



Alive!



500 Protest City Layoffs at Council Meeting

City Council votes for layoffs, furloughs to solve projected \$530-million deficit.



THE CITY — May 18, the City Council voted to approve layoffs of up to 800 City employees, and a furlough program in which many City employees would have to take up to 26 unpaid furlough days. The actions were taken to address an expected \$530 million City budget deficit.

The Council had to approve a City budget by June 1. At press time, the full number of layoffs and furloughs approved was not final, as the City was continuing to negotiate with unions.

SEIU Local 721 estimates that 500 City employees appeared at the Council meeting and outside City Hall to protest the expected job actions.

For more information, see the story on page 52.

Scholarship Applications Due June 30

Applications are available for Club Scholarship 2009 program until noon June 30.

THE CLUB — You have until noon June 30 to submit your applications for a 2009 Club Scholarship.

Applications are available online for the Club's 2009 Scholarship Program. Because of the tough economy, the Club has increased the number of recipients from the beginning of last year's program: Ten people will be rewarded for their academic achievement, and given stipends.

The scholarship is open to Club Members, spouses and their immediate families under the age of 25, for those who attend an accredited college, or will attend one next year.

Ten awards totaling \$10,000 will be awarded, each for \$1,000. Deadline is noon June 30, 2009; applications must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, at that time.

Applications are available at the Club Store, or they can be downloaded at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

See the story and official rules on page 52.

Join Now!

Play Ball

The Club starts a softball league!

For the first time, the Club is sponsoring a City Employees softball league.

MANAGERS:

- Get your team registered now!
- Limited availability.
- See all the details, starting on page 6.

Lisa Pallares, Traffic Officer II, Transportation; and Manuel Ortiz, Traffic Officer II, Transportation; are ready for the Club Softball League.



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ClubFest Is Coming

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for Sun., Oct. 4.

Play Ball



For the first time, the Club is sponsoring a **City Employees softball league** for men and women.

Managers:

- Get your team registered now!
- Time and space are very limited.
- Get the details starting on the next page.

Join Now!



Celebrating the creation of the City Employees Club Softball League are, from left: John Hawkins, Club CEO; Manuel Ortiz, Transportation; Lisa Pallares, Transportation; Monica Trevino, Personnel; Jacobi Patterson, General Services; and Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations.



The Rules of the Game

Here's how the Club Softball League is going to work.

Ready to play ball? Here are some very general details about the Club Softball League. **Please note: The official rules of the league are available in printed form at the Club Store, or downloadable at www.cityemployeesclub.com. Those are the rules to live by. These are just the big picture.**

Who Can Join

- Managers of teams with at least nine players are welcome to register. At this time, the Club is not registering individual players. So if you want to join the league, you'll need to form the team yourself and pick an official manager.
- **Please note: Time and space are extremely limited for the 2009 inaugural season of the Club Softball League. If we fill up, we will keep your name for next summer's league.**
- All new players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club Membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join to play in the Club Softball League.
- All new players must be City employees.
- In some instances, teams established in prior years may carry a small number of non-City Employees. In that case, those players must pay their own league membership fees and will not be eligible for Club benefits. If they leave team membership, they must be replaced by City Employees who must join the Club, if they haven't already. The determination of which teams might have a few non-City employees is to be made by the Club on an individual basis.
- This is a co-ed league: for both men and women. Please see the official rules for the minimum number of both genders.

What the Club Is Kicking In

- The Club agrees to pay the league and umpire fees for all teams whose players have been accepted by the Club.
- The Club will sponsor an end-of-the-year gathering and tournament keepsakes.
- The Club plans to provide updated league standings on its Website, in *Alive!*, or both. Details are being worked out at press time.

Registration Deadline

- All materials must be completed and returned to the Club Store no later than Monday, June 30. Registration packets for managers are available at the Club Store now.

When and Where?

- Games are expected to begin Wednesday night, July 8, at Downey Park northeast of downtown, subject to change.

Insurance

- All players must provide their own insurance. The Club will not be responsible for injuries.

Official Softball Rules

- Please refer to the official rules of the Club Softball League for all game rules specifics. The complete rules are available in the Club Store, or they can be downloaded at www.cityemployeesclub.com.

Have fun ... and let's Play Ball!



Lisa Pallares, Transportation, warms up.



Jacobi Patterson, General Services, takes a swing.



Warming up at Downey Park northeast of downtown are Manual Ortiz, Transportation; Lisa Pallares, Transportation; and Jacobi Patterson, General Services.

A League of Our Own

The Club creates its own softball league. Managers: There is very limited time and space to sign up.

The Club's dream of sponsoring more activities becomes reality in the Summer of 2009, as the Club Athletic League is born.

"The Club is always looking for new and better ways to serve our members," says Club CEO John Hawkins. "And when Carlos Callejo contacted us, it was exactly what we were looking for."

"I decided to contact the Club and see if they would sponsor our team," says Carlos Callejo, Storekeeper, General Services, with 13 years of City service, who plays for the Guzzlers team. "To my surprise, they were very eager and excited about sponsoring a whole softball league."

That's when John Hawkins and Club Director of Operations Robert Larios sprung into action, organizing the league, calling potential managers, working with Rec and Parks for times and places, and getting the whole thing off the ground.

"Working with all the different managers and organizers is great," says Robert Larios. "I'm not sure who is more excited - the Club, or the teams."

Callejo looks forward to the Club's softball league, not just for the competition and exercise, but for the camaraderie amongst his fellow City employees.

"The great thing is that, besides playing ball, you can establish a family-like atmosphere with your co-workers that makes going to work more enjoyable because of those connections you have outside of the job," he says. "It helps with morale and cohesiveness with your fellow workers."

"I would like to thank John Hawkins and the City Employees Club staff for their willingness to listen to my suggestions about a future softball league that can only improve the inter-Departmental dealings with each other," he says.

No problem, Carlos. Let's play ball!

The Club's softball league is starting after the Fourth of July, and there is very limited time and space for additional teams to sign up. For more details, see the next page. A complete list of rules is available at the Club Store, or online at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com



Club CEO John Hawkins (right) talks with Carlos Callejo, General Services (with goatee) and the rest of the assembled players.



Manuel Ortiz, Transportation, shows his style.



Monica Trevino, Personnel, camps under a pop-up.

For more information about joining the City Employees Club Softball League go to: www.cityemployeesclub.com



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