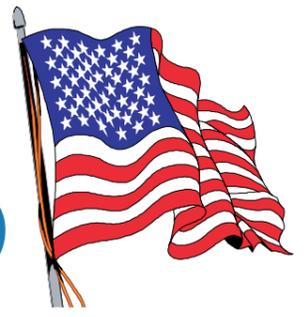




# The Monterey Park Cascades



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Sign up for the Monterey Park e-newsletter and stay informed about what's happening in your city. Available only by email, the newsletter is designed to be a quick roundup of city events for people on the go. A companion to the monthly Cascades, the e-newsletter is produced about twice a month and features updated news and information that might not have made it into the Cascades.

For people who want a bit more information, you can also sign up for our news release and city council agenda mailing lists.

As a news release subscriber you'll receive the same timely information that the media receives about current issues and events. Subscribers to the council agendas will receive meeting notifications and a summary of items. Email from both lists contain links back to the city website for further reference or updates.

In addition to our e-mail lists, some city departments also offer links to popular social media like Nixle or Twitter. For the official City of Monterey Park Twitter feed, follow us @CityofMPK.

Your subscription insures that you're receiving official city notifications as soon as they're released. And of course, you can unsubscribe at any time.

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## First Annual Geranium Festival Celebrates City Flower

Country fair themed event to feature games, contests and pageants for the entire family



Monterey Park Geranium Festival  
Saturday, October 11  
11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Avenue,  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Enjoy an autumnal afternoon of family fun at Barnes Park at the first annual Geranium Festival on Saturday, October 11, 11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. The festival is a tribute to our city's flower, the geranium. The country fair theme will include interactive family games, contests and activity centers. Activities will include pie- and ice cream- eating contests, balloon toss, sack races and more. The festival will

include pageants for seniors (70 years+) and children (5-7 years) hosted by the Community Participation Commission.

If your business is interested in participating or making a donation toward this worthwhile community event, please contact the recreation department at 626-307-1388.

Barnes Park is located at 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754. For pageant information or additional event details please visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) and search "Geranium Festival."

## Are You Ready to ShakeOut?

Prepare yourself and your loved ones for "the big one" by participating in the ShakeOut earthquake drill on October 16 at 10:16 a.m.

California has more than 37 million people living and working in the state. A major earthquake could cause unprecedented devastation for residents, businesses, numerous organizations and to city infrastructure. What we do in Monterey Park before a big earthquake will determine what our lives will be like afterward. In anticipation of an earthquake, the Monterey Park Fire Department encourages everyone to "Be Prepared, Not Scared!"

### JOIN MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS FOR THE SHAKEOUT DRILL

One great way to learn how to be prepared is to participate in the Great California ShakeOut on October 16, 2014 at 10:16 a.m. People and groups, such as residents, businesses and schools throughout California will be conducting an earthquake drill to learn and practice how to "drop, cover and hold on." Last year, 9.6 million Californians participated in the Great ShakeOut and as of September 10 of this year, 9.3 million have registered already.

register (so they can be counted and receive communications) and at the minimum, practice "drop, cover and hold on" at the specified time.

Participating in the Great ShakeOut is only a five minute commitment for something that can save lives. It all begins with registering, which is free and open to everyone. For more information, visit [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org).

### BUILD ON YOUR SHAKEOUT EXPERIENCE AND BECOME A CERT MEMBER IN MONTEREY PARK

If you are interested in learning more about disaster preparedness such as how to become a Community Emergency Response Team member (CERT) in your neighborhood, visit the Monterey Park Fire Department webpage at [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov). The application period is now open with the first class scheduled for October 25, 2014.

The 2014 ShakeOut drill will be the largest preparedness event in US history. To participate, go to [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org)/register and pledge your family, school, business or organization's participation in the drill. Registration is free and participants will receive information on how to plan a drill and how to create a dialogue with others about earthquake preparedness. All organizers ask is that participants



## City of Monterey Park Offering Business Tax Amnesty

To qualify for the amnesty program the following requirements must be met between September 1, 2014 and October 31, 2014:

- Businesses that have been previously licensed, but whose license has expired, simply pay for the principal business license fees without penalty.
- If previously unlicensed, an agency approval process must be completed to comply with the city's requirements to start a new business. Please visit the city's planning counter to begin this process. After completing the agency approval form, all principal fees for the business license must be paid.

On November 1, 2014 the city will resume charging any associated penalties on business license transactions. The city will also begin actively canvassing to locate unlicensed businesses and all principal and penalty fees will be charged.

Business license tax revenue goes into the city's general fund which is the primary funding source of the police, fire, building, zoning, public works, park maintenance, recreation and library services. The amnesty program is designed to provide a business-friendly way to encourage compliance with tax rules while helping fund essential services.

For more information on this program, please visit the Business License Division at city hall, or contact the division at 626-307-1338. City hall is open Monday–Thursday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Beginning September 1, 2014 and ending on October 31, 2014, the City of Monterey Park is offering an amnesty period to allow individuals and businesses to get an active business license and have any associated penalty fees waived.

Any penalties that have been paid prior to September 1, 2014 cannot be considered for inclusion in the amnesty program and will not be eligible for a refund.





**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.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov)

# Monterey Park to Launch a Comprehensive Chinese Outreach Campaign on Used Motor Oil Recycling

According to the 2012 Census, the San Gabriel Valley is one of the three metropolitan areas in the United States with the largest Chinese populations. Due to a language barrier, many government policies and regulations are not communicated to Chinese residents. Complex environmental issues such as the importance of recycling of used motor oil and filters are difficult to convey even when translated.

In light of this, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) awarded grant funding to launch a comprehensive media campaign on the recycling of used motor oil and filters in the Chinese language. The City of Monterey Park

is partnering with five other cities, including San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Rosemead, Temple City and Walnut in this effort.

The proposed media outreach will include a series of news stories and program outreach in Chinese language mainstream TV commercials, radio and newspapers that cover the whole

San Gabriel Valley area. A press conference to kick off the campaign is scheduled for November 10 in the City of Monterey Park.

For questions or to get more information on the city's environmental programs, visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) or call the Public Works Department at 626-307-1320.



**Recycle Used Oil & Filters**  
**1-800-CLEANUP**  
 Call for a collection center

## 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	626-307-1320
Risk Management	626-307-1437
Special Events	626-307-1390
Trash Collection (Athens Services)	626-336-6100
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.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov)

## 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

- October 1 Regular City Council Mtg., 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- October 11 First Annual Geranium Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Barnes Park.
- October 14 City Council Guests & Presentations Mtg., 6 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- October 15 Regular City Council Mtg., 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- October 16 Langley Senior Center Bazaar, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- October 16 ShakeOut Earthquake Drill, 10:16 a.m., Worldwide.
- October 17 MPK Night Market, 5:30-10:30 p.m., 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 event calendar at [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov).

**SPARK**  
**AFTERSCHOOL and SUMMER CAMP**

- Homework Help
- Tutoring
- Life Skills
- Enrichment

- 3 Academic Sessions
- Enrichment Activities
- Fun Activities
- Field Trips

[SparkAfterschool.org](http://SparkAfterschool.org)    [SparkSummerSchool.com](http://SparkSummerSchool.com)

**WOW \$7.99 LUNCH SET**  
 午市套餐

Conch Head Herbal Soup 螺頭炖雞湯  
 Salty Baked Chicken 客家鹽焗雞  
 Chinese Vegetable 油菜  
 Steam Rice 白飯

Salty Baked Chicken 客家鹽焗雞 \$6.99  
 Squid w/ Spicy Salt 椒鹽鮮魷 \$8.99

**SHAM TSENG BBQ SHOP**  
 DINE IN · TAKE OUT · CATERING

Roasted Pig

Barbecue Village Beef Curry

**NEW 新推出**

Milk Tea 港式奶茶  
 Five-flower Herbal Tea 清熱去濕五花茶  
 Lemon Ice Tea 冰凍檸檬茶  
 Green Tea 台式冰綠茶  
 Herbal Tea 靈芝夏枯草  
 Boba Milk Tea 波霸奶茶

**TOGO 99¢ DINE IN \$1.29**

**PARTY TRAY**  
 Company Meeting / Birthday / Family Party  
 Open 7 Days 8:00am - 1:00am  
 TEL: (626) 289-4858 (626) 570-9678  
 634 W. Garvey Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754

**Special Lunch Menu 特價午餐**  
 From \$4.99 10:00am - 3:00pm  
 Buy 4 Get 1 FREE 買四送一

**Happy Hour Menu 下午茶餐**  
 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
 Buy 3 Get 1 FREE 買三送一

**Dinner 晚餐**  
 Get Soy Sauce Chicken or Royal Steam Chicken For FREE  
 with minimum purchase of \$29.99  
 食滿\$29.99送茶皇雞或貴妃雞

# 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...

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

- OCTOBER 13** - MATURE DRIVING CLASS, 8:00 A.M.
- OCTOBER 14** - CARE MANAGER, 10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON
- OCTOBER 16** - LANGLEY ANNUAL BAZAAR, 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
- OCTOBER 20** - COMMISSION ON AGING, 11:00 A.M.
- OCTOBER 26** - CLUB AMISTAD DANCE
- OCTOBER 28** - CARE MANAGER, 10:00 A.M. - 12 NOON

## 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, 4 th Monday, 1:00 p.m.

## IMPROVING YOUR WELL-BEING

Each month on the second and fourth Tuesday, Care Manager, Vivian Chen will be at Langley Center from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon. Care Manager services, provided by YWCA San Gabriel Valley, Intervale Senior Services, include referrals for medical, counseling and mental health; in-home services; transportation; caregiver resources, and nutritional referrals. Monterey Park seniors, ages 60+, can obtain free assistance as a means to help them live independently and safely in their homes for as long as possible. Staff also can also assist with advocacy related to Medicare, Medi-Cal and Social Security benefits. Please call the YWCA Case Management Program if you require supportive services at 626.214.9467, or schedule an appointment at the Langley Senior Center front desk.

## PEDESTRAIN & BICYCLE SAFETY CLASS –

**OCTOBER 13 • 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**  
Monterey Park Police Department class will promote pedestrian and bicycle transportation use, safety, and accessibility.

## ACTIVITIES, CLASSES AND SERVICES

**BINGO** – Every Friday from 12:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Doors open at 11:00 A.M., everyone over 18 years of age is invited to play. No children are allowed.

**BINGO** - On the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month. Door open at 10:30 A.M. No children are allowed.

**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.

**DANCE EVERY TUESDAY**, 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., Dance to live music performed by the Incredible Time Machine \$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.

**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 on Monday mornings for the following week. Limited number of lunches. Suggested donation is \$2.00.

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

**HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER** - Walk-In-Fair Housing Clinic –October 7, 1:00 P.M. (1st Tuesday of month). For information, call 1-800-477-5977.

**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.

## 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

### MATURE DRIVER'S IMPROVEMENT

Class held from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Register for the

October 13 class. Each senior must register in person with a valid California Driver's License. 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.

### 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 \$20 for non-residents or \$17 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 (\$11,670 per year for one member, \$15,730 for two, \$19,790 for three or \$23,850 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

Explore American life and language. Paul Cheng, Instructor  
Thursday, 1:00 P.M.– 3:00 P.M.

### BEADING CLASS

Pay for materials used. Francis Lau, Instructor  
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

Monday-Friday, 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.

### CHINESE PAINTING II

\$25 materials fee. Yu Zhou So, Painting Instructor  
Thursday, 9:30A.M.-12:00 Noon

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Refine you English language skills in conversation with other students.

Betty Cheng, Instructor

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

### GARDEN GROUP

Learn tips for making your garden look terrific!  
Suzy Juarez, Leader

4th Monday of the month, 1:00 P.M.

### KARAOKE

Betty Cheng, Instructor

Tuesday, 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

### NEEDLECRAFT WORKSHOP

Sew or knit with friends learning new skills or sharing your designs.

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

### LINE DANCING

Alice Tsao, Instructor

Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

### LINE DANCING

Beginning level. Sandra Lin and Alice Hao, Instructors

Friday, 8:45 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

### LINE DANCING

Intermediate/advance, Wilson Ng, Instructor

Friday, 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

### YUAN CHI DANCE/TAI CHI EXERCISE

Sandra Lin, Alice Tsao, and Rosa Yee, Instructors

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

Wednesday, 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

### CHINESE EVERGREEN CHORUS

Delly Chow, Instructor

Wednesday, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

### CHINESE OPERA

Fuller Chen, Instructor

Monday, 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

### CHINESE OPERA

C.L. Shen, Instructor

Friday, 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

### MONTEREY PARK CHORUS

Wei Pu, Conductor

Monday, 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

### CONCERT BAND of MONTEREY PARK

Monday, 7:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. , Monthly fee

## SENIOR CLASSES

### BALLROOM DANCE CLASS

Glenn Yata, Instructor Fee: \$5.00 per lesson

Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

### MEMORY MAKERS FITNESS

Includes Yuan Chi Dance, Line Dance and Tai Chi Exercises

Sandra Lin, Alice Tsao, and Rosa Yee

Fee: \$10.00 per quarter

Saturday, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

### TABLE TENNIS, BILLIARDS AND EXERCISE

Doors open for regular activities at 8:00 A.M., Monday – Friday. No open play on Saturday or Sunday

SEPTEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 26

\$39.00 Seniors 50 yrs and Up

4602.201 Monday – Friday 6:00A.M.– 8:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 6 – NOVEMBER 22

\$27.00 Seniors 50 yrs and Up

4602.202 Saturday 8:00A.M.– 12:00 Noon

### CHAIR FITNESS FOR OLDER ADULT

Sonja Holladay, 50 yrs & Up

10 Weeks: SEPTEMBER 9 – NOVEMBER 14

4215.201 Tuesday & Thursday 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M., \$52.00

4215.202 Thursday 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M., \$28.00

### TOTAL FITNESS FOR SENIORS

Sonja Holladay, 50 yrs & Up

10 Weeks: SEPTEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 13

4215.203 Beginner Mon & Wed, 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M., \$58.00

4215.204 Inter/Adv Mon & Thurs,

2:45 P.M. to 4:15 P.M., \$58.00

4215.205 Inter/Adv Tuesday, 2:45 P.M. to 4:15 P.M., \$32.00

4215.206 Inter/Adv Mon, Tues, Thurs,

2:45 P.M. to 4:15 P.M., \$85.00

### ZUMBA GOLD

Sonja Holladay, 50 yrs & Up

10 Weeks: SEPTEMBER 9 – NOVEMBER 11, \$32.00

4215.207 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

Trip reservations must be made in person at the Center. Trips and tours are for senior citizens 50 years and older only, no exceptions; are limited and are on a first pay basis. See office for additional details.

### SAN MANUEL CASINO - OCTOBER 23

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.

### STATELINE/BUFFALO BILL'S RESORT CASINO - OCTOBER 19 – 21

Gambling, Outlet shopping and side trip to Las Vegas! The party will be in full swing at Stateline, Nevada for three days and two nights at Buffalo Bill's Resort Casino. Depart Sunday October 19 at 8:00 a.m. (check in time 7:45 a.m.) and return at approximately 5:00 p.m. on the 21st. \$100.00 per person double occupancy, \$125.00 single occupancy. Trip includes: Luggage handling, driver's tip, (2) food coupons, Outlet shopping, and optional five (5) hour trip to Las Vegas on the 2nd day.

### OLD WEST ADVENTURE IN OLD ARIZONA - NOVEMBER 6 – 9

Depart Thursday, November 6th and return on Sunday the 9th after spending a delightful tour of Arizona. \$499.50 Per Person double occupancy, \$649.50 Single person in room. Deposit required of \$150 per person, balance due October 16. Trip includes: Deluxe air conditioned motor coach transportation; three nights deluxe accommodations in Tucson and Tombstone; Guided tour of Arizona's Kartchner Caverns State Park; Narrated underground mine tour in Bisbee; Admission to Tombstone, including Gunfight at O.K. Corral. For additional information and reservations please contact Langley Senior Center.

### CABAZON OUTLET STORES -

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Find impressive savings at premium stores. Clothing, shoes, home furnishings, housewares, gift and specialty items, and a variety of food choices. Trip includes shopping and Driver's tip. Depart at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m., COST: \$7.00 Per person, PLUS \$1.00 DRIVER'S TIP.

### PECHANGA RESORT CASINO -

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

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.

### FARMERS MARKET - MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Come see the Grove and Farmers Market at 3rd and Fairfax in Los Angeles decorated for the holiday season. CHECK IN 8:15 a.m, depart at 9:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. Plenty of shops of festival cheer - multi cultural food choices. Ride the trolley between the Grove and Farmers Market where you are just steps away from its wide range of delights. \$7.00 Per person, Plus \$1.00 DRIVER'S TIP.

# Council Action Review

## Regular Meeting of July 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m., with all members present.

The City Attorney clarified on Agenda Item 3N, section 2B, of both Ordinances (Water And Wastewater), to read as "Additionally, as of midnight on August 31, 2019, the Water Charge will automatically revert back to the Water Charge in existing on August 31, 2017, based upon the ten percent (10%) increase amounts set forth above for years two and three of the Water Charge Schedule."

**Presentations:** None.

### SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

**Agenda Item 2-A.** Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-75 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated July 16, 2014 totaling \$3,331.06 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

**Agenda Item 2-B.** Received and filed the investment report for June 2014.

**Agenda Item 2-C** Approved the minutes for the regular meeting of June 18, 2014.

Successor Agency New Business

**Agenda Item 2-D** This item was continued to a meeting in September to act on a request by the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce to forgive Deferred Rental Monies owed to the Former Redevelopment Agency for rent.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

**Agenda Item 3-A.** Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11669 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated

July 16, 2014 Totaling \$1,038,877.89 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

**Agenda Item 3-B.** Received and filed investment report for June 2014.

**Agenda Item 3-C.** Approved the minutes from the regular meeting of June 18, 2014.

**Agenda Item 3-D.** Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney to purchase a 2014 KME Predator in the amount of \$464,416 plus any additional amount due to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County. Funding was approved in the FY 2014-2015

budget, Account No. 0010-801-5002-99725; approved additional expenditures for all applicable fees, sales tax and transfer fees due to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, (DMV) from Account No. 0010-801-5002-99725; and approved additional expenditures from Account No. 0010-801-5002-99725 to outfit and place in operation, the new KME Predator purchased from the Consolidated Fire Protection District. This will include fire hose, equipment replacement and mounting brackets.

**Agenda Item 3-E.** This item was continued to September to authorize the City Manager to execute a lease, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to lease El Encanto to the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce for \$350 a month for a term of three years.

**Agenda Item 3-F** Adopted Resolution No. 11670 approving Final Parcel Map No. 72276 located at 306 N. Huntington Avenue.

**Agenda Item 3-G** Authorized the City Manager to execute a three-year agreement with World Journal LA, LLC to co-produce the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Lunar New Year Festival. It was also requested for Council to review annually and \$1,949.08 be given to the Business Improvement District for reinvestments.

**Agenda Item 3-H** Adopted Resolution No. 11671 identifying the amount of tax revenue required to fulfill the voters' intent in funding the City's retirement system.

**Agenda Item 3-I** Approved the at-Risk Youth Employment Plan and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps to help implement the Plan for tree planting project.

**Agenda Item 3-J** Certified the results of the June 3, 2014 Special Municipal Election by adopting Resolution No. 11672 and ratifying Ordinance No. 2108, a Proposition approving Ordinance No. 2104 adopted by the City Council on February 19, 2014 changing the General Plan and Zoning Map Designation from a Commercial Land Use to a Residential Land Use and approving an 80 Unit Residential Subdivision at 2015 Potrero Grande Drive.

**Agenda Item 3-K** Awarded Janitorial Services Contract for Business Improvement District No. 1 (Bid) to Chrysalis Enterprises.

**Agenda Item 3-L** A Service Agreement with the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control Department for Animal Care and Control Sheltering, Licensing, and After Hours Services was approved. The City Manager was

authorized to execute the Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney with the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control Department, not to Exceed \$10,000.00 of the estimated rates.

**Agenda Item 3-M** Awarded a contract for the Parking Lot Improvements at Monterey Highlands Park and Elementary School to the lowest responsible bidder, Excel Paving Company of Long Beach, in the amount of \$127,737.00; authorized the Public Works Director to approve construction change orders up to \$12,774 (up to ten percent of construction contract amount) for this project; and authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Excel Paving Company.

**Agenda Item 3-N** Waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2109 increasing the amount of Wastewater Rates and Charges; Ordinance No. 2110 increasing the amount of Water Rates and Charges; adopted Ordinance No. 2111 increasing the amount of Solid Waste Rates and Charges.

### [4.] PUBLIC HEARING

**Agenda Item 4-A.** The Public Hearing was held and the One Year Action Plan was adopted for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Programs.

**Agenda Item 4-B.** The Public Hearing was held and Resolution No. 11673 adopted approving Weed Abatement Clearance Charge List and authorizing collection of such costs through the property tax rolls.

### [5.] UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

### [6.] NEW BUSINESS

None.

### [7.] MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

The Regular Meeting of August 6, 2014 was cancelled.

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

## Special Joint City Council/Successor Agency and Oversight Board Meeting of July 24, 2014

The City Council meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m., with two Council Member absent and two Board Members absent.

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

### SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA)

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Agenda Item 1** Adopted Resolution No. SA-76 confirming the decision to authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and related documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to convey real property at 700 Corporate Center Drive to Joint Win Development LLC and directed staff to transmit the revised Resolution and Purchase and Sales Agreement to the Department of Finance and other appropriate public agencies.

**Agenda Item 2** Authorized the City Manager to execute

an amendment to the purchase and sales agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

### OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE MONTEREY PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**Agenda Item 3** The Oversight Board approved the minutes for the meeting of May 22, 2014.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Agenda Item 4** The Oversight Board adopted Resolution No. OBR-22 confirming the Successor Agency's decision to authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and related documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to convey real property at 700 Corporate Center Drive; and directed staff to transmit the revised Resolution and Purchase and Sales Agreement to the Department of Finance and other

appropriate public agencies.

**Agenda Item 5** The Oversight Board authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to the purchase and sales agreement between the Oversight Board and Joint Win Development, LLC, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

### CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**Agenda Item 6** The Council awarded the contract for the Parking Lot Improvements at George Elder Park to the lowest responsible bidder, Ben's Asphalt of Santa Ana, in the amount of \$46,050.00; authorized the Public Works Director to approve construction change orders up to \$4,605.00 (up to ten percent of construction contract amount) for this project; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, on behalf of the City.

ADJOURNED - 9:52 A.M.

## Regular Meeting of August 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., with one member absent.

The City Manager announced that Items 3H and 3K were continued to a future meeting and Item 6C was continued to the September 17, 2014 Meeting

**Presentations:** None.

### SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

**Agenda Item 2-A.** Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-77 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated August 20, 2014 totaling \$4796.07 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

**Agenda Item 2-B.** Received and filed the investment report for July 2014.

**Agenda Item 2-C** Approved the minutes for the regular meetings of July 2, 2014 and July 16, 2014 and the Special Joint Meeting of July 24, 2014.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

**Agenda Item 3-A.** Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11674 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated

August 20, 2014 Totaling \$3,377,080.94 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

**Agenda Item 3-B.** Received and filed investment report for July 2014.

**Agenda Item 3-C.** Approved the minutes from the regular meetings of July 2, 2014,

July 16, 2014 and the Special Meetings of July 2, 2014, July 7, 2014, July 16, 2014 and the special joint meeting of July 24, 2014.

**Agenda Item 3-D.** The Annual Investment Report for 2013-2014 was received and filed.

**Agenda Item 3-E.** The contract was awarded for the Irrigation System Improvements at Sunnyslopes and George Elder Parks to the lowest responsible bidder, Martinez Landscape Company of Sylmar, in the amount of \$463,651.00; authorized the Public Works Director to approve construction change orders up to \$46,365.00 (up to ten percent of construction contract amount) for this project; bidder, Martinez Landscape Company of Sylmar, in the amount of \$463,651.00; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

**Agenda Item 3-F** Awarded the contract for the Irrigation System Improvements at Cascades and Highlands Parks to the lowest responsible bidder, Green Giant Landscapes Inc. of La Habra, in the amount of \$385,826.24; authorized the Public Works Director to approve construction change

orders up to \$38,583.00 (up to ten percent of construction contract amount) for this project; and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

**Agenda Item 3-G** Awarded the Used Oil Asian Marketing Campaign contract to John L. Hunter and Associates; and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with John L. Hunter and Associates.

**Agenda Item 3-H** The Annual Library Report to Council from the Library Board of Trustees was continued

**Agenda Item 3-I** Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Municipal Auditing Services for Business License Auditing Services and adopted Resolution No. 11675 establishing the Business Tax Amnesty Program as amended changing the 30-day amnesty program to September 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014.

**Agenda Item 3-J** Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to purchase a Mobile Vision In-Car Camera Flashback 3 System Technology upgrade in the amount of \$191,121 from L3 Communications Mobile Vision, Inc. Funding was approved in the 2014-15 Fiscal Year Budget,

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Account No. 0010-801-5002-99321.

**Agenda Item 3-K** The Item to adopt the resolution recognizing the 30th California State Library Literacy Services Anniversary and the Annual Celebration of International Literacy Day on September 8, 2014 was continued.

**Agenda Item 3-L** Waived bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050(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 0010-801-5002-99724; also authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

**[4.] PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**[5.] UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**[6.] NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 6-A** Garvey Reservoir -- Amendment To The September 1993 Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") And The 1983 Lease Agreement (Lease) Between The City Of Monterey Park ("City") And Metropolitan Water District ("MWD") Concerning The Garvey Reservoir. MWD Is Planning To Raise The Elevation

Storage Of The Garvey Reservoir From 561 To 573 Feet Pursuant To The 1989 Settlement Agreement. This item was approved as amended contingent to: 1) Receiving a Report from the Division of Dams; 2) Conduct a Public Outreach; 3) Amending the Language in the 4th "Whereas;" 4) Amendment to Section 4.6 expend \$50,000 to improve quality of life to area around the Park; and 5) Obtaining Warranty Information for the Lining.

Recessed at 10:00 PM  
Reconvened at 10:05 PM

**Agenda Item 6-B** Introduced and waived the first reading of Ordinance amending Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") §§ 6.20.020 and 9.100.020 to include "Electronic Cigarettes" as part of the prohibition on smoking in outdoor Public Areas and Tobacco Retailer Licensing.

**Agenda Item 6-C** This item was continued to September 17, 2014 Meeting to Introduce an Ordinance Amending Title 8 Of The Monterey Park Municipal Code In Its Entirety Regarding The Regulation Of Animals Within The City's Jurisdiction And Incorporation Of Title 10 Of The Los Angeles County Code.

**[7.] MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Discussion on water conservation measures related to landscaping.

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

**Regular Meeting of September 3, 2014**

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

The City Manager announced that Item 4A was continued to the September 17, 2014 Meeting.

**Presentations:** Kathryn Pantoja, Environmental Affairs Officer, LAWA Environmental and Land Use Planning Division, Noise Management

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Agenda Item 2-A.** Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-78 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated September 3, 2014 totaling \$81.07 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Agenda Item 3-A.** Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11676 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated September 3, 2014 Totaling \$1,929,959.94 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

**Agenda Item 3-B.** Adopted Ordinance No. 2112 amending Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") §§ 6.20.020 and 9.100.020 to include "Electronic Cigarettes" as part of the prohibition on smoking in outdoor Public Areas and Tobacco Retailer Licensing with staff directed to extend the enforcement date to November 1, 2014.

**Agenda Item 3-C.** Adopted Resolution No. 11677 authorizing the transfer of permanently escheated unclaimed bond deposits held in a special fund to the City's General Fund pursuant to Government Code §§50050-50056 and the Administrative Policy and Procedure No. 20-26 (Exhibit C).

**Agenda Item 3-D.** Adopted Resolution No. 11678 recognizing the 30th California State Library Literacy Services Anniversary and the Annual Celebration of International Literacy Day on September 8, 2014.

**Agenda Item 3-E.** Received and filed the Annual Library Report to Council from the Library Board of Trustees.

**Agenda Item 3-F** Approved the contract change order

work for the Barnes Park Picnic Shelter Replacement and allocated an additional \$70,000 in General Fund Capital Improvement Reserves to cover the change order work and final cost of the project.

**Agenda Item 3-G** Accepted the Monterey Highlands Park and Elementary School Parking Lot Improvements completed by Excel Paving Company and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

**Agenda Item 3-H** Appropriated a total of #113,820 annually, for 5 years, for the upgrade of the CNG fueling compressor system at the City Yard. Annual funding sources are AB2766 discretionary funds for \$23,820 and Proposition A Local Returns for \$90,000; and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Southern California Gas Company.

**[4.] PUBLIC HEARING**

Agenda Item 4-A Public Hearing was held and the Agreement with Siemens Industry Inc. for \$10.5 Million Energy Performance Contract was continued to the September 17, 2014 Meeting.

**[5.] UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**[6.] NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item 6-A** Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Sing Tao Newspaper, to co-host a New Year's Eve countdown event on Garvey Avenue between Atlantic and Ynez for a four-month term and directed staff to notice residents and businesses within 300 feet of closures. Also waived all fees and asked Council to assist in securing sponsorships to recover the \$28,000.

Motion to extend meeting to 11:15 PM

**[7.] MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

The Council meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

**MONTEREY PARK CRIMES BY LOCATION**

*Addresses are identified by block number, not exact address.*

**August 2014**

**AUTO BURGLARY**

- 400 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 3500 RAMONA BLVD
- 1800 WILCOX AVE
- 2100 DIVINE DR
- 400 POTRERO GRANDE DR
- 200 N CHANDLER AVE
- 100 N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 400 S CHANDLER AVE
- 600 N MOORE AVE
- 300 POMELO AVE

**AUTO THEFT**

- 1000 COLLEGE VIEW DR
- 600 W FLORAL DR
- 1800 WILCOX AVE
- W GARVEY AVE / CASUDA CANYON DR
- 400 E GARVEY AVE
- 200 S CHANDLER AVE
- 200 CENTRE PLAZA DR
- 2200 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 100 E FLORAL DR

**BURGLARY COMMERCIAL**

- 2500 CORPORATE PL
- 400 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 2400 S GARFIELD AVE
- 500 N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 300 S GARFIELD AVE
- 2200 S ATLANTIC BLVD

**BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL**

- 500 BRIGHTWOOD ST
- 1300 LIGHTVIEW ST
- 1500 SUNRISE DR
- 1000 BRIERCLIFF WAY
- 700 HERSHEY AVE
- 200 HILLIARD AVE
- 500 N YNEZ AVE
- 700 W MARKLAND DR
- 1300 ARROYO DR

**ROBBERY**

- 200 N YNEZ AVE
- 2100 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 2100 S ATLANTIC BLVD

**ROBBERY CARJACKING**

- 2200 S ATLANTIC BLVD

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**Getting Teeth Cleaned Reduced "Bad" Cholesterol by 30%**

By John Chao, DDS and Sarah Kennedy, RDH



Dr. John Chao, DDS

A study of 273 aboriginal Australians showed that treatment of gum disease with "deep cleaning" was so able to reduce the thickness of the carotid artery that this change can be equated to having reduced "bad cholesterol" by 30%.

This study was conducted by the University of Sydney and published in Hypertension online June 23, 2014. The author, Michael Skilton, BSc, PhD, said that, "The study shows that the non-surgical periodontal therapy significantly reduced the progression of thickening of the carotid artery over a one-year period". He further explained, "The effect is comparable to a 30 percent [decrease] in low-density lipoprotein cholesterol [levels]—commonly referred to as 'bad' cholesterol—which is associated with a

decreased risk of heart disease".

Dr. Skilton led a team of researchers from The University of Sydney and other Australian and U.S. institutions. They enrolled 273 aboriginal Australians who had periodontitis in a parallel-group, open-label, randomized clinical trial. Participants in the intervention group received full-mouth periodontal scaling during a single visit. Those in the control group received no treatment.

Follow-up data were available for 169 participants at three months and 168 participants at 12 months.

After 12 months, participants in the

intervention group had experienced a significant decrease in intima-media thickness—an indicator of arterial structure—but those in the control group did not, the authors reported. In contrast, there were no significant differences between the groups in pulse wave velocity, an indicator of arterial function.

"Future studies may tell us whether a more intensive approach to periodontal therapy, including regular periodontal maintenance schedules, can produce more marked improvements in vascular structure," Dr. Skilton said.

So don't wait when you have gum disease. See your dentist and save your life.

# MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY

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Fridays and Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm • Sundays 1 - 5 pm

## NEW MANDARIN CLASS FOR CHILDREN SET TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER!

The LAMP Literacy and Children's Programs announces a new eight-week Beginning Mandarin course for children at the library this fall. On Saturday mornings between September 27, 2014 and November 15, 2014, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. students will learn beginning Mandarin in themed lessons which will cover concepts such as family and friends, home life, activities, food, transportation, and people and places. The classes cover both spoken Mandarin and written Simplified Chinese and are open to non-Mandarin speakers who are currently enrolled in Kindergarten through second grade only. These classes are made possible through the generous financial support and partnership of the Rotary Club of Monterey Park.

## ESL LONG DISTANCE LEARNING TO BEGIN IN FALL!

The LAMP Literacy Program will begin offering Long Distance Learning with Reading Horizons software via the Cloud in September. Come to the literacy program and register for this wonderful opportunity! All levels of ESL will be offered via the Long Distance Program. This will provide students waiting to enroll in classes and gain an opportunity to learn at home prior to entering a classroom setting. Please call the literacy program for more information at (626) 304-1418.

## ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE) CLASSES

The 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 Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 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.

## 1 TO 1 TUTORING FOR ADULT LITERACY

If you know an adult learner who cannot read or struggles in reading, call the LAMP Literacy Program. Our success rate for assisting adult learners is well established. 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 is necessary.

## JOIN THE LAMP TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS!

Are you interested in giving back to the community of Monterey Park and have command of the English writing, reading and speaking skills? Then we need you to join our team! 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.

## FALL INTO A GREAT BOOK FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE BOOKS

Was your summer boring or sluggish? Want to get into an energetic mood for Fall? Then visit our Friends of the Library Bookstore and purchase a book that will thrill your delight with whatever reading genre you prefer. Books arrive daily to the bookstore and wait for your peruse. Crawl into the Fall season cuddled in a big chair, snugly socks and with a great book in hand from the enormous selection of inexpensive materials for sale at the bookstore. Whether you prefer fiction or nonfiction, they are all available daily.

## SPECIAL PRESCHOOL STORYTIME PROGRAM

In partnership with the LAMP program, the Children's Department will present a special Read for the Record program celebrating Jumpstart's premiere national literacy campaign promoting early literacy. A special read aloud of the children's book Bunny Cakes during preschool storytime on Thursday, October 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the Storytime Room is all part of the fun in celebrating literacy and joining the efforts to help preschoolers prepare for school. Each participating preschooler will receive a free copy of Bunny Cakes, a comical story of sibling rivalry featuring Max and

Ruby in a cake-making project by bestselling author and illustrator Rosemary Wells. The program is free, however pre-registration is required. The sign-up sheet is available one week prior to the program. For sign up or for more information about this program, please call the Children's Department at (626) 307-1358 or the LAMP Program (626) 307-1251.

## IN-N-OUT BURGER READING PROGRAM

Beginning Monday, October 6, children ages 4-12 are invited to join In-N-Out Burger's "Cover to Cover Club" Reading Program at the library. Children can register for the free reading program at the Children's Desk to receive a reading log to list books checked-out and read from the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. Children will need to return to the Children's Desk to receive credit for the books read. After reading five books, the child's parent or guardian must sign the reading log to receive a "Cover to Cover Club" achievement award which is good for a free hamburger or cheeseburger at any In-N-Out Burger. Children who are too young to read may participate by having books read to them by their parent or guardian. Children may receive up to three award certificates during the six-week reading program. The "Cover to Cover Club" Reading Program will end on November 13. For further information, call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

## HALLOWEEN PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AND CRAFT PROGRAM

The Children's Services Department will conduct a special Halloween preschool storytime on Thursday, October 30 at 10:30 am in the Storytime Room followed by a "Make Your Own Jack-o-Lantern" brown bag program in the Arts & Crafts Room. The library will provide craft materials free to the first twenty children. For more information, 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 Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358 for more information.

## HALLOWEEN TWEEN PROGRAM

The Children's Services Department will host a Halloween Glow in the Dark Mason Jar workshop for pre-teens ages 9-12 on Thursday, October 23 at 3 pm in the Friends Room. Each participating tween will have the opportunity to make one Halloween glow mason jar of their choice, a ghost, mummy, Frankenstein or Jack-o-Lantern. The program is free, but pre-registration is required and the sign-up sheet will be available one week prior to the programs. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, call (626) 307-1358.

## 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	10:30-11:00 am for preschoolers

All storytimes are held in the children's storytime room with each storytime lasting about 30 minutes. For safety, children need to be accompanied by an adult caregiver/guardian during all storytime programs. For further information, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

## MONDAY NIGHT BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASSES

Beginning Computer Classes in English are scheduled on October 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the computer lab located on the 2nd floor. 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 October 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 INTERMEDIATE WORD COMPUTER CLASSES IN ENGLISH

Intermediate Word Computer Classes in English are scheduled on October 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the computer lab located on the 2nd floor. Space is limited and registration is required for the free classes. Adults will practice Internet searching skills and Microsoft (MS) Word templates to make documents. To register for the free classes contact the Reference Desk or call (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.

## AUTHOR TALK WITH GENE AGUILERA

Mexican American Boxing in Los Angeles Author Gene Aguilera will present a book talk and book signing on his new

book, Mexican American Boxing in Los Angeles on Sunday, October 5 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The book with more than 200 rare and vintage photographs documents the personalities, lives and careers of the boxers and is one of the first to place all of the great Mexican American boxers of Los Angeles together in one book. In addition to his book talk and book signing, Aguilera has invited a champion boxer featured in the book to attend the library event. The softcover book published by Arcadia Publishing will be available for purchase at the event. The public is invited to view an exhibit of Aguilera's collection of boxing memorabilia at the library throughout the month of October. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For more information about the free program, contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

## INTERNATIONAL FILM PROGRAM

The public is invited to the library's film screenings featuring award winning international films on Wednesday, October 15 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The program is free with light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For more information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

## JOURNEY TO A STEM CAREER WORKSHOP

Are you interested in exploring a career in STEM? Julian Yuen, a graduate of MIT and a computer programmer for Oracle Corporation will talk about STEM careers on Sunday, October 12 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. Mr. Yuen will discuss how students can align the right resources and opportunities to pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers in the future. The guest speaker will share helpful tips to students and parents on how to get accepted into top universities. The free workshop is sponsored in partnership with the library and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Youth Council. For more information about the free program, contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

## JOB WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

High school and college students are invited to a job workshop at the library on Sunday, October 19 from 2- 4 pm in the Friends Room. The workshop is sponsored in partnership with the Chinese American Education Association and the East Los Angeles College International Student Advancement Program. Guest speakers from Los Angeles County and the Panda Restaurant Group will share information on job searching, interviewing, and the civil service process. For more information about the free workshop call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

## MYSTERY ZONE BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy reading mysteries? Join the Mystery Zone Book Club on Monday, October 20 from 12 noon - 1 pm in Study Room 2. Have you recently read a good mystery? Do you have an all time favorite mystery author? Share your favorites and learn about new mystery books available at the library. For more information about the book club, contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

## AUTHOR TALK PROGRAM WITH LAND OF A THOUSAND DANCES AUTHOR, DAVID REYES

Author David Reyes will present a book talk and book signing on his book, Land of a Thousand Dances on Sunday, October 26 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The book, a definitive history on California Chicano music pioneers highlights the roots and development of Chicano rock groups featuring musicians like Ritchie Valens, The Midnighters, Los Lobos, Quetzal and others. Reyes' book will be available for purchase at the event. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For more information about the free program, contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

## MIDWEEK MOVIE @ THE LIBRARY

The library will showcase a book to movie hit based on the bestselling young adult book by John Green on Wednesday, October 1 at 3:00 pm in the Friends Room. Hazel and Gus are two teenagers who meet and fall in love at a cancer support group. Their relationship sweeps them on an unforgettable journey where they discover love, adventure and heartbreak. The movie is rated PG-13 and runs 126 minutes. For more information about the free film program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

## JF PROGRAMS

### FUN PROGRAMS BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH

The Junior Friends, a teen volunteer organization at the library, hosts a program each month to serve the youth at Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. Do you have the urge to create? Are you a tinker at heart? Come check out our NEW program on October 8 at 3 pm in the Friends Room. For more information about this creative and free program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

## 8V8

Teens are invited to join the 8 vs. 8 tournaments on Wednesday, October 15 at 3:00 pm in the Computer Lab. Come prove your computer League skills in this fantasy style RPG. For more information about the program contact the reference desk or call (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. We meet on 4th Wednesday of each month, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Friends Room.

## ~HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL~

The Junior Friends will host a Halloween Carnival in the Friends Room on Thursday, October 30 at 3:30 pm in the Friends Room. Come bob for apples, participate in the cake walk, play the games and many other fun activities. There will also be a costume contest with prizes for the winners. This is a family program and all ages are invited. For more information, contact the Reference Desk at 626-307-1368.

# It's Time to Clean Your Hillside Swales

Rainy Season Starts October 15



Hillside drainage swale with a clogged outlet.

Even though we are in our third year of drought in California, residents with hillside properties still need to maintain their slopes and drainage swales. All drainage swales must be kept free of debris, to prevent erosion, subsidence or surface water drainage problems affecting their property, their

neighbor's property or public property.

Inspections should be conducted by homeowners of all drainage facilities such as cement or asphalt culverts, terrace drains or swales, down drains, catch basins, inlets, grates and other drainage features, on their property, to prevent stormwater overflow and potential slope failure. If debris and sediment enters the city's storm drain system, obstruction of the free flow of water may occur and street flooding could result.

Clearing culverts and drains of debris, sediment, rocks, twigs and leaves can prevent storm water overflows that may erode hillsides, cause residential flooding, structural flooding and increase the probability of slope failures. The little time and effort of clearing your culvert and hillside drainage features will save time, money and property damage when you can least afford it during a storm.

The City of Monterey Park needs the cooperation of each hillside property owner to ensure that their hillside drainage apparatus functions as designed and free of debris. This will help in preventing slope failures, property damage, flooding or personal injury. Clearing culverts or swales of debris reduces

pollutants in stormwater and urban runoff to the maximum extent practicable and will achieve and maintain water quality standards as required under applicable law.

This is also a good time for homeowners to inspect their rain gutters and other rain water drainage features on their property to ensure their drains are clear of debris and secured to the structure as designed. Inspect your property when the weather is good. It would be too late to inspect your property when it's raining.

The Code Enforcement Division and Public Works personnel have authority and a responsibility under MPMC Sec. 9.54.030 and MPMC Sec. 6.30.030 to ensure that culverts, swales and other manmade drainage features comply with federal, state and local restrictions. The maintenance and cleaning of hillside drainage will ensure that the city's stormwater system functions properly without causing an adverse affect on the residents in the city and protect public and private property from damage.

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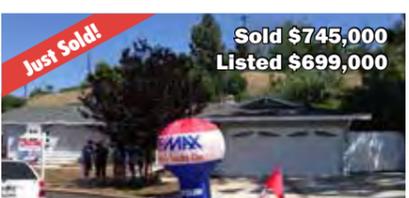
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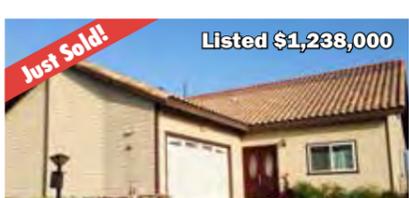
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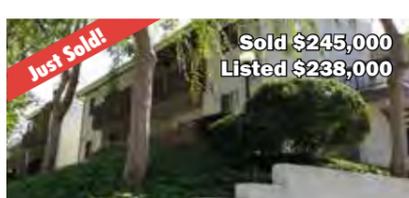
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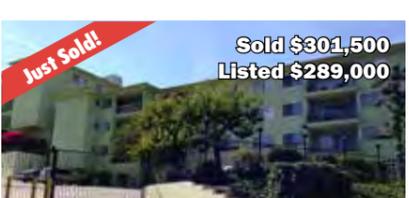
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# Tips to Have a Hauntingly Healthy Halloween

Holidays like Halloween can be fun times for children of all ages, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity and focus on safety.

Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

**S**words, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible. Make sure toy weapons do not look real and are easily identifiable as pretend.

**A**void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

**F**asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

**E**xamine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

**H**old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.

**A**lways test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

**L**ook both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible. Assume that oncoming drivers cannot see you.

**L**ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

**O**nly walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

**W**ear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

**E**at only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

**E**nter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

**N**ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

## EXPECTING TRICK-OR-TREATERS OR PARTY GUESTS?

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack o' lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Credit to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for information contained in this article. If you have any questions about Halloween safety or any other of the programs offered by the Monterey Park Police Department, please telephone the Community Relations Bureau at 626-307-1215.

# Mayors, City Clerks and City Treasurers Photo Gallery

Revisit a part of Monterey Park history on your next trip to city hall



Have you ever wondered who the city's first mayor was or what they look like? The City of Monterey Park would like to invite you to come and see a showcase of the city's past mayors, city clerks and city treasurers. On display in the council chamber foyer are three beautifully crafted frames showcasing elected officials since 1916. The foyer is open during city council meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

As a continuing effort to enhance the display case, the City Clerk's office is seeking the help of residents for missing images and to enhance our photo gallery. High quality digital images can be emailed to the clerk's office at [mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov). Hardcopy photos can be hand delivered or mailed to: Monterey Park City Clerk, 320 West Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754. All photos will be scanned by city staff and returned promptly. For more information, please contact the clerk's office at 626-307-1359.

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# Monterey Park Farmers' Market News



Instagram photo of Ken's Top Notch at the farmers' market.

## INSTAGRAM PHOTO CONTEST

Share photos of your visit to the market, as well as the dishes you make using market ingredients. Don't forget to tag @montereyparkFM to be entered into the monthly raffle to win a basket full of fresh produce from the farmers.

## FARMERS' MARKET TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't throw away broccoli stems, garlic and onion skins, the ends of carrots, and other pieces of vegetables you cut away when you're cooking. Toss the vegetable scraps in a large pot with water and cover them with water, then bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes to make a quick vegetable stock. Add some salt and pepper and a bay leaf to the pot for more flavor.

For more great tips, follow the market on Facebook [montereyparkFM](https://www.facebook.com/montereyparkFM) and check out their blog at [www.farmermark.com/blog](http://www.farmermark.com/blog).

The Monterey Park Farmers' Market is open rain or shine every Friday at 318 S. Ramona Ave from 4-8 p.m. For any questions, stop by the information booth at the market or email [montereyparkFM@gmail.com](mailto:montereyparkFM@gmail.com).

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**What you CAN'T bring to an event:**

- Hazardous waste and electronic waste from businesses.
- Explosives, ammunition and radioactive materials.
- Trash and tires.
- White goods such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines, etc.
- Controlled substances.

**How to prepare items for transportation:**

- Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers.
- Do not mix the items together.
- There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.
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Scan this code for a schedule of upcoming events and a complete listing of what you can and cannot bring, or contact: 1(888) CLEAN-LA • [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com) or 1(909) 398-0172 • [www.lead.org](http://www.lead.org)

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You can also take your used needles to a sharps drop-off at participating locations in Los Angeles County. Call 1(888) CLEAN-LA for a complete listing.

# A Guide to the Night Sky for October

By Tre Gibbs, Los Angeles Astronomical Society



It's that time of year again! Crisp autumn weather, clear skies, shorter days, longer nights, jack-o-lanterns silhouetting trick-or-treaters and lunar eclipses!

Early in the month, Mars hangs low in the southwest during evening twilight and Saturn is nearly invisible as it drifts closer to the Sun's glare. But if you have a clear sky and an unobstructed view, you may be able to make out the ringed gas giant, halfway between Mars and the Sun. Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, rises in the east around 3:30 a.m.

Exciting eclipse news: We will experience a total lunar eclipse in the wee morning hours of October 8. Around 2:30 a.m., the moon will start to be eclipsed by Earth's shadow. Around 4:00 a.m. the moon will be in totality - completely covered by Earth's shadow - and will appear a reddish color. This is not sign of the apocalypse. There's a much more romantic significance in that it's all of the sunrises and sunsets on Earth being projected onto the moon's surface. But not to worry, the moon will be its regular color by 5:30 a.m. when the eclipse ends.

By mid-month, Saturn is all but impossible to see, and Mars slips closer and closer to Antares - the heart of Scorpius, The Scorpion

- though all three are slowly drifting towards the Sun.

On October 17, another early morning treat as the waning crescent moon shares the sky with Jupiter, both in the east after 3:30 a.m.

Wondering where Venus has gone? A month or two ago it was a pre-dawn, beacon of beauty in the eastern sky. Now, it is making its slow journey behind the Sun and by year's end, she will once again make her appearance in our western sky just after sunset, and remain there for some time, giving us all a chance to gaze at her gleaming beauty without having to get up at the crack of dawn.

Join the Los Angeles Astronomical Society (LAAS) at Monterey Park's Garvey Ranch Observatory on Wednesday, October 29, 6- 10 p.m. for "Science Night." Come and celebrate Halloween early with some spooky exhibits for all ages - we might even whip up a witches brew! There'll be telescopes on the lawn to showcase the magic of the night sky. We'll have candy for the kids and snacks for all, so come in costume and celebrate the season!

Los Angeles Astronomical Society (LAAS), 781 S. Orange Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755; [www.laas.org](http://www.laas.org); [www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety](http://www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety); or 213-673-7355.

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# Century and Independence High Schools Update



Century High School students, eager to start school, deboard the bus.

Century High School and Independence High School started the school year with Priority Processing in the early days of August when students and their parents were invited to open their parent and student portal and receive their tentative student schedule for Term 1 and 2. The student schedule listed courses each student needed to address their high school graduation requirements. All students attend four academic classes and a mandatory

study hall period. Study Hall is no longer voluntary but a part of the regular school day where students can complete projects and assignments with the support of a teacher. The school day still starts at 8:15 but now ends at 1:30 p.m. to accommodate the Study Hall.

Back To School Night took place on Aug. 15, after the first week of school. Parents met teachers and were introduced to the class syllabi, and academic expectations. On Sept. 4, parents were invited to the Parent Walk Through, where they saw how school works and how instruction is facilitated during the day. Parents walked through all of the classrooms as school was in session.

Students with perfect attendance for the first four weeks of school in Term 1 have been listed on the school marquee. Midterm Progress reports were distributed on Sept. 12.

"We are so proud of the students who have made the effort to be on time and present everyday," Principal Lindsey Ma said.



Congratulations to the Alhambra Latino Association (ALA). Assembly member Ed Chau selected ALA as an honoree for the 49th Assembly District's 2014 Latino Heritage Month Recognition Awards event. The ceremony took place on Sept. 12 at the Garvey Community Center. From left to right: Ester Ybarra-Bryant, Gina Grageda, Teresa Ybarra, Assemblyman Ed Chau, Monica Marquez, Rosy Aguilar and Cecilia Ibarra

## Park teacher wins outstanding teacher award



Park teacher Ana Haskins celebrates her Outstanding Teacher of the Year award with her 6th grade class from last year.

Ana Haskins, sixth grade teacher at Park Elementary, has been selected as the 2014-2015 Outstanding Teacher of

the Year for the Orange County Office of Education Project GLAD (Guided Language and Acquisition Design). Project GLAD is a national project that focuses on providing professional development to teachers across the country to support the academic achievement and success of English Language Learners.

Ms. Haskins has demonstrated exemplary implementation of GLAD techniques and strategies when working with English Language Learners in 2013-2014. She attended the Project GLAD National Conference in Costa Mesa in September to receive her award.

"It is an honor to have Ana among our teacher leaders in the Alhambra School District," said Debbie Stone, AUSD Coordinator of K-12 ELD.

## Common Core Workshops for AUSD Parents

The Alhambra Unified School District will be hosting a Common Core workshop for parents of elementary age students on Oct. 4. The workshop will take place on Saturday in Alhambra High School's auditorium, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with sign-ins beginning at 7:45 a.m. Parents will learn about assisting students with home learning, new computer-based testing, educational resources, and tips to support student learning. Presentations will be in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Childcare will not be available.

"This is a great opportunity for AUSD parents to participate in their child's education and to gain knowledge of the Common Core State Standards," said Dr. Gary Gonzales, Asst. Supt. of Educational Services.

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# Alhambra High School will host a Homecoming parade



The AHS Mighty Moor Marching Band practices after school to prepare for their performances at upcoming football games and the school's Homecoming parade on Oct. 31.

This year, Alhambra High School plans to step up its annual Homecoming with a parade on Friday, Oct. 31. The effort is led by Associated Student Body (ASB) President Kristie Sham in coordination with members from the Alhambra City Council and Alhambra Police Department, and will include the Mighty Moor Marching Band (MMMB), Grand Marshall, Homecoming court, various student organizations such as service clubs, and participating city employees.

"Since AHS doesn't have a football stadium on campus, the band usually takes buses there. I thought it would be a lot more fun to do a parade, and I hope it becomes an annual event," MMMB director Mark Trulson said.

The parade will head from Alhambra High to Moor Field, where the football game will take place in the evening. It was planned as a movement to encourage both students and the Alhambra community to attend and support AHS' home game against Schurr High School.

"We are incredibly excited to be working with the city to bring this brand new event to Alhambra," Kristie said. "Our ASB is ready to take on this challenge to raise school spirits and build stronger bonds within the community. We hope to have a great turnout at our game this year!"

This article was written by Caroline Ren, senior, Director of Public Relations for Alhambra High School's ASB.

# The Waiting is Over, Day of Play Ramona School commemorates new playground

Ramona Elementary School, the campus that's proudly known as the home of the Mustangs, finally has a new corral.

so good to see them out there happily running, romping and seeing their eyes light up."

Since the start of this school year, students at the stately historic campus on West Norwood Place have been enjoying their sparkling new playground, which includes colorful state-of-the-art jungle gyms, slides and other equipment. The construction project, which was completed over the summer, is valued at more than \$250,000.

On Sept. 16, the entire school held an official celebration for the playground, a festive event that featured music, dancing and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. In addition to Alhambra Unified School District Board Members and Supt. Laura Tellez-Gagliano, Ed.D., Councilmember Barbara Messina attended. Channel 7 covered the event as well.



Ramona students hold the ribbon for their playground opening ceremony on Sept. 16. From left to right: Councilmember Barbara Messina, Board Member Jane C. Anderson, Board President Bob Gin, and Supt. Tellez-Gagliano.



Ramona students enjoy their new playground.

"This was a great way for our kids -- who always work so hard in class -- to begin their academic year," said Principal Angela Robbins, about the sheer delight that students had upon arriving the first day of school and seeing what had transpired. "They tell me they are so excited to head to recess. And it's

For years the school's original playground and "old school" equipment had stood ready for a much-needed "makeover." With the support of the Alhambra community, the Alhambra Unified School District, and EC Construction team including President John Walters and James Bleecker, Ramona School is starting the year off with a brand

new playground.

A special letter-writing "opinion" papers by students in Lisa Tang's first-grade-class at the start of school last year spurred emotional

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Disfrute de una tarde otoñal en el Barnes Park en el primer Festival Anual del Geranio el sábado 11 de Octubre, de 11:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. El festival es un tributo a la flor de nuestra ciudad, el geranio. La feria al estilo campestre incluirá juegos familiares, concursos y centros de actividades. Las actividades incluirán

concursos de comer pie y helados, lanzar globos, carreras de sacos y más. El festival incluirá concursos de belleza para señoras (70 años y mas) y para niñas (de 5 a 7 años) y serán animados por la Comisión para la Participación de la Comunidad.

Si su empresa está interesada en participar o en hacer una donación para éste evento comunitario que vale la pena, por favor póngase en contacto con el Departamento de Recreación llamando al (626) 307-1388.

El Parque Barnes está ubicado en el 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754. Para obtener información sobre los espectáculos o detalles adicionales sobre el evento por favor visite el www.MontereyPark.ca.gov y busque el “Geranium Festival.”

### La Ciudad de Monterey Park Está Ofreciendo Amnistía de Impuestos a Empresas

Empezando el 1ro de Septiembre del 2014 y terminando el 31 de Octubre del 2014, la ciudad de Monterey Park está ofreciendo un periodo de amnistía para permitir a individuos y empresas a obtener una licencia de negocios activos y a hacer que todas sus multas sean descartadas.

Para calificar para el programa de amnistía los siguientes requisitos deben de ser cumplidos entre el 1ro de Septiembre del 2014 y el 31 de Octubre del 2014:

- Empresas que previamente han tenido licencia, pero que sus licencias han expirado, simplemente paguen la tarifa principal de licencias sin multa.
- Si previamente no ha tenido licencia, un proceso de aprobación de la agencia debe de ser completado para cumplir con los requisitos de la ciudad para comenzar un nuevo negocio. Por favor visite el mostrador de Planeamiento de la ciudad para comenzar éste proceso. Después de completar la forma de aprobación de la agencia, todas las principales tarifas para la licencia de negocios deben de ser pagadas.

Cualquier multa que haya sido pagada antes del 1ro de Setiembre del 2014 no podrá ser considerada para inclusión en el programa de amnistía y no tendrá derecho a reembolso.

Desde el 1ro de Noviembre del 2014 la ciudad continuará cobrando todas las multas asociadas con las transacciones para licencias de negocios. La ciudad también comenzará activamente a tratar de encontrar los negocios que no tengan licencia y se les cobrarán todas las principales tarifas y multas.

Los ingresos de los impuestos a las licencias de negocios van al fondo general de la ciudad el cuál es la principal fuente de fondos para los servicios de la policía, bomberos, construcción, zonificación, obras públicas, mantenimiento de parques, recreación y de la biblioteca. El programa de amnistía es diseñado para proveer una manera amigable para fomentar que los negocios obedezcan las regulaciones de los impuestos a la vez que ayuda a financiar los servicios esenciales.

Para más información sobre éste programa, por favor visite la División de Licencias en la Municipalidad, o póngase en contacto llamando al (626) 307-1338. La Municipalidad está abierta de lunes a jueves de 7:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. y viernes de 7:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m

### ¿Está Usted Listo para Temblar?

Prepárese usted y a sus seres queridos para “el grande” participando en la práctica de terremoto “ShakeOut” el 16 de Octubre a las 10:16 a.m.

California tiene más de 37 millones de gente que vive y trabaja en el estado. Un terremoto fuerte podría causar una devastación sin precedente para los residentes, negocios, numerosas organizaciones y para la infraestructura de la ciudad. Lo que hagamos en Monterey Park antes de un terremoto fuerte determinará lo que pase con nuestras vidas después. En anticipación de un terremoto, el Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park alienta a todos a “¡Estar Preparados, No Asustados!”

#### ÚNASE A LOS MILLONES DE CALIFORNIANOS PARA LA PRÁCTICA DEL “SHAKEOUT”

Una gran manera de aprender cómo estar preparado es participando en el “Great California ShakeOut” el 16 de Octubre a las 10:16 a.m. Gente y grupos, tales como, residentes, empresas y escuelas a través de todo California conducirán una práctica de terremoto para aprender y practicar cómo “caerse, cubrirse y agarrarse.” El año pasado, 9.6 millones de Californianos participaron en el “Gran ShakeOut” y desde el 10 de Septiembre de éste año, 9.3 millones ya se han registrado.

El ShakeOut del 2014 será el más grande evento de preparación en la historia de los Estados Unidos. Para participar, vaya al www.ShakeOut.org/register y prometa la participación de su familia, escuela, empresa u organización para la práctica. La registración es gratis y los participantes recibirán información sobre cómo planear una práctica y cómo crear un diálogo con otros acerca de la preparación para un terremoto. Todo lo que los organizadores piden es que los participantes se registren (para que puedan ser contados y puedan recibir comunicaciones) y por lo menos, que practiquen el “caerse, cubrirse y agarrarse” a la hora especificada.

La participación en el Gran ShakeOut es un compromiso de sólo cinco minutos por algo que puede salvar vidas. Todo comienza con la registración, lo cuál es gratis y disponible para todos. Para más información, visite el www.ShakeOut.org.

Aumente su Experiencia del ShakeOut y Hágase Miembro de CERT en Monterey Park Si usted está interesado en aprender más sobre preparación para desastres, tal cómo hacerse miembro del Equipo de Respuesta a Emergencias en la Comunidad (CERT) en su vecindario, visite la página web del Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park en el www.MontereyPark.ca.gov. La matrícula está abierta ahora y la primera clase está programada para el 25 de Octubre del 2014.



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**279 Coral View St, Monterey Park**  
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SP: \$638,000  
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**1906 Magnolia Dr, Monterey Park**  
4 Bed/2 bath house with 1,876 sqft living space on a 6,455 sqft lot.



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SP: \$2,750,000  
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**2014 Courtland Ave, San Marino**  
4 Bed/4 bath house with 3,390 sqft living space on a 19,946 sqft lot.



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SP: \$2,315,000  
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4 Bed/5 bath house with 4,675 sqft living space on a 19,062 sqft lot.

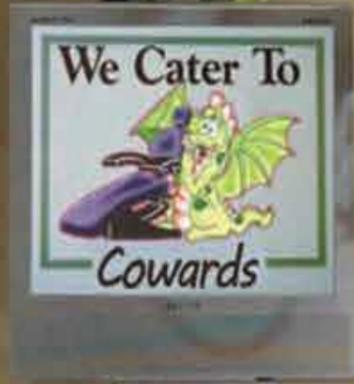


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