



# Cascades

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## Monterey Park Community Healing Fund Offering Financial Grants to Witnesses of January Shooting

By City Manager's Office staff

In the aftermath of the tragic January 21, 2023 shooting incident, the Monterey Park City Council assembled a group of community leaders as the oversight committee for the Monterey Park Community Healing Fund in order to assist in a variety of ways to help the community recover from the tragic shooting.

While the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Victims Fund raised over \$1,000,000 and will be distributing funds to those injured and families of the deceased, the Community Healing Fund committee raised approximately \$50,000 with the broader goal of overall community assistance. As part of that mission, between now and July 31, 2023, the fund committee would like to make a small contribution to each witness/victim who was present at the site on the evening of January 21 and has not yet received any compensation.

If you were present that evening during the shooting, please email your contact information to Carol Bradford Worley, California Community Foundation, at [CBWorley@cafund.org](mailto:CBWorley@cafund.org) so that the committee can begin the process of vetting applicants and offering a small contribution on behalf of the fund.

Also, if you would like to donate to the Monterey Park Community Healing Fund, it's not too late. Please visit [www.calfund.org/monterey-park-community-healing-fund](http://www.calfund.org/monterey-park-community-healing-fund) or scan the QR code to make a tax-deductible donation.



## Park Improvements in the Works

By Recreation and Community Services staff

The Recreation and Community Services Department is actively pursuing ways to improve the community's experience and safety when visiting a Monterey Park facility or park. The department is pleased to apprise readers about the following completed or future projects.

Recreation and Community Services and Public Works Departments recently worked to renovate and resurface the basketball and pickleball courts at Sierra Vista Park (311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755). A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held with the City Council on April 18, 2023 and the courts are open for the public to utilize and enjoy. This project was funded by a Proposition 68 grant.

The Recreation Department is partnering with the Montebello School District to renovate the George Elder Park Community Center's indoor restrooms and upgrade the fire alarm system. The project is expected to run from June to August 2023, during which time the gymnasium will remain open during most of the construction. Alternative restrooms will be provided for gym users. Elder Park Community Center is located at 1950 Wilcox Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Alhambra Unified School District is also embarking on a project at Monterey Highlands Elementary School. From August to October 2023, the district's solar project will impact public access to the Monterey Highlands Elementary School blacktop area.



Sierra Vista Park's newly renovated basketball court

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience these projects may cause and appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in future community input meetings, please email your name and contact information to [recreation@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:recreation@montereypark.ca.gov). For ongoing projects, programs and events updates, please follow the department on social media @MontereyParkRec or visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation).

## Save the Date to Celebrate America on Saturday, July 1

Independence Day festivities begin at 4 p.m. Free fireworks show at 9 p.m.

Monterey Park will celebrate our American Independence Day holiday on Saturday, July 1 from 4-9 p.m. at Barnes Park. This community event features music by Kayln & The New Frontier, food trucks and fun for the entire family. The fun filled day will conclude with the popular annual free fireworks show at 9 p.m.

The public is advised that the streets surrounding Barnes Park (McPherrin, Harding and Ramona Avenues) will be closed from 4-11 p.m. to be made available for firework show viewing.

In the interest of general holiday safety, the Monterey Park Fire and Police Departments encourage fireworks safety and remind celebrants that there are fines for illegal use in the city. Illegal fireworks will be seized and fines of \$2,000-\$5,000 issued. Safe and Sane fireworks are only allowed to be used on Tuesday, July 4, and only from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

For more information on the Independence Day event, please contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626-307-1388, like/follow on social media @MontereyParkRec or visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation). Barnes Park is located at 350 S. McPherrin Avenue in Monterey Park.



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## CITY HALL HOURS

Monday-Thursday  
7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Regular city council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. For more city events please visit the event calendar at [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Now](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Now)



## CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Jose Sanchez, District 3  
Mayor Pro Tem Thomas Wong, District 1  
Council Member Vinh T. Ngo, District 5  
Council Member Yvonne Yiu, District 2  
Council Member Henry Lo, District 4

Maychelle Yee, City Clerk  
Amy Lee, City Treasurer

Ron Bow, City Manager  
Karl Berger, City Attorney

## CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

### CITY COUNCIL

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

### COMMISSION ON AGING

3rd Monday, 11:00 a.m.  
Langley Senior Center, 400 W. Emerson Ave.

### BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 4:00 p.m.  
Location To Be Announced

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMISSION

3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Community Room

### DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Meets as Needed  
City Hall Council Chambers

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Location To Be Announced

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Engineering Conference Room 153

### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Bruggemeyer Library

### PERSONNEL BOARD

Meets as Needed  
City Hall Council Chambers

### PLANNING COMMISSION

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

### RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

1st Monday, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

### SISTER CITIES COMMISSION

Quarterly, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Bruggemeyer Library

### TRAFFIC COMMISSION

3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

For more information, please visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Boards](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Boards)

## City of Monterey Park Contacts

**Fire and Police Emergency**  
911

**City Council**  
CityCouncil@montereypark.ca.gov  
626-307-1465

**City Clerk**  
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626-307-1359

**City Manager**  
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626-307-1255  
Economic Development Division  
626-307-1385

**Community Development**  
Planning Division  
626-307-1315  
Building Division  
626-307-1300  
Building Inspection Hotline  
626-307-1229

**Public Works Department**  
PublicWorks@montereypark.ca.gov  
626-307-1320\*  
Graffiti Hotline  
626-307-1449  
Potholes/Street Repairs Hotline  
626-307-2585  
Shopping Cart Hotline  
800-252-4613  
Spirit Bus  
626-307-7842  
Maintenance Svcs / Sandbags  
626-307-1281

**Fire Department**  
Fire@montereypark.ca.gov  
Non Emergency  
626-573-1333\*  
General Info  
626-307-1262  
Ambulance Subscription  
626-307-1423  
Code Compliance Division  
626-307-1415

**Human Resources**  
HumanResources@montereypark.ca.gov  
626-307-1334

**GoMPK App**  
Problem reporting app available on your device's app store  
[www.montereypark.ca.gov/GoMPK](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/GoMPK)

**Bruggemeyer Library**  
Library1@montereypark.ca.gov  
626-307-1333\*  
Passport Services  
626-307-1357

**Police Department**  
Police@montereypark.ca.gov  
Non Emergency  
626-573-1311\*  
City Hall Police Counter  
Daily 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Animal Services  
626-307-1217  
Downey Animal Care Center  
562-940-6898  
Police Records Bureau  
626-307-1211  
Monterey Park Jail  
626-307-1245

**Recreation and Community Services**  
Recreation@montereypark.ca.gov  
626-307-1388  
Langley Senior Citizen Center & Dial-A-Ride  
626-307-1395

**Finance/Support Services**  
Finance / Accounts Payable  
626-307-1348  
City Utilities (Trash & Water)  
Cashier / Licensing / Purchasing  
626-307-1342  
Housing Division  
626-307-1384

**Service Providers**  
AT&T Landline Home Phone  
800-228-2020  
Athens Services (Trash & Bulky Item Pick-Up)  
888-336-6100  
Charter Spectrum  
877-906-9121  
Housing Rights Center  
800-477-5977  
L.A. County  
Environmental Health  
323-362-1280  
L.A. County Info. & Referral Svcs. (24/7)  
Dial 211  
So. Cal. Edison  
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So. Cal. Gas  
877-238-0092

\*Main number.

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# Monterey Park Fire Department Hosting Free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

CERT training will help residents learn critical disaster skills for use when emergency services may not be immediately available

By Fire Department staff

CERT trains residents in disaster preparedness for events that may impact their area and provides basic disaster response skills. Using the training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders may not be available immediately to help. The course is free to Monterey Park residents.

The training is comprised of three sessions: Saturday, June 17, Sunday, June 25, and Saturday, July 1 and will meet from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The three-day, FEMA-approved course includes training in Disaster Preparedness, Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, Fire Suppression, Team Organization and Disaster Psychology. The course also includes learning how and where to turn off gas meters, electricity, and water service if leaking or broken pipes are detected; how to use a fire extinguisher; certification on CPR and AED; helping triage victims by controlling bleeding, treating for shock and providing basic medical aid; organizing yourself and volunteers to be effective towards aiding victims; and collecting disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.

“Although our fire and police departments are prepared for all types of emergencies, during a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services, resulting in situations where

community members may have to rely on each other for life-saving and life-sustaining needs,” said Captain Justin Birrell, Monterey Park CERT Coordinator. “The Monterey Park Fire Department is committed to sponsoring CERT training to all interested residents to be prepared during a disaster so they are able assist their families and neighbors.”

Birrell added, “It is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. One goal of the CERT Program is to help our residents respond to others in need effectively and efficiently without being placed in unnecessary danger.”

If you are interested in attending, please fill out and submit the CERT application found at [www.montereypark.ca.gov/513/Community-Emergency-Response-Team](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/513/Community-Emergency-Response-Team) or scan the QR code. You will be contacted to confirm your attendance in the class. Seats are limited, so please submit your application as soon as possible. For more information, please contact Captain Justin Birrell at [jubirrell@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:jubirrell@montereypark.ca.gov) or 626-307-1423.



## MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND/OR BECOMING A BLOCK CAPTAIN, PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BUREAU AT 626-307-1215 OR [PDCEB@MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV](mailto:PDCEB@MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV)



## Residents of Monterey Park

# FREE COMPOST

**Saturday, July 15, 2023**  
**8:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
 Garvey Ranch Park  
 751 S. Alhambra Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755  
 (Service road off Alhambra Ave.)

Athens' compost is a blend of organics material including a mix of green waste, wood waste, and food scraps.\* Our compost is OMRI Listed® and licensed by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. (\*May contain small particles of glass.)

- ▶ MONTEREY PARK RESIDENTS ONLY (ID OR BILL REQUIRED)
- ▶ BRING SHOVELS, DOLLY, AND STURDY CONTAINERS (SELF-SERVICE EVENT)
- ▶ NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED
- ▶ WHILE SUPPLIES LAST (30 GALLON LIMIT FIRST HOUR)



- ▶ NO CONTAINER LARGER THAN 32 GALLONS DUE TO SAFETY & WEIGHT CONCERNS
- ▶ DRIVE UP ONLY (NO WALK-INS)
- ▶ GLOVES AND EYE PROTECTION RECOMMENDED

Participation in the event and all items accepted are at your own risk. It is the attendees' responsibility to practice safe lifting and take all protective measures to guard against injury or any other loss.


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## The Night Sky

By David Nakamoto, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

**Full moon** is on June 3, last quarter on the 10th, new moon on the 17th, and first quarter on the 26th. Summer begins when the Sun passes through the summer solstice on June 21. It then reaches its highest point along the ecliptic. This is the longest day of the year and hence, also the shortest night. The Sun rises at its earliest time in the morning and sets at its latest time in the evening. After this, the days will get shorter and nights longer.

On June 1, **Mercury** rises at 4:34 a.m., just a little north of east and about 70 minutes ahead of the Sun. Mercury rises later each night. By the 30th, Mercury rises only six minutes ahead of the Sun, and so will be unobservable. You'll need a telescope with a magnification of 150x to see the planet's diminutive disk, which is only eight arcseconds wide. Do not observe any planet when it comes close to the Sun, for the danger to the eyes is great.

**Venus** is due west and three quarters of the way up from the horizon after sunset. The planet sets at 11:20 p.m. on June 1, and at 10:36 p.m. on the 30th, so it will be visible in the evening hours this entire month. You'll need a magnification of 100x or more to see its disk, which changes from a half phase to a medium wide crescent.

**Mars** crosses from Cancer the Crab to Leo the Lion this month. Mars is due west, halfway above the horizon after sunset, and sets at 11:51 p.m. on June 1, and at 10:49 p.m. on the 30th. Mars is a very small disk which will require a magnification of 500x or more to see anything on its disk, and so it is essentially unobservable until the last few months of 2024.

**Jupiter** is in Aries the Ram and rises due east at 3:46 a.m. on June 1 and rises at 2:09 a.m. on the 30th. A small telescope with a magnification of 50x or more will show the four Galilean moons and the Red Spot.

**Saturn** is in Aquarius the Water Bearer and rises before Jupiter at 1:18 a.m. on June 1 in the east-southeast, and at 11:21 p.m. on the 30th. The rings and Saturn's largest moon, Titan, can be seen with a magnification of 50x or more.

**Uranus** is in Aries the Ram. Uranus rises at 4:34 a.m. an hour before the Sun does, making it difficult to observe due to its faintness. On the 30th, Uranus rises in the morning sky at 2:45 a.m., making it easier to observe. However, its small disk requires magnifications of 200x or more to see its diminutive disk.

**Neptune** is in Pisces the Fishes. Neptune rises due east at 2:11 a.m. on June 1, and at 12:17 a.m. on the 30th. A magnification of over 150x is needed to see its diminutive disk.

**Garvey Ranch Park Observatory** is open every Wednesday night from 7:30-10 p.m. The telescope is open for public viewing if the sky is clear. It is staffed by volunteers from the Los Angeles Astronomical Society. Admission and viewing through the telescope are free. More info is available at [www.laas.org](http://www.laas.org); [www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety](https://www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety); or 213-673-7355. Garvey Ranch Park is located at 781 S. Orange Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

**City of Monterey Park**  
Recreation and Community Services Department

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PRESENTS

# MOVIE IN THE PARK



THURSDAY JUNE 22, 2023  
BARNES PARK

MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK

350 S. McPherrin Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754

[WWW.MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV/MOVIE NIGHTS](http://WWW.MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV/MOVIE NIGHTS)

@MontereyParkRec

**Teachers ALA**

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY**

## 3rd Annual San Gabriel Valley PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 3  
10AM - 12PM

**PARADE**  
Lineup at 8:30am, Parade starts at 9:15am  
Mark Keppel High School  
501 E. Hellman Ave.  
Alhambra, CA 91801

**FESTIVAL**  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Music \* Resources \* Giveaways  
Barnes Park  
350 S. McPherrin Ave.  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

For more information email - [alhambrateacherspresident@gmail.com](mailto:alhambrateacherspresident@gmail.com) or [recreation@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:recreation@montereypark.ca.gov)

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# SWIM LESSONS

**\$46.00 PER CHILD**

Online registration for Summer 2023 opens  
Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 7:30am  
All fees will increase July 1st per City Council resolution no.11771  
NO MAKE-UPS OR REFUNDS ALLOWED FOR SWIM CLASSES!

**OUR PROGRAM OFFERS:**

- Learn to Swim
- Learn to Breathe
- Learn to Float

All swim activities held at **George Elder Pool**.

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(All Sessions Total of 250 mins)

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**CITY OF MONTEREY PARK** **FREE**  
Presents  
**Independence Day CELEBRATION**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023**  
**BARNES PARK** 350 S. McPherrin Avenue

**4:00pm**  
Air National Guard Band of the West Coast

**7:00pm**  
Live Entertainment by *Kayln & The New Frontier*

**4:00pm**  
FOOD TRUCKS

**9:00 pm Fireworks Show**

**STREET CLOSURES:**  
McPherrin, Harding and Ramona Avenues will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4:00pm - 11:00pm to enable pedestrian use and fireworks show viewing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL, (626) 307-1388  
OR VISIT [WWW.MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV](http://WWW.MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV)



**City of Monterey Park**  
Community Participation  
Commission Presents:  
**HOLLYWOOD BOWL**  
**KOOL & THE GANG**  
**VILLAGE PEOPLE**  
**Macho Moves**  
**Saturday, July 15**

**Tickets are ONLY \$55 includes a pre-trip reception & bus transportation.**  
Reception at Langley Center at 5 PM  
Bus departure for Hollywood Bowl at 6pm

**Langley Center**  
**400 W. Emerson Ave.**

Space is limited, for tickets or information please contact the Recreation & Community Services Department at (626) 307-1388  
[www.Montereypark.ca.gov/Hollywoodbowl](http://www.Montereypark.ca.gov/Hollywoodbowl)



**MARK KEPPEL HIGH SCHOOL ALLIANCE**

**FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER**

JUN 29 - JUL 4 | 9AM TO 9PM  
ATLANTIC SQUARE RITE-AID PARKING LOT  
2150 S ATLANTIC BLVD, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754

\*AUSD employees are not subject to sales tax from June 29 - July 2.  
Volunteers are not subject to sales tax on the day they work. Taxes will be paid for by Alliance.

MKHS Alliance is a nonprofit that advocates for the interests of Mark Keppel High School and fundraises in order to enhance students' education.



The San Gabriel Unified School District in conjunction with USDA will provide **FREE** lunches to all children who are 18 years of age and younger.

**SUMMER LUNCHES**

**FREE MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN AGES 18 YEARS & YOUNGER**

**Barnes Park Picnic Shelter**  
June 12th - August 4th  
Monday - Friday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
(No meals served on Tuesday, July 4th)  
350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

With summer in full swing, it's time to think about keeping children healthy while school is out. The San Gabriel Unified School District (SGUSD) in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide free meals to children during the summer in Monterey Park.

Each year the USDA partners with local organizations like the SGUSD to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer. This summer, meals will be served June 12th through August 4th at the Barnes Park Picnic Shelters, Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Any child under age 18 may come to eat. There are no income requirements or registration procedures.

Barnes Park is located at 350 S. McPherrin Ave., with picnic shelters located near the southwest corner of the park at Harding and McPherrin Ave.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you have any questions, please call the Food Service Department (626) 451-5453.

# Recreation and Community Services Department CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

Online and phone registration available at [www.montereypark.ca.gov](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov) or 626-307-1388

## In-Person Indoor Classes

### Shotokan Karate Do (Monthly)

Shotokan Karate-Do will help students develop mobility, balance, awareness, reflexes, timing, and discipline. Promotional rankings are available. Friday class is optional. Students must verify holiday make ups with instructor. Ages 6+ years. Richard Kageyama, Langley Center.

<b>Mon/Wed/Fri</b>	<b>6:30 - 7:45pm</b>	<b>Beginner</b>
<b>Mon/Wed/Fri</b>	<b>8 - 9pm</b>	<b>Advance</b>
<b>\$37/month - Adult</b>		<b>\$35/month - Child</b>



### Laurinda's Line Dance

A variety of music from Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Tango, Waltz, and upbeat modern. Improves memory, coordination, and builds stamina. Requirement: Must be able to adapt to LOUD music and basic line dance. Laurinda Truong, Sierra Vista Park.

**13 weeks: Mar 14 - June 27 (No Class Apr 25, May 2, & May 9)**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:45 PM - 9:45 PM</b>	<b>\$104</b>
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### Salsa Dance Class

Get in shape while having fun moving to latin rhythm. We will do a conditioning workout followed by footwork to latin rhythm keeping a safe social distance. Dorothy Tsu & Moses Navarro, Location TBD.

**10 weeks: Apr 2 - June 11 (No Class May 28)**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 AM - 12:15 PM</b>	<b>\$120</b>
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### Yoga/Pilates

Combine Yoga and Pilates through series of movements to build strength, balance, and flexibility. Different levels will be taught so Beginner or more Advanced you will enjoy the class! Throughout the class, breath and movement are linked, making mindful focus. Bring your own mat to class. Katalina Beltran, Barnes Park Service Club.

**3 weeks: July 11 - July 25**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>\$42</b>
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## Water Aerobics

Four classes are offered per week. Each 50 min session is considered one class. One class per week allows a student to participate in any single session offered in a given week. Two classes per week allows a student to participate in any combination of two sessions offered in a given week. Unlimited classes allows a student to participate in any/all classes offered in a given week.



Pricing: One class per week: \$95; Two classes per week: \$145; Unlimited classes (up to 4) per week: \$175.

### Shallow Water Aerobics

Shallow Water Aerobics is an effective low impact class that provides cardiovascular benefits as well as flexibility and muscular toning. Students are required to provide their own water noodle. Margaret Nalbandian, George Elder Park Pool.

**12 weeks: Apr 11 - June 29 (Spring) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:15 - 5:05 PM**

### Deep Water Aerobics

Deep Water Aerobics is a great way to strengthen and tone muscles while building cardiovascular fitness. Students wear a buoyancy belt during class to provide flotation, alignment, and freedom of movement. Students should feel comfortable in deep water. Margaret Nalbandian, George Elder Park Pool.

**12 weeks: Apr 11 - June 29 (Spring) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:15 - 6:05 PM**

## In-Person Outdoor Classes

### Hitting Fundamentals for Beginning to Advanced Baseball / Fast-pitch Softball

(30-Minute Private Instruction)  
Designed to teach boys/girls fundamentals of hitting. Students will get repetition by utilizing the latest tee drills, flip drills and front toss drills. Need your own bat and batting helmet. Contact instructor for times and days available (Jay Simper 626-664-4583). Jay Simper, La Loma Field.

**Private Lessons: (4 lessons total)**  
**Fees: \$129.00 8yrs to 18yr**



### LoveSetMatch Tennis Classes

Beginner and Intermediate tennis classes for students of all ages. Find tennis friends and improve on the fundamentals of tennis in a fun, safe environment with one of the top Tennis coaches in Los Angeles. Classes are taught by USTA Trained Instructor, Phillip Kim. Bring 1 can of New Tennis Balls to 1st Class.

### LoveSetMatch Tennis Adults Intermediate Level

Players will improve in match play skills with an emphasis on footwork, improving strokes, adding consistency and accuracy to their game all while having fitness fun with friends. Bring 1 can of New Tennis Balls to 1st Class. Phillip Kim, George Elder Park.

**(Session 1) July 5 - August 2**  
**Wed 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM \$268**

### LoveSetMatch Tennis Adults Beginner & Intermediate Level

Players will learn & improve on the basics of the game of tennis, develop hand-eye coordination, learn footwork, racquet skills, and ball awareness skills. Tennis skills include forehand, backhand, serves, and return of serves. Bring 1 can of New Tennis Balls to 1st Class. Phillip Kim, George Elder Park.

**(Session 1) July 1 - August 5**  
**Sat 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM \$268**



### LoveSetMatch Tennis Teens (Ages 12-17 All Levels)

Students will learn the basics of the game of tennis, develop hand-eye coordination, play STEM learning games, learn footwork, racquet skills, and ball awareness skills. Tennis skills include forehand, backhand, serves, and return of serves. Bring 1 can of New Tennis Balls to 1st Class. Phillip Kim, George Elder Park.

**(Session 1) July 1 - August 5**  
**Sat 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM \$268**



### LoveSetMatch Tennis Juniors (Ages 5-11 All Levels)

Students will learn the basics of the game of tennis, develop hand-eye coordination, play STEM learning games, learn footwork, racquet skills, and ball awareness skills. Tennis skills include forehand, backhand, serves, and return of serves. Bring 1 can of New Tennis Balls to 1st Class. Phillip Kim, George Elder Park.

**(Session 1) July 1 - August 5**  
**Sat 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \$268**

### Pickleball 101 (Monthly)

Come learn the basics fundamentals of Pickleball! Students are highly encouraged to bring their own paddle. Ages 18+. Bill Sugimoto, Barnes Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts.

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Free (registration required)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Free (registration required)</b>

## In-Person Senior Classes at Langley Center

### May's Tai Chi Class

Learn and train in the fundamental skills of Tai Chi Chuan and Tai Chi Fan forms to improve coordination, strength, flexibility, and mental agility. Ages 50+. Sing May Chen, Langley Center Friendship Room.

**12 Weeks: April 1 - June 24 (No class April 29)**  
**Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM \$135**



### International Folk Dance

Explore folk dances from different countries around the world. Have fun learning about new cultures and while engaging in a rhythm activity for all. Ages 50+. Cindy Fang, Langley Center Friendship Room.

**13 weeks: April 7 - June 30**  
**Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM \$30**

### Friendship Chorus

Sing in a Chinese Choir group with experienced instructors for over 30 years. Ages 50+. Jia Fang Su, Langley Center Friendship Room.

**13 weeks: June 7 - August 30**  
**Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM \$75**

## Free Drop-In Daily Activities and Programs at Langley Senior Center

### Billiards, Ping-Pong & Fitness Room

Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; and Tues & Thur 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

### Bridge Play

Tues 12 :00 pm-4:00 pm and Thur 11:00 am-4:00 pm.

### Bunka-Japanese Embroidery

Sat 9:00 am-11:00 am.

### Crochet and Knitting

Tues 9:00 am-11:00 am.

### Karaoke

Tues 8:30 am-11:30 am and 12:15 pm-4:00 pm.  
1st and 2nd Sat 8:30 am-11:30 am.



### Karaoke & Dancing

Mon 12:00 am-4:30 pm.

### Line Dance

Wed & Fri 10:00 am-11:00 am;  
and Tues & Thur 9:00 am-10:00 am.

### Mah Jong

Mon, Wed & Fri 11:00 am - 4:30 pm.

### Yuen Chi Dance

Mon - Th 8:00 am - 10:00 am.  
Sat 8:00 am-10:00 am.



# Summer Aquatics 2023

Online registration begins Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. at [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) or 626-307-1388

## George Elder Park Pool 1950 Wilcox Ave., 626-307-1397

Prerequisites can be met by showing a certificate or demonstrating all completion requirements. No Make-Ups or Refunds Allowed for Summer Swim Classes.

### Lap Swim

For the fitness conscious, a Morning Lap Swim Program is available at George Elder Park Pool.

**George Elder Park Pool**

**Mon-Fri** 6:00 to 8:00am  
**Sat & Sun** 6:00 to 10:00 am

**Fees: \$5.25 Daily Swim. Fees increase after July 1st**  
**Fees: \$27.00 per month. Fees increase after July 1st – SENIORS 50yrs & Up.**  
**Fees: \$40.00 per month. Fees increase after July 1st – ADULT 14yrs & Up.**  
**Fees: \$75.00 per month. Fees increase after July 1st – Family 2 Family members max.**

### Swim Lessons

We offer a number of courses in which the objective is to teach people to swim and to be safe in, on and around the water. Our Learn-to-Swim programs are the most comprehensive and effective programs of their kind available anywhere. Schedule Subject to Change.

**George Elder Park Pool – Saturday Lessons**

**Cycle 1 – Saturdays: June 10 – July 8, 2023**  
**Cycle 2 – Saturdays: July 15 – August 12, 2023**

**George Elder Park Pool – Weekday Lessons**

**Cycle 1 - Weekdays: June 12 – June 23, 2023**  
**Cycle 2 - Weekdays: June 26 – July 7, 2023**  
**Cycle 3 – Weekdays: July 10 – July 21, 2023**  
**Cycle 4 – Weekdays: July 24 – August 4, 2023**

**Swim Lesson Fees Per Cycle: \$46.00. All Fees after July 1st will increase (\$TBD).**

**Parent & Tot**

Parents and children (ages 6 months up to 5 years) learn together to increase a child's comfort level in the water and build a foundation of basic skills, such as arm and leg movements and breath control.

**6mos to 5yrs**

**Saturday** 10:30 am to 11:20 am  
**Saturday** 11:30 am to 12:20 pm  
**Saturday** 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 9:30 am to 9:55 am  
**Monday-Friday** 10:00 am to 10:25 am  
**Monday-Friday** 11:00 am to 11:25 am  
**Monday-Friday** 2:00 pm to 2:25 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 3:00 pm to 3:25 pm



**Level I: Water Exploration**

Introduction to Water Skills: helps students feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely.

**5yrs to 7yrs**

**Saturday** 10:30 am to 11:20 am  
**Saturday** 11:30 am to 12:20 pm  
**Saturday** 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 9:00 am to 9:25 am  
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**Level II: Primary Skills**

Fundamental Aquatic Skills: gives students success with fundamental skills.

Prerequisite: Completion of Level 1: Water Exploration

**5yrs to 17yrs**

**Saturday** 10:30 am to 11:20 am  
**Saturday** 11:30 am to 12:20 pm

**Saturday** 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 9:00 am to 9:25 am  
**Monday-Friday** 9:30 am to 9:55 am  
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**Monday-Friday** 2:00 pm to 2:25 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 3:00 pm to 3:25 pm

**Level III: Stroke Readiness**

Stroke Readiness: builds on the skills in Level 2 by providing additional guided practice.

Prerequisite: Completion of Level 2: Primary Skills

**5yrs to 17yrs**

**Saturday** 10:30 am to 11:20 am  
**Saturday** 11:30 am to 12:20 pm  
**Saturday** 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 9:00 am to 9:25 am  
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**Monday-Friday** 11:00 am to 11:25 am  
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**Monday-Friday** 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm



**Level IV: Stroke Development**

Stroke Development: develops confidence in the strokes learned and to improve other aquatic skills.

Prerequisite: Completion of Level 3: Stroke Readiness

**5yrs to 17yrs**

**Saturday** 10:30 am to 11:20 am  
**Saturday** 11:30 am to 12:20 pm  
**Saturday** 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 9:30 am to 9:55 am  
**Monday-Friday** 10:30 am to 10:55 am  
**Monday-Friday** 11:00 am to 11:25 am  
**Monday-Friday** 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 3:00 pm to 3:25 pm



**Level V: Stroke Refinement**

Stroke Refinement: provides further coordination and refinement of strokes.

Prerequisite: Completion of Level 4: Stroke Development

**5yrs to 17yrs**

**Saturday** 10:30 am to 11:20 am  
**Saturday** 11:30 am to 12:20 pm  
**Saturday** 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 9:00 am to 9:25 am  
**Monday-Friday** 10:30 am to 10:55 am  
**Monday-Friday** 2:00 pm to 2:25 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 3:00 pm to 3:25 pm

**Level VI: Stroke Proficiency**

Swimming and Skill Proficiency: refines the strokes so students swim them with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances.

Prerequisite: Completion of Level 5: Stroke Refinement

**5yrs to 17yrs**

**Saturday** 10:30 am to 11:20 am  
**Saturday** 11:30 am to 12:20 pm  
**Saturday** 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 9:00 am to 9:25 am  
**Monday-Friday** 10:30 am to 10:55 am  
**Monday-Friday** 2:00 pm to 2:25 pm  
**Monday-Friday** 3:00 pm to 3:25 pm

**Competitive Swim & Water Polo for High School Students**

A comprehensive summer program seeking to challenge and prepare individuals for competitive swimming and water polo. It is also a maintenance program for current high school athletes. It is an opportunity for future swimming and water polo participants to develop and learn new skills. The program will focus on swimming/ water polo technique refinement (skill you know), skill introduction (new skills), and conditioning (speed, strength, and stamina). You must pass a skill test. Instructor: Ismael Perez, George Elder Park Pool. For more information, please visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/aquatics](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/aquatics).

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For more information about Library programs and services,  
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LAMP Literacy/Citizenship Services (626) 307-1251 • Passport Services (626) 307-1357

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## Summer Reading Program: Find Your Voice!

Starting June 6, children (ages 0-12), teens (ages 12-18) and adults (ages 18 and older) are invited to participate in the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library's 2023 Find Your Voice! Summer Reading Program by registering at [montereypark.beanstack.org](http://montereypark.beanstack.org). Children keep track of the hours they read or listen to books and receive prizes for the time that they read. Teens and adults can track hours read to earn virtual badges and a free book and have the opportunity to win additional prizes for completing activities. The program runs through July 29. To learn more, visit the Library's website. The 2023 Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the Monterey Park Library.

## Monterey Park Goes to the Beach!

Saturday, June 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Huntington State Beach  
Saturday, July 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Bolsa Chica State Beach  
Saturday, August 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Huntington State Beach  
Beginning June 1, visit the Adult Reference Desk to register for the trip of your choice. A signed waiver and refundable \$5 deposit per person are required at time of registration. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

## Explore Nature with a California State Parks Pass

Planning to head outdoors this summer? The Library has California State Parks vehicle day-use passes which can now be checked out for up to fourteen days. The passes, made available through a partnership with California State Parks and the California State Library, allow free access to more than 200 beautiful parks, lakes, beaches and monuments in the State Parks system. Visit the Library's catalog to see if a pass is available to check out or to place a hold. More information on the eligible parks can be found on the California State Parks website at <https://www.parks.ca.gov/ParkIndex>. For additional information on checking out a pass, visit the Library website at <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/parkspass> or call Adult Services.

## Southern California Beaches and Conservation

Saturday, June 10 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Join Nature for All for a presentation on Southern California beaches and learn about their conservation efforts. For more information, contact Adult Services.

## Adult Services

### "Have PRIDE in Who You Are" Author Talk

Saturday, June 3 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Join staff for an engaging conversation with local authors Noel Alumit, Traci Kato-Kiriyama and Eric Wat as they discuss their work. This panel is recommended for teens and adults.

### Get Fit While You Sit

Fridays, June 2 and 16 at 10 a.m. in the Friends Room (Intermediate Level)  
Fridays, June 9 and 23 at 10 a.m. at Langley Senior Center (Beginning Level)  
Led by Library staff, Beginning Level students will practice poses to learn how to gain flexibility, improve posture and boost memory, concentration and focus with simple brain exercises while Intermediate Level students will perform stretches and simple exercises to maintain flexibility and posture. To register, call or visit Adult Services.

### Blockbuster Summer

Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Beat the heat with a fun movie every Tuesday. Call Adult Services for the movie of the week.

### Healthy Sleeping Tips

Thursday, June 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Learn all about sleep at this seminar hosted by Garfield Health Center. Topics include types of sleep disorders, how much sleep we really need, risks associated with lack of sleep and tips for getting better sleep.

### Free Legal Assistance Clinic

Tuesday, June 13 at 6 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Volunteer attorneys will be on hand to answer legal questions at the free legal assistance clinic sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA). Attorneys will answer questions about immigration, criminal law, civil matters, estate planning, government benefits, labor and employment. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call Adult Services.

### Open Mic Karaoke

Wednesday, June 14 and 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Have an Achy Breaky Heart? Are you wondering if this is real life or just fantasy? Join fellow singers as we sing it out at Open Mic Karaoke! Singers will be first-come, first-served.

## DIY Bird Feeder

Tuesday, June 20 to Friday, June 23  
Beginning June 20, stop by the Library to pick up a craft kit to make your own bird feeder!

## Get Fit While You Dance

Friday, June 30 at 10 a.m. at Langley Senior Center  
Join staff for a special edition of Get Fit While You Sit. Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to be sweatin' to the oldies! To register, call Adult Services.

## Tech Hour

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Computer Lab  
If you have a computer, phone, or tablet that you need assistance with, come to Tech Hour, where a Library staff member will be present to answer your questions. Computers will also be available for one-on-one help on the internet or email. Seating is limited to a first-come, first-served.

## Teen Services

### Financial Literacy 101

Saturdays, June 10, 17 and 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Friends Room  
Teens are invited to learn about the fundamentals of investing, loans, building credit and financing their college education. This series is sponsored by Chinatown Service Center.

### D&D First Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Celebrate one year of Dungeons & Dragons at the Library with a special one-session mission! This program is for teens and adults.

### Teen Gamer Hour

Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Computer Lab  
Teens are welcome to game in the Computer Lab. Seating is limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

### Write on: Teen Creative Writing

Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab  
Begin your creative writing journey by learning how to outline and prepare for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo).

### Junior Friends

Tuesdays, June 13 and 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Teens 14-18 years old are invited to watch the annual Junior Friends Board election, learn more about the organization and meet other members. The Junior Friends is a teen volunteer organization with leadership and community service opportunities in conjunction with the Library.

## LAMP Literacy/Citizenship/Passport Services

### Volunteer to Make a Difference in Your Community and Create Positive Change for Adults Learning English

Join the Library's dedicated team of volunteers and help adults navigate their community, communicate with others and feel more confident in their daily lives.

Volunteer instructors and tutors meet one-on-one or lead online group classes. All volunteers receive materials and training, ongoing support and professional development opportunities. Volunteers commit to at least six months, set their own schedule and meet one to two times per week with their learner or class. A teaching credential is not required. To volunteer or learn more about this opportunity, call (626) 307-1492 or email [vcastellanos@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:vcastellanos@montereypark.ca.gov).

### LAMP English Classes & Citizenship Program

Improve your reading, writing and speaking skills! LAMP offers five English levels for beginning, intermediate and advanced learners. All students must complete a pre-test before joining and must have proper personal identification. ESL classes will resume in August but visit the LAMP office or Library website to learn more about joining summer workshops and special events.

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Cải thiện kỹ năng đọc, viết và nói của bạn! LAMP cung cấp năm cấp độ tiếng Anh cho người học mới bắt đầu, trung cấp và nâng cao. Các lớp học trực tuyến và lớp luyện thi quốc tịch đều miễn phí và sinh viên nâng cao có thể gặp gỡ trực tiếp với một gia sư để được đào tạo. Tất cả học sinh phải hoàn thành bài kiểm tra trước khi tham gia và phải có giấy tờ tùy thân phù hợp. Để tham gia, vui lòng gọi văn phòng LAMP và truy cập trang mạng thư viện để biết lịch học của chúng tôi.





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# Ynez Inaugurates New Steam Lab with Ribbon Cutting Night of Fun and Learning

By Toby Gilbert



Ynez School opened their fantastic STEAM Night with a fittingly spectacular ribbon cutting ceremony for their new STEAM-lab. Excited students and families crowded around 15 stations of STEAM-related activities, presentations, and performances. STEAM — which stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics — was evident throughout the campus with presentations from student speakers and JPL, project exhibits, instrumental music concerts, math games, hands-on science, engineering, and art activities. Students loved making slime or “oobleck,” “bouncy balls,” and butterfly puppets and tested their engineering skills through “penny bridge,” building earthquake-safe structures, and “make-amaze” challenges.

# Mark Keppel Poets Capture Classic Slam Championship Title for Second Year Running

By Toby Gilbert



“The oration of poetry, I consider to be its own art form and tradition,” said Amanda Gorman, America’s first national youth poet laureate. Mark Keppel High School’s SNAP team (Speak Now All Poets) can certainly be considered oratory artists after winning the annual Get Lit Classic Slam for second consecutive year. The Classic Slam is the culmination of Get Lit’s in-school program, and is one of the largest youth Spoken Word events in the country. The Mark Keppel SNAP team is pictured here with their championship trophy (left to right): Zenina Adao, Gabby/Lex Wong, Alexa Armendariz, Megan Garibay, Sammy Rios, Maryam Tall, and Tiffany To. Not pictured is Dorothy Burkhart, SNAP Advisor and Coach.

# Too Many AUSD Families Did Not Complete The Alternate Income Form. It Cost The District \$10 Million Loss, Severely Affecting Staffing + Services.

By Toby Gilbert

**Increase Student Funding**  
**Complete the Alternative Income Form (AIF)**

Help us ensure that Alhambra Unified School District receives the maximum amount of federal funds for our schools.

The collection of household income is a necessary step to receive thousands of dollars in federal funds for the school that your child attends. All families should complete the Alternative Income Form (AIF), irrespective of their household income. One AIF per student is necessary.

*Complete the Alternative Income Form*

Scan the QR Code to access directions to fill in the AIF form.

School meals are free for all students. This means Alhambra Unified School District no longer has the free-and-reduced lunch meal application process which previously qualified the district for additional and vital federal funding. AUSD now uses the Alternative Income Form (AIF) for the same purpose but has seen a dramatic and costly decrease in the number of families who completed the form.

The drop in qualified Alternative Income Form applications resulted in a loss of over \$10 million dollars to AUSD schools, severely affecting staffing and services.

Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, all families are required to respond to the AIF survey regardless of their household income.

AIF responses also determine eligibility for family services including fee waivers and Afterschool Adventures Expanded Learning Opportunities Programs. When parents access the AUSD Parent Portal, they will automatically be sent to a page that will collect AIF information. Parents must respond to the survey on that page before access will be granted to any other portions of the Parent Portal.

“For the future of our students and our schools, every AUSD family must complete the Alternative Income Form,” said Josephine Quach, assistant superintendent, financial services. “Parents have the power to ensure the district qualifies for maximum funding eligibility for staffing, schools, and services. At the same time, parents can make sure their children qualify for all eligible benefits.”

# AUSD Launches NO COST Student Telehealth Mental Health Services

By Toby Gilbert

U. S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy calls the decline in children’s mental health the “crisis of our time”. Near-constant social media use combined with years of pandemic upheavals and loss are significant additional stressors for students and can impede learning and thriving. The Alhambra Unified School District community is committed to providing students with access to mental health support and assistance.

The district is adding a new service, in partnership with Hazel Health, to help reduce mental health challenges as a barrier to student success. Last month, AUSD launched HAZEL HEART telehealth mental health services. The service is available to ALL AUSD students and can be used at home. Students in summer programs on school campuses will also have access.

Parents can reach out directly to Hazel Health to sign the e-consent to arrange for services for their child. For more information or to sign up, visit: [my.hazel.co/alhambrausd](https://my.hazel.co/alhambrausd).

HAZEL HEART telehealth is offered at NO COST to our families. Note: Hazel Health will still need to collect insurance information and/or verify uninsured status, but they will not bill parents.

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# AUSD Board Member Dr. Marcia Wilson Named 2023 Woman of The Year By Congresswoman Judy Chu

By Toby Gilbert

Alhambra USD Board of Education member, Dr. Marcia R. Wilson, was honored as a 2023 Congressional Women of the Year by Congressmember Judy Chu, who celebrated eight accomplished local women on Saturday, May 6th.

Dr. Wilson was nominated for this recognition by Alhambra Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler. In her nomination, Mayor Andrade-Stadler wrote: "Dr. Marcia R. Willson's lifelong dedication to education, civic engagement, advocacy, and volunteerism is a legacy that stems from her parents involvement in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and 1970s. She earned her BA, MSW, and Ph.D. at the University of Southern California and joined the faculty at the Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, where she has been an adjunct professor, teaching in both the MSW and DSW programs for over 30 years, including launching their online MSW program. Dr. Wilson also serves as Dean of Pathway Innovation and Institutional Effectiveness and is Dean of Equity Initiatives, including the Re-entry Pathway, Employment and Career Success, and Strong Workforce Programs at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. An active parent booster while her sons attended AUSD schools, Dr. Wilson held multiple PTA leadership roles after her family moved to the district in 2000. She also served on the Citizen's Oversight Committee for Measure C and MM to oversee the bond construction at AUSD schools and on the board of the Alhambra Educational Foundation for seven years."



On Saturday, May 6th, Congresswoman Judy Chu (28th District) recognized eight impressive community members as Congressional Women of the Year, including AUSD Board of Education member, Dr. Marcia Wilson.

"We're so proud to have Dr. Wilson as part of the AUSD Team and we join with her friends and family members in celebrating this well-deserved honor," said Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo.

# More Accolades for AUSD Food + Nutritional Services

By Toby Gilbert

Alhambra Unified School District Food + Nutrition Services was one of eight state 2023 winners of the fourth annual Dairy Council of California Let's Eat Healthy Leadership Awards. The leadership award celebrates California leaders and change-makers who educate, inspire, and empower children and communities to develop lifelong healthy eating habits and have equitable access to nutrition.

"This year's leadership award recipients are making a difference by advocating for nutrition, food access and empowering children to build lifelong healthy eating patterns," states California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross.

AUSD's Food + Nutrition Services were recognized for increasing participation of school meals by instituting grab and go meals and second chance breakfasts, and by involving the school community in sampling menu items to stay relevant to cultural needs and food trends.

For more information, visit [HealthyEating.org](https://HealthyEating.org) or watch video: <https://youtu.be/vEG7ewj2c8E>



AUSD's award-winning Food and Nutritional Services team is led by Executive Director Vivien Watts (front-center), who notes the importance of keeping students well fed, "Food is a source of comfort, security, and inclusion."

# SGHS Taps Matador Defensive Coordinator Marcus Galan As New Head Varsity Football Coach

By Toby Gilbert

The San Gabriel High community is cheering the announcement of coach Marcus Galan, defensive coordinator for the Matador's historic football championship 2022 season, as the new varsity head coach. Galan, who worked closely with coach Kevin Encinas on his coaching staff for four years, takes the reins of the school's football program after Encinas made a personal decision to step down to have more time with his wife and their two young children.

Galan is a well-known presence on the SGHS campus in his role as full-time physical education teacher and as an assistant coach. Galan brings a passion for the game — he played football in high school and college and has been coaching for ten years. He credits coach Encinas with teaching him what it takes to run a great program at San Gabriel.

"I played football since I was ten years old. This is my dream job," Galan said. "I stand on the shoulders of exceptional mentors. I am ready to build on the success of the 2022 championship season by building good men with a strong work ethic who understand that great teamwork is at the heart of the game and life."

SGHS Principal Debbie Stone said, "We are thrilled to welcome Coach Galan into his new position as head coach for the Matador varsity football team. He has been



Coach Marcus Galan was the defensive coordinator for the Matadors historic season before being named SGHS varsity head coach. He is pictured here with the CIF 2022 southern Regional Championship plaque for Division 6A.

instrumental in the team's successes on and off the field over the last four years, and his coaching philosophy strongly aligns with the culture of the SGHS Familia. Coach Galan's passion for the game and strong work ethic, along with his focus on teamwork and dedication is exactly what we need to reinforce the legacy of Matador excellence. I am grateful for the continuity that Coach Galan's leadership will bring and am looking forward to an outstanding future for our football program."

# AUSD Groundskeeper honored as a 2023 CSEA Unsung Hero

By Toby Gilbert

Alhambra Unified School District groundskeeper Geovanny Oliva (center) was named a California School Employee Association (CSEA) 2023 Unsung Hero. In his nomination, CSEA-Alhambra 295 wrote, "Alhambra is proud to nominate Geovanny as an Unsung Hero in recognition of his steadfast support of our chapter. He serves as a member of our Negotiations Team. Geovanny is always ready to help cheerfully and enthusiastically. With much appreciation, we honor Geovanny!" Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo agreed, "AUSD is grateful to Mr. Oliva for all he does for AUSD and CSEA."



# AUSD Celebrates Student Woodwork Craftsmen

By Toby Gilbert



Alhambra USD Career Tech Department held their fifth annual Woodworking Banquet in May, a favorite district event, with students' handcrafted work on display as guests entered.

Under the guidance of award-winning woodworking teachers Paul Lam, John Mason, and Carlos Sanchez, students developed lifelong skills by creating a variety of projects throughout the year. Congratulations to all the award recipients, with a special shout-out to Derrick Xu from Mark Keppel High School, who won the most prestigious Richard Nicholson Award.

# AUSD Administrators Honored By Peers

By Toby Gilbert



Alhambra Unified School District is known for its strong team of leaders helping sites and departments. Eleven of those leaders were honored recently by the Association of California School Administrator (ACSA). Two dozen family members and colleagues were on hand to applaud the honorees at the ACSA Region XV Annual Awards Banquet.

- Pat Mahony, nominee for Marcus Foster Award for Administrative Excellence
- Michele Yamarone, Alhambra Charter Award
- Viven Watts, Classified Leader
- John Scanlan, Personnel / Human Resources
- Linh Ly, Promising Administrator
- Jocelyn Castro, Secondary Co-Administrator
- Dr. Debbie Kotani, Elementary Principal
- Debbie Stone, Secondary Principal
- Dr. Angie Juarez, Special Education
- Dr. Denise Jaramillo, Superintendent
- Dr. Lily Jarvis, Valuing Diversity Award

# AHS Junior Honored at 2023 Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition, SGHS Singer Opens Awards Ceremony

By Toby Gilbert

Alhambra High School junior Mia Lai was one of nine finalists in the 2023 Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition. Congressman Judy Chu honored Mia and the eight other artists in a special April 13th ceremony at Huntington Gardens. Mia's hauntingly beautiful artwork, "Chinatown Ghost," won an Honorable Mention. Her artwork is on display in Dr. Chu's Congressional office in Claremont. In addition, Mia earned a \$100 scholarship.

"It's so important to recognize the incredible young artists we have in the San Gabriel Valley," said Rep Chu (28th District). "As we see in this remarkable art gallery, these young artists have all used art to tackle challenging problems, speak about difficult emotions, and to inspire each and every one of us to pursue a better version of ourselves."

Adding to her recognition of artistic achievements by high school students, Rep. Chu invited San Gabriel High School senior Elizabeth Sjafrri to open the ceremony by singing the National Anthem.

CAPTION: AHS junior Mia Lai's stunning artwork "Chinatown Ghost" won an Honorable mention at the 2023 Artistic Discovery Congressional Art Competition and is on display in Rep. Judy Chu's Claremont Congressional office. Adding to Rep. Chu's recognition of high school artists, SGHS senior was invited to open the awards ceremony by singing the National Anthem.



# AUSD Celebrates Long Serving Staff with Milestone Decades of Employment

By Toby Gilbert



Congratulations to our employees who reached a milestone year in 2023! Thank you for your years of dedicated service to the students and families of the Alhambra Unified School District!

Alhambra Unified School District, with its history of decades of multi-generational, long serving employees, feels like a big family drawing students from four cities. In May, AUSD Alhambra celebrated 130 employees who reached a milestone year in 2023. These staff members have been with AUSD for 15, 20, 25, 30, or even 35 years. "We are so fortunate to have these wonderful staff members as part of our team, and we thank them for their years of inspiring service to the students and families of AUSD," said Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo.

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### 蒙特利公園市社區康復基金將向1月槍擊案的目擊者提供經濟資助

市府經理辦公室人員提供

在2023年1月21日悲慘的槍擊事件發生後，蒙特利公園市市議會召集了一群社區領袖作為蒙特利公園市社區康復基金的監督委員會，以通過多種方式協助社區從悲慘的槍擊事件恢復過來。

蒙特利公園市農曆新年受害者基金籌集了超過 1,000,000 美元並將向受傷者和死者家屬分配資金，而社區康復基金委員會則籌集了大約 50,000 美元，這資金的用途可更廣泛的提供全面的社區援助。作為任務的一部分，從現在到2023年7月31日，基金委員會願意為1月21日晚上在槍擊事件現場尚未收到任何賠償的每位證人/受害者做點小貢獻。

如果槍擊事件那天晚上您在現場，請將您的聯繫信息通過電子郵件發送給 California Community Foundation 的 Carol Bradford Worley，電子郵件地址為 CBWorley@calfund.org，以便基金委員會可以開始審查申請人並代表社區基金會提供小額捐款基金。



此外，如果您想向蒙特利公園市社區康復基金捐款，現在還為時不晚。請參訪 [www.calfund.org/monterey-park-community-healing-fund](http://www.calfund.org/monterey-park-community-healing-fund) 或掃描二維碼進行免稅捐贈。



### 居民可體驗到蒙市公園的改善環境

由娛樂和社區服務部門人員提供

娛樂和社區服務部正在積極尋求改善社區參觀蒙特利公園市設施或公園時的體驗和安全的方法。該部門很高興向讀者通報以下已完成或未來的項目。

娛樂和社區服務部門以及公共工程部門最近進行翻新和翻修路面在 Sierra Vista 公園 (311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755) 的籃球場和匹克球場。2023 年 4 月 18 日，市議會舉行了剪彩儀式，球場已經開放供公眾使用和享用。該項目由 68 號提案資助。

娛樂部門正與蒙特貝羅(Montebello)學區合作，翻新喬治埃爾德公園(George Elder Park)社區中心的室內洗手間及火警系統訊號升級。該項目預計將於 2023 年 6 月至 2023 年 8 月運行動工，在此期間，大部分施工期間，體育館將保持正常開放也為健身房使用者備有替代洗手間。Elder Park 社區中心位於 1950 Wilcox Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755。

阿罕布拉(Alhambra)聯合學區也在 Monterey Highlands 小學開展一個項目。從 2023 年 8 月到 2023 年 10 月，該地區的太陽能項目將影響公眾進入 Monterey Highlands 小學的柏油路區域。

對於這些項目可能給您帶來的不便，我們深表歉意，並感謝大家的耐心和理解。

如果您有任何疑問或想參加未來的社區意見會議，請將您的姓名和聯繫信息通過電子郵件發送至 [recreation@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:recreation@montereypark.ca.gov)。對於正在進行的項目、計劃和活動更新，請在 [social media@MontereyParkRec](https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/social-media) 上關注該部門或參訪 [www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation)。



Sierra Vista Park 新裝修的籃球場

### 慶祝美國國慶日將於星期六7月1日舉行

國慶日活動於下午 4 點開始。晚上 9 點免費煙花表演

蒙特利公園市將於 7 月 1 日星期六下午 4 點至 9 點在巴恩斯公園慶祝我們的美國國慶獨立假日。這個社區活動以 Kayln & The New Frontier 的音樂團隊表演、美食卡車和全家人的樂趣為特色。充滿樂趣的一天將在晚上9點舉行最收歡迎的年度免費煙花表演中結束這次活動。

公眾告知，巴恩斯公園周圍的街道 (McPherrin、Harding 和 Ramona Avenues) 將於下午 4 點至 11 點關閉。可用於觀看煙花表演。

為了公眾的假日安全，蒙特利公園市消防和警察部門鼓勵放煙花的安全，並提醒慶祝者在該市非法使用煙花會被罰款。非法(不安全)煙花將被沒收，並處以 2,000 至 5,000 美元的罰款。Safe and Sane 煙花只允許在 7 月 4 日星期二上午 10 點至晚上 10 點之間使用。

有關慶祝獨立日活動的更多信息，請致電 626-307-1388 聯繫娛樂和社區服務部門，在社交媒體上點贊/關注@MontereyParkRec 或參訪 [www.montereypark.ca.gov](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov)。巴恩斯公園位於蒙特利公園市的 350 S. McPherrin Avenue。



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### El Fondo de Recuperación Comunitaria de Monterey Park Ofrecerá Subvenciones Financieras a los Testigos del Tiroteo de Enero

Por el Personal de la Oficina del Administrador de la Ciudad

A consecuencia del trágico incidente del tiroteo el 21 de enero del 2023, el Concejo Municipal de Monterey Park reunió a un grupo de líderes comunitarios como un Comité de Supervisión del Fondo de Recuperación Comunitaria de Monterey Park (MP Community Healing Fund) para ayudar de diversas maneras a la comunidad a recuperarse del trágico tiroteo.

Mientras que el Fondo de Víctimas del Año Nuevo Lunar de Monterey Park recaudó más de \$1,000,000 y distribuirá fondos a los heridos y a las familias de los fallecidos, el Comité del Fondo de Recuperación Comunitaria recaudó aproximadamente \$50,000 con el objetivo más amplio de asistencia comunitaria en general. Como parte de esa misión, desde ahora hasta el 31 de julio del 2023, el Comité del Fondo quisiera hacer una pequeña contribución a cada testigo/víctima que estuvo presente en el sitio la noche del 21 de enero y que aún no ha recibido alguna compensación.

Si usted estuvo presente esa noche durante el tiroteo, envíe su información de contacto por correo electrónico a Carol Bradford Worley, California Community Foundation, al [CBWorley@calfund.org](mailto:CBWorley@calfund.org) para que el Comité pueda comenzar el proceso de investigación de los solicitantes y ofrecerles una pequeña contribución en nombre del fondo.

Además, si desea donar al Fondo de Recuperación Comunitaria de Monterey Park, no es demasiado tarde. Por favor visite [www.calfund.org/monterey-park-community-healing-fund](http://www.calfund.org/monterey-park-community-healing-fund) o escanear el código QR para hacer una donación deducible de impuestos.



### Trabajando para Mejorar su Experiencia en el Parque

Por el Personal de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios

El Departamento de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios está buscando activamente formas de mejorar la experiencia y seguridad de la comunidad cuando visiten una instalación o parque en Monterey Park. El Departamento se complace en informar a los lectores sobre los siguientes proyectos que han sido completados y los futuros.

Los Departamentos de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios y el de Obras Públicas trabajaron recientemente renovando y repavimentando las canchas de basquetbol y de pickleball en el Sierra Vista Park (311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755). El 18 de abril del 2023 se llevó a cabo una ceremonia de inauguración con el Concejo Municipal y las canchas están abiertas para que el público las usen y las disfruten. Este Proyecto fue financiado por una subvención de la Proposición 68.

El Departamento de Recreación se está asociando con el Distrito Escolar de Montebello para renovar los baños interiores del Centro Comunitario George Elder Park y para actualizar el sistema de alarma contra incendios. Se espera que el proyecto se lleve a cabo de junio a agosto del 2023, durante cual tiempo el gimnasio permanecerá abierto durante la mayor parte de la construcción. Se proporcionarán baños alternativos para los que usan el gimnasio. El Centro Comunitario Elder Park está ubicado en 1950 Wilcox Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755.

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Alhambra también se está embarcando en un proyecto en la Escuela Primaria Monterey Highlands. De agosto a octubre del 2023, el proyecto solar del distrito afectará el acceso público al área asfaltada de la Escuela Primaria Monterey Highlands.

Les pedimos disculpas de antemano por cualquier inconveniencia que estos proyectos les puedan causar y apreciamos la paciencia y comprensión de todos.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o le gustaría participar en futuras reuniones de aportes de la comunidad, por favor envíe su nombre e información de contacto por correo electrónico a [recreation@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:recreation@montereypark.ca.gov). Para obtener actualizaciones de proyectos, programas o eventos, siga al departamento en las redes sociales @MontereyParkRec o visite [www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/recreation).



La cancha del basquetbol del Sierra Vista Park recientemente renovada, por favor recorte según sea necesario.

### Reserve la Fecha para Celebrar a Estados Unidos el Sábado 1ro de Julio

Las festividades del Día de la Independencia comienzan a las 4:00 p.m. Espectáculo de fuegos artificiales gratuito a las 9:00 p.m.

Monterey Park celebrará el Día de la Independencia de Estados Unidos el sábado 1ro de Julio desde las 4:00 hasta las 9:00 p.m. en el Barnes Park. Este evento comunitario contará con música de Kayln & The New Frontier, camiones de comida y diversión para toda la familia. El día lleno de diversión concluirá con el popular espectáculo anual gratuito de fuegos artificiales a las 9:00 p.m.

Se informa al público que las calles que rodean Barnes Park (Avenidas McPherrin, Harding y Ramona) estarán cerradas desde las 4:00 hasta las 11:00 p.m. para que estén disponibles para ver el espectáculo de fuegos artificiales.

En beneficio de la seguridad general de las fiestas, los Departamentos de Bomberos y de Policía de

Monterey Park fomentan la seguridad de los fuegos artificiales y recuerdan a los celebrantes que hay multas por el uso ilegal en la ciudad. Los fuegos artificiales ilegales serán confiscados y se emitirán multas de \$2,000 a \$5,000. Los fuegos artificiales de Safe and Sane solamente se pueden usar el martes 4 de julio y solo de 10:00 a.m. a 10:00 p.m.

Para obtener más información sobre el evento del Día de la Independencia, por favor póngase en contacto con el Departamento de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios llamando al 626-307-1388, haga click en Me Gusta/síguenos en las redes sociales en @MontereyParkRec o visite [www.montereypark.ca.gov](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov). Barnes Park está ubicado en 350 S. McPherrin Avenue en Monterey Park.



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