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City of Sierra Madre Winter/Spring 2012

Sierra Madre
Hart Park House
Senior Center
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HART PARK HOUSE
KITCHEN RENOVATION



August 10, 2011



October 17, 2011



November 10, 2011

HART PARK HOUSE
MAIN ROOM RENOVATION



August 4, 2011



November 10, 2011



Community Newsletter and Brochure

COUNCIL & COMMISSIONS

SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor John Buchanan
Mayor Pro-Tem Josh Moran
MaryAnn MacGillivray, Nancy Walsh

City Council meets at 6:30 pm the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in Council Chambers

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COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Community Services Commission

David Crochetiere, Chair
Pat Alcorn, Vice Chair
Rachelle Arizmendi
Leslee Hinton
Darlene Mathieson
Jeff Shantz
Youth Vacancy

Meets the 3rd Monday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:00 pm

Senior Community Commission

Ann Luke, Chair
William Nelson, Vice Chair
Nina Bartolai
Dorothy Jerneycic
Alan Leahy
Jacquie Pergola
Amy Putnam

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 3:00 pm

Planning Commission

Kevin Paschall, Chair
Bob Spears, Vice Chair
Gina Frierman-Hunt
Tom Pendlebury
William Pevsner
Russell Replogle
John Vandevelde

Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees

Catherine Addé, Chair
Glenn Putnam, Vice Chair
Colin Braudrick
Pete Siberell
Rob Stockly

Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month in the City Hall Conference Room at 7:00pm

Tree Advisory Commission

Kathleen Blanchard, Chair
Caroline Brown, Vice Chair
Jeff Hall
Bryan Horsman
Rory Leisure
Bill Robinson
Ilona Volkman

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 pm

General Plan Steering Committee

Denise Delmar, Chair
Ken Anhalt, Vice Chair
Colin Braudrick
Wendy Davis
Leslee Hinton
John Hutt
Edward Miller
Debbie Sheridan
Teryl Willis

Commission and Committee Vacancies

The City of Sierra Madre has a number of vacancies on commissions and committees looking for people like you to join! The Sierra Madre City Council encourages citizen participation in its decision-making process through the use of citizen commissions and committees. Applications may be obtained from the City website at www.cityofsierramadre.com or at City Hall. For more information please call 626-355-7135.

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Administrative Staff

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager
Larry Giannone, Interim Police Chief
Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief
Karin Schnaider, Administrative Services Director
Bruce Inman, Public Works Director
Danny Castro, Development Services Director
Carolyn Thomas, Library Services Director
Elisa Weaver, Community & Personnel Services Director

Community & Personnel Services Department

Elisa Weaver, Director
Kristi McClure, Deputy Director
Miguel Hernandez, Personnel Analyst
Adam Matsumoto, Recreation Supervisor
Rosemary Garcia, Administrative Assistant
Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator
Kyle Schnurr, Events Specialist
Lawren Heinz, Film Monitor

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

- 4 SMGSA Registration Day
- 5 Coordinating Council
- 7 Open House at The Gooden School
- 7 SMGSA Registration Day
- 8 St. Rita Parish "Save a Life Sunday" Blood Drive
- 16 Holiday Closure for City Facilities
- 20 SML "Third Thursday" Book Club
- 23 CAG Winter Class Sessions Begin
- 27 SMCC Citizen of the Year Dinner

February

- 2 Coordinating Council
- 3-4 SML Best Used Book Sale
- 3-4 CAG Fabulous Fabrications - A Jewelry Show
- 12 FOL Wine Tasting
- 16 SML "Third Thursday" Book Club
- 20 Holiday Closure for City Facilities
- 27 2012 State of the City Address

March

- 1 Coordinating Council
- 3 Whale Watching Excursion
- 8 SMWC Meet the Candidate Mixer
- 10 SM Civic Club Scholarship Applications Due
- 15 SML "Third Thursday" Book Club
- 17 SM Civic Club Casino Night
- 17 AHS Annual Gala
- 25 SMCC Wistaria Festival
- 25 CAG Student Art Show

- 29-31 AHS Spring Musical
- 30-31 Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout

April

- 1 Huck Finn Family Fishing
- 5 Coordinating Council
- 6-7 SML Best Used Book Sale
- 19 SML "Third Thursday" Book Club
- 21 SMRFA Legendary Bingo
- 22 CAG Art of the Garden - Annual Garden Tour

May

- 3 Coordinating Council
- 5-6 FOL Art Fair
- 11 Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year
- 23 AHS Coffeehouse
- 24 AHS Spring Choral Concert
- 25 Mount Wilson Trail Race Pasta Dinner
- 26 Mount Wilson Trail Race
- 28 Holiday Closure for City Facilities

KEY

- AHS - Alverno High School
- CAG - Creative Arts Group
- FOL - Friends of the Library
- SMCC - Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce
- SMGSA - Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association
- SMRFA - Sierra Madre Rose Float Association
- SML - Sierra Madre Library
- SMWC - Sierra Madre Woman's Club

For updated information and calendar events visit the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce at www.SierraMadreChamber.com

2012 State of the City Address
Monday, February 27, 2012 6:30-7:30 pm
Community Recreation Center, Sierra Madre Room
611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
For more information please call 626-355-5278

Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association

Open to girls ages 6-16, no experience required. You don't have to live in Sierra Madre to play. Spring divisions are 8 & under, 10U, 12U, 14/16U. Registration is January 4, 5:30-8:30pm and January 7, 9am until noon. Registrations held at the Sierra Madre Room, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. Registration fees are \$160.00 if received by January 7, 2012. Late registration is \$175.00. The registration fee includes a uniform. For more information, please visit www.smgsa.org.



Sierra Madre Little League

Interested in the Sierra Madre Little League? Check out www.sml.org for information regarding registration, age and residency verification, schedules, and fees. If you have additional questions contact Steve Tanner, 626-355-1249, stanner@arguscg.com or Brenda Wendt, 626-355-6027, brendaawendt@aol.com.



CITY INFORMATION



City of Sierra Madre Department Contact Information

Administrative Services, City Manager's Office, Development Services, & Public Works

232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024 • Phone: 626-355-7135 • Fax: 626-355-2251

Fire Department

242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Phone: 626-355-3611

Community & Personnel Services

611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Phone: 626-355-5278 • Fax: 626-836-6656

Library Services

440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Phone: 626-355-7186 • Fax: 626-355-6218

Police Department

242 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Phone: 626-355-1414 • Fax: 626-355-5468

For more detailed information on City Departments please visit www.cityofsierramadre.com

Summer Aquatic Employment Opportunities

Looking for a fun, exciting and rewarding summer job? Then look no farther than the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center. The City of Sierra Madre will begin recruiting for Water Safety Instructor, Lifeguard and Cashier positions for the 2012 summer. Applications will be accepted March 26, 2012 to April 24, 2012. Be sure to take the American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard certification courses this spring, which are requirements for summer positions. Please contact the Community Services Office at 626-355-5278, or check online at www.cityofsierramadre.com for additional information.

STREET SWEEPING

Did you know that there is an easy, no-cost way you can assist the City in keeping our streets cleaner? You can! By parking your car off-street on your weekly street sweeping day, you allow the street sweeper to continue along the edge of the street where it is most effective in removing trash, leaf litter, and ponded water. By parking your vehicle off-street on street sweeping day you allow the City to maximize the benefit of its street sweeping expenditures and you assist the community in meeting state and federal clean stormwater regulations. Residential streets are swept weekly, between the hours of 7:30am and 4:00pm. If you have questions about the City's street sweeping program, or are unsure which day of the week your street is swept, contact James Carlson or Bruce Inman of the Sierra Madre Public Works Department at 626-355-7135.

ONLINE WATER BILLING IS HERE!

You can now view and pay your bill from the comfort of your own home! Simply visit our website at www.cityofsierramadre.com and click on the link "I want to" then click "pay my water bill." Setup is very simple. If you have further questions the Administrative Services Department at City Hall will be happy to assist you.

Seeking Nominations for Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year

The Community & Personnel Services Department and the Senior Community Commission are now accepting nominations for the Older "Sierra Madre" American of the Year. If you know someone who lives in Sierra Madre, has demonstrated outstanding community service and is 60 years of age or older, please contact the Senior Services Desk at 626-355-7394 or stop by the Hart Park House Senior Center, Sierra Madre City Hall, Library or Community Recreation Center for a nomination information.

Nominations are due to the Community & Personnel Services Department, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., by Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The Senior Community Commission will discuss nominees and announce the honoree at their regular scheduled meeting on March 1, 2012 at 3 pm in the Sierra Madre City Council Chambers. The honoree will also be recognized at a reception held in their honor in May.

Previous Honorees include: Pat Alcorn, Fran Garbaccio, Ken Anhalt, Eph Konigsberg, Russ Anderson, George Throop, Loyal Camacho, John Grijalva, Joylouse Harte-Smith, James Heasley, Midge Morash, James Tyler, Isbella Paegal, Bonnie Garner, Rose Fafach, Ed Wellman, Celeste McCleary, Dorothy Tillquist, Doris Webster, Elsie Dannmayer, George Mauer & Karl Teigler.



Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Update

Foothill Extension, Pasadena to Azusa Updates:

After a rigorous procurement process and completion of a number of post-award steps, on November 4th the Construction Authority issued an Interim Notice to Proceed (INTP) for design and pre-construction activities to Kiewit Parsons Joint Venture (the winning design-build team for the \$486 million Pasadena to Azusa Alignment contract).

The INTP was made possible following recent approval of an amendment to the funding agreement between Metro and the Authority, giving the Authority access to another \$100 million of project funds. Without the amendment, the Authority would have had to wait until we had ownership rights to half of the land for the maintenance facility, the final outstanding condition of the original agreement with Metro. The amendment and INTP keep the 11.5-mile light rail extension project on schedule for a 2015 completion.

Want to know more about what is coming up on construction, or other elements of the program? Go to the Construction Authority's website – www.foothillextension.org. Watch a short video on the upcoming work, sign up to receive e-news updates, or just learn the latest.

Sierra Madre Farmer's Market

The Sierra Madre Farmer's Market is held on Wednesdays, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. (with the exception of major holidays). If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Farmers Market, please contact Melissa Farwell from Raw Inspiration at 818-591-8161 Ext. 806 or visit rawinspiration.org for an application. For additional information, please call Community Services at 626-355-5278.



CITY INFORMATION

Business License Renewal

All City Business Licenses expire December 31, 2011.
If you own a business be sure to renew your business license.

Who Needs a Business License?

A business license is required for any person or business making a physical presence in our City conducting business. Whether the business is headquartered here in a commercial location, out of a home office, or headquartered outside of the City, but coming into our City to conduct business, any individual, corporation, sole proprietor, partnership or any entity that wishes to conduct a business within the City of Sierra Madre must secure a business license.

City law states that no person shall engage in business or transact and carry on a business, trade, profession, calling or occupation in the City without having procured a license from the City to do so or without complying with any and all applicable provisions of the City ordinance relating to business license (a separate license is required for each branch or location of business).

Bailey Canyon Eco Challenge

This challenge is designed for non-profit youth organizations wishing to meet community service goals and wanting to develop or enhance outdoor skills such as camping, cooking, astronomy, mountaineering or ecology. The group will describe the service activity they wish to perform, in detail, which is appropriate for Bailey Canyon. Some possible activities include trail clearing, fire ring maintenance and other conservation/ecology efforts. Groups must describe in detail the outdoor skills they want to learn or practice. Submit activity description along with making the park reservation online or in person to the Community & Personnel Services Department for approval by the Community Services Commission.



All fire permits and appropriate insurance requirements must be met. For questions please contact 626-355-5278.

Join the Sierra Madre Lifesavers/Paramedic Subscription Program

Did you know that a trip to the hospital in an ambulance can cost in excess of \$1000? When you call "911" the City of Sierra Madre Fire Department responds with trained Paramedics and Fire Department personnel within minutes of your call. The County of Los Angeles - Department of Health Services allows our department to charge for these life saving services. These funds help to support training of our personnel; assist in the purchase of necessary equipment, and keep paramedic services ready to respond to emergency calls for service from the citizens of Sierra Madre.

You can reduce the direct costs that may be charged to you by joining the Paramedic Subscription Program. If you call "911" and you are transported by our Paramedics to the hospital, the Sierra Madre Fire Department will bill your insurance company for you for the cost of the transport; however, any fees that are not paid by your insurance, or if you are uninsured the Sierra Madre Fire Department will bill you for the unpaid balance. When you become a member of the Sierra Madre Lifesavers - Paramedic Subscription Program, any excess amount charged to you will be waived through this program. SO JOIN TODAY! \$30.00 is all it will cost you for peace of mind in an emergency. Stop by City Hall to sign up for the program, or look for information about the program in future water bills.

Coordinating Council Meetings

The Coordinating Council meets the first Thursday of every month at noon, at the YAC, 611 E. Sierra Madre, Sierra Madre. It is a roundtable style meeting, with one organization highlighted each month with a 15 minute presentation to inform community members of activities, events and fundraisers going on in the community. If you're interested in joining this group, please submit your contact information (include name, address, phone number and email address) by emailing city@cityofsierramadre.com. For more information, please call 626-355-5278.

REGISTRATION POLICY

WALK - IN REGISTRATION LOCATION

Community & Personnel Services Department

611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

8:30am-6:30pm

Monday through Thursday

9:00am-6:00pm

Alternate Fridays

Hart Park House Senior Center

222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

9:00am-2:00pm

Monday through Friday

Service Desk Closed Alternate Fridays

Online Registration Available at <http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration>

General Information

- All activities are filled on a first-come first-served basis.
- All activities are subject to cancellation or change.
- Activities are closed when maximum enrollment is met. Classes will be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met.
- If paying by check or money order, please make payable to "City of Sierra Madre."
- There will be a \$35 service charge for all returned checks.

Policy on Cancellation/Refunds

It is the goal of the Sierra Madre Community and Personnel Services Department ("Department") to provide quality programs and services to the Sierra Madre community. Staffing and program decisions are made based on registrations and anticipated revenues to cover program costs. Cancellations adversely impact the Department's ability to retain qualified staff and offer the high level of services patrons have come to expect. Therefore the Community Services Commission and City Council have set the following policy on cancellations and refunds:

Cancellation By City: Full refunds will be issued for any program or excursion/trip cancelled by the City in the form of a credit to the patron's account with the Department, or a refund by check upon the submission of a written request to the Director of the Department. The written request must be made within 10 days of the date of the cancelled program or event. Credits will remain on the account of the patron for one year after the date issued, and may be used for any program or service offered by the Department.

Cancellation By Patron: Notification of the cancellation must be made at least three (3) days before the commencement of the program. A refund will be issued, less a \$6.00 cancellation fee, in the form of a credit to the patron's account. The credit will remain on the patron's account for one year from the date issued and the credit may be used for any program or service offered by the Department.

There will be no make-ups or refunds for missed classes. The Department will not prorate class registration fees for patrons who register after the first day of class.

Refunds, in the form of credit, will not be issued for any excursion/trip, except for a medical excuse, unless the Department is able to fill the patron's spot from a waiting list.

Medically Excused Absences: A full refund for days missed, less a \$6.00 cancellation fee, will be issued for any program or excursion/trip which a patron cannot attend for medical reasons, provided a doctor's note is provided to the Director of the Department. The refund will be in the form of a credit to the patron's account good for one year from the date of cancellation, or a refund by check upon the submission of a written request to the Director of the Department. The written request must be made within 10 days of the date of the event which the patron could not attend for medical reasons.

Concerns regarding the quality or manner in which a class or program has been conducted should be immediately directed to 626-355-5278.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

***Please note:** If a class is canceled due to inclement weather or instructor/City emergency, the participant's account will be credited the amount of that missed class. The participant will have 1 year to use the credit for another class or recreation activity.

Ballet, Tap & Creative Dance

Miss Claire's Dance Classes will introduce young children to a positive dance and movement class. Her ballet and tap classes improve creative movement skills and provide a basis of coordination. Dancers learn technique for basic tap and ballet while having fun too!

Parent participation is required in the 2 to 3 year old class.

New session: January 11 - February 22
March 28 - May 9

Day: Wednesdays

Time: 12:00 – 12:45 – Level I (2-3 yrs.)
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm – Level II (3-5 yrs.)

Fee: \$89 / 7 weeks

Instructor: Miss Claire

Location: Youth Activity Center (2nd floor)

Gymnastics in Movement

The 3:30 pm class introduces 3 & 4 year old children to the fun activities involved in gymnastics. The use of beams, bars, trampoline and floor activities increase children's strength and confidence. Our 4:15 pm class for 5 & 6 year olds continues to build a child's skills with more challenging and age appropriate tasks while our 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm class is open to older children and more complex skills. **All classes suitable for beginners.**

New sessions : January 12, March 8 (no class on April 5) and May 10

Day: Thursdays

Time: 3:30 - 4:15 pm Beginning (3-4 yrs.)
4:15 - 5:00 pm Beginning (4-6 yrs.)
5:00 - 6:00 pm Adv. & Beg. (6-10 yrs.)

Fees: \$103 / 8 weeks

Instructor: Brian Grenham

Location: Sierra Madre Room

Kidz Love Soccer... "Where the score is always FUN to FUN!"

Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer – (ages 2 – 3.5)

Introduce yourself and your toddler to the "World's Most Popular Game"! As you and your child participate in our fun age appropriate activities, your child will be developing their large motor skills and socialization skills. The fun happens on the field, and in Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer, parents are part of the action, not

watching from the sidelines!

Tot-soccer – (ages 3.5 – 4)

Little tykes will enjoy running and kicking just like the big kids! Encourages large motor skill development through fun soccer games and introduces small children to the group setting. Shin guards are required after the first meeting.

Pre-soccer – (ages 4 – 5)

Teaches the basic techniques of the game and builds self-esteem through participation and fun soccer activities. Children learn to follow instructions in a nurturing, age appropriate environment. Shin guards are required after the first meeting.

Soccer 1 – (ages 5-6)

Players will learn dribbling, passing, receiving, shooting, age-specific defense, etc. Fun skill games are played at every session, and every participant will have a ball at his or her feet. Small-sided soccer matches will be introduced gradually. Shin guards are required after the first meeting.

Soccer Skillz & Scrimmages – (ages 7-10)

Kidz will enjoy advanced skill building: dribbling, passing and shooting in a team play format. Each class will focus on scrimmages that emphasize application of finer technical points. All levels are welcome to come enjoy the world's most popular game! Shin guards are required.

New sessions : February 2 and April 12

Day & Times: Thursdays

Mornings:

9:00 - 9:30 am - Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer
9:45 - 10:15 am - Tot-Soccer
10:15 – 10:50 am - Pre-Soccer

Afternoons:

2:55 - 3:25 pm - Tot-Soccer
3:25 – 4:00 pm - Pre-Soccer
4:00 - 4:45 pm - Soccer 1
4:45 - 5:30 pm - Soccer Skillz & Scrimmages

Fee: \$85 / 7 weeks (includes a youth jersey)

Instructor: Kidz Love Soccer

Location: Sierra Vista Park (eastside grass area)

Creative Arts Groups

Art classes for teens and children. For more information call 626-355-8350 or visit creativeartsgroup.org.



Tennis

The goal: introduce the fundamentals of tennis along with athletic skills. The class will work on the basics of tennis including; hand-eye coordination, footwork, balance, and having fun.



Students will also learn courage and discipline through tennis. *Please note students are required to bring (2) canisters of tennis balls the first day of class.* *All Tennis sessions are 6 weeks.

Sessions Begin: Jan. 4, Feb. 15, March 28 & May 9

Days, Times & Fees:

Wed, 4:15 - 5:00 pm (Pee Wee)	Fee: \$30
Wed, 5:00 - 6:00 pm (Beginning)	Fee: \$39
Wed, 6:00 - 7:30 pm (Intermediate)	Fee: \$51

Sessions Begin: Jan. 12, Feb. 23, April 5, May 17

Thurs, 3:45 - 4:30 pm (Pee Wee)	Fee: \$30
Thurs, 4:30 - 6:00 pm (Advance)	Fee: \$51

Sessions Begin: Jan. 20, March 2, April 13 & May 25

Fri, 4:00 - 6:00 pm (Jr. Workout)	Fee: \$64
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Instructor: Andreas Weyermann

Location: Memorial Park Tennis Court

Hapkido Karate

Hapkido is one of the most practical and effective martial arts systems in the world! Hapkido relies on perfection of technique, rather than speed and brute strength. Practitioners seek to gain advantage through footwork and body positioning to employ leverage, avoiding the use of strength against strength. Participants will learn dynamic kicking and percussive punching techniques. Karate uniforms can be purchased through the instructor.

Sessions Begin: Jan. 9 (no class Jan. 16), Feb. 13 (no class Feb. 20), March 19, April 16, May 14 (no class on May 28)

Day & Time:

Monday (Beginning 9 yrs. & up); 7:00-8:00 pm

Sessions Begin: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, March 31, April 28, & June 2

Day & Times:

Saturday: (5-8 yrs. old); 10:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday: (Adv. 9 yrs. & up); 11:00 am -12 pm

Fee: \$32 / 4 weeks

Instructor: Daniel Leyva

Location: Youth Activity Center

Pasadena YMCA - Child Care

As your child grows and develops, the Y is here! With the many challenges families face daily, the Y's after school programs are a safe, nurturing and supportive environment for your child. We believe that all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. Through a curriculum that is staff and child directed, children deepen their positive values, and increase their commitment to service and motivation to learn.

The Y core curriculum provides: Staff-directed homework time, literacy and educational support, nutrition and physical fitness, arts and enrichment programming, character development and community service learning projects, and support to strengthen families.

Program Hours:

Sierra Madre School Dismissal - 6:00 pm,

Early Release Mondays

Special Programming: Pupil Free Days and camps

Registration:

For fees and registration information please contact PeterMatus@ymcala.org or (626) 355-5261. Materials available on website at www.ymcala.org/pasadena.

Location:

Sierra Madre Community Recreation Center

611 E Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

License 198011540

626-355-5261

Transportation: Transportation is provide by YMCA School Bus from Sierra Madre Elementary school to the Sierra Madre Community Recreation Center.

Spring and Summer Day Camps:

Enrollment begins March 1, 2012)

During the spring break and summer break the Sierra Madre YMCA Child Care Program transforms into a full day program operating from 7:00AM-6:00PM Monday through Friday. Activities vary throughout the day and week based on themes and weekly field trips.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sierra Madre Dolpins Spring Swim Team

Get ready for the summer swim team by starting your training in April. Youth must be between the ages of 5 to 17 years and be able to swim one length of the pool. The spring season will focus on conditioning, stroke refinement and endurance training. Two mock swim meets will be held during the spring season. A minimum of 40 swimmers are needed in order for the program to run. Please be sure to register early as the 2012 Spring Dolphins Swim Team sold out!

Registration can be done online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration or in person at the Community Services Office, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information call 626-355-5278.

Dates: April 9 through June 1, 2012

Day and Times: Monday through Friday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Cost: \$135 per youth



Pasadena YMCA - Teen Leadership Club - Youth Activity Center

The City of Sierra Madre has partnered with the Pasadena YMCA to offer teens 11-17 years old programs at the Youth Activity Center. To support teens in their passage from childhood to adulthood, the YMCA Teen Leadership Club works to meet the goals where teens feel valued and supported, know they have options and prospects for a successful future and gain the competence and confidence to become productive adult citizens.

Our Focus:

- Youth Development: Staff-supported homework time, educational support, arts & enrichment programming
- Healthy Living: Nutrition and physical fitness
- Social Responsibility: Character development and community service learning projects

Program Hours:

Monday 12:30pm - 6pm

Tuesday-Thursday 3pm-6pm

*Fridays @ Kersting Court 3pm-6pm

Registration/Fees: Please contact Jennifer Sullivan at jennifersullivan@ymcala.org or (213) 351-2271.

Location: Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center
611 E Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Spring and Summer Day Camps:

(Enrollment begins March 1, 2012)

During the breaks the YMCA Teen Leadership Club transforms into a half day, day camp operating from 12:00PM-6:00PM Monday through Friday at the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center. Activities vary throughout the day and week based on themes and weekly field trips.

Water Safety Instructor Training

Interested in a summer position teaching swim lessons? Well the first step is becoming an American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructor (WSI). The City of Sierra Madre is offering a WSI training course this spring at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center. This certification is required for all City of Sierra Madre swim instructors. Participants must be at least 16 years of age, have good swim stroke form and be able to tread water for at least one minute. Pre-registration is required for the course and can be done online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration or at the Community Recreation Center.

Dates: May 5, 20, 27 and June 3, 2012

(all dates must be attended)

Times: 9:00am-6:00pm

Location: Community Recreation Center
611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Cost: \$178 per participant

Lifeguard Training Course

Learn the necessary skills to become an American Red Cross certified lifeguard. This training course will provide you with water safety skills, CPR, First Aid and AED training. The City of Sierra Madre requires this certification in order to apply for a summer lifeguard position with the City. Participants must be at least 15 years of age, complete a 300 yard swim, and swim with a 10 pound item for 40 yards. Pre-registration is required for the course and can be done online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration or in person at the Community Recreation Center, located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Dates: TBA (usually in April)

Times: 9:00am-5:00pm

Location: Community Recreation Center
611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Cost: \$178 per participant

SPECIAL EVENTS

HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY AND CAMPOUT

The Huck Finn Fishing Derby and Campout is a great opportunity for outdoor family fun! Every year hundreds of families continue their annual tradition of fishing in Sierra Madre. Families can spend a night under the stars at the campout while enjoying the campfire, and then wake up early the next morning to catch a rainbow trout during the fishing derby. Trophies are awarded to the top three fisherkids in each age category; 3-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years and 13-15 years. This wonderful event is brought to you with the community support of the Sierra Madre Civic Club, Sierra Madre Rotary and Interact Club, and the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club. Registration begins February 27, 2012 and runs through March 26, 2012, for more information please contact the Community and Personnel Services Department at 626-355-5278.

Friday, March 30, 2012 – Campout (starts at 5:00pm)

- Costs \$45 per site for a family of up to six
- Includes fishing derby in campout fees
- Campsites are filled on a first come, first served basis

Saturday, March 31, 2012 – Fishing Derby (7:00am through 11:30am)

- \$7 per youth, for ages 3-15 years only
- No fishing license fees are required
- Trophy prizes awarded in each age category

Saturday, March 31, 2012 – Family Fishing (begins at 12:00pm-4:00pm)

- Cost is \$10 for a family of four (good only for one day)
- No catch limit

Sunday, April 1, 2012 – Family Fishing (begins 7:00am-4:00pm)

- Cost is \$10 for a family of four (good only for one day)
- No catch limit



MOUNT WILSON TRAIL RACE - Saturday, May 26, 2012

Saturday, May 26, 2012 celebrates the 104th anniversary and 46th running of the Mount Wilson Trail Race (MWTR). The 8.6 mile running race is a unique, historic event, revered by the Sierra Madre community and by the 300-plus competitors who return each year to measure themselves against the mountain. As the second longest run trail race in California, the Mount Wilson Trail Race is rich in history and has over the years developed strong ties to community members and organizations alike, making this event one looked forward to year after year.

Start Time: 7:30am

Location: Kersting Court, Sierra Madre (corner of Baldwin Ave. & Sierra Madre Blvd.)

Registration: Begins the first week of February 2012. Please be sure to register early, the race is expected to sell-out within a week. Registration is available online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration.

Fees: Adult w/Shirt \$47, Adult no shirt \$41, Youth \$26 (11-17 years), Tech Shirt Price: TBA

Pre-Registration and Pasta Dinner: Friday, May 25, 2012 from 5:30-7:00pm

This event gives racers the opportunity to pick up their race number and T-shirt. Additionally, runners and non-runners alike can enjoy a fantastic pasta dinner from Cafe 322 of Sierra Madre! Two kinds of pasta will be served with salad and bread. A portion from each dinner served will be donated by Cafe 322 to Sierra Madre Search & Rescue.

7th Annual Kids' Fun Run - Youth ages 3 and up can participate in this free event, at 7:45am, is held during the Mount Wilson Trail Race. Youth finish under the same banner as Mount Wilson Trail Race runners after running one mile up Baldwin Avenue and back. The first 200 participants receive a free t-shirt and ribbon. All participants must register for the race the morning of May 26, 2012.

7th Annual Kids' Art Show - This is a unique opportunity for local youth to display their creative side. Any youth can participate in the Kids' Art Show and it is absolutely free. More information on the next art show will be available in early 2012.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Whale Watching Excursion

Join the Community and Personnel Services Department for its annual Whale Watching excursion on Saturday, March 3, 2012. Enjoy a two and a half hour narrated tour by Aquarium of the Pacific staff, charter boat with a two level viewing deck, and transportation to and from Long Beach. Snacks are available for purchase on the boat, or lunches can be brought aboard. For more information call 626-355-5278.

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2012

Time: 10:00am - 3:30pm

Cost: \$28.00 per person

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 27, 2012

Transportation leaves from the Community Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre



Family Movie Friday Series



The Spring Movie Series is made possible through community and local business sponsorships. The Community and Personnel is looking for sponsors for the upcoming spring 2012 season. Each sponsorship covers the cost of movie licensing and enables the public to enjoy this wonderful program at no fee. The Spring Movie Series typically starts in May, and occurs on Friday evenings in Kersting Court.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of a movie night, please contact Recreation Supervisor Adam Matsumoto at 626-355-5278.

Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce

20 W. Montecito Ave., Ste. C, Sierra Madre, 626-355-5111

Citizen of the Year Dinner, Friday, January 27, 2012

For more information: www.SMCitizenoftheYear.info. Honoree and location TBA.

Wistaria Festival, Sunday, March 25, 2011

Features: Art and Garden Faire with over 150 juried artisans, shops and restaurants, student art sale at the Creative Arts group, live music at multiple locations, special Wistaria Festival postal cancellation, Memorial Park Fun and Food, and free Gateway Coach Service from the Gold Line (Sierra Madre Villa Station). Vine visitation is free.

Cost of the shuttle to the vine: \$10 General admission, \$7 Seniors 62 and up, \$7 Kids ages 5 to 16, \$30 Family 4-pack (2 adults, 2 kids) and \$50 Festival 6-pack (6 adults).

Festival information: www.WistariaFestival.com

Online Ticket Sales: www.WistariaTickets.com

Woman's Club Meet the Candidate Mixer, Thursday, March 8, 2012

5pm to 7pm, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Great food and **FREE** admission.

For additional mixers and workshops to be announced please check our website and click on Calendar
www.SierraMadreChamber.com



ADULT PROGRAMS

*Please purchase punch pass cards at the Community Recreation Services Office or the Hart Park House Senior Center. Passes are not sold at the class. * All classes must have a minimum enrollment of 6 unless otherwise stated.*

****Please Note:** *If a class is canceled due to inclement weather or instructor/City emergency, the participant's account will be credited the amount of that missed class. The participant will have 1 year to use the credit for another class or recreation activity.*

Gentle Yoga

Give yourself a well-deserved break from daily duties and responsibilities, whether you are a parent of a young child, a grandparent or a person who just needs to find peace in your life. Yoga is for everyone. Join us for gentle asanas (postures) and meditation. This powerful combination will increase your energy and flexibility. It will leave you with a sense of well-being and peace, enhancing every aspect of your life. Bring a yoga mat and pillow for meditation if you wish.

Days & Time: Wednesdays 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Fees: \$24/4 class punch pass for 50 & over
\$32/4 class punch pass for 49 & under

Instructor: Andrea Walsh

Location: Hart Park House Senior Center

Yoga for All Ages

Yoga, the union of body, mind, spirit and breathe. This combination is very health-giving, aiding the immune system, increasing lung capacity and flexibility. This class will consist of traditional asanas with a focus on meditation at the end of our session. Bring a towel or mat and wear loose fitting clothing. Classes are on-going.



Thursday night classes have returned!!

Days & Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:15 – 6:45 pm

Fees: \$24/4 class punch pass for 50 & over
\$32/4 class punch pass for 49 & under

Instructor: Andrea Walsh

Location: Hart Park House Senior Center

T'ai Chi Ch'uan

Learn the Yang Long Form of t'ai chi. This gentle form of exercise and meditation is suitable for adults of all ages. Practicing t'ai chi improves balance and breathing,

while promoting body awareness, relaxation and stress reduction. Upon learning this Classical Form, your practice continues by participating in the advanced class, which refines your movements through more instruction and group practice. Thereafter, special forms are offered to the advanced student who chooses to further study t'ai chi ch'uan. A new beginner's class (part 1&2) starts January 31, 2012.

Day: Tuesday

Times: 7:00 – 8:00 pm (Beginners Part 1&2)

8:00 - 9:00 pm (Beginners Part 3&4)

7:00 - 8:15 pm (Advanced)

8:15 - 9:00 pm (Special Forms)

Fee: \$32/4 class punch pass (advanced, special forms, or beginner students)

Instructors: Sam and Cynthia Sirlin

Location: Sierra Madre Room

AARP Driving Class

The 55 Alive/Mature Driving Class is designed to help senior drivers recognize their physical limitations and learn how to best compensate for them. Most insurance companies honor the class certificate by discounting insurance rates. Must pre-register. (Requirement of 10 students; drivers over 70 must take DMV written test). *Checks are made payable to AARP and brought to the first day of class, Feb. 28th.

Day & Time: Feb. 28 & 29, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fees: \$12 AARP Member, \$14 Non Member

Instructor: Certified AARP Instructor

Location: Community Recreation Center

Creative Arts Group

Classes offered year round: Winter session begins the week of January 23, 2012. A nonprofit art center offering classes, gallery, special shows, tours and events. Art classes for adults, teens and children.

For more information call 626-355-8350, stop by 108 N. Baldwin Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, or visit our website at creativeartsgroup.org.

Events at Creative Arts Group

Fabulous Fabrications - A Jewelry Show – February 3 & 4
Student Art Show – March 25

Art of the Garden – Annual Garden Tour – April 22

Hapkido Karate

Hapkido is one of the most practical and effective martial arts systems in the world! Hapkido relies on perfection of technique, rather than speed and brute strength. Practitioners seek to gain advantage through footwork and body positioning to employ leverage, avoiding the use of strength against strength. Participants will learn dynamic kicking and percussive punching techniques. Karate uniforms can be purchased through the instructor.

Sessions Begin: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, March 31, April 28 & June 2

Day & Time: Saturdays, 9 – 10 am

Fee: \$34 / 4 weeks

Instructor: Daniel Leyva

Location: Youth Activity Center

Tennis

The goal of the program is to improve your competitiveness, focus and learn tennis strategies. The fundamentals for all strokes will be learned. *Participants are required to bring two canisters of tennis balls to the first day of class.* *All Tennis sessions are 6 weeks long. Days, times and fees are listed below.

Morning Classes (Adults)

Monday (Advanced) 8 - 10 am **Fee:** \$64

Sessions Begin: Jan. 23, March 5, April 16 and June 4

Thursday (Intermediate) 8 - 10 am **Fee:** \$64

Sessions Begin: Jan. 12, Feb. 23, April 5, May 17

Friday: Fit to Hit - (Moderate) 8-9 am **Fee:** \$60

Sessions Begin: Jan. 20, March 2, April 13 and May 25

Evening Classes (Adults)

Wednesday(Intermediate) 7:30-9pm **Fee:** \$51

Sessions Begin: Jan. 4, Feb. 15, March 28, May 9

Thursday (Beginner) 6 – 7:30 pm **Fee:** \$51

Thursday (Intermediate)7:30 – 9pm **Fee:** \$51

Sessions Begin: Jan. 12, Feb. 23, April 5, and May 17

Instructor: Andreas Weyermann

Location: Memorial Park Tennis Courts



Water Aerobics

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center is offering water aerobics classes for the spring season. The benefits of water aerobics includes low impact, resistance and cardiovascular training in a fun, group environment. Water aerobics can be taken by people of all ages, and is especially beneficial for those seeking a low to no impact workout. Participants of all swimming abilities welcome!

Dates: April 16 through May 31, 2012

Days: Tuesday & Thursday

Time: 10:00 am - 11am

Fee: \$20 / 4 class punch pass



Spring Lap Swim Program

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center opens for Spring Lap Swim on Monday, March 26, 2012 and runs through Sunday, June 10, 2012. This is a wonderful opportunity for low impact exercise in a heated, outdoor pool. **A minimum of 50 season passes must be sold in order for the program to run as scheduled.** Registration may be done online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration or in person at the Community Services Office located at 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Dates: March 26 through June 10, 2012

Hours & Days: 12:00 - 2:00 pm (Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat) and 7:30 - 8:30 pm (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs)

Cost: \$101 per participant pass (no daily admission & **price includes entry to water aerobics**). For more information call 626-355-5278



SENIOR SERVICES

The newly renovated Hart Park House is now open.

Hart Park House Senior Center

Located in Memorial Park at:
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm
Service Desk Closed Alternate Fridays

Phone: 626-355-7394



The City of Sierra Madre and the Senior Community Commission recognizes the need to assist in providing services and amenities to enrich the quality of life, provide information and education, and to support the emotional and physical needs of mature adults. It is our hope that through the programs offered at the Hart Park House Senior Center and the support of our volunteers that this goal is met. Come visit us for lunch, use the computer, play Bingo or just to visit with others!

Seniors Living Alone

The City of Sierra Madre offers two programs to assist seniors living alone: the Carrier Alert and Ear-to-Ear programs. The Carrier Alert program is in conjunction with the US Postal Service and the Sierra Madre Police Department to provide routine welfare checks for older or special needs residents. The Ear-to-Ear program offers weekly calls to home bound seniors. For an application for either program please contact Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator, at the Hart Park House at 626-355-7394.

Meals-on-Wheels

The Meals-on-Wheels program offers hot meals to home-bound seniors in our community. Meals are delivered to your door Monday through Friday with some frozen meals for the weekends. To receive home delivered meals in Sierra Madre please contact YWCA Intervale Senior Services Program, 626-214-9460.

Senior Moments Newsletter

This publication contains senior information, schedule of activities, current events, and more! The Senior Moments Newsletter is your best resource for all senior related activities and programs! Call the Susan Clifton, Recreation Coordinator, 626-355-7394 for more information.

Community Yard Sale

The City of Sierra Madre Senior Community Commission will host the 2nd Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 8am to noon located in the Sierra Vista Park Parking Lot (611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.). Residents of Sierra Madre and surrounding areas will have their personal items on display for purchase. There will be multiple booths making this event bigger than a family yard sale. It is an opportunity to buy furniture, collectibles, toys, books, clothing, jewelry and more.

Booth spaces are available for the cost of \$25.00; proceeds will benefit senior programs and activities. If you would like to participate in the Community Yard Sale, please register online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration. For more information please call 626-355-5278.



Wistaria Vine

MONDAYS

YWCA Intervale Program Daily Lunches

All seniors and friends are invited. Meals are served Monday through Friday at 12:00 pm. Meals cost \$2.00 for seniors 60+ and \$3.75 for guests. Daily reservations are necessary so please call 626-355-0256.

Strength Training

Join Lisa Brandley at the Hart Park House every Monday, 1:00 – 1:45 pm for this free energizing class. Great for stretching with light hand weights while you sit and exercise with your friends. This is a great source for a low impact workout. All hand weights are provided for participants.

TUESDAYS

YWCA Intervale Lunch Cafe – 12:00 pm

FREE Blood Pressure Testing

2nd Tuesday of the month, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Hart Park House. A nurse from Methodist Hospital will be available to answer all your questions. No appointment needed.

Bingo

Come play with us every Tuesday afternoon at the Hart Park House. Bingo starts promptly at 1:30 pm and concludes at 3:30 pm. Cards are only 25 cents each. Special prizes are available on the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

WEDNESDAYS

YWCA Intervale Lunch Cafe – 12:00 pm

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays from 11:00-11:45 am there is a free Chair Yoga Class conducted by Teryl Willis. Join in some simple and gentle movements, deepen your breathing, refresh your joints and finish with balance improvement exercises. The class does not require extensive physical exertion. No reservations necessary.

FREE Income Tax Assistance Program

Wednesdays from February 8 through April 11 at 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Don Brunner will assist seniors (62 or older) with their 2011 income tax return at the Hart Park House Classroom. Please call 626-355-7394 to make an appointment.

FREE Legal Consultation

Attorney Geoffrey D. Chen will volunteer his time on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Hart Park

House. 10:00 – 11:30 am – Appointments necessary.

THURSDAYS

YWCA Intervale Lunch Cafe – 12:00 pm

Day Adventures

Join us each month for different out-of-town adventures. Trips depart from and return to the Hart Park House/Senior Center unless otherwise noted in the newsletter. Reservations must be made in advance either in person or online at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistrion. More information is published monthly in both the Senior Moments newsletter and the local paper. Feel free to contact the Senior Services Desk at 626-355-7394.

January 26 - Bower's Museum

February 17 - San Antonia Winery

March 3 - Community Whale Watching (see page 12)

April TBA - Palm Springs Follies

Game Day

Nintendo Wii and Wii Fit - This virtual reality game is now available Monday through Friday by contacting the Recreation Coordinator at 626-355-7394 to arrange for a time to come and play.

FRIDAYS

YWCA Intervale Lunch Cafe – 12:00 pm

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

Senior Club

Every Saturday at 11:30 am. Dues are only \$5 per year for ages 55+. Bingo played beginning at 12:30 pm. Be sure to bring your own lunch.

VFW

Join the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the second Sunday of each month, 3:00 - 5:00 pm.



TRANSPORTATION

Gateway Coach

Transportation Runs Monday - Friday

Commuter Loop

7:00 - 8:34 am; 5:00 - 6:34 pm

Round-A-Bout

11:00 am - 3:45 pm



The fare is \$1.00 - However, some riders qualify for free services including seniors (65 or older), those who are disabled and youths who are 16 and younger. To qualify, riders will need to show a California I.D. to verify age.

Schedules and stops have changed to improve transportation services! For a detailed schedule please visit the Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Library, Senior Center, or log-on to www.cityofsierramadre.com.

Dial-A-Ride

Reservations – please call 626-355-3873

Sierra Madre Dial-A-Ride program is a curb-to-curb transportation service for elderly and disabled residents of Sierra Madre. Out-of-town trips can go no more than two miles beyond the City, but may travel to a variety of the medical facilities in Pasadena, Arcadia, or Duarte.

Riders must be residents of Sierra Madre and must be 62 years of age or older, or must have a form, signed by a physician, attesting to a disability which hinders mobility and the use of MTA buses. All patrons of the service must first register with the City's Community and Personnel Services Department, and present proof of residency and age or disability. Rides are paid for by the use of vouchers, which are \$1 for in-town trips / \$2 for out-of-town.

On Tuesdays, Dial-a-Ride will travel East as far as Duarte's City of Hope, but not in the Westerly direction. On Thursdays, Dial-a-Ride will travel West as far as Pasadena's Huntington Hospital, but not in the Easterly direction. On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays Dial-A-Ride will travel in both directions for scheduled appointments.

Monday-Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

No service Sundays and Holidays

In-town trips \$1.00 each way

Out-of-town trips \$2.00 each way

Medical trips will continue to receive priority only if they are reserved a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the date of service. Existing non-medical trips reserved within 48 hours of the requested time will not be bumped by last-minute medical trip requests. Last-minute medical trips will be accommodated as much as availability allows.

Upon making a reservation please provide the address of the destination, number of persons traveling, whether a wheelchair-accessible vehicle is needed and your telephone number. The dispatcher will advise travelers of the approximate pick-up time. Please allow for a 20 minute window. At pick-up drivers are not required to wait more than 10 minutes. Passengers requesting a wheelchair accessible vehicle must make their request at least one hour in advance.

Drivers may assist upon request in loading and unloading of senior citizens and disabled riders' packages not exceeding twenty-five (25) pounds.

Dial-A-Ride vouchers can be purchased at City Hall, Community Recreation Center, Hart Park House Senior Center or the Library.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY

440 West Sierra Madre Blvd.

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

626-355-7186

www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday, Noon – 9:00 pm

Thursday & Friday, Noon – 6:00 pm

Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm

Closed Sundays and major holidays



ONE BOOK ONE CITY 2012: THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, has been selected as Sierra Madre's 2012 One Book One City book. Events are being planned during February 2012 to feature the Scottish author and his famous detective, one of the best-known and most popular characters in English literature.



For those eager to start reading, all of the original fifty-six short mystery stories and four novellas are available for check out at the Sierra Madre Public Library, in print and in audiobook. One Book One City annually engages the community in reading the same notable book at the same time and encourages everyone to come together to explore the literature and its cultural perspective. Doyle's tales—along with the stage, screen, radio, and television adaptations that we will explore—have made Sherlock Holmes a permanent part of our culture, appealing to readers and audiences of all ages.

The Library's **READ™** poster for February will feature none other than "Sherlock Holmes" promoting his favorite book (actor courtesy of the Sierra Madre Playhouse). Souvenir bookmarks of the poster will be available for takeaway at the Library Service Desk.

THIS SPRING: LIBRARY'S PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS TO FEATURE LOCAL EXPERTS

Families with children ages three and younger are invited to a five-week Parent/Child Workshop featuring noted resource professionals from the community, and sponsored by the Sierra Madre Public Library. Each workshop session will feature a different aspect of parenting, including literacy, speech, hearing and language development, child development, nutrition, music, play, and health. The interactive workshops, which will take place at the Library and will include toys, crafts, books and play in addition to discussions of parenting issues and concerns.

Enrollment is free, but in-person pre-registration at the Library is required to ensure a spot in the program. Specific dates for the spring workshop series have yet to be set pending completion of the Children's Room remodel. For more information, please call Meegan Tosh, Youth Services Librarian at (626) 355-7186. *The Sierra Madre Public Library is a national Family Place Library. This project is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.*

"THIRD THURSDAY" BOOK CLUB

Lively roundtable discussions of new and noteworthy books, moderated by Catriona Shafer and Sophia Duran. Meets at the Library on the third Thursday of the month, 11:00 a.m. – Noon. Discussion dates and selections:

January 20: *This Sweet Sickness*, by Patirck Highsmith

February 16: Sierra Madre's 2012 One Book One City selection: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

March 15: *We Had It So Good*, by Linda Grant

April 19: *The Order of Things*, by J. Lynne Hinton

A flier listing these selections is available for takeaway at the Library Service Desk or found on the website. *Funded by The Friends of the Library.*

LIBRARY SERVICES

Download Favorite Titles with OverDrive:

The Library has partnered with the Southern California Digital Library to provide thousands of popular audiobooks and eBooks for loan as downloads to your computer, iPod, Kindle or other e-reader. All you need is an active Library card to enjoy 24/7 access to this wonderful new fiction and nonfiction digital collection. Please note that these titles will not be accessible using the Library's computers; users must provide their own downloadable device. To access the collection, go the Library's homepage and follow the easy instructions.

"Titles to Go" Homebound Service:

If you are a resident of Sierra Madre and cannot come to the Library, the Library can come to you! You need not be permanently homebound to qualify—if you are temporarily indisposed due to a broken limb, or are recovering from surgery, for example, you are also welcome to take advantage of this service. Volunteers are available to take care of all your Library needs—selecting and delivering fiction and non-fiction books to your home, and returning the items when you have finished them. With your active Library card, a full range of material will be available to you—large and regular print books, audio books, Playaways, and music CDs. Call Ana Valencia, Program Coordinator, at 626-355-7186, to get started on this free program today!



Learn a Language with "Mango":

An active Library card and password gives you **free** access to dozens of language modules with **Mango**—our user-friendly language-learning online database. Mango uses real-life situations and native speakers to help you learn a language's essential vocabulary and phrases, and develop practical conversational skills. You can track your progress as you learn how to communicate effectively in another tongue. Mango also offers ESL programs for a variety of non-English speakers. Try it today!

Speed Read Books:

For those who like to read 'em first and read 'em fast, the Library offers a "Speed Read" shelf of the most

popular Best Sellers. Speed Read copies are available for seven-day checkout only, with no renewals or holds allowed. Overdue fines are \$1.00 per day per book. These books are second copies of titles that can also be found on our New Book shelves for the standard three-week checkout.

Free WiFi at the Library:

You can connect to the Internet on your laptop and work for free, without interruption whether inside the Library or in the patio garden. Drop by the Library Service desk and find out how!

Library Volunteer Program:

Be part of our own Library's mission to provide our patrons with a welcoming environment, quality materials, and technology, while working alongside a professional, dedicated staff. We need your help with short-term projects as well as ongoing tasks in the following areas: technology, scrapbooking, archives, photography, grounds keeping/ gardening, and behind-the-scenes general Library work. Volunteer applications are available at the Library Service Desk. For more information visit our site at www.volunteermatch.org, or call Ana Valencia, Library Volunteer Coordinator, at 626-355-7186.

Adult Computer Classes:

Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Offered year-round. Classes include Basic Computer I & II, Basic Internet I & II, Email Basics, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Desktop Publishing. Schedules and registration forms are available at the Library's Circulation Desk. A \$20.00 deposit per class is required at the time of registration, which is refunded upon attendance.

Sierra Madre Historical Archives:

Explore local history at the Sierra Madre Historical Archives, jointly owned and maintained by the Sierra Madre Historical Preservation Society and the Sierra Madre Public Library. For assistance with research, please call our Archivist, Debbie Henderson, at 355-7186 x 118 for an appointment.



YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

A FAMILY PLACE

Sierra Madre Public Library is a Family Place library, a statewide initiative to promote the literacy, early childhood development, parent education and family support of young children. A Family Place Library is a center for early childhood information, parent education, emergent literacy, socialization and family support. A Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development.

The core components of a Family Place library include books, toys, music and multimedia materials for babies, toddlers and parents; a specially-designed, welcoming space for families with young children; Parent/Child Workshops; connecting parents to community resources and developing programs and services tailored to meet local needs; and developmentally appropriate programming for very young children and their parents. For more information on Family Place programs and services, please call Meegan Tosh at 355-4672.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR

Mondays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Lively stories, songs, and crafts for young children.

BARKS AND BOOKS

On the second Thursday of each month, 3:30-4:30 p.m., September - July. Children visit with and read to specially trained dogs, assisted by Pasadena Humane Society volunteer Dorothy Raymond.

TEEN BOOK CLUB AND ADVISORY BOARD:

Youth in Grades 7 - 12 meet every Thursday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., October through June, at the Youth Activity Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Join us for fun books, games, crafts, and yummy snacks, to brainstorm ideas for teen programs, outreach, and book club selections, and to discuss current cultural and literary trends. Sign up on line or at the Library.



For more information on the youth programs, call Meegan Tosh at 355-4672, or go to the Library's homepage, www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us. Programs funded by The Friends of the Library.

SIERRA MADRE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library is an organization of over 300 members whose bylaws state that "The purpose of the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library is to promote awareness of, support for, and utilization of the high quality programs, services, and facilities of the Sierra Madre Library as a lifelong center of learning." To that end volunteers provide countless hours working both inside the library and on the grounds of the library supporting the library staff and landscaping the Friends Garden. We organize the Best Used Book Sales, the annual Wine Tasting, and the spring Art Fair to raise money to augment that which the city is able to provide to the library.

Late winter and spring are busy times for the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library as we host community-wide fundraising events. To be part of organizing and working at any of these events, simply give a call to the event chairperson. If you would like to become a member of the Friends, applications for membership can be found on the Friends' website (<http://www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org>) or you can contact membership chair Dave Hart at (626) 446-8209.

BEST USED BOOK SALES

The next two Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Best Used Book Sales are the first Friday and Saturday in February, February 3rd and 4th, and Friday and Saturday in April, April 6th and 7th. Friday hours are from 3:00-7:00PM and Saturday hours are from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Held at the library, these sales offer high quality, slightly used books that are culled from our library shelves or donated. There are a wide variety of books for hobbyists, beautiful coffee table books, current novels as well as some of the classics, and a wide range of non-fiction volumes. DVDs and children's books are also available. As usual, there will be bargain tables where you can pick up paperbacks and children's books for twenty-five cents each or five for a dollar. Co-chairs Martha Troedson 626-355-0650 & Alan Leahy 626-355-9783 welcome your help in preparing for the sales and volunteering the days of the sales. Proceeds from all sales benefit the Sierra Madre Library.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The 42nd Annual Wine Tasting Event

This year's annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Wine Tasting will be held on Sunday, February 12, from 2:00-5:00PM at Alverno Villa. More than two dozen vintners will be bringing their best wines for us to sample and Sierra Madre restaurants will be providing hors d'oeuvres that can be paired with the wines. Enjoy music and magicians as you stroll about the lovely grounds of Alverno sampling the superb wines and appetizers. A silent auction will again be offering lovely artwork, services, tickets to special events, restaurant vouchers, and many other tempting items. In addition to the auction, there will be a raffle for a weekend wine tasting in Paso Robles, a prize valued at more than \$1,000 (raffle ticket holders need not be present to win). Chair Sue Levoe (355-3236) expects this to be a lovely afternoon event. Tickets to the Wine Tasting are \$60 and raffle tickets are \$5 each. Both can be purchased at the Sierra Madre Library, the Bottle Shop, Arnold's Frontier Hardware, and Savor the Flavor. Proceeds from the Wine Tasting benefit the Sierra Madre Library.

50th Annual Sierra Madre Art Fair

Held in Memorial Park on Saturday, May 5, from 9:30AM to 6:00PM and Sunday, May 6, from 9:30AM to 5:00PM, this year's Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Art Fair is our fiftieth annual art fair. Chair Alison Snow (355-1544) says it will be an extra special anniversary event. Featuring works by artists and craftsmen in a wide variety of media, the fair presents an opportunity to purchase unique, high-quality items that can be worn or displayed in your home or can be given as special anniversary, birthday, wedding, or graduation gifts. Live music will be playing throughout the weekend at the band shell and southeast section of the park and a wide selection of food vendors will be available making this year's Art Fair THE place to be for two wonderful days of strolling among the booths viewing and buying those special must-have pieces of art, listening to relaxing music, and dining on an eclectic variety of foods. Creative Arts Group will have an imaginative activity for children.



Ms. Snow is excited to announce that our featured artist is Carolyn Grantham Gravatte, a long-time resident and painter of Sierra Madre. Carolyn studied at Otis Art Institute and received early training with master Fine Art painter Theo Heep of Germany and Sculpture Instructor Elizabeth Johnson of Monrovia. An accredited teacher of Sculpture, Drawing and Painting, Gravatte taught Portrait and Figure Sculpture and Oil Painting for many years, establishing the Monrovia Sculpture Workshop. She has been an artist for over fifty years. Gravatte has been painting a series of canvases featuring 'site specific' scenes around and about Sierra Madre. The first in the Sierra Madre series was "The Old North Church" painted in 2004. Using oils she paints in a Contemporary Traditional style with a touch of Impressionism - making pencil sketches, studies and painting on site - with the exception of huge canvases which are painted in the studio. She is currently painting a canvas for us for our Art Fair. The site was chosen, with much thought, by the Art Committee as a treasured view of our town and our mountain "Jones Peak". While Ms. Gravatte has been working on location, the painting has been enthusiastically embraced by folks strolling by and the Friends are proud to be able to exhibit the piece at our fiftieth annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Art Fair. (Attached photo is courtesy of Lina Parlotta).

Proceeds from the Art Fair benefit the Sierra Madre Library.

For more information please visit our website sierramadrelibraryfriends.org or call Alison Snow at 626-355-1544

Rotary Club of Sierra Madre

Rotary of Sierra Madre is Service above Self; The Premier Service Club in the Community; Known for camaraderie (ComRotary). If you have been thinking about making a difference in your community, come to breakfast served by Chef Mario at Memorial Park Hart House, 222 W. Sierra Madre Bl, Sierra Madre, CA 91024, on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 a.m. We have dynamic speakers each week. For more info go to Facebook (Rotary of Sierra Madre), call Tom Brady at 626-355-3471 or visit <http://www.sierramadrerotary.com/>.

Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy

The Sierra Madre Mountain Conservancy is a local, non-profit, public benefit corporation dedicated to the protection and preservation of the natural beauty and integrity of the foothills along Sierra Madre's northern boundary. The SMMC participates with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Rim of the Valley Corridor program to preserve public lands to protect trailhead access for hikers on the Mt. Wilson Trail leading into the Sierra Madre Historical Wilderness and the Bailey Canyon Trail leading into the Bailey Canyon Wilderness. For information contact: Caroline Brown, President, 626-355-9350 or Marcia Bent, Secretary, 626-355-5372.

Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council

The Sierra Madre Environmental Action Council (SMEAC) was formed in 1971 and is dedicated to promoting environmental quality in the community through continuing educations, programs, and projects. Regular meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We invite you to join us in our efforts and to share our environmental concerns. For information contact Alison Snow at 626-355-1544.

Sierra Madre Civic Club

Founded in 1944, the purpose of Civic Club is to promote unity and good fellowship, and to strive toward civic, philanthropic, and youth welfare advancement. To that end members volunteer countless hours in community events such as the Fourth of July activities, Concerts in the Park, Halloween Window Painting, the Wistaria Festival, Huck Finn Day, community blood drives, and the Mt. Wilson Trail race as well as raise money that is donated back to the community through educational scholarships and philanthropic grants. Women are invited to join the group for a special club experience. For more information call our membership co-chair at 626-355-7385.

On March 17, 2012 Civic Club will be holding a Casino Night from 7-11PM at the recreation center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. Tickets are \$25 each. For information call 355-2166. Members have published a cookbook "Recipes

We Proudly Share" which can be purchased at Savor the Flavor and Arnold's Frontier Hardware or by calling 626-792-0852.

Apply for the Civic Club scholarship awards! Any graduating senior who lives in Sierra Madre or is related to a Civic Club member or who works in Sierra Madre is eligible. Applications will be available the second week in December from their high school college counselor, at the Sierra Madre Library and at the Community Recreation Center. Applications MUST be postmarked by March 10, 2012 in order to be considered. Questions? call 626-355-5108, Judie Cimino & Dorothy Jerneycic.

Sierra Madre Garden Club

Whether you dig or claim to be a green thumber, Sierra Madre Garden Club invites you to attend their monthly dinner meeting on the 2nd Monday night of the month, 6:30 pm at the Hart Park House in Memorial Park, 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. An evening of good food, warm friendship and an interesting program is promised. A delicious catered dinner is served at 6:30pm, cost of \$9. Reservations are needed by calling 626-355-0606. You are also welcome to attend just the program, no charge, no reservation needed. Arrive by 7:15 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts (SMFOTA)

The Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts will provide Sierra Madre with engaging arts events and activities for its artists and community that will encourage creative learning, promote cultural and multicultural experiences, and enrich the appreciation of the arts. General Meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of January, April, July, October 2012. For more information please contact Visit us on Facebook; Sierra Madre Friends of the Arts. For more information please contact Patricia Ancona at pancona@lacma.org or PO BOX 192 Sierra Madre, CA 91025.

Sierra Madre Rose Float Association

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association (SMRFA) is an all volunteer association, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit association that annually designs, creates, builds and decorates a float representing the City of Sierra Madre in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. Our 2012 entry in the Rose Parade, Colorful Imagination was our 80th entry. This all volunteer association works year round activity commencing a few weeks following the recent parade with destruction of the parade entry. We immediately commence selection of our design and commence with the creation process. We have meetings monthly and work on developing our new float. For opportunities to assist call 626-355-7005 or visit our website at visit <http://www.smrosefloat.org>.

SIERRA MADRE PARKS

All Sierra Madre parks are open to the public from 6:00am-10:00pm except Bailey Canyon, which is open from dawn to sunset. Select recreation facilities may be reserved by private organizations or community groups. Any group interested in reserving a park or facility can visit the City of Sierra Madre's online registration website at www.cityofsierramadre.com/onlineregistration. For additional information please call the Community and Personnel Services office at 626-355-5278.

BAILEY CANYON



451 W. Carter Ave.

Park amenities include: picnic areas, hiking trails, botanical area, handicap accessibility and parking, fire ring, interpretive display, restrooms and marker signage.

MT. WILSON TRAIL PARK



89 E. Mira Monte Ave.

Mount Wilson Trail Park amenities include: playground equipment, multiple picnic table areas, benches, open grass area, restroom, wishing well and the City's beloved turtle.

GOLDBERG PARK



171 S. Sunnyside Ave.

Milton and Harriet Goldberg Park passive recreation area includes: stone benches, sand play area, dry stream bed, desert willow hut structure and California native plants.

SIERRA VISTA PARK



611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Park amenities include: Community Services Office, YAC, Aquatic Center, pavilion, playground, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, Heasley and Dapper fields, Rose Float Barn, restrooms and dog park.

MEMORIAL PARK



222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Park amenities include: Hart Park House (Senior Center), playground, weeping wall, restrooms, picnic areas, bandshell, covered pavilion, tennis courts, community gardens and handicap parking.

MOUNT WILSON TRAIL



189 E. Mira Monte Ave.

A trail leading to Mount Wilson Observatory which was founded in 1904, the trail is the site of the second oldest trail race in California. Intermediate destinations are First Water and Orchard Camp.

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Spring Lap Swim Season • March 26 - June 11



State of the City Address • February 27



Spring Swim Team • April 9 - June 1



Whale Watching Excursion • March 3



Spring Water Aerobics • April and May



Older American Reception • May 11



Mount Wilson Trail Race • May 26

For more information please visit www.cityofsierramadre.com or contact the Community and Personnel Services Office at 626-355-5278