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Woodcraft Rangers Receives Community Impact Arts Grant



The Los Angeles County Arts Commission has awarded The Community Impact Arts Grant to Woodcraft Rangers. The grant will provide funding for Woodcraft's mariachi and folklorico programs and their performing arts competition, Spirit Jam. This grant will allow the 94-year-old organization to expand its already amazing mariachi and folklorico programs into other schools. Woodcraft Rangers is a nonprofit organization serving the youth and communities of Southern California. Photo by David Perez

Council Passes Balanced Budget; Special Olympics Torch Relay Will Pass Through Lawndale

By Halemon Anderson

With a new fiscal year rapidly approaching, the Lawndale City Council took measures Monday to insure the city's continuing financial health, passing a balanced budget. Also on agenda were the 2016-17 budgets for the Lawndale Housing Authority and Cable Usage Corporation and the Redevelopment Successor Agency. All budgets were passed with unanimous approval.

City Manager Steve Mandoki detailed additional items discussed at the May 9 budget workshop. Under council direction, funding for a concrete grinder was incorporated into the budget, and a surplus of \$50,000 was allocated for additional staffing at Hopper Park. Mandoki noted more discussion would be needed on resources for a natural gas fueling station, an unfunded project. In addition, the \$100,000 cost for an electronic marquee will need to come from reserves.

The Consent Calendar included 11 items and was passed in totality. Contracts for citywide concrete repairs, tree trimming services, as well as landscaping and other claims and demands netted a total bill of just under \$1.9 million.

In other business, the council opened a public hearing on adoption of the LA County fee schedule for building and safety codes. Mandoki noted this action will update codes existing for several decades, and will represent \$175,000 in savings. With the close of public comments, the measure was passed unanimously.

Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles previewed a proposal from LA County to pursue funding to address homelessness. He received a letter requesting support for a future ballot measure seeking a 1 percent sales tax increase. "It's a good idea," Pullen-Miles said. "We need to see the details, but we can, at least, have a discussion." Council Member Dan Reid agreed, saying, "This is a chance to ask the electorate."

Applicants for city advisory committees were invited to introduce themselves and make comments at will. Several community members cited their previous service to the city and desire to continue. Pullen-Miles expressed the council's gratitude for their role in the shared governance of Lawndale. The mayor's recommendations for approved unanimously.

Appointees to the 2016-17 Planning Commission are as follows: Pedro Cordova, Sirley Cuevas, John Martinez, Uffe Moller and Scott Smith. Appointees to the Beautification Committee are: Charmaine Doty, Karen Escamilla, Olga Sierra Gonzalez, Douglas Keyser, Martin Martinez, Judy Oldziewski and Marco Sandoval.

Mr. Mandoki introduced newly hired Director of Community Development, Sean Moore.

The mayor asked staff to begin looking at potential tourism opportunities as a result of the new NFL, L.A. Rams franchise coming to Inglewood. "This is a regional event," Pullen-Miles said. "It will bring economic opportunity to this whole area."

The safety report was presented by Lieutenant Hocking. In the previous two weeks, several arrests were made. A suspect was arrested for vandalism after being identified using a baseball bat to shatter a window at Wiener Schnitzel on Hawthorne. A license plate run turned up a vehicle stolen from the Inglewood area. The car contained methamphetamine and other drug paraphernalia.

A patrol check in the 4500 block of Artesia, in response to complaints of bad odors and waste accumulating, turned up a vacant carport being used by transients in possession of heroin, meth and numerous syringes. A man was apprehended near Hawthorne and 162nd in possession of a 32-caliber hand gun with serial numbers removed. "These kinds of arrests keep shootings from occurring,"

Hocking said.

Public comments turned to crime and unseemly behavior, particularly in Hopper Park. Reports of drinking, drug usage and loud vulgar music are commonplace. Earl Wood, who lives near the park, said, "My house has been burglarized. The residents are suffering."

Pam London said she comes to the council repeatedly to bring issues and solutions. "We should take a look at Upland. They have a policy on weed abatement."

Council Member Pat Kearney pointed to the budget initiative to provide immediate staffing for Hopper. Ms. L. Unruh said she is thrilled there is a budget to staff the park.

The entire council attended the Memorial Day Breakfast last week, giving staff kudos for planning the event. "The new breakfast format was fantastic," Kearney said. Reid said that the local veterans who came out were very thankful.

Lieutenant Hocking announced the Special Olympics Torch Relay will pass through the city on June 10 at approximately 10 a.m. Lawndale will receive the torch from Hawthorne Police Department at Hawthorne Boulevard and Rosecrans, and pass it to Rosecrans Police Department at Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard. He encouraged the community to come out.

The council voted to cancel a calendared Tuesday, July 5 meeting, as the regularly scheduled Monday meeting fell on the national holiday of July 4. The Lawndale City Council will reconvene its normal bi-monthly schedule as of July 18.

Mayor Pullen-Miles asked that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Adolph Moran, a long-time resident of the city, who passed away recently.

The next meeting of the Lawndale City Council will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20 at Lawndale City Hall. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday

Mostly Sunny
73°/61°



Saturday

Mostly Sunny
72°/61°



Sunday

Mostly Sunny
70°/59°



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Purrrfect Companions



Fern

Make a purr-fect match when you adopt a new feline friend. Need your kitten fix? Check out the "kitten cam" in our nursery at <http://explore.org/live-cams/player/kitten-rescue-cam>.

Fern is an affectionate kitten with soft gray fur and white mitten paws and chest. Found and rescued from under a shed when she was about four weeks old, Fern's foster parents have cleaned, cared, and socialized her and her kitten brother, David Meowie. Fern and David keep each other company and play away the day together and have been trained to sleep through the night. Both are being trained to scratch on a sisal scratch post instead of furniture. Fern's calm spirit balances out David's playfulness. Fern watches the world with her big beautiful eyes and enjoys following her human companions around the home and being cuddled.

David Meowie is a sweet, playful kitten with lovely black stripes and white mitten paws. David keeps his kitten claws in check on a sisal scratch post. Ever since he was first rescued, David has been quick to curl up in people's laps and purr away. His foster family's six and nine-year old nephew and niece can attest to the fact that David is an enjoyable playmate. He loves people and would love to get to know you too!

Noodles was living on the street with his litter mates and mom. Luckily, the whole litter was rescued. Noodles is a friendly and gentle fluffy tuxedo kitten. He loves to play and is happiest playing with his brother Oodles. Noodles has a calm demeanor when he's relaxing, but like any kitten has a ton of energy and will be adopted out with his brother, Oodles. They spend their whole day playing, snuggling and grooming each other! Noodles is good with the children he's met so far and is excellent with other cats!



David Meowie

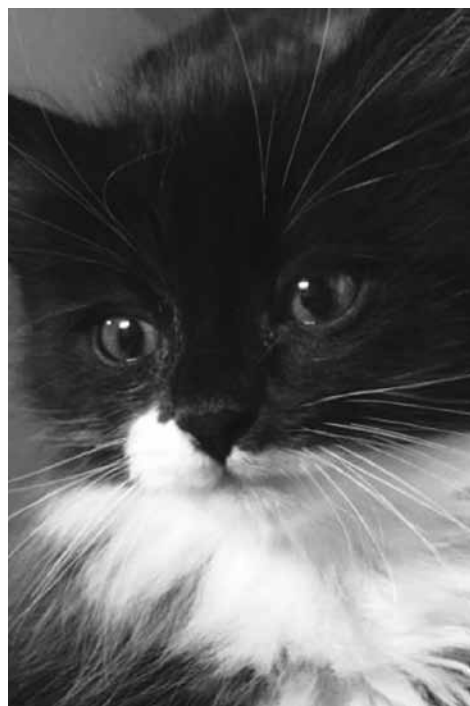


Shorty

Shorty is a playful boy who has a special move where he will just flop down on the floor when you're about to pick him up. He'll roll over for some belly rubs and once you pick him up, he'll let you carry him like a baby. This sweet boy will come greet you at the door when you arrive home. He loves to carry little stuffed animals around in his mouth and chase toys that you throw across the floor. He loves his brother Stumper and would like to find a home together with him. Shorty was born to a stray cat and taken into a foster home as a kitten together with his brother, after their sister unfortunately got hit by a car. He loves the cozy indoor life and all the comforts it provides.

Maie is a very sweet and gentle little girl who is looking for someone to love her. She may seem a little shy at first, but Maie is so very sweet and loves pets. Once she is comfortable with her surroundings, Maie is outgoing and confident. When you pet her, she will roll over on her back to give you her belly and then will purr and purr. She is sometimes afraid, at first, of other cats she doesn't know and will hide from alphas. Maie would be a great only cat or sister to a mellow, non-alpha kitty. She also loves to play with her human and will roly poly around like a big worm when she is being petted and played with.

Dolly is a beautiful medium-long haired calico. She is very sweet and playful girl with the most gorgeous big round yellow eyes. She is most happy when playing with her human companions or other kitties, but can also entertain herself alone with her toys. Although she likes to be in the company of people and sleeps at the foot of her foster mother's bed, Dolly can be skittish when approached by people. She has made a lot of progress from the terrified kitten that her



Noodles



Maie

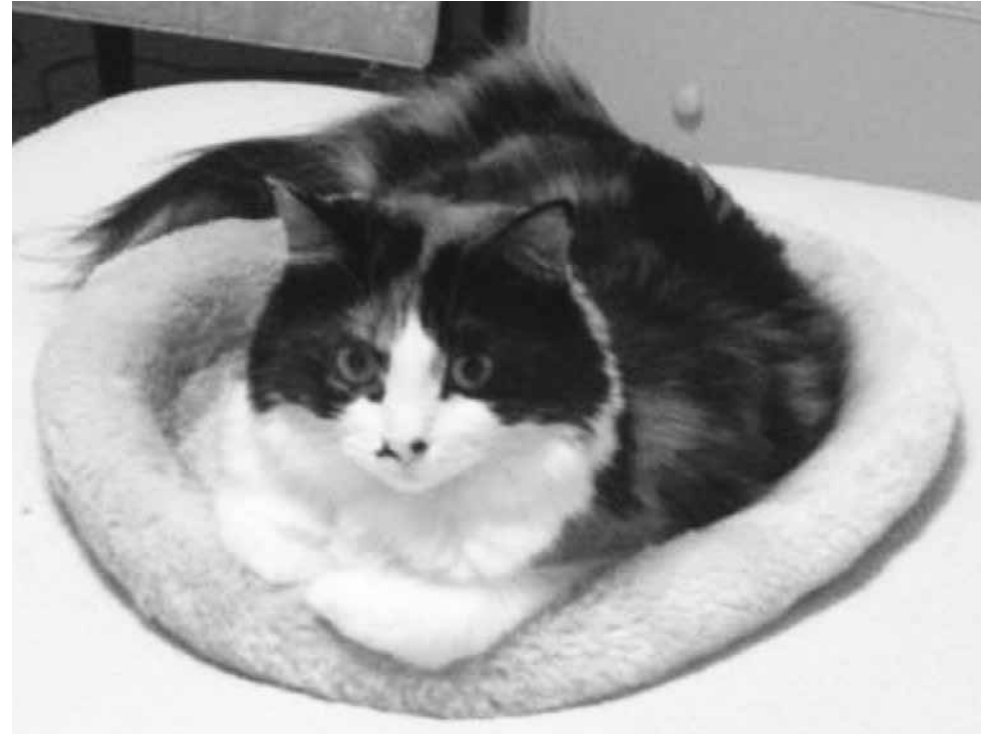
foster mother picked up off the street. Dolly is a sweetheart and very entertaining as well as being a wonderful companion and playmate to her foster kitty sisters.

These cats and kittens are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All of our kitties are spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, tested for FeLV and FIV, dewormed and current on their vaccinations. For additional information and to see our other kitties, 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.*



Dolly

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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

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