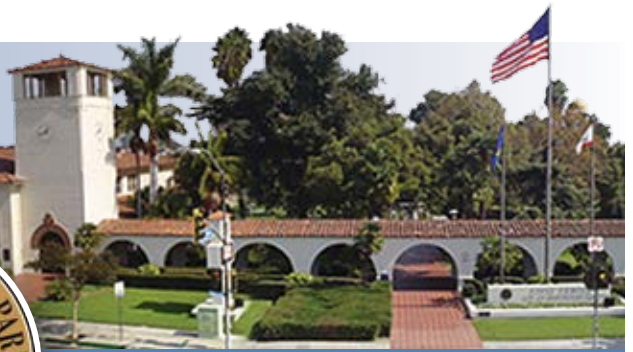


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WINTER 2013

City Manager's Message

Happy Holidays

The holiday season is a very special time in Huntington Park, a time to share with our families and loved ones. This year, I trust you will find a strong sense of family and community here in Huntington Park. We start our holiday season with our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 7. I hope you will join us for a cheerful evening of music, family activities, and the lighting of the City's Holiday Tree in front of City Hall.

This is also a great time to shop and experience downtown Huntington Park. With expanding shopping and dining options on Pacific Blvd., including A Better LA's newly opened retail store (see page 3), the City continues to move forward with downtown's revitalization. Based on the valuable public feedback we received during our community outreach, your City Council and City staff are working hard to bring the shopping, dining, and entertainment options you asked for. In addition, you will soon see the City's new branding campaign come to life, giving Huntington Park and the downtown area a revitalized identity and sense of place. For updates on revitalization plans, please visit our website at www.huntingtonpark.org.

Huntington Park's strong community spirit also shines during the holidays. Join us in bringing joy to local families this year at the 3rd Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway at Salt Lake Park on Saturday, December 21. Coordinated by the Southeast Churches Service Center along with various community members, the Toy Giveaway is a wonderful way to give back to the community and help make everyone's holidays a special time of year. To find out how you can donate toys or other ways you can get involved, please call (323) 585-8254.

As 2013 draws to a close, I look back at the challenges we've successfully faced over the past year and grow optimistic that we will continue to move forward in 2014. However, our continued success relies heavily on engaged citizens. We hope you continue to find ways to become active in your community – whether by participating in a toy drive, volunteering at a local park, or sharing your thoughts at a public meeting – so we can work together in shaping the future we all want.

René Bobadilla
City Manager



Holiday Season Kicks-Off with Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join our community as we kick off the holiday season at the City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony from 1 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, December 7 at Robert H. Keller Park. Hosted by Ricardo "El Mandril" Sanchez – LA's top FM radio host – the event features a day of holiday cheer and family fun with music, activities, and the lighting of the City's Holiday Tree in front of City Hall. There will be special guest appearances and musical performances by Gerardo Ortiz, Luis Coronel, and Jessica Maldonado. Delicious food options will be available from local organizations and vendors. For more information please call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (323) 584-6218.



Winter Parks and Recreation Activities



Winter Recreation Class Sign-Ups Now Open

The Parks and Recreation Department is taking sign-ups for winter recreation classes. Classes include fitness (Zumba, Aerobics and Pilates), martial arts, music lessons (guitar and piano), dance lessons (Hip Hop, Folklorico, Salsa and Ballet), classes for toddlers (Pee Wee Sports, Wee Scientists, Mommy Daddy and Me Karate, Creative Little Hands and Start Right!) and special interest classes (Floral Arrangement and Jewelry Making). The deadline to register is Dec. 30. Visit www.huntingtonpark.org.

To sign-up for any of the following programs please call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (323) 584-6218.

Little Dribblers Basketball Teaches Fundamentals to 4-6 Year-Olds



Little Dribblers Basketball registrations start on Dec. 3, 2013. Open to 4-6 year-olds, this program introduces basic basketball fundamentals, such as shooting and passing. The program offers an opportunity to build confidence and self-esteem, develop teamwork skills and begin an appreciation for physical activity.

Youth Baseball Sign-Ups Start January 2



Youth Baseball League registrations start on January 2, 2014. This program is designed for boys & girls ages 6-14 and gives the opportunity to compete in a healthy environment promoted by positive sportsmanship. Participants will learn fundamental skills such as hitting, running bases, catching, and fielding.

Girl's Basketball Sign-Ups Start February 10



Girl's Basketball League registrations begin on February 10, 2014. This program is designed for girls ages 7-17. Participants will learn fundamental basketball skills such as shooting, dribbling and passing. Participants also have the opportunity to learn life skills such as teamwork, responsibility, commitment and good sportsmanship.

Friends of the Park Gets Public Involved in Recreation



Community residents are invited to join the Friends of the Park group to discuss ways of improving the City's park system and identify volunteer opportunities and projects to get the public involved. Meetings are held at the Huntington Park Community Center (6925 Salt Lake Ave.) from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013, January 13, 2014, and February 10, 2014.

Free Senior Wellness Workshops



The Huntington Park Community Center hosts a series of free workshops focusing on senior wellness and wellbeing. All workshops will be presented in Spanish and start at 11:15 a.m. Topics include: Introduction to Alzheimer's (Dec. 8, Dec. 15), Understanding Vision (Jan. 17), Kitchen Confidence (Jan. 24), Getting Around Town (Feb. 19), and Business of Living (Feb. 26).

Senior Valentine Dance Set for February 14



The Huntington Park Community Center hosts the annual Senior Valentine Dance on Friday, February 14, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is open to all seniors. This annual party will feature raffles, games, dancing and prizes. It is also a great way to meet and mingle with other senior citizens in the neighborhood.

Tiny Tots Registration Starts in December



Tiny Tots assists parents in building their child's self-esteem and helps prepare children for kindergarten. Tiny Tots is open to children ages 3 and 4 years-old. Registration for returning students will be held from December 1, 2013, through December 15, 2013. Open registration will be held from December 16, 2013, through January 3, 2014. Space is limited.

Free After-School Programs

The After-School Youth Program provides a place for school-age children to interact with other children their age outside of the classroom. The program is free for those 6-14 years-old. Activities include arts & crafts, intramural sports, board games and homework assistance. In addition, a free healthy supper or snack is provided.



- HP Community Center: Monday through Friday from 2-6 p.m. (Supper is served from 3-4 p.m.)
- Freedom Park: Monday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. (Supper is served from 3-4 p.m.)
- Robert H. Keller Park: Monday through Thursday from 2-5 p.m. (Snack is served from 3-4 p.m.)
- Raul R. Perez Memorial Park: Monday through Friday from 2-6 p.m. (Snack is served from 3-4 p.m.)

On December 18, 2013, each after-school program site hosts a Healthy Holiday Family Night from 3-5 p.m. This event will feature a community potluck of healthy dishes, family games, and prizes.

New Businesses Open in Downtown Huntington Park



The City recently welcomed two new businesses to downtown Huntington Park. **Liga Legal**, a law firm specializing in personal injury, immigration, and senior abuse, opened its doors at 7136 Pacific Blvd. in order to serve the heart of the Latino community in the greater Los Angeles area. **Liga Legal** prides itself on making its bilingual lawyers and legal experts easily accessible to customers.

“We appreciate the warm welcome and hope to do our part to provide services and what leadership we can to promote Huntington Park as a place for success,” said **Liga Legal** CEO Blaine Johnson. “Huntington Park has an across-the-board, can-do spirit from all levels of leadership and operations and that’s going to encourage other businesses to follow.”



Also opening its doors is **A Better Thrift Shop**. Located at 6200 Pacific Blvd., **A Better Thrift Shop** is the retail arm of A Better LA, a nonprofit organization founded by former USC football coach Pete Carroll that supports community-based efforts to make communities safer and give local resi-

dents the opportunity to thrive. **A Better Thrift Shop** features high-quality new and vintage clothing, housewares, and more at affordable prices.

For more information visit www.ligalegal.com and www.abetterla.org.

HP Gran Prix Brings Bike Enthusiasts to Pacific Blvd.



More than 150 racers came together in downtown Huntington Park for the 1st Annual HP Gran Prix bike race held on Pacific Blvd. on October 19. Cohosted by Wolfpack Hustle cycling club, the HP Gran Prix featured a fixed-gear bicycle sprint race as well as free bicycle safety equipment giveaways. Visit www.huntingtonpark.org to see a video highlight of the event.

Planning to Have a Yard Sale?



Yard sales and garage sales are allowed on the first weekend of March, June, September, and December. Residents may hold yard sales from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on these dates. The approved yard sale dates in December are Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8. For more information about yard sales please call (323) 584-6232.



Town Hall Meeting

6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.,
Huntington Park, CA 90255



Upcoming Events

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7
Robert H. Keller Park (City Hall)
6550 Miles Ave.

Friends of the Park Meeting

6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Holiday Toy Giveaway

8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21
Salt Lake Park Recreation Center
3401 E. Florence Ave.

Friends of the Park Meeting

6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Town Hall Meeting

6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Friends of the Park Meeting

6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Senior Valentine Day Dance

10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 14
Huntington Park Community Center
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

Neighborhood Cleanup Event

9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22
Freedom Park
3801 E. 61st St.

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6550 Miles Avenue Huntington Park, CA 90255

Keep HP Clean & Beautiful

It's easy to help! With one quick call, residents and businesses can help remove trash from our neighborhoods and business centers.



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Volunteer Cleanup Events Keep HP Clean



More than two tons of trash and bulky items were collected during the last volunteer cleanup event on Oct. 26. The next cleanup event will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, at Freedom Park. With the help of volunteers, we hope to continue working together to keep our community clean and beautiful. Through community efforts, we are able to stop litter and trash from going into our storm drains and into the ocean.

To volunteer, or to help organize a cleanup event in your neighborhood, please contact Mario Rivas at mrivas@huntingtonpark.org or call (323) 584-6322.

City Hall Holiday Hours and Closures

City Hall is open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with the exception of the following holiday closures:

- City Hall closes at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 19
- City Hall closed on Wednesday, December 25
- City Hall closed on Wednesday, January 1
- City Hall closed on Monday, January 20
- City Hall closed on Monday, February 17



Christmas Home Decorating Contest



Nominate a beautifully decorated home for the Mayor's Annual Holiday Spirit Award. Each holiday season, the Mayor and a committee of judges recognize a group of homes that best display the holiday spirit. Winning homes will receive a certificate of recognition from the Mayor as well as a Home Depot gift card. For more information, or to nominate a home, please visit www.huntingtonpark.org.

Public Transportation Changes Take Effect December 1

In an effort to improve service and maintain cost-effective transportation, the City is implementing the following changes effective December 1.

Dial-A-Ride Program

- Fare increase from \$0.25 to \$0.50 cents each way
- Fare must be paid directly to driver
- Dial-A-Ride cards will not be sold after November 30
- Existing cards can be used until December 31
- Service provided by Fiesta Taxi (no longer Oldtimers Foundation), call (866) 486-8775 for more information

Changes will also be made to the COMBI service. For updated COMBI information, please visit www.huntingtonpark.org.

Happy Holidays