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## PUBLIC RELATIONS

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In the months of March and April we had a lot of rain, and we are certainly happy about getting all the rainwater. The month of May has had more sun. Some neighbors needed to get work done on their houses, especially the roof. Some of our streets needed work done due to the rain.

Unfortunately, we did not have Earth Day in Hacienda Heights due to funding from Los Angeles County. Our residents had to go to neighboring cities to participate in an event.

The Public Relations committee is planning on scheduling meetings with PTA/PTO, Churches, community groups, school districts, businesses, etc. Our goal is to introduce HHIA to those who may not have heard about our community organization and provide valuable information. Please let us know if you have contact information for any churches, community organizations etc. You can contact Phyllis Rokus at: [phyllis.rokus@hhia.net](mailto:phyllis.rokus@hhia.net) CC Adriana Quinones at: [sajest3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sajest3@sbcglobal.net)

A lot of important information is entered on our Facebook page, we encourage all residents to visit our page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3182301181886262>

### The following events happened in the month of April:

- **Spring Jubilee activities at Hacienda Heights parks:**

Saturday, March 30, 2023, at Manzanita Park

Saturday, April 01, 2023, at Hacienda Heights Community Center

Saturday, April 08, 2023, at Steinmetz Park

<https://www.facebook.com/parks.lacounty.gov?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

- **Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation hosted Parks After Dark Spring 2023**

Date: Thursday, April 06, 2023, at Steinmetz Park  
<https://parks.lacounty.gov/springpad/?mibextid=Zxz2cZ>

- **Kiwanis Club Of Hacienda Heights Annual Scholarship fundraiser**  
Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Hacienda Heights Community Center

- **The Red Cross in partnership with Glen A. Wilson High School Red Cross club had a “Sound the Alarm” event for the community of Hacienda Heights.**

Date: Saturday, April 8th, 2023

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

The volunteers installed free smoke alarms in people’s homes and provided home fire safety information to help the residents prepare for home fires.

For more information:

[www.redcross.org/LAHomeFire](http://www.redcross.org/LAHomeFire)

<https://www.redcross.org/.../our.../home-fire-campaign.html>

Phone Number: 310-445-9914

- **Active San Gabriel Valley - Active SGV**

Exciting news for [Foothill Transit](#) riders!

Foothill Transit is proposing major changes to the bus service based on their comprehensive operational analysis, Foothill Transit Forward. Riders are encouraged to provide input on how Foothill Transit can improve their bus lines and schedules to better meet their needs.

In-person and virtual meetings will be held for feedback until April 15th, which will be reviewed to decide which proposals to bring before the board. Visit Foothill Transit's website for meeting dates and proposal details, and share your feedback on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram.

English: <https://www.foothilltransit.org/forward>

Spanish: <https://www.foothilltransit.org/adelante>

[#FoothillTransitForward](#) [#BetterBusService](#)

- **San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility study**

Community input is requested for San Gabriel Valley Transit Feasibility study.

<https://www.sgvkog.org/transit-study-community-input>

The Phase 2 analysis will be conducted July 2022 to July 2023, and will seek ongoing input from the community.

WHAT: The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) – in partnership with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) – is undergoing Phase 2 of the San Gabriel Valley Transit Study.

The SGVCOG conducted Phase 1 of the feasibility study between July 2021 and September 2022. Phase 2 of the analysis began on October 2022, and is expected to go through September 2023.

This study is not complete without the community's input.

Visit their page for information and an overview of the latest transit options designed to enhance mobility for the community and the lives of residents, commuters and visitors in the San Gabriel Valley. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to provide your feedback to continue helping us shape the Study. We will also share future outreach opportunities that will serve as a forum for additional public participation.

The Study is evaluating short- and long-term transit options designed to enhance communities and the lives of residents, commuters and visitors, with a focus on our most vulnerable populations: transit-dependent populations and equity-focused communities constrained by existing transportation systems.

BENEFITS: This groundbreaking study aims to enhance transit services in the SGV by:

- Creating better connectivity to key stops and destinations with new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) services;
- Improving mobility; and
- Providing more frequent, reliable, convenient, and accessible transit options.

Investing in transit can reduce:

- Travel times;
- Expand service; and
- Increase frequency to underserved markets, ultimately benefiting everyone in the SGV.

These improvements can also help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and congestion in the San Gabriel Valley.

Visit the Study's webpage for more information on the San Gabriel Valley Feasibility Study or to sign up for our mailing list to stay informed!

These are the links:

<https://www.sgvkog.org/transit-study>

<https://www.sgvkog.org/transit-study-community-input>

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

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at Evergreen Church

The host provided information on how chemicals like lead and arsenic are affecting the communities of Hacienda Heights, Avocado Heights, North Whittier and La Puente.

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

- **The Citizens Technical Advisory Committee and The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority Board meetings**

If you would like to receive agenda for future meetings, please send an email and ask to be added to email list for these meetings please email [info@habitatauthority.org](mailto:info@habitatauthority.org)

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

- **Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Board meeting**

Date: April 13, 2023 Time: 5:30 p.m. closed session and 7:00 p.m. open session

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

### **Upcoming events for May 2023:**

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

Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023

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

Location: Evergreen Church-323 Workman Mill Road/La Puente CA 91746

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>

## **Hsi Lai Temple free Yoga classes**

Saturdays, May 06, 2023- June 10, 2023

\*\*5 Sessions: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 6/3, 6/10, no class on 5/27)

Time: Time: 8:30 - 9:30am PST

Location: Hsi Lai Temple/ 3456 Glenmark Drive/ Hacienda Heights, CA. 91745

Register at:

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

\*\*Ages: 16 years old and over

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## **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Board Hearing Room 381B

500 West Temple Street/Los Angeles, CA

<https://bos.lacounty.gov>

To Listen By Telephone Only

Call: (877) 873-8017 Access Code: 111111 (English), 222222 (Español)

To Address the Board:

Regular Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m. ♦ For all Agenda items ♦ Call: (877) 226-8163 ♦ Participant Code: 1336503

You can submit a public comment:

<https://publiccomment.bos.lacounty.gov>

## **Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission meeting**

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: St. Anne's Conference and Event Center, 155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles 90026

There are three ways to attend and participate:

1. IN PERSON

2. ONLINE: Register for Webex at

<https://bit.ly/3JWBVqX>

and enter event password: COC123

3. LISTEN: (213) 306-3065 and enter code: 2599 499 8488 and numeric meeting password: 262123

Submit Written Public Comment: Complete the form at: <https://bit.ly/39QQIC8>

## **The Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection Program (HHW)**

It gives Los Angeles County residents a legal and cost-free way to dispose of unwanted household chemicals that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash.

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: West Covina Maintenance Yard  
825 S Sunset Avenue  
West Covina, California 91790

### **Things You CAN Bring:**

- Motor oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinner
- Turpentine, cleaners with acids or lye
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Household and car batteries
- Old computers and television sets
- Sharps or used needles
- Expired pharmaceuticals and mercury thermometers
- Fluorescent light bulbs

### **Things You CANNOT Bring**

- Explosives, ammunition, or radioactive materials
- Waste from businesses will not be accepted.
- Trash or old tires
- White goods such as washers, stoves, refrigerators or air conditioners

### **How to Prepare:**

In general, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per vehicle.

Bring items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.

Be prepared to leave your containers.

Do not mix products together.

Please do not attend this event if you have any COVID-19 related symptoms, have been asked to quarantine, or have had known contact with a COVID-19 positive individual or are awaiting COVID-19 test results.

For more information, contact us at (800) 238-0173 or [info@lacsdsd.org](mailto:info@lacsdsd.org).

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## Resources:

### **County of Los Angeles Fire Department /Brush Inspection**

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/>

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### **Los Angeles County Department of Public Works**

The Works app. offers a one-stop solution for County residents to report and track services. If the service is not handled by Los Angeles County, The Works will provide you with the appropriate contact information.

Let's keep our community clean and safe. You simply download "The Works" app and enter information. You will see the status on your report.

- \* Download The Works for iPhone or Android
- \* Now available in Spanish on both platforms

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/theworks/>

The Works lets you:

- \* Report pothole repairs, graffiti removal and street sweeping
- \* Report suspected property violations such as illegal additions or garage conversions
- \* Report incidents of alleged illegal dumping
- \* Report facility and trail maintenance at County parks
- \* Report potential swimming pool violations at hotels, motels, and apartments
- \* Attach optional photos to help us identify the problem
- \* View and track reports using the status tab
- \* Keep up-to-date with Public Works' latest news on road closures and upcoming events
- \* Using your GPS, locate the nearest Public Works office, library, water company, utility provider, local transit services and more

For Urgent Requests - Please call 800-675-HELP (4357)

Examples of Urgent Requests:

- \* Report Traffic Sign down or missing: (Stop Sign, One Way, Do Not Enter, No Right/Left Turn, Keep Right, Yield, "Hazard" signs)

- \* Traffic and pedestrian signal outage & malfunction
- \* Street lights out at an intersection
- \* Debris in roadway
- \* Tree blocking roadway or sidewalk
- \* Manhole cover missing
- \* Severe sidewalk, curb, and gutter damage
- \* Street flooding or plugged catch basin
- \* Hazardous waste spills
- \* Sewer backup, overflow, odor, vermin
- \* Water line break

To report graffiti in or adjacent to the freeways, please contact Caltrans through this Service Request page: <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>

### **Quemetco:**

If you would like detailed information Quemetco, an 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>

## **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!**

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## 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](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30813)

and read full terms and conditions: [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=30815](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30815)

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**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/>

## County of Los Angeles

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/>

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## The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD)

Mosquito-borne diseases kill over 1 million people each year.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) is gearing up for the upcoming mosquito season.

GLACVCD wants to increase awareness and education on how to prevent and reduce mosquitoes, their bites, and ultimately prevent the spread of disease.

We need your help to further reach our community. Please help us spread this vital message. <https://www.glamosquito.org>

## What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile virus (WNV) is a disease of wild birds transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito to people. WNV is a potentially deadly disease that shows up in our communities every year.

To avoid disease, you must avoid bites. Use screens to keep mosquitoes outside and apply repellents when you go outdoors.

Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus products provide longer- lasting protection.

Mosquitoes can lay eggs in the smallest places – even a bottle cap! Look inside your home and yard for anything that can hold water such as vases, buckets, and plant saucers to name a few. Identify all the containers and TIP the water into the grass once a week and TOSS out unused containers or store them to prevent them from collecting water in the future.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FK1y0t6-JtA&feature=youtu.be>

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## 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-p6p1OOXfvJVIIIUZgMh4Ty9qjW2RfDoJegEyJliJZ30wR4>

## 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.