Soon, you may start seeing changes in the Mission District. To help draw more activity to San Gabriel’s historic core, the City is moving forward with an economic analysis and feasibility study to help reevaluate the Mission District. Long-time residents know that the City has attempted to stimulate the Mission District by adopting the Mission District Specific Plan in 2004. A revitalization tool, the plan identifies several potential sites for development, sets design standards, consolidates previous planning efforts and encourages the preservation of cultural landmarks and architectural treasures within the Mission District.

“We’re thrilled about the possibility of bringing new life into the City’s historic commercial and cultural center,” said Angelica Frausto-Lupo, the City’s Economic Development Manager. “The study will help prioritize potential development options based on today’s market conditions.”

As part of the study, the City will be evaluating the following sites for potential development:

- The Mission District Park and Ride Lot and the Mission 261 Restaurant site
- The Mission Playhouse parking lot located at 320 South Mission Drive
- The City also owns several properties that could benefit from future development:
  - City Hall at 425 South Mission District
  - Economic Development and Neighborhood Improvement Services offices at 410 McGroarty Street
  - A storage facility at 416 McGroarty Street
  - The space at 630 West Santa Anita and 408 McGroarty Street
  - The restaurant at 343 South Mission Drive
  - The Community Services building, the Adult Recreation Center and the Grapevine Arbor located at 260 and 324 South Mission Drive
  - Mission Playhouse parking lot

“As one of the largest single landowners in the Mission District, the City is positioned to greatly influence the future of the area,” added Frausto-Lupo. “The City could play a major role in transforming the area into a shopping and dining destination.”

While the City already has the Mission District Specific Plan, these sites have not been fully developed despite several aesthetic and infrastructure improvements. With the new study, the City hopes to create a report that studies several development options for the sites listed above.

For more information about this study, please contact Economic Development Manager Angelica Frausto-Lupo at 626.308.2826, extension 222 or via email at afraustolupo@sgch.org.

Come out and Celebrate - “Parks Make Life Better!”

July is “Parks Make Life Better™” month and there is still time to help us celebrate by attending Parks After Dark and San Gabriel Summer Nights. “Parks Make Life Better™” month is a campaign by the California Parks and Recreation Society to raise awareness of the benefits of parks and recreation within communities.

The City of San Gabriel offers free programs at several outdoor venues throughout the summer, including fabulous concerts and movies to the public free of charge. With summer well underway, you still have a few more opportunities to listen to great artists and watch some of your favorite movies.

Don’t forget your lawn chairs and head down to these great free events for some summer fun.

The Summer Nights series runs through August 23:

- **July 26**
  - 6:30 p.m. Jazz Nights: Yuko Mabuchi Trio - Jazz in the Plaza, Mission Playhouse
- **August 2**
  - 6:00 p.m. FairviewCon - San Gabriel Village
- **August 9**
  - 6:30 p.m. Smokin’ Cobras (50s and 60s) - Vincent Lugo Park
- **August 16**
  - 6:30 p.m. Mariachi Espectacular, 8:00 p.m. “Coco” - Vincent Lugo Park
- **August 23**
  - 6:30 p.m. Kiki Ebsen Quartet - Jazz in the Plaza, Mission Playhouse

For more information, call 626.308.2875 or visit SanGabrielCity.com.
**Deconstruction of the Alhambra Wash Bridge is Underway**

One of San Gabriel’s oldest bridges is about to get a complete makeover. The City of San Gabriel, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles, is in the process of completely replacing the Alhambra Wash Bridge. Built 83 years ago, the structure is now classified as structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

**Proposed Senate Bill 1 project list approved**

To comply with Senate Bill 1, the City Council approved the 2018-2019 project list, which includes resurfacing 1.5 miles of pavement. These proposed locations include:

- San Marino Avenue from Longden Avenue to Las Tunas Drive
- Warner Lane from San Marino Avenue to the west terminus
- Oak Lane from San Marino Avenue to the west terminus
- Broadway from Mission Drive to Junipero Serra Drive
- Alhambra Avenue from Broadway to Live Oak Avenue
- Ciesta Avenue from Las Tunas Drive to Hermosa Drive
- Earle Street from Las Tunas Drive to Elm Avenue
- Mission Drive from Las Tunas Drive to Sycamore Drive

The proposed bid opening will begin this month with an estimated completion date of November 2018, depending on the source of funding. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $1.6 million, with SB 1 contributing approximately $681,180 to the overall project.

**Infrastructure Spotlight**

A look at the new pavement near the San Gabriel Boulevard and Broadway intersection.

With funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City has paved portions of Broadway, California Street and Pine Street. The $500,000 project complements street paving already performed on the 2016 CBGC Street Project as well as by the ACE San Gabriel Trench Project.

**Introducing... INSIDE SAN GABRIEL**

In an effort to provide a more in-depth look at San Gabriel, the City has started a new blog located at: InsideSanGabriel.com. The City offers a host of services to its residents, and Inside San Gabriel aims to explain these services and how they impact the community. In addition, the blog will include relevant information that will focus on day-to-day City operations along with current events, photography and video. As a compliment to the City’s existing publications like the Grapevine or CityBeat, Inside San Gabriel will serve as a current events, photography and video source.

The City’s Public Information Officer will serve as the blog’s main editor, however additional City staff will contribute to the blog in their areas of expertise.

“Our goal has been to create a central news source for residents and readers who wish to learn more about the City on a daily basis,” said Jonathan Fu, the City’s Public Information Officer. “Inside San Gabriel will serve as that singular resource so you can learn more about the City and its developments.”

To learn more, visit InsideSanGabriel.com or contact Jonathan Fu at jfu@sgch.org or at 626.308.2800.

**Deconstruction of the Alhambra Wash Bridge is Underway**

A segment of a 83-year old steel girder being hoisted away from the Alhambra Wash.

“This new bridge will provide a beautiful, safe and modern entrance to Valley Boulevard,” said Algis Marciauska, Principal Civil Engineer for the City of San Gabriel. Using concrete components, the new structure will feature architectural treatments that will provide a distinctive entry point into the Golden Mile District. While the project isn’t expected to be completed until 2020, construction crews from Shimmick Construction Company have successfully deconstructed significant portions of the west half of the bridge, including the removal of several integral steel girders. Once the west half is completely deconstructed, LA County Public Works will begin reconstructing a portion of the new replacement bridge.

To help address the flow of water inside the wash, construction crews have constructed a makeshift channel composed of concrete building blocks to allow water to pass through uninterrupted. During construction, traffic control measures will be implemented along Del Mar Avenue to allow one-lane of traffic in each direction, at all times.

Construction on the west half of the Alhambra Wash Bridge is expected to occur through October 2018. Demolition and construction on the east half of the bridge will take place from May to October 2019. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by February of 2020.
Meet Kathleen “Cookie” Cici, 2018’s Outstanding Older American

Congratulations to Kathleen “Cookie” Cici on being selected as San Gabriel’s 2018 Outstanding Older American! Cookie was honored at the 53rd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on May 17 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Music Center in Los Angeles.

Cookie Cici volunteered many hours to the Roosevelt Elementary School library where her children attended. She made hundreds of bookmarks for the Book Fair and dressed up as Clifford the Big Red Dog for an event.

Cookie’s friends describe her as a giving person and always willing to help. If she sees someone in need, Cookie is the first one to ask what they need and how she can help them get it.

Along with being honored as San Gabriel’s Outstanding Older American, Cookie served as Grand Marshal for the 4th of July Parade.

For more information on the Older American recognition and older adult programs, please contact Recreation Supervisor James Lara at 626.308.2875 or jlarat@rccd.org.

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Stay cool and safe in the pool

Summer is here! Review these important pool safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to ensure a happy and safe summer.

- While barriers are not childproof, they can provide a layer of protection for a child who may wander away.
- Installing a fence or barrier around the pool that is at least four feet high may help prevent injury.
- Vertical fence slats should be less than four inches apart to prevent someone from squeezing through.
- Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching, and should be maintained to close and latch easily.
- Door alarms may be helpful in alerting guardians when a door is unexpectedly opened.
- Above ground pools should have steps and ladders secured and locked when the pool isn’t in use.
- Children should never be near a pool unsupervised.
- Always have rescue equipment nearby in the event of an emergency.
- Consider learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), you could save a life.

You can read more about pool safety directly from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on their website at CPSC.gov.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the San Gabriel Fire Department at 626.308.2890.
Take a bite out of crime at National Night Out

San Gabriel, get ready for National Night Out! We invite everyone to the Mission District on Tuesday, August 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an evening of food, music, and fun as we celebrate the fight against crime.

Neighborhood watch groups are welcome to picnic at the event. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. We’ll also have military vehicles and equipment on display along with several public safety exhibits and demonstrations. For the kids, we’ll have a live DJ, a bounce house and games. Please join us as we raise awareness about the importance of anti-crime programs. For more information about this year’s event, please contact the San Gabriel Police Department’s Crime Prevention Officer at 626.451.5455.

Get involved and join the San Gabriel Police Department’s Community Academy

Designed to give citizens an overview of law enforcement, the Community Academy will soon be accepting applications. This exciting and informative eleven-week course includes a comprehensive introduction to the inner workings of the San Gabriel Police Department. In addition, participants can expect to participate in hands-on activities, including police tactics and firearms safety. Space is limited and our next program begins late August, so apply early at SanGabrielCity.com or at the San Gabriel Police Department. For questions, please contact Sergeant Rebecca Gomez at 626.308.2841 or via email at RG112@SGPD.com.

Parades

Parades are an important part of the city’s celebration. They are a way for residents to come together and share in the joy of the event. The San Gabriel Grapevine is published quarterly by the City of San Gabriel. For more information, call the City Manager’s Office at 308.2805.

Persons with Disabilities

Any person with a disability, who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the city events, programs or activities in this publication, should direct such request to the Community Services department at 626.308.2875 at least 48 hours before the event, if possible.

For more information, visit our website at SanGabrielCity.com.

Save the Date - August 25th

Join the annual walk to Los Angeles

The City of San Gabriel is pleased to be the start of the historic walk that founded the Los Angeles region and traces the route taken by Los Pobladores when they first set out in September 1781. The 9 mile walking route begins at Mission Road and travels to Los Angeles where participants will have the opportunity to join the festivities at El Pueblo Historical Monument on Olvera Street.

The City of San Gabriel is excited to be a part of such a historic event and will provide entertainment, refreshments and registration beginning at 6:00 a.m. on August 25th.

For more information, please contact Community Services at 626.308.0604 or visit SanGabrielCity.com.

Dumpling & Beer Fest Returns!

Join us on October 4 in the Mission District from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the award-winning Dumpling and Beer Fest. The festival is San Gabriel’s local twist on Oktoberfest offering delicious dumplings and other street foods, over 20 craft beer varieties including San Gabriel’s very own brewery, Ogopogo Brewing, and live entertainment!

Check the City website for updates or contact Angelica Frausto-Lupo, Economic Development Manager at 626.308.2826 at extension 222 or via email at afraulupo@sgch.org for more information.