

Spotlight La Puente

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS, AND PROGRAMS

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Winter 2011

Street Sweeping

Please note the City of La Puente will observe the following holidays and street sweeping will take place:

Christmas Monday, December 26, 2011
 New Years Monday, January 2, 2012
 Presidents Day Monday, February 20, 2012

To ensure that your street is properly cleaned, please make sure vehicles are properly removed during the posted times. If you have any questions please contact Code Enforcement at (626) 855-1583.



City Hours

City Hall	Monday- Friday
Monday- Thursday	2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.	Closed Saturday & Sunday
Friday	
7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.	
Building & Safety Hours	
Monday- Friday	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.	Saturday
	8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
	Closed on Sundays
The Senior Center	
Monday- Friday	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.	
Boys & Girls Club	
Monday- Friday	1:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.	Closed Saturday & Sunday

Don't Miss La Puente's Holiday Festivities

Mark your calendar for the City of La Puente's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, December 2, 2011, beginning at 5:30pm. The parade route will start at Workman Street and Glendora Avenue and continue onto Main Street. The Holiday Parade will highlight the La Puente community by featuring local float entries, school marching bands, cheerleaders, Girl Scouts, Boy

Scouts and much, much more. Immediately following the parade, the Mayor and City Council members will ring in the holiday season by lighting up the tree. The Old Town Puente Association will also have activities such as rides, bouncers, and other holiday attractions. There will even be an appearance by Santa Claus himself! For more information, please call (626) 855-1560.



Holiday Home Decorating Contest

It's that time of year again to unroll the string of holiday lights and take the decorations of the garage to start decorating. The City of La Puente is inviting all residents to participate in the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. This is a great way for you to show off your community pride and participate in the

season's festivities! Awards will be handed out in each of the following categories; Best Holiday Spirit, Best Use of Animation and Best Use of Lights. To enter the contest, please pick up an application from City Hall, the Senior Center, the Community Center or the Youth Learning Center

beginning Monday, November 28. The deadline to turn in applications is December 12. All participating homes are asked to have their decorations up by Friday, December 16. Judging will take place on Tuesday, December 20. For more information, please contact the Recreation Services office at (626) 855-1560.

La Puente Welcomes New City Manager

Bret M. Plumlee was appointed as La Puente's City Manager in August 2011. Prior to his appointment, Plumlee served as La Puente's Interim Director of Administrative Services for two months.

Mr. Plumlee has worked in Municipal Government his entire career, and his extensive experience includes serving as Assistant City Manager for the City of La Quinta (2007-2011), Director of Administrative Services for the City of El Segundo (2001-2007), Director of Finance for the City of El Segundo (1998-2001), Finance

Director/Treasurer for the City of Rolling Hills Estates (1995-1998), and Assistant Finance Director for the City of La Mirada (1993-1995). He is highly respected for his honesty, integrity, and dedication to the organization and local community.

Plumlee, a California native, holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from California State University, Long Beach (1990) and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of California, Irvine (1986).

Plumlee and his wife

Michelle have two daughters, Katie (7) and Emily (5).

He is very excited for the opportunity to come to La Puente to help make a positive difference in making the community a better place to live, work, visit, and do business in.



Bret M. Plumlee

Drainage Along Valley Boulevard To Help Flooding Issue

Flooding along Valley Boulevard in the City of La Puente has been a continuous problem for many years during periods of heavy rainfall. The City worked with the City of Industry and Union Pacific Railroad to alleviate the flooding problems along Valley Boulevard.

According to Mayor John Solis, "This is a major accomplishment which will greatly benefit the residents of La Puente. This project has been years in the making and is an example of the benefit derived from the outstanding collaboration of the City of La Puente, City of Industry, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano and her staff, and the Union Pacific Railroad." Council

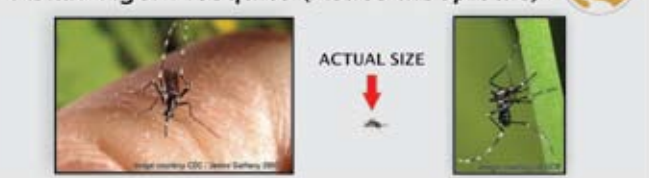
Member Dan Holloway added, "Valley Boulevard flooding has been an unpleasant fact of life for years. When it floods, our Public Works staff routinely spends hours in the rain diverting traffic away from the danger. In doing so, a large number of vehicles were diverted onto narrow residential streets, creating a different set of safety issues. I'm proud that the efforts of all concerned have resulted in making our City a safer place to live, work, and drive."

Union Pacific has completed the installation of approximately 200 feet of 60-inch corrugated metal pipe underneath the existing

railroad tracks. The new pipe replaces the previous 15-inch pipe that contributed to the flooding problems in the area. The project also included construction of a head wall and wing walls on the north end of the Union Pacific property.

These improvements will alleviate flooding during periods of heavy rain resulting in the continuous flow of traffic along Valley Boulevard. Council Member Vince House stated, "Thanks to the City Council's lobbying efforts in Washington D.C. to bring these issues forward, the long-standing drainage problems on Valley Boulevard will finally be resolved."

Invasive Species Alert



**HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MOSQUITO?
 ARE YOU GETTING MOSQUITO BITES DURING THE DAY?**
 Report them to (626) 814-9466 or at www.SGVmosquito.org

The Asian tiger mosquito was recently identified in an El Monte neighborhood. This aggressive day-biting mosquito is not native to California and has not been seen in the San Gabriel Valley since 2001 when they were accidentally imported in shipments of *Draecena* "Lucky Bamboo" plants.

This mosquito is very small (approx. 1/4 inch), with distinctive black and white bands on its thorax, abdomen, and legs. They are aggressive biters and are active during daylight hours as well as dusk and dawn.

This mosquito is a "container breeder" and prefers to lay its eggs onto the inside of water-filled containers or on stems of aquatic plants. When flooded, the eggs hatch and larvae emerge, maturing to biting adults in 7-12 days.

This mosquito is a native of tropical and subtropical Southeast Asia but has invaded other countries through international transport and travel. When established, they become a significant pest and are able to transmit many serious pathogens including dengue, yellow fever, chikungunya, encephalitis-causing viruses and the parasite responsible for heartworm in dogs and cats.

Asian tiger mosquitoes are responsible for recent outbreaks of dengue virus in Florida, Hawaii, and Texas. If this mosquito becomes permanently established in California, residents will have to live with an even greater risk of mosquito-transmitted disease.

****DO NOT KEEP WATER FILLED CONTAINERS IN YOUR YARD, OVERTURN OR DISCARD ALL BUCKETS, CANS, POTS, ETC. AROUND YOUR HOME TODAY****

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