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Chevron Donates Math, Reading Materials to Kornblum K Class



Chevron representatives visited Ms. Mathis' kindergarten classroom at Kornblum Elementary School in Hawthorne earlier this week to see their newly funded math and reading materials in action. Classroom project funding resulted from Ms. Mathis submitting her project through Chevron's Fuel Your School Program--an annual public school support initiative conducted in partnership with DonorsChoose.org to provide necessary classroom project materials for enhanced learning. Submissions opened on September 1 and teachers had until Friday, November 3 to submit their projects. Photo provided by Lily Craig, Chevron External Affairs Manager

New Taxes Will Benefit Lawndale

By Haleemon Anderson

The Lawndale City Council received a report at Monday's meeting from Senator Steven Bradford, including an update on the legislative year which ended on September 15. Bradford explained that of 21 bills he introduced, 14 made it to the Governor's office and 11 passed. He detailed three of the most significant impacts, including the gas tax which took effect last week, a housing bond and a fund for improving state parks.

People are already feeling it at the pumps, said Bradford. The tax, which effectively raised gas 12 cents per gallon throughout the state, will raise \$5 billion a year. Additional fees for vehicle registration and electric cars will be implemented over the next several years to address a \$130 billion backlog in transportation maintenance. "We have over 400 roads and bridges in dire need of repair," he said.

Bradford said passing this much-needed funding bill was not a cakewalk and ultimately won favor with the inclusion of a "diversity clause." It ensures that women and minority-owned businesses will have a piece of the pie," said Bradford, referring to contracts for road construction and repair. The housing bond addresses the state-wide housing shortage, compelling developers to set aside a percentage of residential units for affordable housing. State parks will also get a boost, with cities being eligible for \$200,000 to upgrade park infrastructures.

A public hearing was opened on item H on the agenda: Marijuana Use Regulations. The action sought would amend City of Lawndale municipal codes to be consistent with state regulations on marijuana sales, cultivation and usage. Resident Pamela London expressed the Lawndale Planning Commission's concern that the City could miss out on tax revenue. "This is also an issue of voters' rights," she said, referring to the overwhelming support for Prop 66, making marijuana legal in California.

Resident Randall Abrams represented the Planning Commission. "All the Planning Commission is saying is you should explore this in more detail," he said. "The increased tax revenue could be used for additional staffing

of law enforcement."

Council members Bernadette Suarez and Pat Kearney both urged the Council to retain the group's original position, which is a ban on commercial use dispensaries in the city. Israel cautioned the Council that state laws legalizing the substance go into effect on January 1.

Mayor Robert Pullen Miles reminded his colleagues that the proposition did pass "by a pretty significant margin." He said three cities are negotiating with the marijuana industry to develop a reasonable-use initiative that would allow municipalities to shape their individual responses versus the industry setting the protocols. Pullen-Miles asked that staff bring the item back. "With a complete ban, we lose the public safety abatement funding" included in the legislation, said the Mayor. "This is an opportunity to regulate an industry that is not going away. We run the risk, if we simply say no, of losing control of regulating it [in Lawndale]."

Also on Monday, the Council recognized the Lawndale Rotary Club for participation in World Polio Day. Republic Services Representative Sam Pena introduced Resident Elizabeth Leighton as the winner of the Lawndale Fall Clean-Up event. Republic Services is the City's partner in recycling and waste disposal, sponsoring a twice-yearly pick-up and drop-off event. In March, over 67 tons of refuse were brought in and another 25 tons were collected at curbside, said Pena. Residents may call the City's 800 number to schedule curbside pick-up, year-round, and up to four times in a year.

The Council also honored two residents for outstanding volunteerism in support of the SBCOG Environmental Services Center. The Bronze Sustainability Leadership Award was presented to Maelyn Evans and Miguel Vasquez for 262 and 250 volunteer hours respectively in the areas of energy efficiency and conservation.

Sergeant Nitz gave the safety report, describing an arrest on October 30. A hotel manager discovered a large cache of weapons and drugs at a local hotel, he said. Several suspects were arrested and the contraband confiscated. Sgt. Nitz also cautioned residents to practice

holiday safety, noting that sleep deprivation happens during the holidays and can lead to risky behavior.

In public comments, Johnny Castro asked the Council to remember a homeless resident who for 30 years was a presence in the city. "Mike" was most often seen at 166th and Hawthorne, where a large memorial of flowers, candles and other mementos were left in his honor. Mike died on October 23, according to Castro.

A large group of supporters of Brooklyn Bar, a local watering hole on Hawthorne at 166th Street, turned out at the Council meeting in support of the establishment, which has received a 30-day suspension from the City. Jim, a manager at the bar, implored the Council to keep the venue open. With a loyal following and the holidays coming, Jim said, "It's gonna hurt." An eight-year resident who has worked at the bar for two years, Jim emphasized that the place does not attract biker-gang customers.

City Attorney Tiffany Israel said the bar's management has the right to an appeal process, but needs to direct it to the City Manager and not the Council. Councilmember Jim Osborne sought clarification. "Didn't we get email notification that residents made complaints?" he asked. "Several," responded City Manager Steve Mandoki. He noted that jurisdiction for these kinds of complaints belongs to the Community Development department. Code enforcement contacts the owner, who is given 15 days to appeal the suspension. The group of more than 20, most wearing Brooklyn Bar T-shirts, walked out of the meeting at that point. It was not clear if an appeal to the suspension had been filed.

Osborne noted the Veterans Day Field of Honor will be installed on the City Hall lawn on November 10 and will remain on display through November 12. Commemorative flags are still available. The Lawndale City Council meets the first and third Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted. The November 20 meeting was cancelled due to proximity with the Thanksgiving holiday. The next regular Council meeting will take place December 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the Lawndale City Hall Council Chamber. •

Weekend Forecast

Friday
Partly
Cloudy
67°/56°



Saturday
Partly
Cloudy
67°/57°



Sunday
Partly
Cloudy
68°/57°



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Milo

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Betty is a darling and affectionate kitty who was abandoned. She adapts quickly to a new home and bonds easily to her caregivers, but will retreat when strangers come to the home. However, once she sees that people are friendly (or even better, if they offer treats), Betty relaxes. She likes to snuggle in bed and take her position in the family. Betty is oblivious to other animals and prefers the company of people, as she thinks she is one of them. She would be content as a single kitty or would be fine in a home with a friendly beta pet.

Milo Miles is an irresistible brown tabby with the prettiest eye markings a boy ever had. He is not a very modest kitten and can often be found admiring himself in the mirror. He and his sister Lakshmi were born on the streets where they were picked with their mother by a Good Samaritan. Milo is a shy and sweet kitten who sleeps with his foster mom every night. He is a great climber, jumping to the tallest ledge of his cat tree. He is very attached to Lakshmi and will cry if he finds himself alone in any room until he finds her. Milo loves to play and wrestle with Lakshmi and gets along with adult cats.



Lakshmi Singh

He would prefer to go to a home together with his sister, as they are very bonded, and would be fine with other kitties as well.

Lakshmi Singh (Milo's sister) is a spunky and confident little girl who will melt your heart. She never stops purring and will try anything once. She was affectionate and loving from the moment her foster mom took her in. Lakshmi is very playful and will make anything into a toy--frequently stealing her foster mom's hairbands and pieces of string, carrying them in her mouth and hiding them around the house. She has no fear of heights and will climb to the top of a 10-foot cat tree. Lakshmi loves other cats--especially her brother Milo--and will plop herself down on any cat that is around to cuddle. Lakshmi would love a home with her brother and would be fine with other cats as well.

Linus is the sweetest, most loving furry ball you'll ever meet. He loves being the center of human attention and is good with big and small humans alike. Linus loves to cuddle and purrs to the touch. With his laid-back charm, he is happy as long as he is getting love and attention from humans. He also loves to play with other kitties once they understand who is the boss....which is definitely Linus, as he is a bit of an alpha. He would enjoy having a home with his sister Lucy or would likely get along with a cat-friendly dog after an appropriate integration period.

Jody is a friendly, fun-loving guy. He is full of spunk and loves to scamper around, play with toys and his sibling, and is always looking for some fun. Jody currently lives with several dogs and cats and loves most of them. Because young cats like him do so much better with a buddy, he should be adopted with his sister Jill (a cute little black and white girl), whom he adores and has not been separated



Betty

from since they were born.

Sir Winston was found abandoned in a condo parking lot. He is a stunning, young, energetic male. Winston is a friendly, funny, feisty and curious kitty. He has super-soft, medium-length, dark gray fur with white markings, beautifully expressive gold eyes and an adorable pink nose. While Winston is not a lap kitty, he enjoys being petted and loves to interact and be close to his humans.

Oliver is a happy, friendly lap cat looking for his forever home. He likes to spend his days napping in the sunshine while sprawled across the bed or curled up on the top shelf of the cat tree. His favorite time of day is when he sits and watches TV with his foster mom. At bedtime, Oliver loves to quietly lie beside his foster mom as she sleeps. Please come meet Oliver and see what a sweet boy he truly is.

Phoenix is a very playful girl. She loves the laser pointer (she comes when she hears you pick it up), drinking from the faucet, having her chin rubbed, sleeping in high places and gazing out the window. Phoenix will follow you around the house hoping to be the center of your attention. She is petite and slender with beautiful almond-shaped eyes, a little white patch on her forehead and a full white chest. Phoenix is friendly with other cats and plays well with young cats. She would also be content to be an only cat.

Cashmere is a handsome boy with the playfulness and energy of a kitten. He is looking for a forever home that will shower him with love, attention and affection. Mealtimes are his



Oliver

favorite time of day. He loves treats, especially when his foster mom shares some juicy morsels of chicken with him or gives him a few pieces of tuna. Cashmere also loves to play with cat toys--batting toy mice in the air, tossing balls across the room and zooming across the floor to catch them. Napping in the cat tree beside the window and basking in the sun are also two of his favorite pastimes. Cashmere has never been around other cats, so he would do best in a single cat household. He did grow up around a dog and may adjust to another cat-friendly dogs.

These kitties are available for adoption through Kitten Rescue, one of the largest cat rescue groups in Southern California. All 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 Boulevard, #583, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

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

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Milo Miles



Jody



Phoenix



Cashmere