

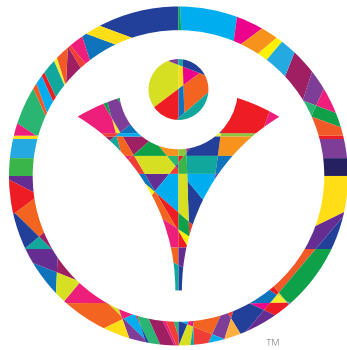
La Mirada Living

MAY 2015



Mother Daughter Tea

Saturday, May 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at
Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center



Special Olympics
**WORLD
GAMES**
LOS ANGELES 2015

**La Mirada Host Town
2015 Special Olympics
World Games
July 21 - 24**

La Mirada was chosen as one of 100 local Host Towns, and will partner with Biola University to host approximately 240 Russian athletes, coaches, and support staff from July 21 to 24. Several opportunities to volunteer and donate are available for businesses, community members and organizations. Community members interested in learning more about the Special Olympics World Games to be held in Los Angeles this summer and La Mirada's role as a Host Town may contact the Community Services Department at (562) 943-7277.

**Friends of the La Mirada
Library Book Sale**

The Friends of the La Mirada Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the La Mirada Activity Center. A wide selection of quality, secondhand hardcover and paperback books, as well as audio and video materials, will be available at bargain prices. The popular "three-bucks-a-bag" clearance, when customers can buy bags to fill with books, begins at 1:30 p.m.

A "members only" pre-sale will be held on Friday, May 1, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at the Activity Center. Members of the Friends of the La Mirada Library will have an opportunity to purchase items from the sale inventory before they go on sale to the general public. For a \$10 membership fee, non-members can join the Friends of the La Mirada Library during the pre-sale and take advantage of this opportunity.



**Free Household
Hazardous Waste
Roundup**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County are hosting a free household hazardous waste roundup in La Mirada on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents may safely dispose of household hazardous waste items at La Mirada Regional Park in the Tennis Court Parking Lot, off of Adelfa Drive. The event is open to all Los Angeles County residents, and proof of residency is required.

Materials such as motor oil, paint, turpentine, cleaners which contain acids or lye, household and car batteries, Electronic waste, Universal Waste, pesticides and garden herbicides can all be brought to the Countywide Hazardous Waste Roundup.

For more information, call the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County at (800) 238-0172 or the City of La Mirada's Public Works Department at (562) 902-2385.

**Free Paper Shredding
Event, Electronic Waste
Collection and Mulch
Distribution**

Protect the security of your confidential information by shredding your personal documents. The City and EDCO Disposal are sponsoring a free shredding event on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the La Mirada Community Gymnasium. All items will be shredded on site. Limit three bankers boxes (10"x12"x15") per household.

Unwanted electronics (e-waste) will also be collected including TVs, computer monitors, printers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, and answering machines. No household hazardous waste (HHW) material will be accepted.

Free mulch will also be available while supplies last. This is a self-serve, self-loading service, and residents must bring their own cans, bags and shovel. Limit of 3 cans/bags per vehicle. Remember to bring a tarp to cover your material. This event is for La Mirada residents only.

The La Mirada Community Gymnasium is located at 15105 Alicante Road and residents are asked to enter off of Alicante Road.

For more information, visit lamiradarecycles.com or call (562) 597-0608.



Measure I Update

The first phase of the Measure I funded projects included residential areas north of Imperial Highway. The project is anticipated to be completed this month. The funds are used for improvements including street pavement, sidewalk, curb and gutter rehabilitation, installation of new or updated handicap curb access ramps to conform to current access codes, and removal and replacement of all slotted cross gutters. Work also includes relining or replacement of deteriorated corrugated metal storm drain pipe.

According to a mid-year review of the budget, Measure I revenues were \$2.2 million and are projected to be \$4.6 million by the end of the year.

“We are looking forward to the completion of the first phase of Measure I and the beginning stages of Phase 2,” says Public Works Director/City Engineer Mark Stowell. “Measure I will provide much needed neighborhood roadway improvements throughout the City.”

Phase 2 of the Measure I funded work includes residential neighborhoods bounded by Alondra Boulevard, Stage Road, Biola Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, La Mirada Boulevard, Ocaso Avenue, Barnwall Street and Dalmatian Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin in early summer.



La Mirada Streetlight Poles Replacement in Progress

Southern California Edison (SCE) is currently installing over 1,800 concrete streetlight poles throughout La Mirada. This is in an effort to upgrade the aging steel poles in the community which, on average, are over 50 years old.

The project is a result of a mandate from the State Public Utilities Commission and SCE is investing over \$7 million in the project.

It was a high priority to make sure the new streetlight poles could withstand different weather conditions such as high winds, heat and rain. The new lightpoles are more aesthetically pleasing, and City crews are using this opportunity to update signage attached to the poles.

Contractors are removing the existing steel poles and installing new concrete poles. In some cases, the poles must be replaced in the exact same location, resulting in a temporary interruption of service. SCE has attempted to keep interruptions to a minimum.

SCE is approximately 80 percent complete with the work. The entire project is expected to be completed in May.

For more information on the street light replacement project, please contact the Public Works Department at (562) 902-2385 or Southern California Edison at (800) 655-4555.

Foster Park Update

The fourth and final phase of Foster Park Neighborhood street improvements is scheduled to be complete by May. The final phase includes the area south of Milan Creek between Marquardt Avenue and Valley View Avenue. This project marks the completion of the Foster Park neighborhood-wide infrastructure improvement effort that began in 2010. The Foster Park work includes the entire residential area within La Mirada west of Valley View Avenue.

Since the inception of the project, the City has added over 100 streetlights, planted more than 600 parkway trees, repaved or reconstructed all streets and replaced damaged sidewalk, curb and gutter. Streets were reconstructed and re-graded with storm drains added to alleviate potential street flooding. Funding for the work was provided by Redevelopment Bond proceeds and Community Development Block Grant funds.

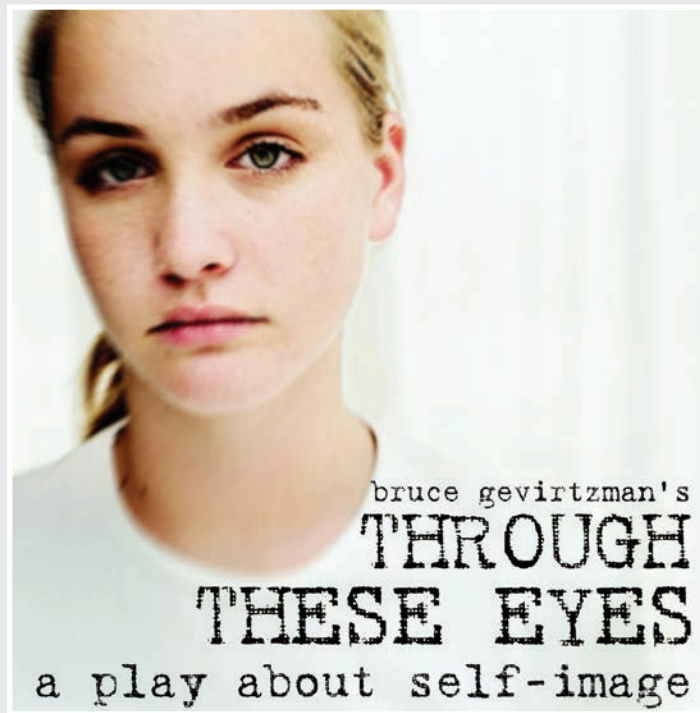


Spring Beautification Awards Reception June 8

Mark your calendar for the annual Spring Beautification event at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts on June 8 at 6:30 p.m. The awards reception recognizes efforts of homeowners, schools, houses of worship, and businesses that enhance and preserve the beauty of the community.

Winners were selected from a volunteer judging committee that chose properties that exhibited exceptional landscaping, exterior maintenance or best use of California friendly landscaping. Please join us in congratulating this season's winners.

For more information, call Community Services at (562) 943-7277.



Through These Eyes: A Powerful Play for Teens about Self-Image

This must-see performance for teens and parents will be presented by Phantom Projects Theatre Group on May 14 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. An all-youth cast, directed by Steve Cisneros, brings the struggles of real teens to vivid life in Bruce Gevirtzman's powerful play.

On their personal quests for identity, teens struggle to live up to the standards of society, the media, their friends and the vision they see of themselves in the mirror. *Through These Eyes* tracks a group of adolescents dealing with difficult issues of self-image and related challenges. Stay afterward for a post-show discussion on the topics presented in *Through These Eyes*. Go behind the scenes of the play to meet the cast at ThroughTheseEyesOnStage.Tumblr.com

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 944-9801.

La Mirada Symphony Concert

Love Springs Eternal is the theme of the final concert of the La Mirada Symphony season, Sunday, May 17 at 3 p.m. at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Rossini's popular Overture to the Barber of Seville and Schumann's Symphony No. 1 Spring, begin and end the concert. Master violinist Thi Nguyen is the featured soloist performing The Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto by Gang and Zhanhao. Maestro Alan Mautner concludes his successful debut season as Music Director and Conductor of the symphony.

Audience members of all ages are welcome. Admission is free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. No reservations required and doors open at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, visit LaMiradaSymphony.com or call (562) 941-5779.





Mother Daughter Tea **May 9**

Grandmothers, mothers and daughters are invited to a garden tea on Saturday, May 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. Share in celebrating this special day filled with entertainment, crafts, and photos! Enjoy a selection of teas, finger sandwiches, and pastries! Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite party dress and participate in the fashion show. The cost is \$17 for ages 3 to 11, and \$27 for ages 12 and older. Space is limited, so register today!

For more information, call the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

SUMMER CAMP

Make sure your children and teens have a memorable and exciting summer by signing them up for Summer Camp in La Mirada. Each day of camp will consist of games, activities, crafts, water play, cooking activities, sports, enrichment, and much more. Summer Day Camp is offered for children ages 5 to 11 and Teen Camp for ages 11 to 14. Camp leaders offer a safe environment for participants to have an enjoyable summer experience. Weekly registration includes one fun excursion and a camp T-shirt. Space is limited, so sign up today! For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

Massage Establishment Ordinance in La Mirada

In October 2011, the State of California enacted a law that eliminated the City's ability to regulate massage establishments. It also created a new regulatory entity, the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC), which was given tremendous oversight authority over these businesses. Since the creation of CAMTC, many cities, including La Mirada have experienced a significant increase in the number of massage establishments in their communities. The number of massage establishments in La Mirada increased from one in 2011 to eight currently operating.

"Instead of professionalizing massage therapists, the legislation unfortunately created a way for massage establishments to proliferate because cities were effectively prevented from regulating them." says Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds.

In response to local government leaders calling on the State Legislature to repeal the 2011 law, the State enacted Assembly Bill 1147, which restored some of the land use powers previously used in regulating massage establishments. The bill became effective January 1, 2015.

The new changes must be made in the form of municipal code amendments, which require additional time for consideration. As a result, the City Council recently approved a temporary moratorium on the establishment of any new massage business until the necessary code amendments can be made. The temporary moratorium will expire in early 2016. By then, a permanent ordinance will be in place.

2015 Lawnmower Exchange Program Registration Begins on Earth Day

Registration for "Mow Down Air Pollution 2015," South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Lawnmower Exchange Program is underway.

Six models will be available at exchange events scheduled throughout the four-county South Coast Air Basin. Residents living within SCAQMD's jurisdiction may register to turn in a working gas-powered lawn mower and purchase a new cordless rechargeable electric zero-emission mower at a greatly reduced price, ranging from \$100 to \$250. Since 2003, over 53,000 gasoline-powered lawn mowers have been traded in.

SCAQMD will have a total of 4,000 mowers to exchange this year. The exchange program will be held in the following cities:

- May 9 – Long Beach
- May 23 – Anaheim
- May 30 – Riverside
- June 13 – Ontario
- June 20 – Arcadia

Pre-registration is required to participate in the program. To make a reservation, visit the Lawn Mower Exchange web page at aqmd.gov/tao/lawnmower.html or call the toll-free Lawn Mower Exchange hotline at (888) 425-6247.



Visit the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station

The La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station provides access to local law enforcement and safety resources. City Public Safety Officers and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies are available to assist residents in-person or by telephone.

The following services and resources are available to the public at the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station:

- Vehicle releases
- Non-emergent police reports
- Calls for service
- Custody exchanges
- Juvenile probation services
- District Attorney requests
- Detective interviews
- Bicycle licenses
- Garage sale permits
- Preferential parking permits
- Vacation and security checks
- No-cite requests
- Citation corrections
- Animal Control requests

Call the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960. During non-operating hours, telephone calls are forwarded directly to Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

The La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station is located at 13716 La Mirada Boulevard. Operating hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.



Help Keep La Mirada Safe

All residents can take part in keeping La Mirada safe and clean. Important services are just a phone call away. Residents are encouraged to call the following numbers to report or inquire about:

Emergency	911
Criminal/Suspicious Activity	(562) 902-2960
Lost/Stray Animals	(562) 940-6898
Graffiti Removal	(562) 943-1557
Waste Disposal	(562) 597-0608
Mosquitoes/Pests	(562) 944-9656
Property Maintenance	(562) 943-0131
Abandoned Shopping Carts	(562) 902-2385
Non-Operational Streetlights	(562) 902-2385



Sign-Up for Vacation Security Checks Online

The La Mirada Public Safety Team offers free Vacation Security Checks for residents. While you're away, your residence will be included in regular patrols by the Public Safety Team checking for broken windows, open doors or other suspicious activity. Residents who are planning to have their home fumigated are also encouraged to sign up for security patrol checks.

Vacation Security Check request forms can now be submitted online at www.cityoflamirada.org. Please submit the request at least five business days in advance of leaving on vacation. All information on the form must be completed in order for the request to be processed.



Beware of Telephone Scams

Many people each year fall victim to fraud. Criminals who use the telephone as a means to commit their illegal activity will stop at nothing to steal your money.

Common schemes used in telephone scams involve the victims thinking they are in jeopardy of being arrested for a debt or have won a prize. The following is a list of telephone scams that have recently been reported by La Mirada residents.

- **IRS or U.S. Treasury Scams:** Victims are told they owe the Internal Revenue Service or United States Treasury Department money and will be arrested if they do not pay immediately. The caller instructs the victim to wire money to an account or provide the code to a wire transfer card as payment. "Government agencies will always mail formal documents on official letterhead when contacting people for serious matters like outstanding debt," advises La Mirada's Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres. "If you are unsure if it's a scam, an official phone number will almost certainly be provided in the letter to confirm its authenticity."
- **Foreign Lotteries and Sweepstakes Scams:** Victims receive calls, mail, or emails indicating they won a lottery or sweepstakes in a foreign drawing. In order to collect the winnings, the victim must first pay various taxes and fees. If you are truly a winner of a sweepstakes, you will never be asked to pay money upfront.
- **Money Transfer Scams:** Victims are asked to help illegally transfer funds out of another country in return for a share of the money. Victims then provide their bank account information or pay money up front to complete the transaction.
- **Charity Scams:** Victims are asked for donations to non-existent or fraudulent charities to pay for funeral expenses of a murdered loved one. Beware of charities that solicit over the telephone. You should always research charities through the Better Business Bureau at (909) 825-7280 before donating.
- **Relative in Distress Scams:** Victims are contacted by someone claiming to be a relative of the victim in distress. The scammer advises the victim of the circumstances of their situation and asks for help in the form of cash.

If you have been a victim of telemarketing fraud, you're likely to be contacted again by somebody promising to get your money back. This is also a scam.

Register for the National Do Not Call Registry at (888) 382-1222. It is free and will help to prevent telemarketing calls. If you feel you have been the victim of fraud, contact the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.



Crimes of Opportunity

Last year, the City of La Mirada enjoyed the lowest Part I crime rate in nearly 30 years. Part I crimes include major crimes such as homicide, larceny, burglaries, and auto thefts. Proactive enforcement by the La Mirada Public Safety Team coupled with residents taking steps to prevent property crime contributed to the low crime rate.

In the first quarter of 2015, residential and vehicle burglaries combined for nearly one-third of the 189 property crimes reported in La Mirada. Of the 205 Part I crimes reported from January to March, 92 percent were crimes involving stolen property.

"Property crimes are considered crimes of opportunity and in many cases can be easily prevented," explains Crime Scene Technician Jennifer Anderson. "Residents can prevent becoming another statistic by limiting the opportunity for criminals to commit property crimes."

In most vehicle burglary incidents, the common mistake victims make is leaving valuables including wallets, purses, gym bags, electronics, GPS devices, and identification in plain view. Always remember to take valuables with you or store them in the trunk, and lock your doors anytime you leave your vehicle unattended. Window-smash burglaries take only seconds to occur and are rarely observed.

The most common method of entry for residential burglaries is through a rear window or unlocked doors. Keep all windows closed in your home, even in the warm summer months, and ensure home alarm systems are monitored by the alarm company. Residents are also encouraged to sign up for Vacation Security Checks when leaving on vacation.

For more on crime prevention tips, call the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960.

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All That Dance June 5

Join family and friends to celebrate the new season during All That Dance on Friday, June 5 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center. Dress in your favorite summer attire and enjoy live music by Jim Gilman and Associates, light refreshments, and door prizes! Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information and registration, call the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.



Break the World Record at Splash! June 18

Join Splash! Lifeguards and Olympic Gold Medalist Janet Evans on Thursday, June 18 at 9:30 a.m. for the World's Largest Swim Lesson. The event is free and open to the public. Participants will join forces with aquatic facilities around the world to break the World Record for the World's Largest Swimming Lesson.

Pre-register by calling (562) 902-3191. For more information, visit splashlamirada.com.



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