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Parks Master Plan to Shape Future of **City's Open Spaces**

By Recreation and Community Services staff

The City of Monterey Park Department of Recreation and Community Services is excited to announce the launch of its firstever Parks System



Master Plan. The start of this extensive planning process is beginning now and will shape the future of the city's open space network and recreational services.

This planning initiative reflects the City of Monterey Park's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents through thoughtful and strategic planning and investment. The planning process will be community-driven, ensuring that the voices of residents are heard and valued.

Throughout the process, the City of Monterey Park and consultant team City Fabrick will work to uplift the voices of all residents, stakeholders and partners, including those who have been historically marginalized from the decision-making process and those most vulnerable to long-range planning decisions.

Funding for this ambitious project has been made possible through the generous support of Los Angeles County Measure A. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to investing in local parks and recreational facilities to enhance the overall quality of life for residents across the region.

To stay informed and participate in the Parks System Master Plan process, please scan the QR code, visit www. montereypark.ca.gov/



parksplan, follow @montereyparkrec on social media or call Recreation at 626-307-1388.

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MPFD Presenting Crucial Community Emergency Response Training

CERT training covers potentially live saving disaster preparedness skills that are important to know if emergency services are not immediately available **By Fire Department staff**



The Monterey Park Fire Department will host a three-day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course to train residents in disaster preparedness and provide basic disaster response skills. The training is comprised of three Saturdays: May 4, 11, and 18, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is free to Monterey Park residents.

The purpose of the CERT course is to prepare CERT members to assist themselves and others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event or disaster when professional responders may not be available immediately to help.

"Our fire and police departments are prepared for all types of emergencies," said Fire Department Captain Justin Birrell, Monterey Park CERT Coordinator. "However, during a disaster, the number and magnitude of incidents can overwhelm emergency services, resulting in situations where community members may have to rely on each other for lifesaving and life-sustaining needs. Birrell added, "It is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people."

The three-day course includes CPR and AED certification; how to properly use a fire extinguisher; helping triage victims by controlling bleeding, treating for shock, and providing basic medical aid; and how and where to turn off gas meters, electricity, and water service if leaking or broken pipes are detected. Students will learn about the

structure and functions of emergency response operations, how to organize yourself and volunteers to be effective towards aiding victims, collecting disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts, and light urban search and rescue.



For more information or an application, please scan the QR code, visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/cert or contact Captain Justin Birrell at jubirrell@montereypark.ca.gov or 626-307-1271.

Top 5 Property Maintenance Guidelines to Help Keep Monterey Park Beautiful

By Code Compliance staff

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful community that has been recognized as "One of America's Best Places to Live," yet it takes our entire community to care for itself. We must all take steps to maintain our properties so that we can continue to be proud of where we live and enjoy having the highest property values possible.

When properties are neglected, it diminishes the aesthetics of the neighborhood and creates a public nuisance. Keeping this in mind, sometimes just performing the basic maintenance to your property enhances the appearance and preserves the quality of life in your neighborhood.

By following a few simple guidelines, residents can do their part to preserve this beautiful city. Below are a few simple ways you can help:

- Landscape maintenance: Maintain your property free of any dead, diseased or overgrown trees, bushes, weeds or other vegetation which is likely to harbor vermin, constitute a fire hazard or obstruct pedestrian and vehicular traffic due to overhanging onto the street or sidewalk.
- Easy-up canopies and other similar temporary covers: The use of easy-up canopies is not permitted when placed in the driveway or in public view.
- Litter and bulky items discarded on a public street: Check your parkway and sidewalk for trash and litter. If you have bulky items such as mattresses, refrigerators or other furniture, please call Athens Services at 888-336-6100 to schedule a pickup.
- Trash cans in public view: Store all your trash containers out of public view except on your scheduled collection day.

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- Illegal storage in public view: Maintain your property free from accumulation of packing boxes, lumber, junk, trash, discarded household material or other debris which is visible from public view and/or adjoining properties.

By working together, we can make a difference. The City of Monterey Park would like to thank you for your efforts to maintain a safe and beautiful place to live, work, and play.

For more information, please contact the Monterey Park Fire Department Code Compliance Division at 626-307-1415, codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov, www.montereypark.ca.gov or via our free mobile and web app, GoMPK.

Community Members Invited to Attend Meet Ups with the Mayor

Community members and business owners are invited to join the Monterey Park Mayor for casual conversation, to share thoughts, or just to catch up and learn more about our City. The meet ups will be informal, come-and-go events and do not require RSVPs.

Monday, March 25, 6-7 p.m. Bella Vista Elementary Cafeteria 2410 Findlay Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

Wednesday, April 10, 6-7 p.m. Monterey Highlands Elementary Cafeteria 400 Casuda Canyon Dr. Monterey Park, CA 91754

Saturday, May 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Langley Senior Center 400 W. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

For more information, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov.

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CITY HALL HOURS

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

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



CITY OFFICIALS

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

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

City Manager CMO@montereypark.ca.gov 626-307-1255

Community Development Building Division

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

Public Works Department

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

Fire Department

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

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

GoMPK App

Problem reporting app available on your device's app store www.montereypark.ca.gov/GoMPK

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

Police Department

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

Recreation and Community Services

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

Finance/Support Services

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

Service Providers AT&T Landline Home Phone 800-228-2020 Athens Services (Trash & Bulky Item Pick-Up) 888-336-6100 **Charter Spectrum** 877-906-9121 Housing Rights Center 800-477-5977 L.A. County Environmental Health 323-362-1280 L.A. County Info. & Referral Srvcs. (24/7) Dial 211 So. Cal. Edison 800-655-4555 So. Cal. Gas 877-238-0092 "iviain numbe

CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMISSION

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

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD Meets as Needed City Hall Council Chambers

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Location To Be Announced

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Bruggemeyer Library

> **PERSONNEL BOARD** Meets as Needed City Hall Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

1st Monday, 6:00 p.m.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

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

For more information, please visit onterevPark ca gov/Ro

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No Cost

Monterey Park Encourages Community to Register for Emergency Alerts

Monterey Park community members and visitors can receive free real time public safety messages through Nixle

By City Manager's Office staff

City of Monterey Park has partnered with Nixle to implement a community notification system to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories.

As a resident, registration is simple and free:

- Text your ZIPCODE to 888777 from your mobile phone or
- Visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/nixle or scan the QR code.

Once registered, residents will receive a confirmation text to their mobile device. Residents may also customize their alert settings by going to www.nixle.com and creating a User Profile.

The service is secure, reliable and easy to use. All Alerts will be targeted geographically, allowing residents to receive localized, relevant alerts from City of Monterey Park. Nixle Alerts can be sent via Text, Email, Web, and the Nixle Mobile App in an instant.

To sign up for free, or for more information, please scan the QR code or visit www.nixle.com or www.montereypark.ca.gov/nixle.

Business Connect By Economic Development Division staff



Monterey Park's New Streamlined Business Approval Process

To foster economic growth and enhance the ease of doing business, the City of Monterey Park has streamlined its business approval process with a simplified online application available at www.montereypark.ca.gov/businessapproval.

The new online system consolidates various permits into one user-friendly application, reducing paperwork and administrative hassle. This new process benefits existing businesses and those considering opening shop in our vibrant city. Monterey Park is open for business like never before, and the future looks brighter!

Go Store It Self Storage Grand Opening

Monterey Park welcomes the brand-new Go Store It Self Storage facility to our city. Located at 505 Monterey Pass Road, this state-of-the-art facility offers many personal and commercial storage solutions, providing residents and businesses with convenient and secure storage options.



"We are thrilled to welcome Go Store It Self Storage to our community," said Monterey Park Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres during the grand opening ceremony on January 18, 2024. "This facility provides a valuable service to our residents and businesses, offering them a secure and convenient space to store their belongings and assets."

Business Connect Spotlight: Mandarin Noodle House, A Monterey Park Culinary Legacy

Monterey Park, a city steeped in history and culture, is home to many culinary gems. One is the Mandarin Noodle House Restaurant at 701 West Garvey Avenue. Opened in 1978, this restaurant has been a cornerstone of the community, delighting residents and visitors with authentic Taiwanese cuisine sprinkled with a touch of Korean and Japanese flavors.



One of the standout dishes that keeps patrons returning for more is the legendary beef noodle soup with hand-pulled noodles. This dish is a testament to the restaurant's commitment to excellence. Each bowl is a symphony of flavors, with tender beef, savory broth, and noodles made with skill and precision. Pair it with their punchy cucumber salad and juicy pan-fried dumplings, and you have a meal that's nothing short of extraordinary.

In 2014, the restaurant saw significant change as 38-year-old Denny Mu, a third-generation family member, took the reins when his parents retired. Denny became the face of the restaurant, embodying the spirit of an authentic mom-and-pop establishment. Denny's goal is simple yet profound: to make every visitor feel at home and offer an exceptional dining experience. "Mandarin Noodle House Restaurant isn't just about food," said Denny. "It's about creating lasting memories and connections." He proudly notes that his grandfather, the restaurant's founder, was the first in the Los Angeles area to offer a unique combination of cold salads, dumplings, and beef noodle soup all under one roof.

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Like many businesses, Mandarin Noodle House Restaurant faced challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. While they have weathered the storm, they still appreciate the support and love from the community. By dining at this beloved restaurant, you savor incredible food and contribute to preserving a local institution.

In a world where restaurants come and go, Mandarin Noodle House Restaurant stands as a beacon of tradition and excellence. It's more than just a place to eat; it's a testament to the enduring power of family, community, and exceptional food. If you're in Monterey Park, don't miss the chance to experience this culinary legacy. For more information on Mandarin Noodle House Restaurant, visit www.mandarinnoodleca.com.

Put the Business Connect Spotlight On Your Business!

Are you looking for ways to promote your business? Be featured in an upcoming column of Business Connect for an 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 email econdev@montereypark.ca.gov.

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Thank you for being a vital part of the Monterey Park business community.

Monterey Park Makes Strides Towards Safer Roads

By Public Works staff

In 2022, the City of Monterey Park embarked on a significant journey towards enhancing road safety with the development of a Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP). This comprehensive plan, funded by a grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), aims to identify and analyze roadway safety issues, leading to strategic recommendations for improvements.

The LRSP focuses on several key areas, including the type of crashes, specific locations, and noteworthy relationships between current efforts and crash history. By delving into the city's transportation network's crash history, the plan enables the identification of factors inhibiting safety for all roadway users.

One of the plan's notable achievements has been the completion of numerous recommended improvements since its adoption. These include narrowing traffic lanes and installing LED lit stop signs at various locations. Additionally, the city has utilized road messages like "Stop Ahead" and strategically placed red curbs to enhance site distance for drivers.

The implementation of increased enforcement and educational programs, facilitated and coordinated through partnerships between the Public Works and Police departments, serves as an additional tool in the city's safety toolbox. Public input plays a vital role, with residents encouraged to submit traffic concerns via the GoMPK mobile and web app or by contacting city staff directly. The Public Works department meticulously evaluates each item, determining its validity and exploring solutions.

In 2023, the City Council demonstrated its commitment to road safety by adopting a Vision Zero resolution. This resolution signifies the city's dedication to working towards zero fatalities resulting from car accidents. Monterey Park received a grant for the development of a Vision Zero Plan, which includes a comprehensive safe route to school evaluation, complete streets guidelines for pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars, and a commitment to continuously prioritize investments in traffic safety.

Monterey Park's multi-faceted approach to traffic safety, encompassing engineering, enforcement and education, underscores its dedication to creating a safer environment for all road users. As the city continues to evaluate and implement safety measures, it is evident that Monterey Park is not just navigating the roads but leading the way towards a safer, more secure future for its residents.

For more information on the LRSP and traffic safety, visit www. montereypark.ca.gov/533/traffic or scan the QR code. The public's engagement in submitting requests and concerns is actively encouraged through the GoMPK mobile and web app. For more information, please visit the above webpage or contact Public Works at 626-307-1320.



MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY

318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park Monday and Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday: Closed

For more information about Library programs and services, visit the Library website at www.montereypark.ca.gov/Library or contact staff: Adult/Teen Services (626) 307-1368 • Children's Services (626) 307-1358 • Circulation Services (626) 307-1366 LAMP Literacy/Citizenship Services (626) 307-1251 • Passport Services (626) 307-1357 Text us at (626) 283-6062 • Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @MontereyParkLib

Celebrate Women's History Month

The Potato Chip Queen of Monterey Park

Saturday, March 16 at 3 p.m. in the Friends Room

Celebrate National Potato Chip Day with a fascinating talk about local business icon, Laura Scudder, and a delectable session of potato chip tasting! In the 1920s, Scudder defied convention by turning a simple potato chip into a million-dollar empire. The talk will be presented by Emmy-nominated TV writer/producer Ellen Sandler who wrote an article on Scudder for The Food Journal of the Culinary Historians of Southern California.

Art HERstory

Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room Celebrate Women's History Month by learning about famous female artists and their work. Art supplies will be provided to give you the chance to try your hand at their styles.

Matinee and Movie Club

Tuesday, March 12 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. Stay after the movie for an optional small group discussion where we will talk about the characters and ideas in the film, and what we liked - or did not like - about it.

Documentary Discovery

Tuesday, March 26 at 1 p.m. in the Friends Room Commemorate Women's History Month with this provocative, rousing and often humorous account of the birth of the modern women's liberation movement in the

from the women who lived it. This movie is not rated and runs for 92 minutes.

Adult Services

late 1960s through to its contemporary manifestations in the new millennium, direct

Introduction to Tinkercad

Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m. in the Computer Lab

Saturday, March 16 at 1 p.m. in the Computer Lab

Did you know that the Library offers free 3D printing services? Learn how to create your own 3D printing file using the Tinkercad online modeling program and have it printed at the Library for free! This program is designed for patrons aged 12 and up. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic – Weekdays

Mondays, 12:30 - 6 p.m. in the Computer Lab

Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Computer Lab

Individuals or families whose income is less than \$63,500 are invited to participate in Chinatown Service Center's VITA Clinic. This program is only for US residents or legal Green Card holders and registration is required on the Chinatown Service Center website. For more information, call Adult Services.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic – Saturdays

Saturday, March 9 and 23, 10:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. in the Computer Lab Haven Neighborhood Services will present VITA clinics on Saturdays. This service helps low-to moderate-income individuals, persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited-English speakers file their taxes each year. Tax preparation services will be conducted in Spanish, English and Mandarin. For more information about the program or to register, call Adult Services. At Risk of Losing Your Home? We Can Help!

Saturday, March 23 at 10 a.m. in the Large Classroom Attorneys from Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Southern California (AJSOCAL) will provide a free housing rights clinic. Meet with an attorney for free legal counsel and help with a variety of housing-related issues and free full legal representation for eligible tenants facing eviction. Other service areas include immigration, citizenship, anti-Asian discrimination, family law and more. Make an appointment for free legal counseling by calling 888-349-9695 (English) or 800-520-2356 (Chinese).

Crafternoon Tea

Saturday, March 23 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room Join other crafters to share ideas, compare projects or simply chat while you work! Bring your own supplies or use provided supplies to craft away. Light refreshments and a featured craft will be provided.

Agatha Christie Tea Party

Saturday, March 30 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room Calling all mystery fans: Hercule Poirot needs your help solving his latest whodunit! The clues are gathered, the suspects have been questioned, but can you figure out the criminal? Work together or alone in this immersive puzzle game to solve the mystery. Light refreshments will be provided.

Technology Help

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Computer Lab Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Computer Lab Saturdays at 1 p.m. in the Computer Lab If you have a computer, phone or tablet that you need assistance with, come to Tech Help, where a Library staff member will be present to answer your questions. Computers will also be available for one-on-one help on the internet or email. Seating is limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

Teen Services

Speaking of English: Teen Conversation Club

Friday, March 1 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Teens can practice their English language speaking skills and meet other teens in the community in a fun, low-pressure environment. No registration is required.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, March 2 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room Whether you are a spell-casting wizard, smiting paladin, or thieving rogue, adventurers will make their mark in the greatest role-playing game ever made!

Teen Study Hall

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

Junior Friends Meetings

Friday, March 8 and 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room The Junior Friends is a teen volunteer group with leadership and community service opportunities offered in conjunction with the library. At regular meetings, teens aged 14-18 can learn more about the organization and meet other members.

Upcycled Planter Pots Workshop

Get Fit While You Sit

Friday, March 8 at 10 a.m. at Langley Senior Center Join staff as we practice poses and do simple exercises to maintain flexibility, improve posture and boost memory and focus. To register, call Adult Services.

Free Legal Assistance Clinic

Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. in the Friends Room

Volunteer attorneys will be on hand to answer questions at the free legal assistance clinic sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA) and Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Southern California (AJSOCAL). Attorneys will answer questions about immigration, criminal law, civil matters, estate planning, government benefits, labor and employment. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call Adult Services.

Job Seeker Support

Wednesday, March 13, 2 - 4 p.m. in the Computer Lab

Chinatown Service Center will offer 30-minute one-on-one appointments to help write resumes or cover letters, as well as offering job-seeking tips. Please bring a copy of your resume or cover letter to your appointment. Help is available in Mandarin, Cantonese and English. To register, visit bit.ly/428Stnq.

Open Mic Karaoke

Thursday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Friends Room Step into the spotlight at Open Mic Karaoke! It is your time to shine, so grab the microphone and give it your all! Friday, March 8 at 4:45 p.m. in the Friends Room

Teens will learn how to turn old newspapers into planter pots to grow fruits and vegetables at home in this earth-friendly workshop offered by the Junior Friends and the Monterey Park Community Garden Coalition. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Origami Mood Tracker Workshop

Friday, March 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Join the Junior Friends and Therapicasso as we create origami stars to tell our stories. Write your daily experiences on paper strips, fold them into stars (blue for challenges, yellow for triumphs) and put them in a jar to take home.

Spring Break at the Library

Teens are invited to spend their Spring Break at the Library with a jam-packed week of activities! No registration is required, and spaces and supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teen Super 8 Film Workshop

Monday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room

Join Echo Park Film Center for an introductory workshop on Super 8 filmmaking and processing film with eco-friendly materials. In this workshop, teens will learn about film history, camera mechanics, and analog cinematography techniques and then put their new knowledge into practice as they do some filming of their own and possibly even some hand processing!

Junior Friends Pajama Party

Tuesday, March 26 at 5 p.m. in the Friends Room Come dressed in your favorite pajamas as we play games and dance the night away. Plus, there will be ice cream!

Hunger Games Tribute

Wednesday, March 27 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room Celebrate the Hunger Games by dressing up as your favorite tribute or Capitol trendsetter! We will be watching and discussing the latest installment in the Hunger Games universe which tells the story of Coriolanus Snow, years before he became the President of Panem. This film is rated PG-13 and runs for 165 minutes.

Smash Bros Tournament

Thursday, March 28 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room

Attention all Smash Bros fans! Join the first Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament, as teens compete in brackets and one player is named the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Smash Bros Tournament winner. Have a lucky controller? Be sure to bring it and any extra controls you can share.

Teens Tinker!

Friday, March 29 at 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab Spend the afternoon in the Computer Lab tinkering in Tinkercad! Tinkercad is a web-based computer-aided design (CAD) program where teens can create original designs or modify existing ones made for 3D printing.

LAMP Literacy/Citizenship/Passport Services

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

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

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

LAMP English Classes & Citizenship Program

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

提高你的阅读、写作和口语能力!英语作为第二语言(ESL)课程、会话课程和公民入 籍课程都是免费的。所有学生在注册之前都必须完成预测试,并且必须持有适当的个 人身份证明。在LAMP办公室注册或访问图书馆网站查看课程表。

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

¡Mejore sus habilidades de lectura, escritura y habla! Las clases de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL), las clases de conversación y las clases de preparación para la ciudadanía son gratuitas. Todos los estudiantes deben completar una prueba previa antes de unirse y deben tener una identificación personal adecuada. Para unirse, llame a la oficina de LAMP y visite el sitio web de la biblioteca para conocer nuestro horario de clases.

Apply Now for a U.S. Passport!

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

Children's Services

Elephant & Piggie Party

Wednesday, March 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room Join us for fun, games, and crafts based on the Elephant & Piggie series by Mo

Sensory Storytime

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

Spanish Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, March 30 at 12 p.m. in the Friends Room Families are invited to join us for Spanish bilingual storytime, where they will hear books, sing songs and learn vocabulary. Children of all ages and language abilities are welcome.

Music & Movement

Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m. in the Friends Room Join Children's Services staff for music, movement and dancing! This monthly program is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

Homework Help

Saturdays, 2 - 4 p.m. in the Children's Department The Library offers free homework assistance to elementary school children during the academic year. Students may bring in assignments and receive help from high school volunteers. No registration is required but parents must remain with their children – this is not a drop off program.

Storytimes

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

Family Storytime (all ages): Saturday at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Baby Storytime (birth to age 2): Thursday at 10 a.m.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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

Additional Resources for All

Scan & Save Memory Station

Do you have VHS tapes or a box of photographs that you have been meaning to digitize? Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library cardholders can use the Scan & Save Memory Station, a free, do-it-yourself space where you can digitize your personal collection of VHS tapes, photographs, slides, negatives and documents. The scanners are available Mondays from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 to 2 p.m. Appointments and a signed user agreement are required to use the equipment. For more information, and to make an appointment, visit the Library's website or contact Adult Services.

Free Video Streaming with Kanopy

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

Live Online Academic Assistance for Children and Adults

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

Willems! No registration is necessary, but materials will be provided on a firstcome, first-served basis. This program is for kids of all ages.

The InbeTWEENers Club

Thursday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Tweens in grades 4th - 8th are invited to join the monthly InbeTWEENers Club! Tweens will participate in activities meant to build friendships, self-esteem, and life skills. This month, tweens will compete in the Great Gross Out where they will guess food creations for a grand prize. No registration is necessary.

Art Zone

Thursday, March 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Kids ages 5-12 will create masterpieces based on the work of famous artists. This month, kids will create abstract paintings based on works by Alma Thomas. No registration is necessary, but materials will be provided on a first-come, firstserved basis.

STEAM Train

Friday, March 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

STEAM is STEM plus Art! Children ages 3-5 will spark their imaginations with activities and sensory play that encourage exploration and innovation. This month, children will learn about the butterfly life cycle with a craft. All aboard! All materials will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No registration is required.

Explore Nature with a State Parks Pass

Check out a California State Parks vehicle day-use pass for up to three weeks! The passes, made available through a partnership with California State Parks and the California State Library, allow free access to more than 200 beautiful parks, lakes, beaches and monuments in the State Parks system. More information on the eligible parks can be found on the California State Parks website at https://www. parks.ca.gov/ParkIndex. For additional information on checking out a pass, visit the Library website or call Adult Services.

Check Out a Parks Pack

Explore the outdoors with a California State Parks Pack! Patrons who are 18 years of age or older with a valid Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library card can check out a Parks Pack that includes a backpack, hiking poles, binoculars, laser compass, flashlight and guidebooks about California hiking trails and native bird species. A signed user agreement is required at checkout. For more information about the Parks Pack, visit the Library website or call Adult Services. These packs are supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

Recreation and Community Services Department CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

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

In-Person Indoor Classes

Shotokan Karate Do (Monthly)

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

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

Laurinda's Line Dance

A variety of music from Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Tango, Waltz, and upbeat modern. Improves memory, coordination, and builds stamina. Requirement: Must be able to adapt to loud music and some line dance. Ages 18-70 yrs. Laurinda Truong, Langley Senior Center. 12 weeks: January 9 – March 26 (Winter 2024) \$96

Tuesday 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

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 Senior Center Friendship Room.

10 weeks: February 11 – April 14 Sunday 11:00 am - 12:15 pm \$120

Wing Chun Kung Fu – Introductory (Monthly)

Introduction to Aumei Kung Fu including the official history

of Wing Chun, Desui, Chi Kung, and their philosophy in fundamental training, and applications in all ranges, long, short, grappling, rejuvenation breathing exercise, and weapons. Tom Wong, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room. Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 am \$89

Wing Chun Kung Fu -Intermediate (Monthly)

Include first levels of testing and more advanced fundamental training and basic sparring. Tom Wong, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room. Saturday 10:00 am - 11:00 am \$89



Chinese Reading Class – Ages 5-8 (Monthly – First 4 Sundays)

Mandarin Reading Adventure! Join our interactive class for children aged 5-8. Discover the joy of reading through engaging worksheets, interactive games, and creative crafts. No experience needed. Embark on a captivating journey of Mandarin literacy! Ana (Qiuting) Fan, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room. Sunday 9:30 am - 10:30 am \$98

Mandarin Chinese Playgroup – Ages 0-4 (Monthly – First 4 Sundays) Join our interactive parent-child Mandarin storytime. Dive into captivating tales,

songs, and activities to foster language skills and create lasting memories. No experience required. Ana (Qiuting) Fan, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room.

10:45 am - 11:30 am Sunday

Dance Fitness – Coming Soon!



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

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

\$78.70 **Tues & Thurs** 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm



Johnny Allen Tennis – Little Aces Tennis Class (6-8 yrs)

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

Tues & Thurs 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm \$88.70

Johnny Allen Tennis – Junior Aces Tennis Class (9-12 yrs)

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



6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

\$88.70

Johnny Allen Tennis – High School Aces Tennis Class (13-17 yrs)

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

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Tues & Thurs** \$88.70

Johnny Allen Tennis – Adult Cardio Tennis Class (18+ yrs)

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

Tues & Thurs 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm \$88.70

"MPK Minis" by Breakthrough Sports Little Hoopers – Coming Spring 2024!

Breakthrough Sports award-winning program to help instill basic fundamentals of basketball in a fun environment for children 3 to 7 years of age! Four one-hour sessions with each session focusing on a specific basketball fundamental (dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense). Breakthrough Sports, Garvey Ranch Park. Dates & Times: TBD \$75

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Breakthrough Sports Basketball Training Academy – Coming Spring 2024!

Breakthrough Sports award-winning program to provide weekly training for youth basketball players of all skill levels at an affordable price. Participants will improve mechanics, basketball IQ, and most of all, confidence in a FUN environment. The curriculum is designed to work on all aspects of basketball, in addition to strength building exercises. Breakthrough Sports, Garvey Ranch Park.







Line Dancing

A fusion-fitness class combining exercise techniques, tunctional strength training, and dancing. Find new ways to improve balance, strength, and flexibility while dancing! No prior dance experience required. *Low-impact alternatives available. Ages 18+. Megan Lee, Location TBD.

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Time: TBD Day: TBD \$130 Visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/classes for updated information.

In-Person Outdoor Classes

Hitting Fundamentals for Beginning to Advanced Baseball / Fast-pitch Softball (30-Minute Private Instruction)

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Dates & Times: TBD \$75

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Breakthrough Sports 3-on-3 Basketball League – Coming Spring 2024!

Breakthrough Sports award-winning 3-on-3 basketball league open to boys and girls K-8th grade of all experience levels. The league features one practice and one game per week with a professional coach (not volunteer coaches). Breakthrough Sports, Garvey Ranch Park.

Dates & Times: TBD \$199

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Group Outdoor Fitness – Beginners – Coming Soon!

Coach Jeremy brings his 10+ years of experience in outdoor fitness for beginners to George Elder Park. This fun, supportive class environment will guide you through basic movements designed to support strength, balance, flexibility, mobility, cardio training, and agility. Jeremy Lieberman, George Elder Park Green Space (east side of park, near tennis courts.)

Thurs 7:30 pm & Sat 8:00 am Dates: TBD



Visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/classes for updated information



In-Person Senior Classes at Langley Center

Mature Driving Class

Mature driver improvement course is designed for drivers 55 and older and provide instruction on defensive driving. California motor vehicle laws, updates on rules of the road and the effects that medication, fatigue, alcohol, visual, or auditory limitations have on a person's driving ability. Course completion certificate will be issued following class. Monterey Park Police Department, Langley Center AB Room.

Call for Exact Date (Wednesday) 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Cost \$1.00

Friendship Chorus

Monthly Classes

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

March 6 – May 29 \$75 Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

May's Tai Chi Class

Learn and train in the fundamental skills of Tai Chi Fan to improve coordination, strength, flexibility, and mental agility. A basic foundation in Tai Chi Chuan is helpful, but all levels are welcome. Ages 50+. Sing May Chen, Langley Center Friendship Room.

January 6 – March 23 (No Class Feb 24, class extended extra 30 min on Feb 17 & March 2) Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 am \$135

International Folk Dance

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

January 12 – March 29 Friday

9:00 am - 12:30 pm \$30

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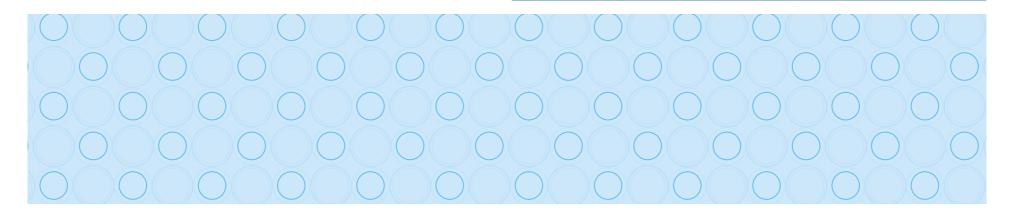
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Local Foundation Offering Education-Related Financial Grants and Scholarships

By Ed Aguirre, Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation

The Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation (ADN) will continue its financial grants and scholarship programs after a hiatus due to the COVID epidemic. The two programs were started in 2009 and the Foundation has given over one million dollars since the program began. Approximately \$40,000 in grants and \$15,000 in scholarships will be given this year. Grant and scholarship applications will be available beginning in February 2024 and will be due on March 8, 2024.

ADN was founded in 1943 by a group of women in the Alhambra community with the mission of assisting working mothers with childcare during WWII. After the war, the organization continued to assist the community by providing childcare and pre-school programs in cooperation with the Alhambra School District. Fourteen years ago, ADN changed its' mission to: "providing financial grants to individuals and organizations working with children, and scholarships to students graduating from local high schools or local students attending college with majors in childhood education or related fields".

Financial Grant applications will be accepted for consideration from individuals or groups for projects involving children living within the boundaries of the Alhambra school district, which encompasses all of Alhambra, parts of Monterey Park, San

Gabriel and Rosemead. Projects must show evidence of enriching the lives and wellbeing of children through education and be a "not for profit" program. In the past, grants have been awarded to teachers, schools, the YMCA, Girls Scouts and others. Grant applications may be requested by e-mail from Ed Aguirre, grant coordinator, at eoaguirre@aol.com . Completed applications must be submitted by March 8, 2024. Successful applicants will be notified in early May and the awarded funds will be available shortly thereafter.

Students graduating from public or private high schools within the boundaries of the Alhambra Unified School District are eligible for \$1,000 scholarships. Students can apply for an additional \$1,000 scholarship the second year of college and \$2,000 the third and fourth year. Applicants must show proof of registration in classes leading to a degree in early childhood education or a related field.

Scholarship applications will be available in February 2024 from your school scholarship coordinator or by e-mail from Denise H. Bieker, ADN Scholarship Coordinator at dhbieker@aol.com. Scholarship applications are also due on March 8, 2024.

Chamber Happenings

By Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce staff



Celebrating Success and Building Connections

The Chamber is excited to bring you the latest news and updates from the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce! As an organization dedicated to fostering economic growth and collaboration within our community, we are proud to highlight past events and upcoming opportunities that showcase the vibrant spirit of our local businesses.

Upcoming Events

Spring Festival: Embracing Traditions, Embracing Community. On March 1, the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce invites you to celebrate the Lunar New Year with our much-anticipated Spring Festival. The event will be held at the esteemed Capital Seafood Restaurant on Garvey Avenue at Atlantic Boulevard offering a spectacular Royal Banquet that promises to tantalize your taste buds with a delectable array of culinary delights. In addition to the gastronomic feast, the festivities will feature a captivating "Hanfu" contest, showcasing the elegant and culturally significant dress of the Han Dynasty in China along with other entertainment. This promises to be an unforgettable celebration of heritage, community, and togetherness.

Past Events

323 Multi Chamber Mixer: Connecting Communities Together. In a striking display of unity and collaboration, the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce recently hosted the 323 Multi Chamber Mixer. This event brought together several local Chambers, including Rosemead Chamber of Commerce, Commerce Industrial Council and the El Monte/S. El Monte Chamber of Commerce among others creating a platform for businesses and entrepreneurs to network, exchange ideas, and forge new partnerships. We witnessed firsthand the power of connection and the endless possibilities that arise when diverse communities come together.

New Businesses in Town

In spite of the negative economic outlook being talked about in the media, Monterey Park welcomed some new businesses into the community. The Subways Sandwich store at 2250 S. Atlantic Blvd. is now under new management. by Yash Vaidya, who comes from a family with several stores already under their belt. The Chamber also helped open two new restaurants along Garvey Avenue. Yau Ma Tei Yummy Restaurant and Zheng Dou Wonton King Restaurant welcomed new customers with a huge celebration complete with traditional dancing lions and a roast pig. Hanna and Benso are first-time restaurateurs and is working hard to make their businesses successful. The event was covered by local press By the way, if you haven't tried it yet, give it a go. They have specials from \$11.80.

Ongoing Event

Car Meet at Luminarias Restaurant. Revving Up the Excitement. Every 3rd Sunday of the month, gearheads and enthusiasts gather at the parking lot next to Luminarias Restaurant for an exhilarating Car Meet. From 8 am until noon, this ongoing event showcases an array of exquisite automobiles, fostering a vibrant automotive culture in Greater Monterey Park. Whether you're a proud car owner or simply an admirer



of automotive artistry, this gathering promises an unforgettable experience. The monthly meet is partly supported by Venerable Law located at 328 S. Atlantic Blvd., Ste. 205. The law firm specializes in personal injury. Free coffee is provided by our local Monterey Park Starbucks. This event is free for participants and spectators.

The Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit 501(c) (6) entity committed to promoting economic growth, celebrating diversity, and connecting businesses within our community. We look forward to your active participation in these upcoming events and invite you to join us as we continue to build a stronger, more vibrant Monterey Park. For membership, business startup or grand opening support information, please email Dora@gmpkchamber.org.

To stay updated on all our latest events and initiatives, please email info@ gmpkchamber.org while we update our website www.gmpkchamber.org for 2024. You can also follow us on social media (IG: GMPKCC, FB: Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce). Together, we can achieve great things!

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What's In the Sky for March

By David Nakamoto, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. Clocks should be set forward one hour according to the saying, "spring forward, fall back."

The Moon is at last quarter on the 3rd, new on the 10th, first quarter on the 16th and full on the 25th.

Here are the planets as they appear from evening to morning:

Neptune is in the constellation Pisces the Fishes. On March 1, the Sun sets at 5:50 p.m. and Neptune sets in the west at 6:58 p.m., one hour eight minutes later. On the 9th, the Sun sets at 5:57 p.m. and Neptune sets at 6:28 p.m., 31 minutes later. Neptune is the faintest of the planets at magnitude +7.8, so for practical purposes it is not observable through March.

Mercury starts March close to the Sun and is unobservable. On the 6th, the Sun sets at 5:54 p.m. and Mercury sets in the west at 6:26 p.m., 32 minutes later. The planet is at full phase but only 5.1 arcseconds wide, so a magnification of 200x or more is needed to see its disk. On the 24th, the Sun sets at 7:08 p.m. and Mercury sets at 8:39 p.m., one hour 31 minutes later - the maximum time between the two events for March. The planet will be bright at magnitude -1.6, third only after Venus and Jupiter, is at half phase, and is 7.3 arcseconds wide. On the 31st, the Sun sets at 7:14 p.m. and Mercury sets at 8:30 p.m., one hour 16 minutes later. The planet fades to magnitude +1.0, is a crescent and 9.0 arcseconds wide. Do not observe any planet when it comes close to the Sun, for the danger to the eyes is great.

Jupiter is in Aries the Ram. On March 1, Jupiter sets in the west-northwest at 10:32 p.m. and on the 31st it sets at 10:02 p.m. The planet shines at magnitude -2.1, and is 34 arcseconds wide, the largest planet visually and second only to Venus in brightness (magnitude). A telescope capable of magnification 50x will show the Red Spot, and the four bright Galilean moons can be seen moving back and forth, across and behind Jupiter.

Uranus is in the constellation Aries the Ram. On March 1, Uranus sets in the west-northwest at 11:12 p.m., and on the 31st, it sets at 10:20 p.m. On the 15th, Uranus is at Right Ascension 3h 10m 44s with a declination of +17° 29' 9". The disk of Uranus is the second faintest planet, shining at magnitude +5.8, and is only 3.5 arcseconds wide, and so a telescope with a magnification of 150x is needed, and then it is visible as a small disk.

Mars moves from Capricornus the Sea Goat to Aquarius the Water Bearer on March 19. On the 1st, Mars rises in the east-southeast at 5:06 a.m. and the Sun rises at 6:21 a.m., one hour 15 minutes later. On the 31st, Mars rises at 5:17 a.m. and the Sun rises at 6:41 a.m., one hour 24 minutes later. Mars is

nearly fully illuminated, at magnitude +1.3, but is only 4.4 arcseconds wide, which is too small a disk to see anything on its surface.

Venus rises in the morning in the eastsoutheast at 5:17 a.m. on March 1, one hour four minutes before sunrise. On the 31st, Venus rises at 6:04 a.m., 37 minutes before sunrise. Venus will soon leave the morning sky and start appearing in the evening. The planet is nearly fully illuminated, is at magnitude -3.9, brighter than any other planet, but is only 10 arcseconds wide.



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Saturn is in Aquarius the Water Bearer. The planet starts March close to the Sun and is unobservable. On the 16th, Saturn rises in the east at 6:31 a.m. and the Sun rises at 7:01 a.m., 30 minutes later. On the 31st, Saturn rises at 5:37 a.m., one hour and four minutes before sunrise. The planet is at magnitude +1.0 and is 16 arcseconds wide. The rings and Saturn's largest moon, Titan, may be seen with a telescope capable of magnification 50x.

Spring begins in the Earth's northern hemisphere, and autumn in the southern hemisphere, at 8:06 p.m. on March 19. This is the precise moment when the Sun reaches the point where the ecliptic crosses the celestial equator, moving from south to north. The point where and the time when the Sun crosses the celestial equator to the north is the vernal equinox. Spring ends with the summer solstice on June 20.

A penumbral lunar eclipse occurs on March 25. The eclipse begins at 9:53 p.m., reaches mid-eclipse at 12:13 a.m., and ends at 2:31 a.m. During a penumbral lunar eclipse, the Moon travels through the outer, fainter portion of Earth's shadow and does not significantly dim as it would during an umbral eclipse, when the Moon passes through the darker umbral part of Earth's shadow.

Garvey Ranch Observatory is located on the east end of Garvey Ranch Park. Parking is available on the west side of S. Orange Avenue south of Graves Avenue. The observatory is open every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., weather permitting. The telescope is open for public viewing if the sky is clear. It is manned by volunteers from the Los Angeles Astronomical Society. Admission and viewing through the telescope are free. More info is available at www.laas.org; www.facebook.com/ losangelesastronomicalsociety; or 213-673-7355. Garvey Ranch Park is located at 781 S. Orange Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91755. The author can be reached at dinakamoto@hotmail.com.



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For more information, please contact 626-307-1348.



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AUSD to 8–11th Grade Students: Help Shape District's Future, Run for 2024–25 Student Advisory Council By Toby Gilbert

AUSD wants students to make their voices heard and make a difference in their community. The district's Student Advisory Council (SAC) is gearing up to elect next year's grade-level representatives. The12-member council plays a crucial role in ensuring that student voices are at the forefront of district decision-making processes, advocating for positive change, and fostering inclusive environment where everyone belongs.

The district urges 8th-11th grade students to run this spring to be a gradelevel representative on the 2024-25 SAC. Being elected a member means having a chance to influence decisions directly impacting students' educational experience. Additionally, each year the council votes one of the members to be the student board member for the next school year. The elected student board member for 2024-25 will follow AUSD's first-ever student board member, Justin Wang, who graduates in May. The student board member actively engages with district administrators and the community, attends board meetings, and advocates for the interests of fellow students on a district-wide level.

For the 2024-25 year, incoming freshmen representatives will be elected from their elementary/middle schools as finalists for ninth-grade representatives, and then go through one more step in the selection process to allow them to take on their role earlier. In this inaugural year, freshmen did not get elected until September. The election timing change will allow the three elected freshmen to participate in the important June leadership training and team building.

Election information will be distributed to AUSD school sites in mid-March. "We want students to be on the lookout and make sure to follow the steps for your school's elections," said Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo. "Being part of SAC means you will actively contribute to positive change, develop invaluable leadership skills, and leave a lasting impact on the AUSD community."

AUSD 2023-24 SAC members are:

- Alhambra High School: Justin Wang, Student Board Member (gr. 12); Arely Lovato (gr. 11); Keiko Rakin (gr. 10); and Leslie Chu (gr. 9)
- Mark Keppel High School: Kaitlyn Cao, Student Board Member Alternate (gr. 12); Madison Kang (gr. 11); Reuben Wu (gr. 10); and Angelina Yip (gr. 9)



"These12 Alhambra USD students elected by their classmates as grade-level representatives at each high school have done an outstanding job serving as the District's 2023-24 Student Advisory Council," Superintendent Dr. Jaramillo said. The council meets for monthly collaborations, participates in leadership training throughout the year, makes presentations to the Board and district administrators, and represents AUSD at community events. Information on running for grade-level representative to become a 2024-25 SAC member will be distributed at each school in March.

• San Gabriel High School: Mindy Wu (gr. 12); Yingjie (gr. 11); Jasmine Ung (gr. 10); and Kevin Tang (gr. 9)

Justin Wang, Alhambra High senior, SAC chairman, and student board member, urges interested students to reach out to any current Student Advisory Council member to ask questions, find out more about running for the council, and learn what is involved in being part of SAC.

"If you are passionate about making a difference and want to play a role in shaping AUSD's future, don't miss out on this opportunity to become a member of the Student Advisory Council by running for 2024-25 grade-level rep at your school." Justin urges. "Together, we can work towards creating a school environment where students' voices are valued and heard."

AEF Continues Ambitious Fundraising for AUSD Sixth-Grade Science Camp, Asks Community to Join Adopt-A-Camper Program By Toby Gilbert

AEF board members presented the district with a \$50,000 check at a recent AUSD Board of Education meeting. These funds will go toward sending every Alhambra Unified School District sixth grader to science enrichment camp in the month of March — and every spring in the future. To make science camp an ongoing reality for students, AEF is continuing to raise the funding needed.



At science camp, 1,031 sixth graders will have an immersive experience that offers a hands-on approach to scientific inquiry while they participate in lively, engaging activities. Science camp promotes teamwork, resilience, strong peer relationships, and a sense of responsibility for the environment.

"AUSD is committed to providing students with enriching experiences like science camp because we know transformative opportunities like this one can be life changing for our children," said Janet Lees, assistant superintendent education services.

AEF president Steve Perry urges, "We are asking for the community's assistance. If you are able to become a sponsor of AEF's Adopt-A-Camper program, please make your donation through this link: https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/ charity/2257144."

He points out that many of the students have never seen the mountains, never left SGV or ever spent a night away from home. Perry adds that donors of \$50 and above will receive a commemorative ornament as a token of appreciation.

"AUSD and our families are very fortunate to have a strong partnership with AEF," said Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo. One of AEF's current major fundraising projects is to raise a total of \$250,000 for science enrichment camp for every sixth-grade student. If you can become a sponsor of AEF's Adopt-A-Camper program, please make a donation at: https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/2257144.

At the check presentation ceremony, AEF surprised the district by announcing another donation of \$10,000 to support AUSD's Visual and Performing Arts programs with the purchase of musical instruments. This donation was made possible by a recent grant through the Pasadena Showcase House of Design.





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"You Can Sit with Us": Mean Girls Takes Center Stage at Mark Keppel High

By Toby Gilbert

This month, Mark Keppel High School brings the iconic musical Mean Girls to life with their much-anticipated spring musical. Featuring a cast of 40 actors, 30 tech students, and 50 musicians, their adaptation will captivate with its humor, smart dialogue, and great music.

Mean Girls is based on the 2004 film which later became a hit stage musical and is now a popular film musical. It is the story of Cady Heron, a teenager who transfers from Africa to Illinois and must sort out how to maneuver from homeschool to public high school. Filled with memorable characters, witty dialogue, catchy tunes, and insightful commentary on teenage life, the production is an entertaining experience for everyone.

Audiences have the chance to join in the fun as Cady, the legendary Plastics, and the lovable misfits navigate the hilarious world of teenage cliques, crushes, and cafeteria drama. It promises to be "so fetch." Catch the full performance of Mean Girls at MKHS on March 8-9 or 15-16. Tickets are available at: mkhs. myschoolcentral.com See accompanying graphic for details.



These talented MKHS performers have already given a sneak peek of the first 20 minutes of the production when they were recently invited to provide the entertainment for the Tournament of Roses leadership retreat. Experience the magic of Mean Girls, live on stage at Mark Keppel High School this month. Tickets available at: mkhs.myschoolcentral.com

Surf's Up with National School Breakfast Week By Toby Gilbert

The 2024 National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) campaign in March encourages students to take advantage of healthy breakfast options at school. Alhambra Unified joins the country in celebrating NSBW from March 4-8th.

Busy weekday mornings make it a challenge for many families to find time for a healthy breakfast. AUSD schools make it easy for students to get a nutritious breakfast, complete with fruit and low-fat or fat-free milk, to make sure they are fueled and better able to listen, learn, and focus in class.

AUSD's Food and Nutritional Services (FNS) team put together fun incentives for the week. Students who eat school breakfasts every day during NSBW are eligible to win a variety of prizes at the elementary level or a front-of-the-line VIP pass for the selected high school student and up to three friends.

The NSBW campaign theme, "Surfs Up with School Breakfast," reminds the district community that school breakfasts are a healthy, energizing start to the day for students. Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight

"A healthy breakfast at the start of the day helps ensure students are nourished and ready to learn," said William Fong, who was recently promoted to Director I of FNS. "National School Breakfast Week is one way our team helps educate students about all the nutritious and delicious choices we offer each day."

Alhambra Unified School District NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK



During the week of March 4-8th, AUSD celebrates 2024 National School Breakfast Week to remind families that children who eat a healthy school breakfast feel stronger, focus better, and achieve more academically. The Surf's Up with School Breakfast theme underscores the energizing effects on students when they eat a tasty, nutritious breakfast at school. The graphic gives details about this year's incentives for AUSD elementary and high school students.

Baldwin Students Delight In Farmer Teresa's Fresh Produce + Tales of Farm-to-Table Journey Baldwin School Farmers Mark

By Toby Gilbert

AUSD's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) department partnered with Martha Baldwin School to bring Farmer Teresa from Old Grove Orange Farms to show what it takes to grow the food they eat. Farmer Teresa's stories about how all that

Baldwin School Farmers Market

produce makes it from the farm to their tables captivated students.

As a bonus for her January visit, Farmer Teresa created a mini Farmers Market filled with fresh produce direct from her farm. The bright colors and sweet aromas of fresh-from-the earth fruits and vegetables sparked the curiosity and excitement of the TK-8 grade learners.

During each grade-level assembly, Farmer Teresa, assisted by Baldwin's student Nutrition Advisory Council (NAC), talked about Old Grove Orange Farm (which specializes in bringing fresh locally grown produce to schools and districts), the importance of agriculture, and what life is like on the farm.

The highlight came when the students could immerse themselves in the vibrant colors and textures of the farm-fresh produce. They eagerly sifted through the many bins of fruits and vegetables, carefully selecting their favorites for sampling.

"It was incredible to see the students' faces light up as they explored the varieties of produce and all their different colors and sizes," said Kathy Mach, AUSD Food Service Field Supervisor. "Their delight reaffirms how important it is that we connect students with the source of their food and talk about what Farmer Teresa calls the nutrient super powers of produce."

Farmer Teresa's visit was a reminder of the labor and care that goes into each piece of produce students consume. With her enthusiastic guidance, students could recognize and value the hard work and dedication of farmers who bring food to their homes and schools.



This collage of photos from Baldwin's mini Farmers Market event shows the excitement and enjoyment of students appreciating farm fresh food and learning how the produce makes its way from local growers to family tables.

Principal Chris Takeshita expressed gratitude for Farmer Teresa's visit and the efforts of FNS to connect students' meals to the school's curriculum. "Today's lesson went beyond textbooks and classrooms and brought an appreciation of agriculture to life for our students," explained Takeshita. "We are grateful to Farmer Teresa for sharing her knowledge and passion with our students, and for giving our NAC students the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills during events like these."

Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo said, "We are thankful to Farmer Teresa and to AUSD's Food and Nutrition Services for thrilling our students in such a fun-filled and educational day."

Do You Have Your Tickets for The PTA Founders Day Dinner + Awards Celebration yet?

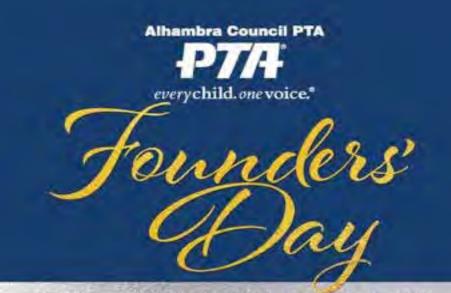
By Toby Gilbert

Join the March 8th fun-filled Founders Day evening of dinner, silent auctions, and raffles. The PTA Founders Day is an opportunity to celebrate and thank PTA Honorary Service Award recipients -- all those amazing people who are champions of AUSD, district PTAs, schools, students, and families.

Proceeds from this fundraiser support operating costs and projects, including the PTA Reflections Art program and PTA scholarships for AUSD high school seniors. The contributions make it possible for Alhambra Council PTA to continue fulfilling the PTA mission to positively impact the lives of children and families.

Support this magnificent effort by contacting your local PTA to purchase a ticket.

Details: Friday, March 8, 2024 6:00 pm Hilton Los Angeles / San Gabriel Hotel 225 West Valley Boulevard in San Gabriel \$60 per person NOTE: Tickets NOT available at the door



DINNER AND AWARDS CELEBRATION



Join us for a fun-filled evening of dinner, silent auctions, and raffles. Proceeds from our fundraiser will support our operating costs and projects, including the Reflections Art Program and Scholarships for our AUSD High School Seniors. The contributions will also enable ACPTA to continue fulfilling the mission of PTA to positively impact the lives of children and families.

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No-Host Bar: 6:00 p.m. | Dinner and Program: 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$60 per person Please contact your local PTA to purchase a ticket. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

ALA's Celebrating Our Cultures Festival Spotlights AUSD Community's Many Heritage Traditions in Music, Dance, Art, Drama, Fashion, Food, Storytelling By Toby Gilbert

The Alhambra Latino Association (ALA) has always known that cultural festivals strengthen a community's capacity for joy, creativity, and togetherness. That energy was on display at their Celebrating Our Cultures Festival on a rare sunny February afternoon filled with magnificent student music, dance, drama, art, storytelling, fashion design, and SGHS's Nutrition Advisory Council's delicious smoothies freshly mixed on the blender-bike. Students from all three high schools entertained families and celebrated AUSD's cultures. Student clubs and community organizations were on hand to share resources.

Alhambra High School's Ballet Folklórico and the Dream Center brought their gifts for dance and storytelling to the celebration. Mark Keppel's Aidan Gomez, trumpet player for the MKHS band, and guitarist, David Holquin, played much-loved Latin music favorites. A lively Matador band ensemble entertained, the SGHS Vietnamese Cultural Club presented their elegant twist on traditional Vietnamese dress in a fashion show, SGHS thespians unveiled a sneak preview of their exhilarating upcoming April musical, In the Heights, by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Adding to the cultural mix were students from SGHS Bravo Way Club and Corazon Latino.

To learn more about the Alhambra Latino Association or to make a donation, please visit their website: alhambralatinoassociation.com



Festivals have the power to bring people together, bridge divides, and reinforce a sense of belonging. The Alhambra Latino Association's Celebrating Our Cultures Festival at San Gabriel High in February is an example of cherishing the energy, talents, and originality of AUSD's multi-cultural students. Top, SGHS thespians unveil a sneak peak of their exhilarating April musical In the Heights by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Bottom left to right, Alhambra High's stunning Ballet Follorico, Mark Keppel trumpet player, Adrian Gomez playing Latin favorites with guitarist David Holquin, and SGHS's Vietnamese Club fashion show featuring their elegant twist on traditional Vietnamese dress.

South Korean Students Warmly Welcomed at AHS and MKHS, AUSD's Cultural Exchange Program Grows By Toby Gilbert

In January, Alhambra High School and Mark Keppel High School each welcomed a group of South Korean high school students with colorful banners and bands playing for a festive first day of hospitality, part of the district's expanding South Korean Student Cultural Exchange program.

Both schools treated their delighted South Korean visitors to a delicious luncheon of tacos or In-n-Out burgers, entertained them with a variety of high energy student performances, posed for selfies, and followed up with campus tours. For ten days, the South Korean students stayed in the homes of AHS and MKHS families and joined their host student in classes, sports, clubs, and social activities.

AUSD is sending a group of very excited AHS and MKHS students to South Korea for their own exchange opportunity in March during spring break.



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Alhambra Council PTA Honors 2023–24 Reflections Art Competition Winners + Participants

By Toby Gilbert



In January at Mark Keppel High the Alhambra Council PTA celebrated all 43 of this year's outstanding AUSD entries in the PTA Reflections Art Competition which included 22 Award of Excellence winners, 12 Awards of Merit, and nine Honorable Mentions. The competition theme "I am hopeful because..." inspired beautiful TK-12 submissions from seven elementary schools and three high schools.

Three student entries were selected to submit to the California PTA for possible state-level recognition:

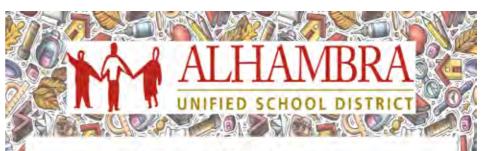
- Desiree Chong (Monterey Highlands School): Literature Category, Middle School (Gr. 6-8) Division
- Queena Yang (Monterey Highlands School): Music Composition Category, Middle School (Gr. 6-8) Division
- Mila Lim (Brightwood School): Photography Category, Primary (Gr.TK-2) Division

Students submitted entries in dance, film, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. One highlight of the celebration was the Art Gallery, which showcased the visual arts, photography, and literature categories. Watch the video here:

https://youtu.be/IYUuc5H5RhI To experience the wonderful selections in the dance choreography, film production, and music composition categories, watch this video: https://youtu.be/CatRr7-Q-vE

"Congratulations to Desiree, Queena, and Mila, the talented Alhambra Council PTA's Reflections award winners, every student artist who submitted an entry, and all who celebrated with them," said Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo. "Thank you to the PTA's at every site for organizing the individual competitions and providing opportunities for our student to showcase their artistic abilities."





2024 OPEN HOUSE DATES

SITE	DATE	GRADE	TIME
Baldwin	3/20/24	TK-8th	5:30-7:00 pm
Brightwood	5/1/24	TK-8th	5:30-7:00 pm
Emery Park	3/21/24	TK-8th	5:00-6:30 pm
Fremont	3/20/24	TK-8th	5:00-7:00 pm
Garfield	3/21/24	TK-8th	5:30-7:00 pm
Granada	3/20/24	TK-8th	5:00-6:30 pm
Marguerita	3/21/24	TK-8th	5:00-6:30 pm
Monterey Highlands	3/21/24	TK-8th	5:30-7:00 pm
Northrup	5/8/24	TK-8th	5:30-7:00 pm
Park	4/3/24	TK-8th	5:00-7:00 pm
Ramona	5/15/24	TK-8th	5:00-7:00 pm
Repetto	3/20/24	TK-8th	5:00-7:00 pm
Ynez	3/20/24	TK-8th	5:00-7:00 pm
Moor Field	4/11/24	Preschool	4:30-6:00 pm
LIFT	3/21/24	Adult Transition	4:30-6:00 pm
AHS	3/21/24	9th-12th	5:30-8:00 pm
MKHS	3/21/24	9th-12th	5:30-8:00 pm
SGHS	2/8/24	9th-12th	5:30-8:00 pm

San Gabriel High launched AUSD's official 2024 Open House season with its successful February Open House. In March 12 AUSD schools will welcome parents and guardians to connect with teachers/staff to their Open Houses. The five remaining schools hold their Open Houses in April and early May.

"Make sure you review the list of dates and be on the lookout as your child's Open House draws closer," said Janet Lees, assistant superintendent of education services. "Your child's teacher or principal will send more details soon. We look forward to seeing you at Open House and thank our families for continuing to strengthen our home-school partnership."



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The 22 "Award of Excellence" winners were submitted as Alhambra Council's entries in the First District PTA Reflections program.



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Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)

All honorces will be celebrated at the ACSA Region XV Spring Awards Banquet on April 19th.

AUSD is a member of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), the largest professional organization for school leaders in the United States. Its top priority is to advocate in the best interests of public school elementary and high school students and to develop, empower, and inspire equity-minded educational leaders. As an ACSA chapter member, the Alhambra Management Association (AMA) gives its managers the opportunity to honor their peers through ACSA's annual leadership award program. AMA is announced eleven AUSD team members who have been recognized for ACSA chapter awards and nominated to continue for ACSA Region XV recognition. The eleven honorees listed on the accompanying graphic will be recognized in a special ceremony in April.

AUSD Leaders Commit to Intensive Professional Learning, Delving Deeply Into How People Learn + Best Practices of Highly Effective Schools By Toby Gilbert

Alhambra USD is celebrating its most recent graduates from the National Institute for School Leaders (NISL): Northrup principal Lindsay Gilbert, Garfield instructional coach Debora Palafox-Perry and Garfield principal Dr. Stephanie Richardson.

NISL, a program of the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE), is a nationally recognized, research-proven, professional learning program for school leaders. Over the course of 12-15 months, NISL participants engage in 12 intensive, interactive multi-day units to deepen their understanding of content and processes to make positive changes in their schools and district. Units include a focus on worldclass schooling vision and goals, research on learning, and sustaining transformation through capacity and commitment. The broader goal is to build a better, more equitable U. S. public education system.

Each year, small cohorts of AUSD administrative and instructional leaders participate in NISL, with these three graduates among the most recent group to complete the program. Currently, more than 20 AUSD educational leaders are participating in NISL as an Alhambra cohort, a unique opportunity for them to collaborate with a large group of peers and to propose meaningful changes they can implement together. This group is scheduled to complete their program in early June.

"We applaud our school leaders for embracing the enormous commitment that the National Institute for School Leaders program demands," superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo said. "This highly respected program based on three decades of research



Assistant superintendent of educational services Janet Lees joined the latest AUSD graduates from the National Institute for School Leaders (NISL) as they celebrated their achievement. From left to right: Debora Palafox-Perry, Garfield School instructional coach; Janet Lees; Lindsay Gilbert, Northrup School principal; and Dr. Stephanie Richardson, Garfield School principal.

into the world's top-performing education systems is one of the ways we are building and empowering the district's leadership bench to give educators and students the tools they need to become world class."

Joyous Marguerita School Rededication + Time Capsule Ceremony Celebrates Its Past, Present and Future

By Toby Gilbert

Marguerita School principal Thomas Kohout always knew he wanted to do something special for students, staff, and families to celebrate the completion of the school's three-year modernization construction project. At the same time, he wanted to pay tribute to Marguerita's 93-year history as a hub of the community and source of lifelong connections for alumni and former employees. And he also hoped to capture the strength of Huskies spirit for future generations.

After months of collaborative planning from an enthusiastic community, the plan was hatched. Together, they created the joyful Marguerita Rededication + Time Capsule Ceremony on Friday, January 19, 2024, which beautifully accomplished the remarkable trio of goals, creating memories for everyone who participated.

Arriving guests were greeted by the music of AUSD musicians. Upon entering the school, guests, current and former Marguerita families and staff, and city officials were treated to a gallery walk of historical photos and refreshments followed by a special presentation in the school auditorium.

Inside the auditorium, Marguerita music students played, principal Thomas Kohout welcomed special guests, shared highlights of Marguerita's history, and told the story behind the January 19th campus rededication.

Among the special guests were several former principals, including Gary Fox, Carl Nagata, and Teresa Johnson. Then Marguerita teacher and alumni representatives announced the contents of the time capsules before the celebration moved to the front of the school.

Musicians played. Final comments were made. Five time capsules were sealed into their casing of metal, cement, and brick —to be opened in fifty years — in January 2074. As one guest pointed out, "Today's ceremony is another splendid chapter in the history of Marguerita School."





Northrup School Hosts Double Celebrations For The Year Of The Dragon By Toby Gilbert



On the evening of February 8th, Northrup Elementary School began its Lunar New Year festivities by inviting the community to its first annual Lunar New Year Night Market filled entertainment, booths with traditional arts and crafts, and delicious food. Happy families and children in holiday colors strolled amid the crowd, playing games, talking to vendors, enjoying the greetings of Gong Xi Fa Cai, blessings and abundance for the New Year.

The Year of the Dragon festivities for Northrup students continued at school the next morning. Dressed in traditional red and gold Chinese costumes, students performed lion and dragon dances for the whole school. Mandarin Language Dual Immersion students sang songs and recited poems in Mandarin. Children of all grades took turns performing dances. Northrup parents helped launch the Night Market and the next day decorated the outdoor stage to make it festive and beautiful.

"Our first Night Market and special Lunar New Year events unite our families and students in a unique way, connecting the entire community" Principal Lindsay Gilbert said. "The amazing dedication of our parents brings all our students together and creates lifelong memories."

Featured Stories in Chinese

蒙市消防局(MPFD)提供關鍵的社區緊急救護培訓課程

緊急救護培訓(CERT)課程的內容是有關可以挽救生命, 如果社區緊急服務無法立即提供的狀況下[,]這些緊急救護技能是很重要。 由消防部門人員提供

蒙特利公園市消防部門將舉辦為期三天的社區緊急救護培訓(CERT)課程,以培訓 居民在緊急狀況時如何應對,並提供基本的緊急救護技能。培訓時間包括三個星期 六:2024年5月4日、11日和18日,上午9點至下午4點半,對蒙特利公園市居民免 費開放。

CERT 緊急救護培訓課程的目的是為了準備 CERT 成員在專業救護人員無法立即提供服務時 · 當發生意外事件或災害發生後協助自己和鄰里或工作場所中的其他人。

"我們的消防和警察部門為各種緊急情況做好了準備,"蒙特利公園市 CERT 協調 員、消防隊長Justin Birrell說道。"然而,在災難中,緊急事件的數量和災難程度可 能會超出緊急服務的能力範圍,導致社區成員可能需要彼此依靠進行救生和維持生 存的需求。"Birrell補充道:"這課程是做好準備來處理緊急狀況、彼此互相協助、 救援者的安全以及為大眾做最大的好事。" 這三天的課程包括心肺復蘇(CPR)和自動體外心臟電擊器(AED)認證書;如何 正確使用滅火器;通過控制出血、處理休克的症狀和提供基本醫療援助來幫助受 害者;當檢測到泄漏或破損的管道時·要知道如何以及何時關閉燃氣、電力和水 服務。學生將了解緊急救護行動的結構和功能·學習如何組織自己和志願者有效 地幫助受害者·收集災害情報來支持第一緊急救災人員的工作·以及幫助城市搜 索和救援。

如需更多信息或申請表,請掃描 QR 碼

参訪 www.montereypark.ca.gov/cert · 或聯繫隊長 Justin Birrell · 電子郵箱 jubirrell@montereypark.ca.gov · 電話 626-307-1271。



維護蒙特利公園市外觀美好的五頂物業保養指南 曲法規審核人員提供

我們很幸運住在一個美麗的社區,這個社區曾被譽為"美國最佳居住地之一",然 而,維護這個社區的美麗需要我們整個社區的努力。我們必須採取措施來維護我們 的物業,以便我們可以繼續為我們居住的地方感到自豪,並享受最高房產價值的可 能性。

當物業被忽視時,它會減少社區的美感,並造成公共困擾。記住這一點,有時只需 對您的物業進行基本的維護就能增強外觀,保持鄰里的生活品質。 遵循一些簡單的指南,居民可以盡自己的一份力來保護這座美麗的城市。以下是您 可以協助的一些簡單方法:

- 園藝保養:維護您的物業、清除任何枯萎、患病或生長過密的樹木、灌木、雜草 或其他可能孳生害蟲、構成火災危險或阻礙行人和車輛交通的植被,以及因懸 掛到街道或人行道上而妨礙行人和車輛通行的情況。
- **簡易帳篷和其他類似的臨時遮蓋**:不允許使用簡易帳篷·當放置在車道或公眾視 野時。
- 公共街道上丟棄的垃圾和大件物品:檢查您的車道和人行道上是否有垃圾和雜物。如果您有大件物品,如床墊、冰箱或其他家具,請致電 Athens Services, 電話號碼為 888-336-6100,預約清理。



公眾視野中非法儲存:保持您的物業,不可以有任何打包箱、木材、廢棄物、垃圾、丟棄的家庭材料或從公眾視野和/或鄰近物業可見的其他碎片。

通過共同努力,我們可以改變的更好。蒙特利公園市感謝您為維護一個安全而美麗 的生活、工作和娛樂場所所做的努力。

如需更多信息,請聯繫蒙特利公園市消防部門法規審核組,電話 626-307-1415, 電子郵件 codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov,網站 www.montereypark. ca.gov,或通過我們的免費手機程序和網絡應用程序 GoMPK。



• **公眾視野中的垃圾桶**:除了在您的垃圾收集日外,請將所有垃圾桶存放在公眾視 野之外。

社區成員受邀參加與市長的貝面會

社區成員和企業業主被邀請參加與蒙特利公園市市長進行隨意交談,分享想法,或僅僅是見一面聊聊並了解更多關於我們城市的信息。這些面會將是非正 式的、很隨意的活動,不需要預約。

3月25日, 下午6點到7點 Bella Vista Elementary Cafeteria 2410 Findlay Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754 4月10日, 下午6點到7點 Monterey Highlands Elementary Cafeteria 400 Casuda Canyon Dr. Monterey Park, CA 91754 5月4日, 上午9點半到10點半 Langley Senior Center 400 W. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

欲瞭解更多資訊,請至 www.montereypark.ca.gov 參閱。

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El Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park (MPFD) presenta una Capacitación Vital en Respuesta a Emergencias Comunitarias

La capacitación CERT cubre habilidades de preparación para desastres potencialmente salvavidas que son importantes conocer si los servicios de emergencia no están disponibles de inmediato



El Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park organizará un curso de tres días del Equipo de Respuesta a Emergencias Comunitarias (CERT, por sus siglas en inglés) para capacitar a los residentes en preparación para desastres y proporcionar habilidades básicas de respuesta a desastres. La capacitación se llevará a cabo durante tres sábados: 4, 11 y 18 de mayo de 2024, de 9 a.m. a 4:30 p.m., y es gratuita para los residentes de Monterey Park.

El propósito del curso CERT es preparar a los miembros de CERT para ayudarse a sí mismos y a otros en su vecindario o lugar de trabajo después de un evento o desastre cuando los socorristas profesionales posiblemente no pueden estar disponibles de inmediato para ayudar.

"Nuestros departamentos de bomberos y policía están preparados para todo tipo de emergencias", dijo el Capitán del Departamento de Bomberos Justin Birrell, Coordinador de CERT de Monterey Park. "Sin embargo, durante un desastre, el número y la magnitud de los incidentes pueden abrumar a los servicios de emergencia, lo que resulta en situaciones en las que los miembros de la comunidad tengan que depender unos de otros para salvar y sustentar vidas." Birrell añadió: "Se trata de estar preparado, de que las personas se ayuden unos a otros, de la seguridad del rescatista y de hacer el mayor bien para el mayor número de personas".

El curso de tres días incluye certificación en RCP y DEA; cómo usar correctamente un extintor de incendios; ayudar en la triage de víctimas controlando el sangrado, tratando el shock y proporcionando primeros auxilios básicos; y cómo y dónde apagar los medidores de gas, electricidad y agua si se detectan fugas o tuberías rotas. Los estudiantes aprenderán sobre la estructura y funciones de las operaciones de respuesta a emergencias, cómo organizarse uno mismo y a los voluntarios para ser efectivos en ayudar a las víctimas, recopilar inteligencia sobre desastres para apoyar los esfuerzos de los primeros socorristas y búsqueda y rescate urbano ligero.

Para obtener más información o una solicitud, escanee el código QR, visite www.montereypark.ca.gov/cert o comuníquese con el Capitán Justin Birrell en jubirrell@ montereypark.ca.gov o al 626-307-1271.



5 Pautas de Mantenimiento de Propiedad para Ayudar a Mantener Hermosa a la Ciudad de Monterey Park

Presentado por el personal de Acatamiento del Código

Somos afortunados de vivir en una hermosa comunidad que ha sido elogiada como "Uno de los Mejores Lugares para Vivir en Estados Unidos de América", sin embargo, se necesita de toda nuestra comunidad para cuidarse a sí misma. Todos debemos tomar medidas para dar mantenimiento a nuestras propiedades para que podamos seguir sintiéndonos orgullosos de dónde vivimos y disfrutar de las valoraciones de propiedad más altas posibles.

Cuando las propiedades son descuidadas, disminuye la estética del vecindario y crea una molestia pública. Teniendo esto en cuenta, a veces simplemente realizar el mantenimiento básico de su propiedad mejora la apariencia y preserva la calidad de vida en su vecindario.

Siguiendo algunas pautas simples, los residentes pueden hacer su parte para preservar esta hermosa ciudad. A continuación se muestran algunas formas sencillas en las que puede ayudar:

• Mantenimiento del jardín: Mantenga su propiedad libre de árboles, arbustos, malezas u otras vegetaciones muertas, enfermas o crecidas en exceso que puedan albergar alimañas, constituir un riesgo de incendio u obstruir el tráfico

- Basura y objetos voluminosos desechados en la calle pública: Revise su avenida y acera para ver si hay basura. Si tiene objetos voluminosos como colchones, refrigeradores u otros muebles, llame a Athens Services al 888-336-6100 para programar una recolección.
- Botes de basura a la vista pública: Guarde todos sus contenedores de basura fuera de la vista pública excepto en su día programado de recolección.
- Almacenamiento ilegal a la vista pública: Mantenga su propiedad libre de acumulación de cajas de embalaje, madera, chatarra, basura, material doméstico desechado u otros escombros que sean visibles desde la vía pública y/o propiedades adyacentes.

Trabajando juntos, podemos marcar la diferencia. La Ciudad de Monterey Park quiere agradecerle por sus esfuerzos para mantener un lugar seguro y hermoso para vivir, trabajar y jugar.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la División de Acatamiento del Código del Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park al 626-307-1415, codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov, www.montereypark.ca.gov o a través de nuestra aplicación móvil y web gratuita, GoMPK.

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Se Invita a Miembros de la Comunidad a Reunirse con el Alcalde

Se invita a miembros de la comunidad y propietarios de negocios a unirse al Alcalde de Monterey Park para conversar informalmente, compartir ideas o simplemente ponerse al día y aprender más sobre nuestra ciudad. Las reuniones serán eventos informales, de ida y vuelta, y no requieren reservaciones.

25 de marzo, 6-7 p.m. Bella Vista Elementary Cafetería 2410 Findlay Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754 10 de abril, 6-7 p.m. Monterey Highlands Elementary Cafetería 400 Casuda Canyon Dr. Monterey Park, CA 91754 4 de mayo, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Langley Senior Center 400 W. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

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