



# City Manager's Weekly Briefing

February 27, 2025

## City News and Information

Help Shape Our Community



# BUDGET PRIORITY INITIATIVES SURVEY

Public participation in the budget process is a high priority for City Council and City Staff. By completing the 2025 Budget Priority Initiatives Survey, you are providing valuable input to the Mayor and Council for their FY25-26 Budget Discussions.

**Submit your feedback by March 3**

### **Complete Budget Priority Initiatives Survey by Monday**

Your voice matters! Join us in shaping the future of San Marino. Public participation is crucial in the budget process. Take a moment to complete the [2025 Budget Priority Initiatives Survey](#) - your insights will directly influence the Mayor and Council in their FY25-26 Budget Discussions. Let's work together for a better community! Submit your feedback by this Monday, March 3 at 5 PM.

# SAN MARINO FIRE DEPARTMENT DEDICATION & “PUSH IN” CEREMONY

JOIN THE SAN MARINO FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A “PUSH IN” CEREMONY TO PLACE OUR BRAND NEW BATTALION VEHICLE INTO SERVICE.

The dedication will feature a traditional housing or “push in” ceremony where members of the community will be invited to join the department to help push the new Battalion vehicle into the station. This tradition dates back to the 1800s when horses were used to pull fire engines. The community would assist with pushing the fire apparatus backward into the station since horses are not effective in backing up the apparatus.



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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES



**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**



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## **Battalion 9: Dedication and “Push in” Ceremony**

This month, the San Marino Fire Department placed a new Command Vehicle into service as Battalion 9. The Fire Department is currently planning a dedication and “push in” ceremony on Saturday, March 8 from 10 AM to 11 AM to unveil the new command vehicle to San Marino residents. The “push in” ceremony dates to the days of horse-drawn equipment when members had to push the equipment into the bay of the fire station.

## **Tree Planting Ceremony**

Join us for the annual Tree Planting Ceremony on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10 AM at Lacy Park. The Chinese Club of San Marino has



donated a tree in honor of Arbor Day, which will be planted during the event. Join the community as we come together to commemorate this meaningful contribution. The ceremony will take place at the southwest corner of the inner walking loop. For questions, call (626) 300-0788.

## New Resident Resource Manual



## NEW Resident Resource Manual Available

Available in English and Mandarin:  
[www.SanMarinoCA.gov/ResidentGuide](http://www.SanMarinoCA.gov/ResidentGuide)



## Lacy Park Non-Resident Weekend Entry Fees Suspended

Given the widespread impacts of the Eaton Fire on the San Gabriel Valley, and the significant impacts on places for individuals to recreate, the City Council has expressed a desire to make Lacy Park more accessible while the region heals.

The City Council voted to approve a temporary suspension of the non-resident weekend entry fee to Lacy Park. Admission will be free for all on

weekends for the coming months as staff assess the impact to the park this will have, please be prepared for the following weekend operations at the park:

- All guests must check in at the Gatehouse.
- Please be prepared to provide your zip code.

## Community Calendar



Discover the City of San Marino's community calendar! Stay updated on public events at [www.SanMarinoCA.gov/Calendar](http://www.SanMarinoCA.gov/Calendar) and engage with fellow residents. Share your own event using our online submission [form](#).

## Upcoming Meetings

### City Council Meeting

Friday, February 28 at 8:30 AM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

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### Design Review Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 5 at 6 PM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

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## Department Summaries & News

### Fire Department

#### Recent Happenings

On February 21, the Fire Department completed installation and training for the new SCBA air compressor/fill station. The City Council approved the purchase of the fill station and new self-contained breathing apparatus as part of the FY 2023-24 Capital Equipment Budget. Due to supply chain issues, the purchase of the fill station was delayed until FY 2024-25. The installation of the fill station completes the capital project.

San Marino fire personnel visited St. Edmund's Nursery School on February 20 and 21. The students were taught fire safety and firefighters demonstrated their equipment and apparatus. On February 22, firefighters gave a station tour to local Girl Scout Troop 781.

The Fire Department continues to focus training efforts on the department's probationary firefighter/paramedics. Training during the week of February 17 a night drill for hose lays, ladder evolutions, strike team leader training and EMS continuing education. The Fire Department currently has five probationary firefighters.





## Community Services



### Did You Know?

**Strength training can help seniors improve balance, prevent falls, and boost overall vitality! Studies show that just two to three sessions per week can enhance muscle mass, which is key to staying active and independent as you age.**

Join us for our Health & Wellness Talk: Strength Training for Seniors on Wednesday, March 5 at 1 PM in the Barth Community Room to learn more! Physical Therapist Dr. Matt Klingler will dive into the surprising truth that muscle isn't just for athletes; it's the key to staying strong, healthy, and independent as we age. He'll explain why losing muscle is directly linked to a host of chronic diseases, from heart disease to falls, and how modern lifestyles are accelerating this decline. But here's the good news: muscle loss can be reversed. He'll show you how strength training and protein can not only add years to your life but improve your quality of life, helping you thrive well into old

age. Registration is not required.



## Spring Issue of the Community Services Guide

Check out the latest [Community Services Guide](#) to see all of our Spring offerings and get details on upcoming events, classes, and lectures. [Registration](#) has opened for residents and will open on March 3 for non-residents.

### Coffee, Tea, and Chat

**Friday, February 28 from 10 AM – 12 PM, Thornton Conference Room**

Connect with your neighbors to learn more about the community and its traditions. This program is presented in Mandarin by the United Charity Foundation for ages 18+. Registration is not required.

### Joyful Living Happy Life

**Sunday, March 2 from 2:00 – 4:30 PM, Barth Community Room**

This workshop gives you tools to face challenges in the workplace, social life, and family life. Join the Unified Charity Foundation as they talk about the customs and traditions in a new land and how to remove cultural obstacles to prosperity. Registration is not required.

### East Meets West Parent Education Club

**Sunday, March 9 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM, Barth Community Room**

This multicultural parent club presents professionals who share their knowledge and pass on skills to the local parents on how to raise their children in an international and competitive world. Although the program is presented in English, Mandarin speakers will be on hand to translate. [Registration](#) is required.

### Happy Mario Day

**Monday, March 10 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM, Community Center, Fireside Room**

We're celebrating Mario Day! Young adults ages 11-17 are invited to play in a Mario Kart tournament for the chance to win a prize, make a Yoshi egg or Toad pot painting craft, and more! This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. [Registration](#) is required and begins March 1.

## Police Department

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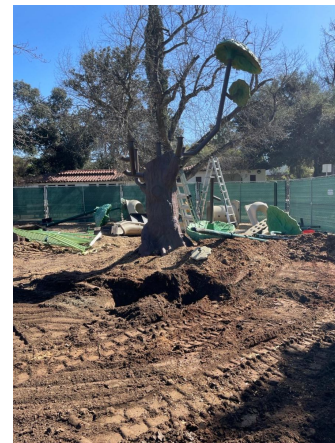
## Weekly Police Activity Report

Read more in [Community News](#) for the full Weekly Police Activity Report.

## Parks & Public Works

### Lacy Park Playground Improvements

Earlier this week, construction began on the first phase of the Lacy Park Playground Improvement Project. This multi-year phased project will replace the existing equipment and playground surfacing to help ensure the safety of the playground and its users. The first phase of the project involves the replacement of the playground structure for children 5-12 years old and the swing set, as this structure has incurred more damage and wear and tear than the other portions of the playground. Construction is anticipated to take 3-4 weeks. During this time, the playground will be closed before reopening upon completion. We appreciate resident cooperation and look forward to the new and improved playground opening in the coming weeks!



### Street Rehabilitation Project

The City's Annual Street Rehabilitation Project is currently ongoing and progressing on schedule. The project is currently in the roadway improvement phase to resurface the streets, which is expected to conclude within the next few weeks. A total of 26 streets are scheduled to be re-paved as part of the project, helping ensure the City's infrastructure is well-maintained. For more information on the project, including timelines for specific streets, please visit the City's [Current Projects](#) page.



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## Recent Happenings

Over the past week, Parks and Public Works maintenance staff worked on the following tasks: removing fallen tree branches and other debris from the public right-of-way; replacing streetlight bulbs and street signs; performing minor trimming of tree limbs and vegetation; and repairing pavement and concrete; and completing minor repairs at City facilities. Public Works staff also completed striping improvements in the northeast area of the City to improve visibility and driver and pedestrian safety. Residents who wish to report non-emergency issues in the public right-of-way or City streets may do so via the San Marino Service Request Center: [www.cityofsanmarino.org/report](http://www.cityofsanmarino.org/report).

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