Wishing You A Happy Holiday!

Give New Purpose to Your Christmas Tree
The City would like to inform City residents that Christmas trees will be picked up by the rubbish haulers for recycling between December 26th and January 16th. Please remove all stands, ornaments, nails, and lights, before placing the tree on your curb. A special truck will pick up the trees on your regularly scheduled collection day. City businesses are asked to contact their waste hauler directly for information on Christmas tree disposal.

Holiday Trash Pick Up Schedule
Just as a reminder, trash service will be delayed by one day beginning December 26th through January 9th (e.g., if your regular pick up day is Thursday, trash will be picked up on Friday). Please note that regularly scheduled Monday service will be available on Monday December 31st. There will be no trash service for residents on Tuesday, December 29th and Tuesday, January 1st, due to the Holidays. Normal service will resume on Monday, January 7th.

Home Decorating Contest
Join your neighbors in celebrating the holiday season and enter your home in this year’s Christmas Home Decorating Contest. The judging committee will tour the City on Monday, December 17th beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to enter your home in the contest, you can do so by stopping by City Hall and picking up a form from either the receptionist or the City Clerk’s office or downloading a form from the City’s website at www.santafesprings.org. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk’s office at 668-0511, Ext. 7314.

City’s Diversity Programs Receive Two Prestigious Awards

“The Helen Putnam Award for Excellence” and “Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership Award” for Exemplary Collaborative Efforts

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City Council Update

The Community Development Commission 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 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed every other Friday) at 868-0511, Ext. 7314.

**September 13, 2007**

**Community Development Commission Meeting**
There were no items to report.

**City Council Meeting**
- The City Council approved engineering services for the implementation of Quiet Zone improvements along the UP RR Corridor (Phase I).
- The City Council approved a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP), Development Plan, and Schedule in compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board.
- The City Council approved an agreement to join the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Authority for the purposes of developing a Localized Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
- The City Council approved renewal of a contract with Graffiti Tracker, Inc. for Graffiti Analysis Services.
- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9070 calling for a Public Hearing on the formation of Underground Utility District No. 12 (Stage Road/Valley View Avenue).
- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9071 authorizing submittal of an application to the California Department of Transportation for the allocation of funding for the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project.

**September 27, 2007**

**Community Development Commission Meeting**
There were no items to report.

**City Council Meeting**
- The City Council approved Parcel Map No. 64547 (Villages at Heritage Springs).
- The City Council approved Parcel Map No. 63136 (Villages at Heritage Springs).
- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9072 authorizing advances from the City of Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code § 110.50 (G) prohibits solicitors from going door to door selling their goods unless they have obtained a City issued business permit.
- If you choose to deal with solicitors, please keep in mind that they are trained to aggressively push the products they are trying to sell. To amass the many in law enforcement, many customers allow strangers into their home. As a general rule, the solicitors use some of the following methods when engaged in aggressive sales:
  - Solicitor introduces himself/herself then quickly begins the sales pitch.
  - Solicitor will not take no for an answer.
  - Tells the customer they will never get this opportunity again.
  - Gets upset at the customer if they indicate they want to end the conversation.

**October 11, 2007**

**Community Development Commission Meeting**
There were no items to report.

**City Council Meeting**
- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9074 prohibiting the parking of vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds to be implemented at various addresses along Springdale Avenue north of Florence Avenue and implementing a tow-away zone for vehicles that violate the restriction.
- The City Council approved conceptual plans for the Lakewind Park multi-purpose recreation facility.

Fire & Police Services

**Should You Open the Door to Solicitors?**

Have you ever had someone ring your door bell or knock on the door only to try to sell you a product, subscription, or services? Just as a reminder, when dealing with a solicitor, always check for a permit. If the solicitor fails to produce one or states that they do not have one, then they do not have permission from the City to be conducting door to door solicitations. The Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code § 110.50 (G) prohibits solicitors from going door to door selling their goods unless they have obtained a City issued business permit.

- If you are contacted by a door to door solicitor and are concerned that they do not have the proper permits, please contact the Police Services Center at 409-1850.

**Whittier DMV to Close for Remodeling**

In order to provide a more pleasing environment, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) located at 9338 S. Painter Avenue in Whittier, will be closed for approximately three months beginning the close of business December 7th. During the closure, residents can complete their transactions at other area field offices. The DMV’s website can be accessed at www.dmv.ca.gov for more information. Automated phone service is available by calling 800-777-0133.

**What’s the Buzz about Bees and Wasps?**

Encountering a swarm of bees or wasps can be a frightening experience. Residents are advised to remain calm, quietly retreat out of sight, and call a professional bee and/or wasp remover. Do not attempt to remove the bees or wasps yourself. Bee removal can be dangerous and should be left to a professional to handle. This person is trained to remove the honeycomb or bee hive without posing risk to the family pets. Residents can contact City Hall at 868-0511, Ext. 7309 for the name of a licensed bee or wasp remover. Also, based on household income, this removal may be eligible for Home Repair Reimbursement or a Rebate.

**Lighted Crosswalks**

Recently, the City Council approved funding to repair the City’s three “lighted” crosswalks. The lighted crosswalks are located at the intersections of Joslin Street/Ort & Day Road, Whiteland/Ort & Day Road, and Roseton Avenue/Florence Avenue, and were installed two years ago to provide added safety for pedestrians in the City, especially children who must cross main roadways on their way to school. Lighted crosswalks have been found to increase driver awareness about the presence of pedestrians within crosswalks, thereby improving pedestrian safety.

The systems are activated by pressing a button, the lights on the roadway begin to flash alerting motorist to stop to allow pedestrians to cross the street safely. Since their installation, there has been some deterioration of the lights due to heavy traffic. The repairs will remedy that situation and make it possible for pedestrians to continue crossing safely. The project employs newer technology that allows lighted markers to be placed on top of the paved surface for easy access. Lighting is triggered via electrical induction from lines installed in the pavement under the markers.

While the goal is to improve pedestrian safety, the City urges pedestrians to continue to use caution at crosswalks. While the lighted crosswalks provide an additional awareness of pedestrians, they do not guarantee that oncoming traffic will stop. Whether you are at a controlled intersection or lighted crosswalk, for your safety, always pay close attention to vehicle traffic when crossing an intersection.

**What’s the Buzz about Bees and Wasps?**
Employee Spotlight

Lenin Ceja
Gang/Graffiti Detective

Lenin Ceja has been employed by the Whittier Police Department since July of 1995. Lenin is one of the original officers assigned to patrol the City of Santa Fe Springs when the contract began in October of 1995. Since then, he has had the opportunity to work different assignments while assigned to the Santa Fe Springs team. He worked on the Santa Fe Springs Problem Oriented Policing Team, where he was responsible for investigating narcotic cases, local gang suppression, gathering intelligence, and developing long-term solutions to community problems. He was also a Field Training Officer, where he was responsible in training newly hired police officers. Lenin is currently assigned to the new City Council approved position of Gang/Graffiti Detective, working out of the Police Services Center. He is responsible for investigating all gang, vandalism, and graffiti-related crimes in the City. He is also involved in the Santa Fe Springs Family & Youth Intervention Program, and works closely with members of the Santa Fe Springs Detective Bureau.

In his free time, Lenin enjoys taking long walks on the beach with his family. He also enjoys restoring older muscle cars and enjoys going fishing with his friends and family. Lenin keeps busy working on current home projects and maintaining his garden. Lenin is having a great time in his new and challenging assignment.

Community News

Lake Center Middle School Fitness Lab
Creating Habits Necessary for Lifelong Fitness & Health

At the end of this year, students at Lake Center Middle School will be exercising in a brand new fitness lab, equipped with state-of-the-art cardiovascular fitness equipment. The school will open the double-wide fitness facility in an effort to promote a healthy and active lifestyle among the sixth through eighth grade students attending the school. The new fitness lab center has been a long-time vision of faculty, staff, and the Little Lake City School District, which will soon become a reality through district funding, and collaboration with the City of Santa Fe Springs, City of Norwalk, and private funding.

The District has a fitness lab at one of its other middle schools, and has seen positive results in physical activity as part of the students’ daily lives. The City of Santa Fe Springs supported this project to provide this opportunity to the many residents that attend Lake Center Middle School. The City is supportive in promoting life-long fitness among the youth in the City, as bad nutritional and poor exercise habits can contribute to detrimental health conditions, including childhood diabetes, obesity, depression, and anxiety.

The new fitness lab will have the capacity to hold up to 48 children, who will use the lab as part of their regular physical education class. The fitness lab will feature interactive fitness equipment such as a simulation stationary bike, in which the kids will bike through courses and trails on a video screen, emulating a real-life biking experience! In addition, the acclaimed interactive video game “Dance Revolution” will be a highlight in the facility, providing cardiovascular fitness in the disguise of an old American pastime – dancing!

The Lake Center Fitness Lab is an innovative project that started off with a simple vision and will soon become a reality. All partners involved hope that through this fitness lab, students will not only experience exercise in a fun way, but will also develop healthy practices that they can continue throughout their lives.

Conserving One of Our Most Precious Resources

Learning to be Water Wise will Save Gallons!

California is in the midst of a long-term drought that is expected to continue for some time. As this situation will affect every person and business in California, the City of Santa Fe Springs believes it is important that all water users are aware of conditions at both the State and Local levels. The public is encouraged to continue their water conservation efforts; more effort will be needed at all levels to offset the collective impacts of drought, climate changes, and increased population demands. Below follows ten simple ways to save water.

Ten Ways to Save Water

• Water your lawn only when it needs it. Saves 750-1,500 gallons per month.
• Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. Saves 20 gallons per day for every leak stopped.
• Don’t run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. Saves 150 gallons each time.
• Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Saves 800 gallons per month.
• Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. Saves 300-800 gallons per month.
• Shorten your showers. Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons per month.
• Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. Saves 150 gallons or more each time. At once a week, that’s more than 600 gallons a month.
• Don’t use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Save 400 gallons per month.
• Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can or use it to water house plants or your garden. Save 200-300 gallons per month.
• Don’t waste the sidewalks, driveway, or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so water only lands on your lawn or garden. Saves 500 gallons per month.

New Curbside Program
Keep Our City Beautiful

In an effort to ensure that Santa Fe Springs remains an attractive and desirable place to live, a new program will be implemented to remind residents of the City’s ordinances pertaining to the placement and storage of trash and recycling containers.

The City’s Municipal Code states: (A) Refuse and recycling containers shall be placed along the street curb in front of the property or along the property line of the alley in the rear of the property before 6:00 a.m. on collection days. (B) Refuse and recycling containers may not be placed on the curb, parkway, street, curb in front of the property or along the property line of any adjacent property.

In an effort to promote a healthy and active lifestyle among the sixth through eighth grade students attending the school. The City’s Municipal Code states: (A) Refuse and recycling containers may not be placed on the curb, parkway, street, alley, or any other area near any residence earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day preceding regular collection, and may not remain after 6:00 a.m. on the day following collection, and (C) it is unlawful to store in any front or side yard any trash or recycling container that is visible from the street or adjacent property.

A door hanger containing the information above will be placed at residences that are observed by Public Safety Officers as being in violation of the City’s municipal code. We are confident that this will correct the matter without further incidence. If, however, violations continue to occur, the property owner may be cited.
Presenting the 2007 Citizens of the Year

Cheryl Turner and Peggy Radoumis
Named Citizens of the Year

Each year, the City and Chamber of Commerce, recognize the achievements of extraordinary business and residential citizens in Santa Fe Springs. This year, the Chamber of Commerce and City is pleased to honor Cheryl Turner of PDQ Rentals as the 2007 Business/Professional Citizen of the Year and Peggy Radoumis a long-time resident of Santa Fe Springs in the residential category. These distinguished citizens will be honored at the 2007 Citizen of the Year Luncheon on Wednesday, November 28 at Town Center Hall. The Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all of the nominees for their participation in the Citizenship Awards Program. The City of Santa Fe Springs is fortunate to have such enthusiastic, dedicated, and hardworking individuals to help make life better for those around us. Their contributions have a positive impact on the City and their volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated. For more information please call the Chamber of Commerce at 944-1616.

First Aid & CPR Training
For a Safer Workplace
“Together We Can Save a Life”
Friday, January 11, 2008 • 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Santa Fe Springs Town Center Hall
11740 E. Telegraph Road

In partnership with the American Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce will provide hands-on first aid training consistent with OSHA guidelines, plus CPR training and information on the role of AEDs in emergency cardiac care. Combining lecture, video demonstrations and hands-on mannequin training this course teaches participants to:
- Recognize breathing and cardiac emergencies that call for CPR
- Perform CPR and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies
- Avoid blood borne pathogen exposure
- Know the role of Automated External Defibrillation (AED) in the Cardiac Chain of Survival
- Meets OSHA First Aid Guidelines

American Red Cross certified instructors will conduct the training and each participant, completing the course, will receive a First Aid Certificate (3 years) and an Adult CPR Certificate (1 year). Recertification classes will be offered to participants on a regular basis. The class is limited to the first 36 participants. Each participant will receive official American Red Cross life saving materials to keep for future review. The cost for Chamber members is $40 per person and $60 per person for non-members. To register online visit www.sfschamber.com.

American Red Cross
Re-Mundo Chapter

Cheryl Turner, 2007 Citizen of the Year Recipient

Peggy Radoumis, 2007 Citizen of the Year Recipient