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PUBLIC RELATIONS

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Our community is on the road to normalcy. Many of us are busy with our children's activities, entertainment is back to normal, friends can now enjoy going out to dinner and families now enjoy having gatherings.

It is important to continue being vigilant by taking care of ourselves. Continue washing your hands regularly, carry hand sanitizer and if you feel uncomfortable in big crowds, wear a facemask.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has a lot of good information, you can visit their page: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/>

The following events happened in the month of February:

Puente Hills Landfill Park

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

Time: 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Location: Hacienda Heights Community Center—1234 Valencia Ave
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation requested input from the community, local municipalities and community organizations. Many residents worked in groups and provided ideas on how this park can better service our communities. It was a very productive day. Please visit their page for more details:

<https://parks.lacounty.gov/phlandfillpark/>

Los Angeles County Fire Dept. 2023 Women's Fire Prep. Academy

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023

Time: 7:00 am- 12:00 pm

Location: 1320 N. Eastern Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90063

****Postponed to March 4,2023**

The WFPA cadre greeted 129 enthusiastic candidates who competed for a spot in the seventh academy. Candidates competed in a series of physical fitness tests, such as the beep test (shuttle run), planks, push-ups, and pull-ups, in hopes of qualifying for the WFPA. Day one concluded with the WFPA members learning hands-on wildland firefighting tools and techniques.

For more information: <https://fire.lacounty.gov/2023-womens-fire-prep-academy-opening-day/>

California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Quemetco Settlement Workshop

Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Location: Hacienda Heights Community Center -1234 Valencia Avenue /Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

DTSC hosted an in-person workshop to provide information on the recent settlement agreement between DTSC and Quemetco. Many residents attended this workshop to learn more about how the agreement works and what it means for the community.

If you would like detailed information on this very important issue for our community visit the following pages:

DTSC: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/hw-projects/quemetco-battery-recycling/>

Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights:
<https://cleanaircoalition.org/index.html>

Earth Justice:

<https://earthjustice.org/feature/report-quemetco-southern-california-lead-smelter>

Brochure from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health “Protect Your Health-Living near Quemetco”:

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/quemetco/ProtectYourHealthBooklet-en.pdf>

Habitat Authority Citizens Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

The Citizens Technical Advisory Committee holds regular meetings on the Tuesday before the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Palm Park, 5703 Palm Ave, Whittier, CA 90601, unless noticed otherwise.

Provide Public Comment. All members of the public are welcome to attend and provide comments at these meetings. If you cannot attend the meeting, but have public comments, please submit them to info@habitatauthority.org at least one day prior to the meeting day, and you will receive a confirmation of receipt.

Receive Agendas. If you would like to be added to the agenda email list for these meetings please email info@habitatauthority.org

Webpage: <https://www.habitatauthority.org/about-us/public-meeting-schedule/>

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Board meeting

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m.

for information on The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority:
<https://www.habitatauthority.org/>

Our community needs to get involved as there are conversations about raising our taxes to help fund the Habitat Authority.

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Board meeting

Date: Feb 09, 2023, and February 23, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m. closed session and 6:30 p.m. open session

For more information: <https://hlpusd-ca.schoolloop.com/board>

Upcoming events for March 2023:

Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier & Avocado Heights-Community Meeting

Date: Tuesday March 14, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

The host will discuss how chemicals like lead and arsenic is affecting the communities of Hacienda Heights, Avocado Heights, North Whittier and La Puente.

<https://cleanaircoalition.org/index.html>

County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan-Community Meeting.

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom Webinar

The public meeting is to discuss environmental issues addressed in the Draft PEIR. The Public Meeting will involve a presentation reviewing the proposed Project, the environmental review process, and schedule.

For more information about the project, please visit the project website at <https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/esgvap/>

or contact the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan project team at commplan@planning.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-6425.

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/site/esgvap/notice-of-availability-noa-of-a-draft-program-environmental-impact-report-peir-public-meeting/>

Valley Vista Annual Cleanup for Hacienda Heights

Date: Saturday, March 04, 2023 (if your pickup day is on Monday or Tuesday)

Time: 6:00 a.m.

OR

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 (if your pickup day is on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday)

Time: 6:00 a.m.

County of Los Angeles Fire Department /Brush Inspection Community Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Location: Rowland Heights Community Center -18150 East Pathfinder Road Rowland Heights, CA 91748

The meeting will provide information regarding brush clearance requirements and responsibilities. Please contact the Brush Clearance Unit at (626) 969-2375 or visit their website: <https://fire.lacounty.gov/fire-hazard-reduction-programs/>

World's Best Pizza-celebrating 50th year in Hacienda Heights

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The owners would like to thank our community for 50 great years. They have a special offer: \$10 + tax for a large pepperoni OR large cheese pizza. One per family visit.

Hsi Lai Temple-- Meditation classes and other classes offered in person and virtually.

Classes start Saturday, March 18, 2023

Please register for the classes at:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScws4.../viewform>

Resources:

Free Covid Tests

Government-issued, free rapid COVID-19 tests are available again. Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free tests. Order online at:

<https://www.covid.gov/tests>

If you need help placing an order, call 1-800-232-0233

L.A. County Department of Public Social Services

When you're in need of immediate help to buy food, CalFresh Expedited Services can help you access benefits either same day or within 3 days of your application.

Call the DPSS Customer Service Center at 866-613-3777 for more information and to apply.

[#ExpeditedCalFresh](#) [#ChooseCalFresh](#) [#foodbenefits](#) [#losangeles](#) County of Los Angeles

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

Current job openings at local school district- Hacienda La Puente Unified School district.

<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/hlpusd>

L A Law Library

FREE Legal Classes!

Learn about tenant law, evictions and more!

Register below or call (213) 785-2516.

<https://www.lalawlibrary.org/ask-a-lawyer>

Throughout the year, LA Law Library presents a wide variety of classes and community events aimed at promoting legal research and equal access to justice throughout Los Angeles County.

LA Law Library offers classes for everyone from the self-represented litigants to students, paralegals and attorneys. You'll find the breadth and scope of classes timely, informative, and useful.

LA Law Library also hosts community events throughout the year including its annual Pro Bono Week in late October and Law Week in early May. (The latter in conjunction with Law Day on May 1, 2013.)

For these programs, LA Law Library partners with bar associations, legal aid organizations and pro bono organization to bring FREE programming and services to the public and legal community throughout the County.

Visit our list of classes and reserve your spot in any of our wide-ranging classes!

<https://www.lalawlibrary.org/classes-events>

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District -Parent Education Online Programs/Classes. K12 HLP Parenting Online Registration link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0iw5jXilgpVg4nEC7ThTekD9tIkuXXHDDPP5VhJ81Wh7qvQ/viewform>

Information: <https://hlpusd-ca.schoolloop.com/>

****I will be contacting Parks and Recreation Department for information on activities for Senior Citizens and families. More too come!**

California State Parks free vehicle day use entry

Information link: <https://lacountylibrary.org/parks-passes/>

In partnership with the First Partner's Office and the California State Library, State Parks are providing free vehicle day-use entry to over 200 participating state park units operated by State Parks to library-card holders.

The California State Library Parks Pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle. Visit your local LA County Library locations:

<https://lacountylibrary.org/library-locator/>

Get your pass and plan your trip to a participating state park!

The pass will not be honored at state park units operated by federal or local government and private agencies or concessionaires. Also, the pass is not valid for per-person entry or tour fees (such as museums), boat use, camping, group use or sites, special events, additional/extra vehicle fees, sanitation disposal use or for supplemental fees.

To see a list of participating and nonparticipating parks. See

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30813

and read full terms and conditions: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30815

Important Information:

Important: **Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**, remember this number: **9-8-8**. Now anyone in a mental health crisis nationwide can access immediate, life-saving support by calling 9-8-8 at any time. As always, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health help line will continue to be available 24/7 at (800) 854-7771. <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/>

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Sign up to get emergency alerts—like evacuation notices—straight to your email, landline, or mobile devices.

<https://lacounty.gov/emergency/?fbclid=IwAR2LUCINHiSr5hsPd90W58TWqMbkuFD76sR7PAcnCc8ShdijriKLkV9kOAU>

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Sadly, millions worldwide are forced to endure a form of modern-day slavery. Traffickers prey on the most vulnerable - those without families, those looking for an opportunity to start new in the US, and unsuspecting young people online. Anyone can become a victim of human trafficking.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: LA Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, which falls under the umbrella of our Special Victims Bureau, was created to combat the various crimes encompassed by this heinous crime.

To report human trafficking, call your local LASD Sheriff's Station or website at <https://lasd.org/victims/>

If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking and is looking for support or services, contact the Saving Innocence Hotline at (888)616 -HEAL or the National Human Trafficking Hotline at (888) 373-7888 or <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>

Community Information

Yard Sale Ordinance

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopted the Yard Sale Ordinance Update for unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County on November 17, 2015. The Ordinance takes effect on December 17, 2015 (30-days from adoption). The purpose for the Ordinance update includes the following:

- Establishes standards for conducting yard sales as accessory to a residential use in any zone;
- Limits Yard Sales to the last full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of each month (known as the designated weekend).
- Yard Sales are prohibited Monday – Friday;
- Yard Sales are prohibited within the sidewalk, street, alley or any other public right-of-way;
- Establishes a registration process to allow two additional yard sales within a calendar year on non-designated weekends; and
- Provides a free-of-charge registration process with DRP.

This Yard Sale Ordinance is applicable only to **unincorporated** communities of Los Angeles County. Property within a city jurisdiction, is subject to the local city's Yard Sale Ordinance.

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/yard?fbclid=IwAR17rrj9oKHv-p6p1OOXfvJVIIIUZgMh4Ty9qjW2RfDoJeqEyJliJZ30wR4>

Social Media Community Concerns-

- **Homeless outreach**--Union Station Homeless Services, provides Housing Navigation services to Hacienda Heights and surrounding areas. This includes outreach to individuals who are literally homeless, engaging them and building relationships, identifying barriers to housing, and developing personalized plans to overcome each of these barriers. Their work is supported by partnerships with agencies like the Dept of Mental Health, Dept of Health Services, local employment agencies, non-profit legal aid organizations, etc. **If there is an individual in your neighborhood in need of services you can submit an outreach request through LAHSA's outreach portal: LA-HOP <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/> **We recommend using this portal to submit outreach requests to help us better track and respond to the needs of specific areas. In addition to their outreach teams they work closely with LAHSA's outreach teams, their own multi-Disciplinary outreach team, and the Department of Mental Health outreach team.
- Many residents requested information on how to report pothole repairs, graffiti removal and illegal dumping. You can download “**The Works**” for iPhone or Android and submit a report. See <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks/>

Nonconforming Vehicles Ordinance

Residents continue to have concerns with Nonconforming Vehicles being parked on public streets, parks and close to residential areas, schools. This concern was previously presented to Supervisor Solis' office, and it may need to be revisited for possible solutions.

Is there an existing ordinance in Los Angeles Unincorporated areas?

The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors has adopted an ordinance restricting the parking of Nonconforming Vehicles in the unincorporated communities of Long Beach, South Whittier, East Whittier, East La Mirada, West Whittier/Los Nietos, and Whittier.

The ordinance restricts the parking of Nonconforming Vehicles on public roadways at all times unless a permit is displayed on the vehicle. Each permit will be valid for one day (24-hours). Owners of Nonconforming Vehicles may receive up to 30 permits per year

from the local Los Angeles County Sheriff's station. Permits may not be used for more than two consecutive 24-hour periods (for a maximum of 48 hours, at a time).

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/traffic/ncv/#:~:text=The%20ordinance%20restricts%20the%20parking,Los%20Angeles%20County%20Sheriff%27s%20station.>

Please encourage all your neighbors to join HHIA and attend the monthly meetings.