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Rosemead Celebrated July 4th in a Big Way with Parade, Carnival, and Fireworks

By Chuck Lyons

Warm weather and an earthquake did not deter thousands of people as they celebrated United States of America's (USA) birthday on Independence Day, July 4, 2019 in Rosemead. There was some rolling felt from the 6.9 Ridgecrest earthquake and no damage was reported in Rosemead.

The parade had many entries as usual and started at 10 a.m. along Valley Boulevard near Walnut Grove Avenue, traveled past Rosemead City Hall and Civic Center Plaza, then went north on Loma Avenue to Rosemead Park. Activities during the day at Rosemead Park included food booths, rides, games and music, followed by the free fireworks show at 9 p.m. annually attended by an estimated more than 5,000 people said one city employee.

Thousands of people packed the park with their own food or purchased food from food stands and food trucks in the middle of the park, and concluded the day watching the

large professional fireworks show. All of the Rosemead events were free to attend. Rides, games and food were for a fee.

There were more than 60 entries in the parade and that included community and business organizations, City of Rosemead city council, and city commission representatives, City of Rosemead Queen, local school district representatives with Rosemead High School cheer and spirit teams having a big group, marching bands including the biggest band... the alumni from Los Angeles Unified School District All City Honor Band... that has also participated in the world famous Rose Parade, and also a large band from Garvey Intermediate School, floats, vintage cars, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Temple Station and California Highway Patrol police cars and County of Los Angeles Fire Department station 42 fire engine, and horse groups.

Among mascots were Little Caesar's Pizza and County of Los Angeles Fire and Sheriff departments. California Highway Patrol

included its motorcycle precision driving team performing along the parade route.

After the parade, many people headed to Rosemead Park for food booths, music, carnival games, rides, and the free huge fireworks show at 8:45 p.m.

A few parade viewers commented how well the parade was organized (mainly by the city's Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments). Rosemead's emergency response citizen's group and County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department kept the parade and park safe and enjoyable. Many people appeared to have brought their own picnic food for the day, although there were lines for the many food vendor booths and food trucks as the vendors tried to keep up with the big demand for their food and non-alcoholic drinks being enjoyed by many people in USA Independence Day crowd. There was no admission fee to the park. By dark the park was full with thousands of people whom enjoyed USA's Birthday.

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PUBLIC POLICY



8th Annual Veterans Forum at the National Guard Armory

On June 29th, 2019, the Offices of Congresswomen Judy Chu and Grace Napolitano, as well as LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, held their 8th annual Veterans Forum at the National Guard Armory in Azusa. The forum, which was open to all Veterans, Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard and their families, had breakout sessions that focused on mental health, homelessness, education, and

women's issues within the Veteran community. Dozens of local and national organizations, service providers, and institutions such as the East Los Angeles Vet Center, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Pasadena City College were present to discuss their Veteran-specific programs. Several staff from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) were also on-site to assist individuals file new claims

or provide status updates on previous claims.

The main panel of speakers, which featured Congresswoman Chu, Congresswoman Napolitano, and LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, reaffirmed their commitment to the livelihood of our Veterans and their dignified transition back into American society. Representative Chu is particularly proud of the recently established San Gabriel Valley Community

Based Outpatient Clinic in Arcadia, which offers primary care, mental health care, telehealth, and basic laboratory services. She has worked closely with the VA and community advocates to ensure that Veterans are receiving the assistance they need. Other panel presentation topics included information on VA benefits, attending college as a Veteran, handling post-traumatic stress disorder, and overcoming homelessness.

LA County to address poor-quality food in supermarkets with strengthened inspections

LOS ANGELES, CA – According to the Department of Public Health (DPH), more than half a million households in Los Angeles County earning less than 300% of the federal poverty level are food insecure and face interrelated barriers purchasing fresh and quality foods, including low-income and limited access to local stores that offer fresh and high-quality food choices. In response to growing community concerns about the low quality of food that are offered in local grocery stores, today the Board of Supervisors approved a motion authored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis that directs the Department of Public Health to move forward with multi-faceted strategies to improve access to high quality fresh foods in underserved communities throughout LA County.

“Many families shopping in lower-income communities have spoken out about food quality in supermarkets, where some stores sell spoiled, moldy, and expired foods,” said Supervisor Solis. “When families do not have access to high quality food, they are at risk for serious health problems like obesity and diabetes. Food quality is both a health issue and a justice issue, and by giving the County Department of Public Health’s grocery store inspection program a broader mandate we can address these issues and improve the quality of life for all.”

Today’s action directs DPH to assess current grocery store inspection practices that are within the purview of DPH’s Environmental Health Division and set by the California Retail Food Code, and provide recommendations on how to address food quality and food safety issues. DPH will also work with County Counsel and other County departments to identify innovative strategies that are related to food quality but fall outside the purview of DPH’s Environmental Health Division, such as expiration dates, and will partner with other agencies and organizations to improve access to high-quality fresh food. DPH will report back to the Board in 60 days.

Supervisor Solis has been a leader on improving food safety and eliminating healthy food deserts.



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LAUSD works with DACE to Train the Pharmacy Technician of Tomorrow

In partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE), the Downtown/Pico Union WorkSource Center provided funding for student and job seeker Julie Gutierrez's training to become a Pharmacy Technician.

Julie called the WorkSource Center in April 2018 seeking assistance and was connected with Eleanor Comegys, a DACE Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Navigator. Eleanor told Julie about the Pharmacy Technician program at Evans Community Adult School.

After enrolling at the WorkSource Center, Julie received funding for her training in August and started the program at Evans. Julie said the support she received, specifically the support from Marcella Wong, the WorkSource Center's Senior Workforce Development Specialist, allowed her to excel in the program while balancing studying and caring for her three children.

Julie stated she could not have done the training without the funding she received from the WorkSource Center.

Julie completed the program at Evans in January 2019, recently passed the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam, and has completed her Pharmacy Tech License application. She will soon start a new position as a Pharmacy Technician at CVS.



Julie Gutierrez (center), pictured with WSC Senior Workforce Development Specialist Marcella Wong (left) and DACE WIOA Navigator Eleanor Comegys (right), received funding for training to become a Pharmacy Technician



Bosco Tech Students Begin Professional Summer Internships Across L.A. Area

Juniors at Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) are beginning exciting summer internships with noted area organizations including The Boeing Company, Los Angeles Pediatric Society, American Red Cross, and Pasadena Biotech Collaborative that will have them working under the direction of engineers, scientists and doctors in the coming weeks.

"We're very grateful to the companies and organizations providing these extraordinary opportunities for our hard-working students," said Bosco Tech Principal Xavier Jimenez. "The internships will complement Bosco Tech's unique STEM-focused curriculum while giving

the interns industry experience." "The juniors are following in the footsteps of our recently graduated seniors," he continued. "Every graduate of the class of 2019 had acceptances to four-year universities, notable schools like Johns Hopkins, Notre Dame, and Penn State, and many received very generous scholarship packages."

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July, 2019

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Rosemead Community and Friends,

On behalf of my colleagues and Board of Trustees at the Rosemead School District, we all wish you, family and friends, a fun and relaxing summer break and great success during the 2019-2020 school year.

To view the **new school year calendar**, please visit our website (or your school site) at www.rosemead.k12.ca.us under "Quick Links," select Students (Calendar, Schedules, School Boundaries) or scroll to the section "Rosemead SD News" and click on the School Calendar icon.

We hope you will continue to enjoy the remainder of the summer and look forward to seeing you frequently during the new school year.

SUMMER DISTRICT NEWS:
As we move into the summer, please remember that there are important dates to the calendar for your children in our schools. The **district school calendar** is posted on the homepage of our district website: www.rosemead.k12.ca.us. You can also check in with our school sites via the tabs noted on the website.

Enjoy your summer and see you on the 1st day of school - **Wednesday, August 21, 2019!**

ANNUAL PARTICIPATION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATORS IN THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD, 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Every 4th of July the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees and Administrators participate in the City of Rosemead Parade in honor of the birth of our country and to honor all of those past & present in service to our country.



Respectfully,
Alejandro Ruvalcaba
Superintendent

ENROLLMENT - TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, AND 1ST-8TH GRADE

Enrollment for our 2019-2020 school year has begun. We have implemented our online enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th Grade enrollment. Please visit the District website at www.rosemead.k12.ca.us and click on "Online Enrollment System" on the mid-upper left-hand side. **Preschool Program:** visit the District Office, Suite 150 to register. **Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade Program:** 1) enroll online and 2) visit your homeschool. For more information visit or call the District Office/your homeschool.

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Important Upcoming Dates:

Day	Date	Event	Time / Location	Questions - Contact
Thurs.	Jul. 4	Independence Day Holiday	District / Schools closed	District Office
Fri.	Aug. 2	Last Day of Rosemead SD Summer Camp	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Encinita ES	District Office
Tues.	Aug. 6	Special Board Meeting	6:30 p.m., District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office
Wed.	Aug. 21	1st Day of School, Minimum Day TK-8th grade Students	TK-8th grade Students	School Main Office
Wed.	Sept. 4	Late-Start Day (All students)	School begins at 9:30 a.m.	School Main Office
Thurs.	Sept. 5	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. Closed Session/7:30 p.m. Open/Public Session, District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office
Wed.	Sept. 18	Late-Start Day (All students)	School begins at 9:30 a.m.	School Main Office
Thurs.	Sept. 19	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. Closed Session/ 7:30 p.m. Open/Public Session, District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office



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Los Angeles County to Launch Plan to Close Unlicensed Cannabis Stores

Many unlicensed cannabis dispensaries are located in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, even though these types of businesses are banned. Many are concentrated in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. These unlicensed shops adversely affect local communities, forcing nearby residents and businesses to contend with pungent odors, littering, and parking issues. These illegal cannabis businesses often sell untested cannabis products that may contain harmful pesticides that could harm consumers. To ensure appropriate enforcement of the cannabis ban, today the Board of Supervisors approved a motion, authored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis and Supervisor Janice Hahn, that would launch a new enforcement plan to close all unlicensed cannabis stores in unincorporated areas of the County.

“Los Angeles County is committed to shutting down illegal cannabis businesses. Many of these businesses are concentrated in low-income neighborhoods that are already overburdened by liquor stores and other public health concerns. These unpermitted businesses are open at all hours, compromising the quality of life for many law-abiding residents,” said Supervisor Solis. “Before regulations allowing the sale of cannabis can be implemented, existing laws must be enforced. We will diligently work to implement a comprehensive enforcement program that will protect our local communities from the negative impacts of these unlicensed establishments while respecting the intent of California’s voters who supported the legalization of cannabis.”

“Unincorporated communities have been frustrated by how long it has taken the County to shut down illegal cannabis businesses operating in their neighborhoods,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn, who coauthored today’s motion. “Today we are charting a new path forward and allowing our departments to work creatively to use every tool at their disposal to shut down illegal dispensaries quickly and permanently.”

In 2016, 57 percent of voters throughout the state of California approved Proposition 64, which established a system in which the state licenses cannabis businesses, only after a business receives a permit by the city or county in which it plans to operate.

The County continues to seek ways to overcome challenges in preventing unlicensed cannabis stores from operating in

unincorporated areas. In 2016, the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Enforcement Team (MMDDET), consisting of representatives from County Counsel, the District Attorney, the Sheriff’s Department, and the County Department of Regional Planning, has monitored and investigated reports of illegal cannabis activities and has taken action against these illegal businesses, resulting in the closure of many of these shops. An enhanced enforcement team, armed with the comprehensive tools needed to implement effective and targeted closures in areas with a high concentration of unpermitted dispensaries, is key in successfully shuttering these shops.

In July 2017, the County expanded an existing ban on medical marijuana dispensaries to include all types of commercial cannabis activity, including commercial cultivation, manufacturing, processing, testing, transportation, and retail sale of medical and non-medical cannabis. Since unlicensed cannabis stores operate without a permit, they do not pay taxes on the cannabis-related products they sell, giving them an unfair advantage over other local businesses that operate with licenses and permits.

In July 2018, the Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs’ (DCBA) Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) to develop an innovative plan to close unlicensed cannabis stores. On May 6, the OCM submitted its plan, which includes a public awareness campaign to educate residents on the risks associated with patronizing an unlicensed cannabis business.

Today’s motion directs County Counsel, the County’s Chief Executive Office, the Sheriff’s Department, and the Departments of Fire, Public Health, Public Works, Regional Planning, the Treasurer and Tax Collector, and other departments and agencies as appropriate, to launch the County’s Unlicensed Cannabis Business Closure Plan, which will rely on enhanced protocols for closures such as the seizure of products and lockdowns of physical premises and utilities shutoffs.

The motion also authorizes DCBA to prepare an educational outreach campaign to promote this closure plan. Today’s Board motion also directs County Counsel, along with the CEO and DCBA, to evaluate the availability of funding for the closure plan from civil penalties paid to the County under the California Unfair Business Practices Act.

SoCalGas Granted Approval from California Public Utilities Commission to Move Forward with Dairy Biomethane Projects

When complete the projects will have the ability to produce enough renewable natural gas to fuel close to 40,000 homes each year

LOS ANGELES, May 16, 2019 – Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today announced the utility received approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to begin the next phase in construction of four new dairy biomethane projects in California. Last week, the CPUC approved the contracts signed between SoCalGas and the developers of the four projects for the construction of infrastructure that will connect each biomethane facility to the SoCalGas pipeline system. This approval now allows SoCalGas to move forward, starting with the design and engineering phase. When completed, biogas from anaerobic digesters at 35 dairies will be collected and then cleaned to produce pipeline-quality renewable natural gas. The new projects represent four of six pilot projects in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys selected by the CPUC, the Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Department of Food and Agriculture in December 2018. These new dairy biomethane facilities will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by harnessing methane emissions from dairy digesters and converting that energy into renewable natural gas (RNG) which can be used to heat homes and businesses, for cooking and to fuel trucks and buses.

The facilities are targeted to be completed by December 2020 and combined, will have the ability to produce enough renewable natural gas to fuel close to 40,000 homes each year. Today, there are about 37 dairy methane capture projects either operating or in development, and experts estimate there could be as many as 120 projects funded and operating in the next five years. In addition, as the state seeks to divert organic waste from landfills and capture emissions from wastewater treatment plants, more locally produced RNG will become available.

“In the last year we began injecting RNG into the SoCalGas system through a project at an anaerobic digester in Perris and a dairy digester pipeline cluster in Pixley,” said Sharon Tomkins, vice president of strategy and engagement for SoCalGas.

“We look forward to bringing these four dairy biomethane projects online as we all work to help achieve California’s ambitious environmental goals.”

Earlier this year, SoCalGas announced plans to offer RNG to its 21 million customers in Central and Southern California. The program is part of the SoCalGas’ overall vision to be the cleanest natural gas utility in North America. As part of this plan, the utility committed to displacing 20 percent of its traditional natural gas supply with RNG by 2030 and replacing five percent of the traditional gas supply with RNG by 2022.

State law requires 40 percent of methane from California’s dairies and other waste sectors to be captured, with provisions to deliver that energy to customers. This will bolster the supply of RNG that is already growing rapidly as cities and towns across the country look to divert organic waste from landfills. In California, scientists at the University of California, Davis estimate that the state’s existing organic waste could produce enough RNG to meet the needs of 2.3 million homes.

Research shows that replacing about 20 percent of California’s traditional natural gas supply with RNG would lower emissions equal to retrofitting every building in the state to run on electric only energy and at a fraction of the cost. Using RNG in buildings can be two to three times less expensive than any all-electric strategy and does not require families or businesses to purchase new appliances or take on costly construction projects.

SoCalGas recently released a broad, inclusive and integrated plan to help achieve California’s ambitious environmental goals in a paper titled California’s Clean Energy Future: Imagine the Possibilities. The plan embraces an all-of-the-above approach to fight climate change, keeps energy affordability as a key focus, calls for developing long-term renewable energy storage using existing infrastructure, and can aid in promoting rapid consumer adoption. RNG is one of many tools California will need to achieve its environmental goals.



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