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Resiliency Day: Coming Together to Heal as One Community

Join us in honoring our shared journey with reflection, support and hope at Barnes Park By Recreation and Community Services staff

Community members are invited to gather at Barnes Park on Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Monterey Park Resiliency Day, a day of renewal, remembrance and hope. Resiliency Day commemorates the January 2023 incident while promoting strength and healing through community connection.

Together We Heal. Together We Grow Stronger

At this free event, attendees of all ages can enjoy music and live performances and connect with other community members through activities including taiko drumming, tai chi and karaoke. Programs such as meditative poetry writing, sound baths and music therapy offer opportunities for contemplation and creativity. For those seeking information and support, the event allows attendees to talk one-on-one with community organizations working in mental health, physical health and social services. The day also offers a range of engaging activities for children including crafts, bubbles and sensory play.

Resiliency Day is hosted by the City of Monterey Park with the support of Chinatown Service Center. For more information, please scan the QR code, visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/resiliencyday or contact Recreation and Community Services at 626-307-1388. Barnes Park is located at 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park.



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Monterey Park Police Department Launches New Pet Portal

By Police Department staff

The Monterey Park Police Department's Animal Services Bureau has launched a new online Pet Portal, giving residents an easy way to view lost and found pets, track updates and help bring missing animals safely home.

Key Features

The system features an interactive map that highlights the general area where each pet was found and provides the pet's current holding location. Pets with identification—like a license, microchip, or ID tag—are held at the Monterey Park police station for up to 24 hours before being transferred to a designated animal shelter.

The user-friendly portal is designed for quick access and encourages community engagement by offering updates posted by staff reflecting when a pet is returned to its owner or moved to a shelter.

How You Can Use the Portal:

- View lost and found pets in Monterey Park.
- Help reunite missing pets with their owners.

The portal is available by scanning the QR code or visiting www.montereypark.ca.gov/animalservices. For more information regarding a lost pet, please contact MPPD Animal Services at 626-307-1217 or animal_services@montereypark.ca.gov.



Fire Department Shares Tips to Stay Safe This Winter Holiday Season

Simple precautions can help prevent fires and keep celebrations joyful and safe

By Fire Department staff

The winter holidays bring joy, gatherings and festive decorations—but they also bring an increased risk of fire. The Monterey Park Fire Department reminds everyone to take a few simple precautions to ensure a safe and happy season.

Christmas Tree Safety

- Choose a fresh tree with green needles that don't fall off easily.
- Cut 2 inches off the base before placing it in the stand and water daily to keep it fresh.
- Keep your tree 3 feet away from fireplaces, heaters, or candles and away from exits.
- Turn off tree lights before going to bed or leaving home.
- Remove the tree promptly after the holidays or when it becomes dry. Check for local recycling programs.

Decorating Safely

- Use flame-resistant or flame-retardant decorations.
- Keep lit candles away from anything that can burn.
- Make sure your lights are rated for indoor or outdoor use.
- Follow the manufacturer's directions for how many light strands can be safely connected.
- Replace damaged light strings and use clips, not nails, to hang them safely.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors where they could block exits.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test smoke alarms and share your home fire escape plan with guests.
- Keep children and pets away from candles and hot cooking areas.
- Create a kid-free zone of at least 3 feet around the stove.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside and use deep ashtrays; wet cigarette butts before discarding.
- Always stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.

Before Heading Out or To Bed

- Blow out candles and turn off all lights and decorations before leaving or going to sleep.

A few minutes of caution can help keep your holidays safe, warm and full of joy. This message is brought to you by the Monterey Park Fire Department—keeping our community safe all season long.

Community Invited to Review Proposed January 21 Memorial Design

Residents encouraged to attend December 11 meeting to learn about the proposed memorial and share input to support collective healing

The City of Monterey Park invites all community members to attend a public meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 5 p.m. to learn about the proposed design for the Permanent Memorial honoring the victims and survivors of the January 21 tragedy.

The meeting will be held at the Langley Senior Center Friendship Room and will provide an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to hear an update on the project, view the conceptual design and share thoughts with City staff and architects.

Community participation is essential in shaping a memorial that reflects collective remembrance, healing and hope. We welcome all who wish to be part of this important conversation. For more information, please scan the QR code or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/jan21memorial. Langley Senior Center is located at 400 W. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park.



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

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.

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

Economic and Business Development Commission
 1st Thursday of
 January, April, July and October, 5:00 p.m.
 City Hall Community Room.

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

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

Personnel Board
 Meets as Needed
 City Hall Council Chambers

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

Recreation & Parks Commission
 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m.
 Langley Senior Center, 400 W. Emerson Ave.

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

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

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

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 911

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 626-307-1465

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MPCLerk@montereypark.ca.gov
 626-307-1359

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Gerente de la Ciudad
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 626-307-1255

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 社區發展
Desarrollo Comunitario
 Building & Safety Division
 建築與安全部
 División de Construcción y Seguridad
 626-307-1300
 Building Inspection Hotline
 建築檢查熱線
 Línea Directa de Inspección de Edificios
 626-307-1229
 Economic Development Division
 經濟發展部
 División de Desarrollo Económico
 626-307-1385
 Planning Division
 規劃部
 División de Planificación
 626-307-1315

Public Works Department
 公共工程部門
Departamento de Obras Públicas
PublicWorks@montereypark.ca.gov
 626-307-1320*
 Maintenance Services/Sandbags
 維修服務/沙袋
 Servicios de Mantenimiento/Sacos de Arena
 626-307-1281
 Shopping Cart Hotline
 購物車熱線
 Línea Directa de Carritos de Compra
 800-252-4613
 Spirit Bus
 Spirit巴士
 Autobuses Spirit
 626-307-7842

Human Resources
 人力資源
Recursos Humanos
HumanResources@montereypark.ca.gov
 626-307-1334

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

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

Bruggemeyer Library
 Bruggemeyer圖書館
Biblioteca Bruggemeyer
 626-307-1333*
 Passport Services
 護照服務
 Servicios de Pasaporte
 626-307-1357

Police Department
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Departamento de Policía
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 Non-Emergency
 非緊急熱線
 No Emergencias
 626-573-1311*
 City Hall Police Counter
 市政廳警局櫃檯
 Mostrador de Policía en el Ayuntamiento
 Daily 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Animal Services
 動物服務
 Servicios para Animales
 626-307-1217
 Downey Animal Care Center
 Downey動物護理中心
 Centro de Cuidado de Animales de Downey
 562-940-6898
 Records Bureau
 檔案局
 Oficina de Registros
 626-307-1211
 Monterey Park Jail
 蒙特利公園監獄
 Cárcel de Monterey Park
 626-307-1245

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Recreation@montereypark.ca.gov
 626-307-1388
 Langley Senior Center & Dial-A-Ride
 蘭利樂齡中心及Dial-A-Ride電話叫車服務
 Centro para Personas Mayores Langley y Servicio de Dial-A-Ride
 626-307-1395

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 財務部門
Finanzas
 Finance/Accounts Payable
 財務/應付賬款
 Finanzas/Cuentas por Pagar
 626-307-1348
 City Utilities (Water) and Cashier/Licensing/Purchasing
 城市公用事務(水務)和收銀員/牌照/採購
 Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad (Agua) y Cajero/Licencias/Compras
 626-307-1342
 Housing Division
 住房部
 División de Vivienda
 626-307-1384

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Proveedores de Servicios
 AT&T Landline Home Phone
 AT&T 家居座機電話
 Teléfono Fijo de AT&T para el Hogar
 800-228-2020
 Ware Disposal (Residential, Bulky Item & Commercial Trash Services)
 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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Holiday Trash Collection and Tree Recycling Schedule Announced

Public Works reminds residents of one-day service delays and offers eco-friendly holiday tips

By Public Works staff

The Monterey Park Public Works Department is reminding residents that trash, recycling, and organics collection will be delayed by one day during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's, and is encouraging the community to recycle holiday trees and celebrate the season sustainably. Collection services will be delayed by one service day for the following holidays:

- Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2025.
- New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2026.

Tree Recycling

Holiday trees are 100% recyclable. Trees are taken to various landfills to be made into mulch or cover material. Please prepare the trees as follows:

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

The city's residential trash hauler, Ware Disposal, collects holiday trees on your normal pickup days from the day after Christmas through the second week of January each year. After this date, please cut up your tree and place it in your green organics recycling container.

Please note that artificial trees, flocked trees and trees coated with fire retardant are not recyclable or compostable and they should be disposed as trash.

Eco Friendly Holidays

Consider these options for an environmentally sustainable holiday season that helps others too:

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

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

Monterey Park Completes Major Infrastructure Projects

Road, facility and water quality upgrades improve safety, accessibility and community services citywide

By Public Works staff

The City of Monterey Park Public Works Department recently announced the completion of several major Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) aimed at enhancing public safety, accessibility and community facilities citywide.

Under the leadership of Public Works Director Shawn Igoe, the City finalized construction on eight key projects between February and July 2025. These efforts reflect the City's ongoing investment in maintaining infrastructure and improving the quality of life for residents.

Roadway and Accessibility Improvements

Significant upgrades were completed along Potrero Grande Drive and Monterey Pass Road, including new traffic signals, resurfacing and improved striping for better visibility. Additional accessibility upgrades were made citywide through Concrete Improvement Projects, including replacements of curb ramps, curbs and gutters and sidewalks to meet ADA standards.

Community Facility Enhancements

Residents will also see refreshed facilities at Barnes Park and the Langley Senior Center. Projects included new restroom renovations to ensure ADA compliance, new gymnasium flooring at Barnes Gym, and a fully replaced HVAC system at Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and Langley Senior Center to provide improved comfort for visitors. Additionally, the Cascades Waterfall Epoxy Project was completed, applying a protective epoxy coating to the Cascades waterfall facility every three years to avoid algae and maintain its appearance and longevity.

Water Quality Investments

The City also completed its Centralized Groundwater Treatment System at the City's Delta Plant in Rosemead, a \$15 million project that incorporates advanced oxidation and UV treatment technology to remove (polyfluoroalkyl substances) PFAS and other contaminants. This ensures safe and clean drinking water for Monterey Park residents.

All projects were inspected and approved by the City Engineer upon completion. Funding for these improvements came from the City's FY 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program.

Upcoming Capital Projects and Community Improvements

The City of Monterey Park is actively working on several key projects and continues to strive and invest in improvements to enhance community facilities and public areas around the City. The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library is currently undergoing some improvements including the installation of a generator, carpet replacement and exterior paint.

Garvey Avenue will be undergoing improvements that include enhancement of pedestrian mobility and safety, bicycle use through better route connections and improved traffic flow to help reduce congestion.

The MAT Cycle 1–Potrero Grande Regional Project will bring a series of safety and mobility upgrades to the corridor, including new Class II–IV bike lanes, missing sidewalks, roadway rehabilitation and ADA compliant curb ramps. These improvements will make walking and biking safer, encourage active transportation and strengthen connections between neighboring communities. The City of Monterey Park is proud to serve as the lead agency on this collaborative project with the City of Rosemead, City of Montebello and Los Angeles County Public Works.

Up next, the City's 2025–26 Street Rehabilitation and ADA Improvements Projects are set to begin throughout various locations throughout Monterey Park. These projects will focus on improving street conditions, upgrading sidewalks and promoting safe rights-of-way for all residents.

Affordable, Local Transit for Every Trip

The City of Monterey Park reminds residents that MPK Transit Express continues to provide a convenient and affordable way to travel within the community. The on-demand rideshare service connects riders to key destinations such as City Hall, Langley Senior Center, local parks, shopping centers and neighborhoods across Monterey Park.

Rides can be easily booked through the MPK Transit Express app or by calling 626-407-6299. The fare is \$2 per trip, and payments can be made by credit or debit card, or with City-issued vouchers available for purchase at Langley Senior Center.

Regular service hours are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The service will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of MPK Transit Express for their local errands, appointments, and holiday shopping. For more information or to download the app, visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/transitexpress.



Share Your Transportation Feedback

We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts on how we can continue improving transportation in Monterey Park. Scan the QR code or visit our website to stay connected and share your input.

Water Meter Upgrade Project Continues Citywide

By Public Works staff

Monterey Park's citywide water meter upgrade is now underway, with crews continuing work to replace all 13,500 meters with new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology. This major modernization effort will bring more accurate readings, quicker leak detection, and improved customer service for every water customer in the city. The project runs through fall 2026 and includes installing Neptune Mach 10 ultrasonic meters, building the communication network and preparing the customer portal for real-time water-use tracking.

Residents will continue receiving advance door-to-door notifications before work occurs in their neighborhood, and installations are expected to take only a few minutes with minimal water disruption. To stay updated on construction progress, please scan the QR code or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/watermeters.



Public Works Urges Residents to Prepare Early for Winter Storms

City offers safety tips, free sandbags and resources to help the community stay ready

By Public Works staff

As we head into the coming storm season, it is crucial for every Monterey Park resident to be prepared. The safety of the City's residents is our top priority, and this guide provides the steps you can take now to protect your family and property when severe weather hits our community.

Don't be caught off-guard. Prepare well in advance and during periods of calm weather to ensure you have everything you need. Storm preparation tips include:

- Creating an emergency kit with essential supplies like non-perishable food, water, flashlights, batteries, first-aid supplies and necessary medications.
- Developing a family emergency plan, such as designating a meeting spot or deciding on whether to shelter in place or evacuating.
- Weatherproofing your home by securing outdoor furniture, reinforcing windows and placing sandbags in areas prone to flooding. Sandbags are available to Monterey Park residents free of charge at our city yard and city hall parking lot locations. Bags will need to be self-filled. A 20-bag limit per resident, per year applies to ensure availability of supplies to all of our residents.

- Signing up for alerts through Everbridge, the City's official emergency alert system to receive real-time updates. To sign up, visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/everbridge.

Once a storm arrives it is recommended to stay indoors, monitor official updates and use flashlights instead of candles during power outages to reduce fire risk. Avoid walking or driving through floodwaters to ensure your safety and that of others. Check for property damage after the storm clears. Continue to stay informed for potential road closures and report issues and hazards to city services through the City's GoMPK app.

By taking these steps now, you can help ensure your family's safety and safeguard your property. For more information, please scan the QR code or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/stormprep, and let's weather the upcoming rainy season together.



City of Monterey Park
HOLIDAY
Snow Village

Save the date
DEC 4
4pm-8pm

Registration for snow activities available Nov 3!

MORE INFO:
Wristbands are required for snow activities. Please scan QR code to register. Visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/holidaysnowvillage Call (626)307-1388

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City of Monterey Park
Barnes Park Extended Day Care
Licensed Afterschool Program
Registration OPEN

August 12, 2025 - May 28, 2026
Ages: 5 - 12 years
Hours: 1 PM - 6 PM

WEEKLY FEES
\$131.97 - Resident \$145.16 - Non-Resident

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Horario: 1 PM - 6 PM | Edades: 5-12 años
Costo Semanal: \$131.97 - Residente \$145.16 - No-Residente

擴展日托中心
獲得許可的課後計劃
時間: 下午1點 - 下午6點
年齡: 5 - 12歲
每周費用: \$131.97 - 居民 \$145.16 - 非

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- Homework assistance
- Gym & outdoor play
- Arts & crafts
- Healthy snacks
- Transportation from school to daycare (limited space available)

Register at Barnes Park Extended Day Care
350 S. McPherrin Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754
For more information: call (626) 307-1451 or email srodriguez@montereypark.ca.gov

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
WINTER BREAK DAY CAMP

AGES 5-12 YEARS

WEEK 1: DECEMBER 22-23, 26
WEEK 2: DECEMBER 29-30, JANUARY 2

8 AM TO 6 PM
WEEKLY RATE:
\$118.25 RESIDENT
\$129.18 NON-RESIDENT

ACTIVITIES
ARTS & CRAFTS, OUTDOOR PLAY, GROUP GAMES, FREE PLAY AND MORE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(626) 307-1451
EMAIL: [SRODRIGUEZ@MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV](mailto:srodriguez@montereypark.ca.gov)
BARNES PARK EXTENDED DAY CARE
350 S. MCPHERRIN AVE. MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754

BREAKTHROUGH SPORTS
WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Younger divisions to feature 3-on-3 play for more touches | 8-Week Season with a Minimum of 8 Games and 8 Practices | Divisions Include: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th Grade. Open to Boys and Girls | Each Team Coached by a Breakthrough Sports Professional Coach | Includes Jersey & Trophy

3 DIVISIONS TO CHOOSE FROM STARTING DECEMBER 18

WHERE / WHEN
Monterey Park George Elder Gym
Thursday Night Practice
K-2 - 4:30-5:30pm
3-5 - 5:30-6:30pm
6-8 - 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday Morning Games

ONLY \$225 TO REGISTER

MontereyPark.ca.gov
@BreakthroughSportsLLC

City of Monterey Park BUSINESS CONNECT

By Economic Development Division staff



Monterey Park Launches New Business Concierge Program

The City of Monterey Park has launched its new Business Concierge Program, a streamlined service designed to simplify the process of starting or expanding a business within the City. This initiative provides a single point of contact for business owners, guiding them through the process of obtaining business licenses and permits. Instead of contacting various departments for different inquiries, customers will now work with a dedicated concierge who will proactively assist them with inquiries and status updates from initial application to final approval.



The Business Concierge Program is the latest initiative in the City's ongoing effort to become a business-friendly destination where new and established enterprises thrive. For more information, please visit: www.montereypark.ca.gov/1695/Monterey-Park-Business-Concierge.

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 Beloved Local Spots

Monterey Park is home to many beloved businesses that have shaped our community for years. They add to the City's unique charm and character, and every visit helps keep our local economy strong and vibrant. Let's continue to celebrate and support the places that make Monterey Park truly special!



Exciting new businesses are making their mark in our city! Let's give a warm welcome to the talented entrepreneurs who have chosen Monterey Park as the ideal place to bring their passion and creativity to life. We encourage everyone to explore these new ventures and show the support that makes our community truly shine.

In The Game MPK: Connecting Local Businesses to Olympic Opportunities

The City of Monterey Park and the Monterey Park Business Alliance are launching In The Game MPK, a new initiative helping local businesses compete for contracts tied to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. The program offers guidance on procurement opportunities, certification support, and hands-on training to strengthen bidding competitiveness.



For more details about the program and to stay informed about upcoming In The Game MPK events, interested business owners are encouraged to visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/inthegamempk.

Taste of Downtown MPK



The popular "Taste of Downtown MPK" program is going strong! This holiday season, support your local biz and don't forget to visit our downtown restaurants and enjoy a 15% reward on dining purchases through the Open Rewards app. This program will run until program funds are exhausted – so don't wait!

Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy local flavors and get 15% back on your Downtown dining adventures! www.montereypark.ca.gov/shoplocal.



New Business? The Monterey Park Business Alliance (MPBA) is here to help with grand openings, ribbon-cutting ceremonies, and promote your business to the community!

Entrepreneur Training Program: Launch Your Business in 2026

The Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE) is conducting the Entrepreneur Training Program (ETP), a series of workshops from January 10 to February 7, 2026, for aspiring business owners. Participants will learn how to create a solid business plan, manage finances effectively, market their products or services, and navigate legal and tax requirements – all with guidance from industry experts and access to free one-on-one consulting. RSVP today at www.tinyurl.com/53nmpk84.



Business Spotlight: Math Clinic

Helping students thrive through year-round education and enriching activities

Math Clinic, located at 222 W. Garvey Ave. Suite L in downtown Monterey Park, has been a community staple since the 1990s. Under the leadership of Ms. Apple, who took over in 2016, the clinic has evolved into a year-round program serving students from Transitional Kindergarten to Grade 12. Ms. Apple's mission is to foster academic excellence, build community, and inspire a lifelong love of learning.



Beyond homework help, Math Clinic offers enriching activities like cooking, art, and debate. During the summer, students enjoy hands-on science experiments, Spanish lessons, and fun field trips, giving them unique learning experiences.

Each day at Math Clinic is different, from casual breaks with foosball to engaging presentations by visiting educators. Ms. Apple sees these moments as opportunities for students to grow both academically and personally in a dynamic, supportive environment.

Fun fact: Math Clinic recently received the most nominations and won the "Favorite Service Provider" award at the City of Monterey Park's Community Choice Awards, cementing its positive impact in the community. www.mcinstitution.org.

SBA Resources

Business owners interested in attending free workshops can take advantage of a variety of informative sessions offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Los Angeles District Office. These workshops are designed to help entrepreneurs and small business owners succeed, with topics including:



- How to Start a Business
- Introduction to Cybersecurity
- Introduction to SBA Programs and Services
- Introduction to Government Contracting
- SBA Lending Programs
- Access to Capital
- SBA Certifications
- ADA Physical Property and Website Overview.

For more information, contact the SBA Los Angeles District Office at 213-634-3845 or visit www.sba.gov/district/los-angeles.

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.

Additionally, if you or your business would like to place an ad in the Cascades Newspaper, please contact Success Printing at 626-280-5199 or success668@yahoo.com.

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK PRESENTS

SANTA'S JOLLY JOURNEY



**Sunday, December 14, 2025
6:00 PM**

Santa will be escorted by the Monterey Park Police & Fire Departments to wave and spread holiday cheer throughout the city. Santa will begin his journey at 6pm from City Hall and travel along a designated route through each of the five districts in Monterey Park. Be sure to follow @MontereyParkRec on Social Media and visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/SantasJollyJourney for Santa's Jolly Journey Route and Santa tracker.

Scan here to see the route!



CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

Resiliency Day

Saturday, January 17
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Barnes Park Amphitheater
440 S. McPherrin Ave.

Together we heal. Together we grow stronger.
Join us for a day of community renewal, remembrance and hope honoring those lost on January 21, 2023.

- Wellness activities - tai chi, drumming & sound baths
- Music, performances, and creative fun for families
- Resources to support emotional and physical health

Free!
Open to all

Sponsored by



華埠服務中心
Chinatown Service Center



MPK HOPE
RESILIENCY CENTER
華埠希望互助中心







For more information, please call (626) 307-1388 or visit www.montereypark.ca.gov




2026 Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival

Year of the Horse

January 31 (Sat, 10am-9pm) & February 1 (Sun, 10am-7pm)
on Garvey Ave, between Garfield Ave and Alhambra Ave

For more information, please call us at 323-268-4982, ext 600



Co-located by
City of Monterey Park | World Journal Los Angeles | BIDAC

CSC Health
A Service of Chinatown Service Center
華埠服務中心



Free Flu Shot Event

免費流感疫苗接種活動
Evento de vacunación antigripal gratuita

9AM-12PM

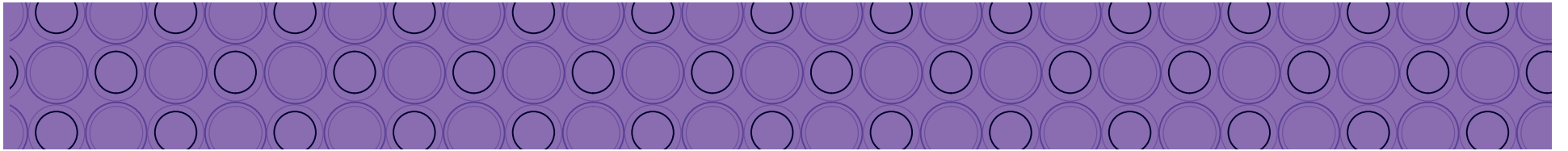
Required: Age- 6 months & Older , Please bring your ID
要求: 年齡-6個月及以上, 請攜帶身分證
Requisitos: Edad: 6 meses en adelante, traiga su identificación

12/15/25 Langley Senior Center

Same day reservation / Reserva el mismo día
現場登記

Location/地點/Ubicación:
400 W Emerson Ave,
Monterey Park, CA 91754

For any questions, please call / Para cualquier consulta, llame al
如有任何疑問, 請致電 (213) 808-1792






HOUSING RIGHTS WORKSHOP

TENANTS | INQUILINOS | 房客

DATE | FECHA | 日期:
 Thursday, January 22, 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Jueves, 22 de enero de 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 PM
 星期四, 2026年1月22日 晚上6:00-8:00



TOPICS | TEMAS | 主題:

- Fair housing laws and protections for families with children, disability accommodations, and more | Derechos de vivienda justa para familias, inmigrantes, adaptaciones para personas con discapacidades y mas | 公平住房法與針對有孩子的家庭之保護 · 殘疾人住宿等等
- Spanish and Chinese interpretation provided | Interpretación en Español y Chino sera provefda | 提供西班牙語及中文翻譯

LOCATION | LUGAR | 地點:
 In Person: Monterey Park City Hall – Community Room 102
 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

Online via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89064170250>



Registration is encouraged at | Se recomienda registrarse | 建議登記於:
www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS EVENT? PREGUNTAS SOBRE ESTE EVENTO? 有關此活動其他疑問?
 OUTREACH@HOUSINGRIGHTSCENTER.ORG




FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

LANDLORDS | PROPIETARIOS | 房東

DATE | FECHA | 日期:
 Thursday, February 12, 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Jueves, 12 de febrero de 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 PM
 星期四, 2026年2月12日 晚上6-8點



TOPICS | TEMAS | 主題:

- Fair housing laws and protections for families with children, disability accommodations, and more | Derechos de vivienda justa para familias, inmigrantes, adaptaciones para personas con discapacidades y mas | 公平住房法與針對有孩子的家庭之保護 · 殘疾人住宿等等
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CITY OF MONTEREY PARK COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY FREE DROP OFF EVENT

DÍA DE LIMPIEZA COMUNITARIA: EVENTO GRATUITO DE RECOGIDA

社区清洁日免费弃置活动



The City of Monterey Park and Ware Disposal, will host a free clean-up event 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 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.**

蒙特利公园市将联同 Ware Disposal 公司为蒙特利公园市居民举办一次清洁活动。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，无限制的电器大件收集服务。请联系 Ware Disposal 垃圾处理公司安排回收时间。

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026
SÁBADO, 24 DE ENERO DEL 2026
 2026年1月24日, 星期六

SIERRA VISTA PARK
 311 RURAL DRIVE
 MONTEREY PARK CA 91755

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



ACCEPTED ITEMS/ ARTÍCULOS ACEPTADOS/ 接受的物品

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

NOT ACCEPTED/NO ACEPTADO/ 不接受

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



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



CITY OF MONTEREY PARK - MONTHLY COMPOST GIVEAWAY

DISTRIBUCION MENSUAL DE COMPOST

每月堆肥赠送活动



The City of Monterey Park and Ware Disposal, will host monthly compost giveaways for Monterey Park residents. Compost is a nutrient-rich mixture made from organic materials, such as green waste, wood waste, and food scraps.

La Ciudad de Monterey Park y Ware Disposal organizarán una entrega mensual de compost para los residentes de Monterey Park. El compost es una mezcla rica en nutrientes hecha de materiales orgánicos, como desechos verdes, desechos de madera y restos de comida.

蒙特利公园市与 Ware Disposal 公司合作，将为本市居民每月举办一次免费堆肥赠送活动。堆肥是一种富含养分的混合物，由有机材料，例如绿色废物、木材废物和食物残渣制成。

01/17/2026
02/14/2026
03/7/2026
04/18/2026
05/9/2026
06/20/2026

GARVEY RANCH PARK
 751 S. ALHAMBRA AVE
 MONTEREY PARK, CA 91755

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM



BAGGED COMPOST AVAILABLE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. LIMIT 2 BAGS PER CUSTOMER DURING THE FIRST HOUR.

LOOSE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR SELF-SERVICE. BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINERS.

EL COMPOST EN BOLSAS ESTARÁ DISPONIBLE POR ORDEN DE LLEGADA. LIMITE DE 2 BOLSAS POR CLIENTE DURANTE LA PRIMERA HORA.

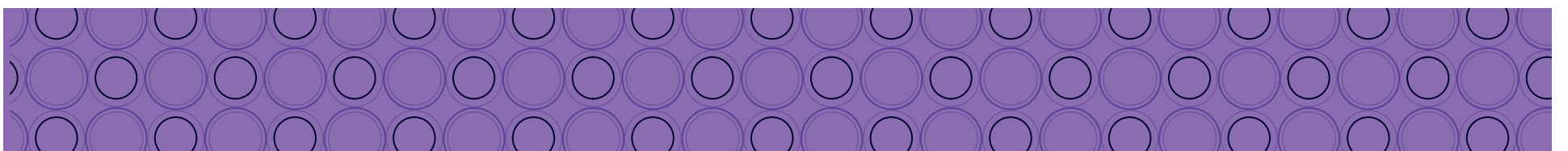
EL MATERIAL SUELTO ESTARÁ DISPONIBLE PARA AUTOSERVICIO. TRAIGA SUS PROPIOS RECIPIENTES.

袋装堆肥先到先得，第一小时每人限领两袋。
 散装堆肥可自助领取，请自备容器。




For customers utilizing our Disabled Roll-Out service, you can arrange for compost delivery to your residence by calling 626-225-2400. Para los clientes que utilizan nuestro servicio de recolección para discapacitados, pueden programar la entrega de compost a su residencia llamando al 626-225-2400. 使用本公司行动不便上门服务客户，可致电 626-225-2400 安排堆肥配送至您的住所。

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Recreation and Community Services Department CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

Online and phone registration available at www.montereypark.ca.gov/classes or 626-307-1388

Refund Policy: All refunds must be requested before the second scheduled class meeting. Please note that any applicable registration or processing fees are not refundable. Participants are entitled to a full refund if an activity is cancelled by the Recreation and Community Services Department. All aquatic swim lesson registration fees are not refundable unless the City cancels a class.

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 (Monthly) – Resuming January 2026

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 **(Introductory)** **9-10 a.m.** **\$89**
Sat **(Intermediate)** **10-11 a.m.** **\$89**



American Nippon Kenpo (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 **(4-7 yrs)** **5-5:55 p.m.** **\$34**
Tue **(8+ yrs)** **6-6:55 p.m.** **\$34**

Chinese Reading Class – Ages 5-13 (Monthly – First 4 Sundays)

The purpose of the Mandarin learning course is to provide a fun and engaging learning experience for students aged 5 to 13. It is ideal for beginners and helps build a strong foundation in the Chinese language. Students will learn basic conversation, Chinese rhymes, and proper writing through stroke order practice – all through fun activities, games, music, and arts & crafts. My Ms Panda, Garvey Ranch Community Room.

Sun **9:30-11 a.m.** **\$128**



Mommy & Me Chinese Class – Ages 5 & under (Monthly – First 4 Sundays)

Children will learn basic Mandarin through songs, stories, and playful reading games. They'll explore new words, simple Chinese characters, and early reading skills in a happy, hands-on way - all while building confidence and a love for Mandarin language. My Ms Panda, Garvey Ranch Community Room.

Sun **9-9:30 a.m.** **\$99**

Yoga/Chair Yoga (Monthly) – Resuming January 2026!

Stretch and strengthen your body and muscles and improve flexibility with easy to follow yoga poses and movements. First half of class consists of standing stretch poses. Second part of class can be done in the chair or yoga mat. Class is for all levels. Katalina B, Sierra Vista Park Community Room.

Mon **12:45-1:45 p.m.** **\$40**



Yoga & Recovery (Monthly)

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+. Jen Tea, Sierra Vista Park Community Room.

Sat **8:00-9:30 a.m.** **\$40**

Pickleball 101 (Monthly – First 4 Wednesdays)

Come learn the basics of Pickleball! This class will teach all beginners how to hold paddles, how to strike & top-spin the balls, how to count scores, all basic play rules & etiquette at courts, and basic strategies to win. Students must bring their own paddle. Peter Lin, Barnes Park Gym.

Wed **9-10:30 a.m.** **\$50**

Breakthrough Sports Basketball (Monthly – First 4 Wednesdays)

Breakthrough Sports award-winning programs for youth basketball. More information on each specific class can be found at online registration.

MPK Minis by Breakthrough Sports Little Hoopers

Breakthrough Sports developed a learn to play basketball program with one goal in mind: instilling the basic fundamentals of basketball in a fun environment for kids 3-7 years of age in Southern California. Our out-of-the-box approach to teaching basketball makes this class a must!

Barnes Park Gym **Wed** **4-5 p.m.** **\$80**

Breakthrough Sports Basketball Training Academy

Our weekly basketball training offers a different weekly curriculum designed to develop mechanics, improve basketball IQ and boost confidence in a fun environment

Barnes Park Gym **Wed** **(K-5th) 5-6 p.m.** **\$80**
Barnes Park Gym **Wed** **(6th-8th) 6-7 p.m.** **\$80**



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.

Jan 6-Mar 31 **Tue** **6:30-9:30 p.m.** **\$104**



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.

Jan 11-Mar 22 **Sun** **11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** **\$126**
(No class 2/1)



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.

Jan 8-Feb 12 **Thu** **6-7 p.m.** **\$120**

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. Michael Naishtut, Sierra Vista Park Community Room.

8 weeks: TBD **Tue** **6-7:30 p.m.** **\$160**

Tai Chi

Experience the healing power of Chi Gong with a master teacher who has studied Tai Chi and Chi Gong for over 50 years. Strengthen your body, calm your mind, and uplift your spirit through the art of this exercise. Peter Chen, Sierra Vista Park Community Room.

Monthly: 4 Weeks **Wed** **9-10 a.m.** **\$32**



In-Person Outdoor Classes

Hitting Fundamentals for Beginning to Advanced Baseball / Fast-pitch Softball
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. 30-minute private instruction. Contact instructor for times and days available. Jay Simper, 626-664-4583, La Loma Field.

Private Lessons: (4 lessons total) **\$134** **8yrs to 18yr**

Johnny Allen Tennis Classes

Johnny Allen Tennis Classes available for people of all ages. More information on each specific class can be found at online registration. For more information and rainy-day makeup policy, please visit www.johnnyallentennis.com or call 1-844-9TENNIS (1-844-983-6647).

2026 Sessions: TBD

Johnny Allen Tennis – Tiny Aces Tennis Class (3-5 yrs)
Highlands Park **Tue & Thu** **4:15-5 p.m.** **\$108**
Johnny Allen Tennis – Little Aces Tennis Class (6-8 yrs)
Highlands Park **Tue & Thu** **5-6 p.m.** **\$128**
Johnny Allen Tennis – Junior Aces Tennis Class (9-12 yrs)
Highlands Park **Tue & Thu** **6-7 p.m.** **\$128**
Johnny Allen Tennis – High School Aces Tennis Class (13-17 yrs)
Highlands Park **Tue & Thu** **7-8 p.m.** **\$128**
Johnny Allen Tennis – Adult Cardio Tennis Class (18+ yrs)
Highlands Park **Tue & Thu** **8-9 p.m.** **\$128**



Youth Sports League

Registration available at rec.montereypark.ca.gov.

Breakthrough Sports Basketball League

Youth basketball league available for boys and girls K-8th grade level. Evaluations, 8 practices, 8 games, end-of-season tournament, custom uniforms (shorts & jersey), trophies, all-star game, paid coaches – no volunteers, high-level curriculum, league website with stats, standings, schedule and more. Evaluations on Thursday, December 18, 2025. Practices on Thursday evenings starting January 8, 2026. Games on Sunday mornings starting January 11, 2026.

George Elder Park Gym **Thu & Sat**
(K-2nd) **4:30-5:30 p.m.** **\$225**
(3rd-5th) **5:30-6:30 p.m.** **\$225**
(6th-8th) **6:30-7:30 p.m.** **\$225**



Off-Site Recreational Classes

BLee's Kung Fu & Tai Chi (Monthly)

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.

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

In-Person Senior Classes at Langley Center

Mature Driving Class (Monthly)

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.



Call for Exact Date Wed 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$1

Friendship Chorus

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

Jan 1 - Mar 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. You will learn a variety of styles, such as Yang and Chen styles Tai Chi Chuan, Tai Chi Fan, Tai Chi Sword, and Health Qigong. Ages 50+. Sing May Chen, Langley Center Friendship Room.



Intermediate - Chen Tai Chi & Tai Chi Sword

Jan 3 - Mar 21 Sat 9-10 a.m. \$150

Beginner - Yang Tai Chi & Health Qigong

Jan 3 - Mar 21 Sat 10-11 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.

TBD Fri 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$30

Taiko Drumming

Taiko drumming will increase your strength, flexibility, stamina, and coordination in a fun and healthy way. This class does not require previous experience and will enhance your sense of rhythm and appreciation of music. Ages 50+. Michael Naishtut, Langley Center Friendship Room.



8 weeks: TBD

Tue
 Genki Taiko 1 Moderate 9-10 a.m. \$120
 Genki Taiko 2 Int & Adv 10-11 a.m. \$120
 Beginner 11 a.m.-12 p.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 & 4th Wed 12-2:30 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.

Lovey Karaoke

1st & 2nd Sun 9 a.m.-1 p.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.



What's in the Sky for December and January

By David Nakamoto, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

Special Events

December: The **winter solstice** occurs on December 21 at 7:03 a.m.. The Sun reaches its southernmost point on the ecliptic, reverses its movement south and heads north. This marks the longest night and the shortest day of the year. The Sun rises at 6:55 a.m. and sets at 4:48 p.m. The day is 9 hours 53 minutes long.

Lunar-X is visible on December 26 for a few hours, beginning at 5:23 p.m. Lunar-X is a feature on the first quarter moon just within the dark half of the Moon and midway between the center point and the southern edge. A telescope with a magnification of 50x or more is needed to see it.

The **Geminid meteor shower** is usually the strongest meteor shower of the year. The shower is active from December 1-21 and peaks from the evening of the 13th through the morning of the 14th. The Geminids are often bright and intensely colored. On the night of the 13th, the Moon will be a waning crescent and will not interfere with observations.

The **Ursid meteor shower** is often neglected, for it peaks just before Christmas with a rate much lower than the Geminids, which peak a week before the Ursids. This year the Ursids appear from December 16-26, with the peak occurring from the night of the 21st to the morning of the 22nd. Observers normally see 5-10 Ursids per hour during the late morning hours on the date of maximum activity. The parent object is the comet 8P/Tuttle. The Moon will be a waxing crescent and will not interfere with observations until after midnight.

In the **major lunar standstill of 2024-25**, the December northernmost moon rises in full phase on the 5th at 5:27 p.m. and sets on the 6th at 8:55 a.m. The December southernmost moon rises as a new moon and cannot be observed. For details on the major lunar standstill, please visit the website at <https://griffithobservatory.org/extreme-moon-the-major-lunar-standstills-of-2024-2025/>.

January: The **Quadrantid meteor shower** will peak on the night of the 3rd and through to the morning of the 4th. The peak usually only lasts six hours. Rates may approach 25 meteors per hour but the full moon will interfere with observation. These meteors usually lack persistent trains but can produce bright fireballs. They appear to radiate from the constellation Boötes the Herdsman. Unusually, the meteors appear to originate from a dead comet or asteroid designated 2003 EH.

The Planets and the Moon

In **December:** The **Moon** is full on the 4th, last quarter on the 11th, new on the 19th and at first quarter on the 27th. On **December 1:** The **Sun** rises at 6:41 a.m. and sets at 4:44 p.m. **Jupiter** rises in the east-northeast at 7:50 p.m. **Saturn** sets in the west at 12:49 a.m. **Neptune** sets in the west at 1:10 a.m.; its coordinates are Right Ascension 23h 59m 51s and declination -1° 28' 48". **Mercury** rises in the east-northeast at 5:08 a.m. Uranus sets in the west-northwest at 5:57 a.m.; its coordinates are Right Ascension 3h 45m 14s and declination +19° 37' 42". **Venus** rises in the east-southeast at 6:00 a.m. **Mars** is close to the Sun and cannot be observed.

On December 31: The **Sun** rises at 6:59 a.m. and sets at 4:54 p.m. **Jupiter** rises in the east-northeast at 5:37 p.m. **Saturn** sets at 10:52 p.m. **Neptune** sets at 11:09 p.m. **Uranus** sets at 3:54 a.m. **Mercury** rises at 6:11 a.m. **Venus** and **Mars** are close to the Sun and cannot be observed.

In **January:** The **Moon** is full on the 3rd, last quarter on the 10th, new on the 18th and at first quarter on the 25th. On **January 1:** The **Sun** rises at 6:31 a.m. and sets at 4:55 p.m. **Jupiter** rises in the east-northeast at 5:32 p.m. **Saturn** sets in the west at 10:49 p.m. **Neptune** sets in the west at 11:05 p.m.; its coordinates are Right Ascension 0h 1m 8s with a declination of -1° 19' 14". **Uranus** sets in the west-northwest at 3:50 a.m.; its coordinates are Right Ascension 3h 41m 39s with a declination of +19° 26' 34". **Mercury**, **Venus**, and **Mars** are close to the Sun and are unobservable.

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Saturday, December 20 at 3 p.m. in the Friends Room

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Teens Cook: Bruschetta

Saturday, January 3 at 3 p.m. in the Friends Room

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Children's Events

Science Squad

Saturday, December 6 and January 3 at 3 p.m. in the Storytime Room

Children ages 7-12 are invited to experience science with hands-on experiments! In December we will learn how animals stay warm in winter and January will feature a challenge to design a boat to carry items! Registration is required. To register, call Children's Services.

Coloring Club

Monday, December 8 and January 12 at 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room

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LEGO Robotics and 3D Printing Showcase

Saturday, December 13 at 10 a.m. in the Friends Room

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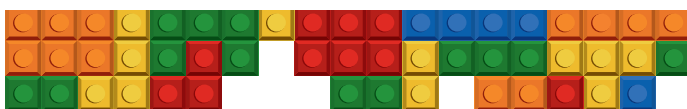
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Local AAUW Members Spotlight Women Advancing DEI Initiatives

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

The Alhambra San Gabriel branch's Brave Resilient Women (BRW) joined in presenting an exciting project with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee to present Women Advancing DEI initiatives, A Panel Presentation. Janet Lee, DEI Chair, launched the program, held at the first Methodist Church in Alhambra on October 18 by underscoring AAUW's long history of promoting equity and recently adopting a DEI strategic plan for its branches. This includes exploring diversity in health, elder rights (ageism) and education and race.

Janice also explained that "Intersectionality is a framework for understanding how various aspects of a person's social and political identities combine to create unique experiences of discrimination or privilege. It highlights how race, class, gender, sexual orientation and other social categorizations can overlap and create unique experiences of oppression."

Betty Morin, BRW chair, opened the panel by introducing its three speakers and their DEI themes. Kathleen Doty introduced us to two women who furthered the rights of women in healthcare, Elizabeth, Blackwell and Dr. Helen Rodriguez-Trios. Jackie Fisher described the successes and challenges of Maggie Kuhn, creator of the Gray Panthers and Judy Chu, our representative in Congress, who has fought to expand the rights of elders and protect their Social Security and pensions. The last speaker, Elena Velardi introduced us to two women who, through their research and practice, expanded equitable access, in education, Dr. Lisa, D Delpit, and Dr. Julie V Garcia.

After the presentation, a lively discussion took place. One member brought up the difficulty that the DEI message is experiencing in society today. Others in the group



Top: Janet Lee, DEI Chair; Betty Morin, BRW Chair. Bottom: Diane Askew, Elena Velarde, Jackie Fisher, Kathleen Doty. Photographer: Veronica Alvarez.

admitted that possibly the name DEI might go away, but that the principles behind it of fairness and justice will prevail. The meeting ended on a high note of hope for diversity and equity for the future.

If you are interested in joining this branch to further equity and DEI for women and girls, please visit the AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel branch website at <https://alhsangab-ca.aauw.net>.

Community Kindness in Motion: Hospital Replaces Stolen Club Van

Generous gift restores vital transportation for local youth and exemplifies the "Kindness is Free" mission

By the Boys & Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley & Eastside

When the Boys & Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley & Eastside (BGC WSGV & Eastside) lost a 15-passenger van to theft this summer, a powerful response from the community turned loss into kindness in action. During a summer trip to North Carolina, Board Member Ericka Smith and CEO JR Dzubak received the news of the theft. Without hesitation, Smith shared that Monterey Park Hospital had the perfect solution — and within days, the hospital confirmed its intention to donate a 20-passenger bus to the Club.

The generosity of Monterey Park Hospital reflects the values of the Club's nationally recognized *Kindness is Free* initiative — a movement dedicated to creating more compassionate and connected communities. The hospital's leadership and staff have proudly joined the *Kindness is Free* pledge, committing to perform daily acts of kindness to promote empathy and unity.

"This gift could not have come at a more crucial time," said JR Dzubak, CEO of BGC WSGV & Eastside. "Transportation is the lifeline of our organization — ensuring more than 500 youth each day have safe, reliable access to programs that build confidence, character, and opportunity. Monterey Park Hospital's generosity truly represents kindness in action and the heart of the *Kindness is Free* mission."

The newly donated white bus, decorated with *Kindness is Free* and Boys & Girls Clubs branding, will now transport students daily — continuing the mission to inspire great futures through access, opportunity, and kindness. Learn more at www.kindnessisfree.org or follow us on social media @kindnessisfreeorg.



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Students Gain New Perspectives at Mark Keppel’s Disability Awareness Fair

By Alhambra Unified School District

Mark Keppel High School students had the opportunity to step into the shoes of their peers with disabilities through the school’s second Disability Awareness Fair. The two-day event, held October 28-29, 2025, invited students to participate in hands-on activities designed to build empathy and understanding.

The event was organized by teacher Stephanie Hardy, founder of the MKHS’ Aztec Amigos Community (AAC) club. A longtime advocate for students with disabilities, Hardy’s goal was to create an environment where students could become more open-minded and understanding toward their peers. She shared, “I have seen disability awareness fairs happen at other schools and thought it would be the perfect environment to do it here. First, it started off as a Powertime, and after that, I created the AAC, and the club has just taken off.”

During the fair, students attended sessions designed to help them better understand common disabilities that some of their classmates experience. Students rotated through six interactive stations, each designed to simulate a different disability. Volunteers from the Aztec Amigos Community led each station, offering a general overview of the disability before guiding students through the activity.

At the Orthopedic Impairment Station, students sat in wheelchairs and attempted to pick up cones from the floor using a reacher while being pushed by their peers. The wheelchairs used in this simulation were the same ones some of their classmates use in their daily lives.

At the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Station, students learned basic sign language. They introduced themselves in sign language and attempted short conversations to experience alternative ways of communication.

The Fine Motor Station challenged students to button and unbutton a shirt while wearing thick gloves. This station proved to be especially challenging, highlighting the struggles people with limited motor control may face when completing everyday tasks.

At the ADHD and Autism Station, students read a short script while others tried to distract them using feathers. This helped the participants understand how difficult it can be to stay focused in a distracting environment.

The final two stations were the Communication Station and the Orientation, Mobility, and Visual Impairment Station. Students simulated disabilities using stuffed mouths and blindfolds. These activities helped participants appreciate the sensory and mobility challenges that some of their peers encounter.



Mark Keppel High School students participated in a hands-on Disabilities Awareness Fair, exploring activities that built understanding, empathy, and appreciation for all abilities. (Photo Credit: Clara Chan, AUSD Communications Intern)

Freshman Emily Wong reflected, “We need to accept all differences and be understanding and considerate.”

Caelyn Yang, also a freshman, added, “Some people are granted privileges, like being able to see, while others are not.”

The Disability Awareness Fair made a strong impact on Mark Keppel students by promoting inclusiveness and empathy across campus. As student Anthony Mojica stated, “I can understand how it can be challenging for people who have trouble doing normal day-to-day activities. I hope people can put themselves in others’ shoes and understand their difficulties.”

Participants found it inspiring to see Mark Keppel High School taking steps to promote awareness, inclusion, and understanding, while creating a more welcoming environment for all students.

Hands-On Learning Comes to Life at Alhambra Unified’s Annual Woodworking Contest

By Alhambra Unified School District

Alhambra Unified School District recently held its 13th Annual Woodworking Contest, bringing together students from Alhambra, Mark Keppel, and San Gabriel High Schools for a fast-paced, skills-focused competition. The annual event serves as a showcase for the district’s woodworking programs and the hands-on learning opportunities they provide.

This year’s contest followed the traditional “live build” format, in which students were given two hours to complete a surprise wood project. Contestants first studied a technical drawing, created a detailed cut-list with exact part measurements, and then constructed the project using a variety of tools and equipment, including band saws, miter saws, disc and spindle sanders, drill presses, routers, files, power drills, and other hand tools.

More than a demonstration of craftsmanship, the contest challenges students to apply problem-solving, precision, and planning skills under time pressure. According to this year’s panel of judges, this year’s submissions were especially competitive, with the final decision coming down to fine details and measurement accuracy.

The 2025 contest results were:

- 1st Place: Patrick Oradan (Alhambra High School)
- 2nd Place: Mike Luo (San Gabriel High School)
- 3rd Place: Scarlett Tran (San Gabriel High School)
- Honorable Mention: Ava Zeller (Alhambra High School)

The panel of judges consisted of woodworking educators and industry-related professionals. Alec Alejo, Anthony Fortner, and Steve Carbajal carefully evaluated each project for craftsmanship, accuracy, and overall execution.

Dr. Leann Huang, AUSD’s Coordinator of College & Career Preparation, expressed appreciation for the district’s Wood Technology teachers and the opportunities they provide. “Paul Lam, John Mason, and Carlos Sanchez continually create meaningful experiences that go far beyond the classroom,” she said. “Their commitment to hands-on learning gives students real-world technical skills, builds confidence, and opens doors to future career pathways. I’m so proud of the dedication they bring to our Career Tech programs each day.”

In addition to vying for district recognition, the contest also determined which students would earn a spot to compete at the upcoming SkillsUSA-California Regional Conference.

The annual contest continues to highlight the strength of AUSD’s woodworking programs and the value of hands-on, career-focused education across the district.



With their Top Four results, these AUSD students will now represent their respective schools at the regional level of SkillsUSA. From left to right: Patrick Oradan (AHS), Mike Luo (SGHS), Scarlett Tran (SGHS), and Ava Zeller (AHS).



All of the AUSD Woodwork Contest competitors successfully completed the “live build” project and made their judges’ decision a very difficult one.

Asian American Association to Host 36th Annual Lunar New Year Banquet in Celebration of the Year of the Horse

By Alhambra Unified School District

The Asian American Association (AAA) will mark the upcoming Year of the Horse with its 36th Annual Lunar New Year Banquet, taking place on Friday, February 27, 2026, at NBC Seafood Restaurant in Monterey Park. The annual celebration brings together families, community partners, and supporters of Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) for an evening of cultural performances, traditional cuisine, and fundraising for student scholarships.

Guests will enjoy a 10-course banquet dinner featuring a variety of classic dishes, along with entertainment that includes a traditional lion dance performance, a performance video of the district’s Mandarin Dual Immersion Program students, recognition of scholarship recipients, and other program highlights. A no-host bar will open at 6 p.m., with dinner and the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year’s banquet will be co-hosted by AAA president Dr. Leann Huang and AUSD student board member and 2026 Rose Court princess Keiko Rakin.

The event also offers several incentives for those who register early. Guests who RSVP and submit payment before the Early Bird deadline by January 6, 2026 will receive discounted pricing and priority seating for full tables. These early registrants will also be entered to win a pair of orchestra-level tickets to the Opening Night performance of Six, the Musical at the Hollywood Pantages Theater on February 18th (a prize valued at \$220).

An additional “Super Early Bird” drawing is also available for those who complete the reservation process by December 8, 2025. These guests will also be entered to win two orchestra-level tickets to Opening Night of The Notebook, the Musical on January 6th, also valued at \$220.

Proceeds from the banquet will directly support the Asian American Association’s scholarships, which provide awards to AUSD promoting eighth-graders and graduating high school seniors. These scholarships recognize student achievement and help support their continued educational goals.

Reservations may be made online at www.tinyurl.com/AAA26RSVP, with options to pay by PayPal, check, or cash. Event sponsorship opportunities are also available. More information about the Asian American Association can be found at www.aaaofalhambra.org.



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AAA's annual Lunar New Year Banquet is usually a sold-out event, so make sure to submit your reservations early so you don't miss out on all the festivities and we celebrate the Year of the Horse.

The Aztec News Celebrates New Gear Thanks to Press Foundation Grant

By Alhambra Unified School District

The student journalists of Mark Keppel High School’s The Aztec News are starting the year with upgraded tools and renewed excitement after receiving a \$1,464 grant from the California Press Foundation. The funding allowed for the purchase of essential new equipment that will strengthen the students’ reporting, photography, and multimedia storytelling for years to come.

With the grant, the staff acquired a new Canon camera for day-to-day photojournalism, a vlogging camera to support podcasting and live-action filming, professional microphones for clearer interviews and narration, a sturdy tripod, and a long-distance lens to enhance their coverage of sports and large events. These additions give the student team greater flexibility and the ability to produce higher-quality work across both print and digital platforms.

The presentation of the grant check took place on Tuesday, October 21st inside the classroom of The Aztec News adviser Janice Luckey. Danielle McKinney, Executive Director of the California Press Foundation, visited Mark Keppel to present the grant in person and learn more about the students’ work. AUSD Superintendent Denise Jaramillo also attended, showing district support for student-led media and celebrating the continued growth of MKHS’ program.

The California Press Foundation, founded in 1876, is the oldest press organization in the state and is dedicated to strengthening the future of California journalism. One of its long-standing efforts is providing equipment grants to student newsrooms, supporting campus journalists as they build skills and explore careers in media. McKinney’s visit offered students the opportunity to share how they plan to use the new tools to expand coverage and sharpen their storytelling.

With their upgraded equipment now in hand, The Aztec News staff members are looking forward to broadening their reporting, improving their technical abilities, and continuing to highlight the voices and stories that shape the Mark Keppel



The Mark Keppel newspaper, The Aztec News, recently received a grant from the California Press Foundation to purchase new equipment. Student journalists gathered together for the grant check presentation in Janice Luckey’s classroom. From left to right: Henry Phung, Soluna Aldana, Savannah Vizcaino, California Press Foundation Executive Director Danielle McKinney; MKHS teacher & The Aztec News Advisor Janice Luckey, Danica Vizcaino, AUSD superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo, and Preston Chen. (Photo Caption: Emily Liu, AUSD Communications Intern)

community. The grant represents a meaningful investment in journalism and will help student reporters capture more of the moments, perspectives, and conversations that matter on their campus.

PLUS Forum Inspires AUSD Students to Strengthen Community on Their Campuses

By Alhambra Unified School District

Dedicated students from across AUSD joined the Peer Leaders Uniting Students (PLUS) Forum at Almansor Court on October 21, 2025, for the first training session of the year. PLUS is a leadership group at each site that focuses on transforming school environments through student dedication and involvement. Student leaders in grades 6-12 worked with John Vandenburg, founder of the PLUS program, to learn how to lead their own forums, identify critical issues on their campus, such as bullying, racism, and exclusion, and create meaningful solutions. Through games and conversations, PLUS leaders learned how to confidently build an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students at their schools.

Student-led forums are among the key ways for leaders to engage with their peers and talk openly about issues on campus. From these discussions, students are able to problem solve and create realistic solutions to help alleviate the schoolwide concerns. Dr. Wendy Solis, Director of Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), explained, “[Students] come up with solutions, which they then present to adults. The adult group that they present to here in Alhambra is our PBIS team. And then that is how we start enacting change.” Her explanation highlights how much student involvement contributes to meaningful progress around campuses, as well as AUSD’s commitment to listening to and supporting student-led change. PLUS ensures that every student has a voice by encouraging representation from all schools across the district.

During the training, Vandenburg emphasized the importance of students doing research, speaking to other students, and taking initiative. With the expansion of PLUS to include middle school students, even more conversations are happening about important topics such as drug use, mental health, and racism. Although some discussions can feel uncomfortable, the program stresses that talking about these issues, especially for younger students for whom these issues may be new, is essential in order for real change to take place. PLUS continues to highlight how powerful student leadership can be in creating better, safer school environments.

To break the ice, the PLUS leaders started the day with a group game that encouraged students to interact with new people. In the “bus game,” students were asked to form a bus with a certain number of people, which changed each round. This simple activity helped students connect with peers they did not know and build comfort in the space. Activities like this reflect the central message of PLUS, which is to encourage inclusion and build community among all students on campus.



AUSD middle and high school PLUS leaders took part in the first PLUS Student Forum of the year, working with facilitator John Vandenburg to learn strategies for strengthening school climate and amplifying student voice. (Photo Credit: Karlie Yonemoto, AUSD Communications Intern)

To close the day, students held mini-forums focused on the topic of exclusion in their schools. Leaders were divided into randomly selected groups to create a mix of backgrounds and perspectives. Together, they brainstormed solutions that would benefit a wide range of students.

PLUS stresses the importance of student voices and the lasting impact they can have on creating positive change in school communities. From this training, AUSD student leaders were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and lead with confidence. By the end of the day, students learned how to analyze issues on their campuses, hold meaningful conversations, and develop solutions. As Vandenburg explained, “Knowing that there’s a team of students on campus that is really looking to bring kids in and not push them away, it’s a cool thing to see that across the state now, and Alhambra is really doing a great job at it.”

Dual Enrollment Opportunities Now Available for Spring and Summer 2026

By Alhambra Unified School District

Students across Alhambra Unified School District now have access to the Spring and Summer 2026 Early College Program (ECP) schedules, giving families more time to plan ahead and explore the benefits of earning free, transferable college credit while still in high school. Through AUSD’s long-standing partnership with East Los Angeles College (ELAC), students can take college-level courses and earn college credit at no cost while still in high school.

To help spread the word, Mark Keppel High School recently hosted informational booths during lunchtime on November 3, 10, and 17. These outreach efforts are just one example of how AUSD campuses are supporting students as they learn about available courses, enrollment steps, and important deadlines. At MKHS, Career Tech Education (CTE) Advisor Elizabeth An, along with a team of student helpers, shared available courses, handed out materials to encourage early planning, and answered questions.

The release of the Spring and Summer 2026 schedules gives students a valuable head start. Students who begin their enrollment steps early can secure priority placement in preferred courses. The upcoming sessions offer a wide range of options for students who want to explore college subjects, strengthen their academic interests, or get ahead on future educational goals. This summer also marks the launch of the new Physical Therapy Aide Program, a pathway designed for students interested in health care and high-demand allied health careers.

AUSD’s collaboration with East Los Angeles College continues to expand opportunities districtwide. Dr. Leann Huang, Coordinator of College & Career Preparation, shared that the Early College Program empowers students by giving them accessible, real-world preparation for life after high school. She noted that dual enrollment helps students build confidence, discover interests, and take meaningful steps toward future success.

Key Deadlines for Spring and Summer 2026 Enrollment

- Spring Final Deadline: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 11:59pm.
- Summer Priority Deadline: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 11:59pm.
- Summer Final Deadline: Monday, April 6, 2026 at 11:59pm.

Dual enrollment is open to all AUSD high school students. Students interested in learning more about this important opportunity can review the available schedules at <https://tinyurl.com/ausd-ecp-classes> or speak to their CTE Advisors in the College and Career Center for more information. Informational workshops for current eighth-graders who are interested in taking courses in summer 2027 will be coming soon. Keep an eye out for announcements in our AUSD Communications digital newsletter and on the district’s social media platforms.

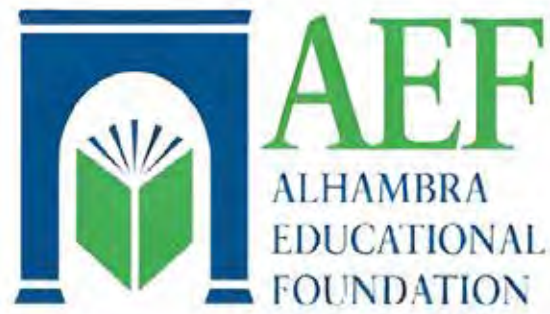


Student helpers and CTE Advisor Elizabeth An welcome MKHS students at the Early College Program information booth. (Photo credit: Stanley Kwok)



Student helpers and CTE Advisor Elizabeth An welcome MKHS students at the Early College Program information booth. (Photo credit: Stanley Kwok)

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Community Momentum Builds to Reimagine Barnes Park Pool

Support From Schools, Coaches, Seniors, and Youth Organizations Strengthens the Vision for a Modern Aquatics Center

SGV Power Up Beacon (SGV PUB), a Monterey Park-based 501(c)(3), continues to lead a strong citywide and regional effort to rebuild and reimagine the Barnes Park Aquatics Center.

Aquatics Center. Closed since 2021, Barnes Park Pool once served as Monterey Park's central hub for swim lessons, water safety, youth sports, senior fitness, and family recreation. Its absence has deeply affected students, working families, and seniors who relied on affordable access to aquatics.

AUSD Endorses the Barnes Park Aquatics Center Vision

The campaign recently gained major support from the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD), which issued a formal endorsement advocating for a modern Barnes Park Aquatics Center and partnership with SGV PUB.

AUSD emphasized that the pool's closure eliminated essential water-safety education, athletic opportunities, and after-school programming for thousands of students—particularly those attending nearby Title I schools. Barnes Park also supported decades of competitive excellence at Mark Keppel High School, producing 90 Almont League and CIF titles and helping student-athletes build pathways toward college admissions.

Local Aquatics Legacy: MKHS, The Manta Rays & Community Wellness

For generations, Barnes Park Pool served as the heart of aquatics in Monterey Park—supporting competitive athletes, families, and older adults.

Competitive Excellence & College Pathways

Barnes Park was home to Mark Keppel High School's celebrated swim, dive, and water polo programs and to the Monterey Park Manta Rays, a volunteer-run youth swim team with more than 30 years of service. These programs created access to competitive athletics for families who could not afford private clubs—opening doors to higher education, scholarships, and selective universities.

Water Aerobics & Senior Physical Therapy

The pool was equally vital to senior health and rehabilitation. Older adults and individuals recovering from injury relied on warm-water programs for mobility, arthritis relief, balance, and chronic pain management—exercise many could not perform on land. Participants consistently described the classes as life-changing and, in some cases, life-sustaining.

Because competitive swimmers require cooler water while seniors need warmer temperatures, water-aerobics programs were moved to Elder Park Pool. But with Barnes Park closed, all aquatics activities are now crowded into the much smaller Elder Park Pool, resulting in shortened, overcrowded, or canceled classes—particularly in cooler months.

Youth Need: Boys & Girls Club & Local Families

The Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley, located steps from Barnes Park, serves more than 1,600 youth annually, many from immigrant and working-class families who rely on walkable, affordable after-school programs.

A rebuilt aquatics center would restore essential opportunities for local children, including:

- After-school swim lessons and water safety
- Summer camps and recreational swim
- A safe, supervised environment for teens

Without Barnes Park Pool, many families face barriers to accessing aquatics elsewhere due to distance, cost, and limited availability—directly impacting youth safety, health, and development.

Broad Community & Leadership Support

Momentum behind the Barnes Park Aquatics Center continues to grow, reinforced by endorsements from respected leaders, educators, youth advocates, and Olympic champions. The Scudder Family, whose roots in Monterey Park span more than 35 years, has expressed strong support for restoring this historic resource. John Naber, three-time Olympic gold medalist, has also endorsed rebuilding the pool to expand youth access.

Local leaders across multiple sectors have joined this effort, including JR Dzubak, CEO of the West San Gabriel Valley Boys & Girls Club; Dr. Denise Jaramillo, Superintendent of AUSD; Pam Rasmussen of Happy Day School; Foster Hirsch, acclaimed author and longtime resident; and the Monterey Park Historical Society, recognizing the pool's cultural and Olympic legacy.

Together, these endorsements reflect a united community—from families to educators, from historians to Olympic champions—committed to rebuilding a modern aquatics center that serves all ages and honors Monterey Park's past while investing in its future.

Coach Dejiang Li, 1988 Olympic Medalist, Offers Strong Support

Internationally respected diving coach Dejiang Li, a 1988 Olympic medalist in diving and Director of the LA84 After-School Diving Program at USC, issued a strong endorsement for SGV PUB. Coach Li notes that many elite divers launched their journeys in Monterey Park. His program's outcomes demonstrate the powerful college-pathway opportunities created by aquatics access:

- 12+ U.S. Diving National Champions
- 40% Ivy League admission rate
- 100% placement into Top 50 U.S. universities

He stated that a rebuilt Barnes Park Aquatics Center will "give future generations the same opportunities enjoyed by earlier Monterey Park athletes."

A Community-Driven Path Forward

With strong support from AUSD, local organizations, and youth leaders, SGV PUB is uniting the community to restore affordable aquatics access for all residents. A modern Barnes Park Aquatics Center will honor Monterey Park's history—while creating new opportunities for health, community connection, and college pathways for generations to come.

Donations are welcome and greatly appreciated!

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Save Barnes Park Pool rebuild and Reimagine the Barnes Park Aquatics Center the Right Way II

Save Barnes Park Pool — Rebuild and Reimagine Barnes Park Aquatics Center the Right Way! 🏊‍♂️

A modern, functional aquatics center can be achieved without expanding the current footprint — by rebuilding the pool and thoughtfully redesigning the space. Imagine updated maintenance facilities tucked beneath a new second-level, U-shaped shaded seating/bleacher area that supports competitions, community programming, and year-round use.

All we need is an additional 2 meters of excavation to restore our diving program and support MHS CIF-level competition. 🏊‍♂️🏊‍♀️

Submitted by: Margaret Leung, Resident of Monterey Park

Highlands Mock Trial Team Concludes Strong Second Season with Standout Performances

By Alhambra Unified School District

The Monterey Highlands Mock Trial Team wrapped up its second season of competition after strong showings in both the first and second rounds of the 48th Annual Los Angeles County Mock Trial Competition. Although the team did not advance to the quarterfinals this year, their efforts reflected months of preparation, teamwork, and impressive growth.

This year's team included 24 students in grades six through eight, supported by seven dedicated parent-volunteer coaches. Together, they spent countless hours reviewing case materials, practicing courtroom procedures, and developing character performances that brought each mock trial to life.

The season began on a high note during round one on November 5th, when the prosecution-side presented their case at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Downtown Los Angeles. Student-attorney Sum Yu Wu (grade 8) earned MVP recognition from the opposing team for her impressive articulation and confident delivery, while Dephany Chang (grade 6) achieved a perfect score as an expert witness with her clear explanation of GPS trilateration. The prosecution-side also received straight wins from all three scoring panelists, a rare and difficult accomplishment.

Round 2 of the competition took place on November 12th, and featured the defense-side, who took on charges of first-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter. Their performance was marked by compelling character work and strategic case-building. Nicholas Salmeron (grade 8) earned MVP honors after an engaging performance that drew immediate laughter and attention from the audience. Marshall Ta-Beadle (grade 6) also earned a perfect score, impressing the scoring panel with precision and professionalism.



The Monterey Highlands Mock Trial Team, supported by seven parent-volunteer coaches, celebrates a successful second season at the Los Angeles County Mock Trial Competition.

Principal Abel Bourbois praised the students and volunteer coaches for the commitment and enthusiasm that defined this season. "Our Mock Trial team continues to impress us with their determination, creativity, and willingness to take on challenging roles," he said. "Their work reflects the very best of our school community, and we are incredibly proud of how they represented Highlands throughout the competition."

The team's second year concluded with pride and appreciation for the students' growth, the coaches' dedication, and the continued momentum of a program that has quickly becoming a highlight of the school year.

AHS Senior Earns Top Honors at "Teens of L.A." Film Festival

By Alhambra Unified School District

Alhambra High School senior Emmett Lee earned top recognition at the recent Teens of L.A. Film Festival hosted by the Los Angeles Public Library. His short film, "11:59pm," won first place in the Live Action or Animated Short category and was later selected as Best Film of the entire festival.

The short captures the tension and fear of a forgotten deadline and a race against time. The idea for the project began when Emmett's mother encouraged him to submit something to the competition. From there, Emmett developed the concept for the film and took on the roles of writer, director, and editor. He collaborated with AHS alumnus Zihan (Jacky) Xing, who served as cinematographer, and fellow senior Leonardo De Dios, who starred in the short. Together, the team spent June 2025 bringing Emmett's vision to life while balancing the challenges of producing a polished, suspense-driven film on a tight timeline.

Reflecting on the process, Emmett said, "Ironically, after creating a film about the pressure of an upcoming deadline, we failed to follow our own lesson and I only submitted the short two hours before it was due. We were actually late to the festival as well so we almost missed our own work being shown. However, it all worked out in the end, and the joy of our work being honored has pushed us to continue expressing our talent."

Emmett also acknowledged the contributions of his friends, noting Jacky's keen eye for visuals as cinematographer and Leo's performance as the lead actor, which helped bring the story to life. Their hard work earned Emmett an \$800 scholarship to the Sydney Poitier 2026 Summer Film Camp, where he will continue developing his filmmaking skills.

AHS principal Diana Diaz-Ferguson praised Emmett's success. "Emmett's accomplishment shows the power of curiosity, dedication, and collaboration. We are proud of his achievement and can't wait to see how he continues to grow as a storyteller and filmmaker."



Alhambra High School senior Emmett Lee, center, poses after winning first place at the Teens of L.A. Film Festival for his short film "11:59pm."

Emmett was also recently selected as an AUSD Communications Intern, where he will have more opportunities to showcase his videography work during the school year. The district looks forward to seeing more of his creative projects in the months ahead.

Readers can watch "11:59pm" at <https://youtu.be/qHh3Q7ejRmI> and follow Emmett's future projects on his YouTube channel, Snowfall Pictures.

Seventy Years of Matador Pride Shine at SGHS Alumni Fest

By Alhambra Unified School District

San Gabriel High School marked a meaningful milestone as alumni, staff, and community members gathered for the school's 70th anniversary Alumni Fest, on Friday, October 24th. The celebration brought together generations of Matadors for an evening of games, entertainment, and food before their Homecoming football game, where SGHS secured a hard-fought 27-20 victory.

It was a festive and poignant reunion as alumni returned to campus to reconnect with classmates, teachers, and the school that shaped their early years. Six current and former principals were also in attendance to commemorate the occasion: Alex Ayala, Marsha Gilbert, Barbara Randolph, Debbie Stone, Jim Schofield, and current principal Jocelyn Castro.

Principal Castro shared her appreciation for the event's turnout and spirit. "Seeing so many Matadors come home to celebrate our 70 years reminds us what a special community this is," she said. "The pride, traditions, and connections built at San Gabriel High School truly last a lifetime."

Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed student performances, lively booths, and opportunities to revisit campus landmarks, all contributing to a night that honored the school's past while looking ahead to its future. The celebration continued at the Homecoming game, where the Matadors' win energized both the alumni and current students in attendance.

In the lead up to the event, SGHS continually used the motto, "Once a Matador; Always a Matador" and alumni took that phrase to heart as the 70th anniversary was a reminder of the deep roots and lasting legacy of being part of the SGHS family. If you missed out on this year's festivities, you won't have too long to wait... the 75th anniversary will be here before you know it.



Highlights from the 70th anniversary Alumni Fest at San Gabriel High School, capturing alumni reconnecting, students performing, and the community celebrating seven decades of Matador history. (Photo Credit: Reyna Guan, AUSD Communications Intern)

State and County Education Partners Visit Two AUSD Campuses to Observe Community Schools Work

By Alhambra Unified School District

Representatives from the California Department of Education and the Los Angeles County Office of Education visited San Gabriel High School and Marguerita Elementary School recently to learn more about Alhambra Unified's ongoing work with the Community Schools Initiative. The delegation was led by Dr. Erika Torres, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, who previously lived in the San Gabriel Valley and has long been familiar with the area's school communities.

The visit began at San Gabriel High School, where Principal Jocelyn Castro and site leaders provided an overview of the school's progress. Students played a central role throughout the morning, explaining how Community Schools efforts have taken shape on their campus, including projects such as the Partnership of Simple Solution, the Matador Unity Garden, and the Restorative Justice group, each highlighted by students involved in their development and daily work.

The team then traveled to Marguerita Elementary School, where Principal Tom Kohout and his team welcomed visitors to the Family Center. Students and staff representatives offered their perspectives during a discussion about the school's implementation of Community Schools practices. Guests learned about several student-led and student-supported projects, including the Makerspace activities, student calendar area, the site's Fine Garden and community garden, their recycling initiatives, and STEM activities.

Throughout the visit, Dr. Torres shared positive feedback and expressed that she was impressed with the meaningful progress underway at both schools. She commended students for their ability to explain their site-based work and noted the district's efforts to build programs that strengthen engagement, wellness, and family partnership.

AUSD leaders appreciated the opportunity to highlight the collaborative work happening across both campuses as the Community Schools initiative continues to grow districtwide.



Visitors from the California Department of Education and Los Angeles County Office of Education join San Gabriel High School students, Principal Jocelyn Castro, and district leaders during a recent Community Schools site visit.



Guests from state and county education offices tour Marguerita Elementary with students, Principal Tom Kohout, and AUSD staff while learning about the school's Community Schools programs.

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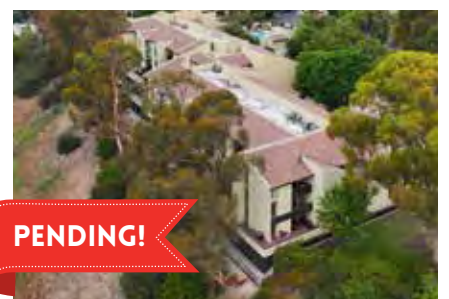
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聖誕樹安全守則

- 選擇新鮮的聖誕樹，樹針應呈綠色且不易掉落。
- 將樹幹底部切去約兩吋後再放入樹架，並每天加水保持濕潤。
- 保持聖誕樹距離壁爐、暖氣、蠟燭等熱源至少三尺，並遠離出入口。
- 每晚就寢前或外出時，務必關掉聖誕樹燈。
- 節日結束後或樹木乾枯時，請儘快移除並回收，可查詢本地回收計畫。

裝飾聖誕樹的安全

- 使用防火或阻燃材質的裝飾品。
- 點燃的蠟燭，要遠離任何可燃物。
- 確認燈飾的適用範圍(室內或室外)。
- 遵守製造商指示，勿過度連接燈串。

佳節聚會時的防火要點

- 測試煙霧警報器，並與訪客分享居家逃生計畫。
- 讓孩童與寵物遠離蠟燭與烹飪區域。
- 烹飪區周圍應設置至少三尺的「兒童禁區」。
- 吸菸者應到戶外吸菸，使用深型煙灰缸，並在丟棄前以水熄滅煙蒂。
- 使用爐台烹飪時，請勿離開廚房。

外出或就寢前請記得

- 熄滅所有蠟燭，並關閉燈飾與電源後再外出或就寢。

只要多花幾分鐘時間就可以注意大家的安全，就能讓您的節日溫暖、愉快又平安。本訊息由蒙特利公園市消防局提供，祝您與家人度過一個安全祥和的冬季佳節。

蒙特利公園市公布節日期間的垃圾收集與聖誕樹回收時程

公共工程部門提醒居民：城市垃圾收集將延遲一天，並提供環保的建議
由公共工程部門工作人員提供

蒙特利公園市公共工程部門提醒市民，聖誕節與元旦當週的垃圾、資源回收與廚餘(有機物)收運服務將延後一天，同時也鼓勵大家回收聖誕樹、以將資源回收後再可利用，這樣將會有一個能夠永續的方式歡度節慶。以下兩個節日週末的收運服務將延後一天進行：

- 2025年12月25日(星期四)聖誕節
- 2026年1月1日(星期四)元旦

聖誕樹回收服務

聖誕樹是100%可回收再資源。所有回收的樹木將運送至指定垃圾場，轉化為覆土或堆肥用木屑。請依下列步驟準備您的聖誕樹：

- 移除底座、裝飾品、燈串與金屬絲。
- 若樹高超過六尺，請將樹幹鋸成兩段。
- 將聖誕樹放置於一般垃圾桶旁，以便回收車輛收取。

市府的住宅垃圾承包商 Ware Disposal 公司將於每年聖誕節翌日起至翌年一月第二週的例行收運日進行聖誕樹回收。若逾期未能交出聖誕樹木，請將聖誕樹剪成小段後放入綠色廚餘(有機物)回收桶中。

請注意：人造樹、噴雪樹及噴防火劑的聖誕樹無法回收或堆肥，應視為一般垃圾處理。

綠色環保過節小建議

讓這個節日更具意義又能夠永續環保，以下幾個做法可兼顧環保與公益：

- 參與或贊助「認養一個家庭」(Adopt-A-Family)計畫：贊助人可收到一份節日願望清單，包括食物、衣物、禮券與玩具等。如需了解詳情，請瀏覽 DPSS, LACounty.gov 搜尋 "Adopt-A-Family"。
- 支持蒙市商家：在區內的小商店或市場購物能直接支持本地社區。
- 取代傳統包裝紙：減少使用華麗包裝紙與緞帶，改以可重複使用的布袋、報紙或紙袋包裝禮物。
- 發揮創意再利用：用家中現有的物品作為獨一無二的禮物，或將狀況良好的二手物品送給需要的人。

如需要更多資訊，請聯絡蒙特利公園市公共工程部門，電話 626-307-1320，或上網瀏覽 www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks。

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El Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park lanza nuevo Portal de Mascotas

Herramienta interactiva que ayuda a los residentes a localizar mascotas perdidas y reunir las con sus familias

Presentado por el personal del Departamento de Policía

La Oficina de Servicios para Animales del Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park ha lanzado un nuevo Portal de Mascotas en línea, que ofrece a los residentes una manera fácil de ver mascotas perdidas y encontradas, seguir actualizaciones y ayudar a que los animales extraviados regresen de manera segura a sus hogares.

Características principales

El sistema incluye un mapa interactivo que muestra el área general donde se encontró cada mascota y el lugar donde se encuentra actualmente. Las mascotas con algún tipo de identificación —como licencia, microchip o placa— permanecen en la estación de policía de Monterey Park hasta por 24 horas antes de ser trasladadas a un refugio designado.

El portal, fácil de usar, está diseñado para un acceso rápido y fomenta la

participación comunitaria al publicar actualizaciones del personal cuando una mascota es devuelta a su dueño o trasladada a un refugio.

Cómo puede usar el portal:

- Ver mascotas perdidas y encontradas en Monterey Park.
- Ayudar a reunir mascotas extraviadas con sus dueños.

El portal está disponible escaneando el código QR o visitando www.montereypark.ca.gov/animalservices. Para más información sobre una mascota perdida, comuníquese con Servicios para Animales del Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park al 626-307-1217 o escriba a animal_services@montereypark.ca.gov.



El Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park comparte consejos para mantenerse seguro durante la temporada festiva de invierno

Pequeñas precauciones pueden prevenir incendios y mantener las celebraciones seguras y alegres

Presentado por el personal del Departamento de Bomberos

Las festividades de invierno traen alegría, reuniones y decoraciones festivas, pero también aumentan el riesgo de incendios. El Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park recuerda a todos que con unas simples precauciones se puede disfrutar de una temporada segura y feliz.

Seguridad con el árbol de Navidad

- Elija un árbol fresco, con agujas verdes que no se caigan fácilmente.
- Corte 2 pulgadas (unos 5 cm) de la base antes de colocarlo en el soporte y agregue agua diariamente para mantenerlo fresco.
- Mantenga el árbol a 3 pies (aprox. 1 metro) de distancia de chimeneas, calentadores o velas, y lejos de las salidas.
- Apague las luces del árbol antes de acostarse o salir de casa.
- Retire el árbol rápidamente después de las fiestas o cuando esté seco. Revise los programas locales de reciclaje.

Decoraciones/Adornos seguros

- Use decoraciones/adornos resistentes o retardantes al fuego.
- Mantenga las velas encendidas lejos de cualquier objeto que pueda incendiarse.
- Asegúrese de que las luces estén clasificadas para uso interior o exterior según corresponda.
- Siga las instrucciones del fabricante sobre cuántas series de luces pueden conectarse de forma segura.
- Reemplace las luces dañadas y use ganchos o clips, no clavos, para colgarlas de manera segura.

- Evite colocar decoraciones cerca de ventanas o puertas donde puedan bloquear salidas.

Reuniones y celebraciones

- Pruebe los detectores de humo y comparta su plan de escape en caso de incendio con sus invitados.
- Mantenga a los niños y mascotas alejados de las velas y áreas calientes de la cocina.
- Cree una zona libre de niños de al menos 3 pies (1 metro) alrededor de la estufa.
- Pida a los fumadores que fumen al aire libre y usen ceniceros profundos; humedezca las colillas antes de desecharlas.
- Permanezca en la cocina siempre que esté cocinando en la estufa.

Antes de salir o ir a dormir

- Apague todas las velas, luces y decoraciones antes de salir de casa o acostarse.

Con solo unos minutos de precaución, puede mantener sus fiestas seguras, cálidas y llenas de alegría.

Este mensaje es presentado por el Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park, comprometido con la seguridad de nuestra comunidad durante toda la temporada.

Se anuncia el horario de recolección de basura y reciclaje de árboles durante las fiestas

Obras Públicas recuerda a los residentes los retrasos de un día en el servicio y comparte consejos ecológicos para unas fiestas sostenibles

Presentado por el personal del Departamento de Obras Públicas

El Departamento de Obras Públicas de Monterey Park recuerda a los residentes que la recolección de basura, reciclaje y desechos orgánicos se retrasará un día durante las semanas de Navidad y Año Nuevo, e invita a la comunidad a reciclar sus árboles navideños y celebrar las fiestas de una manera más sostenible. Los servicios de recolección se retrasarán un día por los siguientes feriados:

- Día de Navidad: jueves 25 de diciembre de 2025
- Día de Año Nuevo: jueves 1 de enero de 2026

Reciclaje de árboles navideños

Los árboles navideños son 100 % reciclables. Los árboles recolectados se llevan a vertederos designados para convertirse en mantillo o material de cobertura.

Por favor, prepare su árbol de la siguiente manera:

1. Retire la base, los adornos, las luces y el oropel.
2. Corte el árbol por la mitad si mide más de seis pies (aprox. 1.8 m).
3. Coloque el árbol junto a sus contenedores de basura habituales.

La empresa contratista de recolección residencial de la ciudad, Ware Disposal, recogerá los árboles navideños en sus días normales de servicio, desde el día después de Navidad hasta la segunda semana de enero de cada año.

Después de esa fecha, por favor corte el árbol en pedazos y colóquelo en su contenedor verde de reciclaje de orgánicos.

Tenga en cuenta que los árboles artificiales, los árboles con nieve artificial o los tratados con retardante de fuego no son reciclables ni compostables y deben desecharse como basura común.

Consejos ecológicos para las fiestas

Considere estas opciones para disfrutar unas fiestas sostenibles y, al mismo tiempo, ayudar a los demás:

- Participe (o regale un patrocinio) en el Programa Adopt-A-Family (Adopte una Familia). Los patrocinadores reciben una lista de deseos navideños que puede incluir alimentos, ropa, certificados de regalo y juguetes. Para más información, busque "Adopt-A-Family" en DPSS.LACounty.gov.
- Compre localmente. Hacer compras en un pequeño negocio o mercado del vecindario apoya directamente a las personas de su comunidad.
- Sustituya el papel de regalo tradicional. Evite los envoltorios y papeles decorativos y opte por bolsas de tela reutilizables, periódico o bolsas de papel.
- Elija reutilizar. Cree un regalo único utilizando artículos que ya tenga o dé un nuevo hogar a objetos de segunda mano en buen estado.

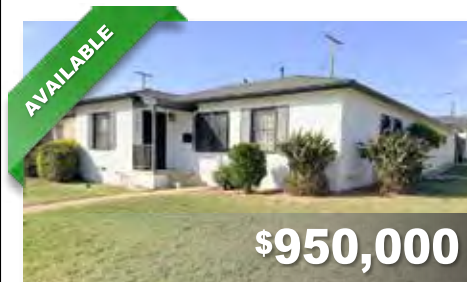
Para más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Obras Públicas al 626-307-1320 o visite www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks.



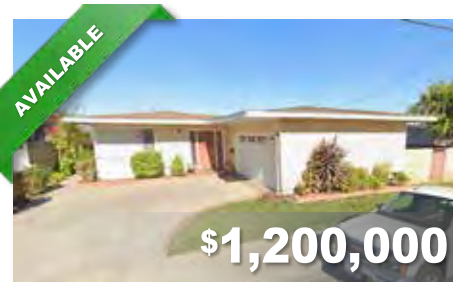
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| | Condo/Townhome | \$722,853 | \$912,088 | -20.75% |
| Alhambra | Single Family House | \$1,057,937 | \$1,009,059 | + 4.84% |
| | Condo/Townhome | \$702,000 | \$750,227 | -6.43% |



Client Testimonial

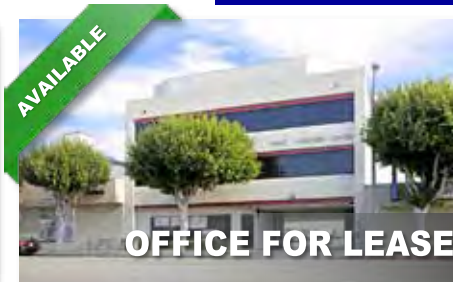
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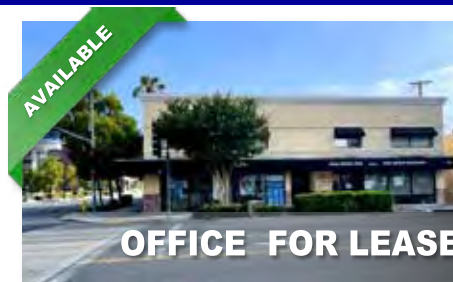
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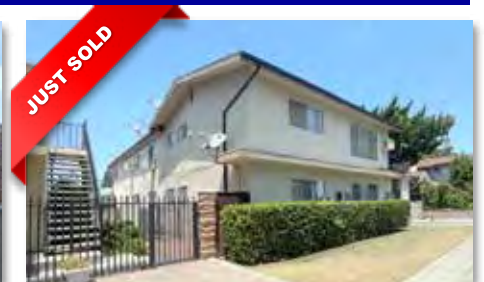
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Retail | Mod. Gross | 2,603-3,263 ft²



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