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Protect Your Home: Monterey Park PD Shares Burglary Prevention Tips

By Detective Judy Chen,
Monterey Park Police Department

How many times have you left your residence without setting your alarm? How many times have you left your residence without securing all your windows? The answer should be: none!

But if you have, and when you returned it was not burglarized, then you were one of the lucky ones. Unfortunately for thousands of others, that's not how the story ends.

Once your home is burglarized, the chances of getting your belongings back is very slim. The invasion of privacy you will feel is unlike any other. Please don't become a victim.

Here are some tips to help you avoid becoming a victim:

- Activate your alarm when you leave your residence.
- Lock and secure all your doors and windows.
- Install some type of video recording doorbell system.
- Install surveillance cameras on the exterior of your residence.
- If you have a safe, make sure it is secured to the ground.
- Leave lights on inside and outside your residence if you will be away.
- Inform your neighbors if you are leaving for an extended period.
- Do not leave valuable property in your drawers, closet, or under your mattress.
- Do not leave large sums of US currency in your residence. Deposit it in a bank.
- Report any suspicious activity or persons in your neighborhood.
- Call Monterey Park Police Department as soon as possible.
- Do not open your door for anyone you are not expecting.

For further crime prevention tips, or if you would like to set up a neighborhood watch meeting in your community, contact the Monterey Park Police Department Community Engagement Bureau at 626-307-1215 or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/ceb.

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A Quarter-Century of Tradition: Cherry Blossom Festival Marks 25 Years in Monterey Park

Taiko drumming, J-Pop performances, cultural exhibits, and delicious food await at Barnes Park
By Recreation and Community Services staff

The Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival — April 12–13 at Barnes Park — will mark its 25th Anniversary with a bigger-than-ever celebration of Japanese and Asian Pacific Islander culture.

Expected to attract thousands of visitors from across Southern California, the festival will offer diverse activities and performances. There is truly something for everyone!

Throughout the weekend, attendees can enjoy dynamic performances on the outdoor main stage, featuring classical Japanese dancing, vibrant taiko drumming from groups like Bombu Taiko, and performances by contemporary musicians like Kokoro and City Pop Jam. There will also be thrilling exhibitions of karate and kendo, showcases of Hawaiian and Polynesian dance, and performances by local student musical groups.

For the first time ever, this year's festival will also feature J-Pop performances presented by Asayoru Maid Cafe. On Sunday, festival-goers can join these local J-Pop idols for fun Japanese-themed activities and games. For Japanese music lovers, this year's festival will also welcome DJs spinning the greatest hits from the golden age of City Pop.

Inside City Hall, visitors will find a variety of Japanese cultural displays and demonstrations, including calligraphy artwork, origami and traditional tea ceremonies.

The Cherry Blossom Festival Marketplace will be a hub of activity, with vendors offering merchandise with unique Asian Pacific Islander flair. Additionally, community organizations will provide information and resources on various health, social, education, and consumer issues affecting the community. A mix of businesses will also showcase their services. And, of course, no festival would be complete without delicious food. Attendees can indulge in chicken teriyaki, spam musubi, and the ever-popular mochi desserts from Little Tokyo's FugetsuDo, just to name a few.

For those looking to avoid parking hassles, the City of Monterey Park will provide free shuttles from Langley Senior Center, and Ynez and Repetto Elementary Schools.

The Cherry Blossom Festival is free to the public, and made possible by the contributions of community volunteers and financial sponsors. We look forward to welcoming you to this exciting festival!

For more information on hours, programming, parking and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/cherryblossom or contact Recreation and Community Services at recreation@montereypark.ca.gov. Barnes Park is located at 350 S. McPherrin Ave. in Monterey Park.



Help Keep Monterey Park's Green Spaces Clean and Safe for All

By following a few simple guidelines, residents can ensure Monterey Park's 14 city parks stay clean and enjoyable
By Public Works staff

Our local parks and open spaces are an important part of our community and while the City's Park Division maintenance crews work hard to keep all 14 city parks clean and maintained, we can use a little bit of help from our park visitors. Here are a few ways the community can help:

Avoid Littering. Parks are available for everyone to use and enjoy, making it important for park grounds to be kept clean and safe at all times. Avoid leaving trash on the ground or picnic tables by discarding of it in the appropriate bins to ensure our parks remain beautiful.

Look After Your Pets. Pets are required to be leashed and pet waste should be disposed of properly at all times. Pet waste stations equipped with bags are available in designated areas at our city parks, providing a convenient and hygienic way for pet owners to dispose of their pets' waste. Please adhere to the City's leash policy and clean up after your pet to ensure a pleasant experience for all park users.

Playgrounds and Park Amenities. If you observe playground equipment, park amenities, or landscape in need of repair, please report them immediately to the City. This may include playsets, swings, slides, picnic tables, benches, and downed branches and trees. Issues may be reported through the City's free and convenient GoMPK app.

Report Suspicious Activity or Vandalism. The City takes a comprehensive approach when it comes to maintaining its parks from vandalism by ensuring parks are well-lit, monitored, and placing regulations in place to ensure visitors respect park conditions. Help us by reporting any suspicious activity or vandalism to keep our parks and visitors safe.

By working together, we can ensure that our parks and open spaces remain clean, safe and beautiful for our residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come. Thank you for doing your part! Download the free GoMPK from your app store or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/gompk.



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

Maychelle Yee, City Clerk
 Amy Lee, City Treasurer

Inez Alvarez, City Manager
 Karl Berger, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

Business Improvement District Advisory Committee
 Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
 Location To Be Announced

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

Design Review Board
 Meets as Needed
 City Hall Council Chambers

Economic Development Advisory Commission
 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
 Location To Be Announced

Environmental Commission
 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

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 規劃部
 División de Planificación
 626-307-1315

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 Graffiti Hotline
 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
 Spirit巴士
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 626-307-7842

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Departamento de Bomberos
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 非緊急熱線
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 General Info and Ambulance Subscription
 一般查詢及救護訂閱
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 626-307-1262
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 626-307-1415

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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
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 動物服務
 Servicios para Animales
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 Downey Animal Care Center
 Downey動物護理中心
 Centro de Cuidado de Animales de Downey
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 Records Bureau
 檔案局
 Oficina de Registros
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 Monterey Park Jail
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 Recreation@montereypark.ca.gov
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 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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Finanzas
 Finance/Accounts Payable
 財務/應付賬款
 Finanzas/Cuentas por Pagar
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 Purchasing
 城市公用事務(水務)和收銀員/牌照/採購
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 626-307-1342
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 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)
 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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Do You Have Unclaimed Money? Monterey Park Urges Residents to Check

Residents can check the City's list and submit a claim form before the deadline to receive their funds

By Finance Department staff

The City of Monterey Park maintains a list of outstanding Accounts Payable checks, which may include stale-dated checks, bond coupons, trust funds, deposits held for various purposes by City departments, and overpayments for City services. When funds remain unclaimed three years or longer, the City publishes a notice to provide an opportunity for the owners to come forward and claim their funds.

If you believe you may have unclaimed funds with the City, we encourage you to review the current list and submit a claim. To file a claim, please complete the Unclaimed Money Claim Form and submit it to the Finance Department no later than April 30, 2025. Additional documentation may be required to verify your claim before funds can be reissued.

Scan the QR code below to view the current list of unclaimed monies and access the Unclaimed Money Claim Form or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/unclaimedmoney.

Additionally, you can check for unclaimed funds reported to the State of California by visiting their webpage at: https://www.sco.ca.gov/search_upd.html.

For additional questions, please call the Finance Department at 626-307-1342.



Keep Monterey Park Clean and Green: Tips for a Healthier Community

By Fire Department Code Compliance staff

April is Earth Month, a time to reflect on how we can protect and preserve our neighborhoods and environment. The City of Monterey Park Code Compliance Division encourages residents and businesses to take simple yet meaningful actions to promote sustainability, reduce waste, and enhance the beauty of our community.

Why Earth Month Matters: By making small changes, we can have a big impact on the health of our city and the environment. A cleaner and greener Monterey Park means:

- Less pollution in our streets and waterways.
- Safer and healthier neighborhoods.
- Stronger community pride and responsibility.

How You Can Help:

- Reduce waste: Avoid excessive plastic use and take advantage of recycling programs.
- Dispose of hazardous waste properly: Batteries, electronics, and chemicals should never be thrown in the trash.
- Keep public spaces clean: Avoid littering and pick up trash when possible.
- Conserve water: Use water efficiently when watering lawns or washing cars.
- Maintain your property: A well-kept yard and properly stored waste bins contribute to a cleaner city.

City Resources to Help You Stay Green: The City of Monterey Park provides several services to assist residents in making eco-friendly choices:

- Bulky item pick-up: Schedule a collection for large items by calling (626) 225-2400 or emailing mpinfo@waredisposal.com.
- Household hazardous waste disposal: Visit <https://cleanla.lacounty.gov/hhw/> or call 888 CLEAN LA to find a local waste collection event.
- Recycling programs: Learn more about city recycling initiatives at www.montereypark.ca.gov/556/How-to-Recycle.

Working Together for a Greener Monterey Park

Earth Month is an opportunity for all of us to make a difference. By embracing sustainable practices and taking responsibility for our surroundings, we can create a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful Monterey Park.

For additional information regarding Code Compliance, please contact to the Code Compliance Division at 626-307-1415, codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov, visit www.montereypark.ca.gov, or access our free mobile app, GoMPK.



Summertime Water Conservation Ensures Sustainable Neighborhoods

From fixing leaks to smart irrigation, small actions can lead to big savings in water and costs

By Public Works staff

As temperature rises and our days grow longer, summer brings the joys of outdoor living and a heightened responsibility to conserve our precious water supply.

Indoor Conservation: Smart Ways to Save Water at Home

Modern living offers many conveniences but also presents opportunities for hidden water waste. Simple adjustments can lead to substantial savings:

- Fix leaks promptly: A dripping faucet or a running toilet can waste gallons over time. Regular inspections and timely repairs can make a big difference.
- Upgrade fixtures: Consider low-flow showerheads, faucets, and toilets that maintain performance while using less water.
- Mindful habits: Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or washing dishes helps save water daily.
- Efficient laundry practices: Running full loads and using eco-modes on washing machines conserves water and cuts energy costs.

Households can significantly reduce water usage, lower utility bills, and contribute to conservation efforts by making these small changes.

Outdoor Conservation: Greening Yards Responsibly

Our outdoor spaces are integral to the charm of our neighborhood. Yet, they also offer the most significant opportunities for water savings during the summer months. Here are some practical tips:

- Water at optimal times: Water your garden early in the morning or later in the evening to reduce evaporation.
- Adopt drought-tolerant landscaping: Choose native or drought-resistant plants that require less water and thrive in local conditions.
- Smart irrigation: Install drip irrigation systems or timers to ensure water reaches the plant roots directly and efficiently.
- Mulching: Apply mulch to help retain soil moisture, reduce evaporation, and suppress weed growth.
- Inspect and maintain systems: Regularly check sprinklers, hoses, and irrigation systems for leaks or malfunctions.

Upholding the Monterey Park Water Conservation Ordinance

In addition to personal conservation efforts, our city reinforces water-saving practices through the City of Monterey Park Water Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2214). This regulation ensures that residential properties and public spaces like parks adhere to strict water conservation measures. Key elements include:

- Restricted watering hours: Watering lawns, gardens, and landscaping is unlawful between 9 a.m.–5 p.m. This prevents water loss due to evaporation during the hottest part of the day.
- Scheduled watering days: Depending on the current drought stage, outdoor watering is limited to specific days. For example, during a Stage 2 drought emergency, residents may water only on Monday and Thursday. This schedule helps minimize runoff and water waste.
- Efficient irrigation requirements: The ordinance encourages drip irrigation and micro-spray systems for watering outdoor areas. New developments are often required to install such systems to ensure efficient water use.
- Regular inspections and maintenance: Homeowners and city parks are expected to inspect and promptly repair leaks in watering systems. Failure to do so can result in fines—from \$100 for a first violation to \$500 for repeated offenses.

By integrating these regulations, the ordinance protects our water resources and sets a clear framework for both residents and municipal agencies to follow. This helps maintain lush, healthy parks while ensuring sustainable water use even during drought conditions.

A Shared Responsibility for a Sustainable Future

Water conservation is not just an individual effort—it's a community responsibility. Whether you're making simple changes at home or following the city's strict guidelines in our public parks, every action counts. By combining wise water use indoors, adopting efficient outdoor practices, and abiding by our local conservation ordinance, we ensure that our neighborhood remains vibrant, green, and resilient for future generations.

Barnes Park Pool to Be Filled In as City Eyes Future Recreation Plans

The City is taking steps to eliminate hazards while planning for future recreation needs

By Recreation and Community Services staff

The City of Monterey Park is taking proactive steps to address safety concerns by backfilling the closed Barnes Park pool. Due to its aging condition, the pool has been out of service for an extended period and is beyond repair. As a result, all swim programs are being held at George Elder pool.

The empty pool presents several safety risks, including potential fall hazards, the accumulation of standing water, and the breeding of mosquitoes. To mitigate these issues, city crews will begin backfilling the pool in the coming weeks.

Currently, there are no plans for future projects at the site. However, the City is in the process of developing a Parks System Master Plan, which will help identify the community's recreational priorities. Once completed, the plan will guide future projects and funding decisions based on the community's needs.

For questions or more information, please contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626-307-1388, scan the QR code or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/parksplan.



Drawn to the Library: Monterey Park Celebrates National Library Week 2025

Visit the Library April 6–12 for special events and activities

By Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library staff

Millions of people across the country visit their libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything. From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project, to adults researching career opportunities, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next.

Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the shelves or getting a new author recommendation from library staff. Make your mark and get involved with your library by volunteering or spreading the word.

Whatever Draws You In, the Library has Something for Everyone:

- Celebrate National Library Week with the launch of Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library's new **Book Match** service! Simply fill out the reading survey online or pick up a print version at the Reference Desk and then a Library staff member will match you with a book they think you will love. Complete the survey during National Library Week and receive a small gift when you pick up your book!

- Be the **Borrower of the Day!** Each day from April 7 to 12, one lucky borrower will win a mug featuring our new library card designs and other Library swag!

- During National Library Week, adults and teens can complete a **Library Bingo Bookmark** and children can complete a **Book Bingo Scavenger Hunt** for a chance to win a free book!

- On Wednesday, April 9 at 3 p.m. in the Storytime Room, kids of all ages are invited to create their own **Zines and Comics!**

Libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities. Visit the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library to explore its resources and celebrate all the ways that the Library draws us together as a community. For more information, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/library.



Grow, Swap, and Celebrate. Join the Earth Day Seed Exchange

By Public Works staff

The Monterey Park Environmental Commission invites you to celebrate sustainability at the Monterey Park Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barnes Park at 350 S. McPherson Ave.

Looking to add variety to your garden? Bring your properly labeled seeds, saplings, or plantings to the Seed Swap table located under the Earth Day event tent and trade them for something new! This is a great way to share locally saved seeds and discover new plants while connecting with fellow gardeners and community members.

To help protect our environment, participants should bring only locally saved seeds to prevent the spread of invasive or non-native species. For more information on California native plants, visit www.calscape.org.

Get growing, get swapping, and celebrate Earth Day with us! Don't miss this chance to trade, learn, and grow something new. For more information, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/earthday.

MPK Transit Express: Monterey Park Launches New On-Demand Ride Service

New ride-hailing app allows users to book trips, track vehicles, and enjoy real-time transit scheduling

By Public Works staff

In fall 2024, the City completed an evaluation of its fixed-route transportation program, Spirit Bus. As a result, the City is making changes to the program including route restructures and implementation of on-demand (microtransit) service. The new on-demand transit option, MPK Transit Express, will be more flexible than fixed shuttle routes and appointment-like paratransit and is powered by innovative technology to route and schedule trips in real-time. The program will be powered by TransitTech provider Via.



How to book a ride with the app:

1. Create an account: Download the MPK Transit Express app and follow the simple signup steps.
2. Book your ride: Enter your pickup and drop-off addresses, then choose the ride option that works best for you by tapping Book This Ride.
3. Meet your driver: We'll assign you a "virtual bus stop" (typically the nearest corner) for pickup and drop-off, which helps avoid detours and keeps the ride moving quickly for everyone. Check the app to find out exactly where it is. Wheelchair accessible vehicles and door-to-door service are available for riders with mobility needs.

All rides are free until early September, after which rides will be only \$2 each. Service will operate Monday to Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The changes are part of a one-year pilot program. Please scan the QR code or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/SpiritBus for latest updates on the changing routes and new MPK Transit Express app.



How does it work?

- Anyone within the service zone, which entails most of Monterey Park's city limits, can book an affordable shared ride by app (available in the App Store or Google Play) or by calling 626-606-2679.
- Once a rider books a trip, Via's technology matches other people heading in the same direction into one shared vehicle – creating quick and efficient trips that provide more flexibility than traditional public transit.

City of Monterey Park BUSINESS CONNECT

By Economic Development Division staff



City Promotes Business-to-Business Growth with Upcoming Expo



The City of Monterey Park Business Alliance (MPBA) is excited to announce its upcoming Business-to-Business (B2B) Expo & Networking Event to help small businesses showcase their products and services, network with potential partners and suppliers, and support the local economy.

Scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 6–7:30 p.m. at the Barnes Park Service Club on 440 S. McPherrin Ave. in Monterey Park, the expo will feature exhibit tables for local businesses to promote their offerings and connect with fellow entrepreneurs. Attendees can discover new suppliers, build valuable partnerships, and learn about resources to support their business growth.



- Showcase your products and services to fellow Monterey Park businesses.
- Discover potential suppliers, partners, and collaborators.
- Expand your professional network and build valuable relationships.
- Support the local economy by buying and selling within our community.

Admission to the event is free. Register now at [Eventbrite:bit.ly/4gYbFDH](https://Eventbrite.com/montereypark).

Please note that exhibit tables are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration is strongly encouraged. To register for an exhibit table, contact the Economic Development Division at 626-307-1385 or email econdev@montereypark.ca.gov.

About the Monterey Park Business Alliance

The Monterey Park Business Alliance (MPBA) is a City-led initiative that supports and promotes businesses in the Monterey Park community by offering a variety of resources to its members, including networking events, educational workshops, legislative advocacy, and marketing assistance. Membership is free and automatic for all registered and licensed businesses in Monterey Park. For more information, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/MPBA.

Keep the Love Going: Shop & Dine Local!

The "Love Monterey Park. Shop & Dine Local" campaign thrives as April begins. Thank you for supporting our local businesses! Your purchases strengthen our community, helping the families and businesses that make Monterey Park special. Shopping and dining locally is an investment in our city's vibrant, diverse economy, creating jobs and fostering growth.



Meetup with the Mayor



As part of the Love Monterey Park campaign, we're partnering with local businesses to host our monthly Meetup with the Mayor event. Join us on April 10 at Kim Tar Seafood Restaurant, 964 E. Garvey Ave., from 5:30–6:30 p.m. to meet the Mayor, voice your thoughts, and support a beloved local spot. Participants are encouraged to dine locally—let's keep these gems thriving!

Show your love for Monterey Park by rediscovering local shops and restaurants. Please share your experiences on social media using #LOVEMPK and tag us! More info at www.montereypark.ca.gov/lovempk.

Nonprofits & Businesses: Know Your Rights! Interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Nonprofits and small businesses should understand their rights and responsibilities in the event of an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) visit to their office, business, or facility. Management can also empower staff with the knowledge needed to navigate ICE enforcement. Public Counsel, a provider of pro bono legal services, has created a publication on this topic, which includes sample policies. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3QYHFDo>.



Taste of Downtown MPK



The popular "Taste of Downtown MPK" program has been extended! This program offers a 15% reward on dining purchases at participating Downtown Monterey Park restaurants through the Open Rewards app, which will continue until program funds are exhausted.

This extension means more time to get 15% back on every Downtown dining experience while helping our Downtown restaurants thrive! More info at www.montereypark.ca.gov/shoplocal.

Available Commercial Properties



In partnership with local brokers, the City of Monterey Park Economic Development Team assists businesses seeking commercial, industrial, office, or vacant properties in Monterey Park. Whether you're planning to relocate or expand, our team is ready to support you every step of the way—contact us today, and let's make your vision a reality!

Discover New and Beloved Local Spots

Monterey Park is thriving with new businesses! We thank these entrepreneurs for choosing our city to share their passion and creativity. We encourage the community to explore these new spots and show them the love and support that makes Monterey Park unique.



Alongside these new openings, let's also support our long-established local spots! These businesses have been a staple of our community, contributing to the charm of Monterey Park. Your visits help sustain the local economy and keep our city vibrant. Let's continue to support the businesses that make Monterey Park special!



Business Spotlight: Grill, Chill, and Enjoy at The Venice Room!



Located at 2428 S. Garfield Ave., the Venice Room Steak House has been a cherished Monterey Park institution since 1955. This classic Italian-style bar is more than just a place to eat—it's a community hub where memories are made. Known for its self-cooking steak experience, customers are invited to take charge of their meal. Whether you're a grill master or a first-timer, the Venice Room offers a unique dining experience that keeps people coming back.

The menu at the Venice Room goes beyond just steak. While you can enjoy grilling your fresh, hand-cut New York strip, there are also plenty of other delicious options, including pizza, tacos, burgers, and more. You can personalize your meal with various seasonings and sauces available at the prep bar. Each dish comes with garlic toast, a crisp salad, and a baked potato, making every visit feel like a complete, satisfying feast. And with no cleanup, you can focus on the fun of grilling.

The Venice Room isn't just about great food—it's also about entertainment. With weekly live music and lively karaoke nights, there's always something exciting happening. Guests can enjoy grilling their meals and even take the stage for a song. No reservations are needed—walk in, grab a drink, fire up the grill, and join in the fun. Please note everyone must be 21 or older to enjoy the experience. With its rich history and vibrant spirit, the Venice Room is a must-try! Visit thevenicerom.com.



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.

Historical Society and Museum Volunteers Needed

By Mara Hernandez, Historical Society of Monterey Park

The Historical Society of Monterey Park is a small volunteer group that stewards the Monterey Park Historical Museum at Garvey Ranch Park. The Historical Society cares for the historic building and all its many artifacts. Founded in the 1970s, the Historical Society's motto has always been "Pride in the Past—Faith in the Future."

The Historical Society has a long history of working with many local organizations and schools, pulling artifacts and resources out of the archives to create displays for specific occasions.

At the moment, the Historical Society is seeking a fresh wave of volunteers that will continue to steward the Museum and participate in local activities. There

are several volunteer openings available, including adult/student docents, key docents, volunteer hour recorder, curator, treasurer assistant, accession and exhibit committee member, and more.

If you are interested in joining the Historical Society as a volunteer, please send an email stating your interests. Or you can stop by the museum on Sundays (excluding 5th Sundays) and speak to someone in person. For more information, please visit the museum at 781 S. Orange Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754, email historicalsocietyofmpk@gmail.com or visit us on Facebook @ [MontereyParkHistoricalSociety](https://www.facebook.com/MontereyParkHistoricalSociety).

Music, Rides, and Community: Play Days Brings the Party to Barnes Park

Join your neighbors for food, fun, and live entertainment as Monterey Park celebrates its 109th birthday

By Recreation and Community Services staff

Join your neighbors Thursday, May 8 to Sunday, May 11, as the City of Monterey Park celebrates 109 years with its annual "Happy Birthday Monterey Park Play Days" carnival at Barnes Park.

The festivities start on Thursday with the Farmers' Market, carnival rides, and live entertainment highlighting Mexico's sights, sounds, and culture with a Tribute to Cinco de Mayo featuring Cold Duck.

Friday and Saturday will feature even more live entertainment! Come rock out on Friday with Shock Proof, a 90s radio rock tribute band. On Saturday, get pumped up with Identity Theft (IDT), a high-energy 80s cover band.

Sunday will conclude with a celebration of Asian American & Pacific Islander

(AAPI) month, hosting a vibrant event featuring performances and demonstrations throughout the day.

The carnival will feature tons of family fun with rides and games for all ages. The Alhambra Educational Foundation will host a beer garden, offering a relaxing atmosphere where adults can enjoy beer and wine while experiencing live entertainment or grabbing a bite from one of the delicious food trucks. This four-day event has something for everyone.

For more information about the Happy Birthday Monterey Park Play Days carnival, a schedule of events, and carnival ride tickets – including discounted presale tickets – please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/playdays or call Recreation at 626-307-1388.



DISCOVER LOCAL PARTNERS, EXPAND YOUR NETWORK, AND FUEL YOUR BUSINESS GROWTH

MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS ALLIANCE

BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS EXPO & NETWORKING EVENT

Join us for Monterey Park's Small Business Expo & Networking Event, a dynamic platform designed to foster business-to-business connections and drive local economic growth. This is your opportunity to:

- ✓ **Showcase your products and services to fellow Monterey Park businesses.**
- ✓ **Discover potential suppliers, partners, and collaborators.**
- ✓ **Expand your professional network and build valuable relationships.**
- ✓ **Support the local economy by buying and selling within our community.**

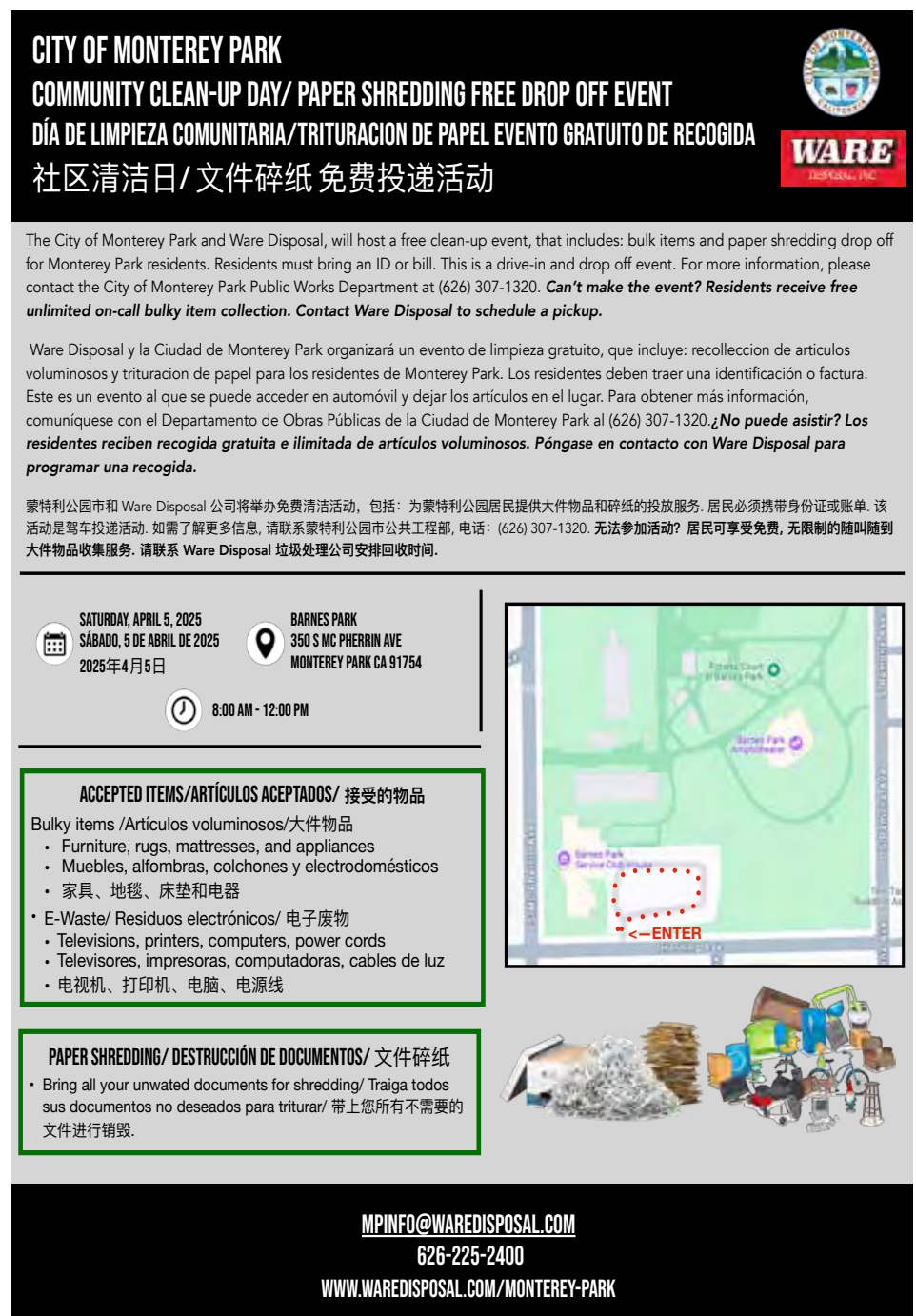
Date: April 24, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Barnes Park Service Club
 440 S Mc Pherrin Ave.
 Monterey Park, CA 91754

REGISTER NOW!



RSVP: [BIT.LY/4GYBFDH](https://bit.ly/4GYBFDH)
 Complimentary snacks & beverages

(626)307-1385 | econdev@montereypark.ca.gov | www.montereypark.ca.gov



CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY/ PAPER SHREDDING FREE DROP OFF EVENT

DÍA DE LIMPIEZA COMUNITARIA/TRITURACION DE PAPEL EVENTO GRATUITO DE RECOGIDA

社区清洁日/文件碎纸 免费投递活动

The City of Monterey Park and Ware Disposal, will host a free clean-up event, that includes: bulk items and paper shredding drop off for Monterey Park residents. Residents must bring an ID or bill. This is a drive-in and drop off event. For more information, please contact the City of Monterey Park Public Works Department at (626) 307-1320. **Can't make the event? Residents receive free unlimited on-call bulky item collection. Contact Ware Disposal to schedule a pickup.**

Ware Disposal y la Ciudad de Monterey Park organizará un evento de limpieza gratuito, que incluye: recolección de artículos voluminosos y trituración de papel para los residentes de Monterey Park. Los residentes deben traer una identificación o factura. Este es un evento al que se puede acceder en automóvil y dejar los artículos en el lugar. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Obras Públicas de la Ciudad de Monterey Park al (626) 307-1320. **¿No puede asistir? Los residentes reciben recogida gratuita e ilimitada de artículos voluminosos. Póngase en contacto con Ware Disposal para programar una recogida.**

蒙特利公园市和 Ware Disposal 公司将举办免费清洁活动，包括：为蒙特利公园居民提供大件物品和碎纸的投递服务。居民必须携带身份证或账单。该活动是驾车投递活动。如需了解更多信息，请联系蒙特利公园市公共工程部，电话：(626) 307-1320。无法参加活动？居民可享受免费、无限制的随叫随到大件物品收集服务。请联系 Ware Disposal 垃圾处理公司安排回收时间。

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025
SÁBADO, 5 DE ABRIL DE 2025
 2025年4月5日

BARNES PARK
 350 S MC PHERRIN AVE
 MONTEREY PARK CA 91754

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

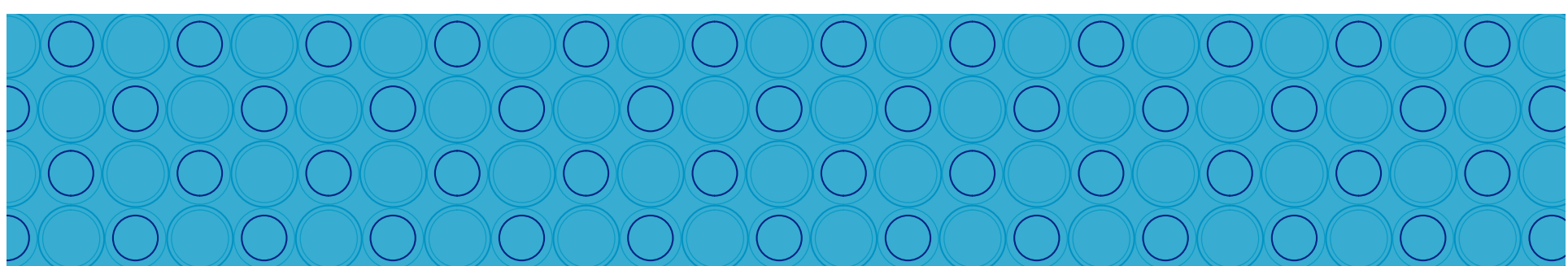
- Televisions, printers, computers, power cords
- Televisores, impresoras, computadoras, cables de luz
- 电视机、打印机、电脑、电源线

PAPER SHREDDING/ DESTRUCCIÓN DE DOCUMENTOS/ 文件碎纸

- Bring all your unwated documents for shredding/ Traiga todos sus documentos no deseados para triturar/ 带上您所有不需要的文件进行销毁。

MPINFO@WAREDISPOSAL.COM
 626-225-2400
WWW.WAREDISPOSAL.COM/MONTEREY-PARK





We encourage our community to support Monterey Park businesses and shop local.

Community members are invited for casual conversations and to learn more about the City with the Mayor of Monterey Park.

Sponsored by:
Kim Tar Seafood Restaurant

Thursday
April 10, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Kim Tar Seafood Restaurant
964 E. Garvey Ave
Monterey Park, CA 91755

Promo:
Free drink with entrée purchase.

KEEP THE LOVE GOING: SHOP & DINE LOCAL!
"Meetup with the Mayor" is about coming together as a community, sharing ideas, and showing your love for Monterey Park by supporting local businesses. Supporting these businesses strengthens our community and economy through local shopping and dining. Rediscover local spots and share your experiences with #LOVEMPK!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (626) 307-1385

LOVE MONTEREY PARK
Shop & Dine Local

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

AT THE MONTEREY PARK CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL



APRIL 12, 2025
11 AM - 2PM

Barnes Park
350 S. McPherrin Ave.,
Monterey Park, CA 91754



我們鼓勵我們的社區支持蒙特利公園市的商業及於區內消費。

我們邀請民眾與蒙特利公園市長進行隨意交談，並了解更多關於蒙市的信息。

贊助商:
Kim Tar Seafood Restaurant

星期四
2025年4月10日
5:30 p.m.
Kim Tar Seafood Restaurant
964 E. Garvey Ave
Monterey Park, CA 91755

促銷優惠
購買主菜可免費享用軟飲料。

持續保持愛心: 在當地購物和用餐!
"與市長會面"是一個社區聚集, 一起分享想法, 並通過支持當地企業來表達您對蒙市的熱愛. 通過當地購物和餐飲來支援這些企業, 並加強我們的社區和經濟. 重新發現當地景點並與#LOVEMPK分享您的經驗.
如要了解更多信息, 請致電 (626) 307-1385

LOVE MONTEREY PARK
Shop & Dine Local

慶祝地球日

在蒙特利公園櫻花節上



2025年4月12日
上午11點至下午2點

Barnes Park
350 S. McPherrin Ave.,
Monterey Park, CA 91754



Animamos a nuestra comunidad a apoyar a los negocios de Monterey Park y a comprar localmente.

Se invita a los miembros de la comunidad a conversaciones informales y a conocer más sobre la ciudad con el alcalde de Monterey Park.

Patrocinado por:
Kim Tar Seafood Restaurant

Jueves
10 de abril de 2025
5:30 p.m.
Kim Tar Seafood Restaurant
964 E. Garvey Ave
Monterey Park, CA 91755

Oferta promocional:
refresco gratis con la compra de plato principal.

MANTENGA EL AMOR: ¡COMPRA Y CENE LOCALMENTE!
El "Encuentro con el alcalde" se trata de unirse como comunidad, compartir ideas y mostrar amor por Monterey Park apoyando a las empresas locales. Apoyar a estas empresas fortalece nuestra comunidad y economía a través de las compras y los restaurantes locales. ¡Redescubre lugares locales y comparte tus experiencias con #LOVEMPK!
PARA MAS INFORMACION, LLAME AL (626) 307-1385

LOVE MONTEREY PARK
Shop & Dine Local

CELEBRA EL DÍA DE LA TIERRA

Festival de los Cerezos en Flor de Monterey Park



12 DE ABRIL DE 2025
11 AM - 2PM

Barnes Park
350 S. McPherrin Ave.,
Monterey Park, CA 91754

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. \$35/month – Child \$37/month – Adult



Wing Chun Kung Fu – Introductory (Monthly)

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



Wing Chun Kung Fu – Intermediate (Monthly)

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

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

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

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



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/ 13 weeks: Apr 1-Jun 24

Tue 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$80



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: Apr 6-Jun 15 (No Class 5/25/25)

Sun 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$126



Dance Fitness

Join a fun, all-inclusive dance fitness class, perfect for all fitness levels! Groove to energizing music with easy-to-follow moves that can be modified for your pace. Enjoy a full-body workout in this supportive space while having fun and expressing yourself, regardless of dance experience. Ages 18+. Megan Lee, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room.

8 weeks: Mar 5-Apr 23

Wed 6-7 p.m. \$120

Cardio Fitness

Get back in shape and lose weight! Low-impact aerobics & movement for 30 min combined with hand weights and exercise band 25 min, followed by 5 min stretch. Class can be done standing or sitting. Katalina B., Location: Sierra Vista Park Community Room.

4 weeks: Apr 7-Apr 28

Mon 11 a.m.-12 p.m. \$35

Yoga & Recovery

Come to learn stretches while increasing your body awareness and decrease chances of injury. Feel good in your own body and alleviate any pain in your body that you may have had from past injuries. Bring to class a foam roller, 2 blocks, a yoga blanket, and a mat. Adults 18+. Jenika To, Location: Garvey Ranch Park Community Room.

6 weeks: Apr 12-May 17

Sat 7:30-8:30 a.m. \$35



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: \$134.00 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).

Apr 1-Apr17

Apr 22-May 8

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

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

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



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

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

Johnny Allen Tennis – 1-Day Tennis Camp (March 29th)

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

Breakthrough Sports Basketball Training Academy – Coming Soon!

Breakthrough Sports award-winning programs for youth basketball.

Session 2: Apr 7-28

Session 3: May 5-26

“MPK Minis” by Breakthrough Sports Little Hoopers – Returning March 2025!

Breakthrough Sports award-winning program to help instill basic fundamentals of basketball in a fun environment for children 3 to 7 years of age! Four one-hour sessions with each session focusing on a specific basketball fundamental (dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense). Breakthrough Sports, Sierra Vista Park Outdoor Basketball Courts.

Mon 4-5 p.m. \$80

Breakthrough Sports Basketball Training Academy – Returning March 2025!

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 K through 5th 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, Sierra Vista Park Outdoor Basketball Courts.

Mon 5-6 p.m. \$80



Breakthrough Sports Basketball Training Academy – Returning March 2025!

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 6th through 8th 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, Sierra Vista Park Outdoor Basketball Courts.

Mon 6-7 p.m. \$80

Aquatics Classes

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

Pricing: One class per week: \$85; Two classes per week: \$125; Unlimited classes (up to 4) per week: \$145.

Shallow Water Aerobics

Shallow Water Aerobics is an effective low impact class that provides cardiovascular benefits as well as flexibility and muscular toning. Students are required to provide their own water noodle. Margaret Nalbandian, George Elder Park Pool.
8 weeks: Apr 29-Jul 3 (2-weeks off in May) Tue & Thu, 4:15-5:05 p.m.

Deep Water Aerobics

Deep Water Aerobics is a great way to strengthen and tone muscles while building cardiovascular fitness. Students wear a buoyancy belt during class to provide flotation, alignment, and freedom of movement. Students should feel comfortable in deep water. Margaret Nalbandian, George Elder Park Pool.
8 weeks: Apr 29-Jul 3 (2-weeks off in May) Tue & Thu, 5:15-6:05 p.m.

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) TBD

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.

\$140

10 Weeks: Apr 9-Jun 10 Wed (Ages 6-12) 6-7 p.m.
10 Weeks: Apr 12-Jun 11 Sat (Teens & Adults) 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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.

Apr 2-Jun 25

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.

Apr 5-Jun 21

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.

Apr 4-Jun 27

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: Mar 4-Apr 22

Tue Beginner 9-10 a.m. \$120
Intermediate 10-11 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.

Tai Chi

Mon 9-10 a.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.

FEBRUARY 2025

AUTO BURGLARY

- 400 BLOCK N NEW AVE
- 500 BLOCK MARKET PLACE DR
- 400 BLOCK N CHANDLER AVE
- 400 BLOCK POTRERO GRANDE DR
- 1600 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 300 BLOCK BLUFFDALE ST
- 200 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 500 BLOCK E GARVEY AVE
- 1200 BLOCK FULTON AVE

AUTO THEFT

- 3000 BLOCK MARKET PLACE DR
- 900 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 200 BLOCK S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 2000 BLOCK MARKET PLACE DR
- 400 BLOCK POTRERO GRANDE DR
- 300 BLOCK W FERNFIELD DR
- 2300 BLOCK GERHART AVE
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Adult Services

Using LinkedIn

Wednesday, April 2 at 12 p.m. in the Computer Lab

Learn how to digitize your resume and market yourself on LinkedIn, an online professional networking platform.

Free Legal Assistance Clinic

Tuesday, April 8 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.

Job Seeker Support

Wednesday, April 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Computer Lab

Chinatown Service Center will offer 30-minute one-on-one appointments to help write resumes or cover letters and offer job seeking tips. Help is available in Mandarin and English. Register at bit.ly/3TCdAfb or by calling Chinatown Service Center at (213) 808-1758.

Poetry Art

Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m. in the Friends Room

Celebrate both Poetry Month and Earth Month by creating a beautiful collage poem or blackout poem out of discarded books and other recycled materials!

Open Mic Karaoke

Wednesday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Step into the spotlight and give it your all at Open Mic Karaoke!

Celebrate National Cat Lady Day

Saturday, April 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Friends Room

Calling all cat moms, dads and fans! Join us in the Friends Room to share photos of your cats, watch videos and create cat toys while connecting with fellow cat lovers. This program is for teens and adults.

Crafternoon Tea

Monday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Salute spring with this month's featured craft, a gorgeous yarn art flower for your wall!

3D Printing Workshop

Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab

Turn your ideas into physical objects with Tinkercad, a free 3D design software that lets you create or import files to print! Ages 14+

Technology Help

Drop in on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., for help with your computer, phone or tablet in the Computer Lab.

One-on-one appointments are available Tuesdays at 5 and 5:30 p.m. and Fridays at 4 and 4:30 p.m. Visit the Library's website to register.

Scan & Save Memory Station

Mondays at 5 p.m., Thursdays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 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.

Teen Services

Mario Party for Teens

Friday, April 4 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room

Celebrate spring break with a Mario Party! Bring your friends and your controllers.

Future Ready, Career Focused: Career Readiness Workshop

Saturday, April 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Friends Room

Take charge of your future by learning about various career opportunities,

networking and workplace professionalism from Chinatown Service Center - Youth Center. Space is limited and registration is required. Lunch for participants is sponsored by the Friends of the Monterey Park Library.

Junior Friends Meetings

Friday, April 11 and April 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Teens aged 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. This month, meet Monterey Park City Council members as they share their leadership journeys and discuss how teens can take an active role in local government.

Daebak K-Pop Club: K-Pop Keychains

Friday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Paint keychains featuring popular K-Pop groups while enjoying new K-Pop hits!

Teen Study Hall

Saturday, April 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Friends Room

Need a quiet space to prepare for upcoming Advanced Placement tests or get help with your homework? Stop by for a focused study session.

LAMP Literacy/Citizenship/Passport Services

Change a Life for Adults Learning English

We need passionate individuals like YOU to help us create positive change. 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. Whether you have a few hours a week or can commit to a longer term, your time and effort will make a lasting impact on our community. Sign up today and be a part of something bigger! All volunteers receive materials and training, ongoing support and professional development opportunities. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, and a teaching credential is not required. To join the next 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! Conversation classes and citizenship preparation classes are free. 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.

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

Play Days Read & Ride Reading Program

Children ages 0-13 can participate in the Read & Ride Reading Program by registering at montereypark.beanstack.org beginning April 7. Children who read for four hours will earn a free ride ticket to be used at the Monterey Park Play Days carnival to be held May 8 - 11. The Read & Ride program ends May 7.

Día de los Niños Storytime

Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room

Join us for a special Family Storytime to celebrate Children's Day/Book Day! Storytime will be bilingual in English and Spanish and will be followed by a craft. Kids of all ages are welcome.

Sensory Storytime

Wednesday, April 2 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 the Children's Desk.

Toddler Dance Party

Friday, April 4 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.

Kids Art Workshop with Arts for All

Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Kids ages 4-14 are welcome to join local art school Arts for All for a free art workshop.

Arts & Crafts Zone

Thursday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Kids ages 5-12 will explore their creativity through making art using a squeegee and paint.

Books and Cooks

Friday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Kids ages 7-12 are invited to this monthly program, where they will learn how to follow a recipe, practice skills like chopping, mixing and measuring, and then snack on their delicious creations! This month we will be making California Rolls. Registration is required as space is limited. For more information and to register, please visit or call the Children’s Desk.

Emergency Preparedness for Kids with the American Red Cross

Saturday, April 12 at 3 p.m. in the Friends Room
Join volunteers from the American Red Cross Metro Southeast LA Territory for a presentation about emergency and disaster preparedness, geared towards children ages 5-9.

LEGO Free Play

Wednesday, April 16 at 3:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Your imagination is the limit! Children can build whatever they can dream during LEGO® Free Play. They can come up with their own designs or follow one of our LEGO® challenge suggestions.

Toddler Art & Play

Friday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Storytime Room
Children ages 0-5 can explore their creativity through open-ended art activities and play!

Spanish Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, April 19 at 4:30 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.

The InbeTWEENers Club

Thursday, April 24 at 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Tweens in grades 4th - 8th are invited to join the monthly InbeTWEENers Club where they will make glow-in-the-dark bouncy balls!

Science Explorers

Tuesday, April 29 at 2:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room
Children of all ages are invited to bring their curiosity and creativity as we learn about the science of bees.

Gaming Hour

Fridays at 3 p.m. in the Computer Lab
Kids and tweens are welcome to come to the Library to game using our PCs and Nintendo Switch.

Homework Help

Tuesdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and 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.

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.

- 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

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Come by Anytime!

The Final Monterey Park GROW Open House!
Help shape the future of Monterey Park’s parks!
Join us at Barnes Park during the Cherry Blossom Festival for the third and final open house on the Parks System Master Plan.

Share your input on park development ideas, programs, and more! **Don’t miss this chance to make your voice heard!**

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- 🕒 **Saturday, Apr 12 | 11am–2pm**
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- 📍 **Barnes Park** (during the Cherry Blossom Festival)

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前 50 名到场者可领取奖励!

- 🕒 4月 12 日(星期六)
上午 11 点 - 下午 2 点
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CASA ABIERTA III
¡Ven cuando quieras!

¡Casa abierta final para el Plan Maestro del Sistema de Parque!
¡Ayude a dar forma al futuro de los parques de Monterey Park!
Unase a nosotros en Barnes Park durante el Festival de los Cerezos en Flor para la tercera y última Jornada de casa abiertas sobre el Plan Maestro del Sistema de Parques.
¡Comparta sus opiniones sobre ideas, programas y más para el desarrollo de parques!

¡INCENTIVOS PARA LOS PRIMEROS 50 ASISTENTES!

- 🕒 **Sábado 12 de abril | 11am–2pm**
¡Ven cuando quieras!
- 📍 **Barnes Park** (durante el Festival de los Cerezos en Flor)

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What's In the Sky for April

By David Nakamoto, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

The **Lyrid meteor shower** is active from the evening of April 15 to the morning of the 30th. The parent body is the comet C/1861 G1 (Thatcher). The Lyrids are named after the constellation of Lyra the Harp, from which they appear to originate. The Lyrid meteors comprise a medium-strength shower, with perhaps 20 meteors per hour at the peak, which will occur from the evening of the 21st to the morning of the 22nd. The Lyrids can produce occasional fireballs. The Moon is a waning crescent at 35-percent illuminated and will not interfere with observations until after 3:13 a.m.

In the **major lunar standstill** of 2024-25 in April, the northernmost Moon rises as a waxing 36-percent crescent on the morning of the 3rd at 10:25 a.m. and a 42-percent waxing crescent Moon sets on the evening of the 4th at 1:53 a.m. The southernmost excursion occurs on the 18th, with the rising of the 76-percent waning gibbous Moon at 12:18 a.m., and the setting of the Moon at 9:43 a.m. For details on the major lunar standstill, please visit <https://griffithobservatory.org/extreme-moon-the-major-lunar-standstills-of-2024-2025/>.

The **Moon** is at first quarter on April 4, full on the 12th, last quarter on the 20th, and new on the 27th.

On **April 1**, the **Sun** rises at 6:40 a.m. and sets at 7:14 p.m. In the **evening**, only three planets are visible: Jupiter, **Uranus** and Mars. Uranus is in Taurus the Bull and sets in the west-northwest at 10:36 p.m. Its disk is 3.5 arcseconds wide, so a telescope with a magnification of 150x or more is needed. On the 15th, Uranus is at Right Ascension 03h 32m 39s with a declination of +18° 54' 35". **Jupiter** is in Taurus the Bull and sets in the west-northwest at 12:21 a.m. Its disk is 36 arcseconds wide, so a telescope with a magnification of 50x or more will show the Red Spot and the four bright Galilean moons can be seen moving back and forth, across and behind Jupiter. **Mars** is in Gemini the Twins. The planet sets in the west-northwest at 3:11 a.m. with a disk 90-percent illuminated and 8.2 arcseconds wide. A telescope with a magnification of 150x is needed to see this small of a disk. On the 12th, Mars moves from Gemini to Cancer the Crab.

In the **morning** are Venus, Mercury, Saturn, and Neptune, rising just before the Sun does. **Venus** rises in the east 54 minutes ahead of the Sun at 5:34 a.m. and is a very thin crescent, 10-percent illuminated and 51 arcseconds wide. It will stay in the morning sky for the rest of 2025. **Mercury** is close to the Sun and it is not safe to observe it. On April 10, Mercury rises in the east at 5:31 a.m. and the Sun rises at 6:28 p.m., 57 minutes later. Mercury is a crescent, 25-percent illuminated and 9.8 arcseconds wide. Do not observe

any planet when it appears close to the Sun, for the danger to the eyes is great. **Saturn** is in Aquarius the Water Bearer and is close to the Sun and it is not safe to observe it. On the 13th, Saturn rises in the east at 5:20 a.m. and the Sun rises at 6:24 a.m., one hour four minutes later. On the 19th, Saturn moves from Aquarius to Pisces the Fishes. Do not observe any planet when it appears close to the Sun, for the danger to the eyes is great. **Neptune** is in Pisces the Fishes and rises less than an hour before the Sun, and it is not safe to observe it. On the 15th, Neptune rises in the east at 5:22 a.m. and the Sun rises at 6:22 a.m., one hour later. The position of Neptune on the 15th is Right Ascension 00h 04m 06s with a declination of -00° 56' 22". The disk of Neptune is only 2.2 arcseconds wide and so a telescope with a magnification of 150x is needed.

On **April 30**, the **Sun** rises at 6:04 a.m. and sets at 7:37 p.m. In the **evening** are Uranus, Jupiter, and Mars. Uranus sets in the west-northwest at 8:50 p.m. **Jupiter** sets in the west-northwest at 10:48 p.m. Its disk shrinks to 34 arcsecond wide as the earth moves away. **Mars** is in Cancer the Crab. The planet sets in the west-northwest at 1:55 a.m. The planet is 90-percent illuminated and its disk shrinks to 6.6 arcseconds wide. The disk of Mars will continue to shrink for the rest of 2025.

In the **morning** are the rest of the planets. **Venus** rises in the east at 4:11 a.m. and is 28-percent illuminated and 37 arcseconds wide, one hour 53 minutes before the Sun rises. Its disk continues to shrink in width and becomes more fully illuminated each month. **Saturn** is in Pisces the Fishes, and rises in the east at 4:19 a.m., one hour 45 minutes before the Sun rises. Do not observe any planet when it appears close to the Sun, for the danger to the eyes is great.

Neptune rises in the east at 4:24 a.m., one hour 40 minutes before the Sun rises. **Mercury** rises in the east at 5:06 a.m., 58 minutes before the Sun. Mercury is 58-percent illuminated and 6.9 arcseconds wide.

Garvey Ranch Observatory is located on the east end of Garvey Ranch park. Parking is available on the west side of South Orange Avenue, south of Graves Avenue. The observatory is open every Wednesday night from 7:30–10 p.m. 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.

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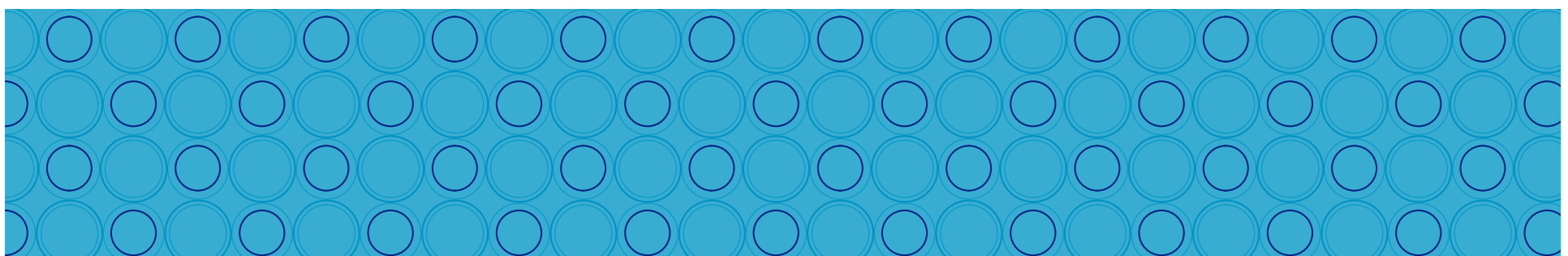
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MPPD Encourages Public Participation at Town Hall Meetings

By Police Department staff

The Monterey Park Police Department Community Engagement Bureau hosts town hall meetings where law enforcement officers and community members can come together to discuss issues, concerns and solutions related to public safety.

An upcoming town hall meeting is scheduled for:

**Monday, May 5, 2025,
6-7 p.m.,
Bella Vista Elementary School,
2410 Findlay Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.**

Additional meetings are planned and will be held at various locations around the City.

Town hall meetings are vital tools in modern policing strategies, allow for feedback from the community on police performance and can help law enforcement adjust and improve their practices to better serve the public.

These meetings play a significant role in building stronger, more trusting relationships between police and the communities they serve and gives the community members a sense of ownership over their neighborhood by empowering them to take an active role in creating safer environments.

For more information, or how to participate, please scan the QR code, visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/ceb, or call 626-307-1215.



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Local Students Shine in AAUW Speech Trek Competition

By Jackie Fisher, American Association of University Women

Four eloquent high school debaters successfully participated in the first round of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Annual California Speech Trek Contest on Saturday, February 1st in the Friends Room of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library.

Kailia Garfield, senior, Nicholas Jung, junior and Ethan Ma, freshman, from Mark Keppel High School, and Natalie Chan, sophomore from Brea Olinda High School, delivered their insightful speeches on the following question: "Select one area of impact and explore the effect climate change is having on women in the USA and around the world." The students demonstrated their grasp of the topic as they spoke before family, friends and branch members with poise and confidence.

The event, sponsored by the Alhambra-San Gabriel branch of AAUW, was moderated by Kathleen Doty, the branch's accomplished Speech Trek Coordinator. Videographer, Michael Olmos, volunteered his time to create videos of each speaker to send to Speech Trek CA.

First Place Winner, Kailia Garfield, will receive \$500. Nicolas Jung, Second Place Winner will receive \$250 and Ethan Ma, Third Place Winner will receive \$100. Gloria Ing is the skilled and expert coach of these three debaters. Natalie Chan, Fourth Place Winner, will receive \$50. Judging the students for

content, organization and delivery were Veronica Alvarez, lawyer and the branch's Membership Vice-President, Jane Anderson, past Alhambra USD board member and the branch's Fund Vice-President, and Robert Sanchez, seasoned speech and debate judge.

The winner of the state contest will receive \$2,500. The second place winner will receive \$2,000, and the third place winner, \$1,000. Fourth and fifth place finalists will be awarded \$500 each. Finalists with honorable mention will also receive cash prizes.

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

To learn more about AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel branch and the community projects it supports, please visit, <https://alhsangab-ca.aauw.net>.



Left to Right: Kailia Garfield, Natalie Chan, Kathleen Doty, Nicolas Chung, Ethan Ma

Monterey Park Teen Named Youth of the Year at Boys & Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley

Nathaniel Hernandez wins the annual Youth of the Year award and scholarship for outstanding leadership and community involvement

By Boys & Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley

Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley & Eastside is proud to recognize Nathaniel Hernandez, a dedicated youth leader and advocate, as a candidate for the prestigious Youth of the Year award. Nathaniel's unwavering commitment to mental health awareness, community engagement, and leadership makes him a standout representative of today's youth.

As BGCWSGV's Youth of the Year winner, Nathaniel Hernandez is now in contention for LA County's Youth of the Year award. Nathaniel has worked tirelessly to address mental health issues affecting young people. His efforts include organizing a mental health summit in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente, where over 200 youth gathered to discuss emotional well-being. He also played a crucial role in advocating for a bill recognizing National Boys & Girls Club Week and Mental Health Awareness in Monterey Park.

Beyond his advocacy work, Nathaniel's leadership extends to his role as Guitar Club President at Alhambra High School, where he fosters creativity and community through music. Additionally, he has spoken before the US Senate and House of Representatives, urging continued support for youth mental health initiatives.

Nathaniel's journey has been one of perseverance and personal growth. Having faced his own challenges with self-doubt and societal expectations, he found strength and purpose through the Boys & Girls Club, which provided him with a platform to uplift others. His story is a testament to the transformative power of community support and self-empowerment.

As a finalist for LA County Youth of the Year, Nathaniel is determined to continue his mission of advocating for youth voices, breaking down mental health stigmas, and inspiring others to embrace their individuality.

To learn more about the Boys & Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley, please visit www.wsgvbgc.org.



AUSD's Partnership with South Korea Continues

By Alhambra Unified School District

A delegation of Alhambra High School (AHS) and Mark Keppel High School (MKHS) students and chaperones are currently embarking on an exciting exchange trip to South Korea, where they will immerse themselves in the country's history, culture, and educational system. This spring break trip is part of the district's ongoing efforts to promote global understanding and create meaningful connections between Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) students and their peers overseas.

The AUSD visit follows earlier visits by South Korean students and teachers to AHS and MKHS. Each school welcomed the South Korean delegation with performances by student groups and a tour of their campus. Additionally, students from AUSD hosted their counterparts, showcasing the district's diversity and sharing local traditions. The warm welcome and shared experiences laid the foundation for this reciprocal exchange.



For the second time, Mark Keppel welcomed students and teachers from South Korea to their campus. MKHS students and staff members are currently spending their spring break in South Korea, along with a separate delegation from AHS. Photo Credit: AUSD Communications Intern Tszwynn (Suna) Kwan

STEAMing Ahead for a Night of Innovation and Engagement

by Haley Wong, AUSD Communications Intern

The Alhambra Unified School District hosted its second annual Family STEAM Night at Marguerita School on February 26th, drawing AUSD students in grades 3-5 and their families for an evening celebrating science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. The event provided a unique opportunity for parents to discover how STEAM principles are woven into the fabric of both classroom learning and modern career paths.

"This night is for parents...our students learn a lot of STEAM in school, but our parents may not know the latest about how it impacts their career," explained Lindsey Ma, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services. "We wanted to show examples of how STEAM comes together in the job place." He emphasized that the event aims to bridge the gap between school-based learning and the practical applications of STEAM in today's job market.

It was a popular event, with families braving a long line to get in. But once on campus, attendees experienced various booths and displays that demonstrated local STEAM activities and their role in community development and upkeep.

"There's over 35 community partners here tonight, and we also have three PTAs providing food for the evening," noted Mental Health Counselor Ni'Kysha Johnson, highlighting the collaborative effort behind the event. These partners varied from LA County Public Works, who work hard to provide a sustainable community, to the Monterey Park Historical Museum, which educates the community about the past.

Family STEAM Night was not only a fun way for students to interact with people throughout the community, but to also gain an understanding of their possible future endeavors. The event was a huge success, with over 240 people who RSVP'd to attend.



Engineers from LA County Public Works, with their interactive display that demonstrates how rainwater flows throughout a city.

Counselor Johnson also added her appreciation for the continued use of Marguerita School. "We have to make sure that we thank Mr. [Tom] Kohout for allowing us to use Marguerita. This is the second year in a row that we've had this event. He has graciously opened his hours to allow us to have this. So we are definitely thankful."

Overall, the event underscored the power of STEAM education to inspire future innovators and strengthen community ties, setting the stage for another promising year of creative exploration and career discovery.

MKHS's Avenue Q: School Edition Shines with Laughter, Music, and Puppetry Magic On and Off Stage

By Alhambra Unified School District

MKHS Theater Company recently delivered a stellar production of Avenue Q: School Edition, wowing audiences with its humor, heart, and professional-level execution. Carefully adapted for high school performers and audiences ages 12 and above, this version retained the charm, wit, and catchy songs of the original Broadway hit while ensuring an age-appropriate experience.

Kalong Juan (Princeton) and Cheyenne Tonga's (Kate Monster) led the cast with standout performances, bringing warmth and depth to their roles. Riley Lane (Nicky) and Harrison Carr (Rod) had audiences in stitches with their comedic timing, while Ollijah Bangi (Christmas Eve), Ricardo Padillo (Brian), and Rai Xiang (Gary Coleman) delivered scene-stealing moments that made the show unforgettable. They were supported by a talented ensemble of performers, who entertained the audience with their acting, singing, and puppetry skills.

Adding to the production's magic, the show featured impressive student-made puppets, showcasing the creativity and craftsmanship of the MKHS Theater Company. Beyond the spotlight, the talented tech crew ensured smooth lighting, sound, and set transitions, while the live orchestra (unique to MKHS musicals) provided a professional-quality musical experience.

Congratulations to the entire Avenue Q: School Edition team, who made this production such a success! On stage, behind the scenes, and in the orchestra, they delivered memorable performances that demonstrated the dedication and talent of Mark Keppel High School.



Avenue Q: School Edition brought the house down at Mark Keppel High School, thanks to a talented cast, student-made puppets, a dedicated tech crew, and the school's exceptional live orchestra. (Photo Credit: AUSD Communications Intern Katelyn Aguiniga)

Unraveling the Soul Art Exhibition Showcases MKHS Talent

By Alhambra Unified School District

Art aficionados have the opportunity to experience the creative expressions of young artists at Unraveling the Soul, an art exhibition presented by Mark Keppel High School artists in collaboration with Therapicasso. Hosted at Blossom Market Hall in San Gabriel, the exhibit will be open through June 15th, offering visitors a chance to view the artistic abilities of these talented students.

The exhibition, which launched with an opening night reception on March 21st, highlights a diverse collection of works that explore self-expression, emotion, and personal storytelling. Through various art mediums, students have poured their creativity into pieces that reflect their perspectives on identity, mental health, and the human experience.

Therapicasso, a non-profit organization dedicated to using art as a tool for healing and personal growth, was founded by Mark Keppel students Joshua Ferriere and Gabby Wong. They partnered with Mark Keppel Art teacher Jenny Tang and her students to provide a platform for the young artists to share their talents with the community. The result is a powerful and thought-provoking collection that invites viewers to engage with the deeper themes behind each artwork.

Blossom Market Hall offers a unique setting where visitors can enjoy the artwork upstairs while also exploring the diverse food options from a variety of vendors downstairs. The food court offerings provide the perfect complement to an afternoon or evening of art appreciation. Make it a full experience by grabbing a bite to eat before or after your visit.

Unraveling the Soul is open to the public until June 15th, so there is still plenty of time to experience the impressive works of art. Don't miss the chance to support emerging artists and discover the depth of creativity within our local student community.

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AUSD Student Changemakers Represent California at National Conference

By Alhambra Unified School District



AUSD students Kevin Tang and Keiko Rakin (second and third from the left) represented California youth advocates at the National Lifesavers Conference, held in March 2025 in Long Beach.

Alhambra Unified School District students Keiko Rakin and Kevin Tang took center stage at this year's Lifesavers Conference, the largest annual traffic safety conference in the nation. As panelists in the featured session Student Changemakers: Leading the Charge for Safer Schools and Communities, they joined students from three other states to showcase their projects and advocacy efforts aimed at creating safer schools and communities.

Both Keiko and Kevin are two-year members of AUSD's Student Advisory Council (SAC), with Keiko currently serving as the district's student board member. Last year, SAC and nearly 100 San Gabriel High School students participated in Impact Teen Drivers, Be The Change Fellowship Summit.

Since then, students have continued their advocacy by launching follow-up outreach activities at their respective schools and promoted student-led initiatives focused on safety and civic engagement. Selected to represent both AUSD and youth leaders across California, Keiko and Kevin impressed attendees with their professionalism, critical thinking, and advocacy for safer roadways and inclusive mobility policies.

Keiko Rakin, a junior at Alhambra High School, spoke passionately about human rights advocacy, particularly in regards to mobility safety. She emphasized the

need for equitable and inclusive safety measures, ensuring that all individuals (regardless of background or ability) have access to safe transportation. Her leadership and confidence reinforced the crucial role young voices play in shaping community policies and fostering change.

"Working with Impact Teen Drivers and AUSD has been a transformative experience in the education of traffic safety, public health, and youth advocacy," Keiko reflected. "The panel was an inspiration as youth from across the nation spoke on our advocacy and impact on a local, state, and even national level. I am truly honored to be a speaker and continue my work in public health and policy."

Kevin Tang, a sophomore at San Gabriel High School, shared his experiences in civic engagement and the challenges of implementing his Be The Change project. His candid reflections on leadership obstacles and perseverance resonated with the audience, inspiring other students and stakeholders to push forward in their advocacy efforts despite difficulties. The event was a learning experience for Kevin as well. In addition to being part of the panelist, Kevin attended the entire three-day conference to deepen his knowledge and understanding, and to strengthen his leadership and advocacy skills for future projects.



Kevin Tang and Keiko Rakin proudly show off their Lifesavers Conference presenter badges.

"Attending Lifesavers 2025 was a phenomenal experience...an opportunity I never imagined I'd have," Kevin said. "Meeting so many professionals, learning from their experiences, and hearing their insights on how I can, not only continue, but also scale up my advocacy was truly eye-opening. Beyond that, it was incredible to connect with new people while also strengthening my relationships with those I already knew, like Keiko and the team at Impact Teen Drivers."

Their selection to participate alongside students from across the country was reflective of their impact and dedication. "Keiko and Kevin represented Alhambra Unified School District and the state of California with the highest level of professionalism, critical thinking, and dedication to public safety," said Dr. Kelly Browning, Executive Director of Impact Teen Drivers. "Their contributions were widely recognized and praised by stakeholders nationwide."

Looking ahead, Keiko, Kevin, and other SAC members will take on leadership roles in this year's Be The Change Fellowship Summit, which will be held on April 8th at East Los Angeles College, where they will mentor and guide the next cohort of student changemakers, most of whom will come from Mark Keppel High School this year.

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Alhambra USD Introduces Interactive Cafeteria Menus

By Alhambra Unified School District

AUSD's Food and Nutritional Services (FNS) is excited to launch its new interactive cafeteria menus designed to provide students and parents with easy access to important nutritional information. Available for every school in the district, these updated menus bring a host of new features that make it simpler to track food options and make healthier choices.

The interactive platform allows users to view detailed nutritional information for each meal, including calorie counts, carbohydrates, fats, and more. Additionally, allergen information is prominently displayed, helping students and parents avoid food items that may trigger a reaction. This feature is particularly helpful for families with dietary restrictions or health concerns.

The new interactive menus are also mobile-friendly, offering accessibility from any device with an internet connection. This allows for easy viewing and planning whether at home or on the go.



To access the new interactive menus, visit: <https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/AlhambraSchoolDistrict>.

AUSD Recognized for Outstanding Promotional Video and for Community Engagement Efforts

By Alhambra Unified School District

Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) was recently honored with two awards from the California School Public Relations Association (CalSPRA) for its work in promoting its educational initiatives. The awards were presented at the CalSPRA annual conference, where Dr. Leann Huang, Coordinator of College & Career Preparation, and Natalie Tee-Gaither, Director of Public Information, accepted the awards on behalf of the District.

The first award was for the District's promotional video dedicated to its CTE programs, which provide students with hands-on learning experiences and real-world skills to prepare them to be life- and future-ready. The video showcases the variety and innovation of AUSD's CTE offerings, helping to inform the community and prospective students about these vital opportunities.

The second award recognized the educational section of the Monterey Park Cascades. This city publication is a main form of communication with the city's residents. AUSD partners with the city to publish submissions that specifically highlights the District's key events, achievements, and ongoing efforts to foster educational excellence. The section provides a platform to celebrate the accomplishments of students, staff, and the broader AUSD community, making it an important tool in building strong family and community engagement.

Both recognitions underscore AUSD's commitment to providing quality educational opportunities, while keeping the community informed and engaged with the District's progress and achievements.



Natalie Gaither (left) and Dr. Leann Huang accepted the two CalSPRA Awards of Merit on behalf of AUSD. This is the third year in a row that AUSD has earned recognition by CalSPRA.

Student Voices Make Strong Impression on AUSD Leaders

By Alhambra Unified School District

Recently, a group of brave students participated in a Student Voice panel discussion during a general principals meeting, sharing their personal experiences with discrimination. Moderated by Joshua Ferriere and Gabby Wong, panelists Briana Hampton, Victor Lam, and Keiko Rakin spoke candidly about the challenges they experienced during their elementary and high school years. Their stories of racial and cultural discrimination, as well as struggles with LGBTQ+ acceptance, resonated deeply with the school leaders present.

The panel was organized by Dr. Lily Jarvis, Director of Educational Equity and Accountability, who emphasized the importance of giving students a platform to share their experiences. "This panel was a powerful reminder of the need to listen directly to our students," Dr. Jarvis said. "Their courage and honesty will help us create a more supportive environment where every student feels seen, heard, and valued."

The principals were visibly moved by the students' stories and reflected on the need to build understanding and acceptance, and to improve their overall school climates. Many pledged to implement better support systems, including an emphasis on cultural sensitivity for staff and creating safer spaces for students to voice concerns. The panel underscored the importance of fostering inclusive school cultures where all students can thrive and feel safe.

This panel discussion is part of AUSD's ongoing efforts toward ensuring that students' voices play an active role in shaping educational policies and environments, ultimately creating a more welcoming and supportive district for everyone.



Hearing directly from these brave student panelists led to difficult, but necessary, conversations.



High school students shared their personal experiences that helped principals reflect on ways to make their campuses more welcoming and supportive. (From left to right: Joshua Ferriere, Gabby Wong, Briana Hampton, Victor Lam, and Keiko Rakin)

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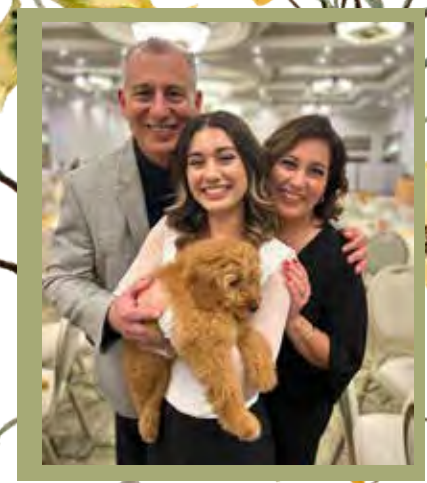


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SAC Students Aim to Ease the Transition from Eighth Grade to High School

By Alhambra Unified School District



SAC members Michelle Lim, Keiko Rakin, Kevin Tang, and Mia Morales engage in discussions with eighth graders, sharing experiences and advice to ease their transition to high school.



The first school to pilot the SAC panels was Ramona School.

Student Advisory Council (SAC) members have been working to improve the transition to high school, a critical milestone for most students. This spring, SAC introduced informal student panels designed to offer advice and support to eighth graders. The program focuses on peer guidance, aiming to help incoming freshmen feel more confident as they prepare for high school.

Facilitated by Dr. Marisa Palacios, Director of Secondary Education, the pilot initiative began with a visit to Ramona School on March 13th. SAC members (elected representatives from each high school) engaged with the middle schoolers, answering their questions and offering valuable insights about high school life. The event was an overwhelming success, with eighth graders expressing their appreciation for the real-world advice shared by the high school panelists.

Following the success at Ramona, SAC members continued their outreach to Garfield School on March 21st. These pilot sessions provided eighth graders with firsthand experiences and practical tips on navigating high school, covering topics from managing coursework to balancing extracurricular activities.

Dr. Marisa Palacios remarked, "It's been inspiring to see how receptive the eighth graders have been. The SAC students have done an incredible job of sharing their experiences and offering practical advice that truly resonates with the incoming students. This program has the potential to make a real difference in how students approach their transition to high school, and I'm excited to see how it grows."

Encouraged by the positive feedback from these visits, SAC members are preparing to present their experiences to the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting. The goal is to showcase the success of the pilot program and discuss the possibility of expanding it to include more schools next year. If successful, the initiative could become a regular feature in the district's approach to supporting students through the important transition between middle school and high school.

By fostering peer-to-peer connections, SAC aims to create a supportive environment where students feel better prepared and more excited about the challenges of high school. With hopes for future expansion, the Student Advisory Council is hopeful that this program will continue to grow, helping even more students navigate their path to high school with confidence.

AUSD Career Fair Invites Students to Explore Their Future

By Alhambra Unified School District

Every year, the Alhambra Unified School District hosts a Career Fair for District students and their families. This annual event is a chance for students to explore a variety of career paths, learn about industry trends, and discover opportunities in internships, job shadowing, and apprenticeships.

With professionals from fields as diverse as healthcare, engineering, business, public service, and the arts, students will gain valuable insights into career options they may not have considered before. They can meet firefighters, registered nurses, and police officers (careers that are well known and respected), alongside professionals in unexpected fields like 3D digital design, clinical informatics, aviation, and fashion.

No matter what career paths students are interested in, this event provides the perfect opportunity to ask questions, make connections, and start planning for the future. The 2025 Career Fair will take place at Alhambra High School on Wednesday, April 16 from 5:30pm until 7:00pm in both of the school gyms. The entrance will be on Fourth Street (between Main Street and Commonwealth Avenue).

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蒙特利公園市櫻花節將於4月12日至13日在Barnes公園盛大舉行，迎來第25週年，為大家帶來比以往更精彩的日本及亞太文化節慶盛典！

預計吸引南加州數千名遊客，今年的節日將帶來豐富多元化的活動與演出，每位參與者都能找到適合自己的樂趣！

在整個週末，出席者都可以在戶外主舞台上欣賞充滿活力的演出，包括傳統日本舞蹈、激昂澎湃的太鼓表演（如Bomby Taiko等團體）、以及當代樂團Kokoro與City Pop Jam的動感演奏。此外，還有空手道與劍道示範表演、夏威夷與波利尼西亞舞蹈演出，甚至當地學校的學生樂團也將登台展現才藝。

今年首次加入的J-Pop演出，由Asayoru Maid Cafe帶來動感演唱。週日，觀眾還能與這些J-Pop偶像一起參加趣味滿滿的日式主題活動與遊戲。喜愛日本音樂的朋友也別錯過今年活動特別邀請DJ播放City Pop黃金時代的經典曲目，帶您重溫經典旋律。在市政廳展區，參觀者將能欣賞各種日本文化展示與體驗活動，包括書法藝術、摺紙教學及傳統茶道演示。

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但如果您曾經這樣做，而回家後發現家中安然無恙，那麼您是幸運的。然而，對於成千上萬的受害者來說，他們並沒有這麼幸運。

一旦您的住宅遭竊，失物找回的機率極低。而您的隱私被侵犯的感受更是無法言喻。請不要成為下一位受害者。

以下是一些有效的防盜提示，幫助您降低被入侵的風險：

- 每次外出時，務必啟動警報系統。
- 確保所有門窗鎖緊並妥善固定。
- 安裝可錄影的電子門鈴系統。
- 在住宅外部安裝監視攝影機。
- 如果家中有保險箱，請確保它固定於地面。
- 如果要外出，請在室內與室外保持適當照明。
- 如需長時間外出，請通知您的鄰居。
- 切勿將貴重物品存放於抽屜、衣櫃或床墊下。

- 切勿在家中存放大量現金，請存入銀行以確保安全。
- 如發現社區內有可疑活動或陌生人徘徊，請立即報警。
- 如有異常情況，請儘快聯繫蒙特利公園市警察局。
- 對於未曾預期來訪的人員，請不要輕易開門。

若您希望獲取更多犯罪預防資訊，或安排社區鄰里守望計畫，請聯絡蒙特利公園市警察局社區互動科，電話：626-307-1215，或參訪：www.montereypark.ca.gov/ceb 了解更多資訊。



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Un Cuarto de Siglo de Tradición: El Festival de Flor del Cerezo Celebra 25 Años en Monterey Park

Tambores taiko, presentaciones de J-Pop, exhibiciones culturales y deliciosa comida le esperan en el parque Barnes

Presentado por el personal de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios

El Festival de Flor del Cerezo de Monterey Park – del 12 al 13 de abril en el parque Barnes – celebrará su 25° aniversario con una celebración más grande que nunca de la cultura japonesa y de las islas del Pacífico asiático.

Se espera que el festival atraiga a miles de visitantes de todo el sur de California, ofreciendo una variedad de actividades y presentaciones para todas las edades. Durante todo el fin de semana, los visitantes podrán disfrutar de presentaciones dinámicas en el escenario principal al aire libre, incluyendo danzas tradicionales japonesas, emocionantes espectáculos de tambores taiko interpretados por grupos como Bombu Taiko, y presentaciones de músicos contemporáneos como Kokoro y City Pop Jam. También habrá exhibiciones impresionantes de karate y kendo, muestras de danza hawaiana y polinesia, así como presentaciones de grupos musicales estudiantiles locales.

Por primera vez en la historia del festival, este año contará con presentaciones de J-Pop presentado por Asayoru Maid Cafe. El domingo, los asistentes podrán participar en actividades y juegos temáticos junto a estos ídolos locales del J-Pop. Para los amantes de la música japonesa, el festival también contará con DJs que tocarán los mayores éxitos de la época dorada del City Pop.

Dentro del Ayuntamiento, los visitantes podrán disfrutar de una variedad de exhibiciones culturales japonesas, que incluyen arte en caligrafía, origami y ceremonias tradicionales del té.

El Mercado del Festival de Flor del Cerezo será un punto central de actividad, con vendedores que ofrecerán productos con un toque distintivo de las culturas de las islas del Pacífico asiático. Además, diversas organizaciones comunitarias brindarán información y recursos sobre temas de salud, educación, servicios sociales y derechos del consumidor. También habrá una variedad de negocios que presentarán sus productos y servicios.

Por supuesto, ningún festival estaría completo sin deliciosa comida. Los visitantes podrán deleitarse con pollo teriyaki, spam musubi y los siempre populares postres mochi de FugetsuDo, de Little Tokyo, entre otros platillos. Para quienes deseen evitar problemas de estacionamiento, la ciudad de Monterey Park ofrecerá servicio de transporte gratuito desde Langley Senior Center y las escuelas primarias Ynez y Repetto.

El Festival de Flor del Cerezo es gratuito para el público y es posible gracias a la colaboración de voluntarios comunitarios y patrocinadores financieros. ¡Esperamos darles la bienvenida a este emocionante evento!

Para más información sobre horarios, programación, estacionamiento y oportunidades de patrocinio, visite www.montereypark.ca.gov/cherryblossom o comuníquese con el Departamento de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios a través del correo electrónico recreation@montereypark.ca.gov.

El parque Barnes está ubicado en 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park.

Ayudemos a Mantener los Espacios Verdes de Monterey Park Limpios y Seguros para Todos

Siguiendo unas sencillas recomendaciones, los residentes pueden ayudar a mantener los 14 parques de la ciudad limpios y agradables.

Presentado por el personal de Obras Públicas

Nuestros parques y áreas verdes son una parte importante de nuestra comunidad. Aunque los equipos de mantenimiento de la División de Parques trabajan arduamente para conservar limpios y en buen estado los 14 parques de la ciudad, necesitamos la colaboración de los visitantes. Aquí hay algunas maneras en las que la comunidad puede contribuir:

Evite tirar basura. Los parques son espacios públicos diseñados para el disfrute de todos, por lo que es importante mantenerlos siempre limpios y seguros. Evite dejar basura en el suelo o en las mesas de picnic, y deséchela en los botes de basura adecuados para garantizar que nuestros parques sigan siendo hermosos.

Cuide a sus mascotas. Se requiere que las mascotas estén con correa y que sus desechos sean eliminados de manera adecuada en todo momento. En nuestros parques municipales hay estaciones para desechos de mascotas equipadas con bolsas, lo que brinda a los dueños una forma conveniente e higiénica de desechar los desechos de sus mascotas. Por favor, cumpla con la normativa de correas de la Ciudad y limpie después de su mascota para garantizar una experiencia agradable para todos los visitantes del parque.

Áreas de juegos y servicios del parque. Si observa que el equipo de juegos, las instalaciones del parque o el paisaje necesitan reparación, infórmelo

de inmediato a la Ciudad. Esto puede incluir juegos infantiles, columpios, toboganes, mesas de picnic, bancas y ramas o árboles caídos. Los problemas pueden reportarse a través de la aplicación gratuita y conveniente GoMPK de la Ciudad.

Reporte actividad sospechosa o vandalismo. La Ciudad adopta un enfoque integral para mantener sus parques libres de vandalismo, asegurando que estén bien iluminados, monitoreados y regulados para garantizar que los visitantes respeten las condiciones del parque. Ayúdenos a mantener nuestros parques y visitantes seguros reportando cualquier actividad sospechosa o acto de vandalismo.

Si trabajamos juntos, podremos asegurar que nuestros parques y espacios abiertos se mantengan limpios, seguros y hermosos para que residentes y visitantes los disfruten por muchos años.

¡Gracias por hacer su parte! Descargue la aplicación gratuita GoMPK desde su tienda de aplicaciones o visite www.montereypark.ca.gov/gompk para más información.

Proteja Su Hogar: El Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park Comparte Consejos para Prevenir Robos

Presentado por la Detective Judy Chen, Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park

¿Cuántas veces ha salido de su casa sin activar la alarma? ¿Cuántas veces ha salido sin asegurarse de que todas las ventanas estén cerradas? La respuesta debería ser: ¡nunca!

Si alguna vez lo ha hecho y no ha sido víctima de un robo, ha sido afortunado. Lamentablemente, para miles de personas, ese no siempre es el caso.

Una vez que su hogar es asaltado, las posibilidades de recuperar sus pertenencias son muy bajas. Además, la sensación de violación de su privacidad es indescriptible. No se convierta en una víctima.

Aquí hay algunos consejos para ayudarle a prevenir robos:

- Active su alarma cada vez que salga de su hogar.
- Asegúrese de que todas las puertas y ventanas estén bien cerradas y aseguradas.
- Instale un sistema de timbre con cámara de video.
- Coloque cámaras de vigilancia en el exterior de su residencia.

- Si tiene una caja fuerte, asegúrese de que esté fijada al suelo.
- Si estará fuera de casa, deje algunas luces encendidas tanto dentro como fuera de la vivienda.
- Avise a sus vecinos si va a ausentarse por un periodo prolongado.
- No guarde objetos de valor en cajones, armarios o debajo del colchón, ya que estos son los primeros lugares que los ladrones revisan.
- No deje grandes sumas de dinero en efectivo en su hogar. Depósitelo en el banco.
- Reporte cualquier actividad sospechosa o personas desconocidas en su vecindario.
- Llame al Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park lo antes posible ante cualquier inquietud.
- No abra la puerta a personas que no esté esperando.

Para obtener más consejos sobre prevención del crimen o para organizar una reunión de Vigilancia Vecinal en su comunidad, comuníquese con la Oficina de Participación Comunitaria del Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park al 626-307-1215 o visite www.montereypark.ca.gov/ceb.



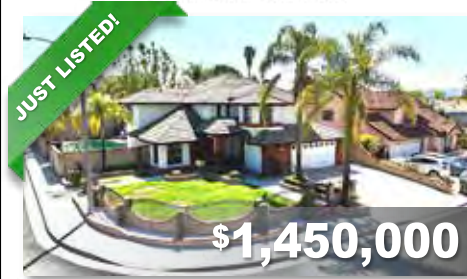
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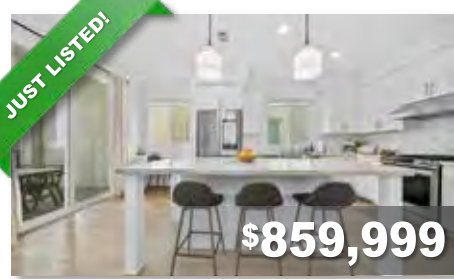
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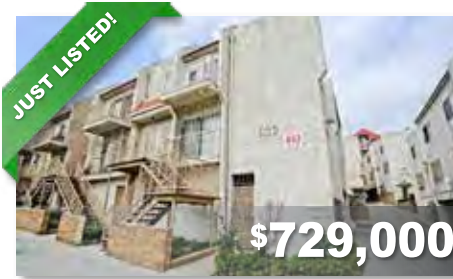
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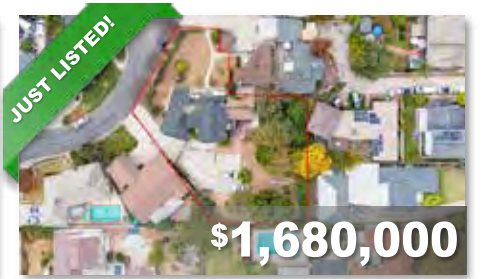
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3 Bed | 2.5 Bath | SFR | 2,408 ft²



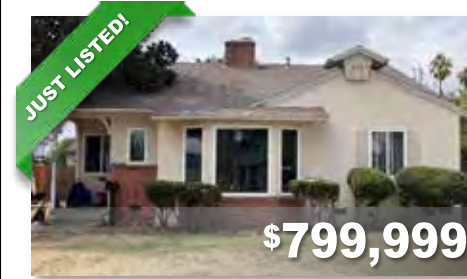
Rosemead
2 Bed | 3 Bath | Townhome | 1,276 ft²



Los Angeles
2 Bed/1 Bath each | Duplex-Condo | 1,732 ft²



Temple City
4 Bed | 2 Bath | SFR | 16,476 ft² LOT



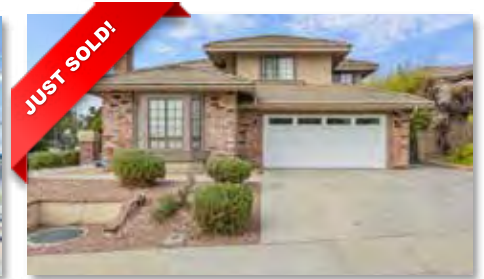
West Covina
3 Bed | 2 Bath | SFR | 1,320 ft²



Eagle Rock
3 Bed | 2 Bath | Duplex | 1,584 ft²



Monterey Park
2 Bed | 2 Bath | Senior Condo | 1,012 ft²



Walnut
4 Bed | 3 Bath | SFR | 2,084 ft²

Spring Home Tips

- Freshen up carpets with baking soda
- Use lemons to de-stink the kitchen sink
- Steam clean the microwave
- Clean showerhead with vinegar

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Monterey Park	Single Family House	\$1,084,000	\$953,193	+ 13.72%
	Condo/Townhome	\$773,000	\$625,837	+23.51%
Alhambra	Single Family House	\$1,077,250	\$1,064,275	+ 1.22%
	Condo/Townhome	\$825,200	\$651,250	+ 26.71%

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"Wendy is extremely knowledgeable, but she is also very supportive and understanding. Going through a divorce and the process of selling our first house, me and my ex had no idea what to do or who to call. Wendy is in SGV, but she was familiar with our area and ever since we first met, was super professional. Obviously with everything going on, I wasn't as responsive as I should have been, but she never rushed us once and was always polite to everyone. At times of negotiating, she always told us what the buyer wanted and their remarks, but being new to selling we had no idea what was a good point or way to work it out. She was super helpful and made suggestions on what to look at big picture wise to of course not lose the buyer, but also make sure we don't leave money on the table as well! When all was said and done, I literally didn't have to do much and she handled everything. She knew I had a ton on my plate and told me to just focus on packing and clearing the house out. Whether you are a buyer or a seller, and whether it's your first purchase or it's your 15th, I recommend Wendy and everyone at Man Realty. I will be looking forward to using them again when I rebuild and purchase a new home."