El Segundo to Host Inaugural World Urban Games LA in 2019

The Global Association of International Sports Federations (GASI$) has selected El Segundo to host the inaugural World Urban Games in September 2019 and second edition in 2021. The five-day outdoor festival will combine sports, music, food, art and digital entertainment, including e-sports. Up to 700 athletes will compete in various urban sports and Olympic disciplines, including 3x3 basketball, BMX freestyle, parkour, breakdancing, freestyle flying disc, skateboarding, roller skating and parkour. An urban sports showcase will feature up to 100 athletes in at least four other disciplines. The sporting events will be held in El Segundo.

Thousands of spectators are expected to visit El Segundo for the Games. The city plans to close streets for the five-day event. Indoor and outdoor venues in a compact Games Hub will be utilized for the events and an urban park is planned to be constructed before September. El Segundo is the ideal location to host the Games as the city is already home to professional sports teams the Los Angeles Lakers and the Los Angeles Kings.

Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong, chairman and CEO of NantWorks and owner and executive chairman of the Los Angeles Times, will chair the World Urban Games Organizing Committee. He was an advocate for the South Bay to host the Games, and will be held in El Segundo. Soon-Shiong was El Segundo’s 2017 Champion of Business award recipient and owns several buildings in the city. He is a strong advocate for the L.A. Times Center next to the paper’s headquarters on a 10-acre campus in El Segundo. The Times Center will be a state-of-the-art, multi-media event site in an e-sports arena. The World Urban Games events will be centered around these venues.

Source: Abridged from City of El Segundo Press Release

SBWB Awarded Grant for Loaded-Fire Workers and Recently Separated Veterans

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWB) has been awarded a $995,500 grant by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) to provide career retraining and employment services to workers within the South Bay region who were laid off in recent months.

Working in concert with its workforce network of local community colleges, employers, trade unions and other training providers, the SBWB will provide a variety of services to displaced workers and recently separated veterans that include job and resource fairs, on-the-job training, career transition workshops, apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship programs to prepare individuals to reenter the workforce.

“Many of these laid-off workers already have experience, but need additional training to gain new skills required by employers, allowing them to return to the workforce and compete for those jobs,” noted SBWB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “Our plan is to match them with employment programs and services within the regional in-demand industries,” he concluded. Those industries include construction, utilities, manufacturing, transportation, logistics, hospitality and tourism.

Funding for the grant was provided through the discretionary funds made available to Governor Brown in accordance the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act administered by EDD and California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

Source: SBWB

Aquatics Center Update

The City of El Segundo hopes to begin accessing the new, state-of-the-art aquatics center as of Monday, Nov. 26. Aquatic Recreation Supervisor Jeanette Gant noted that with Thanksgiving break currently in progress A couple of weeks will be needed for staff to become familiar with the new, state-of-the-art aquatics center.

During his comments Thursday evening, Silvers highlighted the work accomplished by Kenaida and other staff. Kenaida developed the very popular CrossFit program at Dana Middle School. He also mentioned that the new District websites debut online on Thursday “We have had a phenomenal start to the school year...Everyone deserves a little rest,” Silvers said.

At the Board’s closed meeting action items, mainly regarding construction and personnel, Kaneda closed the one-hour meeting about 8 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Deadline for Calendar items is the prior Thursday by noon. Calendar items are $1 per word. Email listings to marketing@heraldpublications.com. We accept Visa and MasterCard.

** A Notice this Holiday Season: Please be EXTRA careful around crosswalks and watch out for children crossing, please slow down & enjoy your holiday season of fun!! **

THURSDAY NOV. 22
• Happy Thanksgiving!!!
• El Segundo Certified Farmer’s Market
310-318-2856. 32nd & Main St.
• Spark of Love Truck: Drive from Nov. 12 – Dec. 20. Drop off toys and food to Fire Station 1, to help families and children in need this holiday. Contact: 510-524-2395.
• Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL FOR ESUSD STUDENTS!!
• El Segundo Public Library is CLOSED for Thanksgiving

FRIDAY NOV. 23
• Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL FOR ESUSD STUDENTS!!
• Bingo, 1:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, $3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St. Call: 310-640-9577.

SATURDAY NOV. 24
• Saturday Night Dance, 7:00 PM. – 9:45 PM.. Live Music $5 Entrance Fee, Costco, 339 Sheldon St. Call: 310-524-2705.
• Five Best Bets for Thanksgiving Dinner: 11 AM. – 3:30 PM, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-318-2856.

SUNDAY NOV. 25
• General Meeting, 1:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., 50 Plus, Free, Senior Club of El Segundo, 339 Sheldon St., Call: 310-318-2856.
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