



MARCH 2012

CITY MANAGER MESSAGE

Congratulations to the community for joining our City Council in setting goals and direction for the coming year. We appreciate the great input from residents, businesses and our elected leaders.

Please note that our private public partnership with OSISOFT is officially underway as LIT San Leandro's fiber optic loop's first phase is complete.

- Chris Zapata, City Manager

SAN LEANDRO SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The San Leandro Senior Community Center, located at 13909 East 14th Street, was named California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) District III's "Outstanding Facility for Parks and Recreation" at their awards Banquet in Brentwood on Thursday, February 23, 2012.



(L to R) San Leandro Recreation and Human Services Manager Joann Oliver; Senior Commissioners Phyllis Gee, Jan Woycheshin, Bella Comelo, and Cimperly Tamura; and San Leandro Recreation and Human Services Director Carolyn Knudtson

The CPRS annual award is given to the top two facilities or parks in Alameda and Contra Costa counties that opened to the general public in 2011 which:

- Are models of excellence in planning and design of a park or recreational facility;
- Promote participation and strengthen community image and sense of place;
- Protect environmental resources;
- Exemplify collaboration, contribution of resources and commitment to the continued vitality of Parks and Recreation in the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✦ **Portuguese Immigrant Week Celebration – Wreath Laying Ceremony** – Saturday, March 10, 11:00 a.m., Root Park (corner of East 14th and Hays Streets).
- ✦ **Coffee with the Cops** – Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sergio's Pizzeria, 150 West Juana. View the flyer [here](#).



- ✦ **Friends of the San Leandro Library (FSL) Spring Book Sale** – Saturday, April 7, 9:00 – 11:00 am for FSL members only; 11:00 am – 4:00 pm open to the General Public, Main Library. For more information, call 577-3986.
- ✦ **Annual Egg Hunt** – Saturday, April 7 10:00 am Rain or Shine, Marina Park. Bring your basket and come ready for an EGGciting time! The egg hunt will be divided into age-appropriate groups. Children under 10 years old are invited to this fun event. View the flyer [here](#).
- ✦ **SAVE THE DATE! 20th Annual San Leandro Home and Garden Tour** – Sunday, June 10, noon – 4:00 p.m. Tickets available at the following locations:
 - **Zocalo Coffeehouse**, 645 Bancroft Ave.
 - **Sabino's**, 1273 MacArthur Boulevard
 - **Evergreen Nursery**, 350 San Leandro BoulevardFor more information, call 636-4137 or email slhometour@aol.com.

LIT SAN LEANDRO LAUNCHED!

On Friday, March 2, Lit San Leandro, a high speed 11-mile fiber optic loop, went live connecting OSISOFT to the information superhighway. Lit San Leandro provides businesses with high data needs connectivity to the Internet unheard of speeds - 10 gigabits per second now with 100 gigabits per second possible in a few months. Businesses are able to lease an entire strand of fiber for their personal needs at an extremely competitive rate. Lit San Leandro also provides businesses increased protection from power outages by allowing them to relocate network systems to a data center with greater back capacity.



(L to R) City Manager Chris Zapata, Mayor Stephen Cassidy, Dr. Patrick Kennedy of OSISOFT

Work crews completed phase one of the installation of fiber optic cables under Davis Street in Downtown San Leandro last week. Fiber installation will continue in the coming months and ultimately result in the completion of the loop through much of the City's commercial and industrial land. Lit San Leandro provides the opportunity to revolutionize San Leandro's digital infrastructure, positioning the City to be a major player in the high-tech and clean-tech economies. Read the full press release [here](#).

Save the date...

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE & RECYCLING EVENT SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

The City's Neighborhood Cleanup event is designed to promote reuse and recycling of unwanted household goods. Host a Garage Sale at your house in the morning. The City will advertise participating households in the San Leandro Times (registration by May 10, 2012 is required). Later, drop-off electronics, appliances, tires, wood, fluorescent lamps, batteries, mattresses and scrap metal at Alameda County Industries (ACI).

Events are open to all San Leandro residents. Click [here](#) to register to participate in the Citywide Garage Sale. Please note you must **register by May 10, 2012** for advertising in the *San Leandro Times*.

Citywide Garage Sale - 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Host a garage sale at your home. The City will provide free advertising including a map and listing in the May 17 edition of the *San Leandro Times*.

To download tips for hosting a successful garage sale, [click here](#).

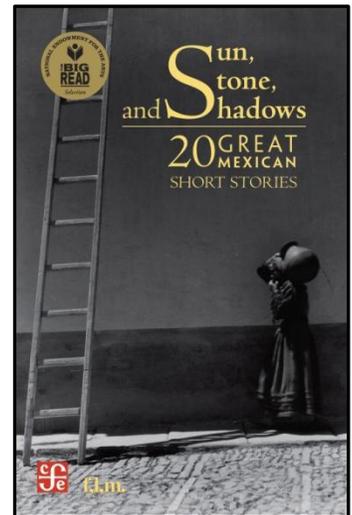
Recycling Event - 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bring electronics, wood/yard trimmings, scrap metal, appliances, mattresses, batteries, fluorescent lights and tires to Alameda County Industries (ACI) for recycling.

For a list of tips to attend the Recycling Event, [click here](#). Also, for other recycling events, [click here](#).

BIG READ EVENTS

The San Leandro Library, which is fortunate to be the recipient of a second Big Read grant, has kicked off an exciting series of Big Read events for 2012. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest. The Big Read provides people the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their community. The San Leandro Public Library has selected for its community to read an anthology of some of Mexico's finest authors titled *Sun, Stone and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories*. The Big Read 2012 program will run from March 2012 through May 2012.



Other Big Read 2012 events include:

- A reading of *The Switchman* at the historic San Leandro Railway Depot, 1302 Orchard Avenue, on Saturday, **March 10**
- The screening of the highly acclaimed Mexican film *Nora's Will* on Friday, **March 16**
- A Literary Gathering with renowned Mexican author and editor of *Sun, Stone and Shadows* Jorge F. Hernández on Friday, **March 23**
- A Panel Discussion with Mr. Hernández and the Bibliotecas Para la Gente on Saturday, **March 24**
- A field trip to the Mexican Museum in San Francisco on Saturday, **March 31**. Tickets are available at the Main Library for \$30 per person.
- Grand Finale Fiesta on Saturday, **May 12**, which is by special invitation to those that participated in a *Sun, Stone and Shadows* book discussion group.

For more information about any of the Big Read 2012 program events, please call the Information Desk at (510) 577-3971 or click [here](#).

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations, Rick Orta!!

Street Supervisor
Public Works, Water Pollution Control Plant



Free!

Annual Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 7, 2012
Marina Park, 13801 Monarch Bay Dr.



Arrive on Time! Egg Hunt Begins 10:00 AM SHARP

Rain or Shine

Bring your basket and come ready for an EGGciting time!

WHO: Children under 10 years old are invited

WHAT: Bunny ♦ Prewrapped Candy ♦ Plastic Eggs

For questions call: (510) 577-3462

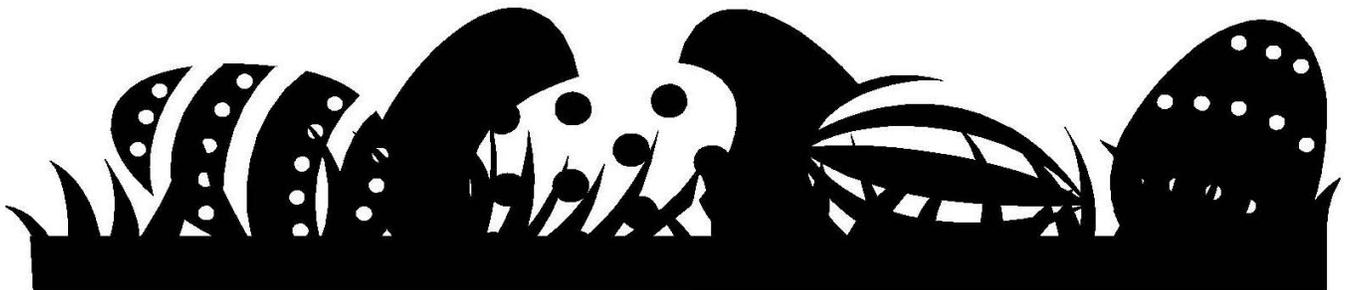
Egg hunts will be divided into age-appropriate groups.

Parent supervision is required

Some candies are not suitable for all ages. Some candy may contain traces of peanut and nut oils.

Special Thanks to the San Leandro Optimist Club for making this event possible.

This is a City of San Leandro sponsored event.



BUSINESSES IN THE NEWS

Earth Day Celebration at Davis St. Transfer Station

- Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- Waste Management will host a fun-filled day of public tours, recycling activities and more to celebrate Earth Day at the Davis St Transfer Station.
- Contact Rebecca Jewel at 510 563-4214 for more information.



Stericycle Moves to Hayward

- Stericycle, the provider of medical and bio-hazardous waste disposal and incineration services, has moved from its location at 1345 Doolittle Dr to a new facility in Hayward. The company cited an expiring lease and desire for a larger space with more dock doors as the reason for the move.

Energy Recovery Inc. Wins Large Contract

- Energy Recovery Inc. has been awarded its second-largest contract ever to build the energy-saving pumps that will lie at the heart of a new desalination plant in Israel, according to a report from the Reuters news agency, which was picked up by Patch as part of their TechLeandro series.
- "We are very encouraged to see the increased level of activity in the desalination industry this year," ERI CEO Tom Rooney said in a statement.

Former Quality Tune Up Building Demolished

- The former Quality Tune Up building at the triangular intersection of East 14th Street, Hesperian Boulevard and 150th Avenue was demolished on Monday March 5. The Redevelopment Agency funded the property acquisition and relocation of Quality Tune Up to 1693 Washington Avenue.
- The site will be cordoned off by a decorative four foot high fence and the contaminated soil will be remediated.
- Staff is working with Caltrans on the required approvals and right of way acquisitions to implement the Measure B funded improvements to the site. These improvements include lane adjustments and signal modifications to improve traffic flow and enhance safety.
- This is a multiyear project with a construction estimated to begin in 2014.
- Beautification to the site is planned and design work will likely start later this calendar year.



WEEKLY UPDATE

If you would like to review weekly information from the City Manager, please check out the *Weekly Update* on the City's website at www.sanleandro.org/depts/cityhall/city_manager.asp.

Also, for more information on the City of San Leandro and its programs and services, visit the City's website at www.sanleandro.org. To register to automatically receive press releases, meeting agendas or other electronic notifications, go to e-Notify at <http://www.sanleandro.org/portal/default.asp>.

MARCH/APRIL CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting dates, times and location are subject to change. Please confirm meetings by visiting www.sanleandro.org.

- 3/12** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 3/13** Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 3/15** City Council/SLUSD Liaison Committee Meeting - CANCELLED
- 3/19** City Council Meeting/Mayor's State of the City Address, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 3/22** Rules and Communications Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 3/26** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD
- 4/2** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 4/3** Shoreline-Marina Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 4/6** Finance Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 4/9** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD
- 4/10** Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 4/12** Business and Housing Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 4/16** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 4/23** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD
- 4/26** Rules and Communications Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery