

HUNTINGTON PARK

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FALL 2013

City Manager's Message

Our City's focus has been to address the financial shortfall we are faced with and, ultimately, preserve the services that our residents and businesses depend upon. For the past year, your City Council and City staff have worked tirelessly to find solutions to this shortfall and together have identified a manageable \$4 million structural deficit that we will continue to eliminate. As we thoughtfully address the financial challenges facing us, it is vitally important that we keep an eye on the future. One future project I am pleased to share with you is Eco-Rapid Transit, which will help shape Huntington Park in the years to come.

Eco-Rapid Transit (ERT) is a high-speed public transit system extending 50 miles from Cerritos in south Los Angeles County to Santa Clarita in the north. ERT will become a backbone of public transportation in southern California, carrying passengers from local communities to jobs in technology and other growing sectors in downtown Los Angeles, Glendale, Burbank, and Santa Clarita. The ERT line will have stops in south LA County – including two potential stations here in Huntington Park. Our City Council and staff have been closely involved in ERT planning to ensure we take full advantage of the transit-oriented economic development opportunities this project will create. The benefits to Huntington Park will be significant and local residents get fast and efficient transportation to good jobs in other parts of the county. The project will also spur new retail and housing development around the main station planned near Pacific Blvd. and Slauson Ave. Our local merchants will benefit from a wider shopping base, as people from

all over the county will have better access to a revitalized downtown, with new shopping, dining, and entertainment choices.

Although the ERT board is still working to secure funds for this project and a construction date has not been set, it is critical that we plan now because the decisions we make today will have an impact for decades to come. For this reason, I am also pleased to share that the City's Downtown Revitalization Plan – which includes local planning for ERT – is successfully moving forward. During the summer, we worked alongside our planning partner, Primestor Development, to engage the community through town hall meetings, community workshops, and a survey to collect valuable input on their vision for Huntington Park. This feedback is being used to shape our collective vision for the downtown area and we will continue to have open dialogue with the community throughout this process. I look forward to listening to residents and businesses so we can create a Huntington Park we can all be proud of tomorrow.

René Bobadilla
City Manager



New Soccer Field Coming to Salt Lake Park

The City's effort to re-make Salt Lake Park into one of the best public parks in the southeast continues this fall as we break ground on a new, artificial turf soccer field. Funded through a \$624,000 partnership with the City of Vernon and a \$200,000 grant from the County of Los Angeles, the project will feature the installation of professional-level artificial turf at the former "Soccer Circle" site at Salt Lake Park. The field will be striped for both youth and adult play and will be available for year-round use through organized leagues as well as "drop-in" open play. The soccer field is the latest major improvement project at Salt Lake Park, following the running trail, irrigation improvements, batting cage, and the renovation of the municipal recreation building. New fields are expected to be ready for play in early 2014.



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Fall Fun in the Park



Dia de los Muertos to be Held on November 2

The City of Huntington Park and Carolina Promotions, Inc. invite you to celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and experience a Mexican tradition that transcends nations. This festival of remembrance, honoring both the departed and the cycle of life, will feature traditional Dia de los Muertos altars, a 1.3 mile Fun Run and Health Fair, pumpkin carving and skull decorating contests, live entertainment, and food. Families are encouraged to dress in their best Calaca (skeleton) regalia, and participate in a best-dressed costume contest for kids (4:30 p.m.) and adults (7 p.m.). The event runs from 3-10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E. Florence Ave.



Get Involved at Your Local Park this Fall

Fall is a great time for the entire family to get involved in local park programs. Check out one of the many fall programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. From fitness classes to special events to senior programs, our parks have something for everyone. Please call (323) 584-6218 or visit www.huntingtonpark.org for program information and details.



Veterans Day Ceremony to be Held on November 11

The City of Huntington Park will honor U.S. military veterans who have courageously served the common good of all Americans. The Veterans Day event will be held at Raul R. Perez Memorial Park at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11. The program will feature keynote speakers and recognition of our local heroes. Free refreshments available.



New! Free Youth Supper Program

In our continued effort to support the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) initiative, the City offers a FREE Youth Supper program for children under 18 years-old at Freedom Park and the Huntington Park Community Center, from 3-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

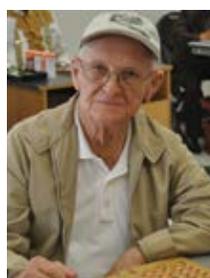
The Supper Program includes a nutritious

meal with a dairy, fruit, protein and grain component. The healthy snack program will continue to be offered at Robert H. Keller Park and Raul R. Perez Memorial Park between 2-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Registration is not required but meals must be eaten onsite.



Get in Shape with "Fit for Fall" Fitness Classes

Just because summer is over does not mean that your journey to physical fitness should end. Instead, take advantage of one of our fitness classes, including Zumba, aerobics, Pilates, salsa & merengue and belly dancing. Sign up now at Salt Lake Park, 3401 E. Florence Ave.



Free! Senior Wellness Workshops

The Huntington Park Community Center hosts a series of free workshops focusing on senior wellness and well being. All workshops will be presented in Spanish and are scheduled to start at 11:15 a.m. Topics to include Stress and Relaxation (Oct. 9), an

Introduction to Alzheimer's (Nov. 8) and Senior Depression (Dec. 4). Call (323) 584-6352 for more information.



Toddler Classes Open for Registration

Looking to engage your 2-5 year-olds in fun and enriching activities? Get them to one of our recreation classes at Salt Lake Park or Freedom Park.

Classes include Mommy/Daddy and Me Karate, Peewee Sports, Creative Little Hands, Start Right!, and our newest offering - Wee Scientists and Lil' Sprouts. Call (323) 584-6218 for class dates and registration information.



Family Health and Wellness Workshops

The Department of Parks and Recreation offers a series of free "Defensoras de la Salud" family health and wellness workshops this fall at Freedom Park and State Elementary School. Workshops will be held weekdays from 3-6 p.m. and will include cooking demonstrations and prize drawings. The workshops are being held in partnership with the LA County Public

Health Nutrition Program, the Network for a Healthier California, Woodcraft Rangers and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. For dates and more information, please call (323) 584-6218.

Police Department Goes Green to Stop Crime



The Huntington Park Police Department is at the forefront of reducing local crime rates to their lowest levels in years – all while doing its part to save the environment. The Police Department has been recognized for its environmental efforts and is a finalist for the 2013 Best of COPSWEST “Go Green Efforts Award” from the California Peace Officers’ Association.

The Police Department has been using techniques to perform its duties in an environmentally-conscious way including:

- Replaced over half of its Parking Enforcement Division vehicles with electric or hybrid vehicles, including Good Earth Firefly ESVs (pictured above), Chevrolet 1500 Hybrid Truck, Toyota Camry Hybrid and Ford Escape Hybrids.
- Incorporated horses through a Mounted Enforcement Unit for patrol during large events, crowd control and other specialized patrol.
- Use of bicycles to patrol the downtown shopping district.
- Implementation of computer software to significantly reduce paper, including state-of-the-art Field Based Reporting software.

In addition to reducing the Police Department’s carbon footprint, these efforts have been either fully or partially funded by grants from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). The switch to electric and hybrid vehicles also saves the City approximately \$5,600 in annual fuel costs per vehicle.

Plan to Revitalize Pacific Blvd. Taking Shape



The revitalization plan for Downtown Huntington Park continues to take shape. Throughout this summer, the City and its partner, Primestor Development, engaged the community for input on what residents and local businesses want to improve Pacific Blvd. and the surrounding area. The vital information collected through town hall meetings, community outreach meetings, and a widely-distributed survey is being used to develop proposed strategies for the downtown. Stay updated on our progress by visiting www.huntingtonpark.org.



Town Hall Meeting

6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15
Miles Ave. Elementary School
6720 Miles Ave.
Huntington Park, CA 90255

Upcoming Events

Clase de Jardineria

9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28
Raul R. Perez Memorial Park
6208 Alameda St.

Sabor de Mexico Lindo Downtown Festival

Friday, Oct. 4 - Sunday, Oct. 6
Pacific Blvd. in Downtown Huntington Park

Clase de Jardineria

9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5
Raul R. Perez Memorial Park
6208 Alameda St.

Friends of the Park Meeting

6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Town Hall Meeting

6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15
Miles Ave. Elementary School
6720 Miles Ave.

Senior Halloween Dance

10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Senior Trip to San Manuel Casino

8 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Dia de los Muertos Event

3-10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2
Salt Lake Park
3401 E. Florence Ave.

Alzheimer’s Workshop

11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 8
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Veterans Day Ceremony

1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 11
Raul R. Perez Memorial Park
6208 Alameda St.

Senior Trip to Harrah’s Casino

8 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

63rd Annual Christmas Lane Parade

6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23
Pacific Blvd. in Downtown Huntington Park

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Thanks to You, We're On Our Way!

During our recent Bulky Item Round Up Days the City collected:

- **120 TONS of debris, rubbish and bulky items.**
- **4 TONS of electronic waste (computers, TVs, etc.).**

The Round Ups were made possible by a grant from CalRecycle.



Call to schedule pickup of unwanted bulky items or to report illegally dumped trash: (323) 584-6200

Working together, we can all do our part to help keep HP clean and beautiful!

Did You Know? A Change in City Code Will Help Beautify the City

The City passed a new ordinance last November to keep Huntington Park clean and beautiful. The new ordinance states that any person that owns, rents or is in control of a property is solely responsible for keeping it neat and orderly, especially in regard to rubbish, garbage, debris and bulky items. The property could be a house, apartment or office building, business, or an empty lot and includes the front and side yards, sidewalks, alleys and the street right in front of the property.

This ordinance allows the City to charge property owners and/or responsible persons for the cost of removing debris if they do not schedule a pickup or report the trash on their property. Cameras will be placed around town by the end of the year to help further reduce illegal dumping.

We strongly urge residents and business owners to be proactive in reducing unsightly trash and debris, which is unsightly for the City and harmful to us all. Illegal dumping brings down property values and makes our homes and businesses less valuable and attractive. Illegally dumped material can also quickly become a breeding ground for mice, rats and mosquitos, which can spread serious diseases and endanger public health.

It's easy to help! Just call (323) 584-6200 to schedule pickup of unwanted bulky items or to report illegally dumped trash on your property or around your neighborhood.

Our goal is to create a cooperative environment among residents and business owners that will ultimately create a community that we can all take pride in – one that is appealing, attractive and a great place to live and work.

To read the entire ordinance, visit www.huntingtonpark.org and search for the online Municipal Code, Title 5, Chapter 11, Article 2.

