



## Come One – Come All.....

to the Third Annual ACMS Employee Picnic! We will be meeting in Whittier Narrows Regional Park in South El Monte at 11:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Employees may bring up to four guests free of charge. Additional guests tickets are \$5.00 each. Registration will be at the gate.

There will be plenty of food, fun and surprises for folks of all ages. You may want to bring along your favorite dessert and compete in the "Best Dessert Contest" (or you may just want to be the judge)! You can win at Bingo or conquer the carnival midway. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your appetite and bring your sense of adventure!

From the 60 Freeway Eastbound, exit at Rosemead, turn right and watch for the park entrance on the left. From the 60 Freeway Westbound, exit at Santa Anita, turn left and watch for park entrance on the right. Follow the ACMS signs! We're going to have a great day and we hope to see you there!

News and Safety information  
from "The Crossing Guard Company"

# CROSSTALK

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## City of Glendale 'lights the way' for pedestrian safety

Flashing lights have long been known to attract attention and the City of Glendale is using this principle to benefit pedestrian safety. Two special projects in the city are combining technology and the attention-grabbing nature of flashing lights to provide for greater pedestrian safety --- particularly in school zones.

In some 30 locations throughout the city, pedestrians

are assisted by an embedded in-roadway and lighted sign warning system. When activated by a pedestrian at the crosswalk these technologically advanced flashing LED lights outline the crosswalk and appear in the post-mounted pedestrian signs. Studies have indicated that this alert system results in a significant increase in the percentage of drivers yielding



to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Solar technology has enabled installation of solar-powered flashing beacons at four school crossing locations in the city. One such location is at the intersection of Chevy Chase and Garfield near Muir Elementary School. This busy crosswalk is also protected by the assignment of an ACMS School Crossing Guard three

times a day. The attention-grabbing flashing lights alert drivers to the presence of the crosswalk during periods when students are traveling to and from school.

In addition to using flashing lights to aid pedestrian safety, The City of Glendale is also currently involved in a pilot program testing portable pedestrian crosswalk signage at four locations throughout the city. The signs are put in place by ACMS School Crossing Guards during their shifts and are being studied for effectiveness in contributing to pedestrian safety in school zones.

ACMS is proud to recognize the City of Glendale for its ongoing contributions to pedestrian safety throughout the city! For more information on any of these innovative programs, contact Mr. Wayne Ko, Senior Traffic Engineer, City of Glendale (818.548.3960, ext 8365)

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# HOT TIME IN THE CITY



The months of August and September can produce some of the hottest days of the year. Our urban environment, especially the sun-baked streets, makes the temperatures climb even higher. It's important for everyone who works outside to recognize the symptoms of heat exhaustion and the more dangerous condition of heat stroke.

**DRY, PALE SKIN WITH NO SWEATING; HOT, RED SKIN THAT LOOKS SUNBURNED; DIZZINESS; WEAKNESS, NAUSEA; SEIZURES OR MOOD CHANGES SUCH AS IRRITABILITY OR CONFUSION** are all possible signs of heat-related illness.

Heat exhaustion is primarily caused by dehydration so it is very important to drink plenty of water during periods of hot weather. Also keep in mind that some factors increase your risk of heat stroke. Taking certain medications (check with your pharmacist), having a previous heat-induced illness, and dressing too warmly can all contribute to a dangerous situation.

Heat related illnesses are potentially dangerous. If you notice symptoms call 911 for emergency help immediately.

## Around All City

### Safety with a Smile

In a never-ending effort to increase safety awareness, Miguel Tellez, Area Supervisor in the Brentwood / Antioch area of Northern California, encourages his Crossing Guards to get kids involved with a simple rhyming instruction that always brings a smile to their faces --- and more safety to every cross! Give it a try with your kids!

**LOOK LEFT, LOOK RIGHT, LOOK LEFT AGAIN,  
BEFORE YOU CROSS THE STREET MY FRIEND!**

### 400 miles of Garage Sales!

Peggy Havener, Crossing Guard for Longley Way Elementary School in Arcadia, has a special plan for this summer's vacation. She and her three sisters plan to spend an indefinite amount of time exploring garage sales in the heartland of America. Their trip will take them from northern Alabama into southern Ohio --- with a new adventure around every corner.

"It's a great way to meet interesting people and get the real feeling of the local community," says Peggy.

We love Peggy's idea for a fun and rewarding trip and if she's meeting interesting and honest people at garage sales -- our bet is she'll be meeting some other Crossing Guards along the way. Tell 'em ACMS says "HI"!

### Walk a Mile in My Shoes

Connie Longmeyer, Crossing Guard serving Acacia Elementary and St. Juliana's in Fullerton, has made her commitment to her kids really 'count' for something.

When Connie heard that Acacia Elementary was sponsoring a JOGATHAN to raise money for their school, she strapped on her shoes and hit the track.

"I told them I wouldn't jog but that I would walk with them,"

Connie reports. And walk she did --- over three and one-half miles! Connie and her supporters raised over \$125.00 to donate towards important educational projects at the school.

Great job Connie --- maybe others will decide to 'follow in your footsteps!'



Connie Longmeyer with her walk-a-thon friends.

# Top Crossing Guards Chosen

In one of several programs designed for employee recognition, All City Management Services is proud to announce the recipients of the 2004-2005 **Crossing Guard of the Year Award** in communities throughout the state. The program is designed to not only reward individual excellence but to also bring attention to the important work done by all Crossing Guards.

In addition to recognition from ACMS, most cities or school districts also choose to acknowledge their recipient. These accolades, combined with the loyal appreciation of the children and school community they serve, make this award a true honor.

## We salute the 2004-2005 Crossing Guards of the Year!

**C. D. Threats**  
Antioch School District

**Eleanor Carter**  
Arcadia

**Max Castillo**  
Bellflower

**Barry Gouveia**  
Belmont-Redwood Shores  
School District

**Sandra Brown**  
Beverly Hills

**John Hagen**  
Brea

**Mauro Carrillo**  
Calabasas

**Pamela Huard**  
Chino Consortium

**Marilynn James**  
Colton

**Cleshonda Gates**  
Compton

**Edgar Williams**  
Concord

**Tex Maynard**  
Cypress

**Esther Reyes**  
Downey

**Margaret Iqbal**  
El Monte

**Norbert Cruz**  
Fontana

**Carl Stinsman**  
Fountain Valley

**Connie Longmeyer**  
Fullerton

**Miguel Salas**  
Garden Grove

**Rafael Barrios**  
Glendale

**Isaias Alvira, Jr.**  
Hermosa Beach

**Rosa Maria Soriano**  
Huntington Park

**Marilyn Swayne**  
Laguna Niguel

**Nancy David**  
Lake Forest

**Patricia Constantineau**  
Lawndale

**John Barton**  
Millbrae

**Sherri Purdy**  
Mission Viejo

**Ruth Dahl**  
Montebello

**Troy Abeyta**  
Newark

**Maks Golub**  
Palo Alto

**Carlos Pacheco**  
Paramount

**Thomas Carano**  
Piedmont

**Karyn Peterman**  
Pittsburg Unified  
School District

**Vicky Muldea**  
Pleasanton

**Robert Perry**  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**Kathleen Bonner**  
Rancho Santa Margarita

**Amalia Velez**  
Redlands

**Robert Diaz**  
Redwood City

**Barbara Carmona**  
Rolling Hills

**Yelena Gelfand**  
San Bruno

**Donna Hegardt**  
Santa Rosa - Rincon Valley  
Union School District

**Dana Anderson**  
San Clemente

**Frank Saunders**  
South Gate

**Phyllis Parker**  
Tustin

**Waydene Shamburger**  
Upland

**Joseph Ruiz**  
Walnut Creek

**Reyes Maria Negrón**  
Whittier

**Luisa Aragon**  
Whittier