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**City Carnival**

**Lake Center Athletic Park - May 11th, 12th, and 13th**

The entire community is invited to participate at the City’s Anniversary Carnival being held during the weekend at Lake Center Athletic Park, located at 11641 E. Florence Avenue. The Carnival will be open to the public on Friday, May 11th from 5:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., Saturday, May 12th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m., and Sunday, May 13th from 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Carnival will feature carnival rides, arts and crafts booths, live entertainment (three stages), games, giant midway, international food court, City and Community Service exhibits, petting zoo, automobile displays, community connection area, kidde area, and much, much more! Carnival ride tickets will be available for purchase. General admission is FREE!

**Battle of the Bands**

Carnival Stage - May 11th

Community-based bands will battle it out on Friday, May 11th at the City’s 50th Anniversary Carnival, Lake Center Athletic Park. The bands will perform on the main stage beginning at 7:00 p.m. Prizes and awards will be presented at the conclusion of the contest. Local bands interested in participating are encouraged to contact the Anniversary Headquarters by April 26th.

**City of Santa Fe Springs Newsletter**

**Celebrating 50 Years!**

Come Celebrate the 50th Birthday Weekend with Us!
May 10th to 13th

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**Everyone Loves a Parade!**

Saturday, May 12th

A City Parade will be held on Saturday, May 12th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The parade begins at the Neighborhood Center; travels down Orr & Day Road and concludes at the City’s Lake Center Athletic Park. It has been nearly 15 years since the last City Parade! Come celebrate the City’s milestone at the Parade and enjoy watching local school bands, floats, cheer and dance teams, youth sports groups, clowns, and community groups participate. The City is also very excited to bring the USC Band, the Compton Sounders, the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, the Wells Fargo Stage Coach, the Mexican Drumming Bugle Corp, Colegio de Bachilleres, a Bagpipe and Drum Corp from California Professional Firefighters, and even an elephant! Many of the cars participating in the Parade will be from the 50’s, in honor of the “50th birthday.” The Grand Marshals will include a surprise Disney Character, Disneyland® Resort Ambassador, among many other celebrities. You can’t miss this event. Bring the entire family and enjoy a day of celebration. Call the Anniversary Headquarters for more information.

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Pre-Parade Pancake Breakfast

Join the Santa Fe Springs Young Ambassadors for a 50th Anniversary Pre-Parade Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 12th, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. conveniently located along the parade route in the parking lot of Santa Fe High School. Tickets cost $4.00 the day of the event and include pancakes, sausage, and a drink. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased for $3.00 by calling 889-1266. Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit the Santa Fe Springs Young Ambassadors. The Young Ambassadors is a student association which represents the Santa Fe Springs Sister City Committee at various conferences and events.

Please note that there will not be any vehicular access along the Parade route between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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Mother’s Day Champagne Brunch

Sunday, May 13
$15 per person

Come celebrate Mother’s Day with us! In commemoration of the City’s 50th Anniversary, the City will celebrate all mothers on Sunday, May 13th. For your convenience, two different sessions will be available: Session I at 11:00 a.m., and Session II at 12:30 p.m. The brunch will include entertainment, various carving stations, fresh baked goods, side dishes, a gourmet coffee station, and all the fixings. All mothers in attendance will receive a special gift. For additional information please contact Town Center Hall at 863-4896. Please make your reservations quickly, as space is limited.

2008 Rose Parade

Anniversary Celebration Concludes with January 1st Float Entry

At the invitation of the Tournament of Roses Committee, the City has accepted the opportunity to once again enter a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Santa Fe Springs Community Rose Float Planning Committee will take the lead in seeking funds, volunteers, and community energy to make the 2008 entry even more spectacular than 2007. For more information please call the 50th Anniversary Headquarters.

Use Your Own Color Palette to Express Yourself!

50th Anniversary Art, Photo, and Essay Contest

Submissions due Saturday, April 21st

What do you think the City will be like in another 50 years? What are your favorite things about Santa Fe Springs? What does your community mean to you? Express yourself through the City’s Art, Photo and Essay contest celebrating Santa Fe Springs’ 50th Anniversary. The theme for the contest is “What Santa Fe Springs Means Me” and, with this theme, the possibilities are endless! Write about a special moment living in Santa Fe Springs, take a photo of your favorite part of the City, or create a video or design a webpage that reflects your community.

The Art Contest is open to third graders and older. The word requirements are 200 words for Grades 3-5, 400 words for Grades 6-8, 600 words for Grades 9-12 and 750 words for 18 years of age and older. Please type (double-spaced), or write legibly. All essays will be judged by librarians and teachers – so use your best writing!

The Essay Contest is open to all age groups. There are three separate categories: Painting, Drawing, and Free Expression. The Painting category includes oil, acrylic, and watercolor. The Drawing Category includes pencil, chalk, pastel, and pen & ink. Let your imagination run wild with the Free Expression category! This section includes computer-generated art, multimedia, sculpture, songwriting, videos, webpages – whatever you can dream up!

Our Photography Contest is for amateur photographers only. Enter an 8 x 10" black and white or color photograph that is not enhanced. No photo manipulation please – we would like to see your photograph “as taken.” All submissions require a submission form. Make sure to turn in your creations by Saturday, April 21, at 5 p.m. to the Santa Fe Springs City Library. All submissions will be judged the week of April 23-27. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen for each age group. Winners will be notified by May 4th. Please note that all submissions become the property of the City of Santa Fe Springs and can be reproduced.

All winners will be invited to participate in the 50th Anniversary Parade on May 11th, and will attend a City Council meeting. First Place winners in each category will also receive two (2) one-day passes to Disneyland. Watch for exciting craft opportunities using the Community Portrait coming this Summer!

Celebrating 50 Years of Public Service

Municipal Services Yard Open House - Saturday, June 9

Everyone is welcome to the City of Santa Fe Springs Municipal Services Yard Open House on Saturday, June 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., celebrating “50 Years of Public Service.” The Municipal Services Yard is located at 12636 Emmens Way and is home to the City’s Public Works Maintenance Divisions, Home Repair, and Transportation. The Open House will have information booths relating to City services, games, facility tours, FREE give-a-ways, FREE Bar-B-Q for all in attendance and other surprises. Don’t miss this great 50th Anniversary Event, mark your calendars now. Call 868-0911, Ext. 3601 for more information.
Miss Santa Fe Springs Pageant
Lake Center Athletic Park - Thursday, May 10th

Soroptimist International of Santa Fe Springs considers the Miss Santa Fe Springs Pageant one of its main service projects, instilling in young women self-esteem and providing each contestant opportunities in personal development and self-confidence.

The Soroptimists have sponsored the Miss Santa Fe Springs Scholarship Pageant for the past 14 years. This pageant is provided for young ladies between the ages of 16 and 22 who are residents of Santa Fe Springs. They are given guidance by volunteer staff who build their self-esteem during the weeks of pagentry. The contest isn’t a beauty pageant, but a scholarship pageant for young ladies who are college bound. Miss Santa Fe Springs and her princesses receive scholarships.

Soroptimist members volunteer to work with the girls to help them be the best they can be, watch them blossom, and become confident in the days before the pageant. The public is invited to attend the pageant at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Center Athletic Park.

City’s Incorporation Celebration
Tuesday, May 15, 2007 - Clarke Estate

Come celebrate the City’s 50th Birthday on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. A reception will be held from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Clarke Estate located at 10211 Pioneer Boulevard, prior to the Community Development Commission Meeting and Council Meeting held at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively.

A birthday cake commemorating the City’s milestone will be cut at 5:30 p.m. Come be part of the celebration!

Please note that this Council meeting will replace the meeting originally scheduled on May 10th.

Our Generous 50th Anniversary Corporate Sponsors

The City of Santa Fe Springs graciously acknowledges the 50th Anniversary Sponsors for their commitment to our community.

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The first City Council was sworn in on May 15, 1957.
In honor of the City’s 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe Springs Heritage is sponsoring its First Annual Car Show in the Garden. The event will be held on Sunday, May 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Vehicle entries are open to Pre-1973 cars, hot rods, customs, classics, trucks, and exotic cars. The cost for entering a car or truck is $35 prior to May 10th and $40 after this date. Car clubs are welcome to participate.

In addition to viewing a wide assortment of vehicles, children will love the activities in the Kid Zone play area. Guests will rock to the tunes of a live band and can enjoy a variety of tasty food and refreshments, as well as browse among the many vendors.

Admission to the public is FREE. All proceeds will go to serve the people of this community. Please call 943-6163 for registration information, or 697-7876 for corporate sponsor information.

In honor of the City’s 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Rio Hondo Symphony will hold a Pops Concert featuring L.A. Opera vocalist Suzanna Guzmán. She is a talented mezzo soprano, who has appeared as a principal artist with many international opera companies. She was highly acclaimed by TIME magazine for her portrayal of her signature role, CARMEN.

The Pops Concert kicks off the Rio Hondo Symphony’s 75th Anniversary. Admission to this concert is FREE to the public. This concert will be held in addition to the City’s Summer Stargaze Music Concert series.

On behalf of Southern California Edison, The Gas Company will be work on installing a pipeline to supply natural gas for a regional project that will increase the electrical power supply to the local community this Summer. Directed by the State of California, this new Edison generation facility will also help keep local distribution voltages and frequencies at normal levels during times of system strain. It will primarily operate during periods of high demand such as hot summer days when the demand for air conditioning is at peak. The generating unit, sited in Norwalk and fueled by clean-burning natural gas, requires a gas line that will run through Santa Fe Springs along Pioneer Boulevard and Orr and Day Road, from Florence to Los Nietos Road. Parts of Cecelia Street, Gard Avenue, and Florence, will also experience construction. The Gas Company and Edison have been working closely with the City to minimize impacts and to time this construction project around the City’s 50th Anniversary activities. Two notices will be mailed out to nearby Santa Fe Springs residences and businesses. For information on the gas line construction in Santa Fe Springs, please contact Julia Emerson at 803-7575. For information on the SCE generating unit, please contact Sylvia Southerland at 903-3106.

New Website

The Santa Fe Springs Firefighters want to welcome you to their new website at www.sfsfirefighters.org. This is the first website for the Firefighters’ Association. According to the Association President, Captain Robert Mora “We look forward to providing our members with vital information and showing the community what we are all about. We will update our site continuously so check back with us to see the changes.”

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The purpose of this program is to encourage property maintenance to help boost property value throughout the City.

Residential property owners should note that trash receptacles that are visible from the street will disqualify your property of being selected for an award.

Award winners will be recognized at an awards dinner in June, and will be announced in a future newsletter. For additional information, please call 868-0511, Ext. 7878.

Beautiful Properties to be Acknowledged

The Beautification Committee will once again tour the community during the month of April in search of attractive properties. Ten residential awards and ten business awards will be presented for exceptionally maintained properties. The purpose of this program is to encourage property maintenance to help boost property value throughout the City.

Employee Spotlight

Rose Mary Diaz

Administrative Clerk II

If you have ever contacted the Public Works Department, you may very well have spoken with Rose Mary Diaz, Administrative Clerk II in the Engineering Division. She has been working for the City since August of 1999, when she was hired to work part-time as a Library Clerk. Within a few years, Rose Mary transferred to the City’s Neighborhood Center. In February of 2004, Rose Mary became a full-time employee in Public Works/Engineering at the front counter. Rose Mary works with Project Managers, technicians, and other staff towards the completion of capital improvement projects. She also assists the Department by helping the public with a variety of requests and needs. The front counter is also “home” to the Planning and Building Departments, so Rose Mary has become well versed in assisting the public in some of these areas as well. Among her duties, she reports regular maintenance needs and assists with general questions from residents and business owners alike.

If you have ever called to report graffiti, you might recognize her voice, as she is the voice of the Spanish graffiti hotline. Rose Mary works with the City’s Traffic Commission, provides support for traffic collision statistics within the City and coordinates billing for damage to City property.

Among her hobbies is attending concerts, reading, trying out new restaurants and movies with sisters and friends. She says her greatest love is listening to music and dancing Salsa! She especially loves outings and spending time with her five grandchildren. She is an avid USC football fan. She is very dedicated to her volunteer work with the Ladies of Charity and St. Vincent de Paul Society, both charitable organizations helping the poor/needy. Rose Mary has recently taken on a new challenge teaching religious education to fifth and sixth grade students, considering this a test of stamina and patience, with a great opportunity to learn about today’s children. She is looking forward to returning to school and to more travel in the near future.

City Council Update

February 8, 2007

Community Development Commission Meeting

The Commission approved Development Plan Approval Case No. 834, a request for approval to construct a 7,519 sq ft, two-story office building on the 1.14-acre property located at 10910 Shoemaker Avenue.

City Council Meeting

The City Council appropriated $30,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve for landscape enhancements along the City Parade route for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

The City Council appropriated funds for flooring repairs and the purchase and installation of carpeting at the Clarke Estate in the amount of $25,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve.

The City Council appropriated funds for the purchase of new diving boards, diving board stands and resurfacing of the pool deck in the amount of $60,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve.

The City Council appropriated funds in the amount of $13,500 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve to install automatic door openers at the Betty Wilson Center and conduct improvements to the interior restrooms.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9033 approving the Carmenita/1-5 Freeway Agreement.

February 22, 2007

Community Development Commission Meeting

The Commission approved Development Plan Approval Case No. 837, a request to allow the construction of a new 7,125 sq ft industrial office and warehouse building on a 2.33-acre site located at 10808 Bloomfield Avenue.

City Council Meeting

The Council reviewed the request of the City’s 50th Anniversary Rose Float Subcommittee to enter a float in the 2008 Tournament of Roses Parade and authorized the submittal of a 2008 Rose Parade Float Application on behalf of the City and appropriated the $3,700 application fee from the General Fund Contingency Reserve.
Join Us! 42nd Annual Chamber Golf Classic

Monday, May 21st, at the Newly Renovated Hacienda Golf Club!

The Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce proudly invites you to attend the 42nd Annual Chamber Golf Classic on Monday, May 21st. This year’s tournament will be held at the exclusive Hacienda Golf Club, 718 East Road, La Habra Heights, with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. Golf packages are available for only $200 per person if you register before May 8, and $225 after. Packages include all contests, beverages and lunch on the course, and the awards dinner. The Chamber is offering a foursome price of only $740 if you register before May 8, and $880 after. With our great contest prizes, tee prizes, and fabulous door prizes, this tournament is sure to be a sell out!

Not a Golfer? Join us for the Awards Dinner for only $35 per person. Enjoy the new clubhouse with its spectacular views of the Palos Verde Peninsula and the newly renovated golf course. All awards dinner attendees qualify for the door prize raffle. Contact the Chamber at 944-1616 or coward@sfschamber.com for more information and sponsorship opportunities.

Transportation And Logistics Summit

Wednesday, April 25 - Town Center Hall

The Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Forum is pleased to present the Mid-Counties Transportation Logistics Summit on April 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Town Center Hall.

The panel of speakers will consist of representatives from The Port of Los Angeles, The I-5 Joint Powers Authority, Cal Trans, and The Air Quality Management District.

The Summit will be presented in panel speaker format, and moderated by Economic Development Forum Chairperson Paul Hesse. Breakfast will be served prior to the panel discussion. Admission is $10 per person. For additional details, contact the Chamber Office at 944-1616.