Community Briefs
City Hall Online Outage

Last week, El Segundo City Hall experienced a technical outage that affected email and online services. As of this past Monday, July 15, the City was in the process of successfully restoring all systems incrementally. Due to the outage, the online payment option for water utility bills was voluntarily suspended for reconciliation and reconfiguration. The City anticipated to have the system back online by Wednesday, July 17. For any questions, call 310-524-2319, or email H2oInquiries@elsegundo.org.

– Source: City of El Segundo

South Bay Fiber Network

The South Bay Cities will soon become even more closely connected as they join the South Bay Fiber Network. The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (“SBCCOG”) has signed a contract to American Dark Fiber, a Southern California broadband company. They will build and provide gigabit, scalable broadband connectivity to the Joint Powers Authority for the 16 cities (including El Segundo) and County of Los Angeles that comprise the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. The SBCCOG in addition, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, LA BioMed, Beach Cities Health District (BCHD), LA Metro, and LA County Public Works are participating in the project.

The purpose of this project is to construct the regional fiber-optic broadband infrastructure to support enhancements for mobility and accessibility. Our networks that serve South Bay residents through services offered by their municipalities. The network will provide the necessary infrastructure to support:

• Inter- as well as intra-city connectivity improvements to transportation systems management.
• Enhanced signal synchronization within and between participating cities.
• Future transportation systems management applications for Autonomous Vehicles (AV).
• High-speed and resilient broadband capacity will be necessary for vehicle-to-network and vehicle-to-communications for a safe and reliable AV transportation system.
• Transportation demand management applications aiding “trips not taken” which can include: telecommuting (work-from-home for governments), “Smart” City Hall (municipal services for residents could be virtually provided), telemedicine (remote diagnostics, distributed doctor/patient video and audio in-transactions, transmission of large files, such as MRIs, scans, etc.), distance education (distributed, interactive instruction and video-intensive learning), and others. Implementation of these solutions will be driven by the individual cities and the two healthcare entities.

– Content Abridged from SBCCOG Press Release

Chamber Calls on Businesses to Welcome New Teachers

Working to create effective partnerships between the business and education communities, the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce coordinates the annual New Teacher Welcome. This year, teachers will receive a bag from the Chamber that includes: t-shirts, calendars, gift certificates, lip balm, pens, bags, calculators, hats, water bottles, and between participating cities.

Those companies that wish to participate in the program have until 5 p.m. on August 7 to bring items (or arrange for pick-up) to the Chamber office (427 Main St.). The Chamber requests an overall total of 80 items for the new teachers/staff members of our area schools. Names of contributing businesses will be included on a list of contributing businesses in option to the Chamber’s Connect email blast, social media sites and Facebook page. Call 310-322-1220 for additional information.

– Source: El Segundo Chamber

Exploring Local Aerospace’s Role in Putting Men on the Moon

By Rob McCarthy

Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin made history 50 years ago this week landing on the moon. The perilous 239,000-mile journey to the lunar surface is being celebrated this week in the South Bay, where the lunar module and other critical contributions to the Apollo 11 mission happened.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey is commemorating the historic moon landing and safely returning Earth by the trio of astronauts, including Michael Collins, who flew the command module and rendezvoused with the lunar module carrying Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin plus 48 pounds of moon rocks and particles they collected. Reminiscing about the historic mission to the moon, Collins recently gave a thumbs-up to the 300,000 people who worked in support of Apollo 11 leading up to the July 20, 1969 exploration of the moon’s surface. “They all did their jobs so properly,” Collins said in an interview.

A 50th anniversary celebration is underway at the Space Center, off the 105 freeway in Downey. Admission is free this week to view the newest exhibit about the Apollo 11 program. The exhibit highlights the important contributions that Southern California made in getting the U.S. space program and its astronauts to the moon. The story and photos of the mission can be viewed Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., through October.

Tonight is a chance to rub shoulders with the former engineers on whose shoulders the success of the Apollo 11 mission rested. The Lunar City offers people a chance to explore some of Downey’s historical “watering holes” that many of the Apollo engineers frequented after long days, “the center promises. Plus, each stop there will be former engineers waiting to “share a pint regaling what working on the Apollo program was really like,” Mayor Collins said in an interview. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd., and from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Stox Bakery and Bar, 9518 Imperial Highway.

Both are in the city of Downey. A recent article in the New York Times identified the place as a hit for the Space
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• Bridge, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, 50 Plus, $3.00 minimum, Senior Club of El Segundo

FRIDAY, JULY 19
• Canasta Group, 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM, 50 Plus, Free, Senior Club of El Segundo

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Department of Toxic Substances Control

The mission of DTSC is to protect California’s People and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing waste generation and encouraging the manufacturers of chemically safer products.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued an Emergency Permit to Raytheon for onsite treatment of expired chemicals located at 2000 E. El Segundo Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245. The item to be treated includes four 100-gram-containers of 1-bromo-3-nitrobenzene. The Clear Harbor Environmental Services Company has been contracted to conduct the treatment. The chemicals are potentially reactive and unsafe for transport in their present state. The treatment involves the addition of liquid solution to the containers to stabilize the chemicals. Once the chemicals are treated, they will be transported offsite for proper management. DTSC has determined that the chemicals pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment if not properly managed. Therefore, an emergency permit should be issued. This Emergency Permit is effective from July 5, 2019 through September 3, 2019. The Emergency Permit includes measures to minimize any adverse impact to the community and the environment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) DTSC has determined that the permit is exempt from the requirements of CEQA and has filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse. The Emergency Permit, NOE, Raytheon’s request for this permit are available for review at the file room located at

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