

City of San Leandro COMMUNITY UPDATE



SEPTEMBER 2011

CITY MANAGER MESSAGE

I am pleased to introduce the new City of San Leandro *Community Update*. It will be posted on the City's website each month and include news, events and updates of interest to the community. To receive an email notice of a new update, sign up through [E-Notify](#).

- Lianne Marshall, Interim City Manager

San Leandro Remembers 9-11-01



As you likely know, this coming Sunday will be the 10th anniversary of 9-11-01. San Leandro will be participating in a national movement, supported by a [U.S. Senate Resolution](#), to have a national

"Moment of Remembrance" at **10:00 a.m.** (Pacific Daylight Time) on Sunday, **September 11, 2011**.

The nation is being asked to pause at that moment and reflect on the loss our nation suffered on that day and the sacrifices so many made in rushing to the aid of others at the disaster sites in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The City will be participating by:

- A [City Council Proclamation](#), identifying 10:00 a.m., September 11, 2011 as a "Moment of Remembrance" in San Leandro.
- Asking everyone to stop and reflect on the 10th anniversary of those tragedies, as well as honoring those who are protecting our community, our nation and our freedoms now.
- Asking available on-duty Police and Fire personnel to sound sirens at that moment.
- Asking the faith community to ring bells or chimes at that moment.
- Flags being flown at half staff at the Main Library and Fire Stations.
- Asking the community to fly the American flag, at half staff, if possible.
- A special collection of books about 9-11-01 is on display at the Main Library.

Please do what you and your family can in your own way to participate in the "Moment of Remembrance" on Sunday, September 11.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✦ **Coffee with the Cops – Tuesday, September 13, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.**, Main Street Bagel, 1099 MacArthur Boulevard. Police Officers, Detectives and the Police Chief will be discussing crime trends in your neighborhood.
- ✦ **Downtown Farmers' Market – every Wednesday through October 19; 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, Parrott Street at East 14th St.
- ✦ **Coffee with the Mayor for the San Leandro Spanish Speaking Community, Saturday, October 1, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**, Main Library Lecture Hall
- ✦ **Council District 5 & 6 Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.**, Main Library Lecture Hall

CULTURAL EVENTS

- ✦ **14th Annual Senior Resource Fair – Friday, September 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, Senior Community Center. This year's Fair theme is "Let's Get Growing." This event is free to seniors and to anyone interested in issues that affect seniors.
- ✦ **27th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, Saturday, September 17, 8:00 am to noon**, Monarch Bay Drive Bridge (at the end of Marina Park) and Heron Bay entrance at the end of Lewelling Blvd.
- ✦ **San Leandro Dog Park Dedication – Saturday, September 24, 11:00 a.m.**, Marina Park
- ✦ **Creek Clean-Up – Saturday, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, & Nov. 19, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**, Root Park. For more information, go to www.fslc.org.

Documentary Film Produced by Library Staff - *The Legacy of the Nisei Veterans*

The DVD *The Legacy of the Nisei Veterans* is a production of the San Leandro Public Library as part of a grant sponsored by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) administered by the California State Library. The San Leandro Library sought out stories of Japanese- American men in the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service during World War II. The 100th/442nd Team was the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in U.S. Army history. Military Intelligence Service members translated documents, interrogated prisoners, monitored radio transmissions and collected battlefield information.



San Leandro Library staff members, Mary Beth Barloga, Addie Silveira and Nancy Fong, secured the \$23,000 grant, filmed, and edited the documentary, which consists of personal stories from Bay Area veterans now ranging in age from 88 to 95. These Nisei veterans speak of hardships endured, freedoms taken away, families separated, brave sacrifices, fears and suspicions, the fighting of battles, and their role of being “warriors in silence.”

The Legacy of the Nisei Veterans is currently airing on local Comcast Channel 15 (Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.) and copies of the DVD are available for borrowing at all San Leandro Libraries.

PROJECT UPDATES

Public Works Department New Project Page on Website

The Public Works Department has developed a Project Page on the City website to showcase recent maintenance projects in a slideshow format. The current project is the Hesperian boulevard Medians Mulch Project. To view the Projects page, click here: <http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pw/projects.asp>.

Marina Boulevard Street Rehabilitation Project and the Annual Overlay/Rehabilitation 2010-11 Project

The Marina Boulevard Street Rehabilitation Project will be underway in mid-September. It consists of two phases. Phase I will reconstruct Marina Boulevard between San Leandro Boulevard and Washington Avenue by removing the existing asphalt concrete surface, cement-stabilizing the road base, and repaving with a surface course of asphalt concrete. Phase II will remove and replace the top four inches of asphalt concrete on Marina Boulevard between Teagarden Street and Alvarado Street.

This phase of work will be done at night to minimize the traffic impact on this heavily-traveled street. Traffic control measures, including detours, will be in place during construction, but local traffic will be allowed through per the project specifications. For questions, call 577-3428.

BUSINESSES IN THE NEWS

Renovation has begun on the Nissan, Hyundai and Kia car dealerships at the Marina Square Auto Center. The most extensive construction will be performed at the Nissan dealership, located at 1152 Marina Boulevard. Aluminum paneling will highlight the main building's exterior, creating a modern, performance-driven image that has become a trademark of Nissan's dealerships. The dealerships will remain open during construction.

"We are very excited about the remodeling of the dealerships," said the Marina Auto Center's President and CEO, George Assoun. "We are committed to providing our customers with the best automotive experience possible and our upgraded facilities will serve to strengthen that commitment."

The article can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/08/08/prweb8704261.DTL#ixzz1Ue8LNKKD>

Community Meeting for the Proposed Village Marketplace Neighborhood Retail Development

The City will hold a community workshop on Tuesday, **September 27**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sister Cities Gallery at City Hall to provide an update and solicit citizen feedback on the proposed Village Marketplace retail center at 1550 East 14th Street (the former downtown Albertsons store).

Robbery Prevention Tips Provided by the San Leandro Police Dept.

Take Responsibility for Your Personal Safety

- Stay in well-lit areas.
- Walk near the curb — away from shrubbery and places where someone could be hiding.
- Walk against traffic, so that cars cannot surprise you from behind.
- Keep an arm's length away from strangers.
- If you think someone suspicious is approaching or following you, cross to the other side of the street and head for the nearest public place.



Don't Make It Obvious That You Are in Unfamiliar Territory

- Giving the appearance of not paying attention and not being alert are what suspects look for in a victim. (Not surprisingly, many victims are robbed while talking on their cell phones).
- Stay sober enough to take care of yourself. Criminals view impaired persons as easy prey.
- Walk briskly and with confidence.

At Night, Avoid Public Parks, Vacant Lots, Alleys and Areas with Excessive Trees and Bushes

- Know which stores and other public places are open along your route.
- Don't hesitate to run back to where you came from to get help.
- Look for anyone "hanging around" your car or your path to your car.
- Have your keys in your hand and be ready to open the car door.

Street Robbery: Dos and Don'ts

- Never wrap a purse strap around your wrist; forcible removal could result in serious injury.
- Keeping cash in a separate money clip or pouch will allow you to hand it over without sacrificing your credit cards, identification, and personal papers.
- RELEASE THE PURSE. Do not risk personal injury.
- Obey the robber's instructions.
- Make a mental note of the robber's appearance, i.e., height, weight, hair color/style, clothing, etc.

- If possible, take down the vehicle license plate number, a description of the vehicle, and the direction the robber is fleeing.
- Then call 9-1-1 immediately!

For more information, contact the San Leandro Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 510-577-3247 or go to the National Crime Prevention Council website at www.weprevent.org.

WEEKLY UPDATE

If you would like to review weekly information from the Interim City Manager, please check out the *Weekly Update* on the City's website at www.sanleandro.org/depts/cityhall/city_manager.asp.

SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- 9/12** City Council/SLUSD/SLzUSD Joint Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Main Library
- 9/13** Facilities and Transportation Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 9/15** CC/SLUSD Liaison Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery
- 9/19** City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers
- 9/26** City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD
- 9/29** Rules and Communications Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Sister Cities Gallery

