



City of Signal Hill

# City Views

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## Fall 2009



### Training

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department, in conjunction with the Signal Hill Police Department will be offering Community Emergency Response Team training, free of charge to the public.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program prepares and educates members of the public regarding disaster preparedness and hazard recognition. During a disaster, conventional emergency services may be overwhelmed and unavailable. The CERT course is offered to help citizens protect family, neighbors, and their neighborhoods in an effective and efficient manner in the event of an emergency situation. Students must be at least 18 years of age to participate, and must complete all 20 hours of the course in order to receive a certificate of completion.

The training will be located at the Signal Hill Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA. 90755. The comprehensive course will be held on three consecutive Saturdays, October 17, 24, & 31, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To enroll, please contact Sergeant Robert Cravens, Signal Hill Police Department, at (562) 989-7222, extension 46, or [rcravens@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:rcravens@cityofsignalhill.org).

### Connect CTY - Blackboard Connect

Connect CTY, which is now Blackboard Connect, is a messaging service that allows the Signal Hill Police department to send out brief personalized messages throughout the city.

In the event of an emergency, such as a major earthquake, local disruptions, floods, or water main breaks, a message would be sent to targeted members by telephone. The message would provide information regarding the event, as well as instructions to be followed after the event has occurred. While incidents can't always be avoided, this system allows the department to provide timely updates to city residents, business owners, and city employees.

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### Mayor's Cleanup Campaign

The initial effort to improve the appearance of the City met with success in May, when volunteers cleared discarded trash along the hilltop and around Discovery Well Park. Volunteers at the second event in August cleared the commercial-industrial corridor along California and Myrtle Avenues. The final event is scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit the City's website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org) or call the Community Development Department at (562) 989-7340.

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## Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget

The City Council faced several tough budget challenges for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in adopting our \$17.7 million budget. The City has seen an 18% decline in sales taxes, which represents 70% of our total revenues. The City has been financially conservative for a number of years and has built up reserve funds for times of economic uncertainty. We also completed the last fiscal year with a surplus of \$1.6 million, due to departments watching their expenses and some additional new revenues. The City's budget was balanced and adopted on time in June of this year by the prudent use of reserves and cost cutting measures. We are working hard to maintain the level of services expected from our residents and business community, despite the economic recession.

The Legislature and the Governor adopted the State's budget in August, attempting to eliminate a \$24 billion deficit. In order to close their deficit, the State reduced the Signal Hill Redevelopment Agency budget in half, taking over \$5.1 million this year alone. The Agency has been responsible in a good part for the revitalization of Signal Hill, including the clean up and reuse of contaminated properties and the closing of orphan oil wells. All redevelopment agencies have been impacted statewide and it is anticipated that Signal Hill be joining with other redevelopment agencies to challenge the taking of 50% of our budget in one year in order to balance the State's budget. It is unclear at this time if we can move forward with the construction of the new \$17 million Police Station, since it was to be funded by the Redevelopment Agency. We are currently working with financial experts to "stress test" the Agency in order to determine the impact of the State revenue raids and if we can move forward with the station.

In addition to these takeaways, the State reduced Signal Hill's property taxes, sales taxes, and motor vehicle fees (for a total of \$353,000), which the City Council addressed. The Council instituted additional budget reductions, a hiring freeze (except on police officers), and other cost cutting measures. Many financial experts believe that the State's budget is still out of balance. During the August budget discussions, the State Senate approved a takeway of the local gas tax, which is used for local road repairs. This would have resulted in another \$292,000 loss to the City. This takeway was not approved by the State Assembly in August. However, the local gas tax funds may be taken later this year if State revenues continue to plunge.

There are several bright spots in the City budget, including the anticipated opening of both the Fresh & Easy Market on Cherry Avenue and Crescent Heights, as well as a Ross Dress for Less in the Gateway Center on Spring Street. The City also received \$400,000 in federal economic stimulus funds for road repairs and is one of the first cities in the region to have a stimulus project under construction. The City also has an aggressive Capital Improvement Program of over \$29.4 million. A small portion of these projects are funded from general tax revenues (\$420,000), while the balance is funded from grants and special revenues. These projects include:

- 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Nevada Street Improvements/ADA Access
- Cherry Avenue Resurfacing
- Cherry Avenue/PCH Widening
- Crescent Heights Street Improvements
- Irrigation Smart Controllers (for parks and landscape medians)
- Signal Hill Park LED Lights Demonstration Project

Copies of the Signal Hill budget can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org), at City Hall, or in the Signal Hill Library.

## Signal Hill Park Master Plan Underway

In anticipation of construction on the new police station starting in 2010 the City is beginning a review of Signal Hill Park and the creation of a master plan for the area. This past year the City utilized the firm MIG to conduct a community needs assessment that provided insight on resident thoughts regarding open space, programs and services, the library location, and potential improvements to Signal Hill Park.

Over the next several months MIG will compile data and information of the existing conditions in the park and review the constraints and opportunities at the site. MIG will also meet with the City's library design consultant to ensure coordination of information and design criteria on this proposed facility.

Two conceptual site plans will be developed for consideration and comment by the public and staff. After review of the concepts a final Site Master Plan will be created and presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council. Accompanying the design will be a phasing plan for the improvements and a preliminary construction cost estimate. The completion of the master plan is estimated to take six months with the primary public input component occurring in September and October with the Parks and Recreation Commission, and City Council presentations in December 2009 or January 2010.

Please check the city web site [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org) or your water bill for meeting times and locations. For more information contact the Community Services Department at (562) 989-7330.

## Weed Abatement In Signal Hill

The annual crop of weeds coupled by heat, drought and recent wild fires in mountain and inland areas raises concerns about potential fire hazards from dried weeds in Signal Hill. The City provides the following information from the Los Angeles County Agricultural Department about the Weed Abatement Program in Signal Hill.

According to the Los Angeles County Agriculture Department, notices for weed abatement are mailed to participating Signal Hill property owners **as needed**, when County inspectors decide green weeds will soon turn brown and become a fire hazard. Property owners have several weeks to mow the weeds themselves or to let the County contractors do the work.

Several weeks following the mailed notice, County officials inspect the City to decide if the work done by individuals was satisfactory or if more work is needed. Properties not properly cleared may be re-noticed for additional clearance.

City staff has a list of approximately 700 individual parcels that typically participate in the weed abatement program. For the owner of a small parcel, allowing the County to do the work saves time. In addition, the County does not bill the property owner directly for the work upon completion. Instead, the mowing costs are added to the property owner's annual property tax bill.

County contractor's mowing rates have gone up significantly in recent years. County officials are reluctant to mow properties when the owners are delinquent on property taxes. These items



often contribute to neglected and weedy lots. City staff may intervene to request that the lots be cleared by enforcing public nuisance provisions of the Signal Hill Municipal Code. For more information about the weed abatement program in Signal Hill or for a firebreak diagram, please call (562) 989-7341.



For information on how and where to obtain a flu shot, please go to [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov).



### *Petco Has Arrived!*

Petco is the newest tenant at the Gateway shopping center on Spring Street between Atlantic and California Avenues. The 15,000 sq. ft store opened in September and features a wide variety of pet supplies. The new Signal Hill store joins over 950 other Petco stores located in all 50 states!

## *Glenn E. Thomas Dodge Adds Chrysler-Jeep Sales and Service*

The Chrysler Corporation, as part of its dealership consolidation plan, has decided to close the Long Beach Chrysler-Jeep dealership in the Signal Hill Auto Center. The good news is that sales and service of the Chrysler-Jeep brand has moved to Glenn E. Thomas Dodge Chrysler Jeep located at 2100 E. Spring Street in the Signal Hill Auto Center. Bob Davis, President of Glenn E. Thomas Dodge, says "We're extremely excited to be carrying the franchise for Chrysler and Jeep in our 100th year of business. We are able to provide a seamless transition for Chrysler and Jeep service customers, as we were able to bring over employees from Long Beach Chrysler/Jeep."

The Signal Hill Auto Center offers a fine line of dealerships that include Boulevard Buick-Pontiac-GMC Truck, Long Beach BMW, Long Beach Honda, Mercedes Benz of Long Beach, and Schairer's Nissan. The City of Signal Hill is actively seeking a new dealership to fill the vacant showroom.

## Blackboard Connect

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Signal Hill residents and business owners are encouraged to contact Scott Ackman, Information Technician with the Signal Hill Police Department, and provide the following information:

- Signal Hill business name and address for Signal Hill business owners.
- Signal Hill resident name and residential address for Signal Hill residents.
- 24-hour contact phone number.

Please contact Scott Ackman via e-mail, [sackman@cityofsignal-hill.org](mailto:sackman@cityofsignal-hill.org) with the necessary information. For those of you who do not have access to a computer, please provide the requested information via voice mail to Scott Ackman at (562) 989-7218.

## Garage Sales in Signal Hill

Effective July 1, 2009 -- \$20 per Garage Sale Permit

The Signal Hill Municipal Code allows a maximum of three garage sales per year. Each event shall not exceed two consecutive days. The City monitors garage sale events and may ask to see a copy of the permit during the sale. Visit the Community Development Department at City Hall for a permit or call (562) 989-7340 for more information.

To assist you in having the best garage sale experience, we recommend that you do the following:

1. Advise your neighbors that you are planning to have a garage sale.
2. Start and end at reasonable times. Consult with your neighbors to find out what time is best.
3. You may post signs, but do not nail them to trees or power poles. Remove all signs at the end of the event.
4. Don't place sale items on the sidewalk or the street.
5. Do not sell new items.
6. Park your cars elsewhere so that your customers can park in front of your property.
7. Monitor your patrons and discourage them from double parking or from blocking neighbors' driveways.
8. No loud music.

What about large items that didn't sell? Contact Signal Hill Waste & Recycling at (562) 597-0608 to schedule a pick up of large items such as sofas and refrigerators that didn't sell.

# Community Services Department

Call (562) 989-7330 for more information or visit [www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org)

## OCTOBER

### SHOW & SELL

**Saturday, October 10, 2009, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Signal Hill Park Community Center**

Friends of Signal Hill Cultural Arts invite the public to attend Show & Sell. The event will showcase southern California artistic talent. Many of the artists have had their work exhibited in local galleries. Artists along with crafters will display and sell their works. Admission is free. For further information, please call (562) 989-7370.

### AUTHOR TALK

**Monday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Signal Hill Park Community Center**

Gerrie Schipske, author, educator, and Long Beach Fifth District Council Member, has written three books "Rosie the Riveter in Long Beach," "Rosie the Riveter in Long Beach (postcards of America: California)," and "Early Aviation in Long Beach *Images of Aviation*." While researching to establish Rosie the Riveter Park in 2006, Gerrie caught a glimpse into the extraordinary



group of American women who came to be known as Rosie the Riveters. Thousands of these women came to the U.S. Army-financed Douglas Aircraft Plant in Long Beach, the largest wartime plane manufacturer, to help produce an astonishing number of the aircraft used in the war. They riveted, welded, assembled, and installed, doing man-sized jobs, making attack bombers, other war birds, and cargo transports. They trained at Long Beach city schools and worked 8- and 10-hour shifts in a windowless, bomb-proof plant.

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

**Saturday, October 31, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**Signal Hill Park Basketball Courts**

\$2 for all children/Adults free with child  
Trick-or-Treat; fill your bags with tasty treats! There will be games, prizes, food, and more. All you ghosts, goblins and ghouls join in the fun for a happy and safe haunting.  
*Inclement weather will cancel the event.*

We are in need of volunteers to operate the game booths during the Halloween Carnival. Organizations may also become an event sponsor with \$50. Call (562) 989-7330.

## NOVEMBER

### YOUTH LIBRARY PROGRAM

#### Illusions by Allen Oshiro

Wednesday, November 4, 3:30 p.m.

Signal Hill Park Community Center

Back by popular demand, master illusionist Allen Oshiro will be performing his latest, well polished magic act with a live rabbit and doves, astonishing slight of hand, fun comedy for all ages, incredible levitation, and plenty of audience participation. This free program is open to the public.



### Kids Kamp Thanksgiving Feast

Tuesday, November 24, 11:00 a.m.

Signal Hill Park Community Center

Kids Kamp participants will learn the history of Thanksgiving and staff will prepare their annual Thanksgiving Day Feast for the children. Everyone looks forward to this event.

## DECEMBER

### ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.

Discovery Well Park, 2200 Temple Avenue

Signal Hill's unique annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is held amidst a wonderful celebration of music and the arrival of Santa Claus by fire truck. All are welcome to come and enjoy ringing in the start of the holidays with your city officials. *Inclement weather will cancel the event.*

### FAMILY EXCURSION TO EL CAPITAN THEATRE A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Saturday, December 5, 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Adults and Children: Residents: \$15/Non-residents: \$20  
Get in the holiday spirit and treat your family to an afternoon at the El Capitan Theatre and leave the driving to us. Enjoy an afternoon with Jim Carrey in an adaptation of Charles Dickens' 1843 story, A Christmas Carol.



### BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 12

First seating: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Second seating: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Signal Hill Park Community Center, 1780 E. Hill Street

Resident registration begins Monday, November 2:

Children \$11/Adults \$6

Non-resident registration begins Monday, November 9:

Children \$16/Adults \$11

Get ready for the holidays by celebrating with Santa Claus. Children ages 8 years and under, along with their parents, can enjoy a fabulous meal, holiday crafts, and other surprises. Bring your camera for photos with Santa. Adult ticket includes meal only. Each seating is limited to the first 75 registrants.

## YOUTH EXCURSION TO DISNEY ON ICE WORLD'S OF FANTASY

Wednesday, December 23, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ages 6 – 14 years

Residents: \$13/Non-residents: \$18

Watch high-speed stunts with Lightning McQueen, Mater and the crew of Disney/Pixar's Cars. See The Little Mermaid's undersea kingdom, and experience the 'Circle of Life' with The Lion King. Special Bonus – see a Disney princess and her dazzling display of gowns at the Disney Princess Pre-Show starting one hour before show time.

## JANUARY 2010

### AUTHOR TALK

Monday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

Signal Hill Park Community Center

Sarah Culberson and Tracy Trivas

Author Sarah Culberson and co-author Tracy Trivas will discuss A Princess Found An American Family, an African Chieftain, and the daughter who connected them all. Sarah Culberson is a biracial American woman who was adopted and raised in West Virginia. She hired a private investigator to help her find her roots, and discovered she was a princess of Mende ancestry from Sierra Leone.



### YOUTH LIBRARY PROGRAM

#### The Chameleons:

Magical Mime Theater with Keith Berger

Wednesday, January 27, 3:30 p.m.

Signal Hill Park Community Center

Children of all ages will enjoy The Chameleons' captivating solo performance of "The Wonder of Words" combining the magical actions of Mime with the spoken word to tell a story about a box of nouns mysteriously missing. The Wonder of Words connects to Language Arts.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### PARK PROGRAM

After School Programs Offered Year Round\*

The Park Program operates during after school hours for youth ages 6-12 years. General supervision is provided at this free drop in program. \*Closed Fridays, December 25 and January 1.

#### Locations:

Calbrisas Park & Las Brisas Community Room

2451 California Avenue

(Corner of Burnett Street & California Avenue)

Monday – Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Signal Hill Park, 1780 E. Hill Street

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays & Minimum Days, 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## WINTER WONDERLAND PARK PROGRAM

FREE. Special holiday activities, arts & crafts, games and sports. This youth program offers planned activities during winter break with general supervision (children are free to come and go as they please). (Excursions optional, fees required.)

**December 21 – December 31**

Locations and Hours of Operation:

**Signal Hill Park, 1780 E. Hill Street**

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Calbrisas Park & Las Brisas Community Center**

2451 California Avenue

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Both locations are closed Friday, December 25, 2009 and Friday, January 1, 2010.**

## SPORTS

### YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM

#### Basketball Registration

Resident: Monday, November 30

Non-resident: Tuesday, December 1

First-come, first-served basis

Registration closes on Friday, December 18

Register at the Signal Hill Youth Center, 1780 E. Hill Street

Our FREE Youth Basketball program is for sports enthusiasts ages 5-12, with boys, girls and co-ed teams. Each actively engaged participant will receive a FREE authentic Signal Hill Youth Sports jersey! Games begin in January. Teams will be formed to participate in Rookies, Minors, and “C-E” divisions. Games will be played in Long Beach. Weekly practices will be held at Signal Hill Park.



### YOUTH SPORTS SPONSORSHIP

We are committed to providing opportunities to bring physical fitness into all youths lives in fun and meaningful ways. Our Youth Sports program offers a wide variety of sports. Please consider becoming a Signal Hill Youth sponsor and take an active part in enhancing the lives of local youth. A variety of sponsorship levels are available. Contact the Community Services Department Senior Recreation Supervisor at (562) 989-7330 for more information. Thank you Mesa Environmental Services, Inc., and Willow Urgent Care, Platinum Sponsors, for sponsoring our youth sports program.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

**Las Brisas Community Room, 2451 California Avenue  
Monday – Thursday, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Our Teen Program at Calbrisas Park offers teens ages 12-17 an opportunity to enjoy games, organized sports, arts, and other fun activities in a safe and supportive environment. This program is a FREE drop in program. The Teen Program also offers occasional field trips, game nights, and other special events. Call (562) 989-7325 for more information.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### FIRST FRIDAYS Book Club

(18 and over)

**Signal Hill Library Meeting Room, 1770 E. Hill Street**

Please join us in the Signal Hill Library meeting room at 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of each month for a lively book discussion. Fiction and non-fiction titles are alternated.

**October 2 – The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society** by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

**November 6 – My Life in France** by Julia Child and Alex Prud'Homme

**December 4 – Daughter of Fortune** by Isabel Allende

**January 8 – Post Holiday Coffee Talk**. (Second Friday due to holiday).

For more information please contact the Signal Hill Public Library at (562) 989-7323.

## EXCURSIONS FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

Please Note: All Excursions Are Subject To Change

### “The Flight Path Learning Center”

**Tuesday, October 27, 9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Cost: Resident: \$35.00 Non-resident: \$40.00

### “Kimberly Crest House and Lincoln Memorial Shrine”

**Thursday, November 5,  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Cost: Resident: \$38.00 Non-resident: \$43.00



### “Rogers Gardens”

**Thursday, November 19, 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Cost: Resident: \$11.00 Non-resident: \$16.00

### “Palm Springs Follies – Let the Good Times Roll”

**Thursday, December 10, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 pm**

Cost: Resident: \$57.00 Non-resident: \$62.00



### “Petersen Museum and Lawry's The Prime Rib”

**Thursday, January 7,  
11:15 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Cost: Resident: \$40.00 Non-resident: \$45.00

### “Sony Tours and Wheel of Fortune”

**Thursday, January 21,  
10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Cost: Resident: \$47.00 Non-resident: \$52.00



## SIGNAL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

Closed Sundays & Holidays

### STORY TIME

**Fridays at 10:00 a.m.**

Pre-school aged children receive a reading treat with an hour long theme-based program. Three to four age-appropriate books are read which include children's poetry, songs with movement, and a short cartoon or movie. The books read to them count toward the children's reading club.

**Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.**

for children ages 5–12  
includes guest storytellers  
and a free movie presentation.



### BOOKS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to visit the Library, you may arrange for the library to come to you. Call the Library at (562) 989-7324 for more information. We will be glad to arrange for pick up and delivery of your favorite books or audio visual materials.

**HOMEWORK HELP IS AVAILABLE** every weekday afternoon at the Library. Staff and college student volunteers are available to assist students with homework and project research.

## RESIDENT SERVICES

### ANIMAL CONTROL

The City of Signal Hill contracts with the City of Long Beach Animal Control for services. All dogs at least four months old are required to have a current dog license by local municipal codes (SHMC 6.08.010). A permanent dog license tag is issued when a license is first purchased. There is a \$5.00 fee for replacement tags. To purchase a dog license, the owner may come to the Community Services Department at City Hall with the current rabies inoculation certificate (must be good for the entire licensing period), and a certificate of sterility if the dog has been spayed or neutered. The fees are: \$90.00 unaltered; \$20.00 altered; \$25.00 late fee; seniors (age 60+) have a discounted rate of \$10.00. This discount is for one altered dog per household only; all others are at normal rates.

### “BROWN BAG” FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

A supplement of groceries is available semi-monthly to low-income residents of Signal Hill, over the age of 55. Applications are available through the Community Services Department. The City receives funding for this program annually from the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission. The amount varies annually. The groceries largely consist of meat, chicken, fresh fruit and vegetables, and canned goods.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KITS

In the event of an emergency are you and your family prepared to be self-sufficient for at least three days? The City of Signal Hill is offering for sale an emergency kit to begin the process of being prepared. A One Person 72-Hour Survival Backpack is available for \$50.00, and a Two Person 72-Hour Survival Backpack is \$70.00. Stop, call (562) 989-7330 now and the Community Services Department staff will send you all the information you need to purchase a kit and be on your way to being prepared with 72 hours of emergency supplies.

## RESERVATIONS IN THE PARK

Are you planning a family get-together in the park? Would you like to have a jumper in the park? Permits are available from the Signal Hill Community Services Department to assist you in reserving a spot with several parks to choose from. Applications and policies are available at <http://www.cityofsignalhill.org>

## MILLENNIAL BRICK PROJECT

The Friends of the Signal Hill Library's Millennial Brick Project has entered Phase 10. Space is still available to have your name, a special date, a sentiment, or other tribute added to the Hilltop Park name plaza. Your tax deductible contribution will help support our Library and its programs. Bricks start at \$50.00 for one line of engraving, \$75.00 for two lines, and \$100.00 for three lines. Order forms are available at the Signal Hill Library and City Hall.

## TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

The **Bus Pass Subsidy Program** provides discounted rates for monthly public transit bus passes to those adult residents that meet income qualifications. If you qualify, the bus pass cost can be cut in half or even lower. The City of Signal Hill will mail you the pass so you can be on the move immediately each month.

The **Dial-A-Taxi** service is available to ambulatory residents over the age of 18 years. Yellow Cab sedans pick you up and deliver you within the Long Beach, Signal Hill, and Lakewood boundaries. Discounted taxi coupons are available for qualifying residents. If you have a temporary disability, this program can accommodate you for a short period of time to get you back and forth to therapy or a doctor's appointment.

The **Dial-A-Lift** service is available to residents confined to a wheelchair on a permanent or temporary basis. There is a stricter qualification process for this program, and the destination area is limited to the Long Beach, Signal Hill, and Lakewood boundaries. Application is made directly to Long Beach Transit at (562) 591-8753.

For questions regarding any transportation services, contact the Community Services Department at (562) 989-7330.

# City Hall

2175 CHERRY AVENUE

## Business Hours

Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall (General)	989-7300
City Council	989-7301
City Treasurer	989-7319
Administration & City Clerk	989-7305
Business Licenses	989-7316
Community Services	989-7330
Signal Hill Park	989-7325
Kids Kamp Office	989-7329
Finance	989-7319
Jobline	989-7385
Library	989-READ (▲7323)
Personnel	989-7307
Planning/Community Development	989-7340
Police	989-7200
Public Works	989-7351
Service Requests	989-7250
Redevelopment Projects	989-7379
Water Billing	989-7315
Water Quality Info	989-7250
<b>EMERGENCY/PARAMEDICS "911"</b>	
Chamber of Commerce	424-6489
Long Beach Animal Control	570-PETS (▲7387)
Long Beach City College	938-4353
Long Beach Gas Dept. (New Service)	570-5700
(Emergency)	570-2140
Long Beach Unified School District	997-8242
Signal Hill Disposal	597-0608
So. California Edison New/Emergency	(800) 684-8123
Charter Communications	(866) 499-8080 (Toll Free)
Verizon FiOS	(888) 553-1555

# City Facility Locations

City Hall	2175 Cherry Avenue
City Yard	2175 E. 28 <sup>th</sup> Street
Library	1770 E. Hill Street
Police Department	1800 E. Hill Street
P.R.I.D.E. Bureau	1919 E. Hill Street
Calbrisas Park	2451 California Avenue
Discovery Well Park	2200 Temple Avenue
Hillbrook Park	1865 Temple Avenue
Hilltop Park	2351 Dawson Avenue
Raymond Arbor Park	1881 Raymond Avenue
Reservoir Park	3315 Gundry Avenue
Signal Hill Park, Youth Center & Community Center	1780 E. Hill Street
Alvarado Elem.	1900 E. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street
Burroughs Elem.	1260 E. 33 <sup>rd</sup> Street
Signal Hill Elem.	2285 Walnut Avenue

# City Holidays

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

- Veteran's Day**  
Wednesday, November 11, 2009  
(regular trash collection and street sweeping)
- Thanksgiving Weekend**  
Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, 2009  
(trash collection one day late)
- Christmas Day**  
Friday, December 25, 2009  
(trash collection one day late, no street sweeping)
- New Years Day**  
Friday, January 1, 2010  
(trash collection one day late, no street sweeping)

# City Council/Commission Meetings

## CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor Ellen Ward  
e-mail: [eward@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:eward@cityofsignalhill.org)
- Vice Mayor Edward H. J. Wilson  
e-mail: [ewilson@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:ewilson@cityofsignalhill.org)
- Council Member Larry Forester  
e-mail: [lforester@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:lforester@cityofsignalhill.org)
- Council Member Tina L. Hansen  
e-mail: [thansen@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:thansen@cityofsignalhill.org)
- Council Member Michael J. Noll  
e-mail: [mnoll@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:mnoll@cityofsignalhill.org)

## COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT

- Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Monthly
- Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Place: Council Chambers
- Replays: Ch. 17, Everyday  
7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

- Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Monthly
- Time: 5:30 p.m.
- Place: Council Chamber

## PLANNING COMMISSION

- Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Monthly
- Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Place: Council Chamber

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

- Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Monthly
- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Place: Council Chamber

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