

Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009

• Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee Meeting (CIPAC) at City Hall, 350 Main Street, West Conference Room, 6:30 p.m. For information, Public Works 310-524-2357.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2009

• AYSO Soccer Registration for the 2009 Fall Season. Today from 9am-Noon; June 4, 6-9pm; June 13, 9am-1pm. Registrations will be held at the ES High School Library 640 Main Street. For more information see www.ayso92.org

UPCOMING

• Relay For Life Community Meeting Thursday, June 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m. El Segundo Library-Friends of the Library. Everyone welcome - Come learn more about Relay.

• Center Street School's Annual Ice Cream Social. There will be exciting carnival games, a cake walk, music, food, a fabulous Silent Auction, and much more. Friday, June 5, from 5pm - 8pm. 700 Center Street. Admission is free. For info: dyckmantwins@aol.com

• The Gardener's Buds invite you to a fundraiser event for the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life. Hawaii Night, June 6, 7p.m.-10p.m. El Segundo Moose Lodge 514 W. Imperial Ave. 310-322-3160. Fun, ruffles and dancing to live entertainment 60s rock/surf. \$10.00 donation. All ages are welcome. Contact Gina Bell for ticket information emailto:gmbell2@gmail.com.

• St. Anthony School & Parish Fair, June 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. O'Grady Hall 220 Sierra St. Raffles, games, dunk tank, music, fun for the whole family. 322-4392

• The El Segundo Public Library's 9th Annual Author Fair takes place Sunday, June 7, 12:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. More than thirty-five authors will share and sign their books. There will be two author panels entitled "Mysterious Happenings" and "Stretching Your Dollar." Poets will read, children's authors and activities. This special afternoon is enhanced by live music, light refreshments, and free goody bags. 111 W. Mariposa Avenue (310) 524-2728.

• The El Segundo Fish Co. fundraiser for ESEF, June 10, 2 - 10 p.m. 120 percent of profits will be donated to ES Educational Foundation. Dine in, take out, call for details 310-648-7222, 210 Grand Avenue.

• El Segundo Relay For Life July 11; and 12, 2009. Celebrate-Remember-Fight Back. www.events.cancer.org/rflselsgundoca.

ONGOING

• The El Segundo Public Library is offering literacy tutoring through trained volunteers to help adults learn to read or improve their reading skills. Students will be matched with a tutor on a one-to-one basis.

If you or someone you know needs help with reading, please call the El Segundo Public Library at (310) 524-2728.

• Free Meal Program for the unemployed at Hank's Pizza and Snax Burgers 202 Imperial Avenue. Program runs April 5, through July 5, 2009. Dine-in only, 5:00pm - 9:00pm. Unemployment verification is required, El Segundo residents only, beer and wine excluded, one free meal per week for each member of the household. Hank's 310-335-0066 Snax 310-640-9766.

• The El Segundo Home Delivered Meal program is available to qualified clients. If you or someone you know is over 62, on SSI, or in need of assistance, please call the Outreach Office at 310-322-9033. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am until 1pm and would be happy to answer any questions.

• Dispose of computers, printers, TV's, cell phones, motor oil, paint, and household batteries at the Hyperion Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00-3:00 P.M. at 7660 West Imperial Hwy, Gate B. 310-524-2709. Pack waste properly to prevent spilling during transportation.

• The El Segundo Seniors Club Travels. For dates and registration deadlines call Chuck 310-640-0891 or visit The Joslyn Center.

• Recovery International offers effective self help method, allowing personal control over anxiety, depression, anger. (Free, but donations accepted.) Meetings are Wednesdays, 7:45 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 540 Main St. 310-322-6373

• Senior Golf League for Men and Women 50 and older every Wednesday 9:00am at The Lakes Golf Course, El Segundo. All skill levels. For more information 310-670-4817.

• Old Town Music Hall open on weekends, classic movies and live concerts, 140 Richmond St. 310-322-2592 or visit <http://otmh.org>

• Take a ride in a wonderful vintage/classic car at the Automobile Driving Museum. The museum is open on the weekends from 10a.m. - 4 p.m. 610 Lairport St. El Segundo, rides being given on Sundays only. For further information call 310-909-0950.

• Find out about El Segundo Moms in Touch... moms meeting weekly to pray for their children and schools. Info: www.momsintouch.org or contact Martha Cason at 640-6811 or casonmartha@yahoo.com

• El Segundo moms, join MOMS Club for friendship, reassurance, parenting advice, stories and fun. All are welcome—especially the kids! Meetings are the second Monday of each month 10 AM at the Library/Friends of the Library room. 310-859-5512. •

Schoolboard

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will be even more budget problems for the 2010/2011 school year. "Next year it's going to be difficult, it's going to be tough," Yantz said. "We are looking at some serious, serious challenges in public education."

Although the state's cash flow problems are becoming increasingly grave, Yantz said the district has enough cash on hand for now and probably next year. He said right now the state is expected to give the district about \$1.3 in federal stimulus money, but said the amount is tentative and will probably change. "It could be more, it could be less, it could be the same," Yantz said. "We just don't know how it's going to play out. And again, it's one-time money."

Yantz said the state is giving federal stimulus money to the district with the expectation it spreads the money over several years. "You have three years to spend it," Yantz said. "Every superintendent I talk to say they're going to spend every dime they get to offset the cuts next year."

MEASURE M

Tim Truax, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for School District Facilities gave the council and update on the auditorium and athletic facility renovation projects funded under Bond Measure M.

He said designs are still being drawn up for the athletic fields and that the committee was able to revise the scope of the project to bring its projected costs down. "We got the cost in shooting distance of where we think it needs to be," Truax said.

Truax said he expects designs for El Segundo High School's athletic fields and auditorium to be completed by June. Regarding the auditorium, he said the project is less than \$1 million over budget, and that a key area of focus for the committee was to make the stage functional and safe. "We think we are going to get to there and do what was promised, which was to make the

auditorium a safe, usable and well lit facility," Truax said.

One way the committee was able to trim down the costs was to focus on the basics and worry about the details later. Truax said the committee also consulted with the drama teacher to make sure they weren't missing anything important, and received good feedback. "As time goes by we can always add more lights and speakers," Truax said. "We are trying to do the sort of basic infrastructure things, but we want to get the basic bones of the facility up to standards, given that the building's eighty-years old."

Truax said the committee also saved money by cutting costs associated with steam-cleaning seats in the auditorium. "That's not really what we were trying to focus on," Truax said. "At some point if the seats need to be cleaned, we can find that money somewhere."

Another challenge for the committee was to keep costs down while complying with stringent fire and safety standards. They also had to comply with regulations set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act, also known as ADA. "I know the meetings seem never-ending but we really appreciate it," School Board President Ann Coles said.

Truax said the school Board, if it chooses, could try reaching out to the city for financial help. He said that a new auditorium would be of great benefit to the city and that part of the field renovation project is actually on city property. Truax also had some news regarding the committee's meeting hours. "For those who want to attend our meetings, we will try to schedule them so they don't coincide with the Laker games any more," Truax said.

DONATIONS

Kyung and Duou Kim donated \$100 to the El Segundo Middle School Band, and Karen Odabashian donated \$69.16 to the Center Street Elementary School Choir. •

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