



# City Manager's Weekly Update

November 26, 2013

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 12/2** City Council Meeting,  
7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 12/9** City Council Work  
Session, 7:00 p.m.,  
Council Chambers
- 12/16** 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) at San Leandro By Design: Cool Tools for Makers

**Thursday, December 5, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., East Bay Maker Labs, Bayfair Center, 15555 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street**

- Join Deborah Acosta, Chief Innovation Officer, at the new Bayfair Center's [East Bay Makers Labs](#) to explore the new tools of the [maker movement](#). 3D scanners, 3D printers, laser cutters, robotics – even tools that recycle plastic into 3D printer filament!

- Each of the presenting companies will give a brief presentation. Attendees will be able to talk to participating entrepreneurs up close and

personal and watch their tools in action. You'll even learn how to enroll in a class to make your own 3D printer at the East Bay Maker Labs.

- Registration is required on [Eventbrite](#).

### Holiday Tree Lighting

**Friday, December 6, 5:30 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 835 East 14th Street**

- Join the City Council at the City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on **December 6**.
- Directly following this ceremony, participants can walk to Downtown San Leandro for the Downtown Association's "[It's A Wonderful Night](#)" event, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

### A Hawaiian Holiday Celebration (flyer attached)

**Saturday, December 7, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue**

- Start the holiday season with soft and soulful music that will transport you gently across the sea to the welcoming Hawaiian Islands. Join renowned slack key guitarist Patrick Landeza as he kicks off the holidays with his 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaiian Holiday Celebration on **December 7**. Hawaiian food will be available for purchase, as well as a variety of crafts.
- Purchase tickets at the Information Desk at the San Leandro Main Library. For more information, please call 577-3971.

### Free Homebuyer Seminar (flyers attached)

**Saturday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Boulevard**

- The Bay Area Homebuyer Agency (BAHBA) has joined the City of San Leandro's Housing Division in co-sponsoring a Free Homebuyer Seminar on December 14.
- This free seminar covers all aspects of becoming a homeowner.
- Reservations are required and can be made at [www.myhomegateway.com](http://www.myhomegateway.com), call 1-888-572-1222 or email [info@myhomegateway.com](mailto:info@myhomegateway.com).

### Holidays at the Casa Peralta 2013 - A Free Family Event

#### **Saturday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Casa Peralta, 384 West Estudillo Avenue**

- Enjoy a traditional holiday celebration at Casa Peralta, San Leandro's historic house museum. The Casa will be beautifully decorated and there will be Christmas cookies, hot chocolate and other treats to share with family and friends. All are invited! Santa Claus will be visiting (please bring your own camera), and the jolly festivities will include storytelling, historic tours, and performances by:
  - The Roosevelt Elementary School Choir
  - The San Leandro High School Notables
  - The St. Felicitas Elementary School Choir
- This is a free event but tickets will be distributed at San Leandro Main Library Information Desk, 300 Estudillo Avenue starting December 2, at 12 noon.

### San Leandro Police Officers Association (SLPOA) Bikes for Tykes Distribution (flyer attached)

#### **Saturday, December 21, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Davis Street Family Resource Center, 3081 Teagarden Street**

- SLPOA members will distribute bicycles as part of the Bikes for Tykes program on **December 21**. There will be refreshments and drinks available.

## **Council Information**

### America Recycles Day Update

- The items have been sorted and the numbers are in. The Recycling Program's America Recycles Day event last Wednesday was a success. Approximately 200 residents stopped by the Marina Community Center to drop off a variety items.
- Staff accepted approximately 2,297 pounds, including:
  - 189 pounds of pharmaceuticals
  - 742 pounds of batteries
  - 364 pounds of fluorescent lights
  - 68 pounds of incandescent light bulbs, and
  - Over 1,000 pounds of electronic media (CDs, DVDs, audio and video cassettes)
- Residents were thankful for providing a local and convenient way of recycling the unwanted items. Some stated the materials would have ended up in the trash if the opportunity had not been presented to do the right thing. The event supported the City's waste reduction efforts and raised awareness about recycling every day.

### Crack Sealing of City Streets (staff report attached)

- The annual road maintenance budget is only a fraction of what is required to maintain the City's pavement condition at the current level. It is imperative that the limited road funding be spent as efficiently as possible. To accomplish this, staff continues to evaluate different solutions for cost effective pavement maintenance.
- Many more streets are in need of the application of crack seal than can be funded in the slurry seal program each year. Crack sealing slows pavement deterioration, retarding the development of potholes, thereby reducing the potential of vehicle damage and staff time dedicated to pothole repair. Early intervention when cracks appear forestalls the need for more expensive pavement reconstruction.

### San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) Receives Cal GRIP Grant

- The City of San Leandro Police Department announced that it will receive an award of \$500,000 from the Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention initiative (Cal GRIP). The Cal GRIP initiative is designed to address the increased presence of gangs across the state and their proliferation in suburban and rural areas. With assistance from REACH, the City of San Leandro secured Cal GRIP funding for the next two years. The current award is part of a total of \$9.2 million in competitive grants that were awarded to 20 cities in California that face challenges from gang violence. Read the full [press release](#).

SLPD Distributes Truancy Alert to Parents of San Leandro and San Lorenzo Unified School Districts (community notification attached)

## **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 story was posted this week:

- [Cool Tools for Makers at the East Bay Maker Lab December 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.](#)

To follow San Leandro Next, please visit [www.sanleandronext.com](http://www.sanleandronext.com) or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

## **Articles of Interest**

Convict Who Inspired California's 3 Strikes Law Released Under State's Prison Realignment Law (article attached)

## **Correspondence From Other Agencies**

The Zero Net Energy Center Highlighted in the National Electrical Contractors Association publication *The Voice* (article attached)



# A Hawaiian Holiday Celebration

starring  
**Patrick Landeza**  
and *Friends*



**Saturday, December 7, 2013**  
6:30 p.m. - Hawaiian Food and Crafts  
7:30 p.m. – Show Starts

San Leandro Main Library  
300 Estudillo Avenue

*Tickets: \$15 Advanced Purchase*  
*\$18 At the Door*  
*Children 5 yrs and under admitted free!*



Start the Holiday Season with soft and soulful music that will transport you gently across the sea to the welcoming Hawaiian Islands. Join renowned slack key guitarist Patrick Landeza as he kicks off the Holidays with his **12th Annual Hawaiian Holiday Celebration!**

This wonderful Hawaiian holiday show blends heartwarming stories of aloha, traditional Hawaiian holiday songs, and holiday standards.

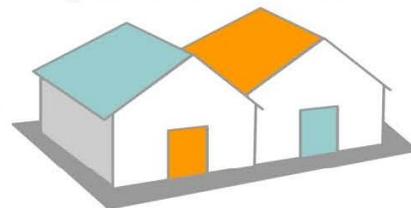
Hawaiian dinner will be sold for \$10.  
Patrick's music CD will be on sale for \$15 each.

*Purchase Tickets at the Information Desk of the San Leandro Main Library,  
starting at 12 noon on **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**.*

**For more information, please call the Information Desk at (510) 577-3971.**

# GATEWAY TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

The Bay Area Homebuyer Agency (BAHBA) in conjunction with the  
City of San Leandro  
invites you  
to attend an informative



## FREE HOMEBUYER SEMINAR

**Date:** December 14, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00am to 2:00pm  
**Location:** Marina Community Center – Thunderbolt Room  
15301 Wicks Boulevard  
San Leandro, CA

**The seminar covers all aspects of becoming a homeowner including:**

- The decision process in becoming a homeowner
- Financial considerations and requirements for homeownership
- The home loan prequalification and approval process
- How to search for a home
- How to work with real estate professionals
- Avoiding pitfalls of predatory unsafe lending practices
- Special public and privately funded homebuyer programs available to residents and/or educators in the Alameda and Contra Costa regions.

***Reservations are required to attend the free seminar***

To make a reservation online visit [www.myHomeGateway.com](http://www.myHomeGateway.com) click on  
“Seminar Registration” or call (888) 572-1222 ext 101

The Marina Community Center is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need special accommodations due to physical disabilities or need translation services at the FTHB seminar, please contact Steve Hernandez, City of San Leandro Community Development Department, 510-577-6005, or the Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) 510- 577-3343, within five working days in advance of the seminar date.

# ACCESO A LA ADQUISICIÓN DE VIVIENDA

La Agencia de Compradores de Vivienda del Área de la Bahía  
(BAHBA, por sus siglas en inglés) conjuntamente con  
La Ciudad de San Leandro  
lo invitan cordialmente a un



## SEMINARIO INFORMATIVO GRATIS PARA COMPRADORES DE VIVENDA

**Fecha:** 14 de Diciembre 2013  
**Hora:** 9:00am a 2:00pm  
**Lugar:** Marina Community Center – Thunderbolt Room  
15301 Wicks Boulevard  
San Leandro, CA

**El seminario cubre todos los aspectos de cómo convertirse en un propietario de vivienda incluyendo:**

- El proceso de toma de decisiones para convertirse en propietario de vivienda
- Las consideraciones y requisitos financieros para compradores de vivienda
- El proceso de precalificación y aprobación para un préstamo para la compra de una vivienda
- Cómo buscar una vivienda
- Cómo trabajar con los profesionales de bienes raíces
- Cómo evitar los problemas de prácticas de préstamos inseguros y depredadores
- Los programas especiales con fondos públicos y privados para los compradores de vivienda disponibles para residentes y/o educadores en las regiones de Alameda y Contra Costa.

***Se requiere hacer reservaciones para asistir a este seminario gratuito***

**Para hacer una reservación a través del Internet, visite [www.myHomeGateway.com](http://www.myHomeGateway.com) – haga clic en "Seminar Registration" (Inscripción al Seminario) o llame al (888) 572-1222 ext. 101**

El Marina Community Center es accesible a las personas con discapacidades. Si usted necesita adaptaciones especiales debido a discapacidades físicas o si necesita servicios de interpretación/traducción en el seminario FTHB, sírvase hablar con Steve Hernandez, en el Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de San Leandro, 510-577-6005, ó al Dispositivo para Telecomunicaciones para Personas Sordas (TDD) 510- 577-3343, dentro de un plazo de cinco días hábiles antes de la fecha del seminario.

## **CITY OF SAN LEANDRO**

### **STAFF REPORT**

**Date:** November 21, 2013

**To:** Chris Zapata, City Manager

**From:** Uchenna Udemezue, Director  
Engineering and Transportation Department

**By:** Kenneth Joseph, City Engineer

**Subject:** CRACK SEALING OF CITY STREETS

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### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION**

This report provides information regarding crack sealing of city streets by Public Works Services as a maintenance standalone treatment. This is for information only, and no action is required.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The annual road maintenance budget is only a fraction of what is required to maintain the City's pavement condition at the current level. It is imperative that the limited road funding be spent as efficiently as possible. To accomplish this, staff continues to evaluate different solutions for cost effective pavement maintenance.

As water intrusion into the pavement is one of the largest contributors to potholes and pavement failure, Public Works Service's staff applies asphalt material to cracks on streets to seal the surface from water damage. Currently, crack seal is only applied to streets in preparation for the application of slurry or other surface treatment. Limiting crack sealing to streets scheduled for a surface treatment is primarily in response to past resident's complaints that streets are not aesthetically pleasing when crack sealing is applied alone. It is true that the dark black sealant is highly visible, especially on aged pavement which has lightened in color.

Many more streets are in need of the application of crack seal than can be funded in the slurry seal program each year. Crack sealing slows pavement deterioration, retarding the development of potholes, thereby reducing the potential of vehicle damage and staff time dedicated to pothole repair. Early intervention when cracks appear forestalls the need for more expensive pavement reconstruction.

The City cannot afford to continue to crack seal streets only on the condition that they will be covered up with street sealing. City staff plans starting a crack sealing program as a standalone treatment. Public Works Service's street crew will be installing crack sealing as part of the Area Maintenance program in the coming months. It is anticipated that some residents will complain about the street appearance, but it is important that this treatment be done to help maintain the condition of City streets.

# **SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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***Sandra R. Spagnoli***

***Chief of Police***

**901 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, San Leandro CA 94577**



## **COMMUNITY MESSAGE**

Truancy prevention and improving student school attendance are priorities of the San Leandro Police Department and the San Leandro Unified School District. Students who attend school on a regular basis are more successful both during their school involvement and after they graduate. This contributes to moving onto higher education and/or careers. Juvenile crimes in the community are reduced when fewer students are truant.

In an effort to increase school attendance, the San Leandro Police Department and the San Leandro Unified School District are announcing a truancy reduction program. School attendance is mandated by law (Education Code-48293) and will be enforced within our community. Students who are found off school grounds during school hours are subject to being cited for truancy, pursuant to the San Leandro Municipal Code (SLMC 4-1-305). This will result in a fine and/or placement into a diversion program.

Lt. Randall Brandt stated, **"Our goal with** this program is to keep kids in school and prepare them for their future. We would like to use all the available resources before fines may be applied because our ultimate goal is to make sure children are making the right decisions and continuing with their education. For this program to be successful, it will need to be a collaborative effort between the police, the school district and **parents or guardians."**

**San Leandro Unified School District's Superintendent Mike McLaughlin stated,** "Having support from the San Leandro Police Department is crucial to our ongoing efforts to get kids to school and keep them there. The school district has a responsibility to track, report, and support students who are having difficulties getting to school. Partnering with the SLPD and other agencies will ensure that we are doing all we can to educate our children and keep them safe."

**San Lorenzo Unified School District's Superintendent Fred Brill stated,** "We deeply value our partnership with the San Leandro Police Department in addressing chronic truancy. I am confident that our collaborative efforts will keep more students in school and this will ultimately provide greater opportunities for our students to be successful in college and in the workplace."

**MEDIA UPDATES WILL BE MADE AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE**

Please contact the San Leandro Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division with any information regarding this case at 510-577-3230 or contact the Anonymous Tip Line at 510-577-3278.

Citizens can also send an anonymous tip to San Leandro Police Department by texting the word SLPD and their tip to 847411. Anonymous web tips can be submitted from the Police Department's website at <http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd/at.asp>

For crime prevention tips please go to the Police Department's website at <http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd> or contact PSA Sandy Colwell at 510-577-3248

Citizens play a critical role in creating a safe environment by observing and reporting any suspicious and criminal activity to the Police. The San Leandro Police Department recommends that citizens do not participate in any direct verbal or physical involvement with suspicious persons or those who are committing crimes. The personal safety of the community is paramount. We encourage the San Leandro community to record the details of what they observe and to report those details to the Police. This type of community involvement and partnership has proven to be a very effective crime prevention tool. Citizens act as the eyes and ears of the community first, and the extended **eyes and ears** of the San Leandro Police Department. Thank you for being a force multiplier in our efforts to provide professional police services and safety to the community.

SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT



# Bikes for Tykes

FUNDRAISER



Hi! My name is Officer Louie Brandt of the San Leandro Police Department. As you know, the holidays are fast approaching and there are many San Leandro families in need.

I am raising money for our *Bikes for Tykes* program. This fundraiser purchases new bikes and helmets for hundreds of needy kids who would otherwise not be able to have one.

Please join me and the rest of the San Leandro Police Department in giving to our fundraiser and making this a very special holiday season for our local kids.

*Louie Brandt*

Officer Louie Brandt #273

The San Leandro Police Officers Association (SLPOA) is a 501(c) non-profit organization.

All Donations to our organization are tax deductible.

The tax identification number is: 94-600421.

Please make check payable to: SLPOA

For questions, please contact: Office Louie Brandt #273 at 510-577-2360

# Convict Who Inspired California's 3 Strikes Law Released Under State's Prison Realignment Law

*Associated Press*

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FRESNO -- A man whose long rap sheet inspired California's three strikes law is back living in Fresno after being released under the state's prison realignment law.

Douglas Walker is out on post-release community supervision, and not subject to the strict supervision of parole because his last crime was non-violent, KFSN-TV reported Friday.

His role in the 1992 fatal shooting of Kimber Reynolds led her father to campaign for the three strikes law, which mandates that thrice-convicted felons receive a minimum of 25 years to life in prison.

He received a nine-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to robbery, attempted robbery and accessory charges in Reynold's killing, but after being released Walker acquired two more felony convictions, according to the [threestrikes.org](http://threestrikes.org) website.

He was most recently convicted of grand theft for stealing a tool chest, but avoided receiving a third strike in that case because a judge gave him the benefit of the doubt.

Because that crime was not violent, he was released under the prison realignment law that is sending lower-level offenders to county jails instead of state prisons.

The author of the three strikes law said he believed Walker will commit another crime.

"I hope that for not only his sake but more importantly the rest of our sake that he stops doing crime, but if you want to ask me what the odds are, unfortunately I would suggest he's a creature of habit and his habits are bad," Mike Reynolds said.

Walker declined to talk to the TV station, but his sister said he was "trying to live his life the best that he can."

## NEXT VOICE PREVIEW



The Zero Net Energy Center in San Leandro opened May 30, 2012 and has its own website, [www.znecenter.org](http://www.znecenter.org).

# The Zero Net Energy Center In San Leandro Debuts With Solar, Wind, And More—The Largest ZNE In California And One Of A Handful Of Retrofitted Zero Net Energy Buildings In The U.S.

Don't miss reading about the ZNE (Zero Net Energy) Center in San Leandro in our next issue! Learn what the future of construction will look like! (And sign up for a ZNE Tour at [www.znecenter.org/tour](http://www.znecenter.org/tour)).

ZNE's story—and the hope it holds for sustainable building—offers a ray of light into the future. What if retrofitting a single office building like this one at 14600 Catalina Street with green technology could reduce our carbon footprint by 175 tons and be the equivalent of taking 30 gas-burning vehicles off the road?

And what if the retrofitted building, equipped with solar panels and wind turbines, became so energy efficient that

the energy it consumes and the energy it produces are equal?

The ZNE Center is operated jointly by IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local 595 and NorCal NECA (the National Electrical Contractors Association).

The 46,000 square foot building is being used primarily as a training facility for the Alameda County JATC (Joint Apprenticeship and Training Facility). It is one of a handful of zero net energy buildings in the country recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy, and one of only 21 net zero energy buildings in the U.S. (Only two of them exceed 15,000 square feet).

The Zero Net Energy Center, a total rehab, will qualify as the largest zero energy building in California and the third largest in the U.S.

**Learn more in the next issue from Byron Benton, the JATC training director, and three sound and communication contractors who helped retrofit the building: Point One, Signawest and Energy ETC. Red Top was the electrical contractor. Thank you to Victor Uno, IBEW Local 595 Business Manager, and Don Campbell, Executive Director of NorCAL NECA for their vision for a zero net energy and sustainable building!!**