



# Cascades

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## In Remembrance: The One Year Anniversary Candlelight Vigil

By the City Manager's Office



The City of Monterey Park invites the community to join together for a candlelight vigil to mark the one year anniversary of the tragic events that took place on January 21, 2023. The candlelight vigil is an opportunity for the community to come together in remembrance, unity, and support. The event will provide a space for reflection and healing as we honor the memory of the victims of the January 21 shooting and stand together against violence.

- Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 6 p.m.
- City Hall Front Lawn, 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Additional details about the event will be posted they become available. For more information, please visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/jan21vigil](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/jan21vigil) or scan the QR code.



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## Holiday Snow Village Coming to Barnes Park December 7

By Recreation Department staff

Monterey Park Recreation and Community Services Department is happy to announce the annual Holiday Snow Village event will take place on Thursday, December 7, 2023. The community is invited to join their neighbors at Barnes Park from 4-8 p.m. where everyone will be able to enjoy the holiday activities and entertainment, artisan vendors and the weekly Farmers' Market.

Snow Village attendees will have a range of activities and entertainment available, including the popular snow sled runs, snow play area, pictures with Santa, letters to Santa and holiday themed music. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes to play in the snow areas. New this year will be a holiday train station and train rides sponsored by Athens Services.

Also on December 7, the Monterey Park Farmers' Market will feature vendors selling fresh local food and refreshments. Don't forget to stop by the holiday artisan vendors to purchase hand-made holiday gifts and more.

Children are invited to drop off their letters to Santa Claus while at the Snow Village. Be sure to include a return address on the letters to Santa and drop it in the special holiday mailbox. Santa will answer every letter received.

The City of Monterey Park hopes to see you and your family at this wonderful event to kick off the holiday season. For more Holiday Snow Village information, please visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/holidaysnowvillage](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/holidaysnowvillage) or call Recreation and Community Services at 626-307-1388. Please follow the rec department on social media to stay up-to-date on all future events on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @MontereyParkRec. Barnes Park is located at 350 S. McPherrin Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754.



## Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival Celebrates the Year of the Dragon

Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, 2024

Downtown Monterey Park

Join artisans, food vendors, live performers, merchants and thousands of your family and friends to welcome the arrival of spring at Monterey Park's annual outdoor street festival.

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with the City of Monterey Park, the Business Improvement District Advisory Committee of Monterey Park and World Journal Los Angeles as they co-host the 2024 Lunar New Year Festival celebration. The Dragon is the 5th animal in the cycle and the only mythical being in the zodiac. The year of the Dragon represents strength, health and good luck.

The Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival has something for everyone, with more than 230 booths hosted by merchants, organizations, and food vendors in addition to live entertainment. The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

The Opening Ceremonies will take place Saturday, January 27 at 11 a.m. and include speeches from elected officials, a traditional lion dance, and a moment of silence in honor of the lives lost and impacted by the January 21, 2023 Monterey Park tragedy.

Over 40 delicious food booths of Asian and international cuisines are a crowd favorite that should not be missed. There will be on-site interactive activities and cultural experiences. Plus, enjoy tons of carnival games, rides, and the popular "Wishing Tree."

The festival will be spread out along five street blocks on Garvey Avenue from Garfield to Alhambra Avenues, making it one of the largest free street events in Southern California. While celebrating the Lunar New Year, the festival will also honor and showcase various cultural elements of Southern California.

For more information about the 2024 Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival, please visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/lunarnewyear](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/lunarnewyear).



## City of Monterey Park to Present State of the City Address

The public is invited to attend the City of Monterey Park State of the City Address:

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6 p.m.  
El Encanto, 700 El Mercado Avenue,  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Topics will include the City of Monterey Park's major accomplishments, progress updates of capital projects and future goals. The event will be recorded for later broadcast and streaming. For more info, please contact the City Manager's Office at 626-307-1255 or visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/stateofthecity](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/stateofthecity).

### 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

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Council Member Yvonne Yiu, District 2  
Council Member Henry Lo, District 4

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Amy Lee, City Treasurer

Inez Alvarez, City Manager  
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### 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

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626-307-1465

**City Clerk**  
MPClerk@montereypark.ca.gov  
626-307-1359

**City Manager**  
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626-307-1255

**Community Development**  
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626-307-1300  
Building Inspection Hotline  
626-307-1229  
Economic Development Division  
626-307-1385  
Planning Division  
626-307-1315

**Public Works Department**  
PublicWorks@montereypark.ca.gov  
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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  
800-655-4555  
So. Cal. Gas  
877-238-0092

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## RM BODY SHOP

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# Know Your Fair Housing Laws and Protections, Attend a Free Housing Rights Workshop

Workshops available for both tenants and landlords

By Finance Department staff

The Housing Rights Center will be hosting several housing rights workshops in Monterey Park in December and January for both tenants and landlords.

Topics include fair housing laws and best practices for families with children, disability accommodations, and more. Spanish and Chinese interpretation will be provided.

## Workshops for tenants:

- Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6-8 p.m., Monterey Park City Hall Community Room, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.
- Monday, January 22, 2024, 6-8 p.m., MPK Hope Resiliency Center at Sierra Vista Park, 311 N Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

## Workshops for landlords:

- Thursday, December 14, 2023; 6-8 p.m., Monterey Park City Hall Community Room, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.
- Monday, January 29, 2024, 6-8 p.m., MPK Hope Resiliency Center at Sierra Vista Park, 311 N Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Registration is encouraged at [www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops](http://www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops).

For more information, please contact Housing Rights Center at 213-387-8400 ext. 1018 or [outreach@housingrightscenter.org](mailto:outreach@housingrightscenter.org).



# Holiday and Decorating Safety Tips

Nearly half of decoration fires are caused by being too close to a heat source such as candles and lights

By Fire Department staff

The holiday season is a time of joy, celebration and togetherness. However, it's also a time when the risk of accidents and fires can increase due to various festive activities. To ensure your holidays are safe and memorable, the Monterey Park Fire Department offers these essential holiday safety tips:

## Decorate with Caution

- When putting up holiday decorations, ensure that you're using flame-resistant or flame-retardant materials. Avoid placing decorations near heat sources, such as candles, heaters, or fireplaces.
- Check your holiday lights for frayed wires, damaged sockets, or loose connections. Replace any faulty lights to prevent electrical fires.
- Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords with too many decorations. Use a power strip with built-in circuit protection to prevent electrical overloads.
- Make sure decorations do not block exits, hallways, or access to fire extinguishers. Do not cover smoke alarms with decorations.

## Candle Safety

- Consider using battery-operated LED candles instead of traditional candles. If you do use real candles, place them in stable holders, away from flammable materials, and never leave them unattended.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets to avoid accidents.

## Cooking Safety

- The holiday season often involves extensive cooking. Never leave the kitchen unattended while cooking and use a timer to remind you when food is ready.
- Keep children and flammable materials, like kitchen towels, away from the stove and oven. Make sure your smoke alarms are working and have a fire extinguisher readily available in the kitchen.
- Clean up greasy spills as you go to remove another fire hazard. If you're deep frying a turkey, keep the fryer well away from structures and trees, make sure your turkey is fully thawed, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for your fryer.

## Holiday Trees

- If you opt for a real holiday or Christmas tree, choose a fresh one. Water it regularly to prevent it from drying out, which can increase the risk of a fire.
- Place the tree away from heat sources and keep it well-hydrated to minimize the chance of it catching fire.
- Utilize a power strip(s) for lights to ensure lights are properly plugged in and safe.
- Discard light strings that are worn or broken and be sure to always unplug the lights before leaving the house or going to sleep.
- Holiday trees are 100% recyclable. For more information, please see the related article in this issue of the Cascades.

## Holiday Party Safety

- If you're hosting a holiday party, make sure your guests have a designated driver or arrange alternative transportation to ensure everyone gets home safely if they've been drinking alcohol.
- Ensure your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order, especially if you're using a fireplace or heating appliances.

## Gift Wrapping Safety

- Dispose of wrapping paper, ribbons, and packaging materials in a safe and responsible manner. These materials can be highly flammable and should not be left near open flames or heat sources.

## Child Safety

- Be mindful of small objects, such as ornaments and toys, which can pose choking hazards for young children. Keep these items out of their reach.
- Keep children away from the kitchen and cooking areas and educate them about the dangers of hot surfaces and open flames.

## Travel Safety

- If you're traveling during the holidays, ensure your vehicle is well-maintained and equipped with emergency supplies. Check the weather and road conditions before embarking on your journey.
- Use seat belts and child safety seats for every passenger and avoid driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

By following these holiday safety tips, you can enjoy the festive season with peace of mind, knowing that you've taken steps to protect your loved ones and your home from potential hazards. The Monterey Park Fire Department wishes you a safe and joyous holiday season!

For more information, please contact the MPFD Code Compliance Division at 626-307-1415, [codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov), [www.montereypark.ca.gov](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov) or via our free mobile app GoMPK.



# Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Holding Library Card Design Contest

Winning designs will be featured on new library cards

By Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library staff

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library is seeking artists of all ages to help design our new library cards! Children age 6-12 are invited to design a card just for kids, while teens and adults can enter the competition for the adult card. Share your best design; one entry per person.

When creating your design, you may consider what you love about Monterey Park, what libraries mean to you, a beloved book or how the Library enhances community connections. Winning designs will be selected based on creativity, artistic expression and the message communicated.

All artwork must be the original work of the artist and can be created digitally or by hand on the entry sheet. No use of trademarked characters or logos allowed. Entries will be accepted from January 16-31, 2024. Winners will be announced on April 7, 2024 in celebration of National Library Week. To enter your design, visit the Library to pick up an entry form, or visit our website at [montereypark.ca.gov/library](http://montereypark.ca.gov/library).



## Experience Winter Wonder with a State Parks Pass & Backpack From the Library

By Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library staff

Snowy landscapes create spectacular scenery while colder weather means fewer visitors and more peace and solitude. A visit to a state park during the winter season offers a totally different perspective.

You can now visit the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library to check out a California State Parks vehicle day-use pass for up to three weeks. 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. More information on the eligible parks can be found on the California State Parks website at <https://www.parks.ca.gov/ParkIndex>.

Enhance your adventure with a Parks Pack! Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library card holders who are 18 years of age or older can check out a Parks Pack that includes a backpack, hiking poles, binoculars, laser compass, flashlight and guidebooks about California hiking trails and native bird species. A signed user agreement is required at checkout. These packs are supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.



Visit the Library's catalog to see if passes and packs are available to check out or to place a hold. For more information about the Parks Passes and Parks Packs, visit <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/parkspass> or call Adult Services at 626-307-1368.

## Holiday Trash and Recycling Reminders

With December and January holidays just around the corner, here are a couple of Public Works service reminders

By Public Works Department staff

**Holiday Collection Schedule:** If your collection day falls on or after the following holidays, your collection services will be delayed by one service day for that week.

- Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023.
- New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024.

**Tree Recycling:** Holiday and Christmas trees are 100% recyclable. The City's residential trash hauler Athens Services collects holiday trees on your normal pickup day from the day after Christmas through the second week of January each year. If you miss these dates for recycling, please cut up your tree and place it in your yard waste container(s). Trees are delivered to various landfills to be used as mulch or cover material or to the Athens American Organics composting facility in Victorville.

How to prepare trees for pickup:

1. Remove stands, ornaments, lights and tinsel.
2. Cut your tree in half if it is more than six feet in length.
3. Place trees next to your regular trash containers.

Artificial trees, flocked trees and trees coated with fire retardant are not recyclable or compostable and they will be treated as trash.

**Eco Friendly Holidays:** Consider these tips to help lessen your environmental

impact and help others this holiday season.

- Participate or gift a sponsorship in the Adopt-a-Family Program: Sponsors are provided a holiday "wish list," which can include groceries, clothing, gift certificates, and toys. For more information, search "Adopt-a-Family" on [DPSS.LACounty.gov](https://www.dpss.lacounty.gov).
- Shop Local: Making a purchase at a small business or neighborhood market directly supports the people in your community.
- Replace Traditional Gift Wrapping: Ditch the fancy wrapping and tissue paper and opt for reusable fabric bags, newspaper, or paper bags.
- Choose Reuse: Create a one-of-a-kind gift using items you already have or find a new home for gently used secondhand goods.
- For more creative tips on repurposing and upcycling, visit [AthensServices.com/MaterialReuse](https://www.athensservices.com/MaterialReuse).

**Bulky and E-Waste Pick up Event:** Drop off your bulky and e-waste on Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Sierra Vista Park, 311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754. This event is for Monterey Park residents only (ID or bill required) and is a drive-in and drop-off event.

For more information on any of these programs or services, please contact Public Works at [www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks](https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks) or 626-307-1320.

## New Retirement Mandate Kicking In For Businesses

By Economic Development Division staff

State law now requires employers to offer a qualified private retirement program, such as a 401(k) or the auto-individual retirement account program available through CalSavers. Some businesses have not come into compliance with the mandate and are now receiving penalty collection notices from the California Franchise Tax Board.

Penalties for non-compliance can add up quickly. They start at \$250 per employee and can rise to \$750 per employee for continued non-compliance. If local businesses receive penalty notifications from CalSavers or the Franchise Tax Board, they should immediately contact CalSavers before making any penalty payments.

Business owners who take quick action can potentially avoid heavy penalties. Doing so also helps their employees fund their own retirement savings, which strengthens local communities.

CalSavers isn't just about compliance. It offers employers the chance to support their employees' financial futures without out-of-pocket costs. The program provides an array of complimentary resources, including webinars, materials,

and a dedicated support team, to ensure businesses understand and can easily navigate their obligations. Some notable resources include:

CalSavers website: <https://www.calsavers.com/>

- Comprehensive FAQs, templates, and program details.
- Regularly scheduled employer-focused webinars.

Employer client service line: 855-650-6916:

- Available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Multilingual support to ensure all businesses can be assisted.

Field support: [fieldsupport@calsavers.com](mailto:fieldsupport@calsavers.com):

- Tailored support for businesses initiating the program.
- Informative sessions to educate employees about their financial futures.

The CalSavers program was enacted by statewide legislation to help address the retirement security crisis in California. The information presented is sourced from [www.calcities.org](https://www.calcities.org).

## MPK Healing Fund Organizes Gun Violence Restraining Order Training

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.  
Monterey Park City Hall Council Chamber, 320 West Newmark Avenue,  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

California law allows family members, employers, co-workers, roommates, teachers, partners, and co-parents to obtain a court order to remove firearms from a person they perceive as dangerous. Come learn from elected officials, attorneys, and law enforcement officers on how you can use gun violence restraining orders (GVROs) to protect yourself, your loved ones, and the community. The training will discuss how to fill out the Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order, how to serve the Petition and get the Temporary Restraining Order, and what to expect at the court hearing. For more information, please visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov](https://www.montereypark.ca.gov) or call 213-399-5988.

# City of Monterey Park Accepting Donations to Alhambra Unified School District Food Pantry

By City Clerk's Office staff

With the holiday season upon us, what better way to start the season than by donating to those who may need a little bit of help this time of year? The food drive provides an opportunity for the community, local merchants and other organizations to assist with the overwhelming need for food. The city is offering three locations where the community can drop off non-perishable items and canned goods. All donations will go to AUSD's Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is a wonderful resource that assists its students and their families. Locations are open now until December 21, 2023.

**Food Drive Locations:**

- Monterey Park City Hall: 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754; Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Langley Senior Center: 400 W. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754; Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library: 318 S. Ramona Ave., Monterey Park, CA, 91754; Monday & Tuesday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, & Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's office at [MPCLerk@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:MPCLerk@montereypark.ca.gov) or call 626- 307-1359.

**City of Monterey Park**

**FOOD DRIVE**

Helping Families in Need in Our Community

**Alhambra Unified Food Pantry**

**DROP-OFF LOCATION:**  
City Hall, Langley Center,  
Bruggemeyer Library

**SUGGESTED ITEMS:**  
Non Perishable Items

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
City Clerk's Office: (626) 307-1359

# Local Students Compete in State-Wide Speech Contest

By Jackie Fisher, American Association of University Women

Two eloquent high school freshmen successfully participated in the first round of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) California Speech Trek annual contest. On Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the Alhambra First United Methodist Church, Angelina Yip from Mark Keppel High School and Bernice Deng from Arcadia High School delivered their insightful five-to-six-minute speeches on the following question: "How can we ensure a robust public-school curriculum that is accessible to all and teaches historically accurate information?"

The event was sponsored by the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch of AAUW and moderated by Kathleen Doty, the branch's Speech Trek Coordinator. Judging the students for content, organization, and delivery were Sheila Grether Marion, who had careers in professional fund raising and money management and has recently written a book, Noreen Sullivan, Pasadena City Council District 4 Liaison, and Veronica Alvarez, a lawyer and currently the branch's Membership Vice-President.

Angelina was the first-place winner. She will receive \$100 and advance to the state-wide competition. Bernice, second- place winner will receive \$50.

The winner at the state contest will receive \$1,500. The second-place winner will receive \$1,000, and the third-place winner, \$500. Finalists with honorable mention will also receive cash prizes: \$250 for fourth place and \$150 for fifth place.

Finalists from Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch have placed in the top three positions seven times since Speech Trek was established in 2007. They are Peggy Truong (3rd in 2007), Tiffany Chia (3rd in 2008), Alexandra Lossada (2nd in 2009), Pavin Trinh (1st in 2013), Sharon Lu (1st in 2016), Sabrina Sy (3rd in 2017), and Elizabeth Ma (2nd in 2023).

To learn more about Speech Trek and other fascinating community projects of AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch please visit, <https://alhsangab-ca.aauw.net>.



Angelina Yip, Bernice Deng, Kathleen Doty



## STREET BEAT MONTHLY CRIME LOG

Addresses are identified by block number, not exact address.

### October 2023

**AUTO BURGLARY**

- 2400 BLOCK BRADSHAWE AVE
- 400 BLOCK N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 500 BLOCK N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 1100 BLOCK ACKLEY ST
- 2000 BLOCK MARKET PLACE DR
- 2300 BLOCK SCHOOLSIDE AVE
- 100 BLOCK W GARVEY AVE
- 500 BLOCK N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 500 BLOCK POMELO AVE
- 500 BLOCK POMELO AVE
- 400 BLOCK W GARVEY AVE
- 800 BLOCK BARNUM WAY

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- 400 BLOCK POTRERO GRANDE DR
- 3500 BLOCK MARKET PLACE DR
- 600 BLOCK MONTEREY PASS RD
- 100 BLOCK S LINCOLN AVE
- 700 BLOCK S GARFIELD AVE
- 300 BLOCK N RURAL DR
- 1800 BLOCK WILCOX AVE
- 400 BLOCK MONTEREY PASS RD
- 400 BLOCK MONTEREY PASS RD
- 600 BLOCK CREST VISTA DR
- 1500 BLOCK COLLEGE VIEW DR
- 2300 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 400 BLOCK MONTEREY PASS RD
- 300 BLOCK E POMONA BLVD
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- 1900 BLOCK LUPINE AVE
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- 300 BLOCK S CHANDLER AVE

**ROBBERY**

- 300 BLOCK N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 300 BLOCK S GARFIELD AVE

# Should Storm Conditions Arise, Supplies Are Available

By Public Works staff

City of Monterey Park Public Works makes sandbags and plastic sheeting available to residents before forecasted local storm activity during certain identified weather events.

During these announced events and timeframes, residents can pick up plastic sheeting and sandbag supplies from the City Yard. The first roll of sheeting will be free with additional rolls at \$110 and only available to hillside residents.

Sand and sandbags are free with a 20 bag limit. Residents will need to fill their own bags. These items are offered to Monterey Park residents only upon presentation of a valid I.D. containing a valid Monterey Park address for pickup of

supplies. Locations and operating hours are as follows:

- City Yard, 751 S. Alhambra Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91755. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed city holidays and weekends.
- Fire Station 61 (next to city hall), 350 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Open 24/7 (no attendant). Sand and sandbags only.

General questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at 626-307-1320. After-hours emergencies should be reported to police/fire dispatch at 626-573-1311. In cases of immediate danger please call 9-1-1.

# “Safe, Clean Water” Project Invites Comments and Opinions

By Public Works staff

When it rains, stormwater washes bacteria, trash, and other pollutants into our rivers, lakes, and ocean, harming people and aquatic life. The Safe, Clean Water Program helps keep pollution out of our water by funding stormwater capture projects and supporting essential municipal programs for pollution prevention.

Learn more on how our city and watershed will keep pollution out of our waterways here: <https://safecleanwaterla.org/about>.

If you would like to engage in the planning and implementation of City activities funded by the Safe, Clean Water Program, please contact Public Works at [publicworks@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:publicworks@montereypark.ca.gov) or 626-307-1320.



# Monterey Park Fire Department Halloween Visit Brings Smiles and Cheers

By Linda Chu, Alpha-Shen Preschool & Kindergarten

Here comes a City of Monterey Park fire truck driving down the street! What a great treat for local students and parents this Halloween!

Students at Alpha Shen Preschool and Kindergarten had the opportunity to see the red engine pull in front of the school gate as they were parading in their Halloween costumes. Students paused and cheered on the firefighters as they were walking through the gate.

Monterey Park Firefighters gave a round of applause to our students as they continued to parade and even got a chance to take a class picture with the firefighters standing behind them. Not only did they get to parade with the firefighters but were escorted by them at our trick-or-treating event.

Thank you, Monterey Park Firefighters for making this Halloween extra special for Alpha Shen Students!



**Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires**

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

 <b>Half</b> of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.	 <b>More than 1/3</b> of home decoration fires are started by candles.	 <b>Christmas</b> is the peak day for candle fires.
 Keep candles at least <b>12 inches</b> away from anything that burns.	 A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.	 <b>More than 1 in every 5</b> Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.
 Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.	 Make sure your tree is <b>at least 3 feet away</b> from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.	 Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html](https://usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html) and [nfpa.org/winter](https://nfpa.org/winter).

**ART & CRAFT SHOW BUS TRIP**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL ORIGINAL ART & CRAFT SHOW**

**Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show**  
Pomona Fairplex  
Saturday, December 2, 2023  
Cost: \$7 per person (50+ yrs)

The trip includes charter bus transportation to and from the Pomona Fairplex and admission to the Festival. The Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show is one of the West Coast's premier holiday events. See the nation's most talented artisans and shop thousands of American handmade arts and crafts just in time for Holiday gifting. Specialty foods and strolling entertainment make this experience even more festive!

**Langley Check-In: 8:30 am**  
**Bus Departs: 9:00 am**  
**Returns approximately: 4:00 pm**

For more information or to register, call (626) 307-1395 or visit Langley Center at 400 W. Emerson Ave, Monterey Park.

# Monterey Park Utilizes Tech to Communicate Infrastructure Improvements

Visit the city website to learn more about current efforts to build and maintain community infrastructure and facilities

By Public Works staff

City of Monterey Park Public Works staff has been working diligently to improve or maintain city infrastructure and carry out various capital projects this year. Many improvements are currently underway or will be starting soon. Some major projects include:

- Street rehabilitation and slurry seal projects.
- Playground replacements at various parks.
- Potrero Grande Drive improvement projects.
- Capacity improvement street projects.



An interactive map of upcoming projects is available on the city website for the community to view. Projects are grouped by type and show specific locations for proposed work. Community members are encouraged to visit the map to see projects coming near their area and learn more about the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/constructionupdates](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/constructionupdates) or contact Public Works 626-307-1320. Citizens can also report concerns or submit suggestions for capital improvements through the GoMPK mobile app.

**City of Monterey Park Presents**  
**HOLIDAY SNOW VILLAGE**

Let's Have Fun in The Snow

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 7**  
**Barnes Park**  
 350 S. McPherrin Ave. Monterey Park  
**4PM - 8PM**  
 Enjoy the Events:

IN CONJUNCTION WITH FARMERS' MARKET

SNOW PLAY - SLED RUN - PHOTO WITH SANTA - HOLIDAY MUSIC - FOOD VENDORS - CRAFT VENDORS - GAMES & MORE

Registration for snow activities available Nov 6!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (626) 307-1388 or [WWW.MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV/HOLIDAYSNOWVILLAGE](http://WWW.MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV/HOLIDAYSNOWVILLAGE)

**Parks Make Life Better!**

**CITY OF MONTEREY PARK PRESENTS**  
**SANTA'S Jolly Journey**

December 16, 2023  
 6:00 PM

Scan here to see the route!

Santa will be escorted by the Monterey Park Police & Fire Departments to wave and spread holiday cheer throughout the city. Santa will begin his journey at 6pm and travel along a designated route through each of the five districts in Monterey Park. Be sure to follow @MontereyParkRec on Social Media, visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/SantasJollyJourney](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/SantasJollyJourney), or scan the QR code.

**LANGLEY CENTER PRESENTS**

**\$5**

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**  
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**DECEMBER 19TH AT 11:00 AM**  
 @Langley Center 400 W. EMERSON AVE

LUNCH . RAFFLES . PRIZES . SPECIAL GUESTS. AGES 50+  
 TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL LANGLEY CENTER AT 626-307-1395

**Parks Make Life Better!**

**BARNES PARK EXTENDED DAY CARE**

Ages 5 - 12  
 Licensed After-School Program  
 August 8, 2023 through May 24, 2024  
 Proudly serving the community for over 33 years!

**Activities**

- Homework Assistance
- Gym & Outdoor Play
- Arts & Crafts
- Healthy Snack

**Hours of Operation**  
 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Now Enrolling!**

**Fees Per Week**

- \$129.00 - Resident
- \$138.00 - Non-Resident
- (10% SIBLING DISCOUNT)

**Winter Break**

- \*Accepting enrollment for Winter Break!
- December 22nd, 26th - 29th
- January 2nd - 5th
- Hours: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- \$35.60/day - Resident
- \$37.20/day - Non-Resident

(Transportation from school to daycare provided)

**Sign up today!**

Location: 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754  
 For more information, contact Shannon Rodriguez, Program Coordinator at (626) 307-1431 or [srodriguez@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:srodriguez@montereypark.ca.gov)

This program is not sponsored or endorsed by the Alhambra Unified School District.



# MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY

318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park

Monday and Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday: Closed

For more information about Library programs and services,  
visit the Library website at [www.montereypark.ca.gov/Library](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/Library) or contact staff:

Adult/Teen Services (626) 307-1368 • Children's Services (626) 307-1358 • Circulation Services (626) 307-1366

LAMP Literacy/Citizenship Services (626) 307-1251 • Passport Services (626) 307-1357

Text us at (626) 283-6062 • Follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook @MontereyParkLib

## Spread Cheer and Support the Library

Substitute for Santa this holiday season and support the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library via your goodwill, generosity and holiday shopping.

The Monterey Park Library Foundation accepts donations of any size with all money raised going to purchase new books, media, furnishings and technology and to sponsor library programs and events. Currently, the Foundation's main goal is to help fund the purchase of a bookmobile to extend Library services to hard-to-teach or underserved residents of the community. Donations are tax deductible.

The Friends of the Library Bookstore will hold a holiday sale of curated gift sets through December. You can also purchase new and gently used fiction and non-fiction, hardcovers as well as paperbacks, magazines and DVDs now and year-round. Proceeds from the sales generate funds to support library activities such as the summer reading program, craft projects, visiting authors' talks and more.

Whether you are grocery shopping for holiday parties or just your daily meals, you can also donate to the Library simply by shopping at Ralphs Supermarket and linking your Shopper's Card to the Ralphs Community Contribution Program in your digital account. Designate the Friends of the Library of Monterey Park as the organization you wish to support. Any future purchases made using your Shopper's Card will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you – Ralphs donates a percentage of your purchases to the Friends and thus the Library.

## Scan & Save Memory Station

Do you have VHS tapes or a box of photographs that you have been meaning to digitize? Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library cardholders can use the Scan & Save Memory Station, a free, do-it-yourself space where you can digitize your personal collection of VHS tapes, photographs, slides, negatives and documents. The scanners are available Mondays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m. Appointments and a signed user agreement are required to use the equipment. For more information, and to make an appointment, please contact Adult Services.

## Teen Services

### Cozy Up with a Good Book - Teen Winter Reading Challenge

Snuggle in and read during the winter break! Teens 12-18 years old are invited to participate in the Cozy Up with a Good Book - Teen Winter Reading Challenge by registering at [montereypark.beanstack.org](http://montereypark.beanstack.org). Teens will track their hours for a chance to win a shark-hoodie blanket, books or a snack box. The program runs from December 18 - January 6. The 2023 Teen Winter Reading Challenge is sponsored by the Friends of the Monterey Park Library.

### Claus for Concern: A Dungeons & Dragons Adventure

Saturday, December 2 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Santa has been bamboozled, and his workshop is overrun by North Pole ne'er-do-wells! Can you, our heroes, muster enough cheer and joy to make sure all the good girls and boys get their holiday gifts?

### Last Minute Holiday Gifts Workshop

Friday, December 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Forgot to get a gift for a friend or loved one? Stop by the Friends Room and make a gift that is unique and free! Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Junior Friends Meetings

Friday, December 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Friday, January 12 and 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Teens 14-18 years old are invited to learn more about the organization and meet other members. The Junior Friends is a teen volunteer group with leadership and community service opportunities in conjunction with the Library.

### Teen Study Hall

Monday, December 4, 11 and 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Monday, January 8, 22 and 29 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Looking for a quiet space to study with your friends and classmates? Need help with homework? The Friends Room is open to help you focus and the Junior Friends will be available to help.

## Teen Anime Hour

Tuesday, December 5 and 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Tuesday, January 2 and 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Whether you are new to anime or you are an Otaku, come share your enthusiasm for everything anime and manga at the Library. Snacks and a whole lot of fun will be provided.

## Teen Operation Recreation

Thursday, January 4 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Thursday, January 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Hang out and unwind while playing board games and Nintendo Switch, studying and much more! Light refreshments will be provided, so bring your friends!

## Speaking of English: Teen Conversation Club

Friday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Get to know other teens while practicing your English language speaking skills. Snacks will be provided.

## Adult Services

### Understanding Alzheimer's/Dementia

Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Friends Room  
Learn about the detection, causes, risk factors, stages and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease with Alzheimer's Association-California Southland Chapter. This program will be conducted in English.

### Winter Traditions Around the World

Friday, December 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Join us for a heartwarming journey as we explore the unique customs and festivities that brighten up the season. Discover the beauty of the holidays through crafts and be transported to far-off lands without leaving the Library.

### So, You Want to be a Dungeon Master?

Saturday, January 20 at 11 a.m. in the Computer Lab  
Join the Library's own Dungeon Master as they show you how to build your own tabletop roleplaying game campaign.

### Small Business Entrepreneur Training Program

Saturday, January 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Friends Room  
Chinatown Service Center, in partnership with Cathay Bank, will offer a three-week Entrepreneur Training Program designed to equip you with the essential knowledge for running a thriving small business. Starting on January 20 and ending on February 3, classes will be held every Saturday in Mandarin Chinese. To register, call (213) 808-1751.

### Get Fit While You Sit

Friday, December 8 at 10 a.m. at Langley Senior Center  
Friday, January 12 at 10 a.m. at Langley Senior Center  
Join staff and practice poses to learn how to maintain flexibility, improve posture and boost memory, concentration and focus with simple exercises. To register, call Adult Services.

### Afternoon Matinee

Wednesday, December 20 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Tuesday, January 9 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Watch classic and modern movies at the Library. Call Adult Services for movie information or check the Library website.

### Documentary Discovery

Tuesday, December 12 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Tuesday, January 23 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
Expand your horizons with a documentary covering a different topic each month. Call Adult Services for movie information or check the Library website.

### Free Legal Assistance Clinic

Tuesday, January 9 at 6 p.m. in the Friends Room  
There will be no Legal Assistance Clinic in December. Volunteer attorneys will be available to answer questions at the free Legal Assistance Clinic sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA) and Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Southern California. 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.

**Crafternoon Tea**

Saturday, December 9 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Saturday, January 6 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Join other crafters to share ideas, compare projects or simply chat while you work! Bring your own supplies or use provided supplies to craft away. Light refreshments and a featured craft will be provided.

**Open Mic Karaoke**

Thursday, December 7 and 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Wednesday, January 17 and 24 at 12:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Step into the spotlight at Open Mic Karaoke! It's your time to shine, so grab the microphone and give it your all!

**Mindful Coloring**

Monday, December 4, 11 and 18 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Monday, January 8, 22 and 29 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Take a break from the stresses of the day and join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring and socializing. Coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided, or you can bring your own coloring books and supplies to use.

**Technology Help**

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Computer Lab  
 Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Computer Lab  
 If you have a computer, phone or tablet that you need assistance with, come to Tech Help, 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 basis.

**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.

All volunteers receive materials and training, ongoing support and professional development opportunities. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, commit to at least six months, and meet one to two times per week with their individual learner or class. A teaching credential is not required. To join the next Online Tutor Orientation, call (626) 307-1492 or email vcastellanos@montereypark.ca.gov.

**LAMP English Classes & Citizenship Program**

Improve your reading, writing and speaking skills! Conversation groups and citizenship preparation classes are for intermediate and advanced-level students, and advanced students can meet one-on-one with a trained tutor. All students must complete a pre-test before joining and must have proper personal identification. New student enrollment begins in January for English classes. Register in the LAMP office or visit the Library website to view the spring semester class schedule.

提高你的阅读、写作和口语能力！会话课和公民准备课程适合中级和高级班的学生。英文高级班的学生还可以与训练有素的导师进行一对一的交流。所有学生在上课之前都必须完成预测试，并且必须持有适当的个人身份证明。英语课程的新生入学将于明年一月开始。你可以在 LAMP 办公室注册或访问图书馆网站查看春季学期课程表。

Cải thiện kỹ năng đọc, viết và nói của bạn! Các nhóm đàm thoại và các lớp chuẩn bị nhập tịch dành cho học sinh có trình độ trung cấp và cao cấp, còn học sinh ở trình độ cao hơn có thể gặp mặt trực tiếp với một gia sư đã qua 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. Tuyển sinh mới bắt đầu vào tháng 1 cho các lớp học tiếng Anh. Đăng ký tại văn phòng LAMP hoặc truy cập trang mạng của thư viện để xem lịch học học kỳ mùa xuân.

¡Mejore sus habilidades de lectura, escritura y habla! Los grupos de conversación y las clases de preparación para la ciudadanía son para estudiantes de nivel intermedio y avanzado, y los estudiantes avanzados pueden reunirse individualmente con un tutor capacitado. Todos los estudiantes deben completar una prueba previa antes de unirse y deben tener una identificación personal adecuada. La inscripción de nuevos estudiantes comienza en enero para las clases de inglés. Regístrese en la oficina de LAMP o visite el sitio web de la biblioteca para ver el horario de clases del semestre de primavera.

**Apply Now for a U.S. Passport!**

Apply for a U.S. passport at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. Services are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment and review the required documents and fees, visit the Library website or call Passport Services.

**Children's Services****The InbeTWEENers Club**

Wednesday, December 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Thursday, January 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Tweens in grades 4th - 8th are invited to join the monthly InbeTWEENers Club! Tweens will participate in activities meant to build friendships, self-esteem and life skills. In December, tweens will create a variety of winter crafts to prepare for the holiday season. In January, tweens will explore stop motion animation and make their own movie. No registration is necessary.

**Art Zone**

Thursday, December 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Thursday, January 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Kids ages 5-12 will create masterpieces based on the work of famous artists. In December, kids will create colorful patterns inspired by Henri Matisse. In January, kids will create origami after Akira Yoshizawa. No registration is necessary, but materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Dog Man Party**

Wednesday, December 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Join us for Dog Man-themed fun, games and a "supa epic" scavenger hunt around the library! No registration is necessary, but materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is for kids of all ages.

**Bluey Party**

Wednesday, January 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Join us for a party celebrating Bluey! There will be crafts, games, and all sorts of Bluey-related fun. No registration is necessary, but materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is for kids of all ages.

**STEAM Train**

Friday, December 22 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Friday, January 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 STEAM is STEM plus Art! Children ages 3-5 will spark their imaginations with activities and sensory play that encourage exploration and innovation. In December, we will explore shapes and engineering by building snowflakes with craft materials. In January, we will explore the science of magnetism with magnet painting. All aboard! All materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No registration is required.

**Sensory Storytime**

Wednesday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Wednesday, January 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Sensory Storytime is an inclusive storytime experience specifically for children ages 3 and older with autism or other sensory processing challenges. Children and their families will hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy free play time. Registration is required as space is limited. For more information and to register, please visit or call Children's Services.

**Spanish Bilingual Storytime**

Saturday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Saturday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Friends Room  
 Families are invited to join us for Spanish bilingual storytime, where they will hear books, sing songs and learn vocabulary. Children of all ages and language abilities are welcome.

**Music & Movement**

Friday, December 8 at 10 a.m. in the Friends Room  
 Friday, January 5 at 10 a.m. in the Friends Room  
 Join Children's Services staff for music, movement and dancing! This monthly program is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

**Homework Help**

Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Children's Department  
 The Library offers free homework assistance to elementary school children during the academic year. Students may bring in assignments and receive help from high school volunteers. No registration is required but parents must remain with their children – this is not a drop off program. There will be no Homework Help December 23 and 30. Homework Help will resume January 6, 2024.

**Storytimes**

Storytimes for all age levels are held in the Library's Storytime Room and last 25-45 minutes. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver at all times. No registration is required.

There will be no storytimes December 19-December 30. Storytime will resume January 2, 2024.

Family Storytime (all ages): Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
 Saturday at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.  
 Baby Storytime (birth to age 2): Thursday at 10 a.m.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their children before they enter school – a goal experts say helps prepare children to be successful readers once they enter school. Reading to children helps develop important literacy skills that provide a solid foundation for learning and academic success. For more information and to register, visit montereypark.beanstack.org.

**Free Video Streaming with Kanopy**

The Library offers patrons free access to Kanopy with a valid library card. Kanopy is a video streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries and kids favorites. Kanopy partners with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more to bring the Library access to thoughtful entertainment. Kanopy is accessible via mobile and tablet apps for iPhone and Android, as well as on your desktop computer and SmartTV apps like Roku, Apple TV and Fire Stick. To get started, visit kanopy.com to create your account and add your library card.

**Request and Receive Books Fast with Zip Books**

Can't find the book you're looking for? Want to read a book that the Library doesn't own, but should? Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library patrons can request books for free with the Zip Books program! Visit the Library's website to fill out a Zip Book request form, wait a day or two and your book will arrive at your home via Amazon Prime for free. When you are done reading your book, return it to the Circulation Desk inside the Library and request another one! Don't have access to a computer? Visit the Adult or Children's Desk and ask staff for a paper request form. To participate in the Zip Books program, a valid Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library card is required. For more information, call Adult or Children's Services or visit the Library's website. This program is currently supported through the generosity of the Friends of the Monterey Park Library.

**Live Online Academic Assistance for Children and Adults**

You can find live online homework assistance through Brainfuse HelpNow at no cost. Students and adult learners can access live, on-demand academic help and state-aligned skills-building lessons from expert tutors. Homework help assistance is available in Cantonese, English, Mandarin, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. With HelpNow, tutors and students communicate in real-time in online classrooms by typing, drawing, and marking-up lessons and web content. To access Brainfuse, visit <https://bit.ly/3Lk6sOP>. You can also find a tutorial on how to use the service on the Library website under Online Resources: Research. This project was supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

# Recreation and Community Services Department CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

Online and phone registration now 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 Senior Center.



<b>Mon/Wed/Fri</b>	<b>6:30 - 7:45p.m.</b>	<b>Beginner</b>
<b>Mon/Wed/Fri</b>	<b>8 - 9p.m.</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 some line dance. Ages 18-70 yrs. Laurinda Truong, Langley Senior Center.



**12 weeks: January 9 – March 26 (Winter 2024)**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.</b>	<b>\$96</b>
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### Salsa Dance Class

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**10 weeks: January 7 – March 17 (No class Feb. 4)**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>\$120</b>
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### Wing Chun Kung Fu – Introductory (Monthly) – Resumes January 2024

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>\$89</b>
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### Wing Chun Kung Fu – Intermediate (Monthly) – Resumes January 2024

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### Family Mandarin Story Circle – Ages 2-5 (Monthly)

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>\$98</b>
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<b>Tues &amp; Thurs</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>\$88.70</b>
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<b>Tues &amp; Thurs</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>\$88.70</b>
<b>Jan 9 – Jan 25 (Session 1)</b>	<b>Jan 30 – Feb 15 (Session 2)</b>	

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### Breakthrough Sports - 3-on-3 Basketball League

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Mon-Th 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and Sat 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.



## What's in the Sky for December

By David Nakamoto, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

The daylight hours continue to decrease and the night hours increase through the month until we reach the winter solstice on December 21. After the 21st, the days will slowly get longer.

The Moon is at last quarter on December 4. On the 12th, it'll be new moon, first quarter is on the 19th, and full moon on the 26th.

From evening to morning, the planets appear thusly: Mars is too close to the Sun for observation. Mars will appear in the morning sky in January but will remain very small and unobservable until the planet is close to opposition beginning in December 2024.

On December 1, Mercury sets in the southwest at 6 p.m. with the Sun setting at 4:44 p.m., one hour and 16 minutes before Mercury. By the 22nd, Mercury is too close to the Sun for observation. Do not observe any planet when it comes close to the Sun, for the danger to the eyes is great.

Saturn sets in the west-southwest at 10:53 p.m. on December 1. At the end of the month, Saturn sets at 9:05 p.m., so for the entire month, Saturn is well placed for evening viewing. A telescope with a magnification of 50x or more is needed to see the planet's rings and its large moon Titan.

Neptune begins the month setting in the west-southwest at 12:51 a.m. By the end of the month, Neptune sets at 10:50 p.m. On the 15th, Neptune is at Right Ascension 23h 43m 17s and declination -3° 10' 3". Neptune ends its retrograde motion on the 6th, and then travels very slowly west to east among the stars. A telescope with a magnification of 150x or more is needed to see the planet's small disk.

Jupiter at the beginning of December sets in the west at 4:11 a.m. At the end of the month, the planet sets at 2:07 a.m. so it is well placed for observations all month long. Jupiter ends its retrograde motion and starts to move west to east among the stars. A telescope with a magnification of 50x will show the Red Spot and the four bright Galilean moons.

Uranus sets in the west-northwest at 5:17 a.m. at the beginning of the month. By the end of the month, Uranus set at 3:15 a.m. On the 15th, Uranus is at Right Ascension 3h 9m 59s and declination +17° 24' 3". The planet continues its slow retrograde motion, moving east to west among the stars. A magnification of 150x or more is needed to see the planet's small disk.

On December 1, Venus appears in the east around 3:13 a.m. with the Sun rising at 6:41 a.m. The planet is a gibbous phase and 17 arcseconds wide. On the 31st, Venus rises at 4:06 a.m. with the Sun rising at 6:59 a.m. A telescope with a magnification of 50x is needed to see its shrinking disk.

Also on December 31, Mercury rises in the southeast at 5:37 a.m. with the Sun rising one hour and 22 minutes later.



Special events this month include the winter solstice on December 21 at 7:27 p.m. The Sun reaches its southernmost point on the ecliptic, reverses its movement south, and heads north. This marks the longest night and the shortest day of the year. The Sun rises at 6:55 a.m. and sets at 4:48 p.m. Daylight hours are 9 hours 53 minutes long.

The Geminids meteor shower is usually the strongest meteor shower of the year. The shower is active from November 19 through December 24 and peaks from the evening of the 13th through the morning of the 14th. This is the one major shower that provides good activity prior to midnight as the constellation of Gemini is well placed from 10 p.m. onward. The Geminids are often bright and intensely colored. Due to their medium-slow velocity, persistent trains are not usually seen. The parent object is the asteroid 3200 Phaethon and not a comet, as is usual for meteor showers. On the night of the 13th, the Moon will be a one-percent waxing crescent.

The Ursids meteor shower is often neglected as it peaks just before Christmas with a rate much lower than the Geminids which peak a week before the Ursids. This year the Ursids appear from December 13 through 24, with the peak occurring from the night of the 21st to the morning of the 22nd. Observers will normally see 5 to 10 Ursids per hour during the late morning hours on the date of maximum activity. There have been occasional outbursts when rates have exceeded 25 per hour. The parent object is the comet 8P/Tuttle. The Moon will be a 74-percent waxing gibbous.

Garvey Ranch Park Observatory is located on the east end of Garvey Ranch Park. Parking is available on the west side of South Orange Avenue, south of Graves Avenue. The observatory is open every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The telescope is open for public viewing if the sky is clear. It is manned 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](http://www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety); or 213-673-7355. Garvey Ranch Park is located at 781 S. Orange Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

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## National School Lunch Week Brings a Little Extra Fun to The Cafeteria

By Toby Gilbert



In October, AUSD Food and Nutritional Services (FNS) team members celebrated National School Lunch Week by creating incentives to encourage students to eat in the cafeteria daily. At each elementary school, students used their "Frequent Diner" cards to collect stamps each day during lunchtime. At the end of the week, students who filled their cards turned them in for a chance to be selected to receive a grand prize bag, full of games, activities, and much more. Thank you to everyone who participated and to the FNS team for adding these little touches to make mealtimes more fun. Here are photos of a few of our elementary school winners.

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## Mark Keppel Honors Local Military Service Veterans at One of Their Final Football Games

By Toby Gilbert



In September, Mark Keppel High school football players invited some of their favorite teachers to wear their jerseys during the game as they honored them on Educators Appreciation Night. It was such a huge hit that MKHS wanted to celebrate another important group by designating the October 20th varsity football game (which was also senior night) as Military Appreciation Night. The Aztec football players and cheerleaders were thrilled to have the opportunity to thank these brave and dedicated military service veterans for their service to our country.

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## Garfield's Dr. Stephanie Richardson Selected for AUSD's Latest Excellence in Leadership Award

By Toby Gilbert

The most recent honoree for AUSD's rotating Excellence in Leadership Award is Dr. Stephanie Richardson, principal at Garfield Elementary School. The award celebrates those who go beyond, applauding their ability to guide, inspire, and create positive change.

Dr. Richardson is an accomplished leader who was also the AUSD 2022 Manager of the Year. She and assistant principal Jennifer Alcalá, right, work together to lead the amazing team at Garfield School.

Park Principal Carin Gasca selected Dr. Richardson who will choose the next award recipient at the upcoming general principals meeting.



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# AUSD 2023 Food & Wellness Fair Brings Community Together to Select New Items for School Menus

By Toby Gilbert

The evening of October 31st was reserved for trick-or-treating, but the morning was made for plenty of food sampling and novel exercises at AUSD's annual Food & Wellness Fair. Over 200 students, parents, and staff members filled the Monterey Highlands School cafeteria and hallways for the festive occasion.

Each year, the Food & Wellness Fair incorporates nutrition education, physical activity, and taste testing for all to enjoy. The event plays a key role in shaping the school menu. Since 2004, AUSD's Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) has gathered food vendors with prospective new menu items for attendees to taste and rate.

Fair participants sampled a variety of products and completed a survey to determine which items get added to future menus. Among the items vying to be added were: Breakfast Taco, Nashville Hot Tenders, Korean Taco, Spicy Tuna Roll, Whole Wheat Vegetable Dumpling, Pancake Bites, and Walking-Taco Frito Lay. After each tasting, attendees marked it "Love It," "OK," or "Don't Like It." The favorites will be featured on the school menu. "Sampling and rating the food samples empowers our school community," said FNS executive director, Vivien Watts. "We especially want our students to voice their opinions on menu offerings."

The Wellness portion of the fair highlighted the FNS Farm-to-School Grant program featuring student Nutrition Advisory Councils (NAC) from around the district. The student-led NACs focus on healthy eating, learning where foods come from, supporting local farmers, and communicating these messages at their school sites.

Baldwin's NAC served the October Harvest of the Month, presenting the health benefits of eating pomegranates and providing delicious samples of arils that cover the seeds. With the help of Mark Keppel High School (MKHS) Woodworking Technology students, the MKHS NAC created several raised bed gardens, which are filled with flourishing vegetables and herbs. They hope to harvest enough produce to distribute to their school community.

"It's exciting to see the student Nutrition Advisory Councils participate in Farm-to-School events and watch them embrace agriculture in their everyday lives," said Judy Huffaker, Farm-to-School Coordinator.



This collage captures the energy and fun moments from the 2023 AUSD Food and Nutrition Services' 19th annual Food & Wellness Fair.

San Gabriel High School's NAC emphasis was on health, the importance of daily physical activity, and the value of adding fruit to your diet. They took physical activity seriously, getting guests to blend fruit smoothies by furiously pedaling on their unique smoothie bike. Monterey Highlands' students hosted physical activity booths. They recruited fair participants for hula hooping and a "Shake It Out" challenge.

Farmer Teresa from Old Grove Orange was on hand with local farm harvests, including pomegranates, rainbow carrots, cucumbers, and sweet peppers. Attendees were thrilled to sample the fresh produce and especially excited to bring home the delicious organic fruits and vegetables.

"All of us in Food & Nutrition Services are proud to host this fun districtwide tradition for the 19th year." Mrs. Watts said. "By bringing everyone together, we can increase awareness of the school meal programs and underscore the benefits of building a healthy lifestyle. We hope the Food & Wellness Fair continues for many years to come."

What will the 20th Food & Wellness Fair bring? We will just have to wait until next year to find out.



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# AUSD Student Support Services Hosts Community Conversations at Every School to Connect With Parents + Caregivers, Answer Questions, Offer Guidance

By Toby Gilbert

On Friday mornings, AUSD Student Support Services (SSS) hosts a Community Conversation, one school at a time, inviting parents and caregivers to an interactive visit over breakfast bites about how to best support their child. By mid-November, the SSS teams visited ten schools: Granada, Ramona, San Gabriel High, Northrup, Ynez, Marguerita, Brightwood, Baldwin, Emery Park, and Fremont. These conversations are among the many events planned for Student Support Services' "Year of Fostering Connectivity and Belonging."

Assistant superintendent of SSS, Lindsey Ma, said, "We are getting a lot of positive feedback from parents, caregivers, and the schools on our Community Conversations. Even local businesses are supporting Community Conversations by gifting treats for parents and caregivers. We are grateful to Starbucks on Main Street, 85° Bakery, Denny's, Bagel Exchange, Raising Cane's in Alhambra, Burgers & More, Trader Joe's in South Pasadena, Ralph's in Monterey Park, and IHOP for their generosity."

Initially the topics for Community Conversations were student wellness, health, and attendance. SSS director Jim Schofield is especially passionate about student attendance as the foundation for student success in academics, relationships, and life. These topics expanded as parents asked about pediatric dentistry, nutrition, campus safety, positive discipline, punitive consequences, and the transfer permit process.

At each campus, the principal and mental health counselor worked closely with the SSS teams for the 60-minute Community Conversations. The site coordinators personally invited parents and caregivers. At Marguerita, parents and caregivers were so pleased, they asked the team return during spring kindergarten orientation to help those with young children understand the importance of wellness checks.

Lead nurse Damaris Pessina discussed how medical wellness visits evolve. "Wellness visits are a positive experience for the family as the pediatrician gets to know you and your child and documents their growth from year to year," said Ms. Pessina. "The doctor spends time with the parent or caregiver, asking questions, and sharing observations on the child's mood and physical growth."

In the teen years, she pointed out, wellness visits shift, and the parent will leave the examination room at one point to allow the doctor to talk to the child about more personal questions to gauge his or her social emotional maturation process.

The SSS teams also talked about the confidentiality of school discipline protocols with reassurances that all protocols are followed, and discipline is assigned. They discussed the impact of new California legislation mandating that schools and administrators use discipline to teach students new behaviors and implement restorative approaches, in place of practices designed to only extinguish negative behaviors without teaching positive skills.

"We are deeply grateful to each school site for their coordination for the Community Conversations," said Mr. Ma. "And thankful to our whole SSS team



At the Ramona School Community Conversation, director of Student Support Services, Jim Schofield, was passionate in explaining to parents and caregivers why attendance matters. He told them, "If a child misses two days of school a month for one whole school year they will have missed a total of a month of school. Multiplied by nine years of school K-8, the absences equal approximately 180 days. By that calculation, it means by the time a student enters 9th grade, the student will have lost a whole year of instruction. That accumulation of loss in classroom learning and relationship building will significantly diminish student achievement, depress wellbeing, reduce a sense of belonging, and often result in students dropping out of school altogether."

who make the Community Conversations possible. Jackie Valle, Lisa Sanchez, Carol Perez, N'kysha Johnson, Vanessa Sandoval, and Blazhia Parker were key in the development of the concept, with their boots on the ground."

"Coming up on May 4, 2024, is the Parent and Caregiver Empowerment Summit which will be our conversation of conversations," according to Mr. Ma. "We want parents and caregivers to join us for this incredible opportunity to learn from professionals the many ways they can build pathways for success and wellbeing for their children, improve family relationships, and take better care of themselves."

# For The 31st Year, The Spark of Love Toy Drive Brings Holiday Cheer to Struggling AUSD Families

By Toby Gilbert

During the holiday season, the Alhambra Unified School District continues its partnership with the Alhambra Fire Department and other community organizations for their 31st annual Spark of Love toy drive campaign.

Each year, AUSD staff, students, and families generously fill dozens of boxes with toys, games, and sports equipment to make the holiday season a little brighter for struggling families and neighbors. "Look for the donation boxes at each school site and the district office, and help us fill them to overflowing," urges Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo. "Because of your kindness and generosity, hundreds of AUSD families have a much happier holiday each year."

As you head out to do your holiday shopping, please consider purchasing a few extra toys to deposit in the boxes at AUSD school sites. Donations will be accepted at AUSD sites through Friday, December 8th and will directly benefit students in the local community through the Alhambra Fire Department's annual Spark of Love event.

"AUSD is excited to announce a new way you can help students during the holidays. Our goal is to send some of our students to camp this year, so we are launching our Adopt-a-Camper sponsorship campaign very soon," said Janet Lees, assistant superintendent of education services. "Please be on the lookout for more information through email, local papers, social media, and our digital newsletter."



This is the 31st year of the annual Spark of Love campaign. Donations made at AUSD school sites will directly benefit local families. Please help if you are able. You will make a child's holiday.

# Entries for AUSD's PTA 2023 Reflections Art Contest Double This Year

By Toby Gilbert



**NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS<sup>®</sup> School Site Winners**

Grace Alo, Alhambra High School - Gr. 11	Hayden Lin, Martha Baldwin School - Gr. K
Nicole Del Villar, Alhambra High School - Gr. 10	Jett Lin, Martha Baldwin School - Gr. 5
Emmett Lee, Alhambra High School - Gr. 10	Nina Tierney, Martha Baldwin School - Gr. 5
Jada Leung, Alhambra High School - Gr. 12	Ethan Chatzipsantis, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. K
Kora Chang, Brightwood School - Gr. 4	Abby Chen, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 4
Kylie Chang, Brightwood School - Gr. 6	Desiree Chong, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 7
Olivia Gagnon, Brightwood School - Gr. 7K	Valerie Chong, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 8
Alexis Ho, Brightwood School - Gr. 6	Elise Date, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 4
Emilia Kao, Brightwood School - Gr. 2	Sarah Demus, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 6
Mila Lim, Brightwood School - Gr. 1	Chloe Ho, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 5
Paige Okita, Brightwood School - Gr. 4	Michelle Lee, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 8
Cadence Tanaka, Brightwood School - Gr. 6	Marisa Park, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 7
Emily Wong, Brightwood School - Gr. 5	Desmond Roura, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 2
Ellie Yao, Brightwood School - Gr. 2	Chloe Suh, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 4
Nathan Yao, Brightwood School - Gr. 6	Matthew Wong, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 4
Nicholas Lee, Emery Park School - Gr. 8	Scout Wong, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 2
Imani Prieto, Emery Park School - Gr. 1	Queen Yang, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 8
Hannah Vasquez, Emery Park School - Gr. 7	Aaron Zheng, Monterey Highlands School - Gr. 4
Kadence Au, Mark Keppel High School - Gr. 10	Zuyuan Zhou, San Gabriel High School - Gr. 11
Angeline Chau, Mark Keppel High School - Gr. 10	Eileen Wang, William Northrup School - Gr. 3
Marissa Helguera, Martha Baldwin School - Gr. 3	Kaylee Chan, Ynez School - Gr. 1
Yuxin Lai, Martha Baldwin School - Gr. 8	Bella Rojas, Ynez School - Gr. 4

**I am Hopeful Because...**  
Explore the arts and express yourself!

Each PTA put together a remarkable 2023 Reflections art program, inspiring twice as many AUSD students this year to find their artist within. The students listed won first at their school site level. These entries are now being reviewed by the Alhambra Council PTA Reflections judges to select First District winners — some of whom could continue to State or National level.

For more than half a century, PTA's annual Reflections arts contest has underscored their commitment to arts education. Reflections helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, build confidence, and discover a love of learning to become more successful in school and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students nationwide create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This year's theme, "I am Hopeful Because..." was submitted by Alice Meko, a student from the state of Alabama.

Alhambra Council PTA announced that twice as many Alhambra Unified School District schools and students participated in the 2023 Reflections program as last year. Almost 200 entries from 10 school site PTAs submitted works of art in the categories of film production, music composition, visual arts, dance choreography, and photography.

Every AUSD PTA created a selection committee to choose their site winners in each division and grade-span. The committees had the difficult job of narrowing their choices to 46 winning school-level entries, with Brightwood's Mina Lin and Mark Keppel's Angeline Chau each winning in two categories. Alhambra PTA Council now reviews those 46 entries to determine which submissions will move to the First District level...and possibly even to the State and National levels.

The First District winners will be announced in January along with photos and videos showing the amazing artistic abilities of the students. "In our view, every student who participated in the PTA's Reflections art contest deserves applause for their creativity,"

Janet Lees, assistant superintendent of education services, said, "We urge them to keep exploring their artistic talents. We are cheering PTA members, school staff, and families for their efforts in making the Reflections program such a success. Through their art, these students are connecting all of us, enlarging our world, and making it a more harmonious place."

# Marguerita is celebrating! And Wants You to Join The Fun + Festivities For The Next Chapter in It's 93-Year History

By Toby Gilbert



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ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Marguerita alumni and employees will always be part of the Huskies Family. If you worked or attended Marguerita School, you will want to be part of this special opportunity to celebrate, reconnect, and continue being part of the school's history.*

Ninety-three years after Marguerita Elementary School opened its doors, Marguerita is ready for a party. The school wants you to join their celebration to mark the end of recent construction and modernization projects at a festive rededication of the school campus. Students, families, and staff members -- past and present -- and the whole community are invited to this momentous occasion and to be part of the installation ceremony for time capsules to commemorate the rededication.

Principal Thomas Kohout said, "Make plans to join the Huskies Family on Friday, January 19, 2024, from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm at the flagpole in front of the school for this celebration of our school community and all who have made it such an amazing place to work and learn." The afternoon will be filled with student-led music, refreshments, a social hour to get to know one another, and time to hear from different members of the Marguerita community.

The evening will come to a close when memorable items are placed into several time capsules, which will be reopened fifty years from now in the year 2074. Principal Kohout adds, "We hope many who attend will mark their calendars to join us again in fifty years."

Do you know any Marguerita alumni or retired employees? Help spread the word and encourage them to be part of the festivities. The school is in search of photos from Marguerita's past. To share your photos, please email principal Tom Kohout at: kohout\_h\_thomas@ausd.us. More details to be announced soon, so stay tuned and follow Marguerita School and Alhambra Unified School District through their websites and social media platforms.

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# Mark Keppel Junior Selected as Student Board Member Semi-Finalist for California State Board of Education

By Toby Gilbert

Alhambra Unified School District students who are seeking out opportunities to take on community leadership roles are also role models for their peers. This includes Mark Keppel High School junior Kailia Garfield, who was recently named a semi-finalist for the position of 2024-25 student board member for the California State Board of Education.

Since 1969, a California public high school student has been selected to serve a one-year term on the State Board of Education as a full voting member to represent student voices in developing policies for all of California's school districts.

With the important responsibility of representing almost six million diverse students in over 10,000 schools in California, the selection process to become the sole student representative of the state's education governing board can be intense. The process begins early in the student's junior year for a term that covers their senior year of high school.

Kailia was selected as one of the 12 semi-finalists invited to attend the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) Student Advisory Board of Education (SABE) conference in Sacramento November 5th through 8th. The delegates worked diligently to identify six areas of priority for students, and then shared their presentations at the State Board of Education meeting on November 8th.

Although Kailia was not selected as California's 2024-25 Board of Education student member, she demonstrated strong initiative and outstanding leadership skills. "Keep your eye on Kailia Garfield," MKHS acting principal Amy Wu predicts. "We're certain we will see her in many leadership roles now and in the future. Bravo, Kailia...Well done!"



Kailia Garfield, Mark Keppel High School junior and Brightwood School alumna, was selected as one of the 12 semi-finalists for the essential role of California State Board of Education student board member. She was privileged to travel to Sacramento in early November where she learned from student leaders from across the State.

# AUSD partnership with South Korean Educators Expands to Include Student Exchange Program at MKHS

By Toby Gilbert

The world-widening benefits of the strong, already established Alhambra High School cross-cultural program with fellow educators from South Korea have rippled out across the district. They have each hosted multiple student and staff visitors, delighting all involved, and now Mark Keppel High School will join this partnership.

Just as AHS did in 2021, MKHS recently welcomed distinguished delegates from Yeoncheon County Regional Office of Education under Gyeonggi Province Office of Education. Ms. Mi Kyung Kim, Mr. Deoghyun Kim, and Mr. Sunken Ahn were at MKHS to sign a Memo of Understanding with AUSD officials to establish a new student cultural exchange program.

Mark Keppel staff members, AUSD administrators, and Board of Education members hosted the South Korean delegation and escorted them on a tour of the school campus. After the tour, the group enjoyed lunch together, followed by a performance by the MKHS Marching Band.

"All of us at MKHS are excited to host a group of students from South Korea," said Acting Principal Amy Wu. "Cultural exchanges like this one offer our students, staff, and families a unique opportunity to become better citizens of the world. By sharing our classrooms, our homes, and our community, we amplify learning, enlarge our perspectives, gain greater understanding, and quite possibly create lifelong relationships that make a more harmonious world, one person at a time."



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# Featured Stories in Chinese

## 假日雪村即將於12月7日來到巴恩斯公園

由娛樂部門工作人員提供

蒙特利公園市娛樂和社區服務部門很高興宣布，每年一度的假日雪村活動將於2023年12月7日星期四舉行。蒙特利公園市社區誠邀大家於下午4點至8點來到巴恩斯公園，與鄰居們一同參加假日活動，活動包括娛樂節目、由藝術家藝品展覽和每週的農夫市場。

雪村活動的參加者將可以享受各種活動和娛樂，包括受歡迎的雪橇滑梯、雪地遊樂區、與聖誕老人的合照、寫信給聖誕老人以及節慶主題音樂。請務必穿著封閉式鞋子參加雪地區域的活動。今年新推出的是由雅典服務贊助的節日火車站和火車遊覽。

同樣在12月7日，蒙特利公園市農夫市場將供應新鮮當地食品和點心的供應商。別忘了順道拜訪假日藝術家供應商，購買手工製作的節日禮物等。

孩子們被邀請在雪村活動時寄信給聖誕老人。請務必在信件上註明回郵地址，然後投入特別的節日郵箱內。聖誕老人將回答收到的每一封信。

蒙特利公園市希望能在這個美好的活動中見到您和您的家人，一起開啟假日季節。有關更多假日雪村活動信息，請參訪[www.montereypark.ca.gov/holidaysnowvillage](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/holidaysnowvillage)，或致電626-307-1388與娛樂和社區服務部門聯繫。請關注娛樂部門在社交媒體上的官方賬號，以獲取有關未來活動的最新信息，Facebook、Instagram和Twitter上的賬號為@MontereyParkRec。巴恩斯公園位於350 S. McPherrin Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754。



## 蒙特利公園市農曆新年龍年慶祝活動

2024年1月27日至28日，星期六和星期日

蒙特利公園市市中心

藝術家、餐飲商、娛樂表演者、商家和成千上萬的家人和朋友，一起參加蒙特利公園市年度室外街頭節慶，歡迎春天的到來。

與蒙特利公園市、蒙特利公園市商業改進區諮詢委員會和洛杉磯世界日報一起慶祝2024年農曆新年龍年慶祝活動。龍是生肖中的第五個動物，也是唯一的神話生物。龍年代表著力量、健康和好運。

蒙特利公園市農曆新年節慶擁有各種活動給大家參予，超過230個攤位由商家、組織和食品供應商主辦，還有現場娛樂表演。節慶將於星期六上午10點至晚上9點，星期日上午10點至晚上7點舉行。

開幕典禮將於2024年1月27日星期六上午11點舉行，包括當選官員的演講、傳統舞獅表演，以及為紀念2023年1月21日蒙特利公園市悲劇中失去生命和受影響的人們默哀片刻。

超過40個美味的亞洲和國際美食攤位是人群的最愛，不容錯過。現場還將有互動活動和文化體驗。此外，還可以享受大量的嘉年華遊戲、遊樂設施以及受歡迎的“許願樹”。

該節慶將分佈在Garvey大道的五個街區，從Garfield大道到Alhambra大道，使其成為南加州最大的免費街頭活動之一。在慶祝農曆新年的同時，該節慶還將榮譽與展示南加州的各種文化元素。

有關2024年蒙特利公園市農曆新年節慶的更多信息，請參訪[www.montereypark.ca.gov/lunarnewyear](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/lunarnewyear)。



## 追悼活動：一周年紀念燭光守夜

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蒙特利公園市誠邀社區參加燭光守夜，以紀念2023年1月21日發生的悲劇事件一周年紀念。燭光守夜是一個讓社區團結在一起，共同悼念、團結和支持的機會。這個活動將提供一個反思和療癒的空間，我們將紀念2023年1月21日槍擊事件的受害者，並團結起來反對暴力。

- 2024年1月21日，星期日，下午6時
- 市政廳前草坪，320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

有關活動的更多詳細信息將在可用時公布。欲想了解更多資訊，請參訪[www.montereypark.ca.gov/jan21vigil](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/jan21vigil)或掃描QR碼。



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- 2024年1月22日，星期一，下午6點至8點，MPK Hope Resiliency Center，Sierra Vista Park，地址：311 N. Rural Drive，Monterey Park, CA 91755。

房東工作坊：

- 2023年12月14日，星期四，下午6點至8點，蒙特利公園市市政廳社區室，地址：320 W. Newmark Ave.，Monterey Park, CA 91754。
- 2024年1月29日，星期一，下午6點至8點，MPK Hope Resiliency Center，Sierra Vista Park，地址：311 N. Rural Drive，Monterey Park, CA 91755。

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## Featured Stories in Spanish

### La Villa Nevada Navideña llega a Barnes Park el 7 de diciembre

#### Presentada por el personal del Departamento de Recreación

El Departamento de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios de Monterey Park se complace en anunciar que el evento anual La Villa Nevada Navideña tendrá lugar el jueves 7 de diciembre de 2023. Se invita a la comunidad a unirse a sus vecinos en Barnes Park de 4 a 8 p.m., donde todos podrán disfrutar de las actividades y entretenimiento navideño, los vendedores de artesanías y el Mercado semanal de Agricultores.

Los asistentes a La Villa Nevada Navideña tendrán a su disposición una variedad de actividades y entretenimiento, que incluyen las populares carreras en trineo, el área de juego en la nieve, fotos con Santa, cartas a Santa y música con temática navideña. Asegúrese de llevar zapatos cerrados para jugar en las áreas de nieve. Este año, habrá una estación de tren navideño y paseos en tren patrocinados por Athens Services.

También el 7 de diciembre, el Mercado de Agricultores de Monterey Park contará con vendedores locales de alimentos frescos y refrigerios. No olvide pasar por los

vendedores de artesanías navideñas para comprar regalos navideños hechos a mano y más.

Se invita a los niños a dejar sus cartas a Santa Claus mientras estén en La Villa Nevada. Asegúrese de incluir una dirección de retorno en las cartas a Santa y deposítelas en el buzón especial de vacaciones. Santa responderá a cada carta recibida.

La Ciudad de Monterey Park espera verte a ti y a tu familia en este maravilloso evento para dar inicio a la temporada navideña. Para obtener más información sobre La Villa Nevada Navideña, visita [www.montereypark.ca.gov/holidaysnowvillage](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/holidaysnowvillage) o llama al Departamento de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios al 626-307-1388. Sigue el departamento de recreación en las redes sociales para mantenerte al tanto de todos los eventos futuros en Facebook, Instagram y Twitter @MontereyParkRec. Barnes Park está ubicado en 350 S. McPherrin Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

### El Festival de Año Nuevo Lunar de Monterey Park Celebra el Año del Dragón

#### Sábado y domingo, 27-28 de enero de 2024 Downtown Monterey Park

Únete a artesanos, vendedores de comida, artistas en vivo, comerciantes y miles de amigos y familiares para dar la bienvenida a la llegada de primavera en el festival anual al aire libre de Monterey Park.

Celebra el Año del Dragón con la Ciudad de Monterey Park, el Comité Asesor del Distrito de Mejoramiento Comercial de Monterey Park y el World Journal Los Angeles, que co-organizan la celebración del Festival de Año Nuevo Lunar 2024. El Dragón es el quinto animal en el ciclo y el único ser mitológico en el zodiaco. El año del Dragón representa fuerza, salud y buena suerte.

El Festival de Año Nuevo Lunar de Monterey Park tiene algo para todos. Con más de 230 puestos organizados por comerciantes, organizaciones y vendedores de comida, además de entretenimiento en vivo. El festival se llevará a cabo de 10 a.m. a 9 p.m. el sábado y de 10 a.m. a 7 p.m. el domingo.

Las Ceremonias de Apertura tendrán lugar el sábado 27 de enero a las 11 a.m. e incluirán discursos de funcionarios electos, una danza tradicional del león y un

momento de silencio en honor a las vidas perdidas e impactadas por la tragedia de Monterey Park del 21 de enero de 2023.

Más de 40 puestos de comida deliciosa de cocinas asiáticas e internacionales son los favoritos del público, que no te debes perder. Habrá actividades interactivas y experiencias culturales. Además, disfruta de muchísimos juegos de feria, atracciones y el popular "Árbol de los Deseos".

El festival se extenderá a lo largo de cinco cuadras en la Avenida Garvey, desde Garfield hasta Alhambra Avenue, lo que lo convierte en uno de los eventos gratuitos al aire libre más grandes del sur de California. Mientras se celebra el Año Nuevo Lunar, el festival también honrará y mostrará varios elementos culturales del sur de California.

Para obtener más información sobre el Festival de Año Nuevo Lunar de Monterey Park 2024, visita [www.montereypark.ca.gov/lunarnewyear](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/lunarnewyear).

### En Memoria: Velatorio del Primer Aniversario

#### Presentado por la Oficina del Gerente de la Ciudad

La Ciudad de Monterey Park invita a la comunidad a unirse en una vigilia con velas para conmemorar el primer aniversario de los trágicos eventos que tuvieron lugar el 21 de enero de 2023. La vigilia con velas es una oportunidad para que la comunidad se reúna en memoria, unidad y apoyo. El evento proporcionará un espacio para la reflexión y la curación mientras honramos la memoria de las víctimas del tiroteo del 21 de enero y nos unimos contra la violencia.

- Domingo, 21 de enero de 2024 a las 6 p.m. Ubicación por anunciar.
- Jardín delantero del Ayuntamiento, 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Se publicarán detalles adicionales sobre el evento a medida que estén disponibles. Para obtener más información, visita [www.montereypark.ca.gov/jan21vigil](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/jan21vigil) o escanea el código QR.



### Conozca las Leyes y Protecciones de Vivienda Justa, Asista a un Taller Gratuito sobre Derechos de Vivienda

#### Talleres disponibles tanto para inquilinos como para propietarios Presentados por el personal del Departamento de Finanzas

El Centro de Derechos de Vivienda llevará a cabo varios talleres sobre derechos de vivienda en Monterey Park en diciembre y enero, dirigidos tanto a inquilinos como a propietarios.

Los temas incluyen leyes de vivienda justa y mejores prácticas para familias con niños, adaptaciones para discapacitados y más. Se proporcionará interpretación en español y chino.

Talleres para inquilinos:

- Miércoles 13 de diciembre de 2023, de 6 a 8 p.m., Sala Comunitaria del Ayuntamiento de Monterey Park, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

- Lunes 22 de enero de 2024, de 6 a 8 p.m., Centro de Servicios de Chinatown, 855 Atlantic Blvd., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Talleres para propietarios:

- Jueves 14 de diciembre de 2023, de 6 a 8 p.m., Sala Comunitaria del Ayuntamiento de Monterey Park, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.
- Lunes 29 de enero de 2024, de 6 a 8 p.m., Centro de Servicios de Chinatown, 855 Atlantic Blvd., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

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4 Bed | 3 Bath | House | 2,606 ft<sup>2</sup>



616 W. Emerson Ave, Monterey Park  
2 Bed | 2 Bath | House | 1,298 ft<sup>2</sup>



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2 Bed | 3 Bath | House | 1,235 ft<sup>2</sup>



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