

ENC Parks and Environment Report 11/28/12

Encino Community Center

Winter Camp registration is underway. Camp is for children 5 – 12 years old and will take place from December 17th thru January 4th from 9AM until 4PM. Additional information is available at <http://www.laparks.org/dos/reccenter/pdf/encino/camp.pdf>

Winter classes begin January 6th and run thru March 2nd. Registration begins online on December 6th and walk in registration begins December 11th. Classes are available for parents and toddlers, children, and adults. Instruction includes musical instruments, voice, crafts, art, dance, tennis, and more. Additional information is available on line. <http://www.laparks.org/dos/reccenter/pdf/encino/brochure.pdf>

Balboa Sports Center

Winter Camp registration is also underway at the Sports Center. Again, Camp is for children 5 – 14 years old and will take place from December 17th thru January 4th from 9AM until 4PM. Extended hours available. Additional information is available at <http://www.laparks.org/dos/reccenter/pdf/balboa/camp.pdf>

Registration for Winter Sports classes for children 1 year and up begins December 4th. The 10-week classes begin January 7th.

Adult activity classes are held monthly and start up again December 1st.

More information: <http://www.laparks.org/dos/reccenter/pdf/balboa/classes.pdf>

California Traditional Music Society

Quilt display and sale will be held on December 1st from 1pm – 4pm at the Center for Traditional Music in Encino Park on Ventura Blvd.

A free Folk Music concert will be held on December 1st from 7:30pm -9:30pm. Please call the Center at (818) 817-7756 to RSVP with number of people attending.

Sepulveda Garden Center

Bi-annual or annual fees for garden plots are due on January 1st.

A sign up sheet for garden plots on a first come basis is maintained by the head gardener.

More information: (818) 784-5180

Sepulveda Basin Prop K Funds

A location study for a proposed community swimming pool will be conducted during 2013. Proposed pool would be open to children during the summer months.

Lake Balboa

Migration season has started. Over 30 pelicans and 4 swans can now be seen at the Lake.

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve

A dramatic rescue of an injured pelican took place at the end of October. The bird had been spotted in the Wildlife Reserve entangled in discarded fishing line and a plastic bottle. The Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team was able to capture the bird and transport it to the International Bird Rescue in San Pedro. "Firebird" is being treated for leg and wing wounds from the fishing line.

San Fernando Valley Audubon will be doing a cleanup and habitat restoration on December 1st from 8AM-Noon. College students and adults are invited to join.

The Sepulveda Basin Bird Walk will be on December 2nd from 8AM-11:30AM.

Bird Walk for Families and Beginners will be held on December 8th from 9AM – 11AM

More information can be found at www.sepulvedabasinwildlife.org

Sepulveda Basin Commemorative Grove

The Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley Audubon Chapters and the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee have proposed a Commemorative Grove within the Sepulveda Basin in an area west of Haskell Creek trail. The proposed site is undeveloped and contains only a few native trees, which would remain.

The goal is to obtain, plant and dedicate trees to persons who have any of the following qualifications:

1. improved the wildlife areas in the Sepulveda Basin,
2. been active in a group that participates on the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee, such as Audubon, Native Plant Society, etc.
3. distinguished themselves by activity and effort in the advancement of regional wildlife.