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SUMMER STREET FEST

Fridays in August
Mines Ave. at
Smith Park

pico-rivera.org



STREET FESTIVAL TO TAKE OVER MINES AVENUE

The Summer heat just got hotter as the City plans for the inaugural Summer Street Fest to be held along Mines Avenue in front of Smith Park every Friday Night beginning August 5 through August 26.

From 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Summer Street Fest will transform Mines Avenue between Rosemead Boulevard and Lindsey Avenue into a summer street festival. The Summer Street Fest will feature a variety of exhibitors, face painting, jumpers, free kid crafts and strolling entertainment.

Food and refreshments will also be available to

purchase throughout the night including a beer and wine garden.

The main attraction at the Pico Rivera Summer Fest will be the annual Summer Concerts in the Park Series. This year's lineup includes the Susie Hansen Latin Band on August 5, Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano on August 12, Britain's Finest, a Beatles Tribute Band on August 19, and closing out the series will be Tierra on August 26.

All concerts are free and will be held in conjunction with the Summer Street Fest.

"It's an exciting new event and experience that residents of all ages will get to enjoy" said City Manager René Bobadilla. "These types of events bring our community closer together, and that's what it's all about."

Admission to the Summer Street Fest and Summer Concerts in the Park is free. Vendor and Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information about the Summer Street Fest or about Vendor and Sponsorship opportunities, call 562.801.4430 or log on to the City's website at www.pico-rivera.org.

City Receives Upgraded Rating from Standard and Poor's



City's Public Finance Authority credit rating from an A+ to AA- for its 2009 Lease Revenue Bonds.

The upgraded credit rating reflects the good financial policies and practices that have been adopted by the City Council and implemented by City Management.

S&P Global also noted in the review of the City's finances, the City's strong budgetary performance, with operating surpluses in the General Fund and at the total Governmental Fund level. Also in the financial review, the City demonstrated the ability to have strong budgetary flexibility with an available fund balance in fiscal year 2014-2015 of 67% of operating expenditures.

While many other factors contributed to the rating upgrade, S&P Global recognizes the efforts of the City Administration to maintain the long term financial stability of the City.

"This rating upgrade just goes to show you the commitment we all have in the City of Pico Rivera to maintain financial stability" said City Manager René Bobadilla. "City staff continues to look for ways to improve on our budgetary processes that will lead us in the right direction."

The City Administration continues to make positive strides in securing the financial future of the City of Pico Rivera. With significant reserve policies having been set in place, the City has been able to set aside and maintain a decent reserve fund to help protect against emergencies or unforeseen events. In addition, the City has been able to secure surpluses in its General Fund in recent years, and the trend continues with an expected surplus in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and a projected estimated surplus of \$349,000 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Overall, S&P Global has recognized the strong financial position of the Pico Rivera Public Financing Authority, which is a testament to the City's efforts to provide high quality public services both efficiently and economically.

Over the past few years, the City of Pico Rivera has demonstrated its commitment to fiscal responsibility. For its proven track record, Standard and Poor's Rating (S&P Global) has upgraded the

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Sheriff Sets Student Straight

It was a special day for Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies and one area student as they took to the football field of Pioneer High School one Saturday morning.

Deputies from the Pico Rivera Station fulfilled a promise to play a game of Football after an area student promised to keep up his good grades and stay out of trouble.

The arrangement was made soon after Pico Rivera Deputies were called to a Whittier area elementary school regarding a student who had brought a knife to school on February 25.

Field Training Officer Deputy Roberto Catalan and his training partner, Deputy Eberto Loera, contacted 10 year-old James and detained him. As their investigation progressed, Deputy Catalan came to believe that James was not a delinquent; just a child who needed guidance.

Digging a little deeper, Deputy Catalan discovered that James was the youngest of five children to a single mother. His siblings were significantly older than him, and his mother, Esther, worked two jobs to support them.

Due to the school incident, James was relocated to another school. Deputy Catalan recognized the need in James' life and began to provide continued guidance to him. He would meet with James weekly to go over his school week and the decisions he had made.

James has since made new friends and is now involved with the school counseling program. He has developed a new love of reading and his favorite subject remains math. James is also a huge football fan, prompting Deputy Catalan to make a deal with him. If he kept his grades up and stayed out of trouble, deputies from Pico Rivera Station would play a flag football game against James and his friends.

On Saturday, May 28th, the Deputies along with James' friends participated in the football game. James' mother, Esther and fans from nearby City's, cheered both teams on as smiles from the faces of all players dominated the football field.

City to Host Rabies Clinics

Local pet owners will have one more opportunity to attend an upcoming dog and cat vaccination clinic sponsored by the City. The Clinic will be held in the City Hall parking lot Saturday, July 23 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Services offered during the clinic include vaccinations, dog licensing and tag replacements. The City requires all dogs age four months or older to be licensed. Licenses cost \$35 for non-spayed/neutered pets, and \$17.50 for spayed/neutered pets. Senior citizen pet owners pay a reduced rate of \$21 for a regular license and \$9 for a spayed/neutered license.

Cats must be transported in carriers and dogs need to be on leashes. For more information, call 562.801.4319.



Free Business Assistance Available

The Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority, or SASSFA has been providing a range of business assistance programs at no charge throughout Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, La Mirada and Paramount.

If your Business is stagnant or in decline, the SASSFA Layoff Aversion Team can provide your business with consulting services, tax credits, access to financing, and other cost saving programs.

Businesses that are at risk of laying off, downsizing or closing are encouraged to contact the Rapid Response Team. The Rapid Response Team can provide services such as; job search assistance, unemployment benefits information, continuation of health insurance and retirement information, mortgage assistance and more.

For more information about Layoff Aversion, contact Lindsay Frank at 562.946.2237 x250 or email at lindsayfrank@sassfa.org. For more information on the Rapid Response Team, contact Joyce Williams at 562.946.2237 x272 or email at jwilliams@sassfa.org.

Important Information About Holiday Trash Collection

Monday, September, 7 is the Labor Day Holiday. Trash collection services will be postponed by one day the entire week (regular Monday pick-up will take place on Tuesday, regular Tuesday pick-up will take place on Wednesday, and so on....)

For more information on the holiday schedule visit: <http://www.pico-rivera.org/depts/pw/sweeper.asp>.

Get to Know NASA Services

NASA Services, Inc. is Pico Rivera's local waste and recycling hauler. Did you know that the NASA website contains helpful information on how to handle all of your disposal needs. The website contains:

- ❖ Information on services offered including guides on how to properly use the green and blue recycle bins
- ❖ Information on how to properly disposing of special wastes such as oil, hazardous waste, batteries, paint and e-waste
- ❖ Information about ordering temporary bins for construction and clean-up projects

You can also stop by the NASA offices at 1100 S. Maple Ave., Montebello, Monday through Friday between 9AM - 5PM to drop-off electronics and batteries FREE of charge, or to pick-up a sharps recycling container. For more information visit www.nasaservices.com or call 888-888-0388.



Super Savings at the Pico Rivera Thrift Store

The Pico Rivera Thrift Store will host a Summer Super Sale on Saturday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Along with the items already discounted, enjoy an even greater discount during this Super Sale. The store has a variety of items to choose from including; clothing, shoes, purses, and many other unique items.

The Pico Rivera Thrift Store is managed and operated by the Pico Rivera Christmas Basket Committee, a non-profit organization comprised of local seniors whose mission is to raise funds to host their annual Christmas Baskets Food Distribution.

Donations to the store are always welcomed. Due to limited space,

bulky item donations such as furniture and refrigerators are not accepted.

The Pico Rivera Thrift Store is located at 5018 Passons Blvd.

For questions about the sale or about donating to the store, contact Christmas Basket Committee President, Tom Perez at 562.948.1257.

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CITY HALL CLOSED

Fri., July 1, Mon, July 4, Fri., July 15, Fri., July 29; Fri., Aug. 12, Fri., Aug. 26; Mon., Sept. 5 and Fri., Sept. 9

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council Meeting Tu, July 12 and Aug. 9 & 23, 6 p.m. at City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd.

Planning Commission M, Aug. 1, 6 p.m. at City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd. (Please call 562.801.4332 to confirm meeting dates)

Sister City Commission Tu, July 19 and Aug. 16, 6 p.m. at City Hall (Small Conference Room), 6615 Passons Blvd.

Parks and Recreation Commission Th, July 14, 6 p.m. at Parks and Recreation Building, 6767 Passons Blvd.

This Month on CTV

July and August highlight City events with the Pico Rivera News and this year's Summer Concert Series featuring four weeks of music at Smith Park. Watch live coverage of the Pico Rivera City Council meetings on July 12 and Aug. 9 & 23 at 6:00 p.m. Also catch live coverage of ERUSD Board Meetings. Complete schedule at pico-rivera.org.

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City Hosts Summer Meal Program

Children ages 18 and under can get free, nutritional meals this summer thanks to a program offered by the California Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is now hosting the Summer Food Services Program at seven locations in July and August. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. with lunch available from noon to 1:00 p.m. All meals are served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meals will be provided Monday through Friday at the following locations now through August 12:

Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Blvd.

Pio Pico Elementary, 4211 Columbia St.

Rivera Park, 9530 Shade Ln.

Rio Hondo Park, 8421 San Luis Potosi Pl.

Rio Vista Park, 8751 Coffman & Pico Rd.

Smith Park, 6016 Rosemead Blvd.

Veterans & Ladies Auxiliary Park, 9325 Garth Gardner Ln.

All meals must be eaten on site. Monthly menus will be available at participating sites and on the City's website.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, meal distribution, site supervision and clean up. If you would like to volunteer or need more information about this program, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 562.801.4430.



What better time than summer to enjoy the outdoors, get some fresh air and re-connect with family and friends. And what better place to do so than at a local park. That's why Pico Rivera's Parks and Recreation Department is joining with the National Park and Recreation Association to celebrate July as Park and Recreation Month. Since 1985, the Association has designated July as a great time to encourage people across the country to get out and enjoy their local parks.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department invites residents to

celebrate Parks and Recreation Month by experiencing our local parks. To help celebrate, the City's Parks and Recreation Department is offering more than 250 programs for participants of all ages during the Summer

session. The newest edition of the Parks and Recreation Guide has all the details on the programs offered this session.

Registrations are now being accepted at all parks sites, City Hall, and online at www.pico-rivera.org.

Programs begin the week of Monday, July 11.

For more information, call the Department at 562.801.4430.

PARK AND RECREATION MONTH JULY 2016

Movie Night at the Aquatic Center

Don't miss the City's Dive-in Movie Night experience on Friday, July 15th at the Smith Park Aquatic Center.

Bring friends and family and lounge around the pool while watching

Disney's Inside Out on the big screen beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Admission for this movie night is \$1. For more information, contact the Center at 562.801.4426.



The Smith Park Aquatic Center will host a Neon Glow Family Night for swimmers of all ages on Saturday, July 30. From 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., swimmers will enjoy water games and music while the lights of the Aquatic Center dim and the glow of neon glow sticks takes over. Admission to this event

is \$1 and swimmers will receive glow sticks for the night.

For both parties, youngsters 7 years & younger or less than four feet tall must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

For more information, call 562.801.4426.

Movies in the Park

Enjoy family-friendly movies on a giant outdoor screen this summer at the City's Movies in the Park series. Movies will be shown every Friday night at Smith Park from July 8 to July 29 beginning at 8:30 p.m.

This year's Rated PG lineup includes:

- July 8** *Goosebumps*
- July 22** *Tomorrowland*
- July 29** *The Good Dinosaur*

The twilight event will also feature free art in the park crafts for children 12 years and under.

Residents are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Free popcorn will be available while supplies last, other snacks will be available for purchase during the event.

Movie descriptions are available on the Parks and Recreation section of the City's website, pico-rivera.org. For more details, call 562.801.4430.

Summer Concerts

Held in conjunction with Summer Street Fest on Fridays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- SUSIE HANSEN LATIN BAND** 8/5
- MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS DE NATI CANO** 8/12
- BRITAIN'S FINEST BEATLES TRIBUTE BAND** 8/19
- TIERRA** 8/26



Take your family on fun local trips without the hassle of driving, fighting for parking or wasting gas by traveling with the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

July

Oxnard Salsa Festival

Sat., July 30, 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

\$15 All Ages

Registration Deadline: 7/15

August



Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific

Sat., Aug. 6, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$30 (Ages 60+)

\$32 (Ages 12-59)

\$23 (Ages 3-11)

Registration Deadline: 7/8

FOOTLOOSE at the Candlelight Pavilion

Sat., Aug. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$73 All Ages

Registration Deadline: 7/29

J.Paul Getty Museum

Sat., Aug. 27, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$15 All Ages

Registration Deadline: 8/5

September

Catalina Festival of Arts

Sat., Sept. 17, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

\$75 (Ages 12+)

\$70 (Ages 2-11)

\$15 (Ages 1 & under)

Registration Deadline: 8/5

Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres

Sat., Sept. 3, 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

\$42 (Ages 3+)

Registration Deadline: 8/19

Dates and prices are subject to change. All trips depart from and return to the Pico Rivera Senior Center, 9200 Mines Ave., unless noted otherwise. Registration is accepted at all City park sites, the Parks and Recreation Department Office, 6767 Passons Blvd., and online at pico-rivera.org. Register early to reserve your seat on one or all of these trips.

Pio Pico Woman's Club Awards Multiple Scholarships to Local Students

The Pio Pico Woman's Club, founded in 1912, was established to improve the community in which they called home. Over 100 years later, members continue on with the club's purpose by awarding local youth with scholarships to further their education.

The club has made it one of their top priorities to offer financial help to local teens from the City of Pico Rivera. This year, the club awarded 25 scholarships with a total value of \$25,000 to students who attended El Rancho High School, Salazar Continuation School and El Rancho Adult School.

The Woman's Club also partners with the Jeraldine Bates Family Educational Scholarship Fund and awards two scholarships at \$6,000 each to local students. In total, the Pio Pico Woman's Club along with the Jeraldine Bates Family Educational Scholarship Fund awarded \$31,000 in scholarships



Scholarship recipients **Claudia M. Pacheco** and **Myrna Martinez-Rodriguez** stand with Pio Pico Woman's Club President **Lupe Diaz**.

to students in Pico Rivera who will be furthering their education at colleges throughout the country.

The Pio Pico Woman's Club always welcomes new members. Women of any age can join and be a part of a Club that makes a difference in the community. For more information about membership, contact the Club at 562.949.9128.



A Perfect Season...The City Council recognized the Twin Cities Wolverines Flag Football Team for capturing the Pop Warner Orange Empire Conference Championship in the Flag Division. The Wolverines finished the season with 8 wins and 0 losses.

Pico Park Just Got Healthier



The improvement project at Pico Park is set to be completed within the next few weeks. Since the demolition of the old Pico Park Community Center this past winter, City crews were working hard to clear the area so work could begin on the improvement project. The project included new amenities such as the installation of a rubberized walking path, exercise stations placed at various locations, and an additional shade structure. All components of the improvement project is set to be completed by the end of July.

Life Story Writing

Talking about life's experiences can be rewarding for many of our residents who are in the senior population. While talking can be beneficial, the City has the perfect solution to getting those spoken words on paper.

Life Story Writing held on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. allows for residents ages 50 years and older to write their thoughts out and preserve their recollections as they share stories about life's experiences and adventures. The class is free and held at Smith Park. For more information, call 562.801.4424.



The Pico Rivera Christmas Basket Committee recently installed their board for 2016. Leading the charge for the Volunteer Organization is: (From left to right) Rosa Viramontes, Treasurer; Gila Lopez, Vice President; Thomas Perez, President; Frances Hernandez, Secretary; and Matilda Monteverde, Parliamentarian. For information on volunteering, call 562.948.1527.

Annual National Night Out Approaches

Pico Rivera residents are invited to meet with their neighbors, Sheriff's deputies and local officials during the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2 at the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station, 6631 Passons Boulevard, beginning at 6 p.m.

National Night Out is designed to fight crime by building community partnerships. Effective crime fighting requires that everyone in the community - from law enforcement to residents - take an active role in keeping neighborhoods safe. Come to this event for information on how to be a part of that effort and enjoy free refreshments, entertainment, and giveaways.

Pico Rivera's National Night Out is organized by the City and the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station and sponsored nationally by Target. For more information, call the Sheriff's Station at 562.949.2421.



Dreams Come True for Students



Beginning this fall, two City residents are realizing their dreams and potential by attending two of the most sought out college institutions in America.

Andrew Perez, a recent graduate of Loyola High School in Los Angeles was accepted to Harvard University. Andrew attended South Ranchito Elementary and North Park middle School. Throughout his years in middle school, Andrew was known to stay up late to study for a test and find time to perfect his skills on the saxophone as a member of the North Park band. His hard work and dedication paid off as he became class Valedictorian. Based on his educational merits, he decided to apply to Loyola High School to further his education and was ultimately accepted. Andrew continued his studies as well as becoming an active member of the community. He has performed various community service tasks including opening up a tutoring program for Pico Rivera's local schools and volunteering his time helping out on skid row and traveling to Nogales, Mexico helping immigrants. For his efforts in the community, local television station ABC7 awarded Andrew with the "Cool Kids Award," an award presented to deserving youth who go above and beyond and make a difference.

Thomas Sanchez II, a recent graduate of St. Paul High School in

Santa Fe Springs will be attending the United States Air Force Academy when the fall semester begins. Thomas has been a resident of the City for the past 12 years and he attended Burke Middle School. While in High School, Thomas demonstrated his commitment to education and sports by participating in cross country and the track team as well as serving as Varsity Captain on both teams during his Junior and Senior years. While balancing education and sports, Thomas also found time to volunteer during school events as well as organized beach clean-up events. During his Junior year, Thomas volunteered with the City of Pico Rivera in the Summer Lunch program where he accumulated over 100 volunteer hours. Thomas was also part of the Civil Air Patrol. This is an Air Force auxiliary that was founded in the early 1940s that is dedicated to responding to emergency situations, aerospace education of the general public, and introducing young men and women to leadership experiences and the customs of the Air Force. With the Civil Air Patrol experience in hand and an interest in Engineering and Aerospace, Thomas applied to the United States Air Force Academy and was accepted out of 1200 eligible applicants.

