



MAY 2012

CITY MANAGER MESSAGE

San Leandro has great employees that provide exemplary public service through projects, programs and service. Our colleague, Jorge Hernandez, from Public Works was recently honored as the California Water Environment Association's Operator of the Year. Jorge's accomplishment is a success for him, our organization and community. Please join me in congratulating him and his family. Let's also take a minute to say thank you and good-bye to Kathy Ornelas and welcome to the Police Department, Captain Ed Tracey.

- Chris Zapata, City Manager

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE AND NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY - SATURDAY, MAY 19

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. 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.

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

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 at 610 Aladdin Avenue.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✦ **Downtown Farmers' Market Has Returned!**
Wednesdays, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.,
Parrott Street at East 14th Street.



- ✦ **Living Life at 50+ – Thursday, May 17, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street.** May is Older Americans Month! Celebrate at this **free** event. For more information, click [here](#).

- ✦ **Special Evening "Coffee with the Cops" – Tuesday, June 5, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Englander Sports Pub, 101 Parrott Street.** View the flyer [here](#).



- ✦ **San Leandro's Annual Blood Drive – Wednesday, June 13, Noon – 6:00 p.m., Main Library, Karp Room, 300 Estudillo.** More information to come on the City's website – www.sanleandro.org

SAN LEANDRO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OSA AIHIE WINS FIRST PLACE IN ROTARY SPEECH COMPETITION—WILL COMPETE AT REGIONAL LEVEL

San Leandro Unified School District Superintendent Cindy Cathey announced today that San Leandro High School senior Osa Aihie won both the San Leandro Rotary Club speech competition held in February, and the District 7610 competition held March 5, where he competed with first place winners from each of the area competitions. As the District Level First Place Winner, Osa also competed at the Regional Rotary Competition on March 23 at the HP Pavilion in San Jose.

“Osa competed against his fellow seniors in the Business Academy program,” said Eden Area Regional Occupation Program/SLHS Business Instructor Mary Styner. “All of the speeches profoundly moved the Rotary members and left them reaching for the tissue box!” This year’s speech theme is “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.”

Osa once again met tough competition at the District level competition, competing with orators from New Haven Unified School District’s Logan High School and Redwood Christian in San Lorenzo. “All the speakers were excellent,” said Ms. Styner, “but Osa again came out on top.”



San Leandro High School senior and first place winner Osa Aihie (center) with his Rotary Speech Contest mentors Bonnie Best and Chris Crow.

ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVES THE GOLDEN SNEAKER AWARD FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

San Leandro Unified School District Superintendent Cindy Cathey announced today that Roosevelt Elementary School recently received the Golden Sneaker Award from the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) and the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools program.

Students in 40 schools across Alameda County walked, biked, and carpoled as much as possible for two weeks (March 12-23) to win the Pollution Solution Golden Sneaker Contest as part of the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program. The contest was designed to encourage families to get active and reduce pollution. Winning classrooms in each school received the coveted Golden Sneaker trophy and a party to celebrate the benefits of using active or shared transportation. Even families that live too far away to walk or bike to school were encouraged to join in the contest by parking several blocks away and walking to school together, thereby minimizing their carbon footprint.

Nora Cody, Program Director, Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program, thanked Roosevelt Principal Victoria Forrester and parent Lisa Jackson for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the April 26 ACTC Board Meeting and speaking so eloquently on behalf of the program.



Roosevelt Principal Victoria Forrester (right) and parent Lisa Jackson receives the Golden Sneaker Award from Mark Green, Mayor of Union City and Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

CITY OF SAN LEANDRO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF RECOGNIZED BY CWEA!

Jorge Hernandez, a lead operator at the City's Water Pollution Control Plant, was recently named the California Water Environment Association's (CWEA) Operator of the Year!

Established in 1929, CWEA's awards program acknowledges outstanding achievement, honoring

exceptional California water environment professionals. Those nominated are already winners having advanced through one of the 17 CWEA local section awards programs to be eligible to compete statewide.

Jorge was recognized as a proven professional of distinction. Operator of the Year is one the most coveted awards presented and the list of past winners reads like a hall of fame in the industry. This is a first for the City of San Leandro and the Water Pollution Control Division.

Jorge Hernandez holds the position of Plant Operator-Lead with the Water Pollution Control Division. He was nominated in part for his involvement with plant and CWEA safety programs. He is continually recognized by the Public Works Department as a "Sick Leave Star" for his excellent attendance. Jorge maintains Laboratory Analyst certification and his cross-discipline capabilities improve facility efficiency and flexibility. Jorge and his family live in San Leandro.

The San Leandro Water Pollution Control Plant is entrusted with the job of protecting the environment, ensuring efficient operation and maintenance of the conveyance and treatment of sewerage, and ensuring compliance with discharge permit regulations. Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 a year, over 1.9 billion gallons of water were treated last year (enough to fill 3,000 Olympic-size swimming pools), while 150 million gallons were reclaimed for use as golf course irrigation in San Leandro and Alameda.



Pictured L to R: Jody Allen, CWEA President; Jorge Hernandez; Cordell W. Samuels, President Elect, Water Environment Federation

MAYOR CASSIDY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE

At its monthly meeting on May 9 in Oakland, the Mayors of Alameda County unanimously elected San Leandro Mayor Stephen H. Cassidy as President of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference for 2012-2013. Mayor John Marchand of Livermore was elected as Vice President. Terms of each position are for one year.

The Alameda County Mayors' Conference was founded in 1954 as a means of maintaining a cooperative effort and understanding in matters of mutual interest among the cities in Alameda County. The group works to assemble and discuss information regarding issues relevant to various areas of the County, as well as to consider, study and make recommendations related to regional, state and federal issues. The Conference meets monthly, with meetings rotating through the cities in the County.



May is Older Americans Month!

Come celebrate this special month with us.

Living Life at 50+

Calling all boomers and beyond! Celebrate life at 50+ with good health, fitness, exercise, travel and fun! Listen and learn from experts coping with life's transitions. Find out about the various programs and services offered by the City of San Leandro Senior Services Department, meet our instructors, benefactors, and service providers. Watch our instructors showcase and demonstrate their classes. **Dress comfortably** for audience participation and join the fun!

- **Thursday, May 17 – 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
- **Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street**

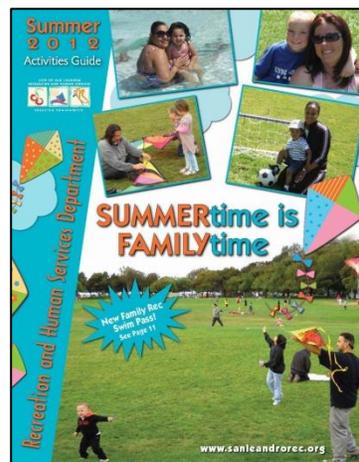
Featuring entertainment provided by: **"It's Never Too Late"** by **Stagebridge**. No pre-registration required! Light refreshments will be served.



RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUMMER ACTIVITIES GUIDE IS HERE!

Click on the guide cover below to browse the [Summer Activities Guide](#) online!



SAN LEANDRO MARINA PARK PARCOURSE UPGRADES!

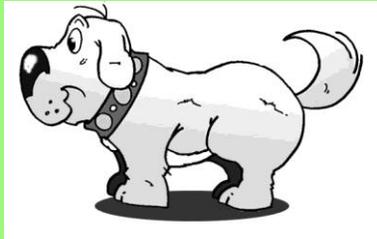
Did you know that the San Leandro Marina Park recently had new parcourse equipment installed? There's something for every age and ability. Not only can you work out on 18 different stations located along the newly surfaced one-mile path, you won't want to miss trying out the new outdoor gym equipment located at the front of the parcourse. A wide variety of exercise equipment located in an outdoor setting with a million dollar view – **ALL for FREE!!**



San Leandro Dog Park

NEW

Have you and your favorite furry friend visited the San Leandro Dog Park? If not, you need to see it to believe it! Located along the Shoreline trail south of Marina Park, the San Leandro Dog Park has 58,000 square feet of open space; amenities include separated small and large dog areas. The Dog Park has shade structures with picnic benches, water faucets, benches and garbage cans. Restrooms are located in Marina Park adjacent to the parking lot. For a great outdoor experience for you and your dog, visit the San Leandro Dog Park!



SAN LEANDRO ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE – JUNE 13

Save the Date: San Leandro's Annual Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, June 13, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library's Karp Room, 300 Estudillo. More information to come later this month. Check the City's website www.sanleandro.org for updates.

CITY PROJECTS' UPDATES

San Leandro Crossings in the News

The San Leandro's Crossings project, newly revised to reflect OSISOFT's expansion and BRIDGE Housing's updated affordable rental housing development, has generated interest in the regional news. This rekindling of interest in the project reflects exciting changes to the "wicked smart growth" development. Read the Contra Costa Times article [here](#).

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>.

MAY/JUNE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- 5/14 City Council Work Session - Cancelled
- 5/17 City/San Leandro Unified School District Liaison Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., District Offices
- 5/21 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 5/22 Rules and Communications Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 5/28 **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY** - City Hall and libraries closed.
- 6/1 Finance Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 6/4 City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 6/13 Facilities Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 6/19 Community Development Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 6/26 Rules and Communications Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery