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# 2016 Year in Review and a Look Ahead to 2017

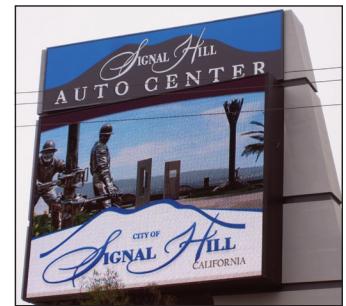


2016 was marked with the completion of important city projects. The Public Works Department had a busy year. Highlights of the year included the construction of Well 9 and Nanofiltration Treatment Plant. The Public Works Department was awarded "2016 Project of the Year" by the American Public Works Association, Southern California Chapter for this project. The well and treatment plant creates a new reliable and cost effective potable water source to meet the City's existing water demand and reduces its reliance on purchased water. The City received a \$2.86 million grant to develop the new well at the city yard and the advanced water treatment facility.

Upgrades were made to three of the City's parks. The City received a grant from the Los Angeles County Parks and Open Space District Proposition A for two park improvement projects. In November, Reservoir Park was renovated and got new playground equipment. The equipment might remind you

of a rustic clubhouse or treehouse. A drip-line irrigation system was installed at Signal Hill Park which will help combat the effects of the drought. The drip-line will allow each of the park trees to be watered individually and will comply with current water restrictions. Separate from this grant, the playground surface was replaced at Discovery Well Park.

The Signal Hill Auto Center freeway sign was renovated by the car dealerships. The new sign, adjacent to I-405, now includes an LED screen. This upgrade will allow the car dealerships to better advertise their businesses to drivers and passengers traveling on I-405.



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## Administration / Finance

The City launched its "Go Signal Hill App" which can be downloaded at iTunes or Google Play. The "Go Signal Hill App" allows you to keep up-to-date on all of the happenings at the City on your smart phone. Residents can now use credit cards in City Hall to pay for utility bills and classes. Residents can sign up for direct bill pay of their water bills on [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com).

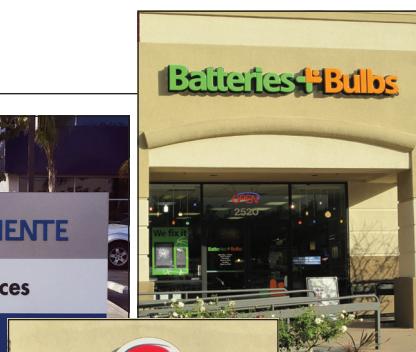
## Police Department



The Police Department partnered with Miller Children's hospital to bring children cheer who are in the hospital at the Miller's Hospital Beach Day and Miller's Hospital Santa's Workshop. The police stepped in as wait staff at "Tip-A-Cop", raising \$4,000 for Special Olympics.

## New Businesses

In 2016, a new Kaiser Permanent medical office opened in Signal Hill located at 845 E. Willow Street. New businesses that opened in 2016 included GD Bro Burger at Town Center West and Batteries and Bulbs at Town Center East.



## A Look Forward



The City of Signal Hill welcomes its newest Police Chief, the first to be hired from within since 1994. Christopher Nunley was unanimously appointed by the City Council to serve as the Signal Hill Police Department's Police Chief. Chief Nunley began his career in law enforcement as a Police Explorer for the Seal Beach Police

Department, eventually finding his home at the Signal Hill Police Department. Since then, Chief Nunley has served as a Police Explorer, Police Cadet, Dispatcher/Jailer, Reserve Police Officer, Police Officer, Motor Officer, Detective, Field Training Officer, Senior Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and most recently as the Department's Captain. Serving as Captain, Nunley was second in command to the Chief of Police and responsible for the overall operations of all divisions of the Police Department.

Chief Nunley is a Long Beach native, having spent much of his life in the area. He is married to Suzy, his wife of 14 years, and has two children. If you would like to meet Chief Nunley, look no further than the many community events sponsored by the Police Department, including the popular "Coffee with Cops" events held throughout the year.

The "old" library building was demolished in the fall and the library was moved to the Community Center to make way for a new

library in its place. Construction will begin for a new 12,000 square foot library this year; nearly three times its original size. The estimated completion date is Spring 2018. The library will feature separate areas for children, teens, and adults as well as state-of-the-art technology.





The dog park, to be located under the Signal Hill Auto Center is expected to be constructed this year. The dog park will include play areas for small and large dogs and seating for owners.



in the City. The park will also provide benches and a walking trail.

The Stormwater Infiltration facility for the Los Cerritos Channel (LCC) Sub-basin 4 Drainage Area is (an

\$11 million grant from Caltrans) for an infiltration facility that will serve Signal Hill and Long Beach. The partners for this project include the City of Long Beach, Long Beach Airport, Los Angeles County, and Caltrans. The facility is located underneath the Long Beach Airport. It will re-direct all dry-weather urban runoff and the first flush of wet-weather runoff from the channel. Separators will remove trash, debris, and sediment before conveying the water into a storage / infiltration facility.

Meta Housing's Gundry Hill housing development is well underway and expected to be completed by the end of June, 2017. This



affordable rental housing development features 71 units and a manager's unit. An interest list is being compiled. If you're interested in renting one of these units, please call Solari Enterprises, Inc. at 1-800-801-8440 extension 7204. Leave your name, address, and telephone number. ■

## General Municipal Election

### Tuesday, March 7, 2017



The City of Signal Hill General Municipal Election is on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Items on the ballot include three members of the City Council and citizen's initiative Measure F: Shall the proposed citizen's initiative measure to tax medical marijuana facilities in the City of Signal Hill, through a 10% tax on the monetary transactions as well as doubling the license taxes, with no sunset clause, and currently estimated to raise \$0.00 annually because medical marijuana facilities are not presently allowed in the City of Signal Hill, be adopted?

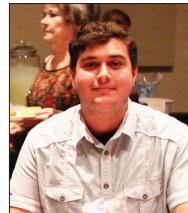
Please watch for your sample ballot booklet which should be arriving in the mail the week of February 6, 2017.

The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, February 21, 2017. Voter registration forms are available in most public agencies including city halls, libraries, and post offices. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The three polling locations for this election are: Burroughs Head Start School, 1260 East 33rd Street, Discovery Well Park, 2200 Temple Avenue and Family Church, 2094 Cherry Avenue. Please check the back of your sample ballot booklet for your correct polling place.

The City is in need of poll workers for this election. We are especially looking for poll workers who speak Spanish and Khmer. If you have any questions regarding the election, please contact the City Clerk's office at (562) 989-7305. ■

# Community Services Volunteers of the Year

**T**hank you to the volunteers who gave their time to the community in 2016. Volunteers and sponsor organizations are instrumental to making programs and events happen. The following volunteers were recognized for their commitment and dedication to the City.



**Kevin Jacobsen** stepped in for a raffle salesperson at Concerts in the Park and then volunteered at all of the remaining summer concerts as well as at the Halloween Carnival.

## Community Volunteer of the Year



**Mildred Wallerstein** has dedicated countless hours through her participation in the Friends of the Library committee, folding newsletters and regularly participating in community meetings and workshops.

## Organizations of the Year



The Signal Hill Rotary Club was named as the Valued Volunteer Organization of the year and Crimson Pipeline LLC as the Celebrated Business Sponsor of the year. These organizations were instrumental in helping with the Brown Bag food distribution program and the Concerts in the Park programming.

## Youth Volunteers of the Year



**Brianna Kennedy** invested many hours at the library and helped with the Summer Reading Program, Story Time, and Library Special Programs.



Courtney Nojiri and Victoria Kopasz

The City of Signal Hill appreciates everything that the volunteers do for the community and the City's programs, and extends a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of them. ■

# Retirement of Chief Langston



**P**olice Chief Michael Langston retired at the end of the year after nearly 30 years of service in law enforcement. Chief Langston spent more than five years at the City of Signal Hill and also served the cities of San Fernando and Turlock. In Signal Hill, Chief Langston led the department's transition into the new Police Station and facilitated the development of the Police Department's (SHPD) Strategic Plan. Langston also coordinated the development of the Southeast Mental Health Evaluation Team to provide services to those who need them by pairing police officers with mental-health professionals. Chief Langston was also appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to serve a two-year term of the State's 9-11 Advisory Board in 2013 and served on different law enforcement committees. ■

# Sandbags During Rainstorms



**S**and and sandbags are available at the City Yard, 2175 E. 28th Street, Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. First come, first served. Supply is limited to 10 sandbags per residence. Proof of City residency is required. In the case of major storm activity, additional sand bag stations may be deployed at different City sites. Call the Public Works yard at 562-989-7250 to get information on secondary locations. ■

# Crescent Square Homes Under Construction



The Crescent Square development is located at the northeast corner of Crescent Heights Street and Walnut Avenue. In 2014, the Planning Commission and City Council reviewed and approved the plans for the development. In July 2016, the developer Far West Industries started grading the site. The project includes 25 detached single-family dwellings. There are two floor plans available ranging from 2,852 to 3,152 square feet of livable space, with each dwelling consisting of 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, great room, dining room, kitchen, a 3-car garage and outdoor balconies. There are four architectural elevation styles that complement the adjacent Historic District. The developer expects that the model homes will be open to the public in early 2017. The project will be constructed in three phases and the City's construction time limits provide 3 years for the developer to complete construction. For additional details or pricing information, go to: <http://farwestindustries.com>. ■

## Award Corner

### Sustainability Award from the Signal Hill City Council

The Sustainable City Committee recognized a residential property on Lemon Ave in the North End Neighborhood for replacing turf in the front yard and parkway with mulch and colorful, drought tolerant plants.



### Beautification Award from the Signal Hill Planning Commission

The 4th Quarter Beautification Award was awarded to the commercial property at 1140 E. Willow Street. The property owner, Mark McGuire, renovated the building with new glass windows and doors, new metal awnings, and new paint color for the exterior walls.

The property was also awarded a Sustainability Award in the category of Water Efficient Landscapes at the July 12, 2016 City Council meeting.

Our thanks to the award winners, and to all our residents and business owners who help make our community such a great place to live, work and play.

## Recreation Needs Assessment Underway

The Community Services Department is completing a needs assessment to identify the Community's need for parks and recreation facilities, programs, and library services. This assessment will be completed by a consultant firm, Richard Fisher Associates. Residents may receive a phone call asking them to complete a phone survey.

Attend our Community Meeting! Meet our consultants and City staff and provide important feedback about our Parks, Recreation and Library services. Childcare is available and a light dinner will be served. The meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Signal Hill Library. Please call 562-989-7330 to RSVP and for more information. ■

# Two Historic Homes are Restored in the Crescent Heights Historic District

The Crescent Heights Historic District was established in 2002 and is located between Walnut and Rose Avenues and Crescent Heights and Burnett Streets. The goal of the District is to preserve the existing historic homes, support the relocation of other historic homes into the District and ensure that any new homes or restorations are consistent and compatible with the architectural character and style of the period from 1890 to 1930. Two of the historic homes in the neighborhood have just had major restorations completed.

## Restoration of the "Signal Hill Tower House"



BEFORE



AFTER

The 108-year-old historic house located on Gaviota Avenue went through numerous ownership changes over the years. In 2008, Mr. Willard W. Gillam, who co-owned the house with Mr. Arthur R. Holland, signed a quitclaim deed for his half of the ownership to the Signal Hill Historical Society. The Signal Hill Historical Society planned to renovate and convert the dilapidated house into a historical attraction but was unable to do so due to the cost. The house remained in disrepair for several years until the current property owner purchased the house in 2015 with the intent to renovate it. The current property owner agreed to record a Historic Preservation Easement to ensure that the historic character of the building would be preserved consistent with the Crescent Heights Historic District.

Construction to improve the building started in July 2015 and was completed in October 2016. The current property owner was able to maintain and preserve historic architectural features such as the shingle siding, brick veneer and chimney, the tapered deck/tower element, gable roof, shingle roof material and multi-pane windows.

## Restoration of the McCallen Historic Home



The 1919 Craftsman style home at the intersection of Rose Avenue and Burnett Street was the home of Ethel Mae McCallen and former City Council Member Marion "Buzz" McCallen for many years. Following Ethel's passing in 2010, the home was sold at auction to Mr. Gary Severns, who recently completed a much needed ground up renovation and restoration of the historic residence. Gary, a self-taught and award winning restorer of historic residences and retired business owner of multiple companies providing precision manufactured parts to the aerospace industry, has applied his attention to detail and love of Craftsman style architecture to the restoration. Mr. Severns honed his restoration craft over the course of the last 44 years, completing restoration on a 108-year-old home and the award winning Hermosa Apartments, both located in the City of Long Beach.

Over the course of the last three years, Mr. Severns not only restored the Signal Hill home with period appropriate custom Craftsmen doors, windows, fixtures and tile; he also updated the home and integrated many modern amenities such as a hard wired security and Wi-Fi system, built-in central vacuum, thermostat controls for tubs and showers, a four-zone heat and forced air system and an open floor plan great room with a modern kitchen featuring a large granite island, built-in refrigerator, gas stove, wine cooler, hammered copper



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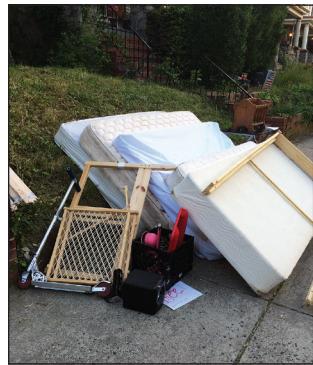


**AFTER**

sink and a spacious pantry and modern cabinetry. The original interior stairs and fireplace were restored and two additional Craftsman period fireplaces were added along with solid oak floors, a new electrical system and copper plumbing. The existing deck was expanded to 1,575 square feet, taking advantage of the panoramic views from the entire property. A new four-car garage and workroom addition replaces the original garage which was converted to an additional living space on the lower level of the home. The grounds of the property were completely

re-landscaped and feature river-rock planters, pathways with decorative pavers, a circular drive with a central planter and wrought iron fencing. ■

## Did You Know?



There are two citywide bulky item collection days each year. The dates are publicized on the City website and

in EDCO's residential bills. Every single family and multi-family residence is entitled to two free bulky item pick-ups at any time of the year. Residents just need to call EDCO at (562) 597-0608 to schedule their free pick-up. Acceptable bulky items for pick-up include furniture, appliances and electronics. ■

## Mayor's Clean-Up News



The Sustainable City Committee held the Fall Mayor's Clean-Up event on September 24th, 2016 with a base camp at Raymond Arbor Park. Approximately 40 volunteers participated in cleaning up the Southeast Residential Neighborhood. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers for pitching in!

The next Mayor's Clean-Up is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Southeast Industrial Neighborhood. The staging area will be at 1855 Coronado Avenue (Kluger Architect's parking lot). Volunteers are needed and all are welcome! For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at (562) 989-7340. ■

## National Night Out Award



The Signal Hill Police Department received a national award from the National Night Out organization for its 2016 National Night Out held on August 2, 2016 at Signal Hill Park. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Signal Hill's event featured a bounce house, exhibitors, a balloon artist, face painting and raffles. Police Officers were also on hand to welcome people to the event. The City of Signal Hill competed against cities with populations from 5,000 to 15,000. ■

# Community Services Department



## Signal Hill Public Library – Temporary Location

1780 E. Hill St., Signal Hill, CA 90755

(562) 989-7323

[www.cityofsignalhill.org/library](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/library)



Text the library: (562) 284-2766  
(to renew books, or ask questions)

### Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Library News

### Signal Hill Public Library Has Moved!

To make way for construction of the new library building, Signal Hill Public Library has relocated to temporary quarters in the Signal Hill Community Center (just past the basketball courts). The library still offers all of its services, books, DVDs, computers, interlibrary loans, storytime, and book club. Come visit us at our new location!

### E-books and More!

Signal Hill Public Library now has E-books and the World Book Encyclopedia online. Just use your library card and pin to sign on through the library catalog at <https://signalhill.biblionix.com/> to access these great new services. If you need assistance please contact the library.

### E-book Help

**Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**



Signal Hill Library Staff will help you download e-books from the library. You will need to bring

your own device (e-reader, laptop, or tablet) and know your passwords and usernames. Register by calling or visiting the library.

## Regular Programs

### Story Time

**Babies and Toddlers – Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.**

**Preschoolers – Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**



Story time programs are designed to stimulate young minds by introducing literature, music, and movement. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate to make a

meaningful experience for the child. Snacks are provided.



### Library Club for 3rd to 5th Grade Students

**Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Come to the library for a craft or game and a snack!

### Library Drop-In Program for 6th to 9th Graders

**Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Drop by Signal Hill Public Library every Thursday for crafts, movies, gaming and more!

## First Friday Book Club (over 18 years of age)

First Friday of each month, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Participants are provided a copy of the books, which alternate between fiction and non-fiction titles, and are discussed. Dessert and beverages are served. (During

the new library construction, the book club may be held at different locations. Please check with the library for each month's meeting location.)

## Saturday Discovery Time

**Saturdays: January 14, February 11, April 8, May 13**  
**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

A free monthly event with hands-on activities to encourage creativity and problem solving! For ages 8-11. Check with the library for each month's theme. (No program is scheduled in March due to the Read Across America event on March 4th)

## Crafter Day Afternoon

**Saturdays: January 21, February 18, March 18, May 20**  
**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Participants will create a new "make and take" project each month. For ages 14 and up. Register by calling or visiting the library. No crafter day in April due to Spring Fest.



Do you Love Your Library? Design a bookmark showing us how you love your library and enter it in our bookmark contest. The contest is open to all students from Kindergarten to 12th grade. Winners will

be chosen in four age categories and the winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed at the library. Entries will be accepted from February 27, 2017 to March 17, 2017. Entry forms and rules will be available at the library starting on February 20, 2017. Winners will be announced on March 22, 2017.

## Night at the Library (Evening Film Series)

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



Come to the Signal Hill Public Library to enjoy a free monthly film and refreshments. Register by calling or visiting the library.

### **The Hustler – February 15**

The classic story of the high stakes and hustle of professional pool players. Starring Paul Newman and Jackie Gleason.

### **Hoosiers – March 15**

A small town Indiana high school basketball team wins the state championship in the 1950s. Starring Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey, and Dennis Hopper.

### **Desk Set – April 12**

Can the newly installed "electric brains" (computers) replace the research department at the Federal Broadcasting Network? Starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy.

### **Heart Like a Wheel – May 17**

Female driver Shirley Muldowney overcomes barriers to break into the world of drag racing. Starring Bonnie Bedelia and Beau Bridges.

## Special Programs

### 3rd Annual Bookmark Design Contest

### Happy 113th Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Read Across America (PreK – 5th Grade)

**Saturday, May 4, 2017 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Library will be closed at 1:30pm that day)**



Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday and the love of reading. Join the Library for a Story Time featuring two of our favorite Dr.

Seuss books "The Cat in the Hat" and "One Fish Two Fish". Make a Cat in the Hat craft and enjoy a piece of birthday cake in honor of Dr. Seuss. Register by calling (562) 989-7323 to reserve your gift bag filled with Dr. Seuss items. This event is limited to 40 children.

## Special Programs (continued)

### Family Movie Night

Friday, April 14, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

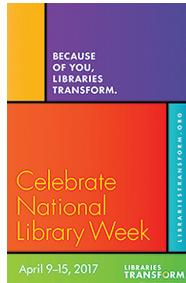


#### The Fantastic Mr. Fox

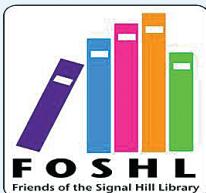
Mr. Fox has promised not to raid his neighbors' chickens. When he breaks his promise, can he save his family and friends from danger? Adapted from the Roald Dahl book.

### National Library Week

April 9-15



Celebrate Signal Hill Public Library during the 59th annual National Library Week. We invite the public to visit the library to sign our giant card. Events include the monthly Discovery Time, and Crafter day Afternoon with book themed projects. On Wednesday April 12, the classic movie *Desk Set* will be shown. Family Movie Night will be on Friday with the animated film, *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* adapted from the Roald Dahl book.



### Friends of Signal Hill Public Library (FOSHL)

The Friends of Signal Hill Public Library is the library's support group raising money for library programs. They meet the first Monday of each month. Contact the library for information on FOSHL and how to join.

## Community Contest:

### New Year's Resolutions: Emergency Preparedness



Share with us your New Year's resolutions for promoting emergency preparedness at your home, your business or in your community. The winner will receive a 1-person, 72-hour Emergency Survival kit.



Send your entries to: [emccaleb@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:emccaleb@cityofsignalhill.org) by February 28, 2017. The winner will be announced in the next issue of City Views.



### Community Services Department

2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755

(562) 989-7300

[www.cityofsignalhill.org/communityservices](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/communityservices)

City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## Active Adult Programs (55 and over)

### Signal Hill Social Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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

Bring your friends for a morning of games, coffee and conversation. Enjoy a variety of activities, get help with the computers or spend time browsing books. Free coffee and refreshments.

### Folding Group

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Signal Hill Youth Center, 1780 E. Hill Street**

The Folding Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month to fold the Active Adult monthly newsletters. It's a great time to catch up with friends and meet new people. Non-residents who join the group are eligible to register for excursions at the resident rate during the following month.

## Active Adult Excursions

(Please note: All excursions are subject to change.)

### Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens

**Wednesday, February 8**

**Cost: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$45**

**Depart: 9:00 a.m. Return: 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Escondido, California**



Located in sunny Escondido, Stone Brewing is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest craft brewery in the United States. With over 36 craft and specialty beers on tap, one-acre of lush beer gardens, and a responsibly sourced, high quality menu, the World Bistro & Gardens is a premier culinary destination in Southern California. After touring the brewing facility, we will enjoy a tasting of four Stone brews and participants will take home their own souvenir tasting glass and enjoy lunch in the world-class bistro.

### Peterson Car Museum and Clifton's Cafeteria

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Cost: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$50**

**Depart: 10:00 a.m. Return: 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Los Angeles, California**



With over one-hundred vehicles on display throughout 25 galleries, the Peterson Automotive Museum is one of the largest automotive museums. Through informative tours and an impressive diverse collection of vehicles, the museum specializes in educating the public on the history of the automobiles. After a private, docent led tour of the galleries, we will continue our afternoon with a trip to the newly refurbished Clifton's Cafeteria for lunch.

## Active Adult Excursions (continued)

### Las Vegas, Nevada

**Date:** Monday, March 20 – Wednesday, March 22  
**Depart:** 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 20  
**Return:** 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 22  
**Location:** Las Vegas, Nevada

**Resident:** \$226/person for single occupancy  
\$171/person for double occupancy

**Non-Resident:** \$246/person for single occupancy  
\$191/person for double occupancy



Viva Las Vegas! Join us for a three day, two night trip to the entertainment capital of the world. After checking in to the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, you will be free to explore Las Vegas the way you want! Whether it's gambling at your favorite casino, attending one of the fabulous shows, or indulging in world-class cuisine, the opportunities are endless.

\*Rate subject to change based on trip minimum of 29 participants.

### Whale Watching

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4  
**Depart:** 11:00 a.m. **Return:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** Resident \$30 / Non-Resident \$35  
**Location:** Long Beach Harbor



Explore the Pacific Ocean and look out for a few marine neighbors! This two and a half hour whale watching tour will take us out to the open ocean to

look for blue & gray whales, humpbacks, and orcas during their migration period while looking for a variety of other marine species. Due to the timing of the trip, lunch will not be provided but snacks will be available for purchase on board. Please keep in mind this trip will take us out to the open ocean; if sea sickness might be an issue plan accordingly.

### Gospel Brunch

**Date:** Sunday, May 7 (Subject to change)  
**Depart:** 9:45 a.m. **Return:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$45  
**Location:** Anaheim



Enjoy a selection of traditional and contemporary Gospel songs at the world famous Gospel Brunch at the House of Blues! Before the show, we will be treated to an all-you-can-eat buffet with all your breakfast favorites, as well as some southern specialties, carving stations, and delicious desserts. Come prepared to eat, dance, and listen to local Gospel talent.

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

## Family Excursions

### Renaissance Pleasure Faire

**Date:** Saturday, April 29

**Depart:** 9:30 a.m. **Return:** 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Irwindale

**Cost per Adult:** Resident \$22 / Non-Resident \$27

**Cost per Child (5-12 years):** Resident \$10 / Non-Resident \$15



Hear ye, hear ye! With 20 acres of crafts, food, games, and entertainment, the Renaissance Pleasure Faire has something for everyone. Enjoy a joust with the Queen and her court, wander the various arts and crafts vendors, or learn to fence like a real knight! Children 4 years and under are free.

### California Strawberry Festival

**Saturday, May 20**

**Depart:** 8:00 a.m. **Return:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Oxnard, California

**Cost per Adult:** Resident \$15 / Non-Resident \$20

**Cost per Child (5-12 years):** Resident \$8 / Non-Resident \$13



Spend the day on a great springtime trip aboard the Strawberry Express at the annual California Strawberry Festival in Oxnard. This fun festival features the honored fruit dipped in chocolate, whipped into shakes, and smothered between cakes. The event offers gourmet food and wine, arts and crafts, and musical entertainment from jazz to big band sounds on three different stages. You will have time to enjoy the festival on your own.

## City Events

### Community Yard Sale sponsored by the Signal Hill Community Foundation

**Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Signal Hill Park, 2175 Cherry Avenue**



Residents of Signal Hill and surrounding areas will have their personal items on display for purchase in one convenient location. Come join your neighbors and browse through the unique items. Uncover precious valuables such as gadgets, artwork and albums to take home and add to your collection. Call (562) 989-7330 for more information.

### Hounds on the Hill

**Saturday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Signal Hill Park, 2175 Cherry Avenue**

### Hounds on the Hill



Bring your four legged friends and family for a day of fun at the 7th annual Hounds on the Hill event at Signal Hill Park. This pet-friendly event features contests, live music, demonstrations, children activities, pet adoptions, and vendors of pet supplies and accessories. Spay Neuter Project of Los Angeles will be onsite offering a low cost pet vaccination and microchip clinic.

## Community Services Department

### City Events (continued)

#### Spring Fest 2017

Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Signal Hill Park, 2175 Cherry Avenue



Signal Hill's annual Spring Fest is the place to bring your children for a fun atmosphere where they can hunt for eggs and candy. A wristband can be purchased for a small fee to cover activities which include: bounce houses, a trackless train ride, multiple crafts, and egg hunts. Signal Hill Police Volunteers will offer child fingerprinting kits. All participants must bring their own bag or basket

to collect their egg hunt goodies. Bring your camera for free photos with the Spring Fest Bunny, available 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please note, inclement weather will cancel the event.

#### Mayor's Reception

Tuesday, March 21, 8:00 p.m.

Alpert Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Willow Street, Long Beach



The public is cordially invited to attend the annual Mayor's Reception on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 8:00 p.m., at the Alpert Jewish Community Center to

welcome the incoming Mayor. The outgoing Mayor will also be honored for her outstanding service to the community during the past year.

### Youth Programs



#### Afterschool Recreation Club "ARC"

Signal Hill Youth Center, 1780 E. Hill Street

Grades: K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Kindergarten: Monday – Friday, 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Thursday, 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cost for 2 weeks:

1st – 5th Grades: Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$60

Kindergarten: Resident \$60 / Non-Resident \$80

ARC is designed to provide a safe, high quality afterschool experience for children attending Alvarado and Signal Hill Elementary Schools. ARC participants can expect to spend their out of school time participating in enriching activities such as outdoor games and activities, arts and crafts, homework, group

performances, cooking, and lots of fun. Friendly staff organize interactive activities for youth to experience a quality supervised recreation program. Program is currently at capacity, a waitlist is available. Call (562) 989 – 7329 for more information.



#### Signal Hill TWEEN Program

Las Brisas Community Center, 2399 California Avenue

Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday – Friday, 3:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Spot: Signal Hill Park

(Tweens are transported to Las Brisas)

Cost: \$40/month

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

**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**

## Signal Hill TWEEN Program (continued)



Join us after school for new friends, service learning, video games, friendly competitions, arts and crafts, homework and more! The Signal Hill Tween program meets at the Signal Hill Youth Center and children are transported by City vehicle to Las Brisas

Community Center. Get your Tweens out of the house and doing something fun afterschool! Tweens from all middle schools are welcome to meet at Las Brisas Community Center to join in on the activities. Tweens can be picked up from Las Brisas Community Center or have the option to be driven back to Signal Hill Park and picked up from the park after 6 pm. Call (562) 989-7329 for more information.



## Youth Sports Program, Co-ed Youth Indoor Soccer

Signal Hill Youth Center, 1780 E. Hill Street

Ages: 5 – 13 years

Registration will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>

Join our exciting Youth Sports Soccer Season! This completely FREE program instills basic soccer knowledge, an opportunity to meet new friends, and a fun way to develop teamwork skills. Practices are one hour, twice a week held at Signal Hill Park. Practices will begin in mid-March and games will be held on Saturdays at park sites in the City of Long Beach in April. Proof of birth date is required at the time of registration for new players. Space is limited! Call (562) 989-7334 for more information.

## Other Services

### Animal Care Services

All dogs at least four months old, are required to have a current dog license by local municipal codes (Signal Hill SHMC 6.08.010). A permanent dog license tag is issued when a license is first purchased (there is a \$5 fee for replacement tags). To purchase a dog license, the owner may come to 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 \$95 unaltered, \$20 altered, and \$25 late fee. Seniors (age 60+) have a discounted rate of \$10. This discount is for one altered dog per household only; all others are at regular rates.



### Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
\*During the Hounds on the Hill Event  
Signal Hill Park, 2175 Cherry Avenue

### Park and Facility Rentals

Are you planning a family get-together in the park? Would you like to have a reception in one of our beautiful community centers? Permits are available from the Signal Hill Community Services Department to assist you with reserving a space. There are several parks and facilities to choose from. Applications and policies are available at <http://www.cityofsignalhill.org>, or call (562) 989-7330 for more information. Please note: The Signal Hill Public Library has temporarily moved into the City's Community Center for the next two years.

### Bricks on the Hilltop

Become a permanent part of the panoramic view from Signal Hill by ordering a personalized brick that will be placed in Hilltop Park and receive a commemorative certificate. This is a memorable way to celebrate a special occasion, pay tribute to the memory of a loved one, or honor the birth of a child. Your tax deductible contribution to the Signal Hill Community Foundation will also help support the building of a new Library for our growing community. Call us for information and an order form at (562) 989-7330.



# CITY VIEWS

News from the City of Signal Hill

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## 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 and City Clerk ..... 989-7305  
Business Licenses ..... 989-7315  
Community Services ..... 989-7330  
ARC, Tween, & Youth Sports Program ..... 989-7329  
Economic Development Projects ..... 989-7379  
Finance ..... 989-7319  
Job Line ..... 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  
Water Customer Service ..... 989-7315  
Water Conservation Hotline ..... 989-7350  
Water Quality Info ..... 989-7250  
Emergency/Paramedics ..... "911"  
Chamber of Commerce ..... 1-888-687-1718  
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 ..... 997-8022  
Los Angeles County Fire Station 60 ..... 595-1620  
    Business line – Non Emergencies

Signal Hill Disposal ..... 597-0608  
So. California Edison  
    New/Emergency ..... (800) 684-8123  
Spectrum Cable ..... (888) 438-2427 (toll free)  
Charter Cable-Business ..... (800) 314-7195  
Frontier ..... (800) 921-8101  
M-F 7 am – 7 pm, Sat/Sun 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

## City Facility Locations

City Hall ..... 2175 Cherry Avenue  
City Yard ..... 2175 E. 28th Street  
Library ..... 1780 E. Hill Street  
Police Department ..... 2745 Walnut Avenue  
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 Elementary ..... 1900 E. 21st Street  
Signal Hill Elementary ..... 2285 Walnut Avenue  
Jessie Elwin Nelson Middle School  
..... 1951 Cherry Avenue

## City Holidays

City Offices will be closed on the following dates:

**Presidents' Day**

Monday, February 20  
(regular trash collection, no street sweeping)

**Memorial Day**

Monday, May 29  
(trash collection one day late, no street sweeping)

**Independence Day**

Tuesday, July 4  
(trash collection one day late, no street sweeping)

## City Council/Commission Meetings

(All meetings occur in Council Chamber of City Hall)

**City Council & Successor Agency**

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Replays: Ch. 3 (Charter) and Ch. 38 (Frontier),  
Everyday 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

**Civil Service Commission**

Meeting: 1st Wednesday Monthly  
Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission**

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday Monthly  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Commission**

Meeting: 3rd Wednesday Monthly  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Oversight Board**

Meeting: 2nd Thursday Monthly  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Housing Authority and Public Financing Authority  
(annual meetings)**

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday annually  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Sustainable City Committee**

Meeting: 4th Tuesday in January, March, May,  
July, September  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Agendas are posted on the City's website:  
[www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org)**

## Signal Hill City Council

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