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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



HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER
WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IN HOUSING

Housing Rights Center will be hosting several housing rights workshops in Monterey Park in January and February 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:

- Monday, January 13, 2025, 6–8 p.m., Monterey Park City Hall Community Room, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.
- Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 6–8 p.m., Sierra Vista Park Community Center, 311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Workshops for Landlords:

- Thursday, January 23, 2025; 6–8 p.m., Monterey Park City Hall Community Room, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.
- Thursday, February 13, 2025, 6–8 p.m., Sierra Vista Park Community Center, 311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Registration is encouraged at www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops.

For more information, please contact Housing Rights Center at 213-387-8400 ext. 1018 or outreach@housingrightscenter.org.

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City of Monterey Park Wins Coveted Most Business-Friendly City Award

By Economic Development staff

The City of Monterey Park has won the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) 2024 Most Business-Friendly City Award for small cities. The announcement was made at the LAEDC's 29th Annual EDDY Awards ceremony at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on November 6, 2024.

This prestigious award recognizes the City's outstanding efforts in creating a supportive and thriving business environment.

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition from the LAEDC," said Monterey Park Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres. "This award highlights our commitment to fostering economic growth and creating a welcoming environment for businesses of all sizes."

The LAEDC blue-ribbon panel of judges recognized Monterey Park for its innovative programs, streamlined processes, and collaborative approach to economic development. The City's dedication to supporting businesses through initiatives such as the Monterey Park Business Connect support program, the Small Business Expo, and its proactive business attraction and retention strategies were key factors in securing the award.

"This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our City Council and staff, our business community, and our residents," added Joseph Torres. "We are proud to be a leader in economic development and will continue to work tirelessly to make Monterey Park the best place to do business in Los Angeles County."

The LAEDC Most Business-Friendly City Awards are presented annually to cities demonstrating exceptional commitment to supporting businesses and fostering economic growth. The award is given in two categories: Small Cities (60,000 population or less) and Large Cities (more than 60,000). Monterey Park's win underscores its position as a prime location for businesses to thrive and contribute to the region's economic vitality.

For more information, please contact the Economic Development Division at econdev@montereypark.ca.gov, 626-307-1385 or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/econdev.



How to Get Started with a Short-Term Rental Application

By Community Development Department, Planning Division staff

All short-term rental operators are required to obtain a permit from the City annually and pay transient occupancy taxes (TOT). If you're thinking about operating a short-term rental in Monterey Park, the City has a 5-step Short-Term Rental Permit application process to help you get started. After downloading the application package, you'll follow key steps, including notifying neighbors and registering for taxes, before submitting your application to the City. Check out the graphic for a quick overview and visit the City's website at www.montereypark.ca.gov/STRpermit for more details on how to apply!



For more information or questions, please email PlanningPermitCounter@montereypark.ca.gov, visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/STRpermit, or contact the Community Development Department, Planning Division at 626-307-1315.

Mayoral Installation and City Council Reorganization Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend the Monterey Park City Council's reorganization, farewell to an outgoing Council Member, and installation of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 6 p.m.
Monterey Park City Hall,
320 West Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, California.

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



CITY OFFICIALS

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

Maychelle Yee, City Clerk
Amy Lee, City Treasurer

Inez Alvarez, City Manager
Karl Berger, City Attorney

Please see the related article regarding the City Council reorganization meeting on December 10, 2024.

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
4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

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.
Langley Senior Center, 400 W. Emerson Ave.

Traffic Commission
3rd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

For more information, please visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Boards

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CONTACTS 蒙特利公園市聯絡資訊 Contactos de la Ciudad de Monterey Park

Fire & Police Emergency
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Emergencia de Bomberos y Policía
911

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Desarrollo Comunitario
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建築與安全部
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Building Inspection Hotline
建築檢查熱線
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626-307-1229
Economic Development Division
經濟發展部
División de Desarrollo Económico
626-307-1385
Planning Division
規劃部
División de Planificación
626-307-1315

Public Works Department
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PublicWorks@montereypark.ca.gov
626-307-1320*
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塗鴉熱線
Línea Directa de Graffiti
626-307-1449
Maintenance Services/Sandbags
維修服務/沙袋
Servicios de Mantenimiento/Sacos de Arena
626-307-1281
Potholes/Street Repairs Hotline
坑洞/街道維修熱線
Línea Directa de Reparación de Baches/Calles
626-307-2585
Shopping Cart Hotline
購物車熱線
Línea Directa de Carritos de Compra
800-252-4613
Spirit Bus
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626-307-7842

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Departamento de Bomberos
Fire@montereypark.ca.gov
Non-Emergency
非緊急熱線
No Emergencias
626-573-1333*
General Info and Ambulance Subscription
一般查詢及救護訂閱
Información General y Suscripción a Ambulancias
626-307-1262
Code Compliance Division
法規遵從部
División de Cumplimiento de Códigos
626-307-1415

Human Resources
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HumanResources@montereypark.ca.gov
626-307-1334
GoMPK App
GoMPK應用程式
Aplicación GoMPK
Problem reporting app available on your device's app store
可於你的電子產品的程式商店中下載的城市問題報告應用程式
Aplicación para reportar problemas disponible en la tienda de aplicaciones de su dispositivo
www.montereypark.ca.gov/GoMPK

Bruggemeyer Library
Bruggemeyer圖書館
Biblioteca Bruggemeyer
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Passport Services
護照服務
Servicios de Pasaporte
626-307-1357

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City Hall Police Counter
市政廳警局櫃檯
Mostrador de Policía en el Ayuntamiento
Daily 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Animal Services
動物服務
Servicios para Animales
626-307-1217
Downey Animal Care Center
Downey動物護理中心
Centro de Cuidado de Animales de Downey
562-940-6898
Records Bureau
檔案局
Oficina de Registros
626-307-1211
Monterey Park Jail
蒙特利公園監獄
Cárcel de Monterey Park
626-307-1245

Recreation and Community Services
康樂和社區服務
Servicios de Recreación y Comunidad
Recreation@montereypark.ca.gov
626-307-1388
Langley Senior Center & Dial-A-Ride
蘭利樂齡中心及Dial-A-Ride電話叫車服務
Centro para Personas Mayores Langley y Servicio de Dial-A-Ride
626-307-1395

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財務部門
Finanzas
Finance/Accounts Payable
財務/應付賬款
Finanzas/Cuentas por Pagar
626-307-1348
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Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad (Agua) y Cajero/Licencias/Compras
626-307-1342
Housing Division
住房部
División de Vivienda
626-307-1384

Service Providers
服務供應商
Proveedores de Servicios
AT&T Landline Home Phone
AT&T 家居座機電話
Teléfono Fijo de AT&T para el Hogar
800-228-2020
Ware Disposal (Residential, Bulky Item & Commercial Trash Services)
Ware Disposal (住宅,大件物品和商業垃圾服務)
Ware Disposal (Servicios de Residuos Voluminosos Residenciales y Comerciales)
626-225-2400
Athens Services (Commercial Trash Services)
Athens Services (商業垃圾服務)
Athens Services (Servicios de Residuos Comerciales)
888-336-6100
Charter Spectrum
Charter Spectrum 寬頻
Charter Spectrum Television por Cable
877-906-9121
Housing Rights Center
住房權利中心
Centro de Derechos de Vivienda
800-477-5977
L.A. County Environmental Health
洛杉磯縣環境健康
Salud Ambiental del Condado de L.A.
323-362-1280
L.A. County Info. & Referral Services. (24/7)
洛杉磯縣信息與轉介服務 (24/7)
Servicios de Información y Referencia del Condado de L.A. (24/7)
Dial 211
So. Cal. Edison
南加州愛迪生
So. Cal. Edison (Compañía de Electricidad)
800-655-4555
So. Cal. Gas
SoCalGas家庭能源
So. Cal. Gas (Compañía de Gas)
877-238-0092

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City of Monterey Park to Hold January 21 Memorial Vigil

By City Manager's Office staff

The City of Monterey Park invites community members to join together for a memorial vigil to remember the events of 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.

January 21 Memorial Vigil

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Monterey Park City Hall Front Lawn, 320 West Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Community members who wish to leave flowers or other memorial items may place them near the flagpole in front of City Hall. Please note that all items will be respectfully removed by January 30.

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



Monterey Park Community Healing Fund: A Year of Resilience and Recovery

By the Monterey Park Community Healing Fund Advisory Board



Two years after the devastating shooting at Star Ballroom Dance Studio on January 21, 2023, the Monterey Park Community Healing Fund continues to provide vital support to those affected. This joint initiative by the City of Monterey Park and the California Community Foundation was established to help the community heal and rebuild. Thanks to the generosity of donors from around the world, the fund has raised over \$200,000, enabling it to provide direct assistance to victims and support community-wide healing initiatives.

Helping the Hidden Hurt: Invisible Victims of Tragedy

A significant portion of the funds were specifically allocated to grants for individuals directly impacted by the tragedy. These individuals, often unable to qualify for other forms of assistance, received support to address their emotional trauma, economic hardship, and other challenges. To date, 48 grants totaling \$144,000.00 have been awarded, providing critical financial assistance.

Supporting Local Organizations

In addition to individual support, the fund has invested in local organizations dedicated to the well-being of the community. Programs supported by the Monterey Park Community Healing Fund include:

- **Boys and Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley:** The grant will empower local youth through their ongoing "Kindness is Free" initiative and foster intergenerational connections by collaborating with the Monterey Park Langley Senior Center on various art projects.
- **Monterey Park Firefighters Relief Fund:** Essential funding will be provided for mental health programs to support firefighters who responded to the mass shooting.
- **Therapicasso:** On-site art workshop sessions will be offered at various elementary and middle schools within the Alhambra Unified School District to address increasing mental health-related incidents.

- **Asian Youth Center/Anti-Asian Hate Coalition:** With the fund's support, three impactful events were hosted in the San Gabriel Valley to address hate-based violence and its aftermath. These events included:
 - o A panel discussion honoring the victims of the Atlanta hate shooting, exploring hate crimes and legal implications.
 - o A deep dive into California's hate crime laws and community response strategies.
 - o A focus on mental health, addressing the trauma of hate crimes and providing essential support resources by mental health experts.
- **MPK Hope Resiliency Center:** Provided funding for a dinner and dance to support the mental health of victims and families impacted by the tragedy. This event offered a space for healing, remembrance, and community building through the power of dance.

A Commitment to a Safer Future

The Monterey Park Community Healing Fund has also taken proactive steps to prevent future tragedies. In collaboration with the District Attorney's Office and local law enforcement, the Monterey Park Community Healing Fund hosted a Gun Violence Restraining Order Training equipping community members with the knowledge and tools to protect themselves and others. This training video can be viewed on the City of Monterey Park's YouTube channel @MontParkTV under the title "MPK Gun Violence Restraining Order Training."

As the community continues its journey of healing, the Monterey Park Community Healing Fund remains steadfast in its commitment to providing ongoing support and resources. Donations will be accepted until February 28, 2025. For more information, please visit www.mpkhealingfund.org.

For additional mental health, victim and safety resources, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/healmpk.

Share Your Views on the Use of Federal Housing and Community Development Funds

By Finance Department staff

The City of Monterey Park is developing our 2025-2029 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan to identify the top affordable housing, community development, and supportive services for low- and moderate-low-income Monterey Park residents.

A Consolidated Plan is a planning document required by the HUD as a condition of receiving federal housing and community development funding. The Plan is developed every 5 years through research, data collection and community outreach.

The planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to determine the top housing needs, community development priorities, homeless services, and gaps in supportive services for low- and moderate-income residents.

Over the next few months, Monterey Park residents, non-profit organizations, businesses, and other community stakeholders will be encouraged to share their insights and feedback through virtual and in-person community forums, and a community-wide survey.

The City invites you to attend a community meeting to discuss the short- and long-term needs of the community and how federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships program funds may be used to meet those needs.

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Monterey Park City Hall
 Community Room
 320 W Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Monterey Park City Hall
 Community Room
 320 W Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

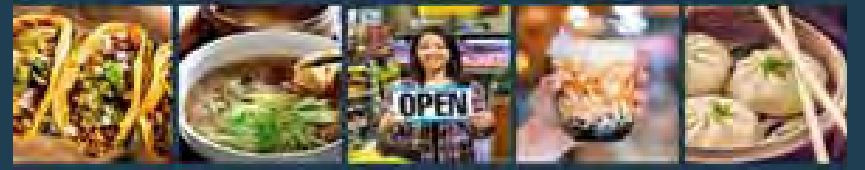
It is the intention of the City to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact City Hall at 626-307-1359 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible.

The City encourages residents to complete and return the Resident Survey for the CDBG and HOME Programs.

A link to the survey is available on the city website at www.montereypark.ca.gov/HUD.

City of Monterey Park BUSINESS CONNECT

By Economic Development Division staff



Small Business Micro Loans

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation Los Angeles' (LISC LA) Asset Building for Communities of Color (ABC) program helps small business owners in Los Angeles County grow and create jobs. In partnership with Inclusive Action for the City, LISC LA offers flexible financing from \$5,000 to \$30,000 for eligible businesses to acquire machinery, equipment, and inventory, promoting economic empowerment in the community. <https://www.lisc.org/los-angeles/abc-fund/>.



SBA Online Learning Center

The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Online Learning Center offers programs to empower small business owners, whether starting or expanding a business. Their digital platform covers entrepreneurial best practices and financing options, with courses on planning your ideas, launching your business, managing daily operations, understanding competition, and finding new funding and customers. Visit SBA's Learning Center at <https://learn.sba.gov/>.



Don't Forget to Redeem Your Taste of Downtown MPK Credits!

The Holidays are approaching, but don't let your Taste of Downtown MPK credits go to waste! You have until January 31, 2025, to redeem them at any participating restaurant in the Downtown Monterey Park area. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal and support our local Downtown restaurants. To find a complete list of participating restaurants, simply open your Open Rewards app. Happy Holidays, and thank you for being a part of the Taste of Downtown MPK!



Business Spotlight: Discover the Flavors of Mexico at Cook's Tortas

Since opening in the spring of 2008, Cook's Tortas has been a beloved staple in Monterey Park, located at 1944 S. Atlantic Blvd. The family behind the restaurant shares their passion for authentic Mexican cuisine. After sixteen years of traveling the world searching for the finest tortas, they've crafted a menu that reflects their culinary journey, inviting you to savor familiar and exciting flavors.



At Cook's Tortas, quality is the cornerstone of every meal. The restaurant owners are dedicated to using fresh, never-frozen ingredients, from the artisanal bread baked daily to the aguas frescas made from scratch. Whether enjoying a classic torta or one of their unique creations, you'll taste the love and care in each bite. Cook's Tortas is where vibrant Mexican flavors meet the American palate, creating an inviting space for friends and families to gather.

The restaurant's commitment to community is as strong as its culinary dedication. Owned by first-generation Mexican immigrants, Cook's Tortas understands many families' healthy food challenges in today's economic conditions. That's why they prioritize offering high-quality meals at affordable prices, ensuring everyone can enjoy healthy options. Their initiatives, like the "1000 Free Meals" program supporting local charities and East LA College, reflect their belief in giving back and fostering connections.

Whether you're a longtime fan or are visiting for the first time, Cook's Tortas is ready to welcome you with delicious flavors and a warm atmosphere. Check out their menu and discover the delightful experience that awaits you! <https://www.cookstortas.com>.

Open For Business: Find Your New Favorite Spot

Monterey Park is thriving with new businesses! We thank these entrepreneurs for choosing our City to share their passion and creativity. To our community, we encourage you to get out and explore these new spots. Let's show them the love and support that makes Monterey Park a special place.



BOOKOFF - 2107 S. Atlantic Blvd.

A popular Japanese chain of secondhand bookstores offering a wide selection of used books, manga, CDs, and DVDs at affordable prices.



Fuxing Spring - 715 W. Garvey Ave.

Offers traditional Cantonese cuisine with authentic breakfast, lunch, and dinner offerings.



Banh Mi Hoa Phat - 301 N. Garfield Ave. #A

Specializing in Vietnamese sandwiches (bánh mì) made fresh daily, along with Vietnamese coffee and desserts for takeout.

Put the Spotlight On Your Business!

Are you looking for ways to promote your business? Be featured in an upcoming edition of Business Connect for your opportunity to share more about your business story, achievements, and new products and services. To put the spotlight on your business, contact the Economic Development team at 626-307-1385 or econdev@montereypark.ca.gov.

With Gratitude this Holiday Season!

As the Holidays approach, the Monterey Park Economic Development Team extends our warmest wishes to the incredible businesses that make our community so unique and vibrant.

We are immensely grateful for your contributions to our local economy and for creating a thriving environment where residents and visitors alike can shop, dine, and experience the unique spirit of Monterey Park. We wish you a joyous Holiday Season filled with peace, prosperity, and cherished moments with loved ones.



Celebrate the Holiday Spirit by Working Together for a Cleaner Monterey Park

By Code Compliance staff

As we celebrate the holidays and prepare to welcome a fresh start in the New Year, the City of Monterey Park Code Compliance Division invites all residents to collectively join us in keeping our community clean, safe, and beautiful. Let's start with managing holiday waste and carry that momentum into the New Year with commitments to property upkeep.

Holiday Waste Management: We've all seen the wrapping paper, packaging, and decorations pile up after celebrations, but with your help, we can ensure Monterey Park stays clean and green.

- **Gift Wrap and Packaging:** Let's recycle right! Place non-metallic wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, and packaging materials in your blue recycling bin. Remember, metallic and glittered wrapping paper cannot be recycled. Flatten cardboard boxes and separate materials to make collection easier for everyone.
- **Holiday Tree Recycling:** Thanks to your participation, our holiday tree recycling program has been a great success in past years. Let's keep the tradition going! Waste Disposal will collect trees from your curb on your regular trash pickup day from the day after Christmas through the second week of January.

Tree Preparation Guidelines:

- o Remove stands, ornaments, lights, and tinsel before placing trees out.
- o Trees over six feet must be cut in half.
- o Trees with flocking or fire retardants are not accepted.
- o If you miss the collection window, simply cut your tree into pieces and place it in your yard waste container.

New Year's Resolutions for 2025: As we turn the page to 2025, it's the perfect time to reflect on the importance of maintaining clean and safe properties. Let's make this New Year a fresh start by collectively committing to property upkeep and keeping Monterey Park at its best.

- **Parkway Maintenance:** When placing your trash bins out for collection, please make sure the parkways are free from overgrown vegetation, fallen leaves, or debris. This keeps our streets accessible and safe. Small efforts like these can make a big difference for our community.
- **Property Clean-Up:** A tidy home makes for a happier neighborhood. Start the year off right by decluttering your yard and properly disposing of any unwanted items. Keeping your property clean not only improves curb appeal but also helps maintain a healthy, welcoming environment for the community.



At the City of Monterey Park, we appreciate all you do to keep our community beautiful. Together, let's continue the tradition of taking pride in our city—during the holiday season and throughout the New Year. For more information on holiday waste management, property maintenance, or to report a code violation, please contact the Monterey Park Code Compliance Division at 626-307-1415 or at codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov.



Holiday Crime Prevention and Safety Tips

By Police Department staff

During this holiday season the Monterey Park Police Department wants to keep you and your family safe. Here are some tips on how to keep you and your property from being an easy target:

- **Secure your home and vehicle:** Lock all doors and windows, even when you are home or just leaving for a short time. Use timers for lights and consider turning on a radio or TV to make it look like someone is home. Don't leave gifts, shopping bags or valuables in plain view.
- **Be aware of your surroundings and park in well-lit areas:** Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you especially in crowded areas. Park in well-lit areas and avoid walking alone.
- **Be careful when shopping:** Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Keep your purse close to your body and put your wallet in an inside pocket or front pants pocket.
- **Be careful when answering the door:** Be cautious when answering your door, especially for strangers. Don't feel obligated to open the door if you don't recognize the person.

- **Be careful with scams:** Be aware of scams that criminals commit to take advantage of people's generosity during the holidays. Investigate charities before making donations and ask how the funds will be used.
- **Monitor your accounts:** Check your bank and credit card statements regularly to spot any fraudulent activity early.
- **Participate in Neighborhood Watch or monitor social media platforms:** Stay informed about local crime trends and keep an eye on each other's properties.
- **Report suspicious activity:** If you notice any unusual behavior in your area, report it to local law enforcement.

These tips will help ensure you have a safe and secure holiday season. Happy Holidays!

If you have any further questions, please contact the Monterey Park Police Department Community Engagement Bureau at 626-307-1215.

Trash and Recycling Holiday Reminders

By Public Works staff

Holiday Service Adjustments

If your waste collection day falls on or after the following holidays, your collection services will be delayed by one service day:

- Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024.
- New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

Tree Recycling

Holiday trees are 100% recyclable. Trees are delivered to various landfills to be used as mulch or cover material. The city's residential trash hauler, Ware Disposal, collects holiday trees on your normal pickup days from the day after Christmas through the second week of January each year. If you miss the date for recycling, please cut up your tree and place it in your green organics recycling container.

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 holiday 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.
- 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.

Bulky and E-Waste Pick up Event:

Drop off your bulky and e-waste on Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 8 a.m.–12 p.m. at George Elder Park, 1950 Wilcox Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91755. This event is for Monterey Park residents only (ID or bill required) and is a drive-in and drop-off event.

Enhancing Monterey Park's Future Through Infrastructure Improvements

By Public Works staff

Monterey Park's City Council has budgeted a series of crucial infrastructure improvement projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life for residents. While some projects will be readily visible as you drive around the city, others may operate behind the scenes yet deliver substantial benefits to the community. The city prioritizes capital improvement projects based on various factors, including state and federal mandates, safety concerns, aging infrastructure, and overall community benefit. This year, city staff have made commendable progress on several key initiatives.

Recent Completed Projects

The Langley Senior Center has undergone notable enhancements, including the completion of restroom rehabilitation and the replacement of its HVAC system. As a designated community cooling center, these upgrades ensure a comfortable environment for our senior residents. Additionally, the Bruggemeyer Library is currently receiving an HVAC overhaul, aiming to have all units operational before summer.

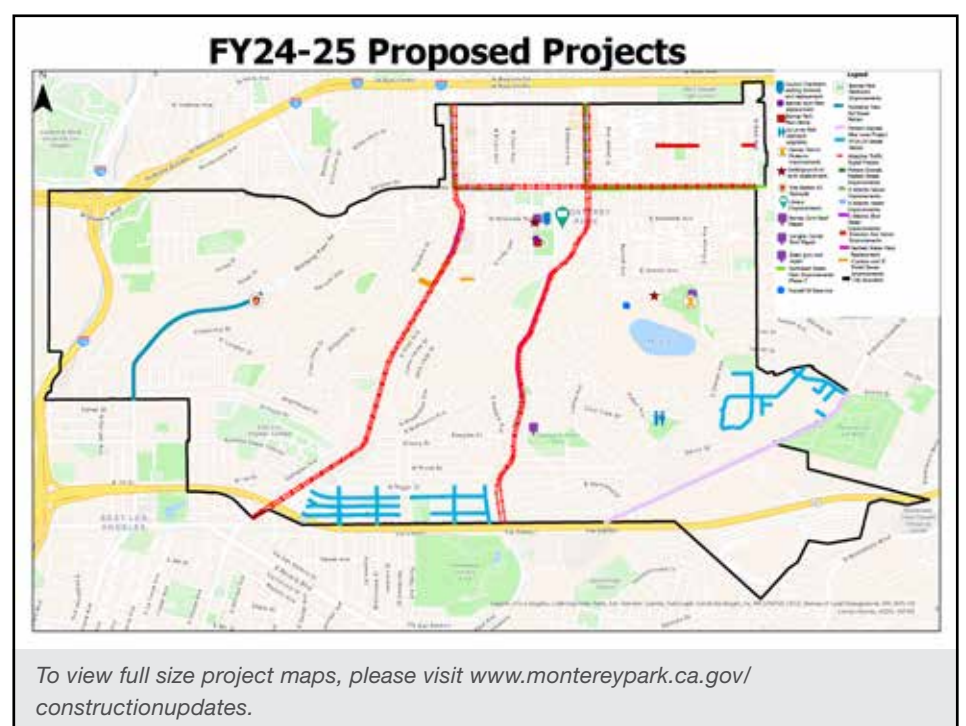
Roof replacements at the Langley Senior Center, George Elder Park Gymnasium, and Garvey Ranch Park Museum are also underway, ensuring these facilities remain functional and safe for public use.

Visible Improvements in Our Community

Several visible projects have either been completed or are in progress, notably the installation of ADA-compliant ramps at various locations throughout the city. These concrete improvements not only help the city comply with ADA requirements but also eliminate tripping hazards, creating safer, more accessible sidewalks for all community members. City staff continually evaluates complaints from residents and businesses to prioritize these improvements based on available budget resources. Once the concrete enhancements are completed, preparations for a road improvement project will commence, further advancing the city's infrastructure goals. This year, the city is focusing on strategic road repairs, as shown in the map and available on the city website.

Water System Upgrades

The city also has ambitious plans for water system improvements, including much-needed water main replacements on North and South Garfield, Garvey from Garfield to New, and North Atlantic from Newmark to Harding. These projects aim to replace aging infrastructure, upsize existing lines, and ensure a robust water distribution system for years to come. Additionally, the refurbishment of Russell Reservoir No. 1 is critical to the city's water distribution system integrity and dependability.



Park Improvements and Sewer Capacity Enhancements

The city will be working on improving park restrooms through painting, lighting, and internal upgrades to provide a fresh, inviting atmosphere for visitors. Moreover, the addition of parallel sewer lines on Emerson and Cipriano will enhance the capacity of the sewage system, further supporting community needs.

This overview highlights the proactive steps the City of Monterey Park is taking to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for its residents. For more detailed information on these projects, please visit the City's website at www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks.

As these initiatives progress, the city encourages residents to stay engaged and provide feedback, ensuring that Monterey Park continues to grow and thrive for generations to come.

For more information, please contact Public Works at 626-307-1320 or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov.

Monterey Park Spirit Bus Changes Coming in 2025

By Public Works staff

The City of Monterey Park is excited to announce upcoming changes to its public transportation program coming 2025. Following a service evaluation and identification of service improvement strategies, the City is taking the next steps to update its Spirit Bus program to better service Monterey Park residents.

The changes include route restructures and implementation of an on-demand (microtransit) service offering point to point trips. Microtransit is an on-demand transit option that is more flexible than fixed shuttle routes and appointment-like paratransit and is powered by technology to route and schedule trips in real-time.

The routing software uses live, on-the-ground information to add people traveling in the same direction into the same vehicle, allowing passengers to be picked up and

dropped off in a continuous stream that results into a system that is highly efficient and environmentally friendly. Riders will be able to book a trip using a smartphone application or by calling the program's call center and will also be able to track their vehicle, similar to other rideshare services like Uber or Lyft.

The changes will be part of a one-year pilot program. At the conclusion of the pilot program, staff would use key performance indicators to prepare a Request for Proposals for soliciting fixed-route and/or microtransit services for the community.

For more information and the latest updates, please scan the QR code or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/spiritbus.



City of Monterey Park

HOLIDAY Snow Village

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

FROM 4PM - 8PM

At Barnes Park
350 S. McPherrin Ave.

Games | Food | Sled Run
Snow Play | Entertainment
Photo with Santa

In Conjunction with
FARMERS' MARKET

MORE INFO:
Wristbands are required for snow play.
Please scan QR Code.
www.montereypark.ca.gov/holidaysnowvillage
Contact: (626) 307-1388

Registration for Snow Activities Available Nov 4

Thank you! SPONSORS

LETTERS TO Santa

Monterey Park children are invited to send their letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Santa's elves will be working diligently to ensure Santa personally responds to all letters received. Letters can be mailed or dropped off at Langley Senior Center. Please include a name and return address. All letters must be received by Friday, December 6 at 4:30pm.

Mail letters to:
Santa Claus
400 W. Emerson Ave.
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Langley Center Drop-Off Hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
Saturday 8am-12pm

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK PRESENTS

SANTA'S Jolly Journey

Sunday, December 15, 2024
6:00 PM

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 from City Hall and travel along a designated route through each of the five districts in Monterey Park. Be sure to follow @MontereyParkRec on Social Media and visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/SantasJollyJourney for Santa's Jolly Journey Route and Santa tracker.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & Celebration

December 17, 2024

\$5 ENTRY | 11AM-1PM | AGES 50+
HOLIDAY LUNCH | ENTERTAINMENT

Felices Fiestas
Almuerzo y Celebración
17 Diciembre
Entrada - \$5 de 11am-1pm
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Llamar a Langley Center 626.307.1395 para mas info

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11月26日開始報名

FOR MORE DETAILS OR QUESTIONS
CONTACT LANGLEY CENTER AT
626.307.1395

Spread Cheer and Support the Library

By Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library staff

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-reach or underserved residents of the community. Donations are tax deductible.

The Friends of the Library Bookstore will hold a sale of curated gift sets during December as well as a special winter clearance sale in January. 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, festive feasts with family and friends 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. Ralphs donates a percentage of your purchases to the Friends and thus to the Library at no added cost to you.

City Adopts Urban Forest Master Plan

By Public Works staff

The Monterey Park City Council recently adopted the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) — a strategic plan that provides City officials, staff and members of the community with guidance, best practices, and standards to maintain a sustainable and healthy urban forest. To view the UFMP or for more information on the benefits of trees, tree maintenance recommendations, and City tree policies visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/531/Street-Trees or scan the QR Code.



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- 99% of employees feel they make a positive impact in the community
- 95% of employees value the positive relationships they have at work



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- 1 Sign up at www.sgvcog.org/esgv or email esgv@sgvcog.org
- 2 During the review, staff will identify ways to improve your home's energy efficiency.
- 3 Staff will send you a personalized action plan with resources and rebate information, helping you get started on your energy efficiency projects!



Monterey Park Cascades FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION

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(Simon)

E-mail: success668@yahoo.com

(Stephanie)

E-mail: successprinting.ad@gmail.com

Community Preparedness Clinic

**SEQUOIA PARK
750 RIDGECREST AVE**

Learn about being prepared for when a disaster strikes.

- Emergency Supplies
- Utility Shut Offs
- Exit Drills
- Getting involved with CERT

**Saturday, Dec 14th, 2024
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY FREE DROP OFF EVENT

DÍA DE LIMPIEZA COMUNITARIA: EVENTO GRATUITO DE RECOPIDA

社区清洁日免费弃置活动

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SÁBADO, 25 DE ENERO DE 2025
2025年1月18日, 星期六**

**GEORGE ELDER PARK
1950 WILCOX AVE
MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755** **8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

ACCEPTED ITEMS/ ARTÍCULOS ACEPTADOS/ 接受的物品

- Bulky items /Artículos voluminosos/大件物品
- Furniture, rugs, mattresses, and appliances
- Muebles, alfombras, colchones y electrodomésticos
- 家具、地毯、床垫和电器
- E-Waste/ Residuos electrónicos/ 电子废物
- Televisions, printers, computers, power cords
- Televisores, impresoras, computadoras, cables de luz
- 电视机、打印机、电脑、电源线

NOT ACCEPTED/NO ACEPTADO/不接受

- No batteries, light bulbs, paint, oil, tires or construction debris
- No se permiten pilas, bombillas, pintura, aceite, llantas ni escombros de construcción
- 不接受灯泡、油漆、机油、轮胎或建筑垃圾

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HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER
WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IN HOUSING

HOUSING RIGHTS WORKSHOP

MONTEREY PARK TENANTS

DATE:
Monday, January 13, 2025
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

TOPICS:

- Fair housing laws and protections for families with children, disability accommodations, and more
- Spanish and Chinese interpretation provided

LOCATION:
Monterey Park City Hall — Community Room
320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

Registration is encouraged at:
www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS EVENT?
OUTREACH@HOUSINGRIGHTSCENTER.ORG

HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER
WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IN HOUSING

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

MONTEREY PARK LANDLORDS

DATE:
Thursday, January 23, 2025
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

TOPICS:

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LOCATION:
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Recreation and Community Services Department CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

Online and phone registration available at 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 6.5+ years. 6yo may be approved by instructor. Richard Kageyama, Langley Center.



Mon/Wed/Fri	6:30-7:45 p.m.	Beginner
Mon/Wed/Fri	8-9 p.m.	Advance
\$37/month – Adult		\$35/month – Child

Wing Chun Kung Fu – Introductory (Monthly) – Resuming January 2025

Introduction to Aumei Kung Fu including the official history of Wing Chun, Desui, Chi Kung, and their philosophy in fundamental training, and applications in all ranges, long, short, grappling, rejuvenation breathing exercise, and weapons. Tom Wong, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room.



Sat	9-10 a.m.	\$89
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Wing Chun Kung Fu – Intermediate (Monthly) – Resuming January 2025

Include first levels of testing and more advanced fundamental training and basic sparring. Tom Wong, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room.

Sat	10-11 a.m.	\$89
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American Nippon Kenpo – 4-7 yrs (Monthly)

Nippon kenpo uses self-defense techniques in striking, kicking, throwing, reverse-holds, ground combat, grappling, and judo. Balance, coordination, stretching, strengthening, and cardiovascular fitness will equip each student to reach their goals in martial arts skills. Manuel Nunez, Barnes Park Service Club.

Tue	5-5:55 p.m.	\$34
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American Nippon Kenpo – 8+ yrs (Monthly)

Nippon kenpo uses self-defense techniques in striking, kicking, throwing, reverse-holds, ground combat, grappling, and judo. Balance, coordination, stretching, strengthening, and cardiovascular fitness will equip each student to reach their goals in martial arts skills. Manuel Nunez, Barnes Park Service Club.

Tue	6-6:55 p.m.	\$34
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Chinese Reading Class – Ages 5-8 (Monthly – First 4 Sundays)

Mandarin Reading Adventure! Join our interactive class for children aged 5-8. Discover the joy of reading through engaging worksheets, interactive games, and creative crafts. No experience needed. Embark on a captivating journey of Mandarin literacy. Ana (Qiuting) Fan, Garvey Ranch Community Room.



Sunday	9:30-11 a.m.	\$128
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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 Center.



10 weeks: Jan 7-Mar 25 (No Class 1/21/25 & 1/28/25)

Tue	6:30-9:30 p.m.	\$88
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Salsa Dance Class

Get in shape while having fun moving to Latin rhythm. We will start with a variety of footwork followed by partnering dance to Latin rhythm. Dorothy Tsu & Moses Navarro, Langley Center Friendship Room.



10 weeks: Jan 12-Mar 23 (No Class 3/9/25)

Sun	11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	\$120
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In-Person Outdoor Classes

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

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



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

Johnny Allen Tennis Classes

For more information and rainy-day makeup policy, please visit www.johnnyallentennis.com or call 1-844-9TENNIS (1-844-983-6647).



Jan 7-Jan 23
Jan 28-Feb 13

Johnny Allen Tennis – Tiny Aces Tennis Class (3-5 yrs)

This class features games that are perfectly designed to advance your child's hand-eye coordination, balance, and love for tennis. Our staff will provide a fun and positive environment for every child involved. Johnny Allen Tennis, Highlands Park.

Tue & Thu	4:15-5 p.m.	\$78
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Johnny Allen Tennis – Little Aces Tennis Class (6-8 yrs)

This class will help build athletic confidence through tennis. All four major strokes will be taught – forehands, backhands, serves, and volleys. Students will be given a solid foundation, through innovative drills and games. Johnny Allen Tennis, Highlands Park.

Tue & Thu	5-6 p.m.	\$88
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Johnny Allen Tennis – Junior Aces Tennis Class (9-12 yrs)

All junior tennis players looking for improvement are welcome to play. Players will improve technique, spin, placement, balance, and movement through specially designed drills and games to help prepare students for higher level play. Johnny Allen Tennis, Highlands Park.

Tue & Thu	6-7 p.m.	\$88
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Johnny Allen Tennis – High School Aces Tennis Class (13-17 yrs)

This class is perfect for players new to the sport, or more experienced players getting ready to compete in tournaments, high school, or league tennis. Players will learn to compete through advanced strategies in singles and doubles. Johnny Allen Tennis, Highlands Park.

Tue & Thu	7-8 p.m.	\$88
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Johnny Allen Tennis – Adult Cardio Tennis Class (18+ yrs)

This class features tennis and a workout, all rolled into one. Specially designed to burn some calories while improving your game. Upbeat and fun music will be played during class. Johnny Allen Tennis, Highlands Park.

Tue & Thu	8-9 p.m.	\$88
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Johnny Allen Tennis – 1-Day Tennis Camp (February 1st)

Led by our caring and professional coaching staff, this is a three-hour tennis celebration for youth players of all different ages and levels. All campers will benefit from valuable skill-building drills, fun games, and dynamic competition. This camp concludes with every camper engaged in exciting prize giveaways and an awesome on-court pizza party. Johnny Allen Tennis, George Elder Park.

Sat	9a.m.-12 p.m.	\$68
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“MPK Minis” by Breakthrough Sports Little Hoopers – Coming Soon!

Breakthrough Sports award-winning program to help instill basic fundamentals of basketball in a fun environment for children 3 to 5 years of age! Four one-hour sessions with each session focusing on a specific basketball fundamental (dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense). Breakthrough Sports, Garvey Ranch Park.

2025 Dates: Tbd Sat	9-10 a.m.	\$75
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Breakthrough Sports Basketball Training Academy – Coming Soon!

Breakthrough Sports award-winning program to provide weekly training for youth basketball players of ALL skill levels at an affordable price. This class is for kids 3rd through 6th grade. Participants will improve mechanics, basketball IQ, and most of all, confidence in a FUN environment. Curriculum designed to work on all aspects of basketball, in addition to strength building exercises. Breakthrough Sports, Garvey Ranch Park.



2025 Dates: Tbd Sat	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	\$75
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Off-Site Recreational Classes

BLee's Kung Fu & Tai Chi

Self-Defense awareness course and novice kung fu skills. Classes cover learning blocking, striking, kicking, evading, and footwork. Develop skills that are with you wherever you go. Understand street smarts, personal boundaries, avoiding grabs, and precision strikes.

Expert instructor with over 40+ years of experience. Ages 16+. Location: 5423 Rosemead Blvd, San Gabriel, CA 91776.

Monthly Classes	
3 Classes per week	\$109 Monthly
Mon	7:15–8:30 p.m.
Tue/Wed/Thu	6-7:15 p.m.

The Dream School House Inc.

Join our Beginner Spanish Class, where students will learn basic vocabulary, phrases, and conversational skills to start communicating confidently in Spanish. This fun and interactive course is perfect for those with little to no prior experience. Accepting K-8th grade students. Location: 1209 S. 7th St., Alhambra, CA 91803.
 Monthly Classes
3 Classes per week (9 Sessions)
Tue/Thu/Fri 3-4 p.m. \$162 Monthly

The Arte Flamenco Dance Theatre & The Center of Worldance

This class introduces students to the fundamentals of this exciting dance form. While learning a basic flamenco dance, which includes body positions, arm, hand movements along with heel work, students will develop confidence, posture and a sense of empowerment. Contact Arte Flamenco for dress code. Location: 216 E. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801.
10 Weeks: Jan 8 – Mar 12 Wed (Ages 6-12) 6-7 p.m. \$140
10 Weeks: Jan 11 – Mar 15 Sat (Teens & Adults) 11 a.m.-12 p.m. \$140

In-Person Senior Classes at Langley Center

Mature Driving Class

Mature driver improvement course is designed for drivers 55 and older and provide instruction on defensive driving, California motor vehicle laws, updates on rules of the road and the effects that medication, fatigue, alcohol, visual, or auditory limitations have on a person's driving ability. Course completion certificate will be issued following class. Monterey Park Police Department, Langley Center AB Room.
 Monthly Classes
Call for Exact Date (Wed) 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$1



Friendship Chorus

Sing in a Chinese Choir group with experienced instructors for over 30 years. Ages 50+. Jia Fang Su, Langley Center Friendship Room.
Jan 8-Mar 26 Wed 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$75

May's Tai Chi Class

Learn and train in the fundamental skills of Tai Chi to improve coordination, strength, flexibility, and mental agility. Basic foundation in Tai Chi Chuan is helpful, but all levels are welcome. We will work on a variety of practices, such as Yang and Chen styles Tai Chi Chuan, Tai Chi Fan, and Health Qigong. Ages 50+. Sing May Chen, Langley Center Friendship Room.
Jan 4-Mar 22 Sat 9-10 a.m. \$150



International Folk Dance

Explore folk dances from different countries around the world. Have fun learning about new cultures and while engaging in a rhythm activity for all. Ages 50+. Cindy Fang, Langley Center Friendship Room.
Dates TBD Fri 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$30

Taiko Drumming

Taiko drumming will increase your strength, flexibility, stamina, and coordination in a fun and healthy way. This class does not require previous experience and will enhance your sense of rhythm and appreciation of music. Ages 50+. Michael Naishtut, Langley Center Friendship Room.
8 weeks: Jan 7 – Feb 25 Tue 9-10 a.m. \$120

Free Drop-In Daily Activities and Programs at Langley Center

A&P Karaoke

Tue 1-5 p.m.

Billiards, Ping-Pong & Fitness Room

Mon, Wed, Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Tue & Thu 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Bridge Play

Tue 12-4 p.m. and Thu 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bunka-Japanese Embroidery

Sat 9-11 a.m.

Craft Lab

Tue 9-11 a.m.

Crochet and Knitting

Tue 9-11 a.m.

Jewelry Making Support Group hosted by Dept of Mental Health

1st and 3rd Wed 1:30-3 p.m.

Joyful Karaoke

Thu 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Karaoke & Dancing

Mon 12-4:30 p.m.

Kimekomi Doll Making

2nd & 3rd Wed 12-3 p.m.

Jennie's Line Dance

Mon, Thu, Fri 9-10 a.m.

Line Dance

Wed & Fri 10-11 a.m. and Tue & Thu 9-10 a.m.

Mah Jong

Mon, Wed & Fri 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

World Cultural Dance

Sat 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Yuen Chi Dance

Mon-Thu 8-10 a.m.

Sat 8-10 a.m.



STREET BEAT MONTHLY CRIME LOG

Addresses are identified by block number, not exact address.

OCTOBER 2024

AUTO BURGLARY

- 900 BLOCK CORPORATE CENTER DR
- 500 BLOCK EL MERCADO AVE
- 900 BLOCK CORPORATE CENTER DR
- 500 BLOCK N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 100 BLOCK DIANE WAY
- 500 BLOCK N CHANDLER AVE
- 2000 BLOCK S GARFIELD AVE
- 2000 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 200 BLOCK N CHANDLER AVE
- 2000 BLOCK MARKET PLACE DR
- 1600 BLOCK S GARFIELD AVE
- 300 BLOCK E POMONA BLVD
- 300 BLOCK N GARFIELD AVE
- 3500 BLOCK MARKET PLACE DR

AUTO THEFT

- 1400 BLOCK RIDGECREST ST
- 900 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 1800 BLOCK CREST VISTA DR
- 800 BLOCK S GARFIELD AVE
- 2300 BLOCK WOODS AVE
- 1900 BLOCK HOLLY OAK DR
- 500 BLOCK N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 7 00 BLOCK DIVINA VISTA ST
- 700 BLOCK GRANDRIDGE AVE
- 200 BLOCK CENTRE PLAZA DR
- 3500 BLOCK MARKET PLACE DR
- 300 BLOCK E MOONEY DR
- SB GF FROM NEWMARK
- 700 BLOCK MONTEREY PASS RD
- 300 BLOCK E MOONEY DR
- 500 BLOCK N BALTIMORE AVE
- 600 BLOCK W RIGGIN ST
- 300 BLOCK FLORENCE AVE
- 200 BLOCK N CHANDLER AVE

BURGLARY COM

- 300 BLOCK W GARVEY AVE
- 2200 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 2300 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD

BURGLARY RES

- 100 BLOCK SEFTON AVE
- 1600 BLOCK ROLLING HILL DR
- 900 BLOCK S YNEZ AVE
- 600 BLOCK BRADSHAW AVE
- 700 BLOCK RIDGECREST ST
- 500 BLOCK S ORANGE AVE
- 400 BLOCK GARCELON AVE
- 1000 BLOCK RIDGECREST ST
- 100 BLOCK CASUDA CANYON DR
- 900 BLOCK E NEWMARK AVE
- 800 BLOCK E MABEL AVE
- 200 BLOCK ELIZABTH AVE
- 400 BLOCK E GRAVES AVE

ROBBERY

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- 200 BLOCK N SIERRA VISTA ST
- 1400 BLOCK VALLEY VISTA DR
- 2200 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 600 BLOCK N HUNTINGTON AVE

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,
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LAMP Literacy/Citizenship Services (626) 307-1251 • Passport Services (626) 307-1357
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Winter Reading Challenge

Adults, teens and children are invited to take part in the Books & Blankets Winter Reading Challenge from December 16 - January 4. Simply register online at montereypark.beanstack.org under your age group, then track your reading hours for a chance to win a prize pack! Sponsored by the Friends of the Monterey Park Library.

Happy Lunar New Year

Daebak K-Pop Club: Celebrate Seollal, Korean Lunar New Year Thursday, January 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Teens can learn about the Lunar New Year in Korea by making origami paper hanbok while enjoying Korean snacks. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lunar New Year Cross Stitch

Saturday, January 25 at 11 a.m. in the Friends Room
Adults looking for a new hobby can celebrate the new year by learning how to cross stitch their zodiac animal!

Decorate Red Envelopes

Saturday, January 25 at 3 p.m. in the Friends Room
Teens can welcome the upcoming new year by decorating red envelopes to give to their friends and loved ones. Supplies provided while they last.

Year of the Snake Craft

Saturday, January 25 at 3 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Kids of all ages are welcome to come celebrate Lunar New Year and the Year of the Snake by making crafts at the Library. No registration is required, but materials are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Adult Programs

Discover Library eResources

Wednesday, December 4 at 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab
Learn how to stream free movies, read magazines and newspapers online and access ebooks and audiobooks on your phone or tablet with just your library card!

Employment Law - Know Your Rights (in English & Mandarin)

Thursday, December 5 at 12 p.m. in the Friends Room
Learn about employees' rights, including rights related to minimum wage, overtime, breaks, sick pay, timely payment of wages and leaves of absence. The session will also cover discrimination and harassment, as well as human trafficking in the workplace and what immigration relief may be available to trafficking survivors. Presented by the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

National Letter Writing Day Book Talk:

I Promise You I'll Be Home: Korean War Letters of a U.S. Marine
Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room
Celebrate National Letter Writing Day with editor Sue Hodson as she discusses her latest book, a collection of letters from the then 21-year-old Los Angeles Times columnist Al Martinez to his bride during the Korean War.

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m. in the Storytime Room and January 4 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room
Write your own stories and sharpen strategic prowess in thrilling tabletop campaigns. New and seasoned players are welcome. Premade character sheets and dice provided.

Hoarding Info Session

Monday, December 9 at 3 p.m. in the Friends Room
Join the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health to learn about the differences between collecting, cluttering and hoarding, and what those who might have a significant problem with hoarding can do.

Gift Wrapping Party

Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. in the Friends Room
Are you looking for company while you wrap your gifts? Then join us for our wrapping party! Refreshments, wrapping material and festive cheer will be provided.

Job Seeker Support

Wednesday, December 11 and January 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Computer Lab
Get one-on-one job support from Chinatown Service Center! In your 30-minute session, you can get help writing a resume or cover letter, or just get general job searching advice. Help is available in Mandarin and English. Bookings are required and can be made by visiting bit.ly/3TcdAfb or by calling Chinatown Service Center at (213) 808-1758.

Holiday Movie

Saturday, December 14 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room
A mischievous 8-year-old is accidentally left behind in a frenzied rush to the airport for a family vacation. After learning to fend for himself, the boy has to protect his house against two bumbling burglars. (PG/102 minutes.)

Crafternoon Tea

Monday, December 16 & January 13 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room
December's featured craft is a coffee filter angel and January's craft is a cute clothespin snowflake. Supplies available while they last.

Family Game Night

Monday, December 16 at 6 p.m. in the Friends Room
Adults are invited to bring their families and friends for an evening of fun with board games.

Open Mic Karaoke

Wednesday, December 18 at 12:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Step into the spotlight and give it your all at Open Mic Karaoke!

Taste of the Holidays

Saturday, December 21 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room
Adults can learn about the history of common holiday foods in the United States, then have a taste of some! Samples will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. A list of ingredients will be made available.

Break a Sweat Adult Game Night

Tuesday, January 7 at 6 p.m. in the Friends Room
Adults are invited to get physical this game night with video games that make you dance and indoor lawn games. Want to take it easy? Regular board games will still be available!

Free Legal Assistance Clinic

Tuesday, January 14 at 6 p.m. in the Friends Room
Volunteer attorneys will be on hand 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 (AJSOCAL). To register, call Adult Services. Note: There will be no legal clinic in December.

Zoom Basics

Wednesday, January 15 at 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab
Learn how to host your own meeting and how to use common features in Zoom.

Google Suite

Wednesday, January 22 at 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab
Learn about everything included with your Gmail address, including YouTube, Photos and Google Drive!

Scan & Save Memory Station

Mondays from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 to 2 p.m.
Sign up to use the Scan & Save Memory Station, a free, do-it-yourself space where you can digitize your personal collection of photos, VHS tapes, audio cassettes, slides, negatives and documents. Appointments, a library card and signed user agreement are required to use the equipment.

Technology Help

Drop in for help with your computer, phone or tablet on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the Computer Lab.
For more in-depth, one-on-one help, sign up on the website. Appointments are available Tuesdays at 6 and 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 12:30 and 1 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m. and Saturdays at 1 and 1:30 p.m.

Teen Programs

Holiday Horror Flick

Tuesday, December 3 at 5 p.m. in the Friends Room
Experience holiday chills with hot cocoa and coal-like snacks with a movie about a boy who tears up his letter to Santa and summons the malevolent holiday demon Krampus. (PG-13/98 minutes.)

Daebak K-Pop Club: K-Pop Ornaments

Friday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Decorate your holiday tree or bedroom with K-Pop ornaments. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, December 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room and January 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Whether you are a spell-casting wizard or a thieving rogue, adventurers will make their mark in the greatest role-playing game ever made! New and seasoned players are welcome. Premade character sheets and dice provided.

Teen Crafterschool

Thursday, December 12 and January 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
In December, teens will create a one-of-a-kind Pesto the Penguin Bead Art to gift to your BFF or a loved one. In January, make jewelry out of simple materials. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Junior Friends Meetings: New Year, New You

Friday, December 13, January 10 and January 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Teens ages 14-18 are invited to learn about the Junior Friends, a teen volunteer group with leadership and community service opportunities offered in conjunction with the Library. In January, learn how to balance your personal life and schoolwork (January 10) and build healthy habits to maintain your sanity in the new year (January 24).

Playdough Power Hour for Teens & Young Adults

Tuesday, December 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Need a creative outlet? Channel your emotions into Playdough art and find some relief from the stress of finals or the fast-approaching holiday season.

Teen Gift Wrapping Workshop

Thursday, December 19 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room
Learn various methods to turn your wrapping disasters into works of art. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Junior Friends Jingle Mingle

Friday, December 20 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room
Get into the holiday season with cookie decorating and karaoke! Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Practice SAT Session with C2 Education

Saturday, January 11 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room
Are you preparing for the upcoming SAT exams? C2 Education will lead a free digital practice test. You will need to bring a fully charged laptop (Windows or MacOS), iPad, Windows tablet, or school-managed Chromebook (with Chrome 100 OS or higher), an external mouse and keyboard and an approved calculator.

Fandom Friday: Movies and Television Series

Friday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Tell us about your favorite movies or television series with a compelling presentation or speech!

Teen Innovators: How to Start a Business, with Paradise Cookies & Ice Cream

Thursday, January 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Are you hoping to start your own business one day? Teens will learn the fundamentals with Chase Young from Paradise Cookies & Ice Cream. After the workshop, teens will take a tour of their food truck!

Get Active with Nintendo eSports

Friday, January 31 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room
Let off some steam with Nintendo eSports. Be sure to bring your friends!

LAMP Literacy/Citizenship/Passport Services

Create Positive Change for Adults Learning English

Volunteer to make a difference in your community. Join the Library's dedicated team of volunteer tutors 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 Literacy Spring Semester English Classes

Improve your reading, writing and speaking skills! English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, conversation classes and citizenship preparation classes are free, and the 15-week Spring Semester begins in February. All students must complete a pre-test before joining and must have proper personal identification. Register in the LAMP office or visit the Library website to view the class schedule. Registration begins in January.

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

Toddler Dance Party

Friday, December 6 and January 10 at 10 a.m. in the Friends Room
Join Children's Services staff for music, movement and dancing! This monthly program is designed for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Sensory Storytime

Wednesday, December 4 and January 8 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.

Arts & Crafts Zone

Thursday, December 12 and January 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Kids ages 5-12 will explore their creativity through arts and crafts. In December, kids will learn how to make penguin poppers. In January, kids will create their own Nazca line art. No registration is necessary, but materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Books and Cooks

Friday, December 13 and January 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Kids ages 7-12 are invited to check out food themed books, learn how to follow a recipe, practice skills like chopping, mixing, and measuring, and then snack on our delicious creations! 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 21 and January 11 at 3 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Families are invited to join us for Spanish bilingual storytime, where they will hear books, sing songs and learn vocabulary.

Science Explorers

Tuesday, December 17 and January 21 at 2:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Children of all ages are invited to bring their curiosity and creativity as we explore the wonders of science! In December, we will learn about optical illusions by making thaumatropes. In January, we will learn about the phases of the moon with a craft. All materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No registration is required.

The InbeTWEENers Club

Thursday, December 19 and January 23 at 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Tweens in grades 4th - 8th are invited to join the monthly InbeTWEENers Club! In December, we will decorate (and eat!) delicious holiday cookies. In January, tweens will make their own squishy toys. All materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

LEGO® Free Play

Wednesday, January 15 at 3:30 pm in the Friends Room
Your imagination is the limit! Children are invited to build whatever they can dream up during LEGO® Free Play. They can come up with their own designs or follow one of our LEGO® challenge suggestions.

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. PLEASE NOTE: Homework Help will be on break from December 21 – January 4.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Storytime will be on break from December 22 – January 4. Storytime will resume on Tuesday, January 7.

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.
Preschool Storytime (ages 3 – 5): Wednesday at 11:30 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

AAUW Branch Celebrates and Raises Scholarship Funds

By Jackie Fisher, American Association of University Women Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch

To launch the holiday season, AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch members, directed by Betty Morin, presented a short version of "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, at the First United Methodist Church of San Gabriel on December 2. The cast is excited to share thespian talents with members, friends, Tech Trek campers and families.

Before and after the performance, Creative Crafters, offered a Craft Fair, selling hand knitted and crocheted items. Proceeds will be donated to the Branch's ELAC Scholarship Fund. The Branch is one of over fifty local groups and individual donors who offer scholarships to ELAC students. Applications for the Branch's scholarship are open to ELAC students who are local high school graduates, enrolled in STEM courses and have completed 24 units with a 2.0 average. Scholarships will be awarded in the spring of '25. The Branch's goal this year is to offer two or more scholarships. For more information, visit the website, elacfoundation.com.

Creative Crafters meet once a month via the zoom invitation extended by Jane Krause. Members socialize and work on projects that include knitting beanies for premature babies, decorating placemats with cross stitchery, crocheting covers for hangars, and the lowly task of mending. The hour spent brings members together in an informal setting. For more information about this group and the Branch's other activities, please visit alhsangab-ca.aauw.net.



Top: Joe Des Barres, Elena Velarde; Mid Row: Betty Morin, Diane Askew, Theresa Jolly, Jane Krause; Front: Jackie Fisher, Kathleen Doty.

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This year features the Snake, the 6th animal of the zodiac. The Year of the Snake represents wisdom, dexterity and charm, and also symbolizes the improvement of luck and the arrival of success, and we hope all who attend are blessed with a healthy and strong year.

Our 2-day open street event will be held on Garvey Ave., in downtown Monterey Park. It has always been an exciting and memorable event with thousands of guests and hundreds of vendors joining us for fun activities, shopping and entertainment, and delicious food.

We welcome you to join us in this joyful event for friends and family of all ages and cultures.

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“Tunes & Treasures” Concert and Market Fair to Unite Monterey Park & East LA Communities in Support of Music and Education

By Antonio Shyu, president of Love Through Music at Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA)

A group of passionate high school students is organizing Tunes & Treasures, a student-led concert and market fair, on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at The Goddess Mercado in the East LA Civic Center. The event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature five hours of live music performances and more than 60 holiday-inspired vendors.

The event is led by Antonio Shyu, president of Love Through Music, with co-chairs Annie Li of Mayfield Senior School and Annabelle Cheung of Harvard-Westlake, representing Gifts for Sustainable Smiles. With support from County Supervisor Hilda Solis, Tunes & Treasures aims to bring together Los Angeles’ diverse communities for a festive day of music and holiday shopping.

Proceeds will benefit the LACHSA Music Department, underfunded music programs in the San Gabriel Valley, and educational support for marginalized children in El Salvador.

“We hope this event not only spreads holiday joy but also spreads the love and shines a light on the importance of arts education and helping underserved communities,” Shyu said.

For more information, or to get involved as a vendor, performer, or attendee, please contact Antonio Shyu, lachsa@lovethrough-music.org; Annie Li, al6983996@gmail.com; or Annabelle Cheung, acheung1@hwemail.com. The Goddess Mercado information can be found at www.thegoddessmercado.com.

Holiday Tunes & Treasures
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December 14, 2024 (Saturday)
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(The open space by Belvedere Park Lake)

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What’s in the Sky for December and January

By David Nakamoto, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

The winter solstice occurs on December 21 at 1:20 a.m., when Sun reaches its southernmost point on the ecliptic, reverses its southward movement and heads north. This is the longest night of the year. The Sun rises at 6:55 a.m. and sets at 4:48 p.m. The day is 9 hours 53 minutes long.

Lunar-X is a feature on the first quarter Moon just within the dark half of the Moon and midway between the center point and the southern edge. It is due to the rims of two craters illuminated by the Sun. Lunar-X will be visible on December 7 for a few hours, starting at 6:36 p.m. A telescope with a magnification of 50x or more is needed to see it.

The Geminid 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 not a comet but the asteroid 3200 Phaethon. On the night of the 13th, the Moon will be 97-percent full and will interfere with observations.

The Ursid meteor shower is often neglected, for 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 the 24th, with the peak from the night of the 21st to the morning of the 22nd. Observers normally see 5-10 Ursids per hour during the late morning hours on the date of maximum activity. There have been occasional outbursts with rates exceeding 25 per hour. The parent object is the comet 8P/Tuttle. The Moon will be a 59-percent waxing gibbous and will interfere with observations until after midnight.

The Moon occults Mars on January 13, when the Moon passes in front of Mars from 5:51-6:46 p.m. Although the event can be seen with the unaided eye, even binoculars will provide a better view of the Moon covering, then uncovering Mars.

Mars will be closest to the earth on January 12. The difference in dates between closest to earth and opposition is due to the eccentricity of the orbit of Mars. On the 12th, Mars will be a few thousand miles closer to earth than on the 16th. This is not enough to change the size of its disk as seen through a telescope.

Mars Opposition will occur on January 16, when Mars is 59.7 million miles or 0.642825 astronomical units (AU) from the earth. One AU is the average



distance from the Sun to the earth. Opposition occurs when an outer planet is opposite the Sun in the sky. This is one of the more distant oppositions, which can vary from 34.6 million miles when Mars is at perihelion to 63 million miles at when Mars is at aphelion. During this opposition, the disk of Mars is only 14 arcseconds in width. A telescope capable of magnifications of 150x is needed to see features on such a small disk. After the 16th, Mars will slowly move away from the earth and will decrease in size from that date onwards.

The Quadrantid meteor shower will peak on the night of January 3 and through to the morning of the 4th. The peak usually only lasts six hours. Rates may approach 25 meteors per hour, but the full Moon will interfere with observation. These meteors usually lack persistent trains but can produce bright fireballs. They appear to radiate from the constellation Boötes the Herdsman. Unusually, the shower is not named after the constellation from which the meteors appear to come but from an obsolete constellation, Quadrans Muralis the Mural Quadrant, that once occupied this part of the sky. Also unusually, the meteors appear to originate from a dead comet or asteroid designated 2003 EH.

Garvey Ranch Observatory is located on the east side of Garvey Ranch Park. Parking is available on the west side of S. Orange Ave., south of Graves Ave. The observatory is open to the public every Wednesday night from 7:30-10 p.m. if the sky is clear and staffed by volunteers from the Los Angeles Astronomical Society. Admission and viewing through the telescope are free. For more info, please visit www.laas.org; www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety; or call 213-673-7355. Garvey Ranch Park is located at 781 S. Orange Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Alhambra USD Superintendent Honored as LA County Superintendent of the Year

By Alhambra Unified School District



Alhambra Unified's Dr. Denise Jaramillo is the 2024 Los Angeles County Superintendent of the Year!



LACOE superintendent Dr. Debra Duardo congratulates Dr. Jaramillo for this prestigious accomplishment.



Dr. Jaramillo's granddaughter Madison and daughter Aftin were among those who surprised her at the announcement.



Unfortunately, Dr. Jaramillo was not able to attend a recognition ceremony on November 8th, but her colleagues made sure her presence was still felt during the festivities.

In a surprise announcement at a district principals meeting, Dr. Denise Jaramillo, Superintendent of the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD), was named the 2024 Los Angeles County Superintendent of the Year. The award was presented by Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Superintendent Dr. Debra Duardo on October 23rd, and recognizes Dr. Jaramillo's exceptional dedication to equity, inclusion, and student engagement.

"Dr. Jaramillo is a true visionary who has transformed AUSD into a thriving district," said Dr. Duardo. "She brings a blend of expertise, empathy and forward-thinking solutions to every challenge she faces. Her commitment to ensuring that all students and staff feel valued and heard is truly inspiring."

Dr. Jaramillo's career spans nearly four decades in AUSD. A Mark Keppel High School alumna, she returned to the district as a teacher and rose through various leadership roles to become superintendent. Known for her compassionate approach and unwavering belief in every student's potential, she has guided AUSD through transformative and challenging times with a steadfast focus on academic excellence and student well-being.

"This award is a long time coming, and so incredibly well deserved," shares AUSD Board President Robert Gin. "I say this often, but I think we are the best school district in the State of California. It's because of so many people, but especially because of the leadership at the top. Dr. Jaramillo is an amazing superintendent and AUSD is lucky to have her. Obviously, she is smart and forward-thinking, but

she also leads the district with kindness and heart, and never loses sight of the students and families she serves."

Under Dr. Jaramillo's leadership, AUSD has made significant strides in fostering equity and inclusion. She championed the establishment of a student board member position and created an elected Student Advisory Council representing all three high schools. These initiatives amplify student voices, allowing them to provide feedback on policies and share concerns directly with district leaders.

It was Janet Lees, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, who nominated Dr. Jaramillo for the award. "Dr. Jaramillo's ability to handle difficult situations with kindness, understanding and grace has earned her the respect and trust of everyone she interacts with. She is one of the most humble superintendents I know, who truly leads with kindness, humility, and compassion, and does not give herself any credit for her amazing ability to lead."

Dr. Jaramillo was initially speechless after the surprise, but afterward, expressed her gratitude to the collective contributions of others in the district. "I am deeply honored and humbled by this recognition. But it is truly a reflection of the hard work and dedication of so many people in the AUSD community," reflected Dr. Jaramillo. "Every day, I am blessed to work with an amazing team that focuses on what is best for students, families, and employees. With their collaboration, innovation, and commitment to equity in education, AUSD is working together to create a positive and inclusive learning environment for each and every student."

Mark Keppel Hosts Disabilities Awareness Fair, Promoting Empathy and Inclusion

Written by Madison Kang, Mark Keppel High School Student

Mark Keppel High School (MKHS) recently held a Disabilities Awareness Fair, an impactful event dedicated to fostering empathy, understanding, and inclusivity on campus. Organized by the Aztec Amigos Community Club with support from the special education department, the fair took place on October 29 and 30, offering hands-on experiences designed to help students appreciate the daily challenges faced by individuals with disabilities.

The fair was open to English classes and featured a range of activities simulating various visual, auditory, mobility, and communication challenges stemming from disabilities. From navigating obstacle courses while wearing blackout glasses to exploring alternative communication methods, the fair provided an impactful learning experience and helped students gain valuable insights into the perspectives and experiences of people with disabilities.

Stephanie Hardy, a Special Education teacher and advisor for the Aztec Amigos, spoke to the significance of the event. "Inclusion has positive outcomes for everyone. We organized this fair to build a more compassionate school environment and increase awareness about the daily challenges some people face."

One especially impactful activity focused on communication disorders. At this booth, students learned how some people with speech impairments may know exactly what they want to say but struggle to articulate it. By attempting to speak with marshmallows in their mouths, students gained a firsthand understanding of the frustrations associated with communication barriers.

The Disabilities Awareness Fair aligns with the broader mission of the Aztec Amigos Community Club, which strives to create an inclusive school culture. The club also runs initiatives like the Coffee Cart, where students experience social interaction and practical job skills as they sell coffee to staff members on block-schedule mornings. Additionally, the club participates in local unified sports tournaments, encouraging students with and without disabilities to come together as teammates.

Reflecting on the fair, students expressed newfound empathy from what they learned. "Trying the blackout glasses and using wheelchairs really opened my



Mark Keppel High School's Aztec Amigos Community (AAC) Club held the Disabilities Awareness Fair as part of their commitment to building a strong and inclusive school community where every student feels they belong. (Photos: AUSD Communications Interns Brayton Andrade, Ricardo Padillo, and Karlie Yonemoto)

eyes," shared one attendee. "It showed me how much harder everyday life can be for some people, and how important it is to have spaces that work for everyone."

Looking ahead, Aztec Amigos plans to continue its outreach, aiming to engage more of the MKHS community through social media and future events. For updates on the club's activities, follow them on Instagram: @aztecamicosclub.

Crafting the Future: AUSD's Woodworking Contest Showcases Student Skills

By Alhambra Unified School District

The sawdust settled on an exciting evening for Alhambra Unified School District's woodworking students as they gathered for AUSD's 12th annual Woodworking Contest. Hosted by the district's Wood Technology teachers from all three high schools, the event provided students from Alhambra High School, Mark Keppel High School, and San Gabriel High School an opportunity to demonstrate their craftsmanship as they competed for a coveted spot at the upcoming SkillsUSA-California Regional Conference.

A highlight of the day was the presentation of the prestigious Brad Walsh Award for Excellence in Woodworking, named in honor of the retired district administrator and Career Technical Education (CTE) teacher who inspired generations of AUSD students. This year, Mark Keppel High School's Keira Chan claimed first place, with classmates Dolly Huang Chen and Miguel Alhuay earning second place and honorable mention, respectively. Rayhan Zeng from Alhambra High School proudly took third place.

Dr. Leann Huang, Coordinator of College and Career Preparation, praised the teachers' commitment to enhancing their students' skills. "Our Wood Technology teachers, Carlos Sanchez (AHS), Paul Lam (MKHS), and John Mason (SGHS), go above and beyond to create an environment where students learn invaluable skills and build confidence through hands-on experiences." shared Dr. Haung. "Their dedication to student success and passion for their craft are truly remarkable."

In addition to the competition results, the October 24th event served as a stepping stone for the AUSD students to compete at a regional level, bringing recognition to themselves and to their school sites. It was an evening filled with excitement, camaraderie, and impressive wood projects that highlight the hard work and creativity of these talented CTE students.

To find out more about the CTE pathways available at each school, please visit www.ausd.us/cte.



The 2024 AUSD Woodworking Contest provided a glimpse into the impressive work and talent of its students and teachers. The evening was a celebration of skill, creativity, and the importance of CTE in our schools.

Therapicasso Partners with AUSD for Student-Led Mental Health Initiatives

By Alhambra Unified School District

A year ago, Mark Keppel students Gabrielle (Gabby) Wong and Joshua Ferriere founded Therapicasso, a non-profit organization aimed at addressing mental health through art-based interventions. Inspired by the Monterey Park shooting, they transformed their grief into action. Since then, they have presented workshops across San Gabriel Valley and hosted their first major fundraising gala last month. Recently, they expanded their efforts to elementary schools in the Alhambra Unified School District.

After a presentation at an elementary principals meeting, Gabby and Joshua were invited to several AUSD schools. In the fall, September, and October, they visited Ramona, Northrup, Park, and Ynez Schools, tailoring their presentations to each site's specific needs.

At Ramona School, they introduced Therapicasso's mission to the staff, and invited them to sign up for follow-up programs. They also discussed plans for future collaborations with students in the PLUS (Peer Leaders Uniting Students) programs.

Dr. Debbie Kotani, Ramona's principal and Gabby's former principal at Monterey Highlands School, expressed her admiration. "I am incredibly proud, though not at all surprised, by the positive impact Gabby continues to have on both her peers and adults," she said. "Now partnering with Joshua, who is equally impressive, they have created an incredible organization that not only raises awareness about mental health but also provides invaluable resources and fosters meaningful community connections." She added, "Therapicasso's success highlights the importance of creating more inclusive and effective practices that allow everyone the opportunity to thrive. What Gabby and Joshua have accomplished at such a young age is truly extraordinary."

At Northrup School, they worked on an action plan to revitalize their Gladiator Wellness Center and to host art-focused mental health workshops. The Wellness Center will be reintroduced to students as a place of self-care, mental well-being, and comfort.

At Park School, Gabby and Joshua addressed student leaders in ASB, inspiring them to be advocates for causes they are passionate about. After their presentation to the Park staff members, the school immediately scheduled two "Hope Blossoms" workshops, with more planned in the coming months.

Ynez School has quickly become a key partner for Therapicasso. Gabby and Joshua gave a 45-minute presentation at Ynez's "Coffee with the Principal" event, guiding parents through "I Wish You Knew..." statements to encourage communication about mental health within families. Parents reflected on their own and their children's experiences, focusing on active listening, validating feelings, and creating non-judgmental spaces.

Ynez principal Dr. Janice Phan notes how valuable the presentation and conversations were, with parents eager to continue sharing their stories and supporting one another. She invited Gabby and Joshua to return to Ynez the following week, where they distributed information and held informal conversations with students and parents at the school's Fall Festival.

Therapicasso's partnership with AUSD schools exemplifies the power of youth leadership in addressing mental health and building strong, more empathetic communities.



Ynez School parents came together for a powerful "Coffee with the Principal" workshop with a focus on fostering mental health awareness. (Photo: AUSD Communications Intern Suna Kwan)



Therapicasso founders Gabby Wong and Joshua Ferriere engage Ynez parents with thoughtful insights on fostering mental well-being in families. (Photo: AUSD Communications Intern Suna Kwan)



Ynez parents held meaningful conversations about supporting their children's mental health. (Photo: AUSD Communications Intern Suna Kwan)

Trio of AUSD High Schoolers Named to Congressional Youth Advisory Council

By Alhambra Unified School District

Three outstanding students from Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) have been selected to join Congresswoman Judy Chu’s Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) for the 2024-2025 school year. Representing each of AUSD’s high schools, these students have demonstrated strong leadership abilities as members of AUSD’s Student Advisory Council (SAC) and will now serve as youth advisors to the Congressmember.

The students named to the CYAC are also members of AUSD’s Student Advisory Council (SAC). Keiko Rakin is a junior at Alhambra High School. She is AUSD’s current student board member and SAC chairperson. Madison Kang is a senior at Mark Keppel High School. She is the student board member alternate and the vice chairperson for SAC. Emily Huang is a freshman at San Gabriel High School. This is her first year on SAC and she is already making an impressive impact on AUSD. All three students took the initiative to submit their applications on their own.

The Congressional Youth Advisory Council is an initiative intended to engage young people in the political process by giving them a platform to voice their concerns and ideas about key issues affecting their communities. The council members work closely with Congresswoman Chu and her team, providing valuable perspectives on local and national issues.

“I believe that our youth is capable of changing the world, and have the power to make a difference today. This is why I created my Congressional Youth Advisory Council, to provide a platform where they can express their thoughts on issues currently facing our country,” explains Congresswoman Judy Chu. “ I am already impressed with their passion and impressive dedication to their community. I am looking forward to what our young leaders will do, and the differences they’ll be making.”



Keiko Rakin, Madison Kang, and Emily Huang (L-R) continue to build their leadership skills and outreach as part of Congresswoman Judy Chu’s Congressional Youth Advisory Council.

For Keiko, Madison, and Emily, the Congressional Youth Advisory Council will provide a unique opportunity to continue their leadership journey, develop their political understanding, and create positive change not only within their schools but in the broader community. As SAC members, they have already proven to be dedicated advocates for their AUSD peers, and now they will bring that leadership, passion, and commitment to a larger audience.

Brightwood School Celebrates “Lights On Afterschool” with Glow-in-the-Dark Event

By Alhambra Unified School District

Brightwood School’s afterschool programs recently participated in the nationwide Lights On Afterschool event, an initiative that has been celebrated every year since 2000 to underscore the value of afterschool programs. These programs offer a safe environment for children to learn, grow, and engage with their communities.

On October 24th, the school’s Adventures team collaborated with Options and Spark to host a Glow-in-the-Dark activity day. The event featured a Glow-in-the-Dark party, trunk-or-treating, and a variety of game booths, creating an engaging experience for the participating students.

Linda Nakagawa, Instructional Specialist for AUSD’s Expanded Learning Programs, emphasized the significance of afterschool initiatives: “AUSD’s Adventures programs are a vital part of our students’ lives. They provide opportunities to explore new interests, develop essential skills, and stay safe in a positive, structured environment outside of the school day. The Lights On Afterschool event helped to celebrate and showcase the lasting impact these programs have on our families and community.”



Brightwood’s Adventures team (along with Options and Spark) hosted this incredible Glow-in-the-Dark party as part of the Lights On Afterschool initial, to celebrate the importance service afterschool programs provide for our families. (Photos: AUSD Communications Interns Justin Lim and Grant Sapcharoenlert)

Mark Your Calendars for STEAM Night 2025 with Glow-in-the-Dark Event

By Alhambra Unified School District

Get ready for another exciting evening of discovery, creativity, and hands-on learning at Alhambra Unified School District’s 2nd annual STEAM Night! This year’s event will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Marguerita Elementary School (located at 1603 South Marguerita Avenue in Alhambra). All AUSD third through fifth graders and their families are invited to explore a world of innovation through interactive activities and demonstrations that bring science, technology, engineering, art, and math to life. It’s a perfect opportunity for students to dive into STEAM fields and for parents to connect with AUSD’s educational offerings. Scan the QR code in the event graphic to RSVP and don’t miss this chance to join us for an evening that promises to inspire and engage!



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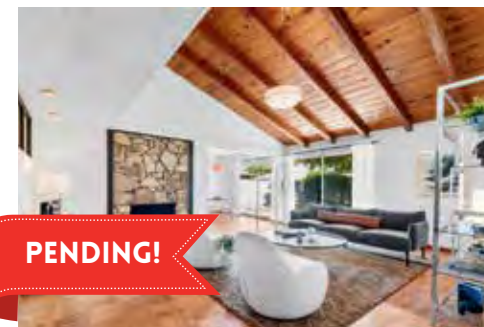
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蒙特利公園市榮獲備受矚目的最友善商業友好城市獎

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蒙特利公園市榮獲洛杉磯縣經濟發展協會 (LAEDC) 2024年小城市類別的最友善商業友好城市獎。該獎項於2024年11月6日在洛杉磯紀念體育場舉行的第29屆LAEDC年度EDDY頒獎典禮上宣布。

這個享有盛譽的獎項表彰了該市在創建支持並蓬勃發展的商業環境方面的傑出努力。

“我們非常高興獲得LAEDC的這一認可，”蒙特利公園市經濟發展經理Joseph Torres說。“這個獎項突顯了我們致力於促進經濟增長並為各種規模的企業創造一個受歡迎環境的承諾。”

LAEDC的藍帶評審團表彰了蒙特利公園市的創新項目、簡化流程和合作推進的經濟發展方法。該市通過蒙特利公園市商業聯繫 (Business Connect) 支持計劃、小型企業博覽會以及積極主動的商業吸引計劃和保留性策略等舉措來支持企業，這些都是贏得該獎的關鍵因素。

“這一獎項見證了我們市議會和工作人員、商業社區及居民的辛勤努力與奉獻，”Joseph Torres補充說。“我們自豪地成為經濟發展的領導者，並將繼續不懈努力，使蒙特利公園市成為洛杉磯縣最佳的經商地點。”

LAEDC最友善商業友好城市獎每年頒發給致力於支持企業並促進經濟增長的城市。該獎分為兩個類別：小城市 (人口少於60,000人) 和大城市 (人口超過60,000人)。蒙特利公園市的勝利凸顯了其作為企業蓬勃發展和對地區經濟活力做出貢獻的理想地點。

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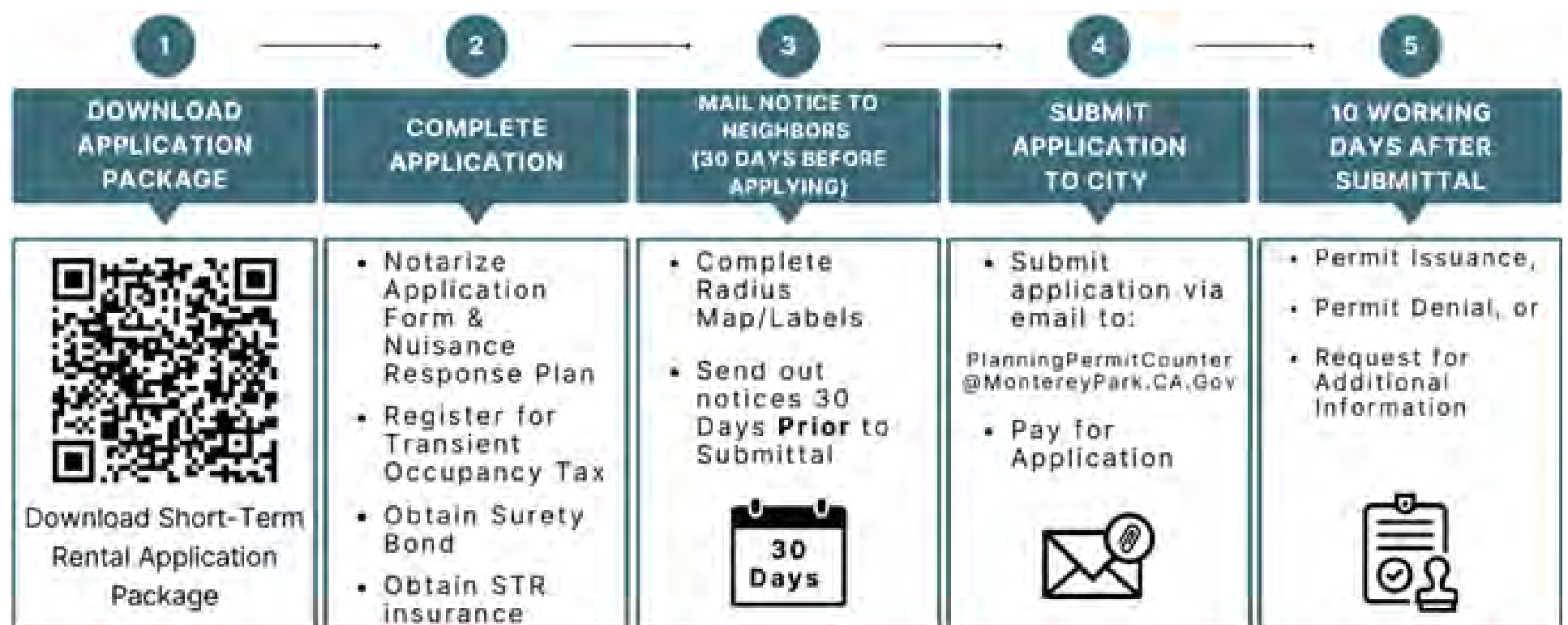


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- 2025年2月11日 (星期二)，晚上6點至8點，Sierra Vista 公園社區中心，地址：311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755。

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- 2025年1月23日 (星期四)，晚上6點至8點，蒙特利公園市政廳社區室，地址：320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754。
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La Ciudad de Monterey Park Gana el Codiciado Premio a la Ciudad Más Favorable para Empresas

Presentado por el personal de Desarrollo Económico

La Ciudad de Monterey Park ha ganado el Premio a la Ciudad Más Favorable para Empresas 2024 de la Corporación de Desarrollo Económico del Condado de Los Ángeles (LAEDC) para ciudades pequeñas. El anuncio se hizo en la 29ª ceremonia anual de los Premios EDDY de la LAEDC, celebrada en el Coliseo Memorial de Los Ángeles el 6 de noviembre de 2024.

Este prestigioso premio reconoce los esfuerzos sobresalientes de la ciudad para crear un entorno de apoyo que permita a las empresas prosperar.

“Estamos encantados de recibir este reconocimiento de la LAEDC”, dijo Joseph Torres, Gerente de Desarrollo Económico de Monterey Park. “Este premio destaca nuestro compromiso de fomentar el crecimiento económico y crear un entorno acogedor para empresas de todos tamaños”.

El panel de jueces de LAEDC, compuesto por expertos destacados, reconoció a Monterey Park por sus programas innovadores, procesos simplificados y enfoque colaborativo hacia el desarrollo económico. La dedicación de la ciudad para apoyar a las empresas, a través de iniciativas como el programa de apoyo *Monterey Park Business Connect*, la Expo de Pequeñas Empresas y sus estrategias proactivas de atracción y retención de negocios, fueron factores clave para obtener este premio.

“Este premio es un testimonio del arduo trabajo y dedicación de nuestro Consejo Municipal y personal, nuestra comunidad empresarial y nuestros residentes”, agregó Joseph Torres. “Estamos orgullosos de ser un líder en desarrollo económico y continuaremos trabajando incansablemente para hacer de Monterey Park el mejor lugar para hacer negocios en el Condado de Los Ángeles”.

Los Premios a la Ciudad Más Favorable para Empresas de la LAEDC se otorgan anualmente a las ciudades que demuestran un compromiso excepcional con el apoyo a las empresas y el fomento del crecimiento económico. El premio se entrega en dos categorías: Ciudades Pequeñas (con una población de 60,000 habitantes o menos) y Ciudades Grandes (más de 60,000 habitantes). La victoria de Monterey Park resalta su posición como un lugar ideal para que las empresas prosperen y contribuyan a la vitalidad económica de la región.

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Aplicación para Alquileres a Corto Plazo en Monterey Park

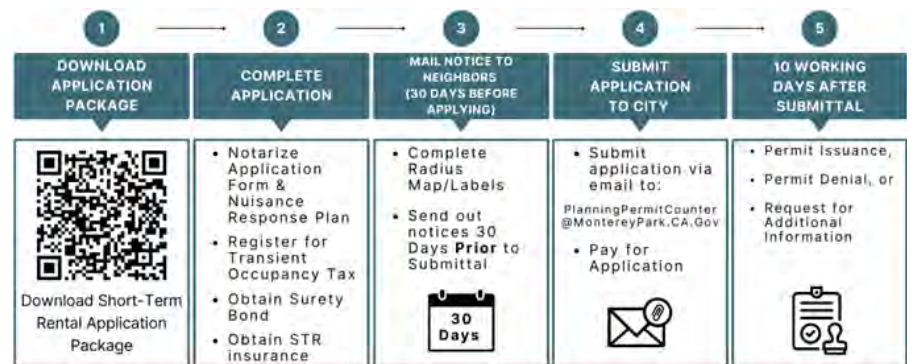
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Talleres disponibles para inquilinos y propietarios.

Presentado por el personal del Departamento de Finanzas

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Los temas incluyen leyes de vivienda justa y las mejores prácticas para familias con niños, adaptaciones para personas con discapacidades y más. Se proporcionará traducción en español y chino.

Talleres para Inquilinos:

- Lunes, 13 de enero de 2025, de 6 a 8 p.m., Monterey Park City Hall Community Room, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.
- Martes, 11 de febrero de 2025, de 6 a 8 p.m., Sierra Vista Park Community Center, 311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Talleres para Propietarios:

- Jueves, 23 de enero de 2025, de 6 a 8 p.m., Monterey Park City Hall Community Room, 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.
- Jueves, 13 de febrero de 2025, de 6 a 8 p.m., Sierra Vista Park Community Center, 311 N. Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Se recomienda registrarse en www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops.

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La Ciudad de Monterey Park Realizará una Vigilia Conmemorativa del 21 de Enero

Presentado por el personal de la Oficina de la Administradora de la Ciudad

La Ciudad de Monterey Park invita a los miembros de la comunidad a unirse para una vigilia conmemorativa para recordar los eventos del 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 ofrecerá un espacio para la reflexión y la sanación mientras honramos la memoria de las víctimas del tiroteo del 21 de enero y nos unimos en contra de la violencia.



Vigilia Conmemorativa del 21 de Enero

Martes, 21 de enero de 2025 a las 6 p.m.

Jardín enfrente del Ayuntamiento de Monterey Park, 320 West Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, 91754

Los miembros de la comunidad que deseen dejar flores u otros artículos conmemorativos pueden colocarlos cerca del asta de la bandera frente al Ayuntamiento. Tenga en cuenta que todos los objetos serán retirados respetuosamente antes del 30 de enero.

Se publicarán más detalles sobre el evento a medida que estén disponibles. Para más información, visite www.montereypark.ca.gov/jan21vigil o escanee el código QR.





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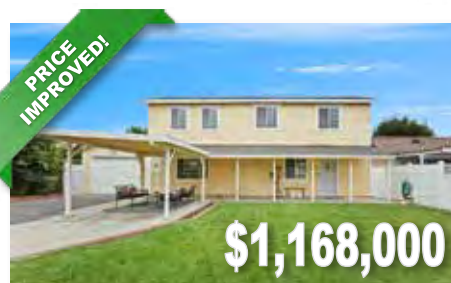
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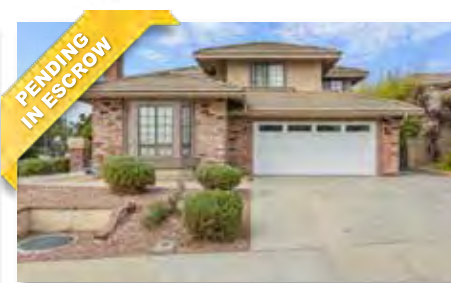
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	Condo/Townhome	\$751,136	\$670,000	+12.11%



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