The USC Marching Band added a very special touch to the City's Anniversary Parade!

2007 Summer Concert Season

Stargaze!

Suzanna Guzmán
July 20
Rio Hondo Symphony
75th Anniversary Pops Concert

Brian McKnight and Boyz II Men
September 7

Concerts are held at the Town Center Plaza, an intimate, outdoor amphitheater where every seat is a great seat! Gates open at 7:00 p.m. with an 8:00 p.m. show time. Tickets are available at the Town Center Box Office located at 11740 Telegraph Road. Ticket prices for residents/industrial residents are $35 and $40 for non-residents.

For additional information, please call the Box Office at 863-4896.

War and the O’Jays
October 12

Noontime Summer Concert Back This Year!

Heritage Park has added a special concert this year. Get ready to enjoy great music, good food, and a beautiful atmosphere at Heritage Park!

Teresa James and the Rhythm Tramps, July 26
Come see "Where New Orleans Meets Texas Blues" from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

This concert is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Recording Industries' Music Performance Fund through the assistance of the Professional Musicians Union Local 47.
The City Council approved a policy and process.

The City Council amended the Agreement between.

The City Council authorized the creation of a Crisis Intervention Team within the City's Fire Department.

There were no items to report.

City Council Meeting

March 14, 2007

Community Development Commission Meeting

The Commission approved an appropriation for housing set-aside funds for the purpose of acquiring single-family residential property at 1408 Clarkman Street for rehabilitation and sale under the City's HARP Program.

City Council Meeting

The City Council approved the 50th Anniversary Honoree Review Committee.

The Council adopted Resolution No. 9041 for an additional part-time graffiti abatement worker position.

The Fourth of July holiday is a time to celebrate the founding of our nation. Fireworks are traditionally used to commemorate the occasion. The City allows only “Safe and Sane” fireworks to be sold and purchased.

Santa Fe Springs Fire Association and the City of Santa Fe Springs are planning a “block” party remember that the City strictly prohibits street closures which could delay emergency access to your street.

Fire & Police Services

City Fire Department Implements a Crisis Intervention Team

In an effort to better serve the community, the City initiated a new Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). The City’s Fire Department collaborated with local community members to provide assistance in dealing with the immediate effects of traumatic events, such as fatal accidents. The Crisis Intervention Team consists of volunteers from the local community, including the City’s Fire Department personnel and members of the local Churches, who undergo 16 hours of crisis management training to prepare to respond to the home, business, hospital, or scene of the emergency to help support the community in the direct aftermath of a crisis situation.

When a traumatic situation arises, the Company Officer will request the Crisis Intervention Team to assist with providing support during these types of situations, including managing grief and dealing with post traumatic stress. A two member team from the CIT will respond and help the people in distress and will remain on scene until their assistance is no longer needed. The City of Santa Fe Springs is very proud to provide this additional service to the community.

4th of July Celebration

Los Nietos Park – Wednesday, July 4th

The City’s 2007 Independence Day Celebration will add a patriotic flare to the City’s ongoing 50th Anniversary celebrations. Special entertainment and fun-filled activities for the entire family will mark the July 4 (Wednesday) celebrations at Los Nietos Park, 11431 Charlesworth Road. Event details are included in the Special Anniversary Insert inside this Newsletter.

Independence Day Safety Tips

- Light only one firework at a time.
- Do not point a firework at another person.
- Never experiment with homemade or illegal fireworks.
- Never try to re-light a “dud” firework.
- Never shoot (fire) fireworks from metal or glass containers.
- Remember, to provide a safe and fun holiday season for the entire community, only Safe and Sane fireworks may be possessed and discharged within the City of Santa Fe Springs.

City Council Update (cont.)

April 26, 2007

Community Development Commission Meeting

The Commission approved the Award of Contract to prepare the Master Plan for the Neighborhood Center and Branch Library/Cultural Center.

City Council Meeting

The Council adopted Resolution No. 9041 approving the Engineer’s Report for annual levy of assessment for Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1, and adopted Resolution No. 9042 declaring its intention to provide for an annual levy and collection of assessments for Lighting District No. 1 and setting the Public Hearing for the Council meeting of June 28, 2007.

The City Council approved the 50th Anniversary Rose Parade Sub-Committee’s Design and Implementation Plan to participate in the 119th Tournament of Roses Parade and appropriated $275,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve.

The City Council approved the Comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Fe Springs Fire Association and the City of Santa Fe Springs.

Zero Tolerance for Illegal Fireworks

Fourth of July is a great time to celebrate with family and friends, however over the past few years, the City’s Fourth of July Holiday has been marred by illegal fireworks, creating hazardous conditions for residents. To provide a safe holiday for everyone to enjoy, the City Council approved a zero tolerance policy. Anyone within the City of Santa Fe Springs that is in possession of illegal fireworks or discharges illegal fireworks will be subject to the following fines:
- Possession of illegal fireworks in the amount of $250
- Discharge of illegal fireworks in the amount of $500

As always, public safety has been at the forefront of City policy. With the zero tolerance policy in place, the City hopes to deter future possession and discharge of illegal fireworks and increase safety for all.

It is important to remember safety while participating in Fourth of July celebrations. If you are planning a ‘block’ party remember that the City strictly prohibits street closures which could delay emergency access to your street.

City Council Update

The Community Development Commission meetings and City Council meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at City Hall. For details, call the City Clerk’s Office from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed every other Friday) at 868-0511, Ext 7314.
Joyce Ryan, Librarian

Joyce Ryan is a Librarian in the Library & Cultural Services Division of the Department of Community Services. Long before she was a librarian, she worked for Crockett Containers as a Senior Production Scheduler while putting herself through school at California State University, Fullerton. She graduated with a double major in History and American Studies and pursued a Master's degree in American Studies, after which she began to substitute teach in the Whittier Union High School District.

Joyce took time off from teaching to have her first child, but it wasn't long before she realized that she wanted to start working again. The challenge was finding a job that would allow her to be at home during the day with her son, so she could work at night. She was hired as a Library Page for the City in December of 2000, and quickly knew that being a Librarian was a career she wanted to pursue. She subsequently enrolled in a Master of Library Sciences program and received that degree two years later. She was hired as a Librarian in 2003.

Some of her wide ranging duties include purchasing the non-printed entertainment and resource media such as CDs, DVDs, audio books, and databases for the Library, as well as serving as the coordinator of the Summer Computer Club, where kids learn how to design and create their own web pages. She is also involved in grant writing to subsidize the Library & Cultural Services Division's various programs. Just this year alone, Joyce's efforts have resulted in a $5,000 grant from Target to fund Library events and services, and a $5,000 grant from the California State Library to fund the digitization of the City's historical photograph collection. Joyce also oversees the major cultural programs put on by the Library such as the award-winning First Friday performances, the Bringing Literature to Life-series (in which the Library is turned in to the physical setting of a classic novel), and the ever popular Dia de los Muertos event.

Joyce's long-term goal is to eventually become a Library Director, so she can implement the same type of innovative and creative programming that the Santa Fe Springs Library has brought to its residents and users. But Joyce quickly notes, "I'm in no hurry to leave. I'm having a great time doing what I'm doing!"

Joyce has been married to her husband Mark for 13 years and they have two sons, Ian, age 10 and Spencer, age 8. In her spare time she loves to spend time with her family, hike, and of course...read.

Employee Spotlight

Summer Reading For Adults at the Santa Fe Springs Library

Grown-Ups Can Win Prizes, Too!

Tired of kids taking all the fun summer reading prizes? The Library is having a Summer Reading Program for adults! Every week, check out a book and fill out an entry form that may help you win exciting summer prizes—such as a beach kit that includes a beach towel, sunscreen, and a paperback book. The program runs from June 25 - August 18. The Adult Summer Reading Club is open to Santa Fe Springs City Library card holders 18 years of age or older. Contact Library staff at 868-7738 for more information.

2007 Citizenship Award Recipients!

The City of Santa Fe Springs annually awards a number of scholarships in support of City youth. The City Council recently recognized the following ten students for their outstanding service in school and their community. The City congratulates the 2007 Youth Citizenship Awards recipients:

$750 Excellence in Citizenship Award
George Felix • George Garcia • Krystal Uribe

$500 Outstanding Citizenship Award
Jessica Avila • Jessica Cuen • Jaime Paniagua

$250 Service in Citizenship Award
Jonathan Beltran • Sara Cardenas • Victor Layton • Amanda Rubio

Vaccine-A-Thon

Low Cost Pet Vaccinations - July 10th

The City of Santa Fe Springs will offer low cost vaccinations for all community dogs and cats at a special "Vaccine-A-Thon" event this summer. The vaccination clinic will be held on Tuesday, July 10th at Santa Fe High School, located at 10400 Orr and Day Road, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Rabies vaccinations (required for all dogs under California law) will be priced at just $6.00 each – a $10.00 to $15.00 savings over traditional vaccine prices. A complete selection of other pet vaccinations will also be available at discounted prices, with special combination "packs" created to allow pet owners even greater savings when they purchase multiple vaccinations.

Furminator USA and Studio Paws will also join the event to provide free grooming services, nail trimming, and general health care directly applied toward improving animal welfare within the Santa Fe Springs community. Pet licensing, free educational materials, and general health care tips for dogs and cats will also be available. To participate all dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.

FREE Residential Refuse Round-Up

The City of Santa Fe Springs is hosting a FREE Residential Refuse Round-Up for residents to dispose of accumulated junk and debris from their property. An added bonus to this collection event is the opportunity for residents to have personal papers shredded and recycled. The Round-Up will be held on June 30th at the Santa Fe High School Parking Lot, located at 10400 Orr & Day Road from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This event is for Santa Fe Springs residents only. Please be prepared to show your driver’s license or other valid I.D.

Acceptable Items:
- Appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, clothes dryers, portable air-conditioner units, water heaters
- Furniture, mattresses, bikes, patio furniture, barbeques, miscellaneous metal products
- Construction debris such as scrap wood, plywood, drywall, broken cement, bricks, glass
- Passenger car tires, no commercial vehicle tires
- Up to two boxes of personal papers to be shredded and recycled

NOT Acceptable Items:
- Waste from any business
- Hazardous waste
- Explosives, ammunition, or radioactive materials

If you have any questions regarding this event or want to know if an item will be accepted, please call the City’s Environmental Programs Coordinator at 868-0511, Ext. 7361.

Community News
Youth Enrichment Fund Awards
$35,000 in Scholarships!

Changing a Youth’s Destiny, Three Scholarships at a Time

The Youth Enrichment Fund’s “Destiny Scholarship” program is an opportunity for the business community to enrich the education of a deserving Santa Fe Springs student graduating high school. Due to the many generous donations from our Chamber members and the Santa Fe Springs business community, we are proud to announce for the first time in the history of the “Destiny Scholarship,” two additional scholarships will be awarded this year. We have the honor and privilege to brighten the Destiny of two additional graduating seniors from Santa Fe Springs. The first additional scholarship is in the amount of $10,000 and the second is $5,000. And thanks to all of the donations we are excited to announce our First Time Recipients:

$20,000 Destiny Scholarship Recipient
Santa Fe High School senior and nine year resident, Sara Cardenas became the twelfth recipient of the Destiny Scholarship. Sara will be attending the University of Southern California in the fall.

$10,000 Destiny Scholarship Recipient
Santa Fe High School senior and four year resident, Victor Layton became the first recipient of the $10,000 Destiny Scholarship. Victor plans to attend San Francisco State University in the fall.

$5,000 Destiny Scholarship Recipient
St. Paul High School senior and ten year resident, Krystal Uribe became the first recipient of the $5,000 Destiny Scholarship and plans to attend California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in the fall.

The Destiny Dinner
Annual Dinner, Auction and Dance, June 22, 2007

Recipients will be honored and introduced at the 2007 Annual Destiny Dinner and Scholarship Auction on June 22 at the Queen Mary in Long Beach. The Destiny Scholarship is funded by donations and proceeds from the Annual Destiny Dinner and Scholarship Auction. This year’s event will have a James Bond theme, “Destiny Royale 2007 – An Evening of Intrigue and Opulence,” and include a delicious dinner, silent and live auctions, scholarship presentations and dancing. The community is encouraged to support the Destiny Scholarship by contributing and/or attending the dinner and auction to enrich and change the “Destiny” of a student. Reservations, donations, and sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce office at 944-1616 or visit their website at www.sfschamber.com, for more information on attending the Destiny Scholarship Dinner and/or making a donation to the event.

Hail to the New Chief!
Rick Landis to Lead as SFS Chamber President

Rick Landis, of the Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, has been elected to serve as the 2007/2008 President of the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce & Industrial League, Inc. He has been a member of the Chamber since 1973, and has served in numerous leadership roles. His volunteer contributions have enriched the SFS Chamber and its programs, including the Business Emergency Preparedness Network (BEPN), Golf Classic and Golf Scramble, Board of Directors, Vice President of Community Relations and Business Liaison, 1988 Chamber President, and the Past President’s Advisory Committee. Rick is also very active in various trade and non-profit organizations, many of which he has held leadership positions. He is currently a member of, and Past President of, the California Swap Meet Owners Association, Past President of the Santa Fe Springs Rotary Club, and has also served on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, Rio Hondo Chapter. In 1987, he received the prestigious “SFS Chamber President’s Award,” then became the 1991 “Business Professional Citizen of the Year,” and in 2005, received the “Volunteer of the Year” Award. Additionally, he has served for more than seven years as a mentor for local high school students. Rick knows what makes this City so special and believes, “The Chamber works to promote business and create a positive environment for citizens and businesses alike to flourish in Santa Fe Springs. We have a talented and energetic Chamber staff and volunteers who work on your behalf, to ensure the ongoing success of business development. As the new President, together with the Chamber, we will continue to work diligently on behalf of local businesses. This will be an exciting year. The Chamber works for you—Let’s work together to make your business thrive and Santa Fe Springs the place that we all want to live and work!”