

THIS MONTH AT THE



Griffith Observatory

Sept 9:
7 to 8 p.m.

FREE!

Sunset Walk

Led by a Park Ranger and museum guide, the hike starts on the Observatory West Terrace, proceeds up the Charlie Turner trail to the Berlin Forest on the hill just north of the Observatory, and then returns to the West Terrace, covering about a half-mile and lasting an hour. There are stops along the way to discuss the highlights and history of Griffith Park, and objects visible in the evening sky.

Note: The Charlie Turner trail is a moderately steep earthen trail; hiking footwear is recommended.

Information:

www.griffithobservatory.org/pcalendar.html

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Council

Mettle to the Pedals

Story and photos courtesy Councilman LaBonge's office



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, leads his final bike ride of the summer in front of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art on Wilshire Boulevard.

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On Aug. 6, iconic Hollywood was the focal point of the *Tour LaBonge*, the fifth and final night of Councilmember LaBonge's annual bike series. The Councilmember launched the annual tours in 2008 to highlight the stunning landscape of Los Angeles while promoting the health and environmental benefits of bicycling. Cyclists and community members rode through Hollywood to celebrate some of the city's highlights and to promote cycling in Los Angeles.

The *Tour LaBonge* bike rides are fun, free events that promote cycling as a cost-conscious, environmentally friendly and healthy form of transportation. The past four evening rides, all in July, covered routes of about 12 miles and include police escorts that led, accompanied and followed the group to ensure traffic safety. The rides were conducted as tours of various neighborhoods, including (in order) downtown Los Angeles, Griffith Park, Sherman Oaks, Toluca Lake, and lastly, Hollywood.

Riders were required to wear helmets and sign liability waivers.



LAPD

Story and photos by Jeanette Gadut, Club Counselor



Appreciating The Trainers

From left: Demetrio Mendoza, Police Instructor, 18 years of City service, Club Member; Clarence Jones, Security Officer, 10 years, Club Member; Sgt. Il John Amendola, Officer in Charge, 20 years, Club Member; and Officer III Earl Wright, 26 years, Club Member.

Police Dept. Training Division hosts employee appreciation day.



Lt. Eric Quan, 19 years of City service, Club Member, with his family.



Radio personality Josepha Salinas.



From left: Capt. Vic Davalos, Commanding Officer, Recruit Training, 26 years of City service, Club Member; and Capt. III Michelle Veenstra, Commanding Officer, Recruit Training, Club Member.

The LAPD Training Division at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center held its annual employee appreciation day for staff and Families July 31.

The event allowed staff and their families from the three training centers, Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, Elysian Park, and Edward M. Davis Training Facility, to partake in the celebration. It was a day to acknowledge the staff for their work and show appreciation towards their families as well.

It was an eventful day for all. Breakfast and lunch was served along with an awards ceremony for employees. On-air personality Josepha Salinas was also present to raffle away a variety of prizes. Many activities were also provided for families to engage in throughout the day. Children were allowed to see what it was like to be an officer in training. Staff gave tours of the facility; classic LAPD cars were on display; a motorcycle with working sirens allowed family members to take pictures in front of a green screen; LAPD's helicopter flew above the grounds for all to see; and the K-9 unit stopped by to show participants its canines' work tactics.

The employee appreciation day for staff and families was a success – smiles were seen all around. It created a positive environment of recognition and appreciation for employees and their families.

The Club thanks the LAPD Training Division for inviting us!



From left: Lauran Rangel, Sr. Management Analyst, 30 years of City service, Club Member; Rosaelia Pallacios, Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member; Claudia Chavez, Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member; and Officer III Irene Kohler, 15 years.



From left: Sgt. II Alicia Cruz Sainte-James, 21 years of City service, Club Member; and April Broussard, Sr. Clerk Typist, 28 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Rhonda Baychue, 27 years of City service, Club Member, with Club Counselor Dalila Vielma.



From left: Therman Calloway, Park Maintenance Supervisor, 32 years of City service, Club Member; Dr. Luann Pannell, Director of Police Training and Education, 14 years, Club Member; David Vanhosen, Painter, 28 years, Club Member; and Connie Lee, Management Analyst II, 30 years.



Sgt. Sam Gong, 25 years of City service, Club Member, and children.



Officer III Vanessa Keortge, 20 years of City service, Club Member, with Riddick, her K-9 police dog.



From left: Officer Brandy Jackson, 14 years of City service, Club Member; Officer III Earl Wright, 26 years, Club Member; and Phillip Wrong, Sr. Management Analyst, 19 years, Club Member.



Children assemble a black line.



A tour of the facility.



Officer III Cynthia Deinstein, FTO Unit, 24 years of City service, Club Member, with her grandchildren.