



City Manager's Weekly Update

December 4, 2014

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 12/08** City Council Work Session on Public Safety; Swearing-in Ceremony for Incoming Council Members, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 12/15** City Council Meeting, District Leadership/Champion of San Leandro Awards Ceremony; Recognition of Outgoing Council Members, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers

To: City Council
From: Chris Zapata, City Manager

Mark Your Calendar

"It's a Wonderful Night" Holiday Celebration

Friday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Joaquin Plaza between East 14th and Washington

- Come enjoy holiday entertainment at San Leandro's annual "It's A Wonderful Night." The event will take place in Downtown San Leandro.
- Activities will include live performances, hand-on crafts for children, carriage rides, photos with Santa, and outdoor showings of holiday movie favorites.
- For more information, please visit the [San Leandro Downtown Association website](#).

A Hawaiian Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 6, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 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. Renowned slack key guitarist Patrick Landeza will be performing as part of this special event where attendees also will have the opportunity to shop at the Hawaiian crafts booths or purchase a full Hawaiian dinner before the show. After enjoying a delicious traditional meal, attendees can sit back and relax, while listening to Patrick Landeza's tranquil music.
- Purchase tickets at the Information Desk at the San Leandro Main Library. For more information, please call 577-3971.

New Mayor and City Council Members to Take Oath of Office

Monday, December 8, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 835 E. 14th Street

- Mayor Stephen Cassidy and the San Leandro City Council announced that Mayor-elect Pauline Russo Cutter, District 1 Council Member-elect Deborah Cox, District 3 Council Member-elect Lee Thomas, and District 5 Council Member-elect Corina Lopez will be ceremonially sworn into office at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014. The event will take place in the City Council Chambers of San Leandro City Hall. In accordance with the City Charter, the terms of office for the new Mayor and Council members commence on January 1, 2015.
- Following the swearing-in ceremony, a welcoming reception will be held in the Sister Cities Gallery, located adjacent to City Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and reception.

SLPD Swearing in and Recognition Ceremony (flyer attached)

Wednesday, December 17, 5:30 p.m., Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

- Please join the San Leandro Police Department as they swear in their new employees and recognize others for their extraordinary efforts.

Council Information

SLPD Welcomes Employees (flyers attached)

- The San Leandro Police Department is pleased to welcome three new police parking aides and two new college interns to its ranks. Biographical information about each new employee is included in the attached flyer.

New Mobile-Friendly Website

- The City's new mobile-friendly website (called "Responsive Design") is now up and running. The site will automatically adjust based upon the screen size of the user's device. Greater than 35% of the City's web traffic now comes from mobile devices, so it is a great time to launch this new feature.
- Please help improve the new site by reporting any errors that are encountered to citycomments@sanleandro.org. A feedback survey also is available on the [City's website](#).

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips (flyer attached)

- The holiday season is a time for crimes of opportunity. Please see the attached Holiday Crime Prevention Tips flyer from the San Leandro Police Department for helpful information.
- Please keep these safety tips in mind this season and have a safe and happy holiday!

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 since last week:

- [UC Berkeley Grad Students Light up San Leandro](#)
- ["It's a Wonderful Night" Holiday Celebration returns on December 5](#)
- [Cornerstone Apartments Construction and BART East Parking Closure Delayed Until December 8](#)

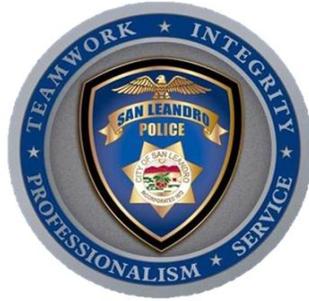
To follow San Leandro Next, please visit www.sanleandronext.com or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Correspondence From Other Agencies

Oakland Airport BART Connector Now Open (photo attached)

- The Bay Area Rapid Transit District announced that their new Connector service from Coliseum station to Oakland International Airport, "BART to OAK", opened for passenger service on Saturday, November 22, 2014. The attached photo of San Leandro Creek as viewed from the BART connector elevated guide way was prominently featured in BART District 4 Director Robert Raburn's November "Rail Mail" newsletter. Efforts to extend the San Leandro Creek pathway also were highlighted in the newsletter.

SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT



SWEARING IN AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: San Leandro Senior Community Center
13909 E. 14th Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

Please join us as we swear in our employees into their new positions, as well as recognize others for their extraordinary efforts

Sandra R. Spagnoli
Chief of Police



PLEASE WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF SLPD



Police Parking Aide Nikolai Ballard comes to us from the City of San Leandro Recreation Department. He is currently enlisted in the Army Reserves. Nikolai was born in Brooklyn NY and raised in San Leandro. He enjoys hiking and all outdoor activities/sports. His favorite sports teams are the San Jose Sharks, the New York Giants and Kurt Busch Nascar.



Police Parking Aide Elizabeth Reyes comes to us from the City of San Leandro Recreation and Human Services Department. Elizabeth's hometown is San Francisco but now resides in San Leandro with her husband Francisco and their two children, son Sebastian and daughter Jordyn. She enjoys rock climbing and running half marathons. Elizabeth's favorite sports team is the San Francisco Giants.



Police Parking Aide Vanisha Sapp comes to us after being self employed for several years as a Social Media Marketer. She was born and raised in Oakland where she still resides with her husband Desmond and 13yr old daughter Kamaria. Vanisha's hobbies are crocheting and jewelry making. She is not a sports fan, however, her husband loves the San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland A's.



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College Intern Anna Patino has been a San Leandro Police Explorer for 4 years, and holds rank of Captain. She is currently attending Chabot College where she is majoring in psychology. Anna was born and raised in Oakland where she still resides. Her hobbies are hiking with her dogs and being a San Leandro Explorer. Her favorite sports teams are the Oakland A's, the Oakland Raiders and the Golden State Warriors.



College Intern Jessica Castellanos comes to us from Law office of James E. Latimer and Associates. She is currently attending Berkeley City College. Jessica was born and raised in San Leandro where she still resides. She enjoys hiking, biking and playing soccer. Jessica's favorite sports teams are the Oakland Raiders and the Golden State Warriors.



SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention Unit



Holiday Crime Prevention Tips



Holiday Shopping

The holiday season is a time for crimes of opportunity. Keep these tips in mind this season:

- Do not walk and text or use your phone, cell phone/smart phone thefts are on the rise. It is important to watch where you are going and be aware of your surroundings.
- Don't be distracted! Jewelry theft is also on the rise; if you are distracted; you won't see them coming to take your possessions.
- Don't leave packages in plain view in your vehicle – put them in your trunk, before you get to your location.
- If you will not be home for deliveries, have your items delivered to a neighbor who will be home or to your office.
- Hold on to your money: Always carry your purse tucked tightly under your arm, or don't carry one at all. Put your money and only necessary cards in your front pants pocket where it is harder for a bad guy to get at it.
- Don't park in secluded or dark areas of the parking lot. Be patient and courteous while parking.
- Try not to be the last to leave the store. Leave when the stores are still open and there are plenty of other shoppers in the parking lot.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- When you get home, remember this home safety reminder: Approximately 50% of all burglars enter the house via unlocked or open doors and/or windows. Keep all doors, including your garage door, closed and locked. Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.



Holiday Travel

- Get an automatic timer for the lights in your home.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home and perhaps park a vehicle in your driveway.
- Have a neighbor or family member pickup newspaper and mail deliveries.



When You Are Out For The Evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks and sounds like somebody is home.
- Lock doors and windows even if you leave for just a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

