on-ramp CLOSED.
- Friday, February 23, 2018 at 10:00 p.m. - Monday, February 26, 2018 at 5:00 a.m.  
2 lanes of eastbound SR-60 CLOSED between Fairway Drive and Brea Canyon Road. Eastbound on-ramp from northbound Fairway Drive CLOSED.
- Friday, March 2, 2018 at 10:00 p.m. - Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:00 a.m.  
2 lanes of eastbound SR-60 CLOSED between Fairway Drive and Brea Canyon Road. Eastbound Brea Canyon Road off-ramp CLOSED.
- Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10:00 p.m. - Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:00 a.m. (tentative)  
2 lanes of eastbound SR-60 CLOSED between Fairway Drive and Brea Canyon Road. Eastbound Brea Canyon Road off-ramp CLOSED.

For the most up-to-date information or questions, please call (888) ACE-1426 or visit [www.theaceproject.org](http://www.theaceproject.org).

## PLANNING

### Electric Vehicle Chargers in Claremont

To address growing demand, the City is considering the installation of additional public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. In early 2014, the City installed four public EV charging stations, two located in the alley just west of City Hall, and two on the first level of the Village Parking Structure. Since that time, the chargers have experienced a high level of use that has increased over time. User fees have consistently covered the costs for the electricity, network fees, and charger maintenance. In 2017, the chargers were used over 4,000 times by 1,000 different EV owners, and these numbers are expected to continue to grow.

The City will take advantage of grant money to help fund the new chargers and continue to charge user fees to cover operating costs. If you have a suggestion regarding where to install a new public charger, please contact the Planning Division at (909) 399-5470, or email Sustainability Program Coordinator Brian Tran at [btran@ci.claremont.ca.us](mailto:btran@ci.claremont.ca.us).



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

### Reporting Street Light Outages with Southern California Edison

The City often receives calls regarding street light outages, flickering street light bulbs, damage to street lights, or street lights staying on during the day. Southern California Edison provides a format to report street light problems quickly online at [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com) under the “Report an Outage” link. From that page, users can click the “Report a Street Light Outage” icon and specify the type of problem and the location of the street light. Residents will receive a follow-up call or email when the problem has been verified or addressed. If you have any questions, please contact the City’s Community Improvement Division at (909) 399-5467.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Household Hazardous Waste Roundup – February 10

Claremont residents can dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste at the Claremont City Yard (1616 Monte Vista Avenue) on Saturday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items such as paint, paint thinner, batteries, motor oil, pesticides, computers, and televisions will be accepted. Please bring the items in a sturdy box, in their original containers. There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip. Please do not bring appliances, tires, explosives, or ammunition.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program gives Los Angeles County residents a legal and cost-free way to dispose of unwanted household chemicals that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash. For a complete listing of what can and cannot be brought, or information on other events, please visit the [Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County website](#).

### **Wheeler Park Tree Planting Event - February 10**

Join us at our next tree planting event on Saturday, February 10 at Wheeler Park from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration will be at the southeast corner of the park at the corner of Vista Drive and Guilford Avenue. Volunteers will assist staff and Sustainable Claremont with street tree planting in the area north of Wheeler Park.

Planting events are open to everyone and are family friendly. To RSVP for this event, please send an email to Sustainable Claremont's Green Crew at [greencrew@sustainableclaremont.org](mailto:greencrew@sustainableclaremont.org). If you would like to partner with the City and Sustainable Claremont at a planting event, please contact us at (909) 399-5431 or email [csneed@ci.claremont.ca.us](mailto:csneed@ci.claremont.ca.us). Please join us as we give back to the City's Urban Forest by planting trees!

### **Mulch Program – February 17**

Claremont invites its residents to help close the recycling loop by participating in the free mulch program! Free mulch will be available at Cahuilla Park on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17 and will be removed by 6:00 a.m. on Monday, February 19. Residents must bring their own equipment to load mulch.

The City's tree maintenance contractor uses trimmings from City trees to create mulch, taking a wonderful community asset and making a sustainable product. Mulch helps not only to conserve water, but to limit the amount of waste produced in the community. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Community Services at (909) 399-5431.

## **RECREATION, SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

### **Human Services Recreation Brochure**

The Human Services Spring Recreation Brochure will arrive in Claremont homes this weekend. The brochure features a variety of new classes and spring break camps. Also included in the spring brochure is the [Human Services Department 2017 accomplishment insert](#). Check it out to see how you and your family can get involved in community events, activities, programs, and services. The accomplishments also highlight our generous community supporters. Because of those community partners, we are able to provide opportunities for healthy living, preserve parks and open space, enhance community culture, and connect people to services. To register for upcoming spring classes, please stop by the Alexander Hughes Community Center (1700 Danbury Road) or visit [www.claremontrec.com](http://www.claremontrec.com).

Click on the following link to view the Spring Brochure: [2018 Spring Recreation Brochure](#)

### **Fourth of July Celebration Seeks Honoree Nominations**

The 2018 Independence Day Committee is now accepting nominations for Grand Marshal, Honored Citizen, and Honored Community Group to be recognized at the Fourth of July Celebration. Nominees must live, work, attend school, or have graduated from a school in Claremont. Honorees will be presented with certificates at a pre-parade reception and will also appear in the official parade on July 4. [Click here for a complete list of past honorees.](#)

The deadline to submit a nomination form is March 22, 2018. Nomination forms are available at the event's website [www.claremont4th.org](http://www.claremont4th.org), at the Alexander Hughes Community Center (1700 Danbury Road), or can be found by [clicking this link](#).

## RECREATION CLASSES

The City offers a range of classes and activities for children and adults. To view a complete class description or to register for an activity, please call the Hughes Center at (909) 399-5490 or visit [www.claremontrec.com](http://www.claremontrec.com).

### Glass Fusion (Ages 18 and older)

- In this new recreation class, participants will learn the basics of glass fusion, clay, and paper to create beautiful pieces of jewelry, mosaics, and functional art. Classes are held at the Hughes Center on Mondays, February 12 through February 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Class fee is \$50, plus a \$15 materials fee.

### Keys to Great American Lyrical Poetry (Ages 18 and older)

- From Walt Whitman to the rap-inflected BreakBeat Poets, unlock the secrets of the best American lyricism. Participants will have the opportunity to view performances and focus on texts provided by the instructor and the class. Classes are held at the Hughes Center on Wednesdays, February 14 through March 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Class fee is \$50, with a \$5 materials fee.

### Pilates Mat (Ages 18 and older)

- Learn correct postural alignment and functional muscle body awareness through a series of mat work designed to rehabilitate, reconstruct, and restore the natural curve of the spine. Classes are held at the Hughes Center on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. or Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. until February 28. The daily drop-in fee is \$20.

## YAC & TAC ACTIVITIES

The City offers supervised activities for teens in middle school and high school at the YAC and TAC Activity Centers. For more information on the activities, please contact the YAC at (909) 399-5363 and/or the TAC at (909) 399-5378.

### YAC and TAC Closed - Monday, February 12

- The YAC and TAC will be closed on Monday, February 12 in observance of Lincoln's Birthday. We will re-open during our normal program hours on Tuesday, February 13.

### Safe Dates Workshop Series – Tuesday, February 13

- Project Sister will teach attendees crucial skills for building healthy relationships and preventing dating abuse. The workshop series will be held on Tuesdays at the YAC from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. through March 27. Transportation for TAC participants will be provided.

### Celebrating Mardi Gras Day – Tuesday February 13

- We are getting into the Mardi Gras spirit here at the TAC on Tuesday, February 13 at 4:00 p.m. We will be making Mardi Gras masks, so now is the perfect time to get creative!

### Valentine's Day Dinner at the TAC and YAC – Wednesday, February 14

- On Wednesday, February 14 at 3:15 p.m. at the YAC, and at 4:00 p.m. at the TAC, students can enjoy a 3-course Italian dinner, with staff serving as waiters and waitresses! The dinner will end with a chocolate dessert for all. The first 100 students who sign up at each program will be able to attend. Come and join your Youth Programs family for a fun dinner!



### **5-on-5 Basketball – Thursday, February 15**

- Do you think you're the next LeBron, Kobe, or Michael Jordan? Come put those skills to the test at the YAC on Thursday, February 15 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Join us in a game of 5-on-5 basketball and see if you and your team have what it takes to be the champions of the YAC!

### **Chinese New Year Arts & Crafts – Thursday, February 15**

- Join us on Thursday, February 15 at 4:30 p.m. at the TAC as we celebrate Chinese New Year with festive arts and crafts.

## **SENIOR ACTIVITIES**

*The City offers a variety of activities for older adults. Below are the activities coming up this month. For a full description of the activities, please contact the Joslyn Center at (909) 399-5488 or visit [www.claremontrec.com](http://www.claremontrec.com).*

### **Spring Registration – Opens Feb. 13!**

- Registration for spring courses, activities, and events opens on Tuesday, February 13 at 8:00 a.m. Sign up for the Senior Program classes you know and love, as well as these new and exciting activities:
  - Mother's Day Tea Hat-Making Workshop
  - Weaving Circle
  - Improvisational Comedy
  - Writing Our Way into Strong Memoirs & Biographies
  - Noon Knowledge Lecture Series
  - Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Register in person at the Joslyn Center, over the phone by calling (909) 399-5488, or online at [www.claremontrec.com](http://www.claremontrec.com).

### **Spring Trips Announced – Save \$10 with code**

- Registration for Excursions opens Tuesday, February 13 at 8:00 a.m. Spring trips include whale watching at Dana Point, a safari tour of the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens in Palm Desert, and an estate tour of the Huntington Library & Gardens in San Marino. Receive a \$10 discount per trip by registering online at [www.claremontrec.com](http://www.claremontrec.com) using the coupon code "Trip." Remember to create a profile prior to registration day to expedite the process. Trips are very popular and often sell-out.

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## Helpful City Phone Numbers

City Hall/General Info	(909) 399-5460
City Manager	(909) 399-5441
City Clerk	(909) 399-5460
City Council	(909) 399-5444
Code Enforcement	(909) 399-5467
Building	(909) 399-5471
Engineering	(909) 399-5465
Planning	(909) 399-5470
City Yard	(909) 399-5431
Hughes Center	(909) 399-5490
Joslyn Center	(909) 399-5488
Blaisdell Center	(909) 399-5367
YAC	(909) 399-5363
TAC	(909) 399-5378
Police Department	(909) 399-5411

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