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## Chamber hosts Summer Legislative Series

Businesses invited to meet Senator Bob Archuleta

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez featured at State of the Nation Luncheon

The Whittier Chamber, in partnership with several other local chambers of commerce, will be hosting a legislative series featuring Senator Bob Archuleta and Congresswoman Linda Sánchez this summer. A Breakfast with the Senator will be held on Friday, July 12 at the Clarke Estate in Santa Fe Springs at 8:30 a.m. and a State of the Nation Luncheon will take place on Thursday, August 8 at noon at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Norwalk.

"Advocacy, education and connection are an important part of what we offer to our members," stated Whittier Chamber Board Chair Elizabeth Martinez. "Both of these programs provide a great chance to engage with our elected officials and hear first-hand about issues that are relevant and pertinent to our business community."

The Summer Legislative Series is being generously sponsored by PIH Health and the Metropolitan Water District.

#### **Breakfast with the Senator**

Local businesses will have the chance to meet and greet Senator Bob Archuleta at the Breakfast with the Senator event on Friday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the Clarke Estate.

Senator Archuleta represents District 32 which includes the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Buena Park, Cerritos,

Commerce, Downey, Hacienda Heights, Hawaiian Gardens, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier.

Senator Archuleta was elected in November, 2018. He is a former Presidential Appointee and served as the mayor of Pico Rivera prior to his election to the Senate. Previously he served in the U.S. Army and as a reserve police officer with the Montebello Police Department. He is currently the Chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and he also serves on the Business, Professions and Economic Development, Governmental Organizations, and Insurance committees.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear a brief update from the Senator and ask questions at the end of the program. Reservations for this program can be made through the Whittier Chamber website at www. whittierchamber.com. Seats are \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for non-members. Reserved tables of 8 may be purchased for \$200. All reservations must be made by July 10th.

#### State of the Nation

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez will be the keynote speaker at the State of the Nation Luncheon on Thursday, August 8 at noon at the DoubleTree by Hilton Norwalk Hotel. The event is being hosted by the Whittier Chamber, in partnership with 7 other

local Chambers of Commerce in the Congresswoman's district including Artesia, Cerritos, La Mirada, Montebello, Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs.

Sánchez is expected to address a large crowd and

provide updates on topics such as immigration, tax reform, jobs, the economy and more.

Nationally recognized as a leading progressive voice in Congress for working families, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez has fought to strengthen local communities by helping small businesses create more, good paying jobs, increasing access to educational opportunities, and helping hard working people get ahead.

Linda Sánchez served as Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, the fifth-highest ranking position in House Democratic Leadership. Linda is the first Latina elected to a leadership position in the U.S. Congress. Linda serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means which is the chief tax-writing committee in Congress. This group plays a critical role in federal legislation on trade, Social Security, and Medicare.

Linda represents the 38th Congressional District which includes 15 cities. She is a strong advocate for California's families and is dedicated to reducing crime in our communities, making schools safe for all children, providing quality education and affordable health care, and cleaning up the air and water in Southern California.

Reservations for the State of the Nation Luncheon can be made through the Whittier Chamber's website at www.whittierchamber.com. Individual seats are \$35 for Chamber members and \$45 for non-members and tables of 10 are available for \$450. The reservation deadline is August 5, 2019.

For additional information about the Summer Legislative Series, please contact the Whittier Chamber office at (562) 698-9554.

James Chessen Executive Vice President and Chief Economist of the American Bankers Association







A timely midyear update, which will include economic projections

geared toward business owners and managers, will be the focus of this year's Business Economic Outlook, presented by the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce and Friendly Hills Bank. The Outlook will provide a thoughtful look at the milestones for business development and the driving factors of growth and will be held on Thursday, August 1 at 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn La Mirada. The featured guest speaker this year will be well-known and sought-after economist James Chessen.

"It is crucial for every business leader to understand what's happening on the national and international economic fronts, so that they can make effective leadership decisions for their company," explained Whittier Chamber President/CEO Carol Crosby. "The Chamber is excited to bring our business leaders together and honored to have Mr. Chessen help prepare our business community for what lies

Chief Economist James Chessen featured as guest speaker ahead for our economy," she added.

**Business Economic Outlook provides** 

crucial information for business success

"Things are changing very fast in the current market with drastic moves in interest rates and building uncertainty around actual and threatened tariffs. These economic factors have a profound impact on both national and local economies," explained Friendly Hills Bank President Jeff Ball. "We are fortunate to have this opportunity for Jim to come to present to our local business community,' continued Ball.

In his position as the Chief Economist at the American Bankers Association in Washington, D.C., James Chessen has an unfiltered view of the many conflicting dynamics presented in today's market and is able to provide a unique perspective from his vantage point in working with bank economists from across the nation. "His presentation will be direct, focused, unbiased and extremely valuable for today's business leaders," assured Ball. "This is a can't miss event for our membership."

Reserved seats at the Business Economic Outlook are \$50 for

Chamber members and \$60 for non-members. A delicious breakfast will be provided. To register, go online to whittierchamber.com, call the Whittier Chamber office at (562) 698-9554, or email info@whittierchamber.com.

#### About Our Speaker

James Chessen is Executive Vice President and Chief Economist of the American Bankers Association. Mr. Chessen oversees three departments: Economic Policy and Research which monitors the financial performance and condition of the banking industry and studies legislative and regulatory issues as they pertain to the banking industry; the Benchmarking and Survey Research group that conducts primary research and publishes comprehensive industry survey reports to meet members' information needs; and the International Monetary Conference Secretariat which brings together CEOs from 61 global banks across 26 countries each June.

Mr. Chessen writes on banking issues and he appears regularly in the print and broadcast media. He has also testified before Congress and federal regulatory agencies on economic and banking issues.

Prior to joining the ABA in March 1988, Mr. Chessen worked as a financial economist at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and was an assistant professor of economics at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois. Mr. Chessen has a Ph.D. and an MA in Economics from Virginia Tech and a BA from the University of Puget Sound.





State of the Nation with Linda Sánchez

Thursday, August 8, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel - Norwalk





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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

time in Whittier with Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park and multiple things to enjoy in town. While summer provides opportunities to take time off and relax, the Chamber continues to provide valuable programs, services, and resources that help create a thriving business community.

This summer, we have 3 amazing chances to connect with top-level elected officials and highly soughtafter speakers. First is our Summer Legislative Series featuring Breakfast with Senator Bob Archuleta on July 12 and the State of the Nation Luncheon with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez on August 8. Look for more information on both of these events on the front page of this paper. The third opportunity is the Business Economic Outlook on August 1 featuring Chief Economist James Chessen. The Chamber is of Courtney French, Jessica Reyes, excited to partner with Friendly Hills Celina Zambrano, and our President/ Bank to bring Mr. Chessen to talk to our CEO Carol Crosby. These ladies work

Welcome to Summer! It's an exciting local businesses about the economy and provide information that will help our businesses succeed. I encourage you to sign up today for this extremely important presentation.

> Aside from programs, the Chamber works hard to be the voice of business and advocate for what's right for business and for our community. We recently joined the Gateway Chambers Alliance which is a group of 13 chambers of commerce that study business legislation. We communicate with our legislators at all levels and support job creator bills and oppose job killer bills on your behalf every month.

> We have a few new things around the Chamber! First, please join me in welcoming our newest Chamber staff member, Christina Almaraz. Christina is our new bookkeeper and joins our awesome Chamber team

Elizabeth Martinez, Chair of the Board

tirelessly on our members' behalf every day and are constantly coming up with creative new ways to promote your business. One of those things is our new messaging program which allows you to receive instant Chamber updates on important upcoming programs directly to your phone through your Facebook Messenger account. There is no cost to you, it's easy to subscribe to and you can opt out at any time. This is just another way the Chamber keeps you in the loop and provides ways for you to stay connected.

As you enjoy your summer, don't forget to stay cool, keep hydrated, use that SPF, and explore Whittier. Don't forget to shop local, including patronizing our great restaurants in town!

Wishing you a sparkling 4th of July! God Bless Whittier and God Bless America.



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## S TAX TIPS

## **Taxation of Barter Income**

sometimes find it to your advantage to paying in cash. You should be aware, however, that the fair market value of goods and that you receive in bartering is taxable income, just as if you had clubs that facilitate barter exchanges. received a cash payment.

Exchanges of services result in taxable income for both parties. Say, for example, that a computer consultant agrees to an exchange of services with an advertising agency. Both parties to the transaction are taxed on the fair market value of the services received. This is the amount they would normally charge for the same services. If the parties agree to the value of the services in advance, that will be considered the fair market value unless you earn 2,000 credit units, and that there is contrary evidence.

As the owner of a business, you may For example, if an architectural firm does additional tax if you redeem the units in work for a corporation in exchange for barter for goods and services rather than shares of the corporation's stock, it will have income equal to the fair market value of the stock.

> Many business owners join barter These clubs generally use a system of "credit units" that are awarded to members who provide goods and services and can be redeemed for goods and services from other members.

If you participate in a barter club, you'll be taxed on the value of credit units at the time they are added to your account, actual goods and services until a later year. For example, say that in Year 1 services are exchanged for property. have \$2,000 of income. You won't pay your particular circumstances.

Year 2, since you've already been taxed once on that income.

When you join a barter club, you'll be asked to give the club your social security number or employer identification number and to certify that you aren't subject to backup withholding. Unless you make this certification, the club must withhold tax from your bartering income at a 24% rate.

By Jan. 31 of each year, the barter club will send you a Form 1099-B, which shows the value of cash, property, services, and credits that you received even if you don't redeem the units for from exchanges during the previous year. This information will also be reported to IRS.

I hope the above is useful to you. each unit is redeemable for one dollar Please let me know if you wish to discuss Income is also realized where in goods and services. In Year 1, you'll these matters further in connection with

If you have any questions concerning the taxation of barter income, please do not hesitate to call me at (562) 698-9891.

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The CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE is a dedicated group of influential businesses that help shape our community vision and support the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce's ability to strengthen the regional economy.





















## SIZZLING SUMMER

## Don't let sizzling summer nights heat up your kitchen...

### Take the night off and eat out at one of Whittier's finest restaurants

Whittier has become known for its blossoming restaurant scene filled with unique places to gather. This new "foodie" destination features a delicious variety of meals ranging from tapas and wine bars to craft breweries, to contemporary regional Mexican to gourmet Italian to Thai and most things in between. Many of the restaurants reflect the culinary trends of Whittier's diverse population.

Here are a few of our local restaurants, caterers and places to go for treats who have invested in Whittier and joined the Whittier a in its mission to build the economic prosperity of our community. Buon appetito!

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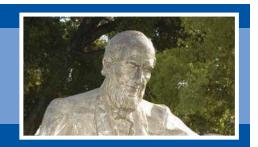
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Happy summer, Whittier! If you're busy running your business and can't get away for a vacation, plan yourself a staycation – there's plenty to do here in town all summer long.

Kick things off by celebrating Independence Day at our Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular show at York Field. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. so come enjoy live music from Cold Duck, inflatables, and food vendors before the fireworks display begins at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and kids under 18 are free. For more information, contact Parks, Recreation & Community Services at (562) 567-9430. We look forward to this fun, family-friendly celebration as a safe alternative to all other fireworks, which are illegal in the City of Whittier. On this holiday of barbeques and fun, please be safe and don't drink and drive. Happy Birthday America!

Don't forget that trash, recycling, and green waste will not be collected on Independence Day, Thursday, July 4. The collection schedule will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. For example, the collection normally made on Thursday will be collected on Friday. The final collection day of the week will be Saturday. Please also note that street sweeping and parking enforcement will not be performed on July 4.

There's more fun to be had and learning opportunities, too – all summer long. Visit our website or follow us on social media to keep apprised of all the goings-on. At the Library, we have a Universe of Stories as adults and children alike partake in the summer reading program through July 20. If you like a little music with your warm summer nights, join us at our Concerts in the Park series on Mondays at Central Park and Thursdays at Parnell Park, both through the end of August. Plan to carpool and don't forget your lawn chairs and a warm blanket.

Also on deck for outdoor entertainment this summer, the "Movies in the Park" series, sponsored by the City and the Whittier Community Foundation, will be the first Saturday of each month through August. Spend those evenings under the stars and enjoy a family-friendly movie on an inflatable 28-foot movie screen at various local parks. Enjoy the fun-filled sequel to the classic Disney caregiver in Mary Poppins Returns on Saturday, July 6, at Michigan Park. The action packed second act of a family of superheroes, Incredibles 2, will be on the big screen at York Field on Saturday, August 3.

## **MAYOR'S** MESSAGE

Bring a picnic dinner and chairs but please leave pets, barbeques, and alcoholic beverages at home.

For a very special evening, join our very own local heroes from the Whittier Police Department at Parnell Park for National Night Out and hear classic Beatles tunes from the cover band Hard Days' Night on Thursday, August 1. This annual event brings together residents, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials in more than 15,000 communities in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. It's a great opportunity to connect with our officers and get involved with a local neighborhood watch program, one of the oldest and most effective ways to deter crime and make communities safer. Remember: if you see something, say something! To get involved and make a difference contact WPD Community Relations Officer John Scoggins at (562) 567-9210. I encourage you all to join me in showing that we are, and will remain, WHITTIER STRONG as we work together to keep this community safe and continue offering our support to the brave men and women of our police department.

You may have begun seeing information published on the City's website and social media regarding the 2020 U.S. Census, which is another way to keep our community strong. The Census is one of the most basic functions of our federal system, requiring a count of every person in the United States every 10 years. The right count matters to all of us because the results provide meaningful data about who we are as a community and it directs the allocation of more than \$800 billion dollars of federal funding to state and local governments. The City encourages you to participate in the survey and help us spread the word about Census Day on April 1, 2020. Visit census.gov to learn more about the importance of being counted and how to take the Census online or by mail.

Lastly, please remember that keeping tax dollars in Whittier is vital a little goes a long way. For every \$100 of your back-to-school shopping done here in Whittier, \$1 of that sales tax helps fund programs that benefit youth at our local parks and community centers, as well as other City services like street maintenance and public safety. Please remember to SHOP WHITTIER first and support your fellow local businesses this summer, as the kids head back to class, and all year long!



## SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING

#### **OCTOBER 23**

By January 1, 2020, employers with at least five employees must provide sexual harassment training to all employees in California.

Topics covered by an experienced sexual harassment prevention instructor and investigator include:

- Examples of what constitutes unlawful harassment, discrimination, and retaliation in the workplace
   Remedies and solutions available to employees
   Real-life hypothetical and practical information
   Interactive question-and-answer session

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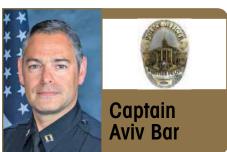






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Summer break is a great time for a vacation and while many of us find it as an opportunity to visit distant places, others find summer break to be an opportunity to break into homes while occupants are away.

- Make sure you have effective locks that are being used. Even the best locks can't protect you if you don't use them. Lock doors, windows, side gates, garage door and garage side access door.
- Do some yard work before you leave the house for an extended period of time. Trim your hedges and bushes so thieves can't have a chance to hide out, or that you won't give the impression your home has been left unattended and vacant.
- Get to know your neighbors who look out for each other are among the best and least neighborhood crime. On a daily basis, have your neighbor pick up your mail, newspapers, packages, and advertisements screens. left at your doorstep.
- spare key. Leave your spare key with a trusted neighbor. Never hide it on the property.

## Safe home while on vacation

looking for keys than you do hiding them.

- Let there be light and make sure all outside entrances of the home are well-lit. A timer or solar-powered lights on the front, back and side of the house make it difficult for burglars to hide.
- Leave lights and radio/TV on a timer inside your home to give the impression that it is occupied.
- Use alarm signs and stickers to warn would-be burglars. An alarm system controls access points to your home and lets you know if someone has invaded your space. A loud audible alarm will most likely scare a burglar away as soon as it is activated. Also, advise your alarm company that you will be away on vacation and no one will be entering the home during your absence.

Remember, burglars focus on before your trip. Neighbors convenience, concealment, and camouflage. Think twice before posting upcoming vacations on Facebook, expensive defenses against Twitter or any other social media outlets. You'd be surprised how fast that information can travel on the information highway—and sometimes to the wrong

Vacations are meant to be fun times Remember to secure your with family and friends, not a time of convenience for thieves and potential burglars. Keep your homes safe and secure and make your trip a memorable Burglars have more experience one with these simple precautions.

Aviv Bar is a Captain with the Whittier Police Department and oversees the Patrol Division. He can be reached at (562) 567-9253 or via email at abar@cityofwhittier.org



## **Whittier Host Lions Club** offers free vision screenings

Their motto is "We Serve," and the Whittier Host Lions Club is doing just that - serving the community - at their upcoming Sight Fair. Long been their primary philanthropy since Helen Keller addressed the nearly 100-year-old club and stressed the importance of sight, the Sight Fair will be held on Saturday, August 10 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Sierra High School Gym, 9401 Painter Avenue.

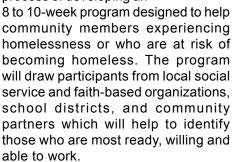
In partnership with Friends in Sight, the Whittier Host Lions will provide free vision screenings and recycled eyeglasses to those of all ages in need. "Our goal is to provide services to people in need, particularly those with financial hardship, but all are welcome," stated Whittier Host Lions Club Sight Committee chair Wes Murray. Murray also recommends arriving early as guests are treated on a first come, first serve basis.

During the screenings, licensed doctors provide an eye health assessment and, if necessary, free recycled glasses that fit the needs of the individual. "Last year we served 600 people and gave more than 400 pairs of glasses away," explained Murray. This year is expected to be the same. Glasses are collected throughout the year through local optometrist offices and then cleaned, checked and sorted. The Lions Club accepts all types of eye glasses. Contact the Club if you have some to donate.

The Sight Fair is truly a community event with 2 great service groups coming together. This year the Whittier Community Foundation is partnering with the Whittier Host Lions Club to provide sight services to the Whittier community. At the Sight Fair, there will also be a Veterans Resource table with information available for veterans and their families. In addition, volunteers will be on hand to help out from the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Whittier and a local Scout troop. If you are interested in volunteering at the Sight Fair this year, please contact Wes Murray at (562) 201-0131 or wam032340@aol.com

### **Job Readiness Program** in development for fall 2019

Whittier The Consortium Homelessness subcommittee on Job Readiness is in the process of developing an



The issues of homelessness are complex. A major contributing factor is joblessness. Our community is interested in enriching people with skills, knowledge, abilities and opportunities that will help them back to self-reliance and into the social fabric. The program will have three major components designed to build



a momentum of selfconfidence, knowledge and experience so that participants can be successful in securing employment and in their

job performance.

The Job Readiness committee includes representatives from the Whittier Consortium on Homelessness, Whittier College, Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce, Whittier First Day and East Whittier Presbyterian Church. They are establishing a network of community partners that will help to develop and present the curriculum, and to provide resources for the participants.

More information will become available soon. The target to begin the program is mid-August to early September 2019. Questions or comments can be directed to the Whittier Consortium on Homelessness via email at admin@whittierhomeless.org.

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**



Farmers Insurance Claudia Sambrano Agency moments before cutting the ribbon for their Grand Opening ceremony

## STATE OF THE CITY



Mayor Joe Vinatieri speaking about Whittier developments at the 2019 State of the City Address



Mayor Joe Vinatieri, Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Dutra, Council Members Cathy Warner and Josué Alvarado, and City Manager Jeff Collier at the 2019 State of the City Address with the LA County Fire Department

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## Whittier Hospital Medical Center Receives an 'A' for Patient Safety

Whittier Hospital Medical Center was awarded an 'A' from The Leapfrog Group's spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade. The designation recognizes Whittier Hospital Medical Center's efforts in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care. The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers. The Safety Grade assigns an 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' or 'F' grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harms to patients in their care.

"Our highest priority at Whittier Hospital Medical Center is the safety of our patients," said Whittier Hospital Medical Center CEO Richard Castro. "We are pleased that our attention to their health, safety and wellbeing has been affirmed through this top national recognition."

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

"To be recognized nationally as an 'A' hospital is an accomplishment the whole community should take pride in," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an 'A' grade are making it a priority to protect patients from preventable medical harm and error. We congratulate hospital leaders, board members, staff, volunteers and clinicians who work so hard to earn this A."

Whittier Hospital Medical Center was awarded an 'A' grade today, when Leapfrog announced grades for the spring 2019 update. To see Whittier Hospital Medical Center's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter and Facebook.

To learn more about Whittier Hospital Medical Center, visit whittierhospital. com or call (562) 945-3561.

#### **About Whittier Hospital Medical Center**

Whittier Hospital Medical Center is a 178-bed acute care hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission, with a medical staff of approximately 400 physicians representing more than 40 specialties. Being part of the community has been an important goal throughout the years, and with your help and loyalty we can continue to provide health services that you can depend on. For more information visit: whittierhospital.com.

#### **About The Leapfrog Group**

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade,



Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping

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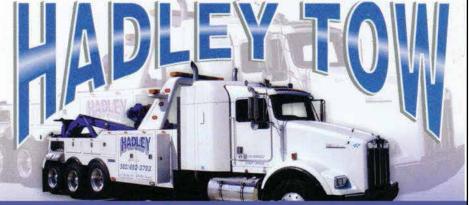


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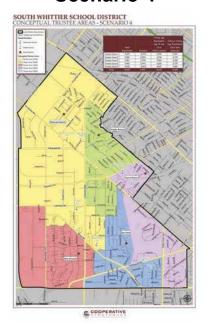
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#### SWSD District Board **Adopts Trustee Area Elections, Selects Map** Scenario 4



The South Whittier School District governing board, by unanimous vote, formally adopted a resolution to transition to a by-trustee area election system and adopted Map Scenario 4 as the District's trustee area plan. The decision was adopted at their final public hearing regarding their CVRA transition on Tuesday, May 4.

The board favored Map Scenario 4 because they felt it kept the community in more intact areas.

After the board adopted the map board member, Natalia Barajas, thanked the board's legal counsel Jonathan Salt, an attorney specializing in the California Voting Rights Act.

"I just wanted to say thank you to our legal team for all the work they've done. They helped us navigate this well and with no bias. It was an easier process because of you."

Prior to making their decision, the Governing Board held their third and final public hearing to review proposed maps and listen to comments from the community. They held a total of five public hearings prior to making a decision on the map. Two hearings were held prior to maps being drawn and three public hearings after all map scenarios were drafted, giving the community an opportunity to share their thoughts about the maps.

Next, the Governing Board will submit a petition to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization for review and approval.

#### Rio Hondo College selects Mendocino College leader as newest Superintendent/President

Rio Hondo Colleges Board of Trustees on June 12 unanimously selected Mendocino-Lake Community College District Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes to assume leadership of the College, pending approval of a contract in July.

Reyes, who has led Mendocino College since 2013, will succeed Superintendent/ President Teresa Dreyfuss, who retires June 30.

Board of Trustees Vice President Oscar Valladares announced the selection late Tuesday after the conclusion of a lengthy nationwide search overseen by a committee of students, college faculty, staff, administrators, and community members.

We are excited to announce the selection of Dr. Reyes, a visionary leader whose focus on student success and access to education is a perfect fit for Rio Hondo College, Valladares said. We are confident he can take us to the next stage by growing enrollment, increasing completion rates and decreasing completion time.

Reyes holds a doctorate in educational leadership from UC Davis and a Master of Arts in education and an administrative services credential from California State University, Sacramento, where he also received Bachelor of Arts degrees in communication studies and Spanish.

Prior to Mendocino College, Reves served as executive vice president of academic and student affairs at the Solano Community College District, interim president and vice president of academic affairs at San Jos City College and dean at the California Community Colleges Chancellors Office in Sacramento. At Cosumnes River College, he served as a Spanish professor and coach and, later, as dean of humanities and social sciences.

Dr. Reyes will bring to Rio Hondo College two decades of experience in strategic planning, assessment, facilities management, partnership with local, state and federal partners in addition to his deep understanding of student and faculty needs, Valladares said.

Reves said he is eager to begin collaborating with Rio Hondo Colleges faculty, staff, administrative team and supporters to serve the community's students.

This is a key a moment for Rio Hondo College, Reves said. The College has developed a rich array of programs to support students who are grappling as never before with barriers to success C hunger, homelessness, immigration status.



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even as we continue to expand high-value Services building and the Student Union. academic and career training opportunities. I am honored and proud to be the Colleges one of a select group of community choice at this most critical of times.

for 32 years, said Reyes will provide the from community college, through four-College with the vision it needs as it tackles year universities, to one of eight top those challenges.

my time as president, Dreyfuss said. I have Science in automotive technology. found him to be a thoughtful, conscientious leader who keeps students at the center of bachelor's degrees. In 2017, the College all his efforts. His values mirror our values created the Rio Promise, which has been perfectly. Rio Hondo College could not expanded to offer two years of tuition-free have chosen better.

Dreyfuss, who announced her retirement in August, started at the College as an finalize the hiring of Reyes at its July adjunct faculty member in 1987. She later 10 meeting. For more information, call served as a senior accountant, controller/ (562) 463-3145.

business manager, chief financial officer and vice president of finance and business. She was named interim superintendent/president in 2012 and took the reins permanently a year later.

Dreyfuss is credited with ensuring the Colleges fiscal stability throughout her tenure as a financial guardian. During the Great Recession, Rio Hondo College avoided layoffs and furloughs. She also has been praised for guiding the College through major renovations, including construction of the Administration of Justice Building, Learning Resource Center, Applied Technology Complex, P.E. Complex, police and fire training facilities, Our job is to knock down those barriers three regional campuses, a Student

In 2013-14, Rio Hondo College became colleges to host the Pathway to Law Dreyfuss, who has served the College School program, which guides students California law schools. The College also Dr. Reyes has been a peer throughout created a historic four-year Bachelor of

> In May, the first graduates received their instruction for first-time, full-time students.

> The Board of Trustees is expected to



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#### **California Law Prohibits Questions About Gender on Job Applications**

Our job application asks applicants to state their gender. Is that allowed under California law?

California law prohibits employers from asking, either directly or indirectly, about an individual's sex or gender. Therefore, job applications should not include any questions about an applicant's sex or gender.

For employers who must request information about sex or gender for legally required government reporting (such as EEO-1 Reports), the disclosure of that information must be voluntary. In addition, you can't discriminate against someone who refuses to provide that information.

The prohibition on asking about gender was part of 2017 amendments to California's Fair Employment and Housing Act that clarified and expanded protections for transgender individuals.

#### **Also Off-Limits**

Gender isn't the only topic that is off-limits on applications. Although employers previously may have asked applicants to state what they were paid at prior jobs, that is no longer allowed in California. The salary history ban that went into effect in 2018 prohibits employers from asking an applicant about salary history.

Similarly, California's ban-the-box law, which also went into effect in 2018, requires employers to wait until after a conditional offer of employment has been made to inquire about an applicant's criminal background. That means no questions on applications about criminal background.

Local ordinances also limit an employer's ability to ask about criminal background before a conditional offer

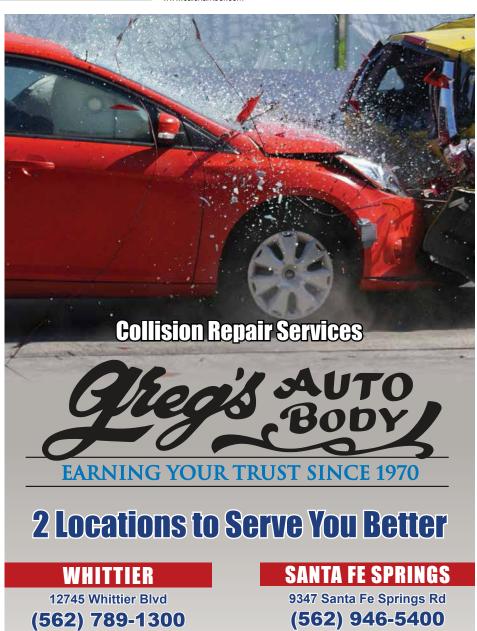
#### **Review Job Applications**

Employers should review job applications to make sure they have been updated to remove any questions about sex or gender, salary history or criminal background.

This article was written by Erika Pickles from CalChamber ALERT. For more information about CalChamber, visit

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The Whole Child

The Whole Child is a social service nonprofit organization established in 1957.

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#### **SOLA Lions Club**

The Mission of the SOLA (Special Olympics Los Angeles) Lions Club is to take an active interest and participate in the mission and

vision of the Special Olympics, to help provide sports and training programs for any individual with intellectual disabilities and thereby improve their lives and the lives of everyone they touch. SOLA Lions club was chartered in March 2009 and is the third Lions Club formed to serve Special Olympics.



#### Collaborative Action & Unity in Special Education

Be-CAUSE they believe in the possibilities within every child and they understand the challenges families with special needs children have, Collaborative Action and Unity in Special Education was created in August of 2018. Their mission is to create a united team of parents, educators and resource experts to guide and support each student's unique journey through Special Education.



#### **Rotary Club of Whittier:**

Whittier Rotary is a great avenue for service to Whittier, and having fun. Rotarians supports local students with scholarships and local non-profits with funding. Rotary also actively participates in service projects, and highlight local athletes with their annual All-Star Games. To learn more about Rotary, become a partner with Rotary, or become a sponsor of the All-Star Games, call president Rett Rasmussen at (562) 822-0755. www.WhittierRotary.org



#### Soroptimist International of Whittier

Soroptimist members volunteer to improve lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic

empowerment. They focus on education, the most effective path to self-determination. Soroptimist awards scholarships in our local community to women at all levels of higher education. Their cornerstone programs are the Live Your Dream scholarship and Dream It Be It mentoring program. Learn more at SIWhittier.org.



#### **Hispanic Outreach Taskforce**

Founded in 1990, the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce (HOT) is a nonprofit 501 c (3) organization that provides access to and

information about critically needed services to residents in the Rio Hondo communities of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera, Los Nietos and neighboring communities. HOT's mission is to improve the quality of life for residents in the community through programs that promote education, health, economic development, financial literacy and the cultural arts. These programs are held throughout the year allowing residents to acquire the tools they need to improve the quality of their life.



#### **Whittier Community Foundation**

The Whittier Community Foundation was formed in 2005 with its primary

purpose to support City community services activities for the education and enjoyment of the greater Whittier Community and to develop funding for community services programs. The Foundation has recently expanded its mission beyond city programs only and looking forward to future projects that improve the quality of life in Whittier.



#### Whittier A.M. Y Service Club

The Whittier A.M. Y Service Club, founded in 1948, is a group of men and women who support the YMCA of Greater Whittier. The

club also supports regional, U.S. Area, and International Y Service Club and YMCA projects. The club supports the activities of the YMCA in its endeavor to foster good character development and physical fitness in YMCA members and participants, especially youth and families. The club fund raising projects have significantly assisted the YMCA in serving the residents of greater Whittier. Learn more at https://bit.ly/2XNy9pr

#### Whittier First Day

First water Pay Co. Whittier Area First Day Coalition (First Day) was founded on a vision for a healthy, safe, and vibrant community, a broad goal that encompasses everything from secure housing, stable health, and secure employment to resident engagement, civic involvement, and mutual respect. Their mission is to help homeless and at-risk individuals and families in the Greater Whittier Area transition toward self-sufficiency through a broad range of housing and supportive services. To discuss ways we can work together towards a joint solution to ending homelessness please contact cecilia@whittierfirstday.org.

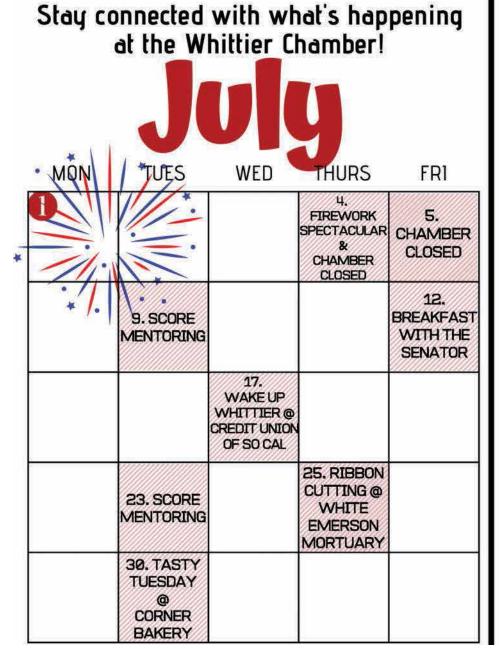
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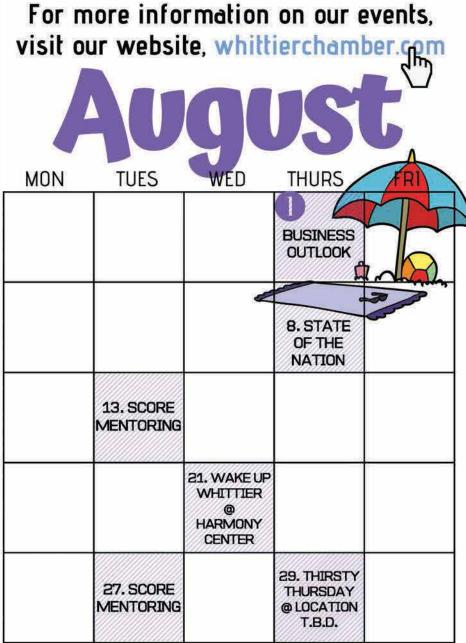
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## **CHAMBER CALENDAR**





#### Q & A with Award-Winning Chiropractor and Celebrated Wellness Advisor, Dr. Yani Feliciano

Do you ever feel like you just don't have the energy you'd like? Do you feel like you are not motivated or excited to start your day? Dr. Yani from Friends Chiropractic has found a way to feel great, be excited, and super productive. Over the last 32 years in practice, she has perfected this and through working with

thousands of patients, she came up with so that means at the end of the day I'm tired. 8 amazing steps that she put in her book,

No More Fatigue. her Amazon's Best-Selling book, No More Fatigue:

#### How did you get started as a chiropractor?

In college, I met my first chiropractor and I became a patient. Even though I felt like I didn't have any problems, she asked if I wanted an evaluation. I agreed, and she said I had a few problems she could fix.

After our session, I felt so much better. Then I asked myself, "How can I feel better, if I was feeling fine before?

She needed a little help on the side, so I started working in the office and I saw... miracles! I started massaging people for the chiropractor to prepare them for her, and clients would tell me, "Wow! You've got good hands. You should be a chiropractor." And that's when I decided I was going to be a chiropractor. That was my first passion, I didn't know what I wanted to do before that.

#### What inspired you to write No More Fatigue?

Helping people is my passion and most people who I see are fatigued. Fatigue



Dr. Yani Feliciano with her Amazon Best-Seller, No More Fatigue

isn't a condition in itself, but if you have any problems, any pain, any issues, it's a signal or symptom of fatigue. I've experienced fatigue myself, but I didn't realize it was a problem. I used to call myself a morning person because I would wake up when the sun comes up without an alarm, so I just thought I was a morning person

Apparently, that's not the way it's supposed to be. After treating my patients We wanted to know more about her and solving my own fatigue problems, practice and her book, so we had a Q & I found 8 exact steps that whether or not I'm A session with Dr. Yani Feliciano about a morning person, I don't fall asleep right after dinner. Now I'm up until 2 or 3 a.m. and don't even realize it. I'm not tired at all.

My patients don't come to me with fatigue as their number one, but as I'm interviewing and consulting with them, they say, 'I'm tired all the time." Then I ask, "If you could get rid of one of your problems, which would it be?" and a lot of times fatigue ranks up there with #1 or #2 and they didn't realize it, like I didn't realize it. We can not function the best we can in our life, our business, or anything else with fatigue.

#### What message are you sending to vour readers?

That they don't have to live with fatigue. It's possible to live well, healthy, and energized. My book talks about our mental mindset, physical parts, and biochemical parts. All you have to do is listen, do, and succeed, that's it. All the steps are in my book. If you read my book and don't do anything, nothing will happen.

Anyone can read this book and gain something from it, but I wrote this book for a business woman who is having problems getting her job done because she is suffering with fatigue.



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#### Where can people find your book?

Visit NoMoreFatigueDoctor.com to download a FREE copy of my book. You can visit Amazon to download. You can read it on your kindle, iPad, smartphone, or on the internet. It's not in print just yet but will be coming!

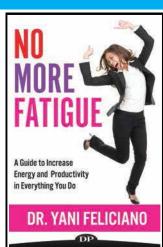
#### Is there anything else you'd like your readers to know?

I am confident that if they read the book, they're going to have all the tools anyone can get a one-on-one workshop!

necessary to get rid of their fatigue, feel great, and be super productive in everything they do without having to resort to harmful stimulants like drinking too much coffee. They can be happy, healthy and energized.

If you read No More Fatigue and agree with it but just need a little push or accountability partner, Dr. Yani has contact information on the back on the book, so





Whittier, CA - Imagine forty years ago if you were told that lasers would replace scalpels in surgery or that robotic instruments would build cars; you may not have believed it. By the same token, would you believe that chiropractic treatments could be performed using a special hand-held instrument developed by NASA scientists; all while you were sitting in an upright position without any turning or twisting

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For more information, please contact Dr. Yani Feliciano at: Friends Chiropractic 6736 Friends Avenue Whittier, CA 90601

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The Whittier Area Student Chamber Leaders after receiving an award for their leadership



The Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Whittier Hospital for hosting the May Wake Up Whittier ft. Salute to Service



Wake Up Whittier attendees engaged in a networking discussion

## **JUNE**



Brookdale Uptown Whittier's Tom Rios and Suzie Magpayo for hosting the June Wake Up Whittier



Whittier Chamber Chair of the Board, Elizabeth Brookdale Uptown Whittier fundraised \$250 from Martinez, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to asking staff to pay \$1 to wear jeans on Fridays, and



Mayor Joe Vinatieri and Council Members Cathy Warner and Josué Alvarado present a certificate to Tom Rios and Suzie Magpayo of Brookdale Uptown Whittier

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## **AROUND TOWN**

#### Spend 4th of July with family and friends at the City of Whittier's Firework Spectacular

Join the City of Whittier for family fun, inflatables, food vendors, a firework show, and more at their 4th of July Firework Spectacular! Don't miss out Thursday, July 4, 2019 at York Field (9110 Santa Fe Springs Rd. Whittier). There will be live music by Cold Duck. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the fireworks show starts at 9 p.m. \$5 per adult and children under 18 are free! For more information, call (562) 567-9450.

#### Special presentation to take place at **East Whittier Presbyterian Church**

East Whittier Presbyterian Church will present Talk Saves Lives on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at 14061 Second St. The presentation will cover what is known about this leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on prevention and what can be done to fight suicide.

Participants will learn the common risk factors for suicide, how to spot the warning signs in others and how to keep loved ones and those in the community safe. Suicide can be prevented. Light refreshments will be offered following the presentation. This presentation is provided by funds raised by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Orange County Chapter. For more information, email ambassadors@ewpc.org.

#### Steak 'n Stein Inn Offers Special Prix Fixe Lunch, Dinner Menus

Clearman's Steak 'n Stein Inn in Pico Rivera is offering specially priced Prix Fixe lunch and dinner menus during dineLA Restaurant Week, July 12-26. dineL.A. Restaurant Week is a 15-day dining event taking place twice a year to showcase Los Angeles as a premier dining destination while highlighting the diversity of culinary experiences L.A. has to offer. Steak 'n Stein's prix fixe lunch is \$25 per person and the prix fixe dinner is \$49 per person. Both lunch and dinner feature 3 courses. "Many of our regular guests look forward to dineLA's Restaurant Week to enjoy their Steak 'n Stein favorites and to introduce their friends to our menu," says manager Jonathan Brennan. Steak 'n Stein is located at 9545 E. Whittier Blvd., Pico Rivera. For more information and reservations for the wine event, call (562) 699-8823 or visit clearmansrestaurants.com/ steak-n-stein/. Read the full article at www.business. whittierchamber.com/news.

#### Volunteer attorneys needed

Now, more than ever, it is important to continue the empowerment of the local community. The Whittier Bar will be hosting its first legal fair to the Whittier Community. The aim is to provide free mini legal consultations to the public at no cost. The WBA seeks volunteer attorneys to provide legal assistance in matters pertaining to Evictions, Family Law, Probate, Criminal and Personal Injury. If you are available to volunteer for this event, please email the WBA at: whittierbar@gmail.com or contact Board President Gia Pacheco at (323) 726-1082. The legal fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 27 at St. Mary's Church, 7215 Newlin Ave., Whittier 90602. The opening ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. sharp. Nonattorney sponsorships are also being sought. Sponsors will be given a table at the event to promote their business. Sponsors must request an application form by emailing whittierbar@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity for networking with the community while keeping with the WBA mission.

#### Icon Volleyball Club serves up summer clinics

Icon Volleyball Club will offer summer clinics, camps and training. All skills clinics are \$15 per clinic and will take place on Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. beginning July 7. Training for advanced skills will be offered on select Saturdays. On July 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. the focus will be on serving, passing and defense. For those with 3+ years club experience or director approval, a setting training will be available on July 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Also on July 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., players can train on hitting. The cost for each advanced clinic is \$90 per training. Youth camp will be offered July 29 through 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$180 per player. All trainings will take place at SCU of Health Sciences, 16200 Amber Valley Rd., Whittier. Register online at iconvbc.com. For additional information, email johnpaz@ca.rr.com or mledford08@gmail.com.

#### 2019 Pony-13 World Series to kick off July 25

The world comes to Whittier, California July 26-29 for the Pony-13 World Series at York Field, home of Whittier Pony Baseball. The Pony-13 World Series will feature some of the best 13-year-old PONY Baseball players from around the world for a four-day, double-elimination tournament to determine an international champion. The back-to-back champions from Seoul, Korea, will be aiming for three-straight titles in this year's tournament as they represent PONY's Asia-Pacific Zone once again. They'll be facing tough competition from the Bahamas, Mexico, Whittier (host), and PONY's East, West, South and North Zones. Seoul, Korea went 4-0 in the 2018 Pony-13 World Series, earning decisive wins in each game they played. The 2019 Pony-13 World Series festivities will begin at York Field Thursday, July 25 at 4:30 p.m. with a home run derby and skills competition featuring select players from the participating World Series teams. The official Opening Ceremony will take place Friday, July 26 at 8 a.m. The first tournament game will take place right after the Opening Ceremony, with a 10 a.m. start time. On Saturday, the Pony-13 Champions League Game will take place at 9 a.m. The Champions League Game gives special needs athletes the opportunity to showcase their talent in front of the participating World Series teams and fans, while having the time of their lives playing baseball. The Pony-13 Champions League Game will kick-off a day full of baseball. Four tournament games are scheduled for Saturday, July 27. There will be another four games played at York Field on Sunday, July 28 before the tournament wraps up with the Pony-13 Championship Game on Monday, July 29 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Ramon Alvarado at ramon.alvarado@pony.org.

#### Three artists to be featured at Whittier Art Gallery this July

Suzette Hodnett, the renowned spiritual and fantasy artist, will once again show her work at the Gallery. Her aweinspiring work can be viewed from Wednesday, July 3rd through the 7th. Well known photographer, Neal Johnston's work will be featured from July 10th through the 20th. His perspective is right from the eye of the artist making his work instantly recognizable. Beginning July 24th, Shin Hyejung will bring the offerings of the members of the Korean Art Association. The Gallery is proud to be a strong Advocate of Korean art and to have hosted many artists and groups over the years. The work is always a delight and this a great viewing opportunity for the community. The show will run through August 3rd. Please contact the Gallery reception dates for these three shows at (562) 698-8710.

#### AUGUST

#### **Robert Thomes returns to** Whittier Art Gallery

Dedicated art lovers who follow the Gallery, know that August belongs to Robert Thome. A favorite with the viewers, Thome is lifetime member of the International Mouth and Foot Painting Association, His work grows more powerful by the year and he is well known for his striking compositions and vibrant colors. Don't miss this wonderful show. The show will run from Wednesday, August 7th to Saturday, August 31st. Please call the Gallery for date and time of the reception: (562) 698-8710.

#### Reserve your Friday for the **Uptown Whittier Farmers'** Market

The Uptown Whittier Farmers' Market is a community gathering place and an opportunity to purchase California grown products. It is a great spot for the community, residents and merchants to access locally grown, farm-fresh produce all while personally interacting with the farmer who produces it. Enjoy the vendors with plentiful supplies and stroll the pedestrian-friendly streets in Historic Uptown Whittier. For more information, call (562) 696-2662.

#### Hear all your favorite songs at the City of Whittier's Summer Concerts

This year's Summer Concerts in the park will happen Mondays and Thursdays! Monday summer concerts will be at Central Park (6532 Friends Ave.) and Thursday summer concerts will be at Parnell Park (15390 Lambert Ave.). The concerts will continue through August 8. Many music genres will be featured including jazz, country, motown, pop and more. For a full listing of band performances and dates visit https://www.whittierprcs.org/ recreation/concerts-in-the-park or call (562) 567-9420.

#### **Enjoy FREE family fun at** Movies in the Park

Don't miss out on free fun for the whole family! Movies start at dusk. Get there early because there will be a craft for the kids to make before the movie. Watch "Mary Poppins Returns" on July 6 at Michigan Park (8228 Michigan Ave.) and watch "Incredibles 2" on August 3 at York Field (9110 Santa Fe Springs Rd.). Bring a chair, blanket, sit under the moonlight and enjoy a movie! For more information, visit whittierprcs.org/home-communityservices or call (562) 567-9420.

#### Presentation to discuss first Whittier inhabitants

Kizh Nation. His extensive knowledge of Whittier's first inhabitants will be featured. (562) 945-3871.

On Saturday, August 17, Whittier Museum will welcome Native American historian, The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. and the community is encouraged to attend this Tim Poyorena-Miguel to give a presentation on the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians, free event. Whittier Museum is located at 6755 Newlin Ave. For more information, call



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## Business connections, unique marketing opportunities found on the greens Hathaway Golf Classic Set for September 16

community together like no other sporting event can and the Whittier Chamber's Hathaway Golf Classic is no exception. As one of Whittier's only business-focused tournaments, this event will feature great gifts, a full day of business networking on and off the course, delicious food, and exciting contests and games. This year's title sponsor is Credit Union of Southern California.

Whether you golf, volunteer, or purchase a ticket to the 19th Hole After Party Mixer, you don't want to miss the 41st Annual Hathaway Golf Tournament on Monday, September 16 at the beautiful Friendly Hills Country Club.

Well over 150 business owners and community members will participate in the Chamber's Hathaway Golf Classic. "This event gives my business the opportunity for recognition not only through Chamber marketing but on the course when I'm golfing with clients," stated past Chamber President and Hathaway chair Doug Rowan from Quantum Econometrics. "The tournament's recurring theme is NETWORKING! We want our guests to enjoy their day and leave feeling like they had the opportunity to meet new people and create leads while enjoying a day on the greens," added Hathaway Golf Classic co-chair RD McDonnell, from The McDonnell Group.

Golfers will play a team scramble format with awards being given in several flights including Callaway. Everyone is invited to participate, regardless of whether you are new to golf or the next Patrick Reed! Even if you don't golf at all, there are a variety of ways to participate:

GOLF: The cost to participate is \$250 per golfer (\$320 with a tournament package) and includes green fees, cart, tournament gifts, lunch, awards banquet and mixer and several new and exciting on-course games with great opportunities to win. Foursomes are \$1,000, Corporate foursomes (which include 4 tournament packages) are \$1,400, and if you want some extra marketing for your business, become an Eagle Sponsor for \$1,600 (includes a foursome, 4 tournament packages, a tee sign and additional marketing). Golfers can start their day by warming up for their round in the challenging Putting Contest and the new Money Putt. Attending the 19th Hole After Party Mixer and awards banquet is a great way to end the day and will feature the suspenseful helicopter golf ball drop, the exciting Putt for Prizes contest, a delicious Friendly Hills Country Club buffet, exciting raffle prizes, unique silent auction items and more opportunities to win.

#### NOT A GOLFER? ATTEND THE 19TH HOLE AFTER PARTY MIXER: Sponsored by The Quad at Whittier

Can't get away from the office? Is your golf swing off? Come network at the 19th Hole After Party Mixer instead! Everyone is invited and encouraged to join our golfers at the 19th Hole After Party Mixer for only \$40 per person. "The mixer begins at 4 p.m. on the new, expanded patio overlooking the picturesque golf course and will feature cocktails, business networking, a delicious Friendly Hills buffet dinner and a seat at the tournament awards banquet," explained Mixer chair Laurie Perschbacher from MAP Property Management. Attendees will have the opportunity to watch the popular \$2,000 Golf Ball Drop, enjoy the excitement of the Putt for Prizes contest, as well as bid on unique and exciting silent auction items. More importantly, attending the 19th Hole After Party Mixer grants you access to networking with the 150 golfers, City officials, and corporate representatives who attend the Hathaway Golf Classic. Information on tickets to the 19th Hole After Party Mixer can be found online at www.wnittierchamber.com.

WIN \$2,000 IN THE GOLF BALL DROP: Don't miss the always thrilling \$2,000 Golf Ball Drop sponsored this year by Aaron's Towing, Associated Cabinets, Friendly Hills Bank, State Farm- Cheryl Estep, The Quad at Whittier, and the Whittier Community Foundation. This cash prize game is open to both golfers and non-golfers and features the chance to win up to \$2,000! Here's how it works: 1) purchase a numbered Hathaway golf ball from the Whittier Chamber for \$25 (or 5 balls for \$100); 2) at the 19th Hole After Party Mixer, a helicopter will hover over the golf course and drop all the purchased golf balls over the green; 3) whoever owns the ball(s) that fall into the designated hole wins the cash prize. Multiple winners will split the prize. There will be chances to win additional cash prizes if your ball lands in one of six pre-set circles near the hole. Purchase your Hathaway golf ball today – you could win \$2,000! Balls can be purchased online at www. whittierchamber.com. Winners need not be present.

BE A TEE MARKER SPONSOR: A new and exciting opportunity to market your business and build your brand is to become a tee marker sponsor. "Tee Marker Sponsorships provide a unique way to gain visibility for your business or organization," explained Hathaway co-chair Nate Ploog from DialMED Home Care. Your

Golf tournaments can bring people throughout the business will be promoted on either side of the tee box by items you supply that represent your business. In addition, a customized flag with your logo will fly high at the hole. This \$500 sponsorship also includes a tee sign on the course, recognition in the printed program and 1 ticket to the 19th Hole After Party Mixer.

#### **BE A TEE SPONSOR:**

One of the easiest ways to participate and market your business to the 200 golfers and volunteers that day is by being a Tee Sponsor. Tee sponsorships include a sign on the course, recognition in the dinner program and a listing in the Business Focus newspaper prior to the tournament. There are two ways to make sure your business is seen with a tee sign this year:

- Classic Tee Sign (\$100 chamber members; \$150 nonmembers) features your business name on a sign
- Feature your LOGO instead of your name (\$125 chamber members; \$175 non-members)

The 41st Annual Hathaway Golf Classic is once again expected to sell out. To secure your space in the tournament or at the 19th Hole After Party Mixer, visit www.whittierchamber.com, call (562) 698-9554 or email jessica@whittierchamber.com. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Money raised at the Hathaway Golf Classic fund valuable programs and services that help Whittier area businesses and assist the Chamber in advocating for important issues in our community.

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#### Congratulations to our Milestone Members this month!

Thanks to the following businesses that have been partners with the Whittier Chamber in helping to create a thriving economy.

#### **JULY:**

## **60 years:** San Gabriel Valley Water Company

**10 years:** Whittier Marketplace, The (949) 841-1244

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#### **AUGUST:**

**15 years: Rice, Derek, O.D.** (562) 947-0391

**5 years: Aaron's Towing, Inc.**(626) 824-7305

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## RENEWING MEMBERS

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Email: info@cwphvac.com Website: www.cwphvac.com



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Twig & Vine Florals

Monica Scotland 13033 Penn St. Ste. 500 Whittier, CA 90602 Phone: (562) 693-5519

Email: monica@twigandvineflorals.com Website: www.twigandvineflorals.com



FLORALS

As an upscale boutique flower shop, they offer designs that are curated and meaningful. Twig and Vine Florals was established in 2015, with over 15 years of experience in the industry. Twig and Vine Florals embodies all the finer details of flora and garden. They strive to deliver nature-inspired floral designs, specialty weddings and event services. Their creative team will assist in initial concept, to unique executed designs. Their design aesthetic is wild, organic, and unstructured. The Twig and Vine Florals team is extremely professional, detail oriented, dependable and fun! They will make any event task lighter by providing exceptional service and care.

#### **RETAIL**

**Native Kulture Coffee Company** 

Caleb Perez Whittier, CA

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Email: nativekulturecoffee@gmail.com Website: www.nativekulturecoffee.com



Native Kulture Coffee Company was established 2019 in Point Loma, San Diego and is a small batch, single origin, specialty coffee roasting company. They are comprised of quality-driven, community oriented, and extremely motivated team members. Their mission is to only bring the highest quality coffee beans that have been handpicked by many native people from different 'Kultures' around the world. Being veteran-owned and operated, they are always supporting active duty and veteran familes. A portion of the proceeds from every bag sold is donated to the Navy SEAL foundation. Their primary mission is to bring Native people from all 'Kultures' of life together by a unique love and passion for coffee.

## ME IN BECOM

#### **TESTIMONIAL**

I was invited to join the Chamber as a way to grow my business and support the Whittier community 19 years ago. Due to the nature of my job and my work schedule, I am not able to attend Chamber programs; however, I know there is value in being a member whether you have time to participate or not. For such a small annual amount, it is well worth the investment.

Especially because I don't physically participate in Chamber programs, it's important to keep my business name visible. For many years I have sponsored events such as the Hathaway Golf Classic, the Business Expo and Silver Shield to name a few. The Chamber has always given me great exposure and a good return on my sponsorship dollars. In addition, the Chamber connects me with other Chamber members, either personally or through my business. Most recently, I have done business with S & R Air Conditioning, All Day Drywall, James Hardware, Oromill Lumber, The Traveling Traveler, Pro-Tech Carpet Cleaner, Ken Grody Ford, Toyota of Whittier, Shannon G's Flowers and The WetCleaners, not to mention eating at numerous restaurants that belong to the Chamber. In turn, over the years I have received business through my Chamber connections and have helped with custom cabinets, beautiful new kitchens and remodeled bathrooms. Being a Chamber member has definitely helped my business grow. I can't imagine anyone being in business without having the support of the Whittier Chamber.

> Robert Reggio **Associated Cabinets**





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