



# City Manager's Weekly Update

September 18, 2013

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 9/23** Ethics Training,  
6:00 p.m., Main Library
- 10/7** City Council Meeting,  
7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 10/14** City Council Work  
Session, 7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 10/21** City Council Meeting,  
7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 10/28** District 5 & 6 Town  
Hall Meeting,  
Time/Location TBD
- 11/4** City Council Meeting,  
7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 11/11** **Veteran's Day  
Holiday. City Hall  
and libraries closed.**
- 11/12** City Council Work  
Session, 7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 11/18** City Council Meeting,  
7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers

To: City Council  
From: Chris Zapata, City Manager

## Mark Your Calendar

Meet the City's Chief Innovation Officer (CIO) Deborah Acosta (reminder)  
**Thursday, September 19, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Main Library's Karp Room,  
300 Estudillo Avenue**

- This is a third of four opportunities for the public to meet the City's new Chief Innovation Officer, Deborah Acosta. On **September 19**, Deborah and her panel of guests will discuss [Open Spaces That Spark Innovation: Co-working and Hacker Spaces](#).
- Deborah also wants to learn from you as she is passionate about civic engagement, especially the potential for social media and technology to accelerate community engagement within neighborhoods and with the City.
- Bring your friends, relatives, neighbors, colleagues, techies, start-uppers, innovators, entrepreneurs and students. You could help influence what makes people stay, play and work in San Leandro, and help shape the content of those conversations through engagement. Register through [Eventbrite](#).

California Coastal Cleanup Day (reminder)

**Saturday, September 21, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, San Leandro Shoreline  
Trail, Marina**

- Mark your calendars for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day to be held on **September 21**.
- Staff will be stationed at two locations: Monarch Bay Drive Bridge at Marina Park and the Heron Bay entrance at the end of Lewelling Boulevard on Bay Front Drive. Trash bags, recyclable bags, gloves, hand sanitizer and water will be distributed to the volunteers.
- Water will be available through large dispensers so don't forget to bring your reusable water bottle with you!
- Please be advised that the Heron Bay Entrance is for drop-off only – parking is not allowed within the development.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (reminder; flyer attached)

**Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Manor Branch Library,  
1241 Manor Boulevard**

- The Manor Branch Library will celebrate *Hispanic Heritage Month* on **September 21**. This free event includes a performance by La Familia Pena-Govea featuring interactive acoustic music and songs in Spanish and English for the whole family. For free tickets, call 577-7971. Refreshments will be served.

### 2013 All Employee Barbecue and Service Awards

#### **Thursday, September 26, 11:30 a.m., Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Boulevard**

- The Council is invited to attend the annual All Employee Barbecue on **September 26**. This event will also include the presentation of employee Annual Service Awards.
- RSVP to Yolanda Carrasco, if you would like to attend. I look forward to seeing you there!

### Alejandro Murguia, San Francisco's First Poet Laureate to Speak (flyer attached)

#### **Saturday, September 28, 2:00 p.m., Main Library Lecture Hall, 300 Estudillo Avenue**

- Also in observance of *Hispanic Heritage Month*, the Main Library is proud to have as a guest speaker Alejandro Murguia, San Francisco's first Latino Poet Laureate and a professor of Latina/Latino Studies at San Francisco State University. Mr. Murguia will discuss and share his profound poetry on **September 28** at this free event. Call the Main Library at 577-3971 for more information.

## **Council Information**

### Annual Overlay / Rehabilitation 2012-13 Project

- The Annual Overlay / Rehabilitation 2012-13 Project was awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., and construction is underway. Work includes the reconstruction of Fremont Avenue between Alvarado Street and Floresta Boulevard and Floresta Boulevard between Fremont Avenue and Monterey Boulevard. This project also will rehabilitate the pavement on Farnsworth Street from Monterey Boulevard to approximately 270 feet southwest of the Interstate 880 overpass, provide transitional pavement repairs at railroad crossings at Lewelling Boulevard, Williams Street, Marina Boulevard, and Fairway Drive, and install speed cushions on Zelma Street, Donald Avenue, and Peters Street.
- Traffic control measures will be in place during construction, as vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be impacted. Traffic for Fremont Avenue will be detoured, and the [detour plan](#) is available online. Signs have been posted to alert drivers of the proposed detour. Access to local businesses and residents will be maintained during construction. The work on Lewelling Boulevard also will require a detour. All other work will be performed maintaining a minimum of one open traffic lane in each direction.
- Pre-construction notice of the project was mailed to residents and businesses in the project area on August 15, 2013. A public information meeting was held on August 29, 2013 at the James Monroe Elementary School. Gallagher & Burk, Inc. will distribute additional notification flyers to adjacent properties immediately before roadwork begins. The flyers will include a description of the work to be done, working hours, and the contact information of key project staff should any issues arise.
- Once street work at these locations is complete, pavement repair work will occur at the rail crossings. Prior to this work, information will be provided to residents and businesses affected by the construction.
- The work is funded by DFSI, HUTA Gas Tax, VRF, Prop 1B, General Fund, and Measure B. It is estimated to be complete by November 2013.

### Property Required for Underground Utility Project

- At its March 18, 2013 regular meeting, the City Council authorized the acquisition of various easements that the City needed on private property to move PG&E transformers from their current locations on power poles to property nearby so that the poles and overhead wires can be removed and placed underground (Resolution No. 2013-036).
- The property owner at 14444 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street has agreed to deed the 53 square feet that the City needs to the City in fee rather than as an easement. The City then will transfer the property to PG&E in fee. As a matter of background, the City initiated negotiations with the owner of 14444 East 14th Street in April 2013. The property owner expressed concerns about the potential for his insurance premiums to increase if a subsurface transformer was placed on his property. The property owner subsequently asked the City for \$6,000 in damages for the potential expense. The City counter-offered to acquire the property in fee rather than an easement at the same price (\$2,000) as the City offered for an easement. This agreement therefore would transfer any liability for the transformer away from the property owner.

### San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) August 2013 Crime Statistics (view statistics [here](#))

- August statistics reflect a significant reduction in burglaries and robberies. SLPD's newly created crime suppression team has added additional officers in the field, at the expense of traffic enforcement, as SLPD has suspended its traffic unit until January 2014. When coupled with strategic enforcement using crime analysis, these efforts are contributing to a reduction in robberies and burglaries. SLPD is still running between 5-7 officers on injury, and has prioritized filling patrol positions by reducing staff in traffic and also criminal investigations.
- Lastly, in August SLPD also had an officer-involved shooting, while officers were taking into custody a shooting suspect. Officer involved shootings countywide have increased in 2013, a disturbing trend, but San Leandro is on the lower end of this trend.

### FBI Releases 2012 Crime Statistics

- The FBI estimated that in 2012, the number of violent crimes increased 0.7 percent, according to the figures released this week. However, property crimes decreased 0.9 percent, marking the 10<sup>th</sup> straight year of declines for these offenses, collectively.

## **Posted this Week on San Leandro Next**

San Leandro Next is an initiative of the City of San Leandro Community Development Department providing news and updates on economic development and innovation. The following stories were posted this week:

- [October 2 Presentation will Showcase Ideas to Invigorate San Leandro's Industrial Area](#)
- [Next Week: Meet the CIO Event #3 – “Open Spaces That Spark Innovation: Co-working and Hacker Spaces”](#)
- [Downtown Village Project Gets the Green Light](#)

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The Manor Branch Library Presents

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**Free!**

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Free tickets available  
beginning September 7  
Refreshments served!

**San Leandro Public Library, Manor Branch**

1241 Manor Blvd. (510) 577-7971 [www.sanleandrolibrary.org](http://www.sanleandrolibrary.org)

The San Leandro Public Library  
*proudly presents*

# Alejandro Murguía

## San Francisco's Poet Laureate



**Saturday, September 28, 2013**

2:00 pm

**Main Library**

*Lecture Hall*

300 Estudillo Avenue

*Free Admission*

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For more information, please call the Main Library at (510) 577-3971.

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