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## Assemblymember Ed Chau Provides Legislative Update

By Chris Ventura

In cooperation with the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce, Assemblymember Ed Chau held a legislative update during a luncheon in early July. This is Chau's sixth year of service out of a possible 12-year maximum (divided into two-year terms).

Chau began his presentation commending Governor Brown on his ability to turn around the state budget over the past several years during Brown's term in office.

"The economy today is much different than when [Governor Brown] took office eight years ago," said Chau. "When he took office back then, the economy was in a spiral. I think we had a deficit of about \$25 billion."

The most recent and final budget to be signed by Governor Brown (who has termed out this year) shows a reported \$9 billion surplus in the overall \$201 billion budget plan. Chau explained that the State of California enacted a law in 2014 that required the establishment of a "rainy day" fund that would be a fund that would hold leftover reserve monies. This fund would be in place to help California in the event of an economic downturn. Because the California economy is doing so well, Chau said that there has been an opportunity for increased funding of projects in a variety of areas.

Funding for education will be getting a significant boost. Chau said that K-12 alone would be seeing a budget increase of \$3-4 billion statewide and would have a positive impact on resources for local students attending Rosemead schools. Pasadena City College has a satellite campus in the City of Rosemead which will also benefit from increased educational funding for community colleges written into the latest state budget.

Chau reported that the budget will also see more money allocated to affordable housing.

"When it comes to affordable housing, we are in tremendous need and the issue of homelessness also hits home," Chau said. "On the average day, we have about 130,000 people

who are homeless. Many of them are kids. Many of them are students. I don't know if you realize that."

Also of recent note, the passage of SB-1 will provide funding for local transportation projects and California's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) has been expanded to include self-employed workers.

Chau says that when legislative sessions resume after summer recess, one of the main debates will be about the recent wildfires. One of the most important issues that needs to be tackled is the issue of liability and who and to what extent individuals, insurance companies, energy companies, and consumers are on the hook for damages that occurred.

The other major issue that will be discussed in August will be bail reform. Many have criticized its current structure and the impact it has on low-income families.

On June 28, 2018, AB 375, authored by Chau, was signed into law. It will enact the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018. Beginning January 1, 2020, it 'would grant a consumer a right to request a business to disclose the categories and specific pieces of personal information that it collects about the consumer, the categories of sources from which that information is collected, the business purposes for collecting or selling the information, and the categories of 3rd parties with which the information is shared.'

"Many of these companies that you go through on the internet collect your data...Once they have your data, then they know everything about you—it's like having a surveillance camera over your shoulder," said Chau.

The bill will ultimately give power back to the consumers by giving them control over how data is being collected, used, shared, and/or sold.

Another bill which Chau is currently authoring would require online retailers to perform age verification before selling and shipping dangerous items to children.

In late February of this year, a Sacramento father discovered that his 14-year-old son had been able to use

gift cards on Amazon.com to purchase a BB Gun, throwing knives, and a hunting knife. The transaction proceeded without the permission or involvement of a parent or legal guardian. The sale of BB guns to minors is prohibited in the state of California. According to a report that aired on February 28 on NBC affiliate KCRA in Sacramento, Amazon did not verify the buyer's age prior to shipping the merchandise.

Another bill that is currently being worked on by Chau would require the collection of data on people who drive under the influence of marijuana. Chau states that this data can help policy-makers react to any growing trends and create laws to deal with this issue should it require legislative intervention in the future.

In a related bill, Chau seeks to ban any sale of marijuana to children—specifically online. The bill would require cannabis-related websites to make reasonable attempts to keep children from accessing information on their website and also prevent sales to minors.

The district served by Chau is home to many small businesses that deal in import/export. When importing goods into the state of California, items must be compliant with Prop 65 which is very strict and requires mandatory labeling policies for certain imported goods. For quite some time, many small business owners were not familiar or aware of the requirements of Prop 65. Those who weren't in compliance found themselves as defendants in lawsuits brought by various lawyers attempting to make monetary gains on the backs of these local businesses' errors.

Chau wants small businesses who deal in importing and exporting to be well aware of the rules and requirements of Prop 65. This recently signed legislation has created a state website that clearly explains what Prop 65 is and how products must be labeled in order to be in compliance. Chau also said that his bill will help lower the number of lawsuits related to Prop 65 by requiring plaintiffs to provide more adequate proof of violations and requiring the

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Honorable Mayor Steven Ly

# STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Date: August 1, 2018  
Location: Garvey Center  
9108 Garvey Ave,  
Rosemead, CA 91770  
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**PUBLIC EVENT**

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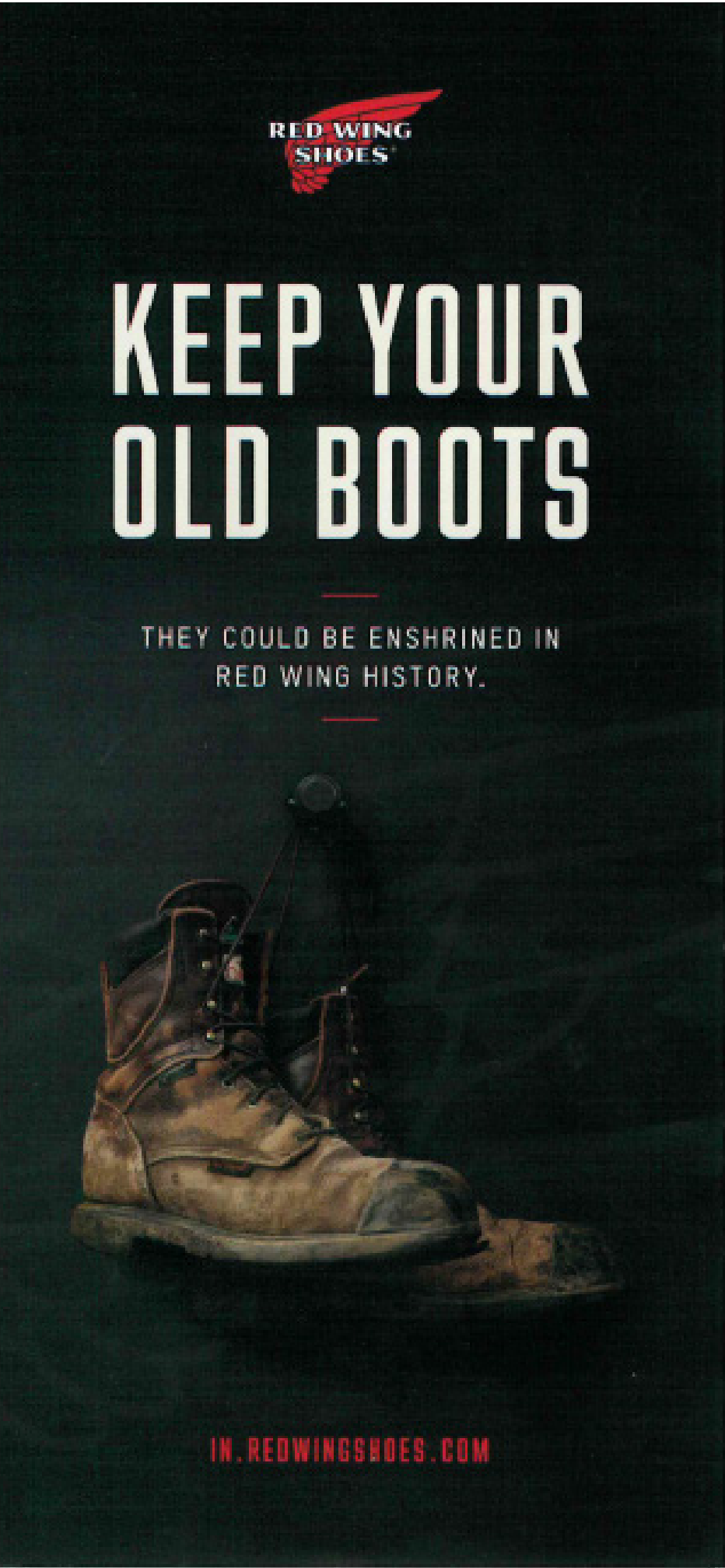
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# PUBLIC POLICY



## Governor Brown Signs Landmark Privacy Law

SACRAMENTO — On June 28th, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed Assembly Bill (AB) 375, authored by Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park), Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys), and Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa), the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018, which will ensure that consumers enjoy choice and transparency in the treatment of their personal information when accessing the Internet.

AB 375 responds to the recent data breaches that have affected millions of people – those experienced by Target, Equifax, Cambridge Analytica, and many more. The collection of our information combined with data breaches has raised concerns from Internet users worldwide.

Earlier this week, a privacy initiative qualified for the November ballot to provide consumers with increased privacy rights. A legislative solution, unlike the initiative process, provides the opportunity to strike the appropriate balance between protecting privacy rights and the ability for tech to innovate and provide reliable services now and into the future. AB 375 was the result of an agreement reached with the initiative proponents to move forward with a

legislative solution and is a significant step in providing California consumers more control over their data.

The authors of the bill released the following statements in response to the bill's passage:

"Today, California took a historic step in enacting legislation to protect children and consumers by giving them control over their own personal data," said Assemblymember Ed Chau.

"Consumers should have a right to choose how their personal information is collected and used by businesses. It is your data, your privacy, your choice."

"Today the California Legislature made history by passing the most comprehensive privacy law in the country," said Senator Bob Hertzberg. "We in California are continuing to push the envelope on technology and privacy issues by enacting robust consumer protections - without stifling innovation."

"Once again California is taking the lead in protecting consumers and holding bad actors accountable," said Senator Bill Dodd. "My hope is other states will follow, ensuring privacy and safeguarding personal information in a way the federal government has so far been unwilling to do."

## County Assessor Jeff Prang Offers Disaster Relief to Property Owners Affected by Wildfires

LOS ANGELES, CA – The unprecedented heat wave affecting Southern California has led to a spate of wildfires all across Los Angeles County, which have in turn prompted evacuations and scorched homes in communities such as Granada Hills, Pacific Palisades, Burbank, Chatsworth, and Glassell Park.

"Wildfires cause major damage, and in some cases, devastating losses. The destruction of homes in particular is having a profound impact on the lives of our friends and neighbors," said Assessor Jeff Prang. "Taxpayers whose properties have been destroyed or severely damaged by these fires may be eligible for disaster relief on annual property tax bills, including in some cases refunds of taxes already paid."

While the fires in Los Angeles County have not been as severe as in other parts of Southern California, and fortunately no lives have been lost, the disaster relief available to property owners through the Office of Assessor Prang seeks to ease the overwhelming hardships that these families face as they struggle to rebuild their homes and their lives.

By filing a claim for Misfortune & Calamity Relief within one year, properties that have sustained a minimum of \$10,000 in damage may be eligible for a refund of taxes already paid and lower annual tax bills until the property is repaired or rebuilt.

Assessor Prang's office is working proactively in conjunction with fire department officials from various jurisdictions to determine which properties are affected. "As fires are extinguished and recovery begins, call our Disaster Relief Hotline at 213/974-8658, stop by one of our field offices across the county, visit us online, or connect with us on social media @ LACAssessor," Prang said.

He continued, "My dedicated team is ready to offer assistance at a moment's notice and has a designated hotline specifically tasked with guiding property owners through the claim submission process."

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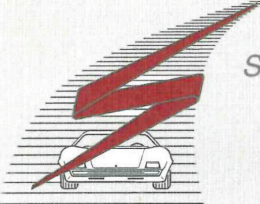
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# EDUCATION



## The Monthly Gazette

*News from the Rosemead School District*



July, 2018

Dear Rosemead Community and Friends,

It is a true honor to have been selected by the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees to serve as the Interim Superintendent. With a humble and servant-leader heart, I have accepted this important position to help our wonderful district transition and move forward in continuing the excellent work we are doing here in Rosemead.

One of my first priorities is to reassure our staff and community that we will continue to move forward in a positive and exciting direction. For the past few weeks, I have been meeting with many staff members and department leads, as well as union representatives in order to develop collaborative relationships and to gain a better understanding of the needs of our district. I am truly thankful for the support I’ve received from everyone. We have a great team with tremendous strengths. Together, we will continue to bring only the best to our students, parents and staff. With all four elementary schools as Leader In Me Lighthouse Schools, and our middle school on the way, we will be a light to our community. Our students will continue to receive the highest quality education.

For those of you who may not know my background, I’ve been the principal of Encinita Elementary School for the past eight years. Prior to that, I’ve been a PK-8 principal, a 7-8 assistant principal, and a classroom teacher for 10 years. Teaching is my passion, mission and calling. As a principal, especially at Encinita, I have lead our team through collaboration, shared leadership and growing our capacity. In 2015, I received my Ph.D. in Urban Educational Leadership from Claremont Graduate University. I have an M.A. in Education from Biola University and I completed my administrative credential from Azusa Pacific University. I received my B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego and studying abroad at Oxford University was a lifelong dream.

On behalf of my colleagues and Board of Trustees at the Rosemead School District, we all wish you, your staff, and our students the greatest success during the 2018-2019 school year. To view the new school year calendar , please visit our website (or your school site at) [www.rosemead.k12.ca.us](http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us) under Quick Links, and click on the link “Students - School Calendar.”

We hope you will continue to enjoy the remainder of the summer and look forward to seeing you frequently this new school year by attending our exciting school events to see the 21 st century teaching and learning happening at our schools.

We look forward to seeing all our smiling students on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the new school year.

Thanks for your partnership!

Leading together,  
Jennifer Fang, Ph.D.  
Interim Superintendent

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

Enrollment for our 2018-2019 school year has begun. We have implemented our new online enrollment process for Transitional

Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th Grade enrollment. Please visit the District website at [www.rosemead.k12.ca.us](http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us) and click on “Online Enrollment System” on the mid-upper left hand side.

To enroll in **Transitional Kindergarten**, your child must turn 5 years old by September 2, 2018 through December 2, 2018. When you enroll your child for TK, be sure to select Grade K - we will make sure your child is placed in the correct class.

To enroll your child in **Kindergarten**, your child **must** turn 5 years old by December 3, 2017 through September 1, 2018. You **MUST** enroll your student in your school of residency.

#### 1st through 8th Grade Program:

If you are enrolling your child(ren) in 1st through 8th Grade for the 2017-2018 school year you must enroll online to begin the process. Once you have enrolled online, please contact your home school for more information:

- Encinita Elementary School: (626) 286-3111**
- Janson Elementary School: (626) 288-3150**
- Savannah Elementary School: (626) 443-4015**
- Shuey Elementary School: (626) 287-5221**
- Muscatel Middle School: (626) 287-1139**

#### To enroll new a student, parents must provide the following documentation to the school site:

1. Proof of residency: Electric, Gas, Water, Trash or Landline telephone bill no older than 1 month with parent's name.
2. Immunization Records: Students must have received all of the required shots to enter school.
3. Birth Certificate or Passport If your child does not meet the age qualifications for Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten, but you are interested in information regarding our State Preschool Program , please contact the Child Development Department at (626) 312-2900 x235 for more information. Please do not use the online enrollment system for enrolling Preschool students. Parents wishing to enroll their child in our district on an Interdistrict permit must contact Ms. Debora Stewart at the Educational Services Department for more information. Parents may not enroll online without approval of the permit and verification from the Educational Services Department.

#### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Thurs.	Aug. 2	Summer Day Camp Show	Encinita MPR, 4:00 p.m.	Carol Mahoney
Thurs.,	Aug. 9	Special Board Meeting	6:30 p.m., District Office Board Room	Superintendent’s Office
Mon.	Aug. 13	Rosemead High School Registration Day	Rosemead High School	Rosemead High School
Wed.	Aug. 15	School Office Staff (Office Managers/Clerks) 1st Day Back	All Sites	Human Resources
Thurs. Fri.	Aug. 16 Aug. 17	New Teacher Orientation	TBD	Human Resources
Thurs.	Aug. 16	Preschool Orientation	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., District Office Board Room	Child Development
Mon.	Aug. 20	Pre-Service Day for Teachers / Welcome Back	TBD, Muscatel MPR	See Site Administrator
Tues.	Aug. 21	Professional Development Day	TBD	See Site Administrator
Wed.	Aug. 22	1st Day of School (PK-8th gr)	All School Sites	See School Site Principal

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

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

This year the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Fang, invited all school site Administrators to participate in the 4th of July Parade to accompany the Board of Trustees.

*Pictured Left to Right: Board Member John Quintanilla, Janson Principal Gabriel Cardenas, Muscatel Assistant Principal Ginny Ford, Savannah Principal Ruth Soto, Interim Superintendent Jennifer Fang, Board President Nancy Armenta, Board Member Veronica Peña, Muscatel Principal Jessica Ancona, Shuey Principal Jan Brydle, and Board Clerk Ronald Esquivel*





COMMERCE

SoCalGas Injecting Renewable Gas Into Pipeline System

Recently, SoCalGas made an important announcement: We are now injecting renewable natural gas made in California into our pipeline system for the first time.

The renewable natural gas is being produced by waste management company CR&R from organic waste collected in Southern California cities' green waste bins at CR&R's anaerobic digestion facility in Perris, California. The biogas is upgraded to the same standards and specifications of traditionally-sourced natural gas and then put into a new 1.4-mile section of SoCalGas pipeline into SoCalGas pipelines.

Renewable natural gas is a carbon-negative fuel produced from waste that can be used in trucks and buses, to generate electricity, fuel heating systems in home and businesses, and for cooking. The renewable natural gas from CR&R's digestion facility is used to fuel about 400 of CR&R's waste hauling trucks.

The collection of methane from landfills, wastewater treatment plants, agriculture and dairies are essential for California to meet the climate change and air quality goals outlined in existing law.

And consumer preference polls support the increased production and use of renewable natural gas: Research shows nine out of 10 California families use natural gas in their homes and prefer it by a margin of 4 to 1 over electricity. In addition, strong majorities of consumers—nearly 80 percent—prefer to use natural gas for cooking in their homes, and nearly two-thirds of consumers believe gas is their most affordable energy choice.

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state to intervene and provide notice to the defendant prior to a lawsuit.

Another bill Chau is currently working on would help small business owners by prohibiting contractors with a financial interest to accompany city inspectors when new businesses are set to open. Chau stated that oftentimes, contractors who accompanied inspectors would then solicit projects to a business owner after the inspection was over. Chau's bill would prevent this practice from occurring.

In all, Chau stated that he is currently working on roughly 20 pieces of new legislation.

Following Chau's legislative update, the Assemblymember took questions from attendees.

The first question asked was about the legislature's response to the tariffs imposed by the Trump administration and the ongoing "trade war."

"One of the things that we can do in addition to urging the current administration to back off is that we need to voice our concern to the federal government," said Chau. "At the state level, we do have resources depending on the industry and sector. One of the things that we do is to pass resolutions to send a message to the federal government to really look out for the people who are suffering in this trade war."

One local business owner asked a question related to sellers of products from outside of the country who use sites such as eBay and Amazon and are able to sell to California residents without paying corporate taxes or collecting sales tax. The business owner is concerned about the level playing field of competition for local sellers who use these websites to conduct business.

Chau said that there has been various debates on the topic, but acknowledged that there is still more that could be done. He also acknowledged the issue of leveling the playing field and an issue of fairness. Chau says it is up to the legislature to have a willingness to tackle the issue and to see that laws are enforced.

One attendee asked about Chau's bill requiring age verification for online purchases and how the legislation would have businesses conduct that.

The legislation does not spell out how a retailer could properly verify a person's age, but the bill would bestow upon the retailer the duty to do so. How the retailer would do that for an online transaction would be up to the retailer to figure out. Chau suggested that there may be various times throughout the transaction where age verification could take place—from the initial purchase to the point of delivery. Chau suggested restricting the use of gift cards or pre-paid debit cards for such online transactions as a solution to preventing sales to minors.

The final question pertained to the status of the single-payer healthcare bill for California.

Chau explained that the cost of the bill was too high, and was stopped after having cleared the state senate. He explained that there has been discussions and new legislation developed to examine the problems with the initial bill and to look at alternatives such as universal healthcare for the State of California.

The initiative is currently shelved with no resolution on the matter expected this year, but Chau says the legislature will continue to look at the issue and discuss it. Chau, himself, said that he has no issue with continuing to discuss the matter and may be in favor of a universal healthcare system, but stated that he would only be interested in a truly feasible solution.

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- The backpack should not be wider or longer than your child's torso.
- Consider a waist or chest belt backpack to help transfer weight to the hips and torso.
- "Rolling backpacks should only be used by those not physically able to carry a backpack," says the American Chiropractic Association. Rolling backpacks replace a back injury hazard with a tripping hazard.

**The right way to wear a backpack**

Younger and smaller kids are more at risk for backpack-related injuries and may carry loads that are heavier in proportion to their body weight.

- Be sure both straps are used and adjusted evenly.
- Tighter straps keep the load close to the back, ensuring better weight distribution and less bounce.
- Wearing a backpack too high on the shoulders can cause a child to lean forward or hunch.
- A backpack that is too low can increase pressure on the shoulders.

**Backpack organization**

Weight distribution is a key factor to ensure your child has a well-balanced backpack.

- Kids' backpacks should never weigh more than 10% – 15% of their total body weight.
- Organize by placing heavier items low, near the center.
- Be sure to use those little compartments to ensure better weight distribution.
- Help clean out your child's backpack each week to remove extra weight.

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# CHAMBER



## Many From SGV Celebrate July 4th with Rosemead’s Parade, Carnival, and Fireworks

By Chuck Lyons

The hot weather did not deter thousands of people as they celebrated United States of America’s (USA) birthday on Independence Day, July 4, 2018 in Rosemead.

The day started at 7 a.m. with a run/walk by Team Red, White and Blue Los Angeles, a group designed to enrich the lives of America’s veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. There were dozens of runners and walkers of many ages. The event was co-sponsored by Rosemead Chamber of Commerce. The chamber of commerce provided free refreshments for anyone at the race/walk finish line area at Rosemead Civic Center complex.

The parade, with more entries than last year for the second straight year, 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.

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 Alexandria Navarro, local school district representatives

with Rosemead High School cheer and spirit teams having a big group, marching bands including the biggest 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. Paradise Cookie catering truck from Rosemead was a crowd favorite.

Among mascots were Little Caesar’s Pizza, and County of Los Angeles Fire and Sheriff departments and U.S. Forest Service Smokey Bear. 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 9 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.



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