

Spotlight La Puente

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS

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Residential Direct Install Program

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, approximately 20 percent of the average household's electricity bill goes toward lighting cost. Installing Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) can help reduce that energy usage. To produce the same amount of light as a 60-watt incandescent

bulb, a CFL uses less than 25 percent of the electricity.



In an effort to improve

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La Puente Hires New City Manager

The Mayor and City Council announced on November 24 that Josefina Mendez Kenline has been selected as La Puente's new City Manager. Ms. Kenline began her offi-

cial duties as City Manager on December 1, 2009. She will be working closely with

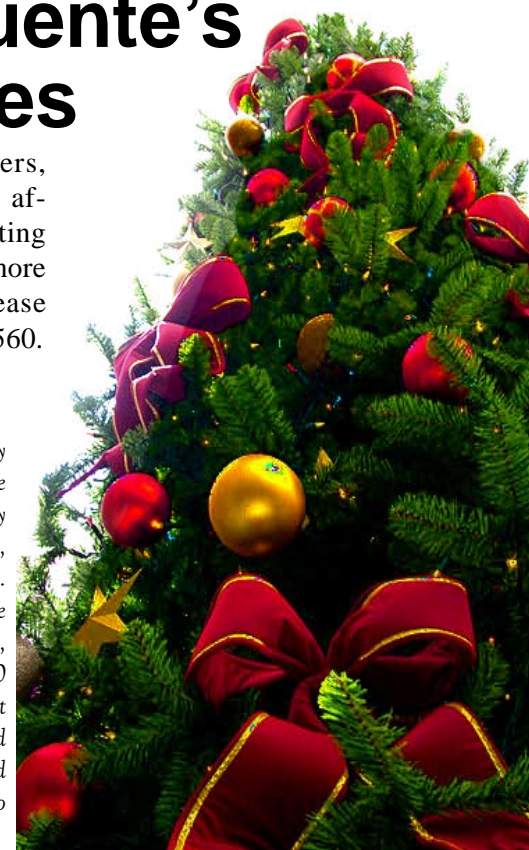
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Don't Miss La Puente's Holiday Festivities

Mark your calendar for the City of La Puente's Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 11, 2009. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the festivities, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a parade at Workman Street and Glendora Avenue and then heading onto Main Street. The parade will feature local float entries, school marching bands, cheerleaders, Girls and Boy Scouts, and many 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 much more after the tree lighting ceremony. For more information, please call (626) 855-1560.

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Scavenging is Prohibited in La Puente

The practice of unauthorized removal of solid waste or recyclable materials placed at a designated location for the purposes of collection and recycling by an authorized agent is called scavenging and it is *illegal*. This practice is occurring at an alarming rate. The Sheriff's Department and City staff are receiving more and more calls from citizens about this disturbing trend. This is not a harmless crime because it can lead to the deterioration of our neighborhoods as well as other types of crime, such as trespassing or theft of larger, more valuable items.



What's wrong with someone taking recyclables?

When solid waste or recyclable materials are placed for collection at the usual place of collection, the solid waste or

recyclables are the property of the collector (L.P.M.C. Chapter 4.12 § 4.12.320). Recyclables are a vital component of the City's waste management program. Aluminum, glass, cans, plastics, cardboard, and paper are collected by Valley Vista Services, sorted, and sold to a materials recovery facility to make new items such as aluminum cans, plastic lumber, glass containers, or cardboard. The revenue collected assists the City's

recycling and waste reduction efforts. When recyclables are stolen, the City receives less money.

What is the Penalty?

Section 4.12.290 of the La Puente Municipal Code states that the unauthorized removal of materials from solid waste or recycling containers is subject to a fine of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third offense.

What to do if you notice scavenging in your neighborhood?

Residents can call (626) 330-3322, the non-emergency line of the Sheriff's Department. Residents can help the Sheriff's Department by supplying them with a description of the person and, if a vehicle is involved, the make, model and license number.

New Spotlight Issue Dates

The Spotlight Issues are now delivered similar to the four seasons of the year. In this issue are articles for Winter 2009/2010 (December, January and February). Thereafter, the issues will be:

Spring 2010 (March, April and May)
Summer 2010 (June, July and August)

2010 City Calendar

The recession continues to negatively impact the economy across the country including those the City relies on for revenue. Until we see meaningful recovery in the economy, the City will not prepare a City Calendar for 2010.

City Hours

City Hall

Monday – Thursday
7:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Closed every Friday

The Senior Center

Monday - Friday
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Boys & Girls Club

Monday - Friday
2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Community Center

Monday - Friday
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Saturday
8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Closed on Sundays

Youth Learning Activity Center

Monday - Friday
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Call (626) 855-1599 to Report Code Violations

The City of La Puente now has a call-in number to receive code enforcement complaints after-hours and on weekends. Code enforcement violations typically include poor property maintenance, illegal construction/ garage conversions, inoperable vehicles, and non-permitted businesses in residential zones, among others. Please remember to leave the address and a description of the violation along with your contact information in case additional information is needed to respond to your complaint. Also remember to speak slowly and clearly so your concern can be understood.



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