

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and **high resolution photos** with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

New Members

Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

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| <p>Airports
Juan Arrellano
Abtenenciana Gutierrez
Blanca Juarez
Aldo Mendoza
Antonio Paz
Michael Schuetta</p> <p>City Clerk
Christina Sanders</p> <p>CDD
Michelle Rose</p> <p>LAFD
Patrick Butler
Mario Guillen
Sir Habersham IV
Brian Jones
Gregory Plain
Mark Stormes</p> <p>General Services
Pablo Montes</p> <p>Harbor
Bryn Low
Joe Maldonado</p> <p>Housing
JaTiara Fuller</p> <p>Convention Center
Hector Gonzalez
Xavier Watkins</p> <p>Library
Rodolfo Fernandez</p> <p>LAPD
Edgar Andalis
Sarah Chacon</p> | <p>Talia Chism
Mark Chong
Shawn Duke
Beth Hicks
Sabrina Magana
Ruby Malachi
Michael McComas
Ivan Minsal
Ola Oliver
Evelyn Perez
Brian Pratt
Jeff Quinton
Luis Rivera
Amy Sundquist
Adam Timm
Mynor Ventura</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS
PW-Contract Administration
Paul Hatley
Pablito Velasco</p> <p>PW-Engineering
Jim Varalyay</p> <p>PW-Sanitation
Eddie Arreola
Jose Gonzalez
Edward King
Celia Medina
Edgardo Perez
Bobby Perry
Juan Rivas
Rodolfo Torres</p> <p>PW-Street Lighting
Rodney Chamberlain
Roy Lujan</p> | <p>Rec and Parks
Luis Alvavuco
Fatimah Henry
Randall Smith</p> <p>Transportation
Helen Christenson
Leif Curioso
Demetra Lee
Jorge Lopez
Phyrith Reth
Debra Sandhu
Rene Uribe
Rebeca Vincente
Jesse Williams</p> <p>DWP
Jose Ancheta
Muriel Garcera
Veronica Grillen
Dinah Jackson
Gregory Park</p> <p>Zoo
Kimberly Garcia
Celia Hernandez</p> <p>Other
Eric Beebe
Shaun Eastman
Roberto Garcia
Daniel Grout
Lydia Olivares
Frank Valenzuela
Michael Zeman</p> |
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In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

- Active**
Carney, Rolland, DWP, 8
Dorsey, Kelvin, Airports, 3
Ortega, Cruz, DWP, 5
Sinderhoff, Duane, Public Works, 16
Watson, Ronald, DWP, 33
- Retired**
Aquino, Gracia, Public Works, 9
Aratani, Lily, DWP, 17
Armoudjian, Kevork Yeghia, General Services, 17
Bailey, Norman, DWP, 25
Baines, Charles, Transportation, 30
Bedwell, William, DWP, 30
Benefield, Elaine, Housing, 33
Benton, Lizzie, General Services, 26
Bird, George, CAO, 22
Blackhurst, John, City Council, 22
Blake, Willie, DWP, 34
Brown, John, General Services, 24
Cheadle, Charles, Neighborhood Services, 26
Chee, Calvin, DWP, 41
Cooper, Viola, Library, 11
Douglass, Roosevelt, LAFD, 29
Eby, Clifford, DWP, 25
Edwards, Mattie, Airports, 23
Elizondo, Crisanta, LAPD, 44
Fitzgerald, James, DWP, 40
Garcia, Maria, Library, 11
Griffie, Gaylin, Not Disclosed, Airports, 32
- Harris, John, DWP, 25
Hermanson, Bernard, DWP, 25
Holland, Charles, Transportation, 30
Hood, Donald, DWP, 30
Hudspeth, George, Public Works, 32
Ibsen, Alvina, DWP, 33
Jackson, Wilfert, DWP, 22
Jambor, Carol, Public Works, 26
Kehoe, Arthur, Public Works, 28
Key, Delmar, Public Works, 35
Lemos, Arthur, DWP, 30
Lott, Laverne, DWP, 19
Marquez, Michael, DWP, 26
Mason, George, Animal Services, 31
Milner, John, General Services, 31
Miranda, Louis, DWP, 28
Morgan, Ronald, DWP, 20
Murphy, James, Airports, 25
Olguin, John, Rec and Parks, 42
Ramirez, Fidel, Public Works, 12
Sabasta, Tony, Harbor, 30
Schaller, Carole, LAPD, 27
Smith, Asa, Public Works, 31
Smith, Elaine, LAPD, 11
Stevens, Charles, LAPD, 16
Tarango, Esiquiel, Public Works, 6
Watkins, Myrtle, Public Works, 32
Weisjohn, Phyllis, Library, 37
Willauer, James, DWP, 13
Yamashita, Harry, General Services, 25
Young, James, DWP, 31



"Please announce the passing of my husband, Gaylin Eugene Griffie. He passed away Monday, Dec. 27, 2010. He retired from the Los Angeles City Department of Airports in 2008 after 32 years of service with the City of Los Angeles."

- Margaret Griffie, widow

Peace of Mind

Check Up on Your Deductions

BY TIFFANY SY
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Here at the City Employees Club, we offer plenty of options to pay for your insurance benefits including the convenience of payroll/pension deductions. The benefit of automatic deductions from your paycheck offers the convenience of not having to write and mail a check every month. This being the case, it is easier for you to assume your benefit coverage is fine and your payment will be deducted as expected. Even so, it's important to pay attention to them. Would you notice if your ongoing deductions stop unexpectedly, or if the deduction amounts adjust without notice? What happens when you accrue so many deductions that you've forgotten what

you've signed up for? For starters, you can contact the City Flex office or DWP benefits office for clarification. It is important to know your deductions and what those acronyms represent on your pay stub. For example, if you have insurance with the City Employees Club, you will see a deduction code of "LACEA 41." You are always welcome to contact us for clarification of your benefits and request a statement. The benefit statement will include a breakdown of your benefit coverage and monthly premiums. It is a good idea to do this on an annual basis to assess sufficient coverage and protection for you and your family.

One of the issues I face every week is a lapse in coverage without the member's knowledge. This can be avoided by periodically checking your benefits. If we catch it in time, we can reinstate benefits. Unfortunately, when the benefits have lapsed and too much time has passed, the plan will cancel, and it is often too late for reinstatement. To obtain your benefits again, you would have to reapply and be subjected to medical underwriting. Going through medical underwriting is an evaluation of risk taken by the insurance carrier. The carrier has the right to decline coverage if there has been debilitating changes to your health, and you will not be able to attain the benefits you once had.

Some of you who are out on disability, retired or have transferred to a DWP/City department will experience a lapse in your deductions. You will have to contact each organization you have benefits with to ensure appropriate billing. Lastly, please make sure we have your most current contact information to avoid issues as such and to continue your subscription of *Alive!*



Contact me at
info@cityemployeesclub.com

Graduations



Tiffanie Winfield graduated from Grambling State University with a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing. While on campus, she became a member of Phi Beta Lambda, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Alpha Pi honor society, and a board member of the NAACP. She's the daughter of Terri Winfield, Executive Administrative Assistant, Public Works/ Engineering, and Gregory Winfield Sr., Treatment Plant Operator, Los Angeles County Sanitation District. "We thank those of you who prayed and wished her well as she conquered her goals in life."

Special Achievements



Joshua Chavez earned the Boy Scouts' highest honor, receiving the rank of Eagle Scout Dec. 9. His family is honored and extremely proud of his great accomplishment. The *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* featured Joshua's project in a story Feb. 10, which detailed organizing the cleanup and painting the playground equipment of Duarte's Glen Miller Park. Joshua is the nephew of Martín Chavez, Harbor, and Club Board Member; and the stepson of Gary Valles, Public Works/Sanitation.

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Devon Marie Millager has recently been accepted into Sigma Alpha Lambda at San Diego State University. Sigma Alpha Lambda is a national leadership and honors organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development and lifelong professional fulfillment. Her parents, Eddie and Kyle, are both long time City Employees. Eddie is a Communications Electrician, ITA, and Kyle is the business manager, Library. Congratulations, Devon!

Births

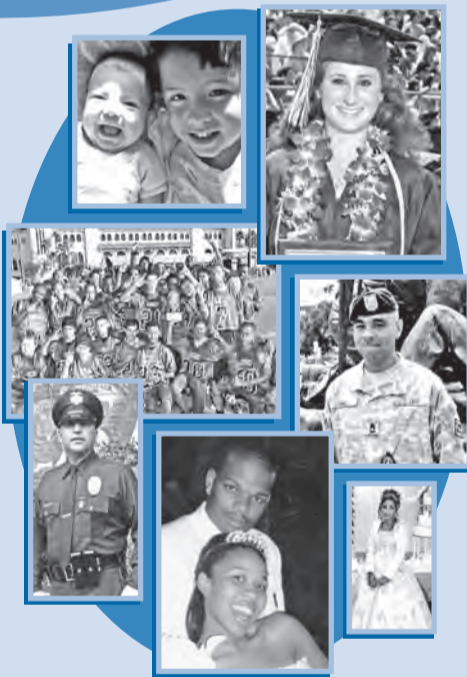


Noah Diego Olivares, born Dec. 1 to Daniel and Helen Olivares. Helen is a Mechanical Engineer Associate III, DWP.

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Life's Important Moments

Share Your Good News!



Everyone reads Life's Most Important Moments in **Alive!** Share your news... and send in a photo! Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Graduated? Has someone in your family had a quinceañera? Is a family member in the military? Send in a photo and a paragraph, telling us the details. We love to share your good news.

Send digital photos (as high a resolution as you can send) to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com
OR send paper photos (please don't send the only one you have!) to:

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We're looking for:

- Weddings
- Babies
- Graduations
- Quinceañeras
- Special Achievements
- **Alive!** in the Military

Weddings

Have a photo of a recent wedding? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Quinceañera

Have a photo of a recent quinceañera? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo - either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to **Alive!** in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Babby, Charles	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Aging	25	Haggstrom, Richard	Trans. Engineer Assoc. II	Transportation	5	Petisme, Rodolfo	Detention Officer	LAPD	20
Barmus, Peter	Sr. Build Mech. Inspector	Building & Safety	22	Hayden, Debra	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	13	Rivera, Maria	Crossing Guard	Transportation	11
Bejarano, Anthony	Security Officer	Airports	21	Jackson, Cynthia	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	23	Robinson, Rita	General Manager	Transportation	33
Benton, Lizzie	Pr. Rec Supervisor II	Rec and Parks	25	Jaramillo, Corine	Finance Coll. Inves. III	Finance	25	Ruben, Jacqelen	Occupational Trainee II	General Services	18
Carmignani, William	Veterinary Tech	Animal Services	11	Jedlicka, Patricia	Mgmt. Analyst II	LAPD	15	Temblador, Julian	Ref. Coll. Truck Oper. II	Public Works	14
Cooper, Mary	Dep. City Attorney III	City Attorney	19	Miller, Keith	Contr. System Eng. IV	Public Works	26	Walker, Betty	Crossing Guard	Transportation	13
								Weaver, David	Maint. Supv. III	Airports	23