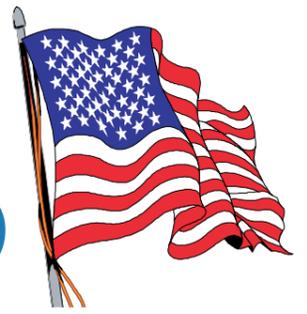




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Cinco de Mayo Celebration

The 32nd annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 4th at the Barnes Park Amphitheater with entertainment beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until 6:00 p.m.

Monterey Park's Cinco de Mayo event features the sights, sounds and magic of Mexico through performances by popular local and regional performers. The event will also feature popular raffle drawings as well as authentic Mexican food.

Plenty of shaded seating will be available at the amphitheater. The public is invited to bring the family and celebrate with an afternoon of wonderful entertainment and delicious food. Visit the city website for more info or search the Internet for Monterey Park Cinco de Mayo.

City to Unveil New Website

Improved navigation, search, customizable features and an updated design make finding the information you need, reporting issues or communicating with city hall easier than ever.

Look for the new site during the first half of April at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

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Cherry Blossom Festival Returns to Monterey Park

Cherry Blossom Festival
Saturday and Sunday April 26-27
Barnes Park
350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park
Free admission



The 17th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be held April 26 and 27 at Barnes Park and will feature a fascinating array of Japanese cultural arts, entertainment, food, crafts games and raffles. Among the highlights of the festival are the various renowned

taiko drum groups, sumo wrestling and martial arts demonstrations, traditional dance performances, origami and ikebana demonstrations and special musical guests. A family friendly event, the Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival includes children's activity and game areas as well as youth-oriented performance groups. And best of all, admission to the two-day festival is free.

Saturday's opening ceremonies will feature ABC Channel 7 reporter Alysha del Valle as guest emcee and special recognition of local students from Mark Keppel H.S.' Academic Decathlon Team. Also honored will be Terry and Ryoko Suzuki, founders of the city's first sister city organization, the Monterey Park/Nachikatsuura, Japan association.

Other weekend entertainment includes exciting performances by June Kuramoto, Kimo Cornwell, Local Mojo

and Miko Shudo.

Cherry Blossom attendees can also avoid parking hassles and take free shuttles from Repetto and Ynez schools, Langley Senior Center and the Mark Keppel High School athletic field.

Like many community events, the Cherry Blossom Festival is realized by the crucial contributions of volunteers and financial sponsors. Please visit the city website for a list of sponsors or how you or your business can contribute to the success and continuance of the 2014 Cherry Blossom Festival.

More information and entertainment schedules are available on the city website at www.montereypark.ca.gov or by contacting Robert Aguirre, Recreation Superintendent, at 626-307-1390 or via email at raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov.

Springtime at the Farmers' Market



Berries from New Era Farms

April at the Monterey Park Farmers' Markets will bring a wonderful variety of berries in season as well as the start of our "Ask the Dietitian" booth and healthy living and cooking demonstrations. Don't forget about our great Market Match program for EBT & WIC recipients (up to

\$10 free to spend at the market).

Guess that Veggie Contest

Test your fruit and vegetable knowledge to win a basket of fresh fruits and vegetables from the market. Email the correct answer to montereyparkFM@gmail.com by April 6th and we will select one lucky winner! The correct answer for March was asparagus. Good luck this month! What veggie is this?



Farmers' Market History & Tip of the Month: Strawberries

Did you know that strawberries are one

of the few crops that a grower can make a living on in less than ten acres? This made it an ideal crop for Japanese-Americans in LA County in the early 20th century when they couldn't own land in California—they represented 80% of all strawberry growers! When choosing a basket of strawberries, look for ones that are completely red and glossy, with green hulls that look fresh and not dried out. It's also a good idea to check underneath the basket to make sure some aren't crushed below.

The market is open rain or shine every Friday at 318 S. Ramona Ave from 4-8 p.m. For more information or produce tips, visit the information booth or contact us at montereyparkFM@gmail.com or follow on Facebook @montereyparkFM.

Park Improvements to Begin this Month

Seven Monterey Park parks will be upgraded starting in April. Barnes, Highlands, and George Elder will be getting new picnic shelters; while Elder, Sunnyslopes, La Loma and Pine Tree will be receiving new playground equipment. In addition, each park will receive improvements to have them in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

During the construction periods, some areas of the parks will not be available for use by the public, however each of the first phase

projects should be completed by mid June.

This first phase of the Park Master Plan Capital Improvement Program was approved by the City Council in 2013. Upcoming improvements include a community garden at a park to be determined; new lights for the Barnes, Elder and Garvey Ranch Parks tennis courts; and two lighted basketball courts at Garvey Ranch Park. Additionally, irrigation systems will be improved or replaced at several parks.

Mayor's Town Hall April 10 at Brightwood School

On Thursday, April 10 a Mayor's Town Hall will be held at the Brightwood Elementary School cafeteria, located at 1701 Brightwood St., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and will give residents the opportunity to speak with elected officials and staff regarding services and the city's future. The event is expected to last approximately two hours.



CITY OFFICIALS

Anthony Wong, Mayor
 Hans Liang, Mayor Pro Tem
 Peter Chan, Council Member
 Mitchell Ing, Council Member
 Teresa Real Sebastian, Council Member

Vincent D. Chang, City Clerk
 Joseph Leon, City Treasurer

Paul Talbot, City Manager
 Mark Hensley, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 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, 3:30 p.m.
 City Hall Room 266

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Service Club House, 440 S. McPherrin Ave.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall, Room 266

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

2nd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
 City Hall Community Room

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
 Bruggemeyer Library

PERSONNEL BOARD

2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.
 City Hall Council Chambers

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION

Quarterly, 1st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
 Bruggemeyer Library

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

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

For more information please visit the community calendar at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.



Get Ready to Travel!

Apply for a Passport at Monterey Park City Hall

626-307-1361

www.montereypark.ca.gov

U.S. Passport Services

Monterey Park City Clerk's Office
 320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754
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 Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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To Download Passport Forms or for Additional Information
 Visit the Passport Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State at www.travel.state.gov or call toll-free 1-877-487-2778.

City Hall Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Mayor and City Council	626-307-1465
City Manager	626-307-1255
City Clerk	626-307-1362
City Treasurer	626-307-1488
Animal Control	626-307-1217
Aquatics/ Rec. Classes	626-307-1388
Building Division	626-307-1300
Business License	626-307-1338
Code Enforcement	626-307-1415
Community & Economic Development	626-307-1315
Dial-a-Ride	626-307-1396
Economic Development	626-307-1382
Engineering	626-307-1320
Finance	626-307-1348
Fire Department Admin	626-307-1262
Fire Dept. Ambulance	626-307-1423
Fire Prevention	626-307-1308
Graffiti Removal	626-307-1449
Housing Rehabilitation	626-307-1385
Human Resources	626-307-1334
Job Hotline	626-307-1446
Langley Senior Center	626-307-1395
Library	626-307-1269
Planning and Zoning	626-307-1315
Police (emergency only)	9 1 1
Police (non emergency)	626-573-1311
Police Comm. Relations	626-307-1215
Police Reports & Records	626-307-1211
Pothole Report Line	626-307-2585
Public Works	626-307-1281
Recreation & Community Services	626-307-1388
Recycling Hotline	626-307-2510
Risk Management	626-307-1437
Special Events	626-307-1390
Trash Collection (Athens Services)	626-336-3636
Tree Trimming	626-307-1292
Water Billing	626-307-1342
Water Dept. After Hours	626-307-1282
Weed Abatement	626-307-1415

For additional numbers please visit the city directory at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

City Hall Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

City Events Calendar

- April 2 Regular city council meeting, 7 p.m., city hall council chamber.
- April 10 Mayor's town hall meeting, 6 p.m., Brightwood School cafetorium, 1701 Brightwood St.
- April 15 City council guests & presentations meeting, 6 p.m., city hall council chamber.
- April 16 Regular city council meeting, 7 p.m., city hall council chamber.
- April 19 Pet licensing & vaccination clinic, 8-11 a.m., Garvey Ranch Park.
- April 26 Earth Day festival and bike ride, Barnes Park.
- April 26-27 Cherry Blossom Festival, Barnes Park.

Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the City Hall Council Chamber, 320 W. Newmark Ave.
 For more city events please visit the Community Calendar at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

HARMONY DAY SPA # 2 Of Monterey Park

Body and Foot Massage \$15 Foot/\$20/up Body
 4.5 STAR!!! 7 days- 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 p.m.
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Steamed Chicken \$5.99/each Lobster Noodle \$5.99/each

Roasted Duck \$5.99/each HK Style Fried Crab \$5.99/each

(Minimum 12 Orders of Dim Sum, Limited 1 per table)

Banquet Party

婚禮宴會 Party

Wedding / Birthday Party

Dancing Floor, Projector, Band Stage available
 Banquet Hall available up to 300 people





K-8 Summer ACADEMY

ALHAMBRA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2014 K-8 SUMMER ACADEMY

MORNING CLASSES

KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE
8:30-12:45 - \$450 for regular registration (self-contained classes)

- Getting Ready for Kindergarten
- Bridge to First Grade
- Jumpstart to Second Grade
- Third Grade - Here I Come!

GRADES 4-8
8:30-10:30 AND 10:45-12:45
\$225 per class for regular registration

A variety of new classes and old favorites, including

- Robotics
- Computers/Technology
- Literature through Movies
- Beginning Journalism
- Reading Workshops
- Getting Ready for 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade Math
- Mad Scientist!
- Marine Biology
- Arts & Crafts
- Intro to Spanish Language & Culture

**All class enrollment is first come, first served. Additional courses may be added; all courses subject to cancellation due to low enrollment.*

Lunch provided at no cost to all students.

SUMMER ACADEMY DATES:
June 9 - July 17

4 days per week program, Monday - Thursday

SUMMER ACADEMY LOCATION:
Ynez School

120 S. Ynez Ave. Monterey Park

Mark Keppel High School
 (Grades 4-8 afternoon classes)
 501 East Hellman Ave. Alhambra

ON-GOING REGISTRATION:

Mondays - Thursdays at
 Alhambra Educational Foundation Office
 1515 W. Mission Road, Alhambra, CA
 9:00am - 4:00pm

Catalogs & Registration Forms have been sent home with all K-8 AUSD students, and are also available in all AUSD elementary school offices, and in the AEF office. Catalogs are also available on the AEF website at www.aef4kids.com

Afternoon Bus transportation from Ynez to Mark Keppel High School available for \$15/child

AFTERNOON CLASSES

Regular Registration: 1:30-3:30 Music: \$75
Basketball (3 wks) & 3:30-5:30 Music: \$125
All other afterschool: \$270

GRADES 2-3
1:30-3:30 at Ynez School

- Exploring Art, Music & Technology
- Cooking & Culture Around the World

GRADES 4-8
1:30-3:30 at Mark Keppel High School

- Beginning Band
- Middle School Band
- Beginning Strings
- Intermediate Strings
- Advanced String Orchestra
- Basketball clinic (two 3-week sessions)
- Creative Fun with Math & Art (4th & 5th only)

GRADES 6-8
1:30-3:30 at Mark Keppel High School

- Culinary Arts
- Theatre Arts/Drama

3:30-5:30 at Mark Keppel High School

- School of Rock
- World Music Drumming

2014 SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

For Incoming 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grade Students

ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL

101 S. 2nd Street Alhambra, CA 91801

COURSES OFFERED:*

Math

- Getting Ready for Math 1 (9th grade only)
- Algebra 1 (10th, 11th, 12th)
- Geometry (10th, 11th, 12th)
- Algebra II (10th, 11th, 12th)
- Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus (10th, 11th, 12th)

Science

- Chemistry (10th, 11th, 12th)
- Biology (9th-12th)
- Environmental Sciences (9th-12th)

Social Sciences (all classes 10th, 11th, 12th only)

- World History
- U.S. History
- American Government (5 credits)
- Economics (5 credits)

English/Language Development

- English 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 Make-up

Elective Courses:

- Expository Writing for College & Career (9th-12th)
- Speech & Debate (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)
- SEI/English Language Development

** Additional courses may be added; all courses are subject to cancellation due to low enrollment. All classes 10 credits unless otherwise noted. Some courses require pre-requisites and prior teacher approval. See course catalog for details.*

Summer High School Dates:

Monday, June 9 -Thursday, July 17
7:30am – 12:55pm & 1:45pm - 4:00pm
6 weeks, 4 days per week program,
Monday – Thursday



Afternoon Enrichment (credits not offered)

- SAT Test Preparation (11th & 12th only)
- College Road Trip – Essay Writing, College Research (11th & 12th only)
- Getting Ready for the CAHSEE Test (10th, 11th, 12th)
- Strings Conservatory (9th-12th @ MKHS): \$150

REGISTER TODAY FOR ALL COURSES

After March 1, all students will register at:

Alhambra Educational Foundation Office
 1515 W. Mission Road, Alhambra, CA
 9:00am - 4:00pm

REGULAR TUITION RATES:

- 10 unit course \$450
- 5 unit course \$225
- Enrichment \$450, \$375, \$150



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 Alhambra, CA 91803

www.aef4kids.com

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626-943-3080

Council Action Review

Special Council Meeting of February 19, 2014 Monterey Park City Council

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m., with all Council Members present.

There were no Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY NEW BUSINESS

1. The City Council appointed the City Manager and City Attorney as real property negotiators for Closed Session Item No. 1.

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M. with no reportable actions.

Regular Council Meeting of February 19, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., with all Council Members present.

There were no additions, deletions, changes or adoptions for the Agenda

Presentations: Agenda Item 1-A. The City Manager presented the Strategic Plan update.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 2-A. The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-60 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated February 19, 2014 totaling \$181,728.11 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2-B. The City Council received and filed the Successor Agency's Investment Report of January 2014.

Agenda Item 2-C. The City Council approved the minutes for the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meeting January 15, 2014.

Agenda Item 2-D. The City Council adopted Resolution No. SA-61 adopting the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 14-15A) for the period between July -- December 2014; approved the Successor Agency Administrative Budget for July -- December 2014; and directed staff to post and transmit the ROPS and Administrative Budget to the appropriate public agencies.

Agenda Item 2-E. The City Council adopted Resolution No. SA- 62 (SERAF-Schedule No. 1); Resolution No. SA-63 (Low/Mod Income Housing Fund Loan Schedule No. 2); and directed staff to transmit the Repayment Schedule for the SERAF Loan and the Repayment Schedule for the Low/Mod

Income Housing Fund Loan to the Oversight Board for its review and approval.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 3-A. The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11632 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated February 19, 2014 Totaling \$915,084.95 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 3-B. The City Council received and filed the Investment Report of January 2014.

Agenda Item 3-C. The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of January 15, 2014 and the special meetings of January 15, 2014, January 22, 2014, and January 28, 2014.

Agenda Item 3-D. The City Council waived the 2nd Reading and adopted Ordinance No 2103 approving by reference amending the 2013 California Codes.

Agenda Item 3-E. The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to Agreement No. 1797-A with City Ventures Homebuilding, LLC, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Agenda Item 3-F. The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a License Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Jack F. Macy Intermediate School 4H Club to volunteer to improve and maintain George Elder Park.

Agenda Item 3-G. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11633 authorizing staff to advertise the Atlantic-Hellman Traffic Signal Improvements for bids.

Agenda Item 3-H. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11634 amending Resolution No. 10931 to include additional streets to the preferential parking districts.

Agenda Item 3-I. The City Council awarded a contract for constructing ADA Improvements at La Loma, Sunnyslopes and Pine Tree Parks (Specification No. 833) to El Camino Construction and Engineering for \$140,000; and authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with El Camino Construction and Engineering.

Agenda Item 3-J. The City Council awarded a contract for ADA Improvements at Highlands and George Elder Parks (Specification No. 832) to Interlog Corporation for \$178,500; and authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Interlog Corporation, dba Interlog Construction.

Agenda Item 3-K. The City Council awarded a contract for ADA Improvements at Barnes Park (Specification No. 831) to AJ Fistes Corporation, Inc. for \$168,650; and authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with AJ Fistes Corporation, Inc.

Agenda Item 3-L. The City Council awarded a contract for the George Elder and Sunnyslopes Parks Playground Equipment Replacement (Specification No. 828) to Creative Nile Builders for \$58,800; and authorized the City Manager to

execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Creative Nile Builders, Inc.

Agenda Item 3-M. The City Council waived a minor irregularity and award a contract for La Loma and Pine Tree Parks Playground Equipment Replacement (Specification No. 827) to RE Schultz Construction for \$54, 670; and authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney with RE Shultz Construction.

The City Council recessed at 8:32 PM and reconvened at 8:40 PM with all Council Members Present.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 4-A The City Council held a Public Hearing and approved Resolution No. 11635 approving a General Plan Amendment changing the designation from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential; adopted Resolution No. 11636 declaring the City owned properties at 236 S. Ramona Avenue; 321, 325, 341, and 371 East Pomona Boulevard; and 534 North Chandler Avenue as surplus property; and waived first reading and introduced an Ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City and LINC Community Development Corporation.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 6-A. Motion failed. No contract was awarded to Emergency Services Consulting International to conduct a two city fire services analysis and feasibility study.

Agenda Item 6-B The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2104 approving a General Plan Amendment (GPA-13-02); adopting a Specific Plan (SP-13-02); and certifying the Mitigated Negative Declaration for construction of a new 80-unit residential development at 2015 Potrero Grande Drive; adopted Resolution No. 11637 calling for a special election on June 3, 2014 and placing a proposition on the ballot ratifying the City Council's ordinance; approving GPA-13-02; approving an amendment to the Zoning Map; and approving SP-13-02; adopted Resolution No.11638 requesting that the City Clerk's Office, Elections Division, assist with the special election and authorizing the County Clerk's Office to canvass the votes and consolidate a special election to be held on June 3, 2014; Adopted Resolution No. 11639 establishing policies for ballot arguments; Authorized the City Manager to execute a reimbursement agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Olson Urban Housing, LLC, for reimbursement of all City costs related to this Project including, without limitation, the costs of a special election; and adopted Resolution No. 11640 directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis for all ballot measures approved by the City Council.

[7.] Council Communications and Mayor/Council and Agency Matter

Discussion only, no action taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Special Council Meeting of March 5, 2014 Monterey Park City Council

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with all Council Members present.

There were no Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY NEW BUSINESS

1. The City Council appointed the City Manager and the Human Resources Director as the City's Labor Negotiators for Bargaining Units Monterey Park Firefighters' Association (MPFFA), Monterey Park Police Officers' Association (MPPOA), Monterey Park Professional Chief Officers' Association (PCOA), POA/Captains' Unit, Police Officer's Mid-Management Association (POMMA.) for Closed Session Item 2.

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Council meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M. with no reportable actions.

Regular Council Meeting of March 5, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., with all Council Members present.

There were no additions, deletions, changes or adoptions for the Agenda

Presentations: None.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 2-A. The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-64 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register

dated **March 5, 2014 totaling \$3,014.97** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2-B. The City Council approved the minutes for the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meeting February 5, 2014.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 3-A. The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11641 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **March 5, 2014 Totaling \$592,176.39** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 3-B. The City Council awarded a contract for constructing Barnes Park Picnic Shelter (Specification No. 829) to Golden Sun Firm and Company for \$225,656; and authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Golden Sun Firm and Company.

Agenda Item 3-C. The City Council awarded a contract for constructing Elder and Highlands Parks Picnic Shelter (Specification No. 830) to Interlog Corporation for \$85,550; and authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Interlog Corporation.

Agenda Item 3-D. The City Council awarded a professional services contract to DMR Team in the amount of \$111,000, (plus a ten percent contingency to bring the total to \$122,000) to provide construction management services for the Park Master Plan Capital Improvement Program, and the Americans with Disabilities Access Program. This is to be funded out of account numbers 0010-801-5002-(91525 and 91527-91584); and authorized the City Manager to execute a standard professional services contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with DMR Team.

Agenda Item 3-E. The City Council waived bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code §3.20050(2) and awarded the bid to Zoll Medical Corp. Funds in the amount of \$36,695 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Account Number 0010-801-5002-

88560; They also authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Agenda Item 3-F. The City Council finding that the project as proposed is exempt from Environmental Review under CEQA Guidelines § 15312 (Surplus Government Property Sales), adopted Resolution No. 11642 declaring property located at 751 S. Alhambra Avenue to be surplus property.

Agenda Item 3-G. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11643 authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Chief Birrell's contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to extend his appointment as Interim Fire Chief employment pursuant to Government Code § 21221(h).

Agenda Item 3-H. The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of February 5, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 4-A The City Council held a Public Hearing and referred any complaints received from parcel owners to Los Angeles County for follow-up and City staff will monitor the status of any complaints for the Weed Abatement.

Agenda Item 4-B The City Council held a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 11644 upholding the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the proposed Montessori School in accordance with Conditional Use Permit and CEQA determinations set forth above.

RECESSED – 8:49 P.M.

RECONVENED – 8:56 P.M. WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

[6.] New Business None.

[7.] Council Communications and Mayor/Council and Agency Matter

Discussion only, no action taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY

318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12 - 9 pm • Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 am - 6 pm
Fridays 10 - 1 pm • Saturdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm • Sundays 1 - 5 pm

LAMP LITERACY, ESL AND CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library offers the opportunity for second language learners to learn English reading, writing and speaking skills all in one location. There are many levels of classes available to meet different needs of learners. Students will become familiar with many different American Cultures, writing techniques and styles as well as learning to speak the English Language to enter the workforce. Register in the Literacy and Citizenship Department of the library on the second floor. All classes are open enrollment except for Tuesdays Phonics and Pre Citizenship Preparation.

ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE) CLASSES

The LAMP Literacy Program has every level of ESL classes available to help English Language Learners gain reading, writing and speaking skills. Students are pre-tested to determine their proficiency levels in Basic English skills and to assist in placement of appropriate levels. ESL classes available are; Phonics – Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m., Beginning Literacy- Tuesdays / Thursdays 12-2:00 p.m. Beginning Low- Mondays 6 -7:30 p.m., Beginning High –Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Intermediate – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and also on Tuesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m., Advanced ESL on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays 3-5 p.m., and English Conversation on Sundays 1-3:00 p.m. All classes are open enrollment and anyone interested in joining a class can come by the LAMP Literacy office located on the second floor of the library for more information and to register. A material fee of \$20.00 is required for each class each semester.

CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASSES

Citizenship Preparation classes are available at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. Persons who plan on becoming New Citizens should prepare for their Interview exam within six months prior to submitting their N-400 application. Citizenship Preparation classes will assist students with knowledge of American History, Government and Civics covered during the examination. Classes are offered on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m., Mondays from 6:00-8:00 p.m., on Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Persons planning to become New Citizens should register early for these classes before submitting their N-400 Citizenship application. A material fee of \$20.00 is required for each semester. For more information, please contact the LAMP Literacy Office at (626) 307-1251.

ONE TO ONE TUTORING FOR ADULT LITERACY

If you know an adult learner who cannot read or struggles in reading, call the LAMP Literacy Program. Adult learners are matched with trained literacy tutors who will give reading and writing instruction in English to adult learners who have little or no reading skills. All learners are pretested for accurate placement with tutors. Enrollment to the one to one literacy program is free and funded by California State Library Literacy Services. Monterey Park residents are given priority on waiting list. Please be prepared to present identification. Please call the LAMP office for more information at (626) 307-1251 or visit the literacy office on the second floor of the library. No material fee for tutoring sessions.

JOIN THE LAMP TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS!

The LAMP Literacy Office is looking for motivated people who are interested in tutoring adult learners in one-to-one English Language Instruction, or small groups of adult learners, or Citizenship Preparation coaching. Training will be provided for all volunteers. The LAMP Literacy Program will supply all needed training materials at no cost. Please contact the LAMP Literacy Office at (626) 307-1251 for more information or stop by and fill out an application. Give the gift that will last a lifetime by helping someone learn English so they can flourish and prosper in their communities.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK BOOKMARK CONTEST

The Children's Department is hosting a bookmark contest with the theme "Every Child A Reader," in celebration of Children's Book Week, May 12-18. Children can begin to submit their bookmark entries on Monday, April 7 at the Children's Desk. The contest is open to preschool through sixth grade students. Bookmark entries must be two



inches by eight inches. All entries must be submitted by Wednesday, April 30 by 5 pm. The bookmarks will be judged in three categories: Preschool to Kindergarten; First Grade through Third Grade; and Fourth through Sixth Grade. The Friends of the Library will provide a prize of \$50 to the first place winner and a prize of \$25 for the second place winner in each category. Winners will be announced on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 pm in the Friends Room. Each participant will be awarded a colorful book cover. For more information about the program, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

TWEEN PROGRAM

Children ages 9-12 years are invited to participate in a giant scrabble program on Thursday, April 17 at 3:00 pm in the Friends Room. Light refreshments will be served compliments of the Friends of the Library. For more information, call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

SPANISH BILINGUAL STORYTIME

The Children's Services Department will present a Spanish bilingual storytime and a craft program on Thursday, April 24, at 3:00 pm. All children attending the program must be accompanied by their parents throughout the entire program. For more information about the free program, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The library offers a free Homework Assistance Program for elementary school children who need help with their homework while studying at the library during the school year. Local high school students conduct the Homework Assistance Program by volunteering their time and expertise on school subjects such as English, mathematics and science. The program is held in the Arts and Crafts Room Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 pm. Please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358 for more information.

STORYTIMES

Children are invited to participate in the library's storytime programs on the following days:

Tuesdays 7:30- 8:00 pm

Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Thursdays 10:00 - 10:30 am for infants (one parent or caregiver per child is required)

Thursdays 10:30 - 11 am for preschoolers

All storytime programs are held in the Storytime Room. For safety, children need to be accompanied by an adult/guardian during all storytime programs. For further information, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

MONDAY NIGHT BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES IN MANDARIN

Monday night computer classes in Mandarin are scheduled on April 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 7 pm in the computer lab located on the second floor of the library. Space is limited and registration is required for the free classes. Adults wanting to learn basic computer skills that include mouse, keyboard, Microsoft Word and the Internet are encouraged to register for the free classes at the Reference Desk or by calling (626) 307-1368.

TUESDAY NIGHT OPEN COMPUTER LAB

Adults wanting to practice and learn new computer skills can join the Open Computer Lab in April on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm. The lab introduces intermediate computer skills, offers practice time and personalized help with E-mail, Microsoft Word, Excel and the Internet. A library staff member is present to answer questions. No registration is required for the class but seating is limited to a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

THURSDAY MORNING BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASSES IN ENGLISH

Beginning Computer Classes in English are scheduled on April 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the computer lab. Adults wanting to learn basic computer skills that include mouse, keyboard, Microsoft Word and the Internet are encouraged to register for the free classes at the

Reference Desk or by calling (626) 307-1368.

EMAIL BASICS WORKSHOP

Join us on Wednesday, April 16 at 10:30 am in the computer lab for an Email Basics workshop. Learn how to create an email address, how to send messages and more. For more information and to register for the free workshop call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

JOIN THE LIBRARY TEAM OF COMPUTER VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS

The library is looking for volunteers to teach computer classes, basic, intermediate, or advanced during the day or evening. Please call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368 for additional information if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

INTERNATIONAL FILM PROGRAMS

The public is invited to the library's special film screenings featuring award winning films. The International Film Program is scheduled on Wednesday, April 16 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The program is free with light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For additional information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

EARTHQUAKE BASICS:

LESSONS LEARNED AND PREPAREDNESS

How prepared are you for an earthquake? Winston Wu, Youth Council Advisor and a Registered Civil Engineer and Geotechnical Engineer in California will present an informative program on earthquakes on Sunday, April 13 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. Mr. Wu will present information about earthquake basics, damages from past earthquakes, lessons learned, recent news and current research on earthquake related topics. Captain Matthew Hallock of the Monterey Park Fire Department (MPFD) will talk about preparedness before, during, and after an earthquake. Following the presentations, the audience is invited to visit the MPFD mobile unit to learn how to shut off utilities, gas, power, water and how to get drinking water out of your water heater by allowing hands-on applications. Handouts and refreshments will be provided. The program is sponsored by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Youth Council (CACAYC) and the Monterey Park Fire Department. For more information about the free program, contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

ASIAN VEGGIES DELIGHT CULINARY WORKSHOP

Learn how to cook simple, healthy, and delicious meals using Asian organic vegetables on Sunday, April 6 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The culinary workshop will share easy and fast vegetarian recipes for daily healthy meals. The program is sponsored by the Asian Pacific Islander Obesity Prevention Alliance. Space is limited to 20 participants and pre-registration is mandatory. To pre-register for the free workshop call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy talking about books? The library invites readers to the "Book Bites Book Club," on Monday, April 21 at 7 pm in the Friends Room. Discover what the book club is reading, share what you are currently reading and snack on refreshments while everyone joins in the book conversations. The book club is a great way to connect to new book titles and authors. For more information call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

MIDWEEK MOVIE @ THE LIBRARY

The library showcases a new to DVD released movie on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm in the Friends Room. On Wednesday, April 2, Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark become targets of the Capitol after their victory sparks a rebellion in the Districts of Panem. The movie is rated PG-13 with a run time of 146 minutes. For more information about the free film program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

ANIME/MANGA CLUB

Join the library's Anime and Manga Club and watch the latest Anime releases, meet other Otaku and discuss new titles for the library. The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month and invites new members to join the group on Wednesday, April 23 from 3:30 -5:30 pm in the Friends Room.

LANGLEY SENIOR CENTER

400 W. EMERSON AVENUE MONTEREY PARK

(626) 307-1395

Open Monday – Friday From 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

CLOSED SATURDAY and SUNDAY
EXCEPT FOR FEE BASED ACTIVITIES

Special Dates To Remember...

APRIL 14 - Mature Driving Class
APRIL 17 - Langley Center Bazaar,
8:00 A.m. – 1:00 P.m.
APRIL 21 - Commission On Aging,
11:00 A.m.
APRIL 27 - Club Amistad Dance

Monterey Park's Senior Citizen Groups meet at Langley Center on the following schedule:
M.P. Senior Citizens Club, Friday, 10:00 a.m.
Japanese/American Club, 3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Club Amistad, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
Club Bella Vista, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
Chinese/American Sr. Citizens Club, 1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Gardening Club, 4th Monday, 1:00 p.m.

ACTIVITIES, CLASSES AND SERVICES

BINGO – Every Friday from 12:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. 1st and 3rd Friday of the month Bingo is conducted by Monterey Park Friends of the Seniors. 2nd and 4th Friday of the month conducted by Monterey Park Senior Citizen Club. 5th Friday of the month is on rotation of both groups. Everyone over 18 years of age is invited to play. No children are allowed. Doors open at 10:30 A.M.

BINGO - On the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month. Conducted by Monterey Park Friends of the Seniors. Door open at 10:30 A.M. NO BINGO ON EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20

BRIDGE - Contract or Duplicate – Mondays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. If you play contract Bridge and are looking for a good group to share an afternoon of bridge with, come join us. Those who play 500 also welcome new players. All seniors are invited
DANCE EVERY TUESDAY, 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., Dance to live music performed by Gary and Eric (the Incredible Time Machine) Refreshments, \$2.50

HAIRCUTS - First come, first served. Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Barber: Robert Delgadillo Suggested donation, \$5.00. Beautician, Martha Pineda, Suggested donation, \$6.00

(The donation maintains equipment and purchases barber supplies.)

JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR - Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. for repair or estimate. Service provided by Kit Moc. Langley Senior Center does not warrant or guarantee any aspect of any repair.

LUNCH PROGRAM – American or Chinese Hot Lunch served Monday thru Friday to those 60 years and over. Reservations must be made in advance in person. Limited number of lunches. Suggested donation \$2.00.

MAH JONG - 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER - Walk-In-Fair Housing Clinic –APRIL 1, 1:00 P.M. (1st Tuesday of month), no appointment needed for a free consultation with a housing counselor for persons needing assistance related to landlord/tenant laws. Landlord/tenant counseling, discrimination complaint investigation and fair housing without discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, ancestry, age, source of income or other characteristics protected by law. For

information, call 1-800-477-5977.

HEALTH SCREENING & RELATED SERVICES:

BLOOD SUGAR/GLUCOSE SCREENINGS – (1st Tuesday) APRIL 1, 8:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., Provided by HealthCare Partners, Olga Reyes and Celia Valenzuela.

BLOOD PRESSURE BLOOD SUGAR/GLUCOSE SCREENINGS CLINIC – APRIL 8, Tuesday, 8:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., Provided by Garfield Medical Center staff.

FOR LOAN- Senior residents of Monterey Park may check out a wheelchair or walker for a limited time.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL - Please Call 211 for services available throughout L.A. County.

IN-HOME REGISTRY SERVICE - Service can provide you with names of individuals who can work in your home offering a variety of skills. Our registry includes: LVNS for skilled nursing care, Certified Nurse Assistants for personal care needs such as feeding, bedside care, bathing, etc.; Homemakers/companions – for housework, meals, laundry, errands, plumbers, electricians, handymen, gardeners. Payment for the work performed is determined between the worker and you. If you reside in Monterey Park and are 60 or over and need this type of in-home care, please call (626) 307-1373. Applications for work are available.

NOTARY - Virginia Greene, a Notary Public, Wednesdays, 12 Noon – 2:00 P.M. Notarizations \$8.00 per signature for Langley Center Seniors; Refinance Loan Documents, \$45 per set, Sale Loan docs - \$50.00 per set, 2 sets refinances docs – 1st set \$45, \$30 second set, (must be 2 loans for same property), 2 sets of sale loan docs - \$50 1st set, \$45 second set (must be 2 loans for same property); Subscribing witness forms - \$10; Custodial documents forms \$10.

TRANSPORTATION

DIAL-A-RIDE

Service available Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M.– 4:00 P.M., call (626) 307-1396. Free service for seniors 55 years of age and over, transportation within Monterey Park City limits, except for medical needs, and then into adjacent communities only. Dial-A-Ride provides two shopping tours a month to Town Center, Montebello or Wall-Mart, from 12:00 Noon -2:30 P.M.

MATURE DRIVER'S IMPROVEMENT Class held from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Register for the APRIL 14 class. Seniors completing the 8-hour course will be certified and eligible to get a 5% to 10% reduction on their premiums for bodily injury and property damage liability for up to three years with participating insurance companies. \$1.00 FEE includes State Certificate of Completion. For information call (626) 307-1395. Each senior must register in person with a valid California Driver's License.

METRO "TAP CARD"

Renewal is offered from the 25th of the month through the 10th of next month, Mon. – Fri., 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. To receive the City's discount, you must be 62 or older and have proof of Monterey Park residency, which must include identification with name and address imprinted, such as a Driver's License, DMV ID Card, and a valid "TAP CARD". Senior Citizen/Handicapped monthly fee is \$14 for non-residents or \$11 for Monterey Park residents.

TAXI COUPONS

Issued monthly from 1st Monday of the month, availability on a first come, first served basis

- to qualified senior residents, 65 years and older, whose household income meets the L.A. County poverty guidelines (\$11,170 per year for one member, \$15,130 for two, \$19,090 for three or \$23,050 for four), are allowed 2 coupons a month, value of each coupon is \$11.00 and only valid for the month issued.

SENIOR CLASSES – FREE

AMERICAN CULTURE - Intermediate Explore American life and language.

Paul Cheng, Instructor
4301.401 Thursday 1:00 P.M.– 3:00 P.M.

BEADING CLASS

Come create one-of-a-kind designs under the direction of a talented designer. Pay for materials used.

Francis Lau, Instructor

4501.401 Monday 9:00A.M.-11:00A.M.

CHINESE HEALTH EXERCISE

Easy movement health exercise class early in the morning in the main room.

Mary Tam, Instructor

4201.401 Monday-Friday

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

CHINESE PAINTING II

Learn Chinese painting - one of the oldest traditions in the world; \$25 materials fee.

Yu Zhou So, Painting Instructor

4504.401 Thursday 9:30A.M.-12:00 Noon

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Refine your English language skills in conversation with other students.

Betty Cheng, Instructor

4303.401 Thursday 9:15 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

GARDEN GROUP CLASS

Learn tips for gardening to make your garden look wonderful. For further information, contact

Suzie Juarez at (626) 695-8059.

April 28 and May 19

4811.401 Mondays 1:00 p.m.

KARAOKE

Sing your favorite song or belt out your best ballad in this group setting.

Betty Cheng, Instructor

4701.401 Tuesday 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

NEEDLECRAFT CLASS

Sew or knit with friends in the warm atmosphere of learning new skills or sharing your designs.

4505.401 Tuesday 9:00A.M.-11:00A.M.

LINE DANCING

Alice Tsao, Instructor

4406.401 Monday and Tuesday

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

LINE DANCING

Beginning level. Sandra Lin and Alice Hao, Instructors

4407.401 Friday 8:45 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

LINE DANCING

Intermediate/advance

Wilson Ng, Instructor

4408.401 Friday 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

YUAN CHI DANCE/TAI CHI EXERCISE

Sandra Lin, Alice Tsao, and Rosa Yee, Instructors

4202.401 Monday – Tuesday

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday – Thursday

8:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

FRIENDSHIP CHORUS

Prof. Ping Qiao, Instructor

4703.401 Wednesday 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

CHINESE EVERGREEN CHORUS

Delly Chow, Instructor

4704.401 Wednesday 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

CHINESE OPERA

Fuller Chen, Instructor

4705.401 Monday 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

CHINESE OPERA

C.L. Shen, Instructor

4706.401 Friday 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

SENIOR CLASSES – FEE BASED

BALLROOM DANCE CLASS

Learn the basics of ballroom dance and enjoy a wonderful evening with a classic instructor that will teach you fundamentals and ballroom classic style.

Glenn Yata, Instructor

12 Weeks: March 18, 2014 – June 6, 2014

Fee: \$5.00 per lesson

4403.401 Wednesday and

Friday 7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

COMPUTER CLASS

Learn the basics of the computer at this beginner level class.

Dr. Charles Mau, Instructor

8 Weeks: March 4, 2014 – April 22, 2014

FEE: \$15.00

Seniors 50 yrs and Up - Beginning

4402.401 Tuesday 9:00A.M.– 11:30 A.M.

GOLF 4 SENIOR'S

Learn the basics of golf - putt, chip, and pitch, sand, full swing. Experience the fun of playing on the golf course, under the guidance of a PGA member. 12 hours of instructions, average of cost is \$100 per hour for private lessons. Instructor provides golf clubs. Students are responsible for the purchase of range balls at each class.

Kevin Norwall, PGA PRO Instructor

Monterey Park Golf Course,

5 Weeks: March 4, 2014 – April 1, 2014

Fee: \$100.00 Seniors 50 yrs and Up

4602.410 Tues & Thurs

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

MEMORY MAKERS FITNESS

Includes Yuan Chi Dance, Line Dance and Tai Chi Exercises

Sandra Lin, Alice Tsao, and Rosa Yee

March 22, 2014 – May 31, 2014

Fee: \$10.00 per quarter

4401.401 Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

TABLE TENNIS,

BILLIARDS AND EXERCISE

Come early and play or exercise at Langley Center. Only participants that have paid activity fees may participate or occupy the rooms during the posted times. Doors open for regular activities at 8:00 A.M., Monday – Friday. No open play on Saturday or Sunday

9 WEEKS: APRIL 7, 2014 – JUNE 6, 2014

FEE: \$27.00 Seniors 50 yrs and Up

4602.401 Monday – Friday

6:00A.M.– 8:00 A.M.

9 Weeks: April 12, 2014 – June 7, 2014

FEE: \$18.00 Seniors 50 yrs and Up

4602.402 Saturday 8:00A.M.– 12:00 Noon

TENNIS - SENIOR PROGRAM

A tennis program designed for seniors of all levels. Students are required to bring 2 cans of tennis balls with them to the first class. Students must verify holiday make -ups with instructor

Victor Wong, Barnes Park Tennis Courts

9 Weeks: March 18, 2014 – May 15, 2014

Fee: \$45.00 Seniors 50 yrs and Up

4603.401 Tuesday & Thursday

10:00 A.M.-12 Noon

CHAIR FITNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS

Aerobic movement, range of motion exercises, strength training, stretching all performed in a seated position Perfect for students with balance or mobility issues and those recovering from illness or injury. Light hand weights and resistance bands are used in each class.

Sonja Holladay

9 Weeks: March 25, 2014 – May 22, 2014

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Fees: \$47.00 50yrs & Up
 4215.401 Tuesday & Thursday
 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
 Fees: \$26.00 Seniors 50yrs & Up
 4215.402 Thursday 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
TOTAL FITNESS FOR SENIORS
 Heart healthy low impact aerobics, strength training and Flexibility all wrapped up into one class! Light hand weights (2lbs-5lbs) and resistance bands are used in each class. Floor mat also required for Intermediate and Advance levels. Students must verify any holiday make-ups with instructor.
 Sonja Holladay
 9 Weeks: March 24, 2014 – May 22, 2014
 Fees: \$29.00 (1-day class) 50yrs & Up
 \$56.00 (2-day class)
 4215.403 Beginner
 Mon & Wed 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
 4215.404 Inter/Adv
 Mon & Thu 2:45 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.
 4215.405 Inter/Adv
 Tuesday 2:45 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.
ZUMBA GOLD
 Dress to sweat in this low impact, easy to follow, Latin-Inspired dance fitness party that keeps you in a groove for life. Some of the dance styles include: merengue and salsa. Instructor is ZUMBA and ZUMBA Gold licensed.
 Sonja Holladay
 9 Weeks: March 24, 2014 – May 22, 2014
 Fees: \$29.00 Seniors 50yrs & Up
 4215.406 Tuesday 12:15 P.M. to 1:15 P.M.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIPS AND TOURS

TOUR DESK IS OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. • MONDAY - FRIDAY Trips and tours are for senior citizens 50 years and older only, no exceptions. Trips are limited and are on a first pay basis. All casino dividends are subject to change. Monterey Park's Recreation and Community Services Department acts only as an agent in putting together day and extended trip packages and does not assume any liability for illness, injury, damages, loss, accident, or delay due to any act or default of any company or person involved in the trip, nor can we be held responsible for changes made by the tour operator or hotels. CANCELLATIONS: To receive a refund, if you must cancel a trip, mail or bring your ticket

to the office. (Day Trips: at least five working days prior to date of trip; Overnight Trips: at least 14 working days prior to departure date; Extended Excursions: as stipulated for specific tour).

SAN MANUEL CASINO #4104.401 APRIL 10, 2014

Gambler's get-away- Delight! – \$7.00 Per person, PLUS \$1.00 DRIVER'S TIP. \$10.00 Players choice. Must have Player's Card # and original valid State driver's license, or original State Senior ID or valid current government issued photo ID at time of registration. Check in 7:45 a.m.; Depart 8:30 a.m. – return at approximately 4:00 p.m.

LAUGHLIN, NEVADA #4105.401 MAY 6 - 8

Celebrate springtime on the Colorado River! \$95.00 per person, \$120.00 single person in room. Depart Tuesday, May 6 at 8:00 a.m. and return on Thursday, May 8 at approximately 5:00 p.m. This beautiful river tour includes: Drivers tip, two breakfasts and one meal optional, round trip transportation, three days and two nights stay at the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino, and luggage handling. An oasis bordered by rugged desert and the Colorado River, Laughlin welcomes visitors year round. The Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino is situated next to the Colorado River.

PECHANGE RESORT CASINO #4110.401 MONDAY - MAY 19, 2014

Gambler's get-away- Delight! – \$7.00 Per person, Plus \$1.00 DRIVER'S TIP. Must have Player's Card # and original valid State driver's license, or original State Senior ID or valid current government issued photo ID at time of registration. Check in 7:45 a.m.; Depart 8:30 a.m. – return at approximately 5:00 p.m. Upon arrival receive \$5.00 for added play at Casino.

ZION NATIONAL PARK TOUR #4106.401 JUNE 6 - JUNE 8

Friday - Sunday - 3 days 2 night-weekend tour \$319.50 per person, \$399.50 single person in room. \$100 deposit, final payment is due MAY 16, 2014.

This exciting Zion National Park weekend tour will include two nights lodging in picturesque Mesquite, Nevada (located 70 miles north of Las Vegas), at the Casa Blanca Resort Hotel and Casino, a full day of extensive sightseeing in majestic Zion National Park, and even a stop

in Las Vegas along the Strip en route home.

AMTRAK GETAWAY #4107.401 JUNE 23 - 27

AMTRAK'S SURFLINER and CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR \$689 per person, \$899 single person in room. \$200 deposit, final payment is due MAY 19, 2014.

Our most popular summer tour! Highlights include 4 night's deluxe accommodations, "All Aboard Amtrak" from Glendale to Santa Barbara, Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey (overnight), Roaring Camp Train Ride in Felton, self-guided tour of State Capital (overnight), Old Town Sacramento, California Zephyr from Sacramento to Truckee via the Donner Pass. Enjoy 2 nights at Harvey's Hotel and Casino in picturesque Lake Tahoe. You will venture home by way of Highway 395. (Note: there are a limited number of private day rooms, for two with large picture windows and luncheon in the dining car. which include refreshments, for an additional \$70 per person.)

YELLOWSTONE AND MT. RUSHMORE #4108.401 JULY 16 - JULY 23

8 days including airfare. \$1699 per person, \$2169 single person in room. \$300 booking deposit. Includes deluxe continental breakfast daily, Highlights are round-trip airfare flights to Salt Lake City and overnight accommodations in Montpelier, Idaho; Jackson, Wyoming; West Yellowstone, Montana; Cody, Wyoming, Custer, So. Dakota (2 nights) and Rawlins, Wyoming. Tour includes: Grand Teton National Park, Jackson Lake Lodge, Yellowstone National Park, Big Horn Mountains, Black Hills/Mt. Rushmore National Memorial) includes Monument Lightening Ceremony), and Custer State Park.

EASTERN CANADIAN/FALL FOLIAGE #4109.401 SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 1

Nine delightful days of beautiful fall foliage for \$1999 per person, \$2499 single person in room. Airfare included! Come see the beautiful fall colors as we experience Niagara Falls, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Vermont, New Hampshire, Franconia Notch and Boston. Maid-of-the Mist cruise, St. Lawrence River cruise, mini tour of Niagara Falls, city tours of Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and Boston. Valid Passport required (non-United States citizens will need a visa too)!

MONTEREY PARK CRIMES BY LOCATION
 Addresses are identified by block number, not exact address.

February

AUTO BURGLARY

- 300 S ALHAMBRA AVE
- 200 N NEW AVE
- S ORANGE AVE / E GRAVES AVE
- 500 S GARFIELD AVE
- 500 E GRAVES AVE
- 500 S ORANGE AVE
- 900 W GARVEY AVE
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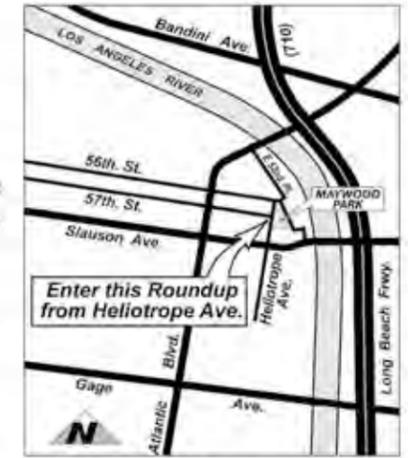
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- * You can load microwaves at participating retailers through the PaintCare Program. Details at www.PaintCare.org or (855) 734-6303.
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- Be prepared to leave your containers and boxes. Remove all other items from your trunk.



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Monterey Park Receives Acclaim for Budget Presentation

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) presented Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards to the city for the 2013-2014 annual budget. Both awards are the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represent a significant achievement by the city, especially for the finance division staff. In order to receive this award, a governmental

unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

The city's budget process is coordinated by the finance division and this is the 23rd time that the city has been awarded for excellence in its budgeting. Interested residents can visit the city website for budget document information.

A message from the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce

Project NEO Making Big Strides with Youth

Project NEO was founded by Monterey Park businesswoman Mary Wong in 2010 and funded through her business, Exact Tax. The inspiration to start Project NEO came from her own son who, at the time, was struggling in eighth grade. "I knew I was not the only parent whose child was struggling to remain in school," Wong recounts. After speaking with other parents she later discovered that due to factors including cultural differences, language barriers, and domestic issues, a significant number of young people face serious challenges with achieving academic success.

Project NEO (Nexus, Enrichment, and Opportunities) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that provides one-on-one, peer-based after-school tutor/mentor programs at no cost. Utilizing a core remedial reading method, Project NEO aims to reduce the educational achievement gap among Southern California youth by providing them the skills needed to become successful learners.

Motivated by the In April 2012, in partnership with LAMP (Literacy for All of Monterey Park), Wong implemented Project NEO's first after-school program for at-risk youth at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library, called Reading Rockets. After one short year, with the encouragement and support of the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD), Project NEO launched a second program at Marguerita Elementary School. Results achieved at Marguerita Elementary School, in its six-week trial program were impressive, leading AUSD to approve a third program at Repetto Elementary School.

Project NEO's tutor/mentor programs utilizes volunteer high school and college students, most of whom are pursuing careers in education, to tutor and mentor elementary and middle school students. After assessing the learning requirements of each student, Project NEO pairs them with an individual tutor well-suited for their needs. This distinct tutor/mentor model has not only proven to be effective but is the total embodiment of the organization's motto "Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders."

Since its inception, Project NEO has helped students boost their reading ability, math skills, and overall classroom performance. Program assessments from Reading Rockets revealed that students improved their reading accuracy by an average of 3.1 percent and increased their reading speed by 24.8 percent.

Project NEO has also strived to bring its proactive spirit of education and collaboration to the local community, sponsoring numerous events like Monterey Park's and Alhambra's Lunar New Year Festivals and the Miss Chinatown Pageants. Recently, they partnered with the Immortals Lion Dance Group to present an extravagant Chinese New Year display at Monterey Park City Hall, featuring a 70-foot Chinese Dragon.

Learn more about Project NEO, and how you can help them make a difference at www.ProjectNEO.org.

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Bike Ride Preregistration is strongly recommended.
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or Dorothy at (626) 622-2595 wongwongway@gmail.com
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For Earth Day Festival information, contact Public Works at publicworks@montereypark.ca.gov or (626) 307-1320



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Bella Vista Optimist Basketball Tri-Star Competition

The Bella Vista Optimist Club held their 2014 Basketball Skill Competition on February 23, 2014 at Schurr High School. Seventy boys and girls ages 8-13 competed in the annual friendly dribbling, passing, and shooting contest. Plaques were awarded for first, second and third place winners in each age category. Mark Hirai and Bruce Kunisaki of Bell Vista Optimist Club chaired the event.



Bella Vista Optimist Basketball Tri-Star Competition Photo caption Picture: Lt to Rt. Front Row: Jerie Calleja, Mitchell Hirai, Cameron Miller, Wade Ohashi, Aiden Acosta, Jonah Katsumoto, Brandon Torimaru, Jordyn Lee Back Row: Jaden Gee, Rece Kunisaki, Nathan Kuoch, Casey Pua, Mark Hirai, Joshua Lee, Ethem Tse, Bruce Kunisaki. Absent: Coke Yasuda, Derick Nitta, Drew Sunahara, Justin Tsai, Logan Goo, Ryan Ng.

St. Paul's Evangelical Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary

St. Paul's Evangelical Church will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on May 18th. The church, located at 2009 S. Garfield Ave. in Monterey Park, will have a day of celebration for both adults and children. Starting at 12 p.m., the church welcomes all to join in this great festivity to view the history, share in food and drink and entertain the kids. A celebration service conducted by the bishop will be held at 2 p.m. and all are invited to attend. For more information please call 323-721-0840.

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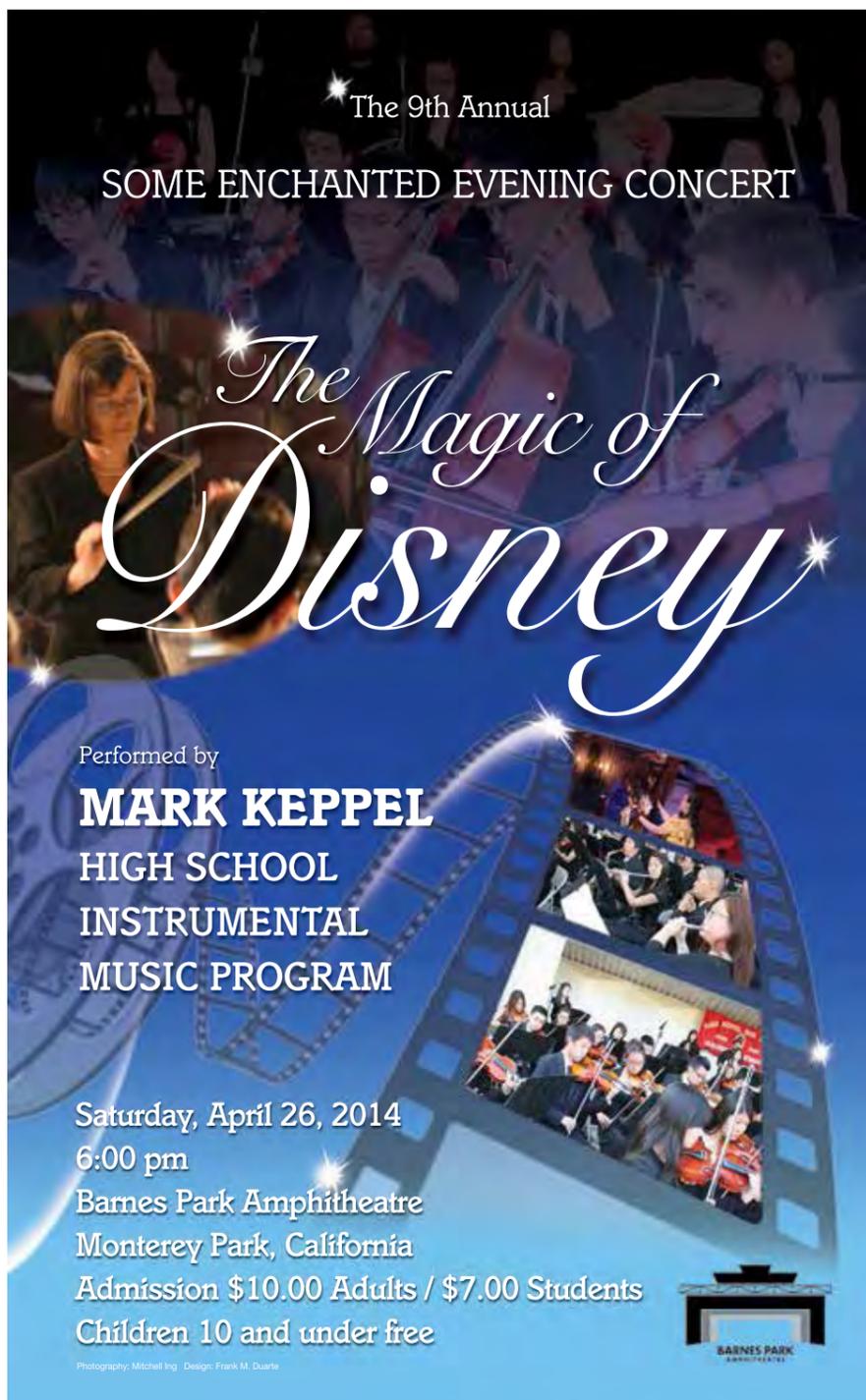
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Cherry Blossom Festival

APRIL 26-27

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11:00 am — 6:00 pm

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Sister Cities Commission Look-alike Contest

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The Monterey Park Sister Cities Commission is organizing a look-alike contest to be held on Friday, May 30, 2014, at 7 pm at Ocean Star Restaurant. It is both a fun and funding raising event with net proceeds going to their student exchange program.

The contest is open to all and there is no age limit. There will be cash awards for the top three places: 1st prize \$1,000; 2nd \$250 and 3rd \$100.

Each contestant is required to do a stage presentation that lasts between 2-6 minutes. Judges will be looking for acting ability, presentation, and entertainment value. The deadline to register for the contest is May 26th.

The dinner ticket is only \$50 per person or \$100 for VIP. Tickets are available from Sister Cities Commissioners or from the Recreation and Community Services counter at city hall. For contest forms or questions, please call the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626-307-1388.

Monterey Park City Hall to be Open Five Days a Week

The City of Monterey Park is pleased to announce that beginning April 1, 2014 city hall hours will return to a five day work week: Monday thru Thursday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For the past three plus years, city hall has been closed on Fridays due to a 10% furlough of general employees because of the recession. The furloughs, as well as other employee concessions, represented a savings to the city's funds in

excess of a million dollars annually.

The city's financial circumstances had required significant cooperation from all of the city's employee groups. The mayor and city council would like to acknowledge and thank all of our labor groups for coming to the table and agreeing to help the city during these challenging fiscal times.

Play Days Idol: It Could Be You!

Attention aspiring vocalists, are you ready for your lucky break? Registration is open for the annual Monterey Park Play Days Idol Contest. This year's contest will be held Thursday, May 15 at Barnes Park at 7:00 p.m. during the annual Play Days carnival. A total of 14 entries will be accepted for the event, with competition in two categories: 17 years and under, and 18 years and older. The cost is \$10 per person with all entry fees going toward prizes. Entries will only be accepted until the 14 spots are filled, so visit city hall to complete your entry today.

Play Days Idol Rules:

- The competition is limited to amateur, (not represented) individual singing performances only – bands, duos, trios, quartets, etc, and instrumental performances are not allowed
- Clothing and performances must be appropriate for a family event
- Each contestant gets one opportunity to sing one song with a maximum limit of five minutes per performance. In case of a technical problem, the contestant will be allowed to begin the song again from the beginning.

Play Days Idol contestants perform live in front of the Idol judges, a live audience and are recorded for broadcast on our local cable TV channel MPK-TV. Previous performances can be found on the MPK-TV YouTube site @MontParkTV.

For more information please call 626-307-1390 or e-mail Robert Aguirre at raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov. Turn in your application today and you could be the next Play Days Idol!

City to Hold Special Election

The City of Monterey Park will be conducting a Special Election which will be consolidated with the Los Angeles County Primary Election.

- An Official Sample Ballot Booklets shall be mailed to each voter during the period of April 24 - May 13, 2014.
- Permanent vote-by-mail voters will receive their election information, including their vote-by-mail ballot starting May 5, 2014.
- Voters may request for a vote-by-mail ballot starting May 5, 2014 until May 27, 2014.
- Vote-by mail ballots must be mailed and received by the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's office by 8:00 p.m. on June 3, 2014 or dropped off at the one of the polling locations in Monterey Park by 8:00 p.m. on June 3, 2014.
- Last day to register to vote for the June 3, 2014 election is May 19, 2014.

The election will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The election is to consider a General Plan land use amendment from Commercial to Medium Density Residential and a Zone Change from Commercial Services (C-S) to 2015 Potrero Grande Specific Plan to allow for the development of 80 new detached residential dwelling units by Olson Urban Housing, LLC. The subject property is located on the north side of Potrero Grande Drive, one lot east of the northeast corner of Potrero Grande Drive and Saturn Street. The lot is 398,574 square feet (9.15 acres) in area and is currently occupied by the San Gabriel plant nursery.

Vote-by-mail applications are available in the sample ballot booklet or by contacting the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's office at (562) 466-1323 or online at www.lavote.net

Voters will be casting their vote on the below Measure:

Shall an ordinance that changes the general plan and zoning map land use designation from a commercial zoning designation to a residential zoning designation and approves a specific plan for construction of single family detached homes on the property located at 2015 potrero grande drive be adopted.

Reminder that you must register to vote if you will be eighteen years old by election day, have a name change, moved to a new address or have become a U.S. citizen.

For more election information, contact the City Clerk's Office 626-307-1359 or visit the City's website at www.montereypark.ca.gov.

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Guide to the Night Sky for April

By Tre Gibbs, Los Angeles Astronomical Society



This is going to be an amazing month, astronomically speaking. The night sky in April will be remembered for months to come as we experience Jupiter's continued domination, the return of Saturn, the prominence of Mars and a stunning total lunar eclipse!

However, let's begin the celestial show with our beloved lunar satellite, the Moon. The Moon dazzles us many times in April, even playing a game of peek-a-boo with Saturn mid month. However, early in the month (on the night of the 6th) the Moon travels the sky with mighty Jupiter. Look for the pre-first quarter Moon rising mid day in the east beginning around 1:00 pm. As twilight falls, Jupiter will become visible "above" the Moon almost directly overhead, high in the south. The two will engage in their celestial dance, heading westward, for the remainder of the evening.

Mid month, the Moon puts on a spectacular show beginning just before midnight. On the evening of the 14th, as the moon orbits Earth opposite the Sun and becomes full, Earth will be positioned directly between the Moon and the Sun, and will block the Sun's light causing the Moon to be cast in Earth's shadow,

thereby causing a full lunar eclipse. The spectacle begins shortly after 10:30 pm, when the left side of the Moon gradually becomes redder and darker. As the Moon continues along its path, it will slip into the full shadow of our planet, rendering the usually brilliant, white bright disk, a deep, dark, eerie reddish color. Just after midnight, the Moon will be completely engulfed in Earth's shadow. As you witness this rare event, imagine - even for a moment - what our ancestors must have thought when they saw this, how they perceived it, how they reacted to it, the fear, the wonder - all the while having no idea what made this happen, imagining that an angry God turned the Moon a dark rusty red, perhaps as an omen, signaling a great future war or even the end of times... But have no fear. By 2:30 am the Moon will be back to its brilliant shimmer, casting shadows of its own down here on this vulnerable and precious planet we call home.

On the evening of the 16th, the Moon, beckoning the child in us all, will 'play' an intriguing game of peek-a-boo. The Moon and Saturn rise together in the east around 10:00 pm - only, where is Saturn?!? Don't panic! Over the next two and a half hours - as the Moon continues its constant path eastward along the ecliptic (the path that the Sun, Moon and planets travel in the sky) - the Moon will slowly reveal the distant but quintessential Saturn. This is a GREAT moment for a telescope! Just after midnight, look for Saturn slowly emerging from the upper-left, 11 o'clock position of the Moon. But remember - it's the Moon that is revealing Saturn. Both are traveling eastward along the ecliptic but from our perspective, the Moon is moving much faster.

By month's end, on the 25th, the waning crescent Moon pairs up with the brilliant Venus low in the east just prior to sunrise. By the 30th, Mars, the God of War, is poised high in the east at twilight, while Saturn rises shortly afterward at approximately 9:00 pm, reclaiming its own prominence in our night skies over the next several months, and signaling the end of Jupiter's nightly reign, as the brilliant wanderer slips further westward along the ecliptic, eventually into the glare of the mid summer's Sun.

April is going to be a great month for viewing lots of celestial happenings, so don't miss any of it!

The LAAS meets at the Garvey Ranch Park observatory every Wednesday night, rain or shine, from 7 to 10 p.m. All members are eager to answer your questions, and let you have a peek through our 8" telescope. Feel free to contact us via any of the methods below. We would love to see you there!

Garvey Ranch Park observatory, 781 S Orange Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755; www.laas.org; Facebook: www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety; phone 213-673-7355.

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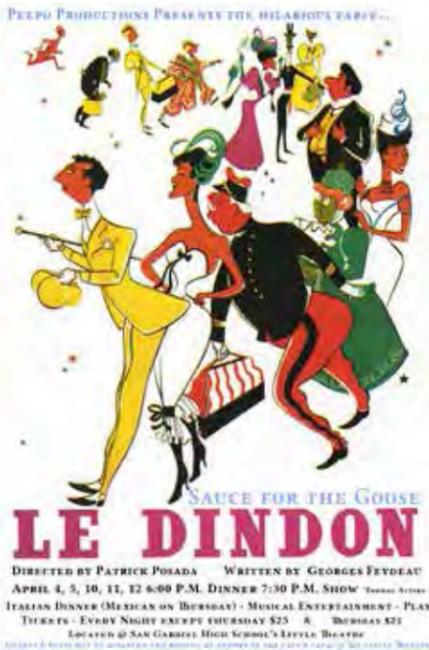


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San Gabriel drama students welcome audiences to dinner theatre production of Le Dindon



Set in 1901 Paris, France, Le Dindon, also known as Sauce for the Goose, is San Gabriel High School's spring play. The show will be a dinner theater production, with the school's Little Theater transformed into a restaurant by technical theater students and actors.

"This year we get back to our Georges Feydeau roots," play director Patrick Posada said. "Le Dindon is a classic French farce. It is hilarious!"

The stage for this play is like none that the cast has performed on before, being a small stage surrounded by tables and seating on three sides. This tactic of theater is called "thrust" and features a very personal and up-close experience, with the actors learning to face all three sides of the stage evenly.

Just like previous farces performed at San Gabriel, the play features a large cast of talented student actors, including Angelica Morquecho, Ali Razvi, Jonathan Hurtado,

David Pham, Dion Jiao, Julie Pham, Maria Gamino, Linda Wang, Jullianne Rios, John San, Rigoberto Saldivar, Maggie Feng, Michael Yue, Nathan Ta, and Andy Tran.

Le Dindon will run April 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12, with four course Italian dinner catering, with the exception of the 11th, which will have Mexican catering from Luna's. Each night will be \$25 per seat (\$21 for the 11th.) Seating will feature round tables with seats for eight and several rectangular tables seating six. Bar seats are also available for the same price and food, but do not require sitting with a group.

Dinner will be served from 6 p.m. There will be pre-show music during dinner, and the play will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information or tickets, please email Posada_Patrick@ausd.us. Tickets can also be purchased through anyone in the cast or crew or at the Little Theatre, 801 S. Ramona St., San Gabriel, CA.

This article was written by Emmanuel Maresca, sophomore, reporter, The Matador, San Gabriel High School.

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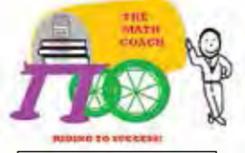
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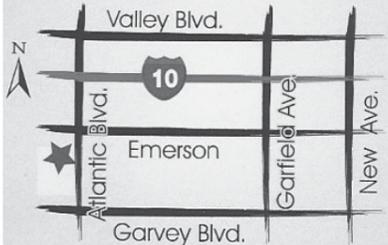


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You may nominate more than one person but only one person in each category. All nominations must be in writing and the form filled in completely. All nominations must be either e-mailed to or received at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library on or before **April 28, 2014 by 6:00 p.m.** to be considered. Please deliver nomination forms to the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library, 318 South Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754 or e-mail to libraryadministration@montereypark.ca.gov. One nominee in each category will be chosen by the Library Foundation Board. The winners in each category will be announced in the **June 2014** issue of the **Cascades** newspaper and the winners will be notified in writing by the Library Foundation.

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In response to the 2011 windstorm that devastated the San Gabriel Valley, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established a grant program to assist cities in replacing trees that were lost or severely damaged. The First Supervisorial District through the County Open Space Regional Park and Open Space District awarded the city \$86,000 to replace trees destroyed by the heavy windstorms and to green their landscape with additional trees.

The city's tree planting program includes the replacement of trees as well as new plantings in neighborhoods that had

streetscape improvements deferred due to the economic downturn. Priority locations for tree planting are based on the city's vacant tree site map and planting schedule.

Beginning in April 2014, new trees will be planted in the parkways of the city's northeast quadrant that is east of Atlantic Blvd. and north of Newmark Ave. Residents will see Crape Myrtles, Bradford Pears, Victorian Box and other species that are designated for those streets. Other locations for tree planting include the major arterials of Atlantic Blvd., Garfield Ave., Garvey Ave. and Cascades Park.

The city's Environmental Commission enthusiastically supports the greening of the community with trees that provide shade to preserve energy and protect the watershed.

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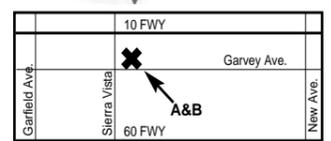
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District students perform well at FBLA section competition



San Gabriel High School's FBLA team won second place in Sweepstakes at the Mission Valley Gold Section conference on Feb. 22, setting a school record.



Mark Keppel High School's FBLA team won 18 top ten awards at the Mission Valley Gold Section conference on Feb. 2.

Future Business Leaders of Association (FBLA) members got up at the brink of dawn and prepared for a long day for their Mission Valley Gold Section Conference at Magic Mountain amusement park on Feb. 22.

All members were dressed in business formal attire and showed outstanding representation for their schools and the Alhambra Unified School District. Over 460 students from 14 different schools in the East Los Angeles region competed in various test and performance events at the Mission Valley conference.

San Gabriel High School placed second in Sweepstakes, which is determined by highest overall point scores, followed by Mark Keppel in 4th place, and Alhambra in 8th place. The 2nd place finish was a school record for San Gabriel.

SCHOOL RESULTS

Alhambra High School sent 36 competitors to the competition, winning 11 top ten awards and advancing 9 students to the State FBLA Leadership Conference in Ontario in April. The FBLA adviser is Eleanor Dominguez and chapter co-presidents are Vivian Phang and Raymond Wong. State qualifiers are as follows:

- 2nd place - Computer Problem Solving - Wendy Tu
- 4th place - Accounting 2 - Starson Lu
- 4th place - Management Decision Making Team - Vanessa Wong, Alison Lu, Grace Wong
- 5th place - Marketing Team - Vivian Phang, Wendy Tu, Ben Tanyongkul
- 5th place - Accounting 1-Gina Huang
- 5th place - Cyber Security - Jeffrey Huynh

Mark Keppel High School sent 23 competitors, bringing home 18 top ten awards. Fourteen students qualified for the State FBLA Leadership Conference. FBLA advisers are Gladys Baca and Cynthia Fillpot, and the chapter president is Nichole Ang. State qualifiers are as follows:

- 1st Place - Accounting 1- Jessica Do
- 1st Place - Business Law - Michelle Zia
- 1st Place - Intro to Business - Sheldon Dong
- 1st Place - Personal Finance - Andrew Iwamoto
- 2nd Place - Accounting 1 - Andrew Iwamoto
- 2nd Place - Business Communication - Nicole Ang
- 2nd Place - Business Law - Lisa Dip
- 2nd Place - Personal Finance - Ying (Helen) Wang
- 3rd Place - Economics - Lin Tian
- 3rd Place - Entrepreneurship - Belinda Chen,

- Jessica Do, Victoria Law
- 3rd Place - Global Business - Kathryn Pang, Ying (Helen) Wang, Michelle Zia
- 5th Place - Business Procedures - Vivian Quach
- 5th Place - Personal Finance - Lisa Dip
- 6th Place - Business Procedures - Kimberly Thai

San Gabriel High School sent 74 competitors who earned 50 top ten awards. Qui Nguy is the FBLA adviser and Charlie Diep is chapter president. The 25 members who qualified for state in 17 events are as follows:

- 1st place - Business Math - Leo Liu
- 1st place - Business Calculations - Charlie Diep
- 1st place - Business Communications - Joyce Tien
- 2nd place - Introduction to Business Communications - Chin Chia Liang
- 2nd place - Cyber Security - Crystal Lam
- 2nd place - Economics - Yixin Chen
- 2nd place - Future Business Leader - Charlie Diep
- 3rd place - Business Math - Cuiting Yu
- 3rd place - Business Calculations - Cuiting Yu
- 3rd place - Cyber Security - Brian Choy
- 3rd place - Business Procedures - Michelle

- Lok
- 3rd place - Health Care Administration - CoCo So
- 3rd place - Hospitality Management Team Event - Sofia Htet, Samantha Khou, Sharon Cao
- 4th place - Sports Management Team Event - Henry Zeng, Johnny Diep
- 4th place - Business Calculations - Leo Liu
- 4th place - Introduction to Business Communications - Connie Luong
- 4th place - Computer Application - Frankie Zhuang
- 5th place - Intro to Tech Concepts - Gloria Quach
- 5th place - Business Math - Jared Gao
- 5th place - Business Calculations - Kelly Chu
- 5th place - Accounting 2 - Megan Thai
- 5th place - Introduction to Business Communications - Kevin Liang
- 5th place - Insurance & Risk Management - Michelle Lok
- 5th place - Introduction to Information Technology - Alissa So
- 5th place - Introduction to Business - Jared Gao
- 5th place - Health Care Administration - Hui Fu
- 5th place - Computer Problem Solving - Danny Fu

Monterey Highlands wins first place in FBLA Middle Level Chapter Sweepstakes



The Monterey Highlands FBLA team celebrates their sectional victory.

After competing against 12 high schools and another middle school, Monterey Highlands garnered a number of awards at the Feb. 22 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Mission Valley Section Conference including first place in the Middle Level Chapter Sweepstakes.

Monterey Highlands students also won a number of individual awards, including Tiffany Lai who won first place in the FBLA Creed competition and fifth place in the FBLA Principles and Procedures competition, thus qualifying for both events in the April 10-13 FBLA state competition in Ontario. Sabrina Sy won second place in Public Speaking I event and seventh place in the Introduction to Business Communication competition, thus qualifying for the state competition

in Public Speaking I. Annabella Wu won tenth place in the rigorous Introduction to Information Technology event. Highlands teammates Tiffany Neth, Timothy Chuman, and Ian Ordonez also competed in the Business Math competition. Also pictured is teammate Maia Wu.

In addition to being recognized for winning the middle level sweepstakes, Monterey Highlands was one of four schools recognized for completing both the Mission Valley Cares and Mission Valley Does Business projects as a result of the school participating in a Heal-The-Bay beach clean-up day, decorating the Stanford University's float for the Tournament of Roses parade, and visiting a senior citizens center.

Funding for schools increases with Gov. Brown's LCFF law

California budget cuts are an ongoing issue that have resulted in increased class sizes and loss of courses. However, after years of budget cuts, the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) is qualified to obtain thousands of dollars per student in the 2013-2014 school year.

Governor Jerry Brown's Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) will distribute \$7,341 per student in the school district. The goal of the LCFF is to change California's current way of funding schools into a simpler education funding formula for students. According to the Alhambra Source, these funds will continue to grow, eventually reaching \$11,602 per student by the 2020-2021 school year. The grant will include additional funding for serving high-need students. It is also intended to restore K-12 funding to pre-recession levels over time.

Out of the LCFF, comes the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The LCAP is a three-year plan focused on closing the achievement gap with special emphasis on English Learners (ELs), socio-economically disadvantaged students and foster children. The LCAP requires districts to develop a plan with specific goals, actions and services that will be provided to students in

an effort to increase student achievement. Additionally, the LCAP requires districts to link expenditures to all actions and services. Lastly, the district must engage the educational community to ensure that students, parents, staffs and local community have been provided an opportunity for input into the LCAP.

Over the last month, AUSD administration met with all stakeholder groups and developed an online survey to solicit LCAP input from all stakeholders. The District is very pleased with the number of respondents from the survey. Dr. Gary Gonzales, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, reports that the District received vital input from all stakeholders groups and that the responses will play an integral role in developing the LCAP for AUSD.

"I am so pleased that our stakeholders took a few minutes out of their day to provide us with such valuable input. This just verifies that AUSD stakeholders value the education of children in AUSD," Dr. Gonzales said.

Jacquelyn Loi, freshman, reporter, The Moor Weekly, Alhambra High School contributed to this article.

San Gabriel publications win 1st at regionals, 2nd in state



San Gabriel High School publication staffs pose at the East Los Angeles County Journalism Education Association Write-offs, celebrating their 1st place in Newspaper Sweepstakes and numerous other placements

February and March proved to be rewarding months for San Gabriel High School's newspaper and yearbook staffs, who won first place in Newspaper Sweepstakes at regionals, and second place in Yearbook Sweepstakes at state in write-off competitions.

In addition to winning first at the East Los Angeles Journalism Education Association (ELAJEA) Write-offs, the newspaper staff won fourth in Novice Newspaper Sweepstakes, and both teams combined won third in Super Sweepstakes. The regional competition was hosted by Schurr High School on Feb. 22 and included schools such as Walnut, Glen A. Wilson, Alhambra, and Temple City.

"I was extremely ecstatic when our name was called out for first place in Newspaper Sweepstakes. In that moment, I was so happy for our team and felt that all our hard work paid off," said senior Steven Ho, co-editor-in-chief of The Matador newspaper.

Other members of The Matador staff who placed included junior Kristy Duong, seniors Oscar Molina and Christopher Lan, placing first, fourth, and tenth respectively in News, sophomores Amy Yee and Ileana Perez placing second and nineteenth in Novice News, senior Steven Ho placing second and junior Rebecca Lei placing seventh in Features, senior

Vanessa De La Rosa placing fifth in Editorial, sophomore Cassandra Chen and junior Jennifer Thai placing first and sixth in Editorial Cartoon, senior Marvin Luu and sophomore Carolina Loaisiga placing fourth and seventh in Sports, junior Tran Lam placing fourth in Critical Review, senior Derek Deng placing second for News Photography.

Among the Yearbook members who placed at regionals were junior Benjamin Yap, placing fifth in News Photography, junior Nelson Luong and senior Natalie Ma placing fourth and seventh in Feature Photography, senior Ronnie Lee and juniors Kelsey Ko, Tracy Hoang, and Jaleen Lujan placing fourth in Yearbook Copy and seventh in Yearbook Layout. Seniors Pauline Vu and Brandi Hyuhn alongside juniors Trisha Vasquez and Halle Trang placed fifth in Yearbook Copy and sixth in Yearbook Layout.

At the state write-offs, sponsored by the Southern California Journalism Education Association on March 15 at Rancho Dominguez Prep High School in Long Beach, the yearbook staff performed very well, with all competitors placing in their categories. Results were as follows: Brandi Huynh and Ronnie Lee won first in copywriting and second in layout, capturing the second place in Yearbook Sweepstakes. For photography, Matthew Diep won first in Features; Derek Deng, third in News; Nelson Luong and Benjamin Yap – third and fifth in Sports. Senior Sonny Hy placed first in Newspaper Layout. Newspaper writers finished 13th in Sports - Marvin Luu, fifth in Features - Rebecca Lei, and Jennifer Thai placed fifth in Editorial Cartoon. In addition, Marvin Luu won the Betty Rogers scholarship.

This article was written by Amy Yee, sophomore, reporter, The Matador, San Gabriel High School.

Rotary Club of Alhambra awards 22nd year of teacher mini-grants



The Rotary Club of Alhambra, posing here with the AUSD Board of Education and AUSD teachers, awarded 36 teachers mini-grants at the Feb. 18 school board meeting.



Park Elementary teacher Caroline Botros happily reacts to her Rotary mini-grant award.



AUSD School Board President Bob Gin presents a certificate of recognition to the Rotary Club of Alhambra for its teachers mini-grant program. From left to right: Rotary Member Linda Wong, Rotary President Denis Kerechuk, School Board President Bob Gin, Rotary President-Elect Lorraine Simpson, and Rotary Past President Dr. Gary Snyder who is chairman of the mini-grant program.

Garfield Elementary teacher Robin McQuay was thrilled when she learned of her Rotary Club of Alhambra mini-grant award for homework kits for her Transitional Kindergarten class.

"My class loves taking home materials to share what they're learning in school with their families at home," Ms. McQuay said. "The kits include activities for learning literacy, math, science, and social emotional growth. I feel extremely grateful for the generosity of the Rotary Club of Alhambra for supporting our youngest students in Transitional Kindergarten."

The Rotary Club of Alhambra awarded 36 Alhambra Unified School District teachers mini-grants during the Feb. 18 school board meeting. Now in its 22nd year, the Rotary's Teacher Mini-Grants Program, provides cash grants ranging from \$50 to \$200 for innovative classroom projects. Over \$6500 in mini-grants was distributed this year; since the inception of the program, the Rotary Club has donated over \$170,000 to AUSD teachers.

At the board meeting, Rotary President Denis Kerechuk thanked Dr. David Snyder, Chairman of the mini-grant program and Rotary Past President, and the special sponsors for the mini-grant program: The Alhambra; Begxix H. Lieberg, D.D.S.; Transtech Engineers; and Republic Services. "One thing [the Rotary Club] is identified with is this mini-grant program. This really goes a long way with the community," Mr. Kerechuk said at the meeting. Along with Mr. Kerechuk and Dr. Snyder, Rotary member and Interact Advisor Linda Wong and President-Elect Lorraine Simpson presented the checks to the teachers and principals present.

Mini-grant recipients were Alastair Aitken, Carla Bartlett, Dave Batti, Julie Beavers-Sorenson, Eric Bergstrom, Caroline Botros, Ernie Chen, Stephanie Cohen, Hung T. Dao, Christina Diaz, Julie Eyre, Steve Gruecke, James Hamilton, LuAnn Haslam, Blanca Hatem, Cynthia Ho-Shyu, Daniel Hyke, Robert Johnson, Lisa Jones, Wing Lai, Albertina Lam, Roger Lawson, Linh Ly, Gwen C. McLain, Robin McQuay, Norma Mota-Altman, Juanita Navarro, Khanh Nguyen, Nicolas Nguyen, Camilla Nickelson, Debbie Struthers, Jenny Tang, I. Tran, Tin Tran, Vickie Wong, and Miami Yang.

Instrumental music teacher Lisa Jones will combine her mini-grant award with PTA funds to tune and repair the baby grand piano in Repetto Elementary's auditorium. "We teachers in the

AUSD are so fortunate to have the Rotary Club support us by making the grants available," Ms. Jones said. "It's been very difficult recently, so it's been nice to have access to the extra financial help!"

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蒙特利市第十七屆櫻花節慶典將於四月二十六及二十七在博恩斯公園舉行。本次節慶將以盛大的日本文化藝術與娛樂為特色，展示許多日本文化，藝術，音樂，食物，工藝品和遊戲等。其中將備有各種具備日本特色的大鼓團體演出，日本相撲，武術表演，傳統舞蹈表演，及特別音樂演奏嘉賓演出。蒙特利公園市櫻花節內友好家庭活動，將會包括兒童活動遊戲區和青少年表演團體。為期兩天的櫻花節慶的入場費也是免費的。

星期六的開幕典禮，將邀請ABC7的電視台記者Alysha del Valle作為我們的客席主持人，以及受到特別表彰的來自蒙市Mark Keppel高中的學術十項全能隊

隊員們參加本次活動。本次活動還將表揚我們第一個姊妹城市組織，蒙特利公園市/那智勝浦，日本協會創辦者Terry和Ryoko Suzuki。

其它週末娛樂節目包括由June Kuramoto, Kimo Cornwell帶來的精彩表演，以及當地Mojo和Miko Shudo表演。

為避免停車堵塞情況，參加櫻花節的遊客及市民，可以在Repetto和Ynez學校，蘭利老人中心及Mark Keppel高中運動場，搭乘免費往返接駁車。

與眾多社區活動一樣，櫻花節慶祝活動由財政贊助商和志願者捐獻贊助而成。若想成為2014年度櫻花節活動的成功贊助商，請瀏覽市政府網站贊助商項目。

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農夫市場的春天

蒙特利公園市農夫市場的四月，將帶來正是季節的莓果品種，就如我們的“請教營養師”攤位和健康生活以及烹調示範一樣，是一個美妙的開始。使用我們市場配對計劃的EBT和WIC補助者，不要忘了有可能獲得\$10元免費補助資金。

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農夫市場歷史和每月提示：草莓

您知道草莓是種植者可以在少於十英畝的地上種植，來維持生活的少數產物之一嗎？在20世紀初的洛杉磯縣，當日裔美國人在加州沒有他們自己的土地時，草莓是他們的理想莊稼物—他們代表了80%的所有草莓種植者！當選擇一籃草莓時，要找那些完全鮮紅和有光澤的，帶有綠蒂看起來新鮮又不失水分的，才是好的草莓。同時查看一下籃子底部，看有沒有壓壞的草莓。

無論是雨天還是晴天，農夫市場照樣正常運作，在每月週五下午4點至晚上8點，在市政廳附近及圖書館旁開放營業，地址：318 S. Ramona Ave. 如需更多好提示，請瀏覽信息攤位或在臉書上關注我們(montereyparkFM)，或與我們聯繫，電郵至montereyparkFM@gmail.com。

市長座談會於4月10日在Brightwood學校舉行

4月10日星期四，市長座談會將在Brightwood小學的自助餐廳舉行，地址在1701 Brightwood St., Monterey Park, CA 91754。

會議將於晚上6點開始，居民們將有機會與民選的官員以及工作人員，商談有關蒙特利公園市的服務和未來。本次會議座談時間預期為大約2小時。

蒙特利公園市市政廳每週五天開放營業

蒙特利公園市很高興在此宣布，市政廳工作時間將於2014年4月1日開始，恢復到每週五天工作日：星期一至星期四辦公時間，從早上7點30分開始至下午5點30分結束，星期五辦公時間從早上7點30分開始至下午4點30分結束。在過去三年多時間裡，由於經濟倒退，導致一般雇員減薪10%，市政廳被迫在每週五關閉。休

假以及其他雇員的讓步，意味著市政府的所節約資金每年超過百萬元。

市政府的財政狀況，需要市政府內所有雇員小組的鼎力合作配合。對於所有雇員及勞工團體，能在財政困難的歲月裡繼續工作，共同協助市政府渡過艱難時刻，市長和市議會表示衷心的感謝。

Cinco de Mayo 普天同慶慶典

第三十二屆Cinco de Mayo 墨西哥普天同慶的年度慶祝活動，將於2014年5月4日星期日，下午一點至六點在博恩公園內的露天大舞台 (Barnes Park Amphitheater) 舉行。

本次活動將由當地流行的，有民族特色的表演者，為大家呈現具有墨西哥特色的視聽魔幻表演。此外，還有抽獎遊

戲，及美味的墨西哥食物，歡迎您前來觀賞這場免費的慶典活動。

本次活動附設大量可避免陽光照射的座位！歡迎攜同您的家人一起來參加這個慶祝活動，欣賞午後娛樂節目，享受美食。如需更多有關Cinco de Mayo墨西哥普天同慶活動信息，請到市政府網站或上網瀏覽詳情。

El Festival Cherry Blossom regresa a Monterey Park

Festival Cherry Blossom
Sábado y Domingo Abril 26-27
Barnes Park
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Gratis

El 17 ° Cherry Blossom Festival Anual se celebrará el 26 y 27 de Abril en Barnes Park, en que se presentará una fascinante variedad de artes, entretenimiento, comida, artesanías, juegos y sorteos de la cultura japonesa. Entre los elementos más impresionantes del festival, se encuentran varios grupos de tambor taiko muy conocidos, demostraciones de lucha de sumo y de artes marciales, espectáculos de danza tradicional, demostraciones de origami e ikebana, e invitados musicales especiales. Siendo un evento para las familias, el Festival Cherry Blossom de Monterey Park contará con áreas de actividad y juego para los niños, así como grupos artísticos orientadas a los jóvenes. Lo mejor de todo es que el festival de dos días es gratis.

En la ceremonia inaugural del sábado tendremos la reportera Alysha del Valle del Canal 7 ABC, como maestra de ceremonias y se llevará a cabo un reconocimiento especial para los estudiantes del equipo de Decatlón Académico de la Escuela Secundaria de Mark Keppel. También serán

honrados Terry y Ryoko Suzuki, fundadores de la primera organización de ciudades hermanas para la ciudad, la asociación Monterey Park / Nachikatsuura, Japón.

Otro entretenimiento del fin de semana incluiremos emocionantes actuaciones de June Kuramoto, Kimo Cornwell, Mojo Local y Miko Shudo.

Visitantes al festival pueden evitar el problema de estacionamiento y tomar un autobús gratis desde las escuelas Repetto y Ynez, Langley Senior Center y el campo atlético de la Escuela Secundaria de Mark Keppel.

Al igual que muchos eventos de la comunidad, el Festival Cherry Blossom se realiza por las contribuciones cruciales de voluntarios y patrocinadores financieros. Por favor visite el sitio web de la ciudad para conocer la lista de patrocinadores o cómo usted o su empresa pueden contribuir al éxito y la continuidad del Festival Cherry Blossom de 2014.

Más información y el horario de entretenimiento se encuentra disponible en el sitio web de la ciudad en www.montereypark.ca.gov o poniéndose en contacto con Robert Aguirre, Superintendente de Recreación, al 626-307-1390 o por correo electrónico a raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov.

Primavera en el Mercado del Agricultor

En abril el Mercado del Agricultor de Monterey Park traerá una gran variedad de fresas, moras, y arándanos de la temporada, así como el establecimiento de nuestro puesto "Preguntele al Dietista" y las manifestaciones de vida y cocina saludable. No se olvide de nuestro magnifico programa Market Match para los que reciben EBT o WIC (un máximo de \$10 gratis para hacer compras en el mercado).

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Reunión pública del alcalde se celebrará el 10 de Abril en la Escuela Brightwood

El Jueves 10 de Abril, una reunión pública con el alcalde se celebrará en la Cafetería de la Escuela Primaria de Brightwood, ubicado en el 1701 Brightwood St., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

La reunión está programada empezar a las 6:00 pm y los residentes tendrán la oportunidad de hablar con los funcionarios electos y los empleados sobre los servicios y el futuro de la ciudad. Se espera que el evento dure aproximadamente dos horas.

La municipalidad de Monterey Park abrirá cinco días a la semana

La ciudad de Monterey Park se complace en anunciar que a partir del 1 de Abril del 2014 el horario de la municipalidad retornará a la semana laboral de cinco días: de lunes a jueves 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. y viernes 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Durante los últimos tres años, la municipalidad ha estado cerrada los viernes debido a la reducción de un 10% de salario de los empleados en general por la recesión. Estas reducciones de salario, así como otras concesiones de los empleados, han contribuido

a un ahorro anual de los fondos municipales de más de un millón de dólares.

Las circunstancias financieras municipales han requerido una cooperación entre todos los grupos de empleados de la ciudad. El alcalde y la municipalidad quieren agradecer a todos nuestros grupos laborales por su presencia en las reuniones y ponerse de acuerdo para dar ayuda a la ciudad durante los tiempos difíciles con desafíos fiscales.

Celebración del Cinco de Mayo

La 32ª Celebración Anual del Cinco de Mayo se llevará a cabo el domingo 4 de Mayo en el Anfiteatro del parque Barnes. El entretenimiento empezará a las 1:00 p.m. y continuará hasta las 6:00 p.m.

El evento de Cinco de Mayo de Monterey Park muestra la visión, los sonidos y la magia de México a través de actuaciones de artistas locales y regionales populares. El evento también ofrecerá

sorteos populares, así como la auténtica comida mexicana.

Suficientes asientos con sombra se encontrarán disponibles en el anfiteatro. El público está invitado a traer a la familia y disfrutar una tarde con entretenimiento maravilloso y comida rica. Visite el sitio web de la ciudad para más información o busque en la Internet por Cinco de Mayo de Monterey Park.



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