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San Manuel Prioritizes Neighborhood Traffic Management and Safety

As San Manuel Casino continues to welcome back guests and prepare for the opening of its first phase of expansion in July, we want to assure our neighbors that the Tribe continues to work with local cities and agencies, including the City of San Bernardino Police Department (SBPD) and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to manage traffic and safety near the Reservation.

A formal Community Safety Funding agreement with SBPD has been in place for years and includes an *additional services contract* that provides dedicated officers to help manage traffic on busier days, such as holidays.

In addition to proactive traffic management, the Tribe, through the Community Safety Funding agreement and other grants, provides for the following services:

- funds for additional overtime shifts for SBPD police officers
- purchase of patrol and community enforcement vehicles
- purchase of traffic cameras and other equipment

The Tribe has also arranged for regular maintenance of Victoria and Highland Avenue and provided funding for crossing guards for Belvedere Elementary and Serrano Middle Schools (through San Bernardino City Unified School District).

If you have questions about any of the above traffic and/or safety efforts, please feel free to contact us at (909) 425-3483.

San Manuel Continues Support of Animal Services in Our Community



We all love our animals, and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has given the San Bernardino Animal Services Department a \$1.5 million grant over three years to enhance that department's valuable services for animals and pet owners. The grant will fund facility improvements, animal control vehicles, and essential programs such as spay and neuter services, microchipping, and medical treatment. The Animal Services Department has set aside \$500,000 of this grant to help fund a new Animal Shelter.

"We are looking forward to working with the city on this great opportunity for the community and our animal friends," said San Manuel Chairman Ken Ramirez. "As stewards of the land and of its inhabitants, we follow our ancestor's legacy by not only looking out for our people and the community, but also its animals."

The grant is a continuation of our commitment to caring for our furry and fluffy friends. Did you know that San Manuel's Department of Public Safety (DPS) has its own shelter to care for stray animals that have wandered onto the reservation?

Animals who arrive at the DPS Animal Shelter are photographed, and DPS officers work with local animal shelters to reunite pets with their owners. Pets are held for 14 days before they are put up for adoption or transferred to an off-site rescue shelter. If your pet has gone missing, we suggest you call the DPS Animal Shelter at 909-863-5899 ext. 10-2966.

SCHOOLS UPDATE: Commencement, Promotion Ceremonies and Summer School

San Bernardino City Unified School District, which includes Belvedere Elementary and Serrano Middle School, plans a full reopening for the 2021-2022 school year. Both Belvedere and Serrano will host in-person summer school programs June 7-25. Parents and students can find additional school district information and resources at www.sbcusd.com or by calling (909) 381-1100.

Belvedere Elementary School will be holding drive-thru promotion ceremonies for 6th grade on June 2 and Kindergarten on June 3. Please contact the school office for info at (909) 862-7111.

Serrano Middle School will be hosting a virtual 8th-grade award and end-of-year celebration. Eighth graders will also be exchanging their iPads for Chromebooks in preparation for high school. For additional information, please contact school staff at (909) 388-6530.

Aquinas High School began utilizing a hybrid instruction model in late March that incorporates COVID-19 safety protocols. Aquinas will hold its Class of 2021 Commencement on Saturday, May 29. Summer School will run from June 14 to July 9.



Nearby Restaurants Open for Indoor Dining

Local restaurants are now open for indoor dining at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer. That means many of our local favorites are expanding their hours and services!

The following restaurants are San Manuel partners and recipients of our COVID Business Relief grants. Please stop by for your next delicious meal and help support our neighborhood restaurants.

Mi Cocina Restaurant - for Mexican classics and refreshing margaritas
27961 Highland Ave - Suite A

Pepper Steak Restaurant - for classic American fare and sizzling steaks - 26589 Highland Avenue

Taco Joe's Mexican Restaurant - for street tacos and savory enchiladas - 26659 Highland Avenue

Two Guys Pasta and Pizza - for hearty pizzas and family-style pasta dishes - 2566 East Highland Avenue



Highland Senior Center Hosts Food Programs and In-Person Activities



The Highland Senior Center is providing food assistance to seniors through two programs. The Grocery Program supplies seniors with produce, meat, deli items, and baked goods on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m.

The Grab-N-Go Program provides lunches at 11:30 a.m. and twilight dinners at 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Please connect with the Senior Center at (909) 862-8104 for details or to register.

The Senior Center is also open and hosting socially distanced activities, including aerobics, BINGO, Bunco, Wii Bowling, live music and dancing, and shuttle trips. The center is located at 3102 E. Highland Avenue, and you can view their activity schedule at www.highlandseniorcenter.com.

We value your comments and questions.
Call the neighborhood hotline number:

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