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La Fiesta Market Receives California Champions for Change Excellence Award



The California Champions for Change Program awarded Lawndale's La Fiesta Meat Market with the Excellence Award for its commitment to creating a healthier environment in the community. It is the highest distinction, granted annually in Los Angeles County to every day residents who have proven that change is possible and seek to empower others to make big health improvements. La Fiesta partners with Champions for Change at Lawndale Elementary School District to promote nutritious options and reduce childhood obesity. Visit www.lawndalesd.net/wellness to get involved. Pictured (L-R) are Maria and Marco Ramirez, market owners. Photo courtesy of Camille Thorsen.

Lawndale City Council Confirms Amended Graffiti Restitution Ordinance

By Nancy Peters

The Lawndale City Council met on Monday, August 3, and approved an amendment to the Municipal Code involving graffiti removal and restitution. After the first reading of the amended ordinance a few phrases were further amended for this requested second reading. The ordinance now includes wording that states the abatement costs will be passed on to the persons perpetrating the graffiti, adding that if a minor is the person accused of the graffiti, restitution will be collected from the parents or guardians, holding all parties severally liable. If it is determined the damage is detrimental to the property, enforcement allows for liens and special collections from the perpetrators or parents and guardians of minors who are responsible for the graffiti. Civil liability penalties will be assessed and restitution can include court costs, attorney's fees, penalties, costs associated with law enforcement identifying and apprehending the perpetrators, repair of the property, and removal of the graffiti.

Working quickly after the recent July 4th holiday the City Council adopted an ordinance amendment, which allows for discharge of Safe and Sane Legal Fireworks on July 4th, beginning at 12 Noon and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on July 4th. Also approved in the consent calendar is the expeditious permitting process for single- and two-family rooftop solar systems, admitting these requests to the front of the queue regardless of submission dates.

The city-owned property at the southwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Manhattan Beach Boulevard is transferred to the Successor Agency of the Redevelopment Agency to allow for that parcel to be developed for businesses that will provide a revenue stream and exponentially add sales tax and business license fees to the city treasury.

The State mandate for the adoption of the County Animal (County Code Title 10), Health (County Code Title 11), and Vehicles

and Traffic Codes (County Code Title 15) appeared on the agenda as a public hearing. One citizen spoke requesting that the dog licenses be increased to match the amount charged by the county, as well as licensing cats. It was explained that the city of Lawndale determines its own costs for dog licenses as part of the Municipal Code and at this time there is no intention to match the cost incurred on the county level. Following the public hearing a motion was made to adopt, and seconded, and passed by a unanimous vote.

The City Council approved a resolution in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

A request from the Association of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (ALAD) was approved in support of the recruiting efforts and hiring of qualified candidates to increase the number of deputies in the Sheriff's Department.

During the Public Safety report on July 20, Captain Steven Sciacca presented a check to the City of Lawndale in the amount of \$2,497.71, representing the value of assets collected by County Sheriff's Deputies in the seizure of illegal narcotic activities. These funds are mandated by the Health and Safety Code to be used only toward law enforcement work within the city.

Three significant reports were given about recent arrests in Lawndale. An individual walking in and out of traffic on Inglewood Avenue near 156th Street, causing traffic issues, was arrested when he was taken out of the street and found to be in possession of narcotic paraphernalia and an illegal knife.

During a business money dispute one of the two arguing individuals pulled out a shotgun, threatening the other with death by that weapon. Deputies arrived on the scene when the disturbance caused citizens to call for law enforcement assistance. The individual brandishing the shotgun was arrested. A felony assault, with a deadly weapon, charge was filed by the District Attorney.

A vehicle in extremely poor condition was stopped by Deputies when the driver made an illegal lane change near 162nd and Hawthorne Boulevard. Occupants of the vehicle gave various stories about who owned the vehicle. With the information from the car's registration it was discovered this was an as-yet-unreported stolen vehicle. All vehicle occupants/suspects were arrested for grand theft auto.

During oral comments, a citizen spoke about his right, under the Bill of Rights, to speak his mind and if his remarks reflect negativity on the city, then the City Council and citizens should use carefully researched information brought to light by caring citizens as a starting point to improve living in Lawndale. Another individual spoke at the citizen's podium about a Rental Property Inspection Program. City Councilman Daniel Reid asked to set up an appointment with that person to discuss this concept further.

The Third Annual Lawndale Blues and Jazz Festival will take place at Jane Addams Park, Saturday, September 26, beginning at 1 p.m. with five Blues artists currently scheduled. Admission is free. Food for purchase at booths will be part of the event.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Helen Stover, a member of the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee who passed away recently after residency since 1959. An Open House on Saturday, August 8, at 14920 Arch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be held by the Stover family.

Also remembered at the close of the meeting was Wyneva Chenault Flores, who died suddenly on Friday, July 24, at her home. Ms. Flores was a consistent volunteer at most city events and attended every City Council meeting, speaking at each one with either an encouraging word or to point out something that needed to be given consideration. No information about services is available.

The next meeting is Monday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
75°/64°



Saturday
Sunny
74°/63°



Sunday
Sunny
75°/64°



PETSPETS **Pets** PETSPETS

Purrrfect Companions



Merlin

Looking for your purr-fect match? Kitties of all colors and sizes are ready for the forever home with you.

Merlin was rescued from a woodpile four days after the 4th of July. He was terrified, jumping at every sound, but the instant he was in human arms this boy was all purrs. Whatever trauma he went through still lingers as loud noises send him diving for cover and the unknown is a very scary prospect. However, Merlin loves human attention and petting. Give him some loving and he turns on the charm, purring away and even asking for belly rubs! Merlin would do best in a calmer environment, away from loud sudden noises that might remind him of those

Pets can get loose or lost through mishaps and travel quickly. Microchip: it works!

terrifying days of fireworks. He loves other cats to pieces and takes comfort from their presence. First time he met his foster buddies, he just sat there and let them sniff him all over - not one hiss! Merlin is absolutely adorable with his eyeliner and tabby patches. Merlin must be adopted with a buddy or to a home with a resident cat as he would be very lonely as an only kitty. He should go to a home with adults or mature children as sudden noises and movements are still scary for this sweet boy.

Speckled with Tortoiseshell colors and boasting proud tabby stripping, **Elektra** is a

visual bouquet of color and fun! A little livewire, this girl loves to play all day long! Elektra made instant friends with the other kitties, romping and wrestling with them, or just playing with toys by herself when the others were napping. She also can be a little daredevil, scaling the cat tree without fear and always ready for the next adventure. Elektra needs a forever kitty friend as she would be super lonely and bored as an only kitty. She does great with other cats and especially enjoys pouncing on them.

Dainty **Chanel** was rescued from the shelter along with her Abyssinian mix mother Coco, and four siblings when they were just three weeks old. Chanel shares the ticked coat and tiny stature of

her mother, as well as the tabby lines on her legs. Chanel loves to play, play, play!! She gets along with every kitty she meets, nursing on the fur of adult cats if she can, and romping around with all her foster friends. She's even taken to grooming others, such as her foster buddy Kalea. Chanel can't get enough attention, crying at meal times, and climbing her foster mom because she wants to be cuddled, snuggled, and petted. Lap time is a must for this princess, when she's not off romping with her friends that is. Chanel needs a companion kitty in her life and cannot be adopted as a single cat. She would make a fabulous friend for any kitty and a wonderful addition to just about any household.

Kalea is a petite kitten with dainty paws. She loves to snuggle and cuddle with other kittens and will definitely join in when it's time to play. Kalea also loves the adult kitties, who will play with her when she feels like it and leave her alone the rest of the time. From her goofy mustache, to her tiny front toes dipped in white, Kalea is equal parts elegance and silliness. She would be great for a young adult who wants a friend to hang out with. Kalea needs a home with another kitten or young cat, as she does love to play and thrives off the



Chanel (gray) and Kalea

company of other kitties.

Merida was named after the Disney princess from Brave, not only because of her red hair...she is smart, spunky, determined and affectionate! Merida loves giving and receiving attention so much, she demands it! She loves to be pet and will squirm around in your lap with happiness. She'll even relax and just sit with you while you rub her little head! She would do great with other cats or as a single kitty as long as she gets enough lovin'. Merida will be a great companion!

These kitties are available for adoption

through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, microchipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see these or our other kittens and cats, please check our website www.kittenrescue.org or email us at mail@kittenrescue.org. Your tax deductible donations for the rescue and care of our cats and kittens can be made through our website or by sending a check payable to Kitten Rescue, 914 Westwood Blvd. #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

On Saturdays, we have adoptions from noon to 3:30 p.m. in Westchester at 8655 Lincoln Blvd. just south of Manchester Ave. and also in Mar Vista at 3860 Centinela Ave, just south of Venice Boulevard. Our website lists additional adoption sites and directions to each location.

Be kind. Save a life. Support animal rescue. •



Elektra

Saving one animal won't change the world, but the world will surely change for that animal.



Merida

THE YELLOW DOG PROJECT.com

If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space**. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.

There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

- HEALTH ISSUES
- IN TRAINING
- BEING REHABILITATED
- SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!
Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!
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