



City Manager's Weekly Update

Week ending March 9, 2012

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 3/12** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 3/13** Facilities Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 3/15** CC/SLUSD Committee Meeting - CANCELLED
- 3/19** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 3/22** Rules and Communications Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 3/26** Ad Hoc Committee to Review Future of SL Hospital and Community Healthcare, 4:30 p.m., City Manager's Large Conference Room
- 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

To: City Council
From: Chris Zapata, City Manager

Mark Your Calendar

Coffee with the Cops (reminder)

Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Sergio's Pizzeria, 150 West Juana

- Police Officers, Detectives and the Police Chief will be discussing crime trends in neighborhoods. They will be available to answer questions, offer tips and provide information on topics of interest. Members of the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit and Code Enforcement Section will be on hand to speak with residents about enhancing Neighborhood Watch Programs and other strategies to reduce crime.

Upcoming Big Read Events (reminder and information attached)

- 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](#).

Annual Egg Hunt (flyer attached)

Saturday, April 7, 10:00 am Rain or Shine, Marina Park

- An Egg Hunt for children under 10 years old will take place at San Leandro Marina Park on 10:00 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. The Egg Hunt will be divided into age-appropriate groups. Bring your basket and get ready to have an EGGciting time!

Council Information

Police Chief Selected as 2012 Defense of Liberty Award Recipient (letter attached)

- The Chabot College Administration of Justice Program has awarded Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli the 2012 Defense of Liberty Award. This award honors those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the field of law enforcement and service that improves the safety, security and quality of life in the community. An awards ceremony will be held on March 15 at Chabot College.

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 Drive 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 multi-year project with construction estimated to begin in 2014.
- Beautification to the site is planned, and design work will likely start later this calendar year.



Pretty in Pink Coming to Pelton Plaza

- Pretty in Pink, a local women and girl's fashion store with eight locations in the Bay Area, has signed a lease for the 1,900 square foot space at Pelton Plaza previously occupied by World of Books.
- The store is planning an extensive interior remodel and is scheduled to open in approximately three months.

Construction Underway at Chase Downtown

- Improvements to the former First Interstate building site at 1601 East 14th Street, owned by Chase Bank, are taking shape with the decorative concrete and landscaped entrance off East 14th Street under construction. The attractive new entrance should be completed in approximately two months.
- Chase is also exercising its right to build a wrought iron fence between its parking lot and Scribner Center. City staff has worked closely with Chase to ensure that the fence is of reasonable height and quality materials.

Correspondence From Other Agencies

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) ([press release](#) and [fact sheet](#))

- CDCR is announcing what it feels is a recent major milestone – the deactivation of final non-traditional beds within all California prisons.

“We recognize that this milestone was achieved only because of our partnership with local law enforcement, county probation, and other key stakeholders. The use of non-traditional beds had become a compelling visual of the overcrowded conditions in our prisons in recent years – with prisons crowded to more than 200 percent of design capacity and double- and triple-bunk beds packed tightly in areas not intended for housing, such as gymnasiums, day-rooms, etc. CDCR had been using non-traditional beds for more than two decades. No longer needing non-traditional beds for our inmates is undeniable evidence of CDCR’s commitment to the goals of Realignment and the federal three-judge court’s order to reduce our inmate population.

We saw our peak use of non-traditional beds in August 2007, when we had to use 19,618 beds in 72 gyms and 125 day-rooms throughout the state. The federal three-judge court order to reduce prison overcrowding has impacted the State and counties alike. For CDCR, this means that we can offer inmates more access to rehabilitative programs so that we can aid in their recovery, help reduce recidivism, and make our communities safer.”

- CDCR - State Awards \$602 Million to Counties for Jail Construction ([press release](#))

News Articles of Interest

Medical Marijuana Advocates Drop Initiative Drive, Turn to Media Campaign (article attached)

- Medical marijuana advocates are dropping efforts to qualify a November ballot initiative to regulate California's dispensary industry and instead plan a media campaign to lobby the Legislature to tackle the issue.

San Leandro Public Library Film Showings

Films produced by the San Leandro Public Library staff will be shown as part of the *Topaz: Artists in Internment* exhibit at the San Leandro History Museum and Art Gallery (320 W. Estudillo Avenue) on March 11, 18 and 25 at 1:00 pm. *California of the Past: Stories of Japanese American Internment* and *Legacy of the Nisei Veterans* are productions of the San Leandro Public Library as part of grants funded in part by Federal Library Services and Technology administered by the California State Library and the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program. The films will air on three consecutive Sundays in March, one each day.



City Library staff brought together Bay Area members of the Japanese-American community to collect their stories as a permanent record of the events surrounding the exclusion, forced removal and internment of civilians and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry so that the causes and circumstances of these and similar events would be remembered and understood.

Both internees and men who fought for their country while their families were interned were filmed.



Included in *California of the Past: Series I (March 11 at 1:00 pm)* are stories of a WWII Silver Star hero who was initially denied the right to register to join the military services and a young girl's high school experiences and employment in camp. *California of the Past: Series II (March 18 at 1:00 pm)* shares the stories of a young nurse's aide, a son's memory of his father's carvings made in camp that years later were displayed at the Smithsonian Institute and a mother-daughter memory piece by Kathryn and Karen Korematsu about their husband and father, Fred T. Korematsu. *Legacy of the Nisei Veterans (Sunday, March 25 at 1:00 pm)* is a composite of 12 interviews, representing voices of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, the Military Intelligence Service and a broadcaster for the British Political Warfare Mission. Each film runs approximately 90 minutes.

The traveling exhibit is made possible by funding from the Western States Arts Federation, Utah Arts & Museums, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The artwork is owned by the Topaz Museum, a non-profit organization that will soon construct a museum to preserve the history of Topaz.

Film Screening Nora's Will (Cinco días sin Nora)

The San Leandro Public Library will be screening Nora's Will (Cinco días sin Nora) on Friday, March 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the San Leandro Main library Lecture Hall. The movie is in Spanish with English sub-titles and is not rated – parental guidance is suggested. Admission is free, no tickets required.

Nora's Will is Mariana Chenillo's first feature film as a director and writer. Before dying, Nora schemes a plan to make José, her ex-husband, take care of her corpse. But she is missing something. For the only flaw in the plan –a mysterious photograph forgotten under the bed- will lead to



an unexpected outcome reminding us that the biggest love stories are sometimes hidden in the smallest places. Mariana Chenillo's warm and entertaining feature debut may not sound like a comedy, but Chenillo loads the scenario with laughs. She received numerous awards from the Mexican Academy of Film in 2009 including: Winner Best Picture of the Year, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Original Screenplay, Best Score and Best First Film.

Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times Film Critic writes; “Perhaps most impressive of all is filmmaker Chenillo's ability to make universal a very particular experience, to make something so firmly grounded in Mexico's Jewish community appealing across the board. That's a talent well worth appreciating today and watching out for in the future.”

Treat yourself to a Friday night out - come to see Nora's Will!

Sun, Stone and Shadows
A Literary Gathering with Jorge F Hernández

Jorge F Hernández, editor of the Big Read selection *Sun, Stone and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories*, will meet with San Leandro readers participating in the Big Read program on Friday, March 23 from 7 to 9 pm at the San Leandro Main Library (Karp/Estudillo Room). Free tickets are available at the main library's Information Desk. Dinner is included with this free admission. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

Mr. Hernández will discuss why these particular short stories were chosen and how they portray the soul of Mexico. The authors' places of birth span nearly all of Mexico's contemporary regions, climates and cultural zones and all of the authors were born during the first half of the 20th century (e.g., Octavio Paz, Carlos Fuentes, Francisco Rojas González, Juan Rulfo and Inés Arredondo).



The decades, that define the first half of the twentieth century and the stories in the anthology, were an era of economic and industrial growth, urbanization and modernization. Mexico's borders were opened up as a safe haven for fascism and the world wars, especially for Spanish Civil War refugees. Mexico's universities, art galleries and publishing houses were influenced and enriched by the influx of poets, novelists, teachers, and other refugees from Spain and Europe.

Jorge F Hernández will talk about how the authors included portray the diversity of Mexico. He will discuss the thematic divisions: "The Fantastic Unreal", "Scenes from Mexican Reality", "The Tangible Past", "The Unexpected in Everyday, Urban Life" and the "Intimate Imagination". Hernández says of the short stories "The reader of these stories will feel like someone who hears the word bougainvillea for the first time to describe the purple mantle that hangs over an adobe; or tastes the juicy yellow flesh of a mango for the first time, or the spicy black enigma of mole sauce, or the fresh earth flavor of red Jamaica water."

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Big Read San Leandro Public Library Panel Discussion

Jorge F Hernández, editor of the San Leandro Public Library's Big Read selection *Sun, Stone and Shadows* will moderate a panel discussion about Mexican Literature and the stories in the book on Saturday, March 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the San Leandro Main Library (Karp/Estudillo Room). Readers may register for the event by calling 510-577-3971.

A panel of librarians from the Bibliotecas para la Gente (BPLG), whose mission is to develop and provide library services for the Spanish speaking and Latino communities of Northern California, will discuss the stories in *Sun, Stone and Shadows*. Four librarians from the San Leandro Public Library, San Francisco Public Library, Sunnyvale Public Library, and Novato Public library will hold a discussion with Jorge F Hernández, editor of the book.

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CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT



CREATING COMMUNITY



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

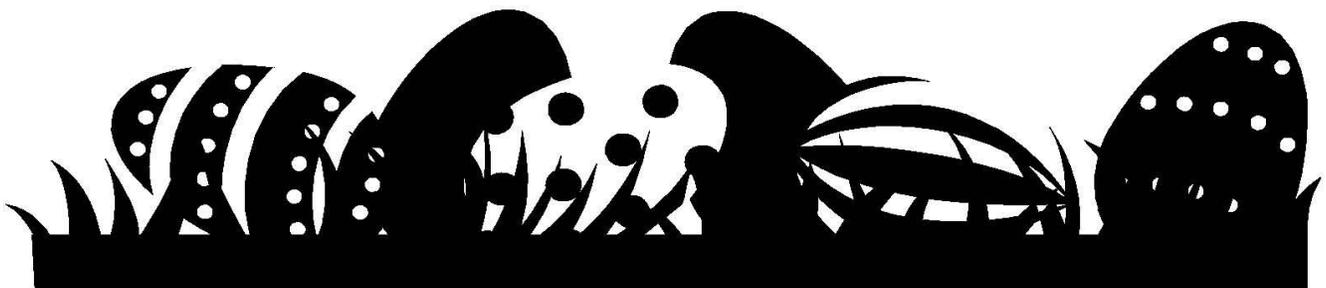
Egg hunts will be divided into age-appropriate groups.

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.





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March 4, 2012

Chief Sandra Spagnoli
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RE: Selection as 2012 Defense of Liberty Award Recipient

Dear Chief Spagnoli:

On behalf of the President of Chabot College, Dr. Susan Sperling, and the faculty, staff, and students of the Administration of Justice program, I am pleased to announce your selection as a recipient of the **2012 Defense of Liberty Award**. The Administration of Justice program established the Defense of Liberty Award to honor those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the field of law enforcement and service that improves the safety, security, and quality of life in the community.

This is the inaugural year for the **Defense of Liberty Award**. Each year, we select two members of the Administration of Justice community whose leadership, work, and service exemplifies the role of law enforcement in defense of liberty and democracy. We salute you on your selection and invite you to join us for an Awards Reception in your honor.

The Reception will be held on **Thursday, March 15, 2012** at Chabot College from **4:00 pm – 7:00 pm in Bldg. 400, Room 405**. The Awards Presentation will occur from about 4:15 – 4:45 with a reception to follow. We hope you can attend. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

William Hanson, J.D.
Instructor & Department Chair
Administration of Justice

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Medical Marijuana Advocates Drop Initiative Drive, Turn To Media Campaign

Sacramento Bee

By Peter Hecht

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Medical marijuana advocates are dropping efforts to qualify a November ballot initiative to regulate California's dispensary industry and instead plan a media campaign to lobby the Legislature to tackle the issue.

Cannabis industry groups including dispensaries, medical marijuana growers and a powerful union drafted the proposed measure in the face of an ongoing federal crackdown on California's \$1.5 billion medicinal pot trade.

But a top campaign director said today initiative planners instead have decided to run television and radio ads to urge lawmakers and Gov. Jerry Brown to enact rules governing how medical marijuana outlets operate in the state.

"We're not doing the initiative. We're pulling the plug on it," said Dan Rush, director of the Medical Cannabis and Hemp Division for the United Food and Commercial Workers, which has been organizing California pot workers for the past two years.

Rush said today that he had secured \$1.2 million in pledges, mostly from the dispensary industry, toward \$2 million to gather signatures for a November initiative.

But with time running out and other major contributors undecided over whether to pursue a ballot or legislative strategy, Rush said initiative backers decided to take their case to the Capitol instead. He said the money pledged to date will be used for "a full-on media campaign," including lobbying and likely television and radio spots this summer.

Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, D-San Francisco, has introduced legislation seeking to accomplish many aims of the ballot initiative, the proposed "Medical Marijuana Regulation, Control and Taxation Act."

Read more here: http://www.sacbee.com/2012/03/08/4322567/medical-marijuana-advocates-drop.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter#mi_rss=Latest%20News#storylink=cpy