

# Calendar

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

• Center Street after school Cotillion program starts today for 4th and 5th grade students meeting together from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in our cafeteria. El Segundo Cotillion, Aleta Pottenger 310-977-6995, 310-524-0040 [www.freewebs.com/cotillionelsegundo](http://www.freewebs.com/cotillionelsegundo)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009

• 10th Annual Richmond Street School Fall Festival 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Food, Games, Music, Sweetwalk, Bingo and Silent Auction! For more information contact Michelle Lawson (310) 640-0190

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009

• Have fun and learn about water reliability at West Basin's 11th annual Water Harvest festival focusing on the Seven Wonders of California's Water World. Games, Prizes, Free Food, Costume Contest and more. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1935 S. Hughes Way, El Segundo.

• Vistamar School Open House 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Vistamar an independent co-ed school for grades 9 -12. At Vistamar students build a solid foundation of academic skills. 373 Hawaii Street, El Segundo. 310-643-7377 [vistamarschool.org](http://vistamarschool.org)

• Community Shred Day. Bring all your confidential documents and witness the shredding, free of charge, exclusively for El Segundo Residents. Proof of residency is required. 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Holly and Standard Street (behind City Hall) Public Works 310-524-2359

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

• The South Bay Chapter of the California Republican Assembly will meet at the El Segundo Library 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

• Join the El Segundo Library's Public Services Manager, Ms. Cunningham, and Ms. Carter, Senior Library Assistant, in a lively discussion of this year's El Segundo Reads book, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. Program will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the library's Rose Garden Room. Please call 310-524-2728 for additional information.

## UPCOMING

• City of El Segundo's Halloween Frolic 2009 Saturday, October 31, 4 - 7 p.m. Main Street. Costume contest, carved pumpkin contest, games and bouncers. For info: Rec & Parks 310-524-2700.

• El Segundo Auxiliary Childrens Hospital Los Angeles invites you to a wine sampling and silent auction on Saturday, November 7, 5 - 7 at International Garden Center. Tickets are \$40. Call Patti for info 310-529-8921. All proceeds benefit Childrens Hospital.

• The Center Street School PTA will be hosting it's first Holiday Boutique Fundraiser on Friday, November 13, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. at 700 Center Street. Shop for unique holiday gifts. Cougar Choir performing at 6 p.m. For more information 310-640-0887.

• The California Federated Woman's Club Marina District of which El Segundo Woman's Club is a member is hosting a fundraiser, "4 Knights of Comedy", featuring four well known comedians who will provide an evening of fun and laughter at Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave. Saturday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under ten years of age. For more information and tickets call Gina at 310-379-8315.

## ONGOING

• Photographic Art Display at the El Segundo Library during the month of October, local photographer Loren Brauner presents a selection of her works focusing on the coastal areas around El Segundo. 310-524-2728.

• ESUSD's Eagles' Nest Preschool is currently accepting applications at 641 Sheldon St. (310) 615-2650 ext. 209. Or our website is [www.elsegundousd.com/pre](http://www.elsegundousd.com/pre)

• El Segundo High School PTA Fundraisers: *Shopping for Students*, when you shop at Manhattan Village, it helps El Segundo public schools participants earn a share of \$4000! Bring your original receipts dated from September 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010 to the Concierge, (located adjacent to the Apple Store near Macy's).

Flyer information [www.shopmanhattanvillage.com](http://www.shopmanhattanvillage.com)

ESHS PTA recommends *Welcome Driver*, approved by both the DMV and the Driving School Association of California. You will get a discount of \$25 if you enter the code below when you register. You will also support ESHS PTA (\$25 per registrant). Go to <http://www.welcomedriver.com> click on "students sign up now" and enter: ESHPTA

• Find out about MITI... moms meeting weekly to pray for their children and schools. [momsintouch.org](http://momsintouch.org) or contact Martha Cason at 640-6811 or [casonmartha@yahoo.com](mailto:casonmartha@yahoo.com)

• Visit the Automobile Driving Museum at 610 Lairport Street, El Segundo, two blocks from Sepulveda Blvd. 310-909-0950. Visit our website: [www.automobiledriving-museum.org](http://www.automobiledriving-museum.org)

• Fall Season-Concerts in the Library 2:00-4:00 pm in the Friends of the Library Room, 111 West Mariposa Avenue. All programs are free, held on the third Sunday of the month. 310-524-2728.

# Letters

## MR. CHONG'S OPINION PIECES

After reading Mr. Chong's opinion pieces, you would think that President Obama has caused every problem known to Man. He conveniently dismisses the fact that for the prior eight years, we ran up some of the highest deficits in history, mismanaged two wars, at great human and financial cost, and saw gas prices at levels never seen since the 70's. The seeds of the great financial meltdown were sown during previous administrations, both Democrat and Republican. Mr. Chong seems to think that if government just gets out of the way, everything will be fine. He complains about "socialized" health care, yet no one calls our city run police and fire departments socialist. Mr. Chong is rightfully proud to have two sons serving our country. He, unlike most of us, literally has skin in the game, and a game it's not. I would think he would want his President to carefully weigh all options regarding the direction we take in Afghanistan. This is the place, which nurtured the 9/11 terrorists, yet it has played second fiddle to Iraq. Mr. Chong is certainly entitled to his opinions, but things weren't exactly hunky dory these past few years. Maybe that's why Mr. Obama is President. How about less venom and more constructive ideas to solve the many issues our country faces. Whether Democrat or Republican, Liberal, Conservative, or Independent, we are all Americans, and in it together.

George Funk

## KUDOS TO SOUNDPROOFING CREW

I haven't written a letter to the newspaper in years but this time I had to. Some of my friends have had poor experiences when they

had their homes soundproofed under the El Segundo/Airport Residential Soundproofing program.

But last week PBC, one of the contractors working on this program, finished the work on our home on Hillcrest St. I just wanted to say that we are more than satisfied. Their Superintendent, Todd, and his crew were total professionals. The job went smoothly and when small problems did pop-up, Todd and his crew quickly solved them.

They were always courteous and I was impressed with their willingness to go the extra mile.

Stephen Wiley

## WALTER THE LABRADOR DOG

Dear Walter (the Labrador that lives somewhere on East Oak),

This is Summer the golden retriever, I live at 1445 East Palm Ave. About six weeks ago you got out when your owner was taking out the trash, you went for a walk without your leash with your owner chasing behind you. My owner's dad gave chase on his bicycle with my leash to try and help your owner. He rode all the way to the corner and by that time your owner had caught you. Your owner didn't have your leash because you got out without permission so my owner's dad gave your owner my leash to get you back home. Your owner said he would return it but he must have forgotten. The leash and collar are not of great value but have sentimental value to my owner Emily since these were my very first leash and collar, if you could please get your owner to bring them back I would be grateful.

Thank You,

Summer the Golden Retriever

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