In Memoriam
Former Councilmember George Minnehan

The City of Santa Fe Springs is saddened by the loss of former Councilmember George Minnehan, who passed away in his sleep in the early morning of Monday, January 6, 2020. George Minnehan was first elected to the Santa Fe Springs City Council in April of 1994 and won his second four-year term in March of 1999. He served two terms as Mayor from 1996-1997 and 1999-2000. Prior to being appointed to the Council, Minnehan worked for 32 years in the trucking industry as a “big rig” driver, served as a Shop Steward, and served three years as a Business Agent for the Teamsters Union.

Minnehan supported various sports programs in the community such as the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Youth Football League, Metropolitan Little League, Santa Fe Springs Baseball Association, Santa Fe High School Football Team, and was a former coach for the Santa Fe High School Girls Softball Team.

While serving on the Council, he was the City’s representative to the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAAACA); Council Liaison to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and the Family and Human Services Advisory Committee; Director to the League of California Cities; Representative of the I-5 Consortium; Alternate to the Joint Powers Insurance Authority; and an Alternate on the Oil Field Reclamation Advisory Committee. He also served as Director to the L.A. County Sanitation District No. 18 and Alternate Director to the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA).

Minnehan was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed by the Santa Fe Springs community.

Water Rate Study

A city-wide water rate study was recently performed by Rafeillos (Consultant) of Murrieta, California. The water rate study addresses the following issues:

- Compliance with Proposition 218 (states that fees and charges shall not exceed the proportional cost of service for the parcel)
- Insufficient funds for capital improvements to the water infrastructure
- Increase in cost of water purchased from Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD)
- Increase in cost of the Groundwater Replenishment Assessment from the Water Replenishment District (WRD)

The Consultant performed a comprehensive review of the Water Utility Authority’s (WUA) financial plan and water rates. The challenges identified above continue to impact the City. In particular, the cost of water purchased from MWD and the WRD assessment continue to increase disproportionately to the City’s water rate increases.

The City is proposing an increase over a four year period as outlined below:

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<th>EFFECTIVE DATE</th>
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In six of the last seven years, no water rate increase was enacted. The proposed increase to the water rates is necessary for the WUA to meet its financial obligations, specifically to keep up with rate increase from our water suppliers, namely MWD and CBMWD. In addition, this will help fund needed capital improvements for the water infrastructure. It is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on this issue on May 28, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and provide input on this critical issue.

Meet the Mayor

Come meet the Mayor and have a private, one-on-one conversation to discuss your ideas or concerns. Meetings with the Mayor are available:

- The last Wednesday of each month
  Library Study Room, 11700 Telegraph Rd.
  6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- The fourth Thursday of each month
  Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center
  9255 Pioneer Blvd.
  12 noon - 1 p.m.

No appointment necessary.

CENSUS 2020
COUNTING TOWARDS OUR FUTURE

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1, 2020. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond?

Everyone will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone. Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you’ll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire. In both scenarios, the invitation will also include information on how to respond by phone.

What is in it for me?

Your responses inform where over $675 billion dollars is distributed each year to communities nationwide for education, healthcare, housing, roads, and other vital programs like Medi-Cal, Title 1 grants, Special Education grants, SHARP (food stamps) Head Start, and more! The data also gives leaders vital information to make decisions and plan for the future.

Here is what to expect and when:

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<td>March 12-20</td>
<td>An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census (Some households will also receive paper ballots)</td>
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<td>April 8-16</td>
<td>A reminder letter and paper questionnaire</td>
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<td>A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person</td>
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Be Counted! Help ensure that the City of Santa Fe Springs does not lose millions of dollars in potential federal funds over the next decade simply by filling your census questionnaires.

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www.santafesprings.org
Health & Fitness Opportunities – Something for Everyone!

The City of Santa Fe Springs is proud to offer a variety of health and fitness opportunities for residents and businesses alike. Looking to improve your personal fitness or to add important components to your employee wellness package? Consider some of these amazing options!

- Adult basketball and softball leagues
- Fitness Center memberships
- Instructor-led classes, such as Zumba, yoga, and bootcamp
- Drop in basketball, volleyball, and indoor racquetball (FREE for SFS residents & business residents!)

Employees of businesses located in Santa Fe Springs receive resident rates and priority registration, when available.

For more information, please visit www.santafesprings.org/sports or call the Activity Center at 948-1986.

As we reflect on the positive qualities that make our country a great place to live, the City honors the men and women of Santa Fe Springs who are currently serving in the Armed Services. The City recognizes the daily sacrifices made by the men and women in the Armed Forces and would like to acknowledge them in the City’s newsletter.

Their contributions to preserving our freedom are highly esteemed and bring pride not only to our country, but also our community. Through their bravery and dedication, they keep our country and its interests safe both abroad and at home. With the commitment of these valiant men and women, our country is stronger, safer, and prosperous.

The City of Santa Fe Springs wishes to salute and thank this individual for their service.

Andrew Urie, Army PVT 2

If you have a family member who is serving in the military and would like him/her to be recognized in an upcoming City newsletter, please call City Hall at Ext. 7510. The honoree must be a current resident of the City and actively serving in the U.S. military.

Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday, April 11 • Los Nietos Park
Egg Hunt begins at 10 am

For more information, call Town Center Hall at (562) 863-4896.

A Day of Service in Santa Fe Springs
Saturday, April 18, 8-10 a.m.
Heritage Park

In honor of National Volunteer Week, the City will be hosting a Day of Service in Santa Fe Springs. Join us at Heritage Park for a volunteer cleaning project. Help us beautify our park and give back to your community while spending time outdoors. Volunteers are asked to dress comfortably and wear closed-toe shoes; light snacks will be provided. Share your support and inspire others to serve!

Call the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center at 692-0261 for more information.
Applications are now available for permits to sell safe and sane fireworks in July of this year. Through adoption of Ordinance No. 951, the City has provided a means by which local organizations may raise funds to further their endeavors. Organizations must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for the lottery:

- Organizations must have at least 20 or more members (advisors and/or parents to youth groups will not be counted) organized primarily for veteran, patriotic, welfare, civic betterment, religious, or charitable purposes
- Principal and permanent meeting place, focus of activities, office or place of worship, must be within Santa Fe Springs
- It shall have been organized and in existence in the City for a minimum period of five years continuously immediately preceding the filing of an application
- No organization having less than 40% of its members as City residents is eligible for a permit
- No organization is eligible for a permit if it has been issued a permit in another City within the same calendar year

Applications are now available at City Hall. All applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 19th to be considered for the lottery. For more information call City Hall at 868-0511.

The annual Art Fest, held at the Clarke Estate, 10211 Pioneer Blvd., provides residents, business residents and surrounding community members of all ages with a wide range of cultural and artistic experiences. For the second year, a special Preview Night and Art Showcase has been planned for Thursday, April 30 from 5-9 p.m. to give those business residents and interested community members an exclusive opportunity to personally meet the featured and guest artists.

Funded by the Heritage Arts in Public Places program and by sponsorships from generous community members, civic organizations, and local government officials, Art Fest features a variety of art mediums ranging from photography and sculptures to film, music, performance art, and dance. Participating artists and performers include the talents of local middle and high school students, college students, adult artists, and renowned distinguished guest artists.

For more information or to submit artwork, call 692-0261 or visit www.sfasartfest.org.
The City is currently accepting applications for the Memorial Scholarships Program. Students must be residents of Santa Fe Springs and meet other eligibility criteria. For more information, visit www.santafesprings.org. The deadline to submit applications is March 19th.

The City’s Memorial Scholarship Program was established in the memory of three former members of the City Council that believed higher education was the path for success and leadership. The Scholarships are presented to six recipients with an award of $1,750 each to assist them in achieving their college goals.

Volunteer at Beautiful Heritage Park

Interested in history? Love working with people? Join the growing team of docents at Heritage Park! As a docent, you can work at an exhibit or lead tours while sharing your love of history with others.

Docents over 18 years old will be required to pass a background check and TB test. For more information, call 868-7738 or visit www.sfslibrary.org.

City Hall Hours of Operation

City Hall is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

City Hall closes every other Friday.

A full calendar is available at www.santafespring.org.

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Be a Part of Something...

Classic!

55th Annual Golf Classic

April 6

Hacienda Golf Club

Each year the SFS Chamber of Commerce strives to advance its mission to provide quality programs and services to help develop a prosperous, vital business community. The SFS Chamber Annual Golf Classic raises more money for the chamber than any other single event.

Register to Play Today

Network with other business leaders at a friendly, fun-filled tournament that benefits a very worthy cause!

Foursomes and individual spots are available. Be sure to register early at www.sfschamber.com, this popular tournament fills up quickly.

Become a Tournament Sponsor

Great opportunities for brand exposure abound. Contact the Chamber office for more information.

Donate an item for golfer goodie bags and/or for the raffle

Your donation of a unique service, item, or product will get wide exposure through our email updates, social media promotion, event program, and at the raffle.

For more information about the golf classic, visit www.sfschamber.com or call 944-1616 ext 101.

2020 Destiny Dinner

The Grand, Long Beach

June 20, 2020

The SFS Chamber/League Youth Enrichment Fund (YEF) has been dedicated to providing quality programs for the youth of Santa Fe Springs for 25 years. Your support provides local youth with enriching programs, professional business mentors, and opportunities to enhance their college education with scholarships.

This year as we celebrate our 25th anniversary, we encourage your participation to help inspire these students who will be our future leaders and workforce by becoming a Destiny Dinner sponsor, donating a silent auction item, and/or by attending the event. Mark your calendars for June 20th as we celebrate in “Grand Style” with entertainment, dining, and a silent auction.

For more information about the YEF or the Destiny Dinner, visit www.youthenrichmentfund.org or call the SFS Chamber office today at 944-1616.