

Minimum wage increases take effect in L.A. County on July 1



In 2015, Los Angeles County passed a new minimum wage law that took effect in 2016 and will increase every year on July 1 until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2021 for all businesses. Beginning in 2022, the County will adjust the minimum wage annual based on changes to the Consumer Price Index to help workers keep up with the cost of living.

For large businesses with 26 or more employees, the new rate is \$13.25 per hour. For small businesses with 25 or fewer employees, the new rate is \$12.00 per hour.

Anyone who works at least two hours in a one-week period within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County is entitled to the County minimum wage for the hours worked in the

unincorporated area of the County. The employee's employment status, where they live, or where your business is headquartered does not determine the minimum wage that applies.

To determine whether an address is in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, go to lavote.net/precinctmap and, from the pull down menu, select District Map Look Up by Address. Once you enter your address, your various districts will show up. About the 6th line down, you will either see City of Whittier or Unincorporated.

Employers located in Los Angeles County, or those who have employees who perform work in L.A. County, must display a poster which can be found at dca.lacounty.gov/minimum-wage-for-businesses.



Community Expo connects residents with local businesses



Local residents will have the opportunity to see some of the best businesses in the area on display at the

7th annual Shop Local Community Expo promotes keeping sales tax dollars in Whittier

Shop Local Community Expo which will take place from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, July 12.

Hosted by the Whittier Chamber of Commerce, this event highlights local businesses and stresses the value of keeping sales tax dollars in the community. This will be the fourth year the City of Whittier and the Chamber of Commerce are collaborating at the well-attended Concerts in the Park where a STYX and Journey tribute band is scheduled to play later that night. "We are excited to be working with the City to draw attention to the great businesses we have in this area," explained Rob Marin, local realtor and chair of this year's Shop Local event. Concert-goers can find a variety of different businesses and service providers located within their own community at this event. In addition, if you are looking for a specific type of

business, Chamber staff and volunteers will be available to give referrals and hand out business directories. "For the City, it was an easy decision to partner with the Chamber again," stated Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. "The City wants to encourage its residents to shop Whittier and this is a great way to show them what products and services are available right in their own backyard."

"We are proud to sponsor an event that is free and open to the entire community," stated local business owner Bonnie Watje from ACRO Printing, Inc. "Tons of people attend the Shop Local Community Expo and every year we are excited to run in to our customers at this event. We also love meeting and talking with new people about our services!"

The Chamber's Shop Local event gives residents an opportunity to stroll

through this free outdoor table-top expo and meet over 60 local businesses. Guests will experience food samples from local restaurants, get information from nonprofits making a difference in our community, and have the chance to learn about important city programs and services. As part of the event, there will be a new car display from local car dealers. There will also be cash drawings as well as a number of great prizes including a set of 4 premium Angel tickets, donated by ACRO Printing, Inc. For more information on the Shop Local Community Expo please see the ad in this issue on page 6 or call the Chamber office at (562) 698-9554. Tables or booths may still be available. Interested businesses can sign up by visiting us online at whittierchamber.com.

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We welcome comments, press releases and community interest stories. All submissions are due by the 10th of the month prior to publication. The Whittier Chamber reserves the right to approve and edit submitted material.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and hope you are all having a healthy and prosperous year! I was once asked what my favorite holiday was. I said it was the 4th of July without a doubt! It's one of the few times throughout the year that we all stand together (regardless of your political view) and proudly showcase our patriotism.

The Whittier Chamber is sort of like that. We band together for a common purpose – to create a thriving business climate and strong local economy in the Whittier area. We encourage our members to support and patronize each other's business throughout the year

and not just during the holidays or when we are asked to. As I mentioned in last month's Business Focus, if everyone spent an additional \$20.00 a month, we would be adding revenue to enhance and increase the quality of life for everyone in our community.

The Whittier Chamber of Commerce does a great job promoting our shop local campaign throughout the year. On July 12th, the public will have the unique opportunity to meet and connect with many of our local Chamber business members & merchants face to face at our annual Shop Local Community Expo at



Gary Lee Martinez,
President of the Board

Parnell Park from 4-7 p.m. This Expo will feature a display of over 50 businesses and organizations, free food samples, music and the opportunity to win cash prizes.

As always, on behalf of our 600 members, Chamber staff & Board of Directors... thank you very much for supporting Whittier area businesses. Whether it's a domestic road trip or international vacation, be safe this summer and make lifetime memories.



Richard Scrivanich

The tax treatment of a vacation property which is also used as a rental depends on how many days it's rented and your level of personal use. Personal use includes vacation use by your relatives (even if you charge them market rate rent) and use by nonrelatives if a market rate rent is not charged.

If you rent the property out for less than 15 days during the year, it's not treated as a "rental property" at all. In the right circumstances, this can produce significant tax benefits. Any rent you receive isn't included in your income for tax purposes (no matter how substantial the amount). On the other hand, you can only deduct property taxes and mortgage interest—no other operating costs and no depreciation. (Mortgage interest is deductible on your principal residence and one other home, subject to certain limits.)

If you rent the property out for more than 14 days, you must include the rent you receive in income. However you can deduct part of your operating expenses and depreciation, subject to the following rules. First, you must allocate your expenses between the personal use days and the rental days. For example, if the house is rented for 90 days and used personally for 30 days, then 75% of the use is rental (90 days out of 120 total days of use). You would allocate 75% of your maintenance, utilities, insurance,

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Rental of Vacation Property

etc., costs to rental. You would allocate 75% of your depreciation allowance, interest, and taxes for the property to rental as well. The personal use portion of taxes is separately deductible. The personal use portion of interest on a second home is also deductible where (as is the case here) the personal use exceeds the greater of 14 days or 10% of the rental days. However, depreciation on the personal use portion isn't allowed.

If the rental income exceeds these allocable deductions, then you report the rent and deductions to determine the amount of rental income to add to your other income. If the expenses exceed the income you may be able to claim a rental loss. This depends on how many days you use the house for personal purposes.

Here's the test: if you use it personally for more than the greater of (a) 14 days, or (b) 10% of the rental days, you are using it "too much," and you cannot claim your loss. In this case, you can still use your deductions to wipe out the rental income, but you cannot go beyond the income to create a loss. Any deductions you cannot use are carried forward and may be usable in future years. If you are limited to using deductions only up to the amount of rental income, you must use the deductions allocated to the rental portion in the following order: (1) interest and taxes, (2) operating costs, (3) depreciation.

If you "pass" the personal use test (i.e., you don't use the property personally more than the greater of the figures listed above), you must still allocate your expenses between the personal and rental portions. In this case, however, if your rental deductions exceed rental income, you can claim the loss. (The loss is "passive," however, and may be limited under the passive loss rules.)

Example: You rent a vacation home for 60 days and use it personally for 20 days. You are paid rent of \$8,000. Expenses are \$6,000 in interest and taxes, \$3,600 operating costs, and \$4,800 depreciation, for a total of \$14,400. Personal use is 25% (20 out of 80 total use days). So 75% of expenses are allocated to rental (\$14,400 x 75% = \$10,800). There is thus a rental loss of \$2,800 (\$8,000 income, \$10,800 expenses). However, personal use (20 days) exceeds the greater of (1) 14 days and (2) 10% of rental days (6). The loss is thus disallowed. You can deduct only \$8,000 of expenses (up to the rental income). You must first deduct the rental portion (75%) of the interest and taxes (\$4,500 (75% of \$6,000)), then 75% of the operating costs (\$2,700 (75% of \$3,600)), which totals \$7,200 (\$4,500 plus \$2,700). You can then deduct only an additional \$800 of depreciation.

If you have any questions regarding the above discussed topic or any other tax matter, please feel free to give me a call at (562) 698-9891.

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5 tips to make your business sizzle this summer

Is a summer slowdown inevitable for your business? Some of you know that summertime can have a negative impact on the workplace. Drops in productivity, dips in attendance and increased project turnaround time are some of the things a business can experience during the dog days of summer.

On the flip side, there are some small-business owners who experience business growth during the summer swelter. They do things like expand their workforce or launch new products.

Whatever side you are on, summer can be a valuable time in which to get a jump on the competition while they are taking time off. Here are five ways to make your business sizzle this summer:

1. Meet in person.

The summer brings longer days, great weather and more social people. Technology has enhanced our ability to stay connected all year, from anywhere and everywhere, but there's still value to be gained by meeting in person. Summer is the perfect time to catch up on face time with contacts, colleagues and prospects. The options are endless. Grab a drink, enjoy an iced coffee, have lunch al fresco or simply go for a walk. You'll get outdoors, enjoy the summer weather and build your business in the process.

2. Take your business into the fresh air

Don't wait for your customers to come to you; look for ways to get in front of them. Whether you run a retail store, restaurant or provide a service to customers, consider the following:

- **Host a party or cookout** – Everyone loves a great party. Celebrate summer by hosting an event. Any kind of open house or get together will be fun and a great way to thank and celebrate your customers (past and present). Use your parking lot or local park and plan on catering yourself (a grill, hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, and cold drinks

are fine). Look for ways to make this a worthwhile event for folks to want to join – hire a magician, moon bounce, or give away prizes. Don't forget to offer incentives (demos or special offers) to those who attend so that they have a good reason to keep frequenting your business over the summer.

It's also a great time to host an event for your internal team. Get your team to bond and know they are appreciated by taking them to a fun event off-site, maybe an outdoor concert, camping or an amusement park.

- **Take part in local markets, events and fairs** – What better way to win new business by letting people know about you? Sponsorships, tables or booths to boost your mailing list or sell products, or other marketing opportunities are usually available at a local event. (Check out the Whittier Chamber's Shop Local Community Expo as a great way to promote your business!)

- **Take your food business on the road** - If you are in the food business, taking a concession stand on the road is a great way to earn money and give new customers a taste of what you've got to offer back at your restaurant or store.

3. Launch a gratitude campaign.

Giving thanks isn't just for Thanksgiving. You can turn summertime into a season of appreciation. Send a note, take clients out to lunch or just call them to simply say, "thank you." Everyone is busy these days. Taking time to show you care and appreciate your customers and clients goes a long way.

4. Offer summer promotions.

Summer sales and special offers are pervasive in the retail industry. Why not take a cue from retail and offer a special limited-time summer promotion or discount? For instance, offer a promotion in which clients can



refer friends and colleagues and get 10 percent off their next service, visit or purchase. Depending on the nature of your business, this type of summer promotion may or not may not be successful, but it's worth trying. If the promotion succeeds in generating new or increased business, you can tweak and repeat the same campaign during the winter holidays as well.

5. Get a jump start.

During the potential summer "down time," a great way to grow your business is to simply keep your head down and get to work. Depending on your industry, this may be possible with clients or customers out of town on vacation, making this the perfect time to plow through projects you might have put on hold. Send out a survey to your customers and get a feel of what you could do more or better. Research demographic trends that might impact your business in the coming year. Get organized and ahead of the game for the rest of the year. Once Labor Day rolls around, you'll have a jump start on the competition as you head into the busier fall and winter seasons.

While it may be tempting to succumb to a long summer siesta, summer time doesn't have to mean losing your business-development momentum. These five strategies are just some of the myriad ways to continue to grow your business during the summer months and prepare for a big year end finish.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Can't get away for a vacation?

Plan yourself a staycation – there's plenty to do here in Whittier all summer long.

Another thank you to those of you who have participated in the City's General Plan Update process over the past year. Last month, we held another public workshop focused on Guiding Principles and Opportunities for the Future. Those of you who were unable to attend will have another chance to provide feedback on September 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Whittier Community Center. Be sure to visit www.envisionwhittier.org for more details on how to share in crafting our community's vision for Whittier's future.

There are plenty of City activities happening for all ages in July. Browse www.whittierrec.com to find youth activities, day camp, community center classes, and other programs. The Library's summer reading program is fun for children and adults alike and runs through July 21. The fully renovated Palm Park pool is also now available for your next swim party. The popular Concerts in the Park series is held on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Central Park and Thursdays at Parnell Park through the end of August. Parking is limited so plan to carpool with

your friends or neighbors and don't forget your lawn chairs and a warm blanket. For a complete concert schedule visit www.cityofwhittier.org or call (562) 567-9400.

Adults and children will also enjoy the "Movies in the Park" series sponsored by the City and the Whittier Community Foundation held the first Saturday of each month through September. Spend those warm summer nights under the stars and enjoy a family-friendly movie on an inflatable 28-foot movie screen at Parnell Park. This month's feature will be Beauty & the Beast on Saturday, July 7. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring a picnic and chairs but leave pets, barbecues and alcoholic beverages at home. Call (562) 567-9400 for more information and a list of scheduled screenings.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to recognize former Assistant City Manager Nancy Mendez who retired at the end of June after serving the Whittier community for 38 years. Nancy began her tenure at the City in 1980 in the Parks and Recreation Department. As Assistant City Manager since 2002,

she helped to secure state and federal funding for various local initiatives. She was also tasked with overseeing notable projects around town including the Greenway Trail, Parnell Park Community Center, the new Police building, and the Whittwood Branch Library, and helped initiate programs like the popular Summer Concert Series and Holiday Craft Fair. Nancy has shown great dedication and commitment to serving others and creating a more vibrant Whittier for us all to enjoy. I can't thank her enough for sharing her talents with us over the years and I wish her all the best in her much deserved retirement. I'm going to miss her big time!

I'd also like to welcome Shannon DeLong, the City's newly appointed Assistant City Manager, to the Whittier family. Shannon comes to us from the City of Downey, where she managed special projects, represented the City in interagency and regional policy initiatives, led the City's innovation and performance management initiatives, and supported the City's priorities-based budgeting process. Shannon was the Director of the Downey City Library for five years and served for two years as the Acting Executive Director of the Columbia Memorial Space Center. With her history of public service and community engagement, I know she'll do great things here in Whittier. My Council colleagues and I are looking forward to working with her in the coming months.

Lastly, the City Council and I invite you to celebrate Independence Day with our Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular show at York Field. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. so come enjoy live music, inflatables and food vendors before the fireworks display begins at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and kids are free. For more information, contact Parks, Recreation & Community Services at (562) 567-9430. We look forward to this fun, family-friendly celebration as a safe alternative to all other fireworks, which are illegal in the City of Whittier. On this holiday of barbecues and fun, please be safe and don't drink and drive. Happy Birthday America!



Whittier welcomes new Assistant City Manager

Shannon DeLong has been appointed as the City of Whittier's Assistant City Manager replacing Nancy Mendez who retired after 38 years with the City.

DeLong formerly served as the Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Downey, where she managed special projects, represented the City in interagency and regional policy initiatives, managed the City's legislative platform, led the City's innovation team and performance management initiatives, and supported the City's priorities-based budgeting process. She served as Acting Director for the Downey City Library for five and a half years, where she led the Library's transition to 21st century technologies and services, and also served as Acting Executive Director of the Columbia Memorial Space Center for two years.

DeLong began her public service career in the water policy arena, having previously worked in the aerospace industry. She earned an undergraduate degree in Biology from UCLA and a Master's in Business Administration. She is the proud mom to three energetic young children, ages 2, 4 and 6, and in her rare moments of free time, she enjoys swimming, attempting to grow vegetables, and taking the kiddos on 'science adventures' with her husband, an education leader.

"Whittier has a fantastic reputation as a well-run city with an involved, caring community and a collegial City Council committed to public service," DeLong said. "I'm honored and excited to be part of the professional, dedicated Whittier team and looking forward to serving the community."

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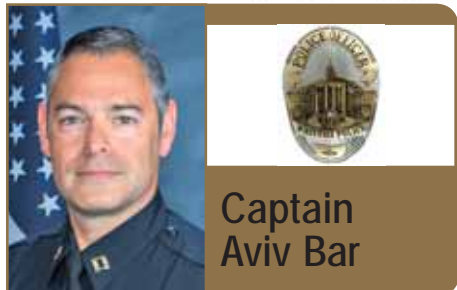


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10-4 tips from the WHITTIER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Captain Aviv Bar

A recent national survey found that over 23 million people reported package thefts last year. Unfortunately, package theft is an easy crime for thieves to commit and many who are caught do not face serious jail consequences. Package thieves drive around neighborhoods on a daily basis looking for packages that are visible from the street.

In order to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of package theft, here are some crime prevention tips to follow:

- Sign up for delivery notification via text or email. This will let you know that a package has been left on your doorstep.
- As soon as you receive a delivery notification and if no one is at your home, call a neighbor or a close-by

Package Theft Prevention

family member and ask them to collect your package.

- Install a camera doorbell system that will send you a video notification when a package arrives and to serve as a deterrent for a would-be package thief.
 - Have packages delivered to your workplace or place of business if it is allowed
 - Ship your package(s) to an authorized local receipt center or locker system
 - Set up and mark an area not visible from the street where delivery personnel can leave packages at your doorstep. Use chalk or tape to mark the area and leave detailed delivery instructions when completing an online order.
 - Inquire with the shipping company about special programs and apps that allow customers to change delivery locations once the item has been shipped.
- Most importantly, if you see suspicious people or vehicles stopping at various homes, please call us ASAP! Our dispatch number is (562) 567-9240.

Aviv Bar is a Captain with the Whittier Police Department and oversees the Patrol Division. He can be reached at (562) 567-9253 or via email at abar@cityofwhittier.org



WPOA's 19th Annual Cops Helping Kids Golf Tournament

Join the Whittier Police Officers' Association on Monday, July 16 at the Friendly Hills Country Club for their annual Cops Helping Kids Golf Tournament. Check-in begins at 10 a.m., shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 5 p.m. Entry fee is \$200 and there are

sponsorship opportunities available. For more information on sponsorship, please contact Tom Nordbak at (562) 455-8520 and for information on golfing, please contact David Yoshitake at wpoa568@gmail.com or Fran Shields at (562) 631-5093.



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Whittier, CA - Imagine forty years ago if you were told that lasers would replace scalpels in surgery or that robotic instruments would build cars; you may not have believed it. By the same token, would you believe that chiropractic treatments could be performed using a special hand-held instrument developed by NASA scientists; all while you were sitting in an upright position without any turning or twisting movements?

According to Dr. Yani Feliciano, "This new form of computerized treatment is so gentle and effective, that it truly amazes even the most skeptical patients. It's called the Ultralign and it's the newest version of the Proadjuster which is the latest, state-of-the-art technology in existence today, and the only one in Whittier."

This technology can safely and gently analyze and treat the spine and other joints to remove the nerve impingement that is often the cause of pains in the low back, neck, shoulders and elsewhere in the body. It also works on a variety of muscular conditions to loosen tight muscles with ease and comfort. Many patients say that it's like getting a mini-massage. Even patients with knee, hip and foot problems such as plantar fasciitis are being helped. It is also covered by most insurance companies including Medicare.

Dr. Yani says that "The secret to this technology lies in its ability to deliver an extremely precise and gentle adjustment." She says that, "Even though traditional forms of adjusting also work, people are drawn to this new technique because of how gentle it is and does not involve any twisting, especially in the neck.

Many people like getting adjusted with traditional manual techniques, all of which are safe and effective. But there are a large number of people who never get to experience the amazing benefits of chiropractic because they are scared to have their spines adjusted in that way," says Dr. Yani. Now, there is no longer a reason to be wary.

This technology is perfect for anyone who has been thinking about going to a chiropractor, but hasn't yet made that decision. Dr. Yani wants everyone to be able to experience these same benefits and if you have nerve interference causing any of the following conditions, the Ultralign may be the answer you've been looking for...

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In addition to these highly regarded awards, the Whittier campus was recognized by Healthgrades® in the following areas of care: Cardiac, Orthopedics, Neurosciences, Gastrointestinal, and Critical Care. PIH Health Hospital - Downey was recognized in Orthopedics and Gastrointestinal.

The Outstanding Patient Experience award relies on data collected from a 32-question survey of the hospital's own patients focusing on their perspectives of the care they received in the hospital. This distinction places PIH Health among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation.

"At PIH Health, we have a culture of excellence that drives us to continuously push to be better," said PIH Health Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Judy Pugach, RN, MPH, CPHQ. "We

continually ask ourselves and our patients what we can do to improve the patient experience, and collaborate across our organization to go beyond the status quo. These awards indicate that our efforts to provide some of the best care available anywhere are being recognized by those we serve."

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the YMCA of Greater Whittier Introduces New Teen Membership

The YMCA of Greater Whittier has introduced a new teen membership that is available to teenagers 13-17 years old. The new membership has a monthly rate of \$30 and a one-time joining fee of \$50.

"The YMCA is a great place for teens," said Jane Noyes, Executive Director of Membership and Healthy Living for the YMCA of Greater Whittier. "We provide a safe, healthy atmosphere for teens to exercise, socialize and have fun."

With a Y membership, teens can take advantage of the swimming pool and spa, basketball and raquetball courts, more than 100 group fitness classes per week and the cardiovascular and strength training equipment in the Healthy Living Center. Teens will receive an orientation to teach them how to safely use the equipment in the facility, as well as a complimentary YFIT appointment. Sport-specific personal training is available for teen athletes as paid-for programming. Teen members are also eligible to receive financial assistance on Y programs, such as swim lessons and Camp Arbolado.

In addition to the new teen membership, the YMCA of Greater Whittier offers family, adult, young adult, young adult family, couple and senior memberships. Financial aid is offered through the Open Doors program, which ensures that no child, family or adult is turned away due to an inability to pay. Visit www.ymcawhittier.org for more information

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The fair is free and open to all. It will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21 at Harmony Hall, 6550 Comstock Ave, Whittier, 90601. Deadline for application is July 25th and space is limited, so don't delay. For more details and artist applications, visit HarmonyArtFair.org.

For the full description of the event, visit whittierchamber.com under the Member News section.

Hispanic Outreach Taskforce donates over \$18,000 worth of scholarships to local Whittier City high school graduates

For the past 28 years, Hispanic Outreach Taskforce (HOT), a non-profit organization based in Whittier, has offered scholarships for up-and-coming college freshman looking to expand their education in higher learning. As of January 2018, HOT has generated over \$18,000 worth of scholarships, with a whopping \$200,000 since coming to fruition in 1990. This organization was founded in response to health, education and economic needs of the Latino community. HOT has partnerships with private business and professionals in all fields, as well as government agencies providing programs and services in various communities of southeast Los Angeles County.

To see the full list of students benefiting from the scholarships, visit the Member News section on whittierchamber.com.

Shelter's Right Hand celebrates a successful "Stepping Out Against Domestic Violence" 5K Fitness Walk

The day was beautiful as over 700 walkers and 55 volunteers gathered for the 22nd Annual 5K Walk on April 21 in Central Park. The sponsors, walkers, and contributors came together to support the Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter. The air was full of enthusiasm as participants enjoyed a beautiful walk route, opportunity to win prizes, listen to music and enjoy refreshments. Throughout the park were activities and exhibits that reminded everyone the toll that domestic violence has on families and the society. The day confirmed how valuable it is having a place that provides a safe haven for individuals fleeing domestic violence. Thank you to all the supporters.

From Maddi's Closet Holds Successful "Blingo" Family Event to Help Children Battling Cancer

Some 55 local residents enjoyed an afternoon of family fun and "Blingo" games with volunteers From Maddi's Closet on Sunday, June 3 at Parnell Park Community Center.

"We are very pleased with the success of this "friendraiser" event," says From Maddi's Closet President and Founder Donna Holmes. "We saw a number of new people come out to share the afternoon with us, and we were very proud of the great job done by our Junior Advisory Board members who worked very hard to make this event a success."

From Maddi's Closet's mission is to give children battling cancer, love, hope and joy, assist their families with special needs, enhance public awareness, and support pediatric cancer research.

Visit whittierchamber.com under Member News for the full story.

The Whittier Art Gallery is Hosting Two Stellar Artists for the Month of July

Memories of my Mother exhibit by Sun Chilson You opens Wednesday, July 11. Sun Chilson's work presents a unique blend of Western and Oriental art. Sun uses rice paper watercolor, and acrylic as her chosen media, and has found some surprising uses for these time-honored methods. The reception will be held on July 14 at 4 p.m.

Suzette Hodnett is nationally known in the art world, and a favorite of local art lovers. Renowned for her whimsical life-sized sculptures and wall hangings made from everything from foil, acrylic, to light weight metals, her work can be found in the collections of movie stars, famous athletes and, international corporations. Suzette Hodnett's exhibit opens Wednesday, July 25.

For further information call, Whittier Art Gallery at (562) 698-8710 or visit the Gallery at 8035 Painter Avenue Whittier, CA 90602. For the full description of these artists, visit whittierchamber.com under Member News.

Sons & Daughters of Italy Monthly Meeting

This month, Sons & Daughters will be honoring three very deserving young people with scholarships. Come out and congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them the best of success in all their future endeavors. This meeting will also conclude viewing the beauty and history of Southern Italy. Journey through Naples, Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, the

Amalfi Coast, and much more one last time! Celebrate Il Belapase (The Beautiful Country) with the Sons & Daughters of Italy! The regular 50/50 raffle will be held.

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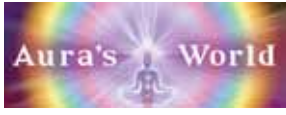


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Ribbon cutting @ One Body Studios (7028 Greenleaf Ave. Ste. S) 4 p.m. Networking and light refreshments. Free. For information call (562) 698-9554

JULY 9

Sons & Daughters of Italy Monthly Meeting @ The Masonic Lodge (7604 Greenleaf Ave.) 6:30 p.m. Journey through Naples, Rome, Pompeii and more. For information call (626) 917-5962

Concerts in the Park @ Central Park (6537 Friends Ave.) 7 to 8:30 p.m. Clapton Road an Eric Clapton tribute. Free. For information call (562) 567-9400

JULY 10

SCORE Consultations @ Whittier Chamber (8158 Painter Ave.) 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. SCORE mentors will help your business open new markets, reach new customers, and achieve new goals. By appointment only. Free. For appointments call (626) 593-1120

JULY 12

Shop Local Community Expo @ Parnell Park (15390 Lambert Rd.) 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a table-top expo and meet local businesses. Expo is FREE and open to the public, and will be prior to scheduled concert. For information call the Whittier Chamber at (562) 698-9554

Concerts in the Park @ Parnell Park (15390 Lambert Rd.) 7 to 8:30 p.m. Trinity a Styx, Foreigner, & Journey tribute. Free. For information call (562) 567-9400

JULY 16

WPOA Cops Helping Kids Golf Tournament @ Friendly Hills Country Club (8500 Villa Verde Dr.) 10 a.m. Check-in, 12 p.m. Shotgun start, 5 p.m. dinner. Funds raised support Association's membership and youth programs for Whittier and Santa Fe Springs. For information call (562) 455-8520

Concerts in the Park @ Central Park (6537 Friends Ave.) 7 to 8:30 p.m. Kings of 88 will perform Piano Rock. Free. For information call (562) 567-9400

JULY 18

Wake Up Whittier @ Credit Union of Southern California (8028 Greenleaf Ave.) 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Network with over 150 business professionals. Free for Whittier Chamber members; \$20 for non-members. Call (562) 698-9554 for information

JULY 19

Ribbon cutting @ Law Office of Francis R. Henriquez (8021 Greenleaf Ave.S) 4 p.m. Networking and light refreshments. Free. For information call (562) 698-9554

Concerts in the Park @ Parnell Park (15390 Lambert Rd.) 7 to 8:30 p.m. My Generation will perform British Invasion. Free. For information call (562) 567-9400

JULY 23

Concerts in the Park @ Central Park (6537 Friends Ave.) 7 to 8:30 p.m. Identity Theft will be performing 80's music. Free. For information call (562) 567-9400

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JULY 26

Ribbon cutting @ Paul & Tiffany Real Estate (6714 Greenleaf Ave.) 4 p.m. Stay for networking and light refreshments. Free. For information call (562) 698-9554

Concerts in the Park @ Parnell Park (15390 Lambert Rd.) 7 p.m. Las Colibri will perform. Free. For information call (562) 567-9400

JULY 29

Sons & Daughters of Italy Summer Picnic @ Michigan Park (8228 Michigan Ave.) 12 p.m. Free. Bring a potluck dish of your choosing. For information call (626) 917-5962

JULY 30

Concerts in the Park @ Central Park (6537 Friends Ave.) 7 p.m. The Society will perform Top 40 hits. Free. For information call (562) 567-9400

JULY 31

Tasty Tuesday @ Orchards BBQ & Grill (16426 E. Whittier Blvd.) 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Networking and great food! \$10 pre-registration; \$15 at the door; \$20 for non-members. Call (562) 698-9554 for information or visit whittierchamber.com



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