

# Day in the Life Claremont

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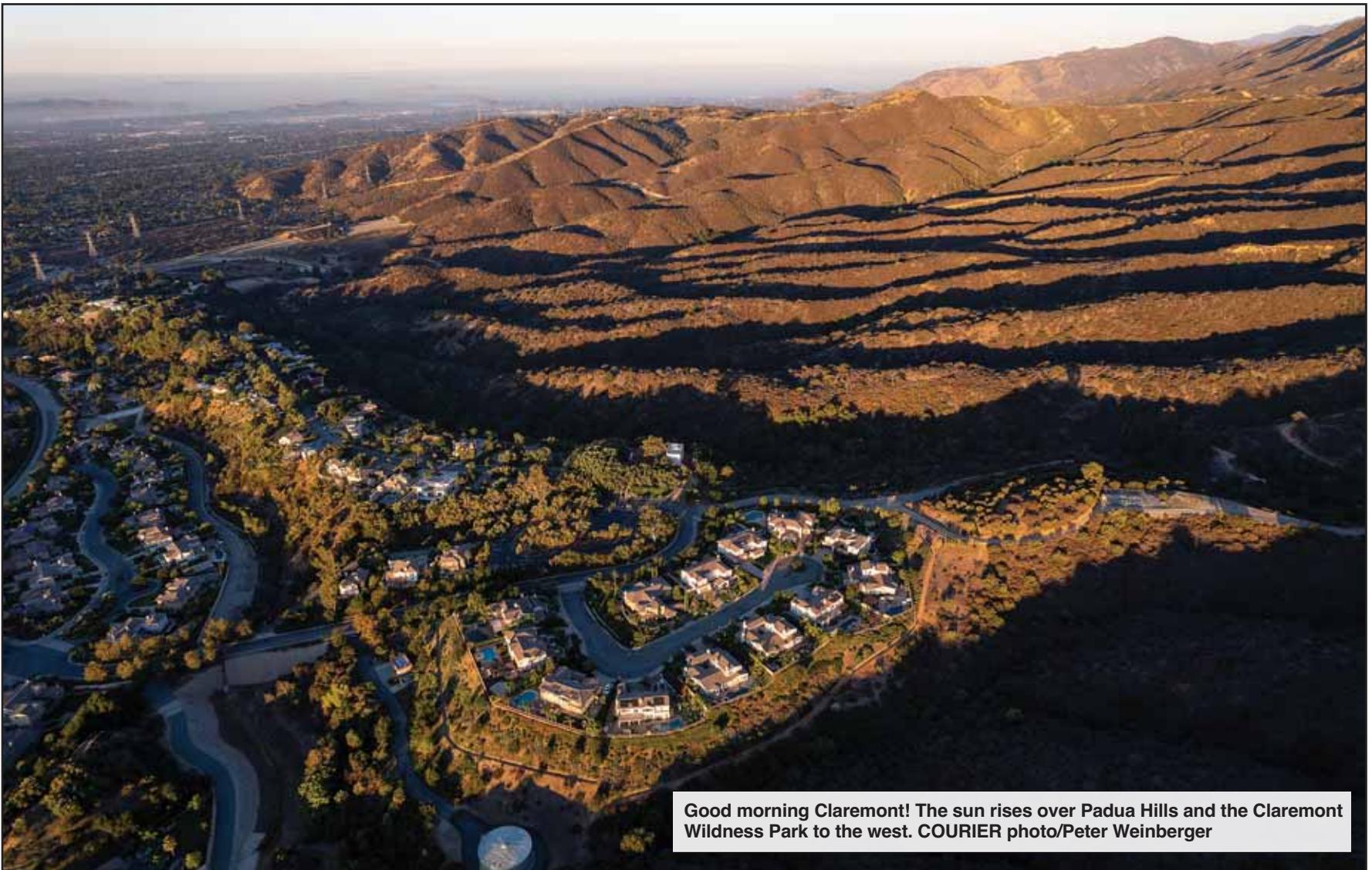


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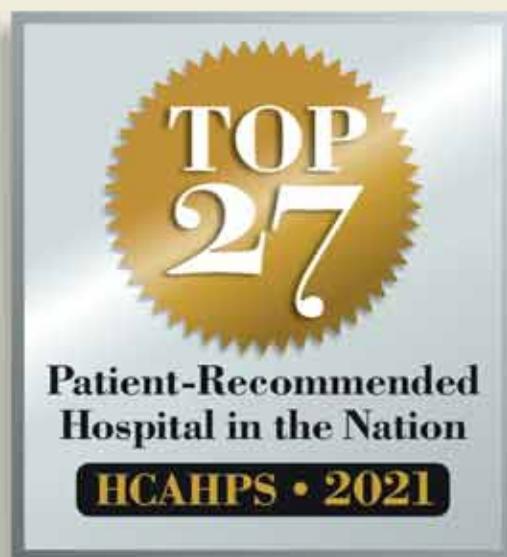
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Good morning Claremont! The sun rises over Padua Hills and the Claremont Wildness Park to the west. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger



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Scott Glovsky has the road all to himself as he runs along Base Line Road in Claremont at 7:00 a.m. on September 14. With summer heat still very much in command, many Claremonters, including dog walkers and cyclists exercised early in the day. COURIER photo/Steven Felschundneff.



# Day in the Life *Claremont*

It may not seem like a special day to most, but September 14 has been a notable 24 hours throughout history. Some days have been good, others not so good.

In 1930, the NFL played their first football game. In 1982, Grace Kelly died in a car accident — while all the way back on September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key penned what would become “The Star-Spangled Banner” after the U.S. withstood British attack at Fort McHenry.

Day-in-the-life books have a history also. Starting in the 1980s, the “A Day in the Life of America” photo book hired top photojournalists throughout the nation to document one single day. The hard part wasn’t taking the pictures. It was the photo editors who had far more work selecting the very best imagery to represent our country. Needless to say, it was a huge success and kickstarted hundreds of day-in-the-life books from all over the world.

Here at the COURIER on September 14, 2021, we covered the unique story of Claremont and Claremonters. We picked a day filled with activities to show the busy lifestyles of city residents. The entire COURIER editorial staff spent day and night documenting a city at work and play, creating our first ever: Day in the Life—Claremont edition.

It isn’t quite the same style as those photo books of the past, but a combination of images from around town, mixed with three stories (and photos) of particular people and places.

by Peter Weinberger

COURIER photo editor/reporter Steven Felschundneff spent the day with Claremont’s mayor, Jennifer Stark. It was the day of a city council meeting, and we felt this would give our readers an inside look at Claremont city government at work.

But we didn’t stop there. We hired one of our star freelance writers, Gabriel Fisher, who helps us with our Claremont Colleges coverage. Gabriel is a CMC student who jumped at the chance to observe and document his fellow students across all of the campuses.

Finally, there were also additional photogra-

phers at work to produce this section. Staffer Andrew Alonzo was literally on duty morning to night, capturing images from various situations including ride-along with members of the Claremont Police Department. Matt Weinberger is creating a video with a mix of video and staff photos, while yours truly brought out his drone for a few overalls to capture morning scenes.

What our coverage shows is the fantastic beauty of Claremont, along with the lifestyle changes we are all making because of the pandemic. We hope you all enjoy the Day in the Life of Claremont.



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# A **BUSY** DAY IN THE LIFE OF **MAYOR** **STARK**

by **Steven Felschundneff**  
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At 6:34 p.m. Mayor Jennifer Stark leads the Pledge of Allegiance from her home office as the city council meeting begins. During the meeting, which went long into the early morning hours, the council adopted a new Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. COURIER Photo/Steven Felschundneff

**W**hen Mayor Jennifer Stark arose on Tuesday September 14, she undoubtedly knew it would be a long day. But she had no idea just how long.

That evening, the Claremont City Council was set to make a decision on the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and whether to tie its implementation to the Village South Specific Plan. The two issues have drawn a lot of public interest and this evening was going to be the final showdown. It would be well into the morning hours of

September 15 before Mayor Stark could turn out the lights.

The day began the same way as most with a 5:30 a.m. workout at Endless Fitness in Claremont. Tuesday morning Mayor Stark was lifting weights with about a dozen other women who have formed an impromptu exercise club at the fitness gym. The mood was light but there was little time for chatting as everyone, including Stark, had places to be.

The mayor left Endless Fitness around 6:50, with just enough time to drive home for a shower and head off to the DoubleTree Hotel for the Claremont Chamber of Commerce breakfast mixer.

During the time set aside for chamber members to share news, Mayor Stark reminded the crowd that Village Venture is a terrific opportunity for service clubs to work together to help make the annual event a huge success—and to ensure that it goes smoothly by volunteering.

At breakfast she had time to relax and chat with friends and acquaintances, but there was little time to waste with a typically tight schedule including an

hours-long meeting with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' Water Policy Committee for which Mayor Stark is vice-chair. Before COVID times she drove to Monrovia for the water meeting but now the conversation is conducted via Zoom, like everything else, which is much more convenient.

The remainder of the day was occupied by preparations for that night's city council meeting, including reading more than 25 new written comments submitted by the public and to review the agenda packet one last time.

Mayor Stark takes preparation very seriously and can pretty much plan on spending the entire weekend leading up each meeting reading the entirety of the agenda packet, which can run hundreds of pages. She said her duty, the one Claremont voters gave her, is to be well informed by the time the gavel comes down at the start of each meeting.

"On the second and fourth Tuesday I typically set aside a significant block of time because, also typically, a lot of letters come in the last minutes and I want to make sure I have time to read all of the public comment," she said.

Small agendas take about 12 hours to process, but more extensive ones, such as the agenda for the September 14 meeting, take Stark up to 60 hours to read. She spent Thursday and Friday evening, as well as all day Saturday and Sunday, reviewing the document.

"I want to be done reading all of the agenda by Sunday, so that on Monday I can start strategizing if I need to, or asking more questions, or talking to staff. And usually that works out very well," she said. "This is where we have impact. We have to know what it is we are approving or not approving."

Mayor Stark grew up here and raised her three children in Claremont. Before she ran for council she spent a lot of time volunteering for Claremont Canopy and on tasks involving her now-grown children. She also taught

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Mayor Stark gets a spot from personal trainer and business owner Darlene Berg at 6:36 a.m. on September 14 at Endless Fitness in Claremont. She began her long day with a 5:30 a.m. workout before heading out to the chamber of commerce breakfast. COURIER Photo/Steven Felschundneff



Mayor Stark greets COURIER columnist and Claremont Heritage board president John Neuber at 7:51 a.m. during the Claremont Chamber of Commerce's breakfast mixer on September 14. COURIER Photo/Steven Felschundneff

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yoga for years. So she has always had a busy schedule, it's just morphed now that council takes so much attention. "This isn't forever," she said. "While I am looking forward to running for a second term, I think eight years is a really good commitment. I think I will be able to see a couple of things through the finish line in that period of time."

By 6:00 p.m., it's crunch time. The council meeting begins in a half hour and there is still much to do, largely because she has decided to conduct the meeting from the office rather than the bedroom. The sudden move was inspired by the expected very late night and a desire not to keep her husband, David Berke, up all night as well.

She collects notes from the bedroom and organizes them on a modest desk which is lit by a circular lighting fixture specifically designed for video conferencing. One more trip downstairs for a giant jug of cooled water, and it's time to settle in for the show.

"I spend some time [before the meeting] centering myself around deep gratitude that people care, so I try to be in a place where I can hear public comment as an expression of caring about issues that really matter." Mayor Stark said. "Oftentimes there are criticisms, but in my opinion it doesn't help to be defensive."

As she logs into Zoom, she encounters a small snafu because the link city staff sent isn't working. A quick call to City Manager Adam Pirrie and a new link is sent. The meeting begins with the Pledge of Allegiance and some ceremonial matters including issuing certificates of appreciation. After other routine matters including the consent calendar, it's finally time to begin the discussion of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

After a city presentation, public comment and lengthy debate, the council passed the housing ordinance but decided to delay implementation for 180 days, effectively separating it from any early applications under the VSSP.

Mayor Stark compared the job of being mayor with parenting, saying that children are a lot of work when they are young but as they grow they become independent.

"While you love your children forever, it's not as active [when they are grown]. You don't have to parent your adult children, you just love them, respect them and are kind of in awe of them. And I think that giving your time to an elected position is a little bit like that. You are dedicated, you put your whole heart into it, you do your very best and then it's something that ends and you can feel that you did your best to have a positive impact."



At 6:39 p.m., the portion of the city council meeting set aside for ceremonial matters, Mayor Stark presents a certificate of appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Claremont for its support of the summer concerts in the park. COURIER Photo/Steven Felschundneff

An advertisement for Lennox HVAC systems. It features a close-up of a dog's face and a Lennox furnace unit. The text reads: "IE STRONG THIS IS WHAT ULTIMATE COMFORT LOOKS LIKE. Another way we make you feel better."

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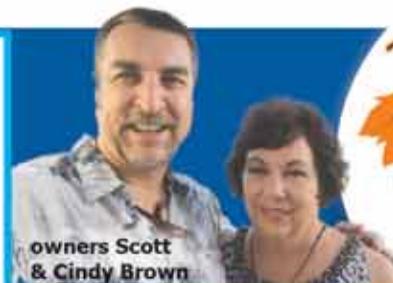
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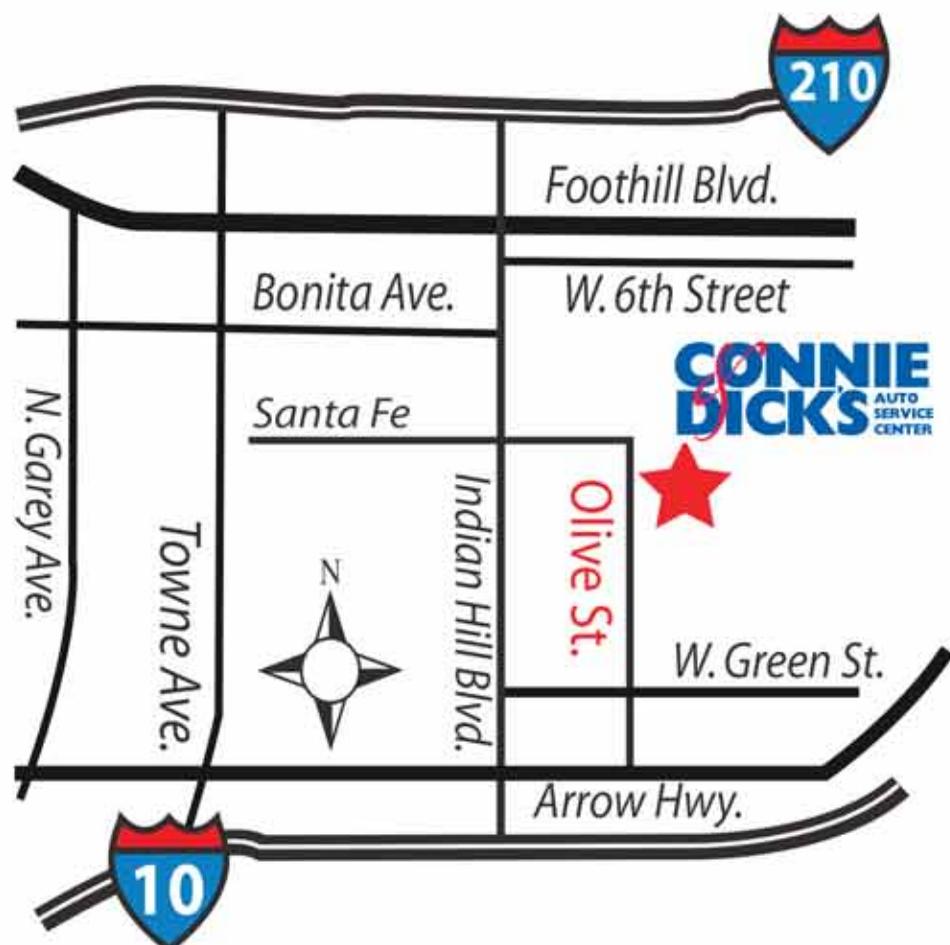
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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COLLEGE STUDENT

## 2021 EDITION

STORY & PHOTOS BY GABRIEL FISCHER

It's 11:40 a.m. I sit on the concrete ground to the side of the outdoor COVID-19 testing stations, waiting to observe students passing through.

Two people have approached since I started writing a minute ago. Already, both students sneeze repeatedly when they insert testing swabs up their nostrils.

Once they transfer their swabs to their sterile testing tubes, they walk from the testing stations to inside McKenna Auditorium, where, after a few more quick procedures, they drop their tests into a large bin. One to two days later, they will learn of their COVID status via email or text. As of September 10, a total of 99.9% have received a favorable outcome.

I have now been observing the testing station for a few minutes. No more sneezes, just coughs and rapidly blinking eyes, and also laughs because of the tickling sensation, but likely also because of the weirdness of this routine. Two years ago, nobody could have predicted this reality ... the entire school sticking swabs up their noses to scan for a novel virus. It is clear why people chuckle.

Wait ... more sneezes. At this point, twenty minutes after I sit down, I guess the sneeze rate to be 30%. The sneeze and/or cough rate, 50%. The "I-am-uncomfortable rate," near 100%.

I ask a junior what it's like to take the test. "Uncomfortable, but worth it," he says. He seems happy to be on campus for what is only his second full semester in person.

His sentiment aligns with what I hear from the testing supervisor of Hamilton Health Box.

"No pushback, no frustration," he says.

As it should be.

After sitting hunched over on the concrete ground for an hour, I make the one-minute walk to the Hub, a popular area where students congregate to eat, work and socialize. I sit at one of the 16 outdoor tables, mine facing the campus's main walkway, my field of view exposed to only 40 or so yards of its much longer length. I look out at an iconic feature, the fountains, a five-part arrangement with a square-shaped pool in the center and two fountains flanking it, which themselves are flanked by two additional pools.

I watch a fellow fifth-year senior walk by. He wears a stylish all-black outfit, his jeans ending just above his ankle, showing the entire shoe. He holds a to-go box of food in one hand (they're popular these days with all of the added outdoor seating) and a drink in the other.

Many things haven't changed since the pandemic, one being the means of transportation that students use to move about campus. The most common is the skateboard, some use scooters. I smile when I see two cute cruiser bikes pass by. They remind me of my time cycling around Amsterdam during my COVID-shortened study abroad experience.

I walk inside the Hub. Some students lounge alone in deep chairs with headphones over their ears. People socializing sit at the booths completing work, often on their computers. Others eat the typical Hub offerings: mozzarella sticks, cheeseburgers, chicken tenders, pre-made salads. I choose my personal favorite, the cheese quesadilla.

I then walk outside to head to class.



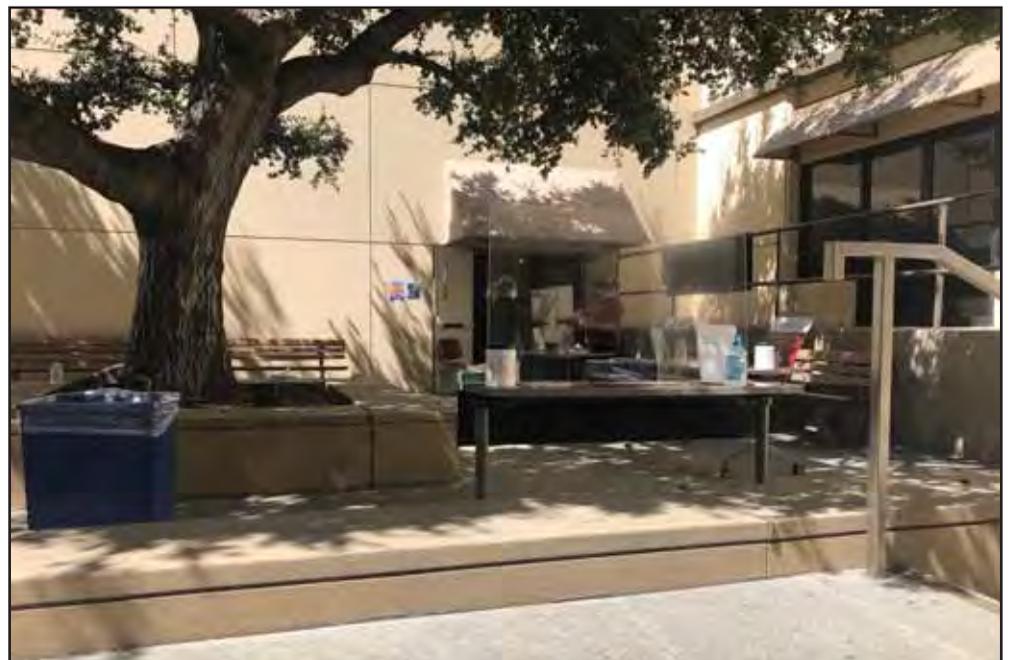
On September 14, McKenna students congregate on campus during the afternoon inside the Hub at 12:45 p.m.

One hand gripping the left handlebar, the other holding a paper plate supporting my last slice of quesadilla, I peddle two minutes from the Hub to the Bauer Center Forum to observe professor Fernholz's intro-level principles of economics course, better known as ECON 50 around campus.

Observing this course brings about a bit of anxiety. I struggled during it my first semester of college, resulting in the lowest grade of my academic career.

Before delving into today's lesson on supply and demand, professor Fernholz explains the logistics of the upcoming quiz. The format is open note — he's carrying it over from our time learning remotely, which he says worked well. To compensate for this new advantage, the questions will be more challenging. We also learn that a student is present via Zoom. He says a virtual hello to the class, some students chuckle in response.

For the lesson, professor Fernholz talks about supply and demand and elasticity. Students interact with each



An outdoor COVID-19 testing station is all set up for student testing at 11:40 a.m. on Claremont McKenna College's campus.

other via a game on MobLab, an EdTech software app. Students "sell" and "buy" oranges — sellers try to get as much money as possible, while buyers hope to pay as little as possible. I think this game intends to mimic market forces. I might have known if I was better versed in economics.

Per usual during large lectures, some students veer off task. One student looks at Snapchat and Instagram then later reads a news article; one checks her text messages;



At 1:27 p.m., students gather inside the Bauer Center lecture hall to observe an economics course.

later reads a news article; one checks her text messages; another plays online chess. To their credit, they are only temporarily distracted ... all return to participate when it's time to play in MobLab.

I approach professor Fernholz after the lecture and ask if he feels that class has returned to the holy grail of complete normality. He says we're trending in the right direction.

"It's not 100% normal," he says, but it's "better than last semester." He adds that students are more engaged and he's happier.

I depart the lecture hall for the faculty offices where I briefly interview professor Taw, an international relations scholar who taught me foreign relations of the United States two years ago.

I ask her how teaching changed during Zoom classes. She says it obscured her ability to read people's faces and reactions to class discussion.

"The energy you get from being in the classroom together just couldn't be replaced on Zoom," she says. "You can feel (an idea) palpably in the room when people resonate with the idea ... and on Zoom you just don't get that resonance."

**L**eave professor Taw's office for my apartment located on the outskirts of campus and briefly decompress after running around for the past few hours. My rest is short.

I cycle back to the Hub to observe students attending the Athenaeum, known as the Ath. I overlook a crowd of formally dressed students eating hors d'oeuvres and drinking, students 21 and older can choose wine. When the students sit down to eat a moderately gourmet meal at a tablecloth-covered outdoor table, I eat dining hall food next to a friend.

The Ath is a program put on four nights weekly where students eat a formal dinner before listening to the evening's speaker. Speakers are experts in their fields and over the years have included Bill Clinton and Anderson Cooper.

Soon after I finish my dinner across the path from the Ath-goers, I join them in the auditorium to watch Katy Milkman, a professor visiting from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She delivers a talk on how to change behaviors. During normal times, dinner takes place indoors. But now, without the need for indoor tables, chairs completely fill the auditorium.

Milkman delivers her talk. It's nothing too inspiring. I then return to my apartment, away from the main part of campus, where I begin to wind down my day.



# A Day in the Life

## at Mt. San Antonio Gardens

by Gardens Resident Ethel Rogers

During a year-and-a-half and counting of pandemic restrictions, it's amazing how many engaging activities at Mt. San Antonio Gardens have kept us uplifted. With our community of friends and acquaintances, we virtually enjoy nightly films, televised concerts, art exhibits, lectures, exercise classes, and interviews.

We've had the diversion of watching the refurbishing of our indoor community spaces and the construction of our new Wellness Center. We began practicing for a play written by a fellow Gardener in 2020 and performed multiple times this past June.

When the dining room was limited to take-out, we brought meals home; enjoying lunches and dinners on our patio with old friends and the new friends we've met since moving here.

Most of the 70+ committees at the Gardens continued their work virtually. One of those committees raised our spirits by spearheading "Project: Look Up", the immersive art project conceived and directed by Elizabeth Turk which brought residents together in several outdoor spaces on our

campus to dance, walk, and swim with beautiful umbrellas. Ms. Turk produced a kaleidoscope of beautiful stills and motion pictures from that day, garnering worldwide attention.

Residents continue to plan Zoom events to keep us in touch. Our Gardens Council President, at the beginning of the pandemic, began to produce, direct, script, and edit the Mt. San Antonio Gardens Video Magazine. Published weekly for over a year, and now monthly, it includes spotlights on resident hobbies, interviews with senior staff members, resident-submitted videos from their travels, squirrel acrobatics, and other Gardens news complemented by witty commentary.

I, in particular, have enjoyed working in our backyard garden. Although the Gardens' staff takes immaculate care of the grounds, I have enjoyed getting my hands dirty and adding my own personal touch to our surrounding landscape with vibrant plants and stone pavers.

Another enjoyable pastime has been the online bridge I've played twice a week for a

year and a half with three Gardens friends. We use the voice option and are enjoying it so much. Being spoiled by the electronic shuffling, dealing, and score keeping, we all want to continue using it even when we can meet in person.

Life is good and spirits are high as Gardeners continue to make the best of the circumstances!

Resident Ethel Rogers and her husband, Bob, have called Mt. San Antonio Gardens, a local not-for-profit Life Care Community, their home for the past six-and-a-half years. For more information about Mt. San Antonio Gardens, call us at 1-909-624-5061 or visit our website at [msagardens.org](http://msagardens.org).



## DAY IN THE LIFE OF

## LOCAL DOG

## REVEALS HIDDEN CANINE RITUALS

BY MICK RHODES | mickrhodes@claremont-courier.com

The COURIER interviewed Peaches, a smallish 13-year-old local dog, for a canine-eye-view of life. She gave us that and much more, with this telling blow-by-blow of a typical day.

“I am not sure why COURIER is interested in my day, they are all the same,” said Peaches. “If you insist, my day usually starts when I hear noise outside.”

**6:47 a.m. I hear noise outside.**

“What’s that? I bark so everyone knows there is noise out there. I bark again, but louder, so human will stop lying down with eyes closed. He gets up finally and I go outside. Then I bark a LOT more. After barking a while longer, I poop, sniff some stuff, bark, have a drink, and take nap.”

“That is it. This my life. And still you want to write?”

**7:21 a.m. I go back inside.**

“I have some breakfast. It is the same most every day. Sometimes though, human gives me small piece of bacon. On those days, I love him most.”

Peaches told the COURIER she was unsure of her age, as she was a rescue, but alluded to what we assume to be her veterinarian hazard-ing a guess during a routine checkup.

“The bad man at the place where other dogs are — the man who puts me up on a metal table and pokes me with needle every year — he said once I was 11. I don’t know how he could know that, but whatever. He’s dumb. He pokes me, tells me I’m ‘a good girl’ and feels around my body checking for lumps or whatever. It’s creepy.”

Peaches, her longtime boyfriend Scooter and their humans were joined by a cat, Bijou, in early 2021, when the family adopted her from Priceless Pets in Claremont. Since then Bijou has become a beloved family member — to everyone except Peaches.

“Things were great before cat. I had it all. My human rubbed and petted me SO much more before cat. I want cat to know I was here before she was, and I will always be human’s favorite. So I chase her. I will not stop. Ever.”

**7:55 a.m. I chase cat.****7:56 a.m. Human puts me outside.**

“I am outside ... again. Human does not appreciate how I keep him safe from evil cat. One day he will realize I am brave, and will take cat back to whatever terrible place cats come from.”

**7:57 - 10:48 a.m. I bark some, nap a lot, then I hear noise and bark again.**

“In mornings, human usually sits at his desk, looks at a screen, and hits a small board with little squares on it with his fingers. He talks on phone, asking questions, hitting that thing over and over. It is so boring.”

Peaches explained an important aspect of her job as she sees it.

“I am the ruler of my back yard. The other dogs in this neighborhood know this. I bark at them so they

do not forget. Behind yard is what my human calls ‘the alley.’ Sometimes cars, humans, or even other dogs go by, and I bark at them because this is my back yard and they are too close.”

**10:49 a.m. I go back inside.****10:50 a.m. - 1:02 p.m. I bark at a stupid squirrel in tree outside. Then more napping.**

“This is time of day my human is most boring. He sits at desk and hits that thing with his fingers. He is on phone most of time and it is SO, SO boring. He talks and talks, ask questions, and hits thing on desk. Sometimes he pets me, but only for three seconds. We could be outside! What a waste.”

**1:03 p.m. Mailman!**

“I bark like hell at mailman. Doesn’t everyone? I mean, I smell many other dogs when he comes. I can’t tell you how much I want to EAT mailman.”

**1:04 - 3:11 p.m. Napping, some random barking.****3:12 p.m. I chase cat.****3:13 p.m. My human says some bad words, then puts me outside.**

“If I am honest, even if I do catch cat one day, I am not sure what I will do. When she first came to house she got up on human’s bed and lay there like she owned place. I tried to eat her then, but she pooped (right on the bed!) and scratched my nose. Her claws are very sharp.”

Meanwhile, Peaches patrols her domain and continues her daily self-care regimen.

“I make best of situation by sniffing, barking at neighbor dogs — they know who is ruler of this yard — and sniffing some more things. Then I take nap.”

“I have dream of cat in back of van, looking out window at me as van drives away. Cat is crying and I am laughing very hard. I then bark triumphantly.

“I awake from beautiful dream and need to poop

again. I find a spot near fence and do it there so neighbor dog can see I am not afraid to poop by his yard. He knows I am very dangerous.

“Just then, back door opens and human calls me. What is that thing? Is it ... my LEASH?!? I AM GOING ON WALK!!!”

**3:45 p.m. I go on walk!**

“This is my favorite thing to do in whole world. I am grateful. I let human know this by pulling on leash very hard. I also pee in many locations — on bush, wall, three fire hydrants, and on many other things — along the way so that other dogs know I am ruler of this neighborhood, I have been here, and will always be here. I know they are very afraid when they smell MY pee.”

**4:24 p.m. I return home.**

“Human puts me in back yard. I am tired from seeing and smelling everything in our world, and from peeing 14 times. I have drink, and then pee just one more time.”

**4:30 p.m. I go inside.**

“It is hot outside so human lets me in. I take long nap on sofa, under magic white thing in ceiling that makes cold air.”

**4:31 - 6:11 p.m. I nap.****6:12 p.m. I am awoken by human sitting down in chair.**

“He is no longer at desk hitting board. He calls me to his lap and I jump up there and lick his face with vigor. I then roll over on my back and human rubs and scratches my belly. I lie there, so happy. It is nice.”

**6:16 p.m. I chase cat.****6:17 p.m. I am put outside.**

“This is bull----.”



Though I am a fierce warrior and brave defender of my yard, I sometimes take a break from all the responsibility to be cute for a photo.



Padua Park is a popular location for soccer and other activities all year round. Being in north Claremont, it's surrounded by open brush to the north and east, leaving plenty of room for early morning light to streak across the fields. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger



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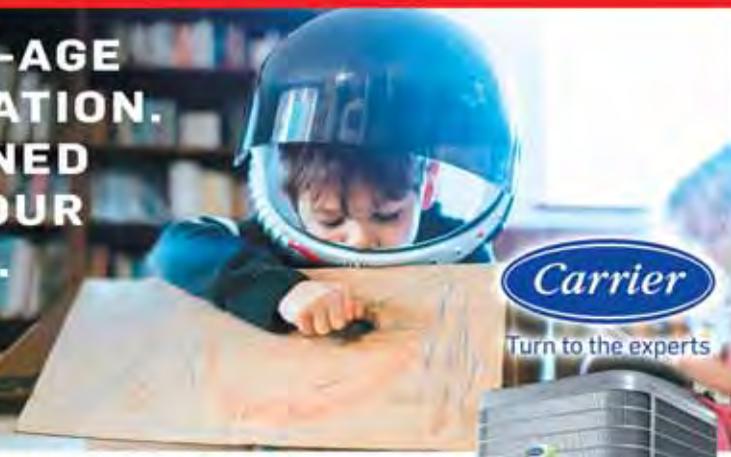
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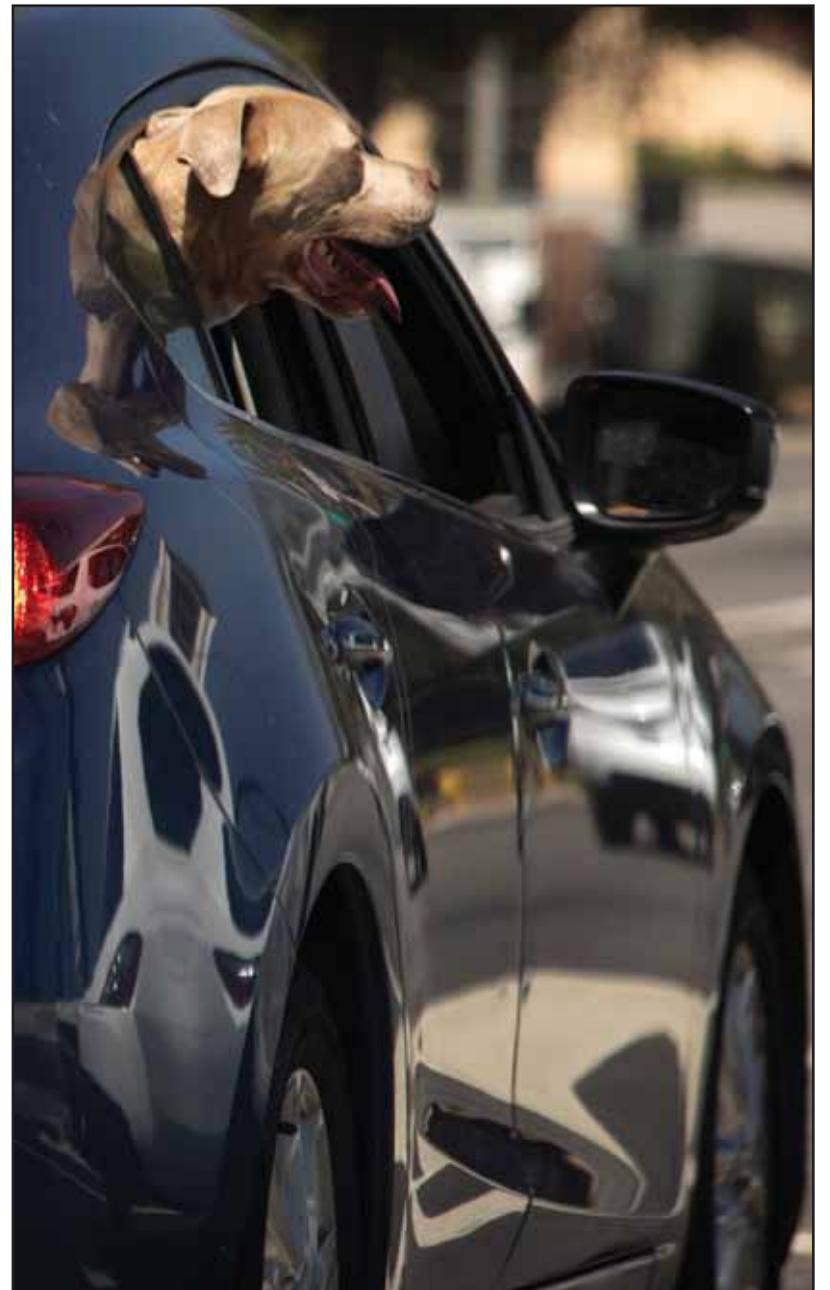
By 8:20 a.m., Kevin Mages, left, Rick Motz, and Newman Bollis III have covered about three quarters of a mile of the “loop” trail on September 14 in the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. Mr. Mages and Mr. Motz, residents of Diamond Bar, routinely meet up with Claremonter and friend, Mr. Bollis III, to get some exercise along the serene path. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



Senior Bianca Artega, left, writes down ideas that students suggest for the Webb schools upcoming issue of The Webb Canyon Chronicle at around 10:50 a.m. at the Webb School's Library on Tuesday, September 14. The large group setting is actually a blend of three courses, Dr. Mark Dzula's advanced studies in modern media and honors journalism class and Ms. Maureen O'Brien's journalism course. "These blended age groups produce the schools' student newspaper and corresponding website, The Webb Canyon Chronicle," wrote Scott Nichols, the Webb school's director of digital communications, in an email. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



A CHS student looks intently at her teacher during a class exercise located in the brand new Dr. Brett O'Connor Student Center. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger



A happy dog takes in the scenery at the corner of Indian Hill and Foothill boulevards at 12:52 p.m. on September 14. The streets of Claremont are noticeably busier now compared with the peak of the COVID lockdowns just over a year ago. COURIER/photo Steven Felschundneff



At CHS, some classes are combined and taught by two teachers. There is less worry about the virus because every person in the classroom was wearing a mask. Wearing masks is mandatory in CUSD classrooms and has been key to getting students back to school safely. Judging from the students at CHS, that's exactly where they want to be after missing 18 months of school. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger



Left: At 1:55 p.m., Corporal Matt Morales greets the Claremont Police Department's bloodhound Drew, on Tuesday while patrolling the streets of Claremont. Corporal Morales is CPD's only K-9 handler. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo

Bottom left: Even though the CHS marching band spends hours every week on the football field practicing, finding an out of the way location to play drums can be a challenge. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

Bottom right: At 4 p.m., Claremont High School's girls' varsity tennis coach Kathy Settles, right, laughs with her squad as she picks teams for mock scrimmages during their afternoon practice at CHS on Tuesday, September 14. After their game against Troy High School was canceled that day, the team hosted a mix of single and duo scrimmage matches before heading home. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo





Left: Before closing out their 12-hour shifts, Claremont Police Chief Shelly Vander Veen, right, addresses Sergeant David Hardin, left, and other officers including Eddie Lomeli, middle, during their evening briefing at 7:47 p.m. in the department's briefing room on Tuesday, September 14. During the briefing, the officers went over their call logs for the day, the action they saw, and also discussed why they took certain actions with a suspect. After the briefing, Chief Vander Veen informed the officers about what's to come to the department in the future, including automatic gates for their vehicle garage likely by the end of the year. COURIER photo/Andrew Alonzo



Right: It was a quiet evening in downtown Claremont as September 14 came to a close. People enjoyed an outside dinner and walk throughout the Packing House, looking like a typical Claremont evening. COURIER photo/Matt Weinberger



CHS principal Brett O'Connor talks to the school board about the math curriculum and increasing test scores at the high school. The board meetings are open to the public, but no one showed up in person. Although, there were plenty of residents connected via Zoom throughout the meeting. COURIER photo/Peter Weinberger

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The sun sets on the San Gabriel Mountains at 6:57 p.m. on September 14 as seen from the San Antonio wash. Even on the hottest summer days, once evening approaches it's hard not to be amazed at what a lovely place Claremont is. COURIER/photo Steven Felschundneff

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