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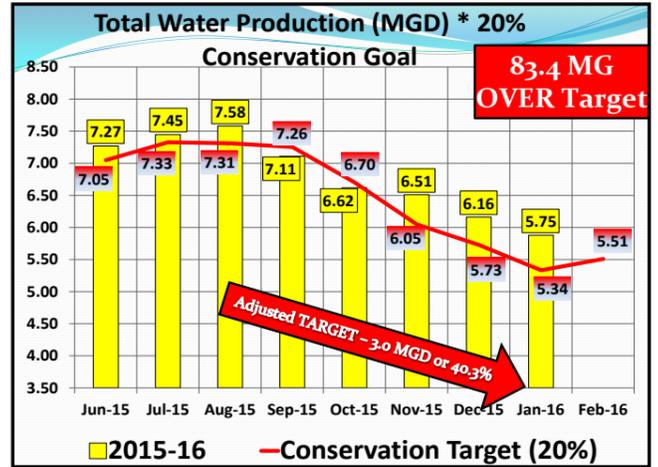
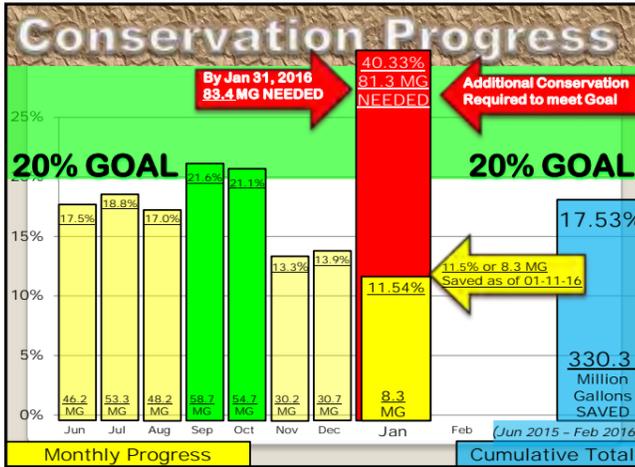
Town Hall Meeting February 23 at Monterey Highlands School

The City of Monterey Park will host a Community Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Monterey Highlands Elementary School. Residents are invited to meet with city staff and elected officials and to learn about the centennial celebration, El Niño preparations, economic development projects, city improvements and measures to battle the drought.

Monterey Highlands school is located at 400 Casuda Canyon Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754. For more information about the town hall please contact Dan Costley at dcostley@montereypark.ca.gov, 626-307-1497 or visit the event calendar on the city website at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

Water Conservation Drops to 17.5 Percent

City officials urge residents and businesses to continue to save during this critical period



After record-setting results for September and October, water conservation fell short of the 20 percent goal during the last few months of 2015. Governor seeks to extend mandatory conservation through October 2016.

of 20% twice during this time. The mandatory conservation goal was set by the Governor's Executive Order for every water provider in the entire State of California.

The good news is, after the seventh consecutive month of mandatory conservation efforts, Monterey Park residents and businesses has been able to save over 330 million gallons compared to 2013. The amount of water saved represents a 17.53% cumulative total reduction from June through the end of December 2016. The not so good news however, is the city has only met their monthly goal

During the two successful months of September and October, the community exceeded the conservation goal helping move the needle toward the cumulative 20% conservation goal. As you can see from the graph above, the community responded positively resulting in significant water savings which was limited to just those two months.

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Centennial Celebration Begins



2016 will be an exciting year for the City of Monterey Park as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. Monterey Park's Centennial Committee is planning events throughout the year, including a summer concert series, a 5K Pajama Run, a dinner to 'Celebrate a Century of Prosperity' and the unveiling of a city hall centennial monument.

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Community Input Desired for Trash and Recycling Services

Monterey Park Public Works Department will hold a series of public meetings to solicit ideas and suggestions from local businesses and residents regarding the future of the city's recycling and waste collection program. The city's current contract with Athens Services expires in 2017 and the goal is to implement a new program that will both meet the needs of the community and comply with California regulations.

new state requirements, methods for increasing program participation, the options for the number and size of containers and details on what materials can be recycled.

The meetings will include communitywide gatherings and focus groups. Separate meetings will be held for business groups, and translation services in Chinese and Spanish will be provided at all meetings. The city will also conduct surveys, one of which will be published in the next issue of Cascades.

California has set a goal of recycling 75 percent of all waste by 2020. To attain that objective, an additional 23 million tons of waste must be recycled, composted or reduced. Although Monterey Park has succeeded in meeting the state requirement to divert at least 50 percent of waste from landfills, the city must also comply with state regulations for mandatory recycling by businesses and apartments. In addition, businesses must begin to recycle organics such as food waste and landscaping debris.

The specific topics to be discussed will include an overview of

For additional information, contact Amy Ho in the Monterey Park Public Works Department at 626-307-1383.

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City Seeking Volunteers to Assist with Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Issues

The City of Monterey Park Code Enforcement Division is seeking individuals who have a strong pride in- and are willing to volunteer to improve- the community. The Code Enforcement Division is inviting all interested residents to participate in the Code Enforcement Volunteer Program.

relations skills, possess a valid California Driver's License, ability to work well with staff, volunteers and residents of the community. All volunteers are subject to a background check and interview prior to acceptance. A one-year commitment is required, working a minimum of at least 8 or more hours a month.

The Code Enforcement Volunteer Program's mission is to provide assistance and support to Code Enforcement personnel in performing a wide range of routine, non-technical and non-hazardous functions in the field and office.

Training will be provided on an on-going basis regarding field investigations, techniques, routine office functions and Department policies and procedures. An initial two-hour orientation class on city and department operations will be provided and is mandatory.

The duties of a volunteer include the monitoring and removal of illegal signs, removal of items in city streets, field surveys, monitoring existing code violations, distribution of educational literature, documenting evidence (photography), typing, filing, mailing, copying and other duties as assigned. All duties will be under the direct supervision of a code enforcement officer.

This division also offers a Code Enforcement Ride-A-Long Program which is open to any resident interested in obtaining firsthand experience relative to how code enforcement officers effectively handle code violations. Typical violations include: property maintenance, land use, zoning, housing and building issues, business license violations and other public nuisance investigations.

Volunteer qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age; general office knowledge; use of office machinery and equipment, display abilities and qualities of working under difficult situations, willingness to work independently with minimal supervision, good public

If you are interested in being a volunteer or participating in the ride-a-long program please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 626-307-1415 for an application.

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 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

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

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.
 Engineering Conference Room 153

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

Illegal Boarding Houses

There has been an increase in the number of complaints from the community regarding illegal boarding houses, rooming houses and what some people may refer to as a residential motel. Individuals have taken single-family homes, condominiums and apartment units and converted them into a commercial enterprise whereby individuals rent a room or a place on the floor for overnight lodging. In most cases, there are many individuals residing under one roof far exceeding the number of people legally allowed to reside in a residential building. These short-term tenants may only stay for one night, a week, or even a few months and have little interest in the community or the welfare of its residents as these transient tenants do not participate in local government and community organizations that strengthen the city.

Due to overcrowding and health and safety concerns associated with illegal boarding houses, the City Council directed staff to prepare a code amendment to the Monterey Park Municipal Code that better defines what constitutes a Boarding House:

- Does not allow the establishment of a Boarding House in a single-family residential neighborhood;
- Only allows the establishment of a Boarding House in the multi-family residential areas of the city with the approval of a special permit referred to as a conditional use permit;
- Limits the number of bedrooms or sleeping rooms that may be rented to leased in a residential building;
- The enforcement action related to an illegal boarding house may be prosecuted as an infraction or misdemeanor at the City Attorney's discretion;
- Any person (e.g., tenant, renter, lessee) may bring an action for injunction relief against the lessor and may file to recover actual damages against those individuals(s) (i.e., lessor); and
- Updates other parts of the Monterey Park Municipal Code to preserve the residential character of neighborhoods throughout the city.

Please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 626-307-1415 if you have any questions regarding the new ordinance or wish to file a complaint on a prospective illegal boarding house.

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

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

- February 3 Regular City Council Mtg., 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 15 Presidents' Day Holiday, City Hall/Library Closed.
- February 16 City Council Guests & Presentations Mtg., 6 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 17 Regular City Council Mtg., 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 23 Town Hall Meeting, 7 p.m., Monterey Highlands School.

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

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牛肉夾饅 Shredded Beef Biscuit	蒜泥羊肉 Stewed Lamb w Garlic Sauce	烤羊肉串 BBQ Lamb Skewers	

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Visit SaveOurWater.Com to Learn What You Can Do to Conserve in the Yard, Kitchen, Bath, Laundry and at Work

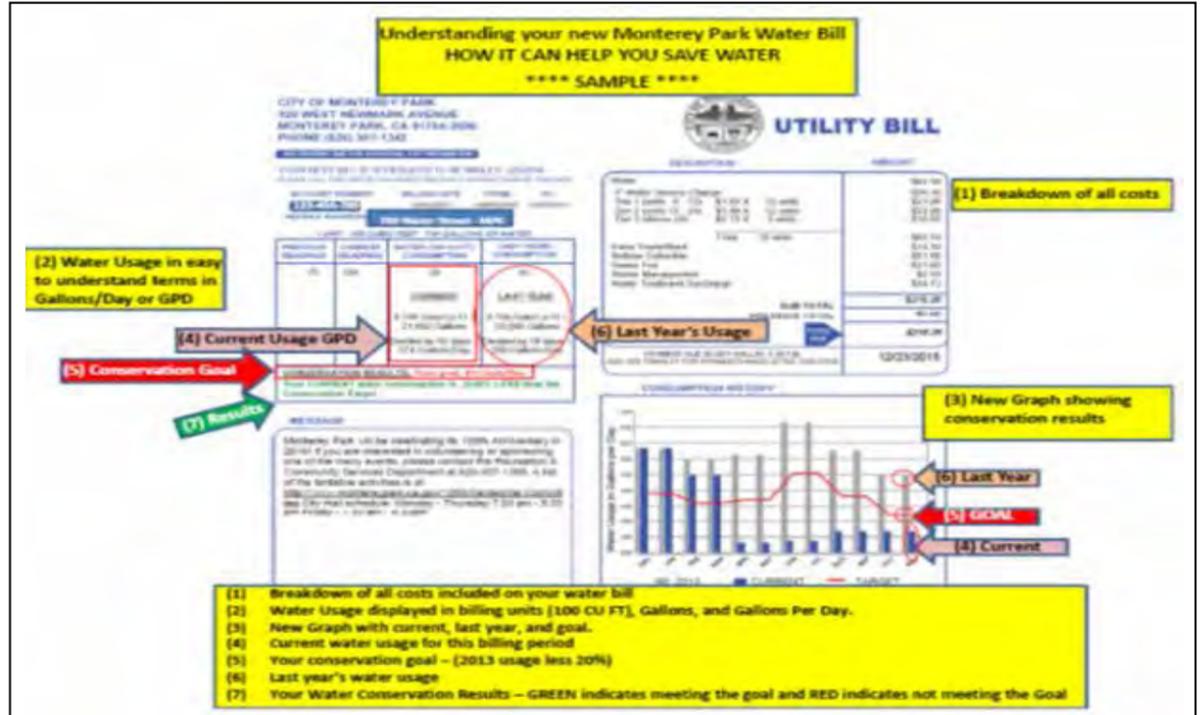
Since the beginning of the reporting period starting in June 2015, the city saved a minimum of 17.0% for each month through the end of October 2015. The sharp drop in savings was evident at the end of November when the city posted the lowest conservation results to date at just a mere 13.3% then followed up with a slightly better 13.9% for the month of December 2015. Starting in January 2016, the weekly evaluation of the conservation results show even worse results for conservation and is trending around 11.5%.

This dramatic reduction in conservation is not unique to Monterey Park, according to a press release from the Governor's office on January 6, 2016 Californians saved 26.3% during the first 6 months of the reporting period (June to November). However, for the state wide results for November dropped to 20.3%. The reduction in the amount of water saved is primarily due to the cooler weather coupled with rain then compounded by the fact that water demands drop off significantly. This means the less water being used each month equates to less water that can be saved each month. It is believed the main reason for this is the outside usage drops off dramatically during the winter months.

In response to this drop in conservation results, the Governor issued the 4th in a series of Executive Orders. This latest Executive Order calls to extend the conservation efforts through the entire month of October 2016. The order requires the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to extend and revise the mandatory conservation regulations based on condition through January 2016. In response, the SWRCB has solicited public comment on the proposed framework for the next iteration of the drought emergency water conservation regulation that will eventually replace the current regulation. A draft regulation is set to be released in mid-January and State Water Board consideration of the extension is anticipated by February 2, 2016.

Log On to www.MontereyPark.ca.gov for Conservation Progress Updates

What does this mean for the city? To address the issue, the city has shut off all watering to the parks and only waters on an as needed basis. This action represents an approximate 50% reduction of water usage at city parks. This action has placed an additional burden on the park staff which is doing an excellent job in conserving water. The water saved by at the parks is in addition to the water saved by shutting off the all the



city medians which was done in June of 2015.

City staff has completed the installation of the new AMR water meters and have installed AMI smart meters on key city facilities in an effort to monitor and properly respond to water usage patterns. All of the water consumers within in the city have been evaluated and placed into categories. City staff plans to reach out to the water users that are using more than the average for their category and offer assistance to help them lower their water usage to be more in line with their group.

Attend a Water Conservation Workshop

The city staff continues to provide water conservation workshops twice a day on the first Thursday of every month at Monterey Park Service Club in Barnes Park at 440 S. McPherrin Ave. The first workshop starts at 10 a.m. and second session begins at 5 p.m.. City staff facilitates these workshops and presents useful information on water use restrictions, conservations progress and updates, current available rebates, conservation tips for indoors & outdoors, drought tolerant landscaping, and concludes with a question and answer session.

Keep Finding Ways to Save Water

During the cooler winter months and especially during and 48 hours after rains, it is very important to NOT water. Most

people rely too heavily on technology to manage their irrigation system and watering times. Unfortunately, unless a resident has a "smart controller," their current irrigation controller has no method of modifying watering times based on rains or cool weather. If a resident has a standard irrigation controller, there is most likely an "Off" or "Rain" setting offered as an option. Simply, turn your sprinkler system off at the timer or if needed the water supply to the irrigation system to avoid wasting water during and 48 hours after a rain. If you are interested in a smart controller check the website for rebates.

Water Bills Revised

The city has revised the water bills and the new bills along with an explanation of the new format began going out during the first week of January 2016. The revised bills will show the consumption displayed clearly as water used in Gallons per Day. It will also demonstrate how much the consumer is paying for the fixed meter charge and each tier (single family residents only) along with any other charges. Finally, this information will be displayed in a graph showing (1) current usage (2) last year's usage (3) conservation GOAL all on one graph (see below).

For more information contact Monterey Park's water utility division at 626-307-1281 or visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

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2656 Topsfield St. Pasadena
Just beautiful at great location
1845Sqft, 2b/1.5bth Family room, Den

Just Sold! Sold \$558,000 by Cash
Listed \$558,000
2091 Pebble Ct. Monterey Park
Great Brightwood area location.
2bed/1bath, Lot 7543 Sqft

Just Sold! Sold \$665,000
Listed \$648,000
496 Alzado St. Monterey Park
Great curb-appeal 3bed/2bath,
Exceptionally well-maintained house

Just Sold! Sold \$709,000 by Cash
Listed \$628,000
1016 S. Sierra Vista Ave. Alhambra
3bed/1.5bath/F.Rm 1800A,Sqft
8600 Sqft Lot, Great Location

Just Sold! Sold \$740,000 by Cash
Listed \$725,000
6056 Alessandro Ave. Temple City
Just like a brand new house
Totally Remodeled.

Just Sold! Sold \$540,000
Listed \$548,000
1375 Sunnyslope Pl. Monterey Park
Excellent location, Cur-de-sac, 2bed/1bath
Short walk to Brightwood school

Just Sold! Sold \$678,000
Listed \$638,000
1149 Dover way, Monterey Park
Most Desirable Location
4bed/2Bath, Family room

Just Sold! Sold \$671,000
Listed \$628,000
2090 College View Dr. Monterey Park
Beautifully Remodeled,
3bed/2bath, pool

Just Sold! Sold \$578,000
Listed \$558,000
855 Holly Oak Pl. Monterey Park
Desirable location at Cur-de-sac
Clean, Well maintained house
3bed/2bath

Just Sold! Sold \$750,000
Listed \$699,000
8214 Garibaldi Ave. San Gabriel
3bed/2bath, pool, large lot
N. San Gabriel

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2666 Topsfield St. Pasadena
3Bed/1.5Bath, Pool
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PROGRAMS AT THE MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER

BRING AN ABUNDANCE OF DIVERSITY FOR ALL

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library continuously provides programs of all cultural and diverse interests to the residents of Monterey Park. Diverse programs range from basic computer classes in Spanish, Mandarin and English, Author Talks, Children's Storytimes and Children's Author visits as well as Tween Programs full of scientific challenges to fun and experimental artwork. The library also invites the public to attend many programs honoring our military heroes, art and culture exhibits that inspire and awe the viewer and listener, as well as special programs with free book giveaways. Learning how to embrace the digital era with classes on the use of iPads is also a favorite at the library. Visit our website to learn more about programs presented monthly at www.montereypark.ca.gov/Library A new world of learning and entertainment is waiting for you at the library.

PASSPORT SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY!

Passport services are now available at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library in the LAMP Office! Residents can now take advantage of evening and late afternoon appointments. Services are by appointment ONLY. Please call (626) 307-1357 to make appointments and/or inquiries.

CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR AT MONTEREY PARK LIBRARY

Celebrate Chinese New Year 2016 at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library! Local dancers and musicians will perform Chinese folk dances and music on Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 pm in the Friends Room. Plenty of fun Chinese games, door prizes and light refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Monterey Park Library are planned for our audience. A Chinese film will follow the dance and musical performances. We welcome you and your family to celebrate the Year of the Monkey with us! For more information call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC

Volunteer attorneys will be on hand to answer legal questions at a free legal assistance clinic on Tuesday, February 9 from 6 - 8 pm in the Friends Room. The clinic is sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA). Volunteer attorneys will answer questions about immigration, criminal law, civil matters, estate planning, government benefits, labor and employment. For more information and to register for the free program call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

INTERNATIONAL FILM PROGRAMS

The public is invited to the library's film screenings featuring award winning international films on Wednesday, February 17 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.

BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Effective Social Media Strategies for Small Businesses
Learn essential social media tools and best practices to help with your local business needs on Tuesday, February 23 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Friends Room. The free workshop sponsored in partnership with the Chinatown Service Center is designed for small business owners and individuals who want to start a business. For more information contact the Chinatown Service Center at 213-808-1754.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE

Wintery days are the best times to curl up with a good book. Discover endless selections of hard cover books at the lowest prices in town at the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Browse through the large selection of books and paperbacks that are certain to keep you indoors reading during those cold days. Look for Winter Specials in February at the library bookstore.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursday, February 4, 11:00 am

Explore process-based art and sensory play through a new series of programs for infants through preschool. Each program will last 45 minutes to an hour and will be located in the Friends Room. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear play clothes that can get dirty, as some activities may be messy. No registration required.

CANTONESE BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Monday, February 1, 7:30 pm

Join us for an all ages Cantonese bilingual storytime! Hear stories, sing songs and learn rhymes in Cantonese with Miss Ana. No registration is required to attend this program.

我們為不同年齡孩子用廣東話雙語講故事！聽故事，唱歌，與安娜小姐學習粵語兒歌。參加這項節目無需註冊。

MANDARIN BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Monday, February 22, 7:30 pm

Join us for an all ages Mandarin bilingual storytime! Hear stories, sing songs and learn rhymes in Mandarin with Miss Ana.

No registration is required to attend this program.

我們為不同年齡孩子用廣東話雙語講故事！聽故事，唱歌，與安娜小姐學習粵語兒歌。參加這項節目無需註冊。

CHILDREN'S COMPUTER CLASS

Monday, February 1, 6:30 pm

Practice using the keyboard and mouse in this beginner's computer class for children 6 - 11 years old. This is the second session in new series of monthly computer classes that will teach kids the basic computer skills they need to complete homework assignments. The program will last 45 minutes to an hour and be held in the Computer Lab. Registration for this program opens one week prior at the Children's Desk.

TWEEN PROGRAM

Thursday, February 18, 3:00 pm

Our monthly tween programs are just for children 8 - 12 years of age and feature arts, crafts, science experiments and other activities. The program will last 45 minutes to an hour and refreshments will be served. Registration for this program will open one week prior at the Children's Desk.

LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Family Storytime (all ages):

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Baby Storytime (birth to age 2):

Thursdays, 10:00 - 10:30 am

(one parent or caregiver per child is required)

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5):

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am

All storytimes are held in the Library's Storytime Room with each program lasting 25-45 minutes. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver during all storytime programs. No registration is required.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

The library runs a year round reading program for children who have not yet entered kindergarten. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their child before he or she enters school - a goal experts say helps prepare children to be successful readers once they enter school. Reading to children helps develop important literacy skills that provide a solid foundation for learning and academic success. This program has no end date except when a child enters school. For further information, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358. To participate:

1. Sign up at the Children's Desk of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library to receive a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading log and tote bag.
2. Read together and write the titles on the reading log. If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Books read at library storytime, at daycare, or books that are read by others to your child also count!
3. After each 100 books, bring your reading log to the library to:
 - Place your name on our giant Rainbow of Readers Board.
 - Collect your next reading log.
 - Receive a prize. Prizes include magnets, pencils, finger puppets, books, flashcards and other small incentives.

iPad Basics Classes in February

Do you have a new iPad and want to learn how to use it? Learn iPad essentials on Mondays, February 8, 22 and 29 from 7 pm - 8:30 pm in the Computer Lab. Adults should bring their own iPads for hands-on practice at the classes. To register for the free classes contact the Reference Desk or call (626) 307-1368.

OPEN COMPUTER LAB

Adults wanting to practice and learn new computer skills can join the ongoing open computer lab running every Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:30 pm in February. The lab is designed to offer reinforcement and practice time for students in the library's computer classes and is also open to all those who need personalized help with computer programs such as E-mail, Microsoft Word, Excel, and the Internet. A library staff member will be present to answer questions. There is no registration required, but seating is limited to a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

FEBRUARY BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASSES IN ENGLISH

Beginning Computer Classes in English are scheduled on Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24 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 mouse, keyboard drills and internet searching skills. To register for the free classes contact the Reference Desk or call (626) 307-1368.

ADULT COLORING CLUB UNWIND BETWEEN THE LINES

Join the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library's Adult Coloring Club and express your artistry with coloring while

learning about upcoming library programs and services. Coloring is a source of creativity, relaxation and has a de-stressing effect. Join this new artistic trend of bringing people together to color and relax. The program is free and no registration is required. For more information, please contact the Reference Department at (626) 307-1368.

TAIWAN FILM AND DISCUSSION PROGRAM

The Taiwanese American Cultural Society of California in partnership with the library will present a film and discussion program on Sunday, February 7 at 1:30 pm in the Friends Room. Viewers are invited to participate in a discussion in English lead by a moderator after the film screening. This is an ongoing film series with films presented in Mandarin with English subtitles. For more information about the free program call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH DELECTABLE DELIGHTS STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

The library invites the public to view "Delectable Delights," an exhibit of student artwork from the 2015 National Art Competition sponsored by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and the Chinese American Museum. Student artists created paintings and drawings with a variety of art mediums using the theme, "What's your favorite Chinese food memory?" The goal of the art competition was to encourage students to reflect on their cultural heritage, promote diversity and celebrate the past and continuing contributions of Chinese Americans. The public can view the exhibit through February 14, 2016 in the main library lobby located on the first floor. The exhibit is part of the library's ongoing Artist of the Month program. For more information about the Delectable Delights Exhibit and the Artist of the Month Program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

MIDWEEK MOVIE @ THE LIBRARY

February 3, @ 3:00pm in the Friends Room

The second part of the dystopian science fiction action thriller based on James Dashner's bestselling YA novels will be screened on Wednesday, February 3 at 3 pm in the Friends Room. Thomas and the remaining Gladers now face a new set of challenges on the open roads of a desolate landscape after escaping the Maze. The movie is rated PG 13 and runs 132 minutes. Please contact the Reference Department for further information at (626) 307-136.

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 fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Friends Room. See you on February 24.

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 special teen centered program on February 10 in the Friend's Room at 3 pm.

LAMP LITERACY & CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

The literacy program has every level of ESL classes available to help adult English learners gain reading, writing and speaking skills. Adult learners who are more proficient in the English language can further their studies with individualized tutoring to set a personalized learning plan to attain more personal goals. Citizenship Preparation classes are also available for individuals who plan on becoming new citizens to gain knowledge of American History, Government and Civics which is covered during the examination. Current LAMP Citizenship students can take advantage of additional citizenship interview topics practice. Enrollment to all ESL and Citizenship Preparation classes, as well as for the one-to-one literacy program is FREE. Monterey Park residents are given priority on waiting list. All students are pre-tested to determine their proficiency levels in Basic English skills and to assist in placement of appropriate classes and services. Proper personal identification with photo and residence verification MUST BE PRESENTED. Please contact the LAMP office at (626) 307-1251 or email lamp@montereypark.ca.gov for inquiries.

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? We are looking for motivated people who are interested in tutoring adult learners in the English Language via a one-to-one approach, a small group, or a full class if you are comfortable and qualified. On-going training and coaching will be provided for all volunteers. Give the gift that will last a lifetime by helping someone learn English so they can flourish and prosper in their communities. Contact Joyce Chan at (626) 307-1251 | jmchan@montereypark.ca.gov for details and inquiries.

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.

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 . . .

FEBRUARY 11, -
CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH, 11:00 A.M.
FEBRUARY 15 –
PRESIDENTS' DAY - HOLIDAY – CENTER CLOSED
FEBRUARY 22 -
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING, 11:00 A.M.

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, 11:00 p.m.
Club Amistad, Wednesday, 9:30 p.m.
Club Bella Vista, Thursday, 12:00 p.m.
Chinese/American Sr. Citizens Club, 1st Saturday, 11:00 a.m.
Gardening Club, 4th Monday, 1:00 p.m.
Wu Dang Tai Chi Club, Friday, 4:00 p.m.

IMPROVING YOUR WELL-BEING

Each month on the second and fourth Tuesday, except on holidays, a Care Manager 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. Staff can 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.

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., everyone over 18 years of age is invited to play. 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 (Gary and Eric) \$2.50 per person.

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 \$3.00.

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

HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER - Walk-In-Fair Housing Clinic –FEBRUARY 2, 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 FEBRUARY 8 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., 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 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 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 (\$11,770 per year for one member, \$15,930 for two, \$20,090 for three or \$24,250 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.– 4:30 P.M.

BEADING CLASS

Pay for materials used. Francis Lau, Instructor
Monday, 9:00A.M.-11:00A.M.

CHINESE PAINTING

\$25 materials fee. Yu Zhou So, Painting Instructor
Thursday, 9:30A.M.-11:45 Noon

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING

Material fee.
Thursday, 9:30A.M.-11:45 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 – Main Room

Beginning: Friday 8:45 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Instructors: Jeannie Chau, Sandra Lin, Beryl Shieh
Advanced: Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Instructors: Jeannie Chau, Sandra Lin, Beryl Shieh
Beginner: Friday - 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Instructor: Wilson Ng - Class Room 2

YUAN CHI DANCE/TAI CHI EXERCISE

Sandra Lin 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

Director: Prof. Ping Qiao

Wednesday, 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

CHINESE EVERGREEN CHORUS

Director: Delly Chow

Wednesday, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

CHINESE OPERA

Instructor: Fuller Chen

Monday, 9:00 A.M. – 12 Noon

CHINESE OPERA

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

MEMORY MAKERS FITNESS

Includes Yuan Chi Dance, Line Dance and Tai Chi Exercises

Sandra Lin 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. – 4:45 P.M.,

Monday – Friday.

No open play on Saturday or Sunday

JANUARY 9–MARCH 25

\$39.00 Seniors 50 yrs and Up

4602.301 Monday – Friday 6:00A.M.– 8:00 A.M.

JANUARY 2 – MARCH 26

\$27.00 Seniors 50 yrs and Up

4602.302 Saturday 8:00A.M.– 12:00 Noon

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIPS and TOURS

TOUR DESK IS OPEN FROM 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., MONDAY - FRIDAY

All reservations must be made in person at Langley Center. 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. For information and reservations contact: Langley Senior Center, Trips and Tours Travel Coordinator Joyce Knox at (626) 307-1395.

PECHANGA RESORT CASINO - FEBRUARY 25

Gambler's get-away- Delight! – \$9.00 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.

MEXICO'S COPPER CANYON MARCH 5 - MARCH 14

Tour takes you through Tucson, Nogales, Magdalena, Hermosillo, Sea of Cortez, Copper Canyon, and Tombstone. Round trip flight from Ontario Airport to Phoenix, Arizona; 10 day 24 meal air/motor coach tour, with accommodations that include Phoenix, San Carlos Bay, Alamos, El Fuerte, Mansion Tarahumara, Hermosillo, Casa Grandes. Enjoy an excursion on the Sea of Cortez and experience the wonderful "Train Ride in the Sky" through Mexico's Copper Canyon. Fully guided tour English speaking tour. . \$2,169 per person, double occupancy, \$2,629 single occupancy. Booking deposit required of \$500 per person, balance due February 2, 2016. VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED. (Re-entry VISA if non-U.S. Citizen)

SAN MANUEL CASINO -

MONDAY, MARCH 21 - WINTER BUS SCHEDULE

Check in 9:15 a.m.; Depart 10:00 a.m. – return at approximately 5:00 p.m. It's time to visit with friends at your favorite casino. Gambler's one day get-away- – \$9.00 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. \$10.00 Players choice. Check in 9:15 a.m., Depart 10:00 a.m. – return at approximately 5:00 p.m.

SEDONA, ARIZONA & GRAND CANYON - MAY 15 - 19

Travel by deluxe motor coach, 2 nights lodging in Sedona area including deluxe continental breakfast. Arizona's Oak Creek Inn will be our home for our first two nights. Stunning scenery epic Red Rock landscapes and wide-open skies are just part of what makes a trip to Sedona a memorable travel experience. Travel to the Grand Canyon National Park, one of the Seven Wonders of the World! An incredible sight to see. Finally, 2 night stay in Laughlin, Nevada. \$699 Per Person double occupancy, \$899 Single occupancy. Deposit of \$200 per person, Balance due March 31, 2016.

UTAH CANYON ROYALE -

SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2016

Travel by deluxe motor coach, with professional tour escort and luggage handling. First stop is the Valley of Fire State Park; then it's off to the exciting Casa Blanca Resort and Casino in Mesquite, Nevada for the next three nights. A \$20.00 meal coupon is included. Day two we are off to the awe inspiring Zion National Park, Utah; then back to Mesquite; and Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah, will be our destination for day three. Las Vegas, Nevada will be our last stop as we head back home. \$499 Per Person double occupancy, \$769 Single occupancy, Deposit \$200 per person, Balance due August 12, 2016.

PANAMA CANAL CRUISE - OCTOBER 5-20, 2016

Sail away on the beautiful Norwegian Pearl cruise ship. Cabin fees range from \$2399 - \$3799 per person, double occupancy. Book now the trip sells out quickly! L. A. to Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, Puerto Chiapas, Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Panama Canal, Cartagena, Colombia and finally disembark in Miami, Florida. Trip price includes: Airfare from Miami, round trip transfers from Langley Center to L.A. Cruise Terminal, from ship to Miami Airport and LAX back to Langley Center.

Council Action Review

Regular Meeting of November 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., with all members present.

Presentations: A PowerPoint presentation was given on the Calendar of Proposed Events for the Centennial Celebration being planned for 2016 by the Recreation and Community Services Director Dan Costley.

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Agenda Item 2-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-105 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated November 4, 2015 totaling \$16.65 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid

Agenda Item 2-B. Approved the minutes from the regular and special meeting of October 7, 2015 as amended to note that at the October 7, 2015 regular meeting.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Consent Calendar None.
Public Hearing None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Item 5-A Direction given to staff to conduct an open

bid for tree trimming services. The City Council further gave direction to the City Attorney to update the city's municipal code pertaining to "piggy-backing" for contracts and services. The City Council did not approve (1) waiving the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code §3.20.050 and "piggy-back" on the bidding process utilized by the City of Redondo Beach in April 2015; and (2) authorizing the City Manager to execute a three year agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for \$265,000 per year (or annual adopted maintenance budget), with a two-year renewal option in 2018.

Agenda Item 5-B The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11801 amending the FY 2015-2016 City Budget to allocate the remaining 50% of the \$1,833,519 (approximately \$916,760) for a Specific Plan and the balance of the funds to be used for such plans. City Council also directed staff to conduct a Request for Proposals for the preparation of the plan. The City Council did not take action on affirming that the boundary of the City's Downtown as identified in the General Plan Land Use Element encompassing the Downtown Core and Perimeter.

RECESSED – 10:10 PM

RECONVENED – 10:18 PM WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 6-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted

Resolution No. 11802 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated November 4, 2015 Totaling \$694,093.83 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 6-B. Approved the minutes from the regular and special meeting of October 7, 2015 and the Joint Centennial meeting of October 14, 2015 as amended to note that at the October 7, 2015 regular meeting.

Agenda Item 6-C. The City Council (1) received and filed the 2015 Annual Report with the City Clerk; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 11800, Resolution of Intent to set the Public Hearing for November 18, 2015 for consideration of the 2016 BID Assessments. Council requested staff to bring the list of the businesses in the BID area and to note those that are owner occupied and tenant occupied at the November 18th public hearing.

Agenda Item 6-D. Adopted Resolution No. 11803 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 Procedures No. 20-26.

Agenda Item 6-E. Staff's request for direction from the City Council regarding the Lions Club Lease of a portion of the Service Club was continued to the next regular City Council meeting.

Council Member Communications

Discussion only, no action taken.

ADJOURNED - 10:37 P.M.

Regular Meeting of November 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., with all members present.

Presentations: None.

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Agenda Item 2-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-106 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated November 18, 2015 totaling \$647.06 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid

Agenda Item 2-B. Received and filed the monthly investment report for October 2015.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Consent Calendar None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 4-A The City Council (1) opened and closed the public hearing at 7:27 with no registered speakers; and (2) adopted the Resolution No. 11804 confirming the 2015 Annual Report and the levy of assessments for Business Improvement District No. 1 for Program Year 2016. Directed staff to set aside at least \$50,000 from the reserve funds towards educational programs, such as, but not limited to, marketing, code compliance, public outreach, and window displays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Item 5-A The City Council approved a lease option of \$1.00 until December 2016 and to keep the current balance of \$1,920 and the 2016 balance of \$1,919 on the books with payment due on January 1, 2017. The White Cane Day Inc. to provide to Council a business plan, 3 years of tax returns, and a

year-to-date profit and loss statement. The City Council did not approve Option No. 1, which was to maintained the status quo, extending the term of the current lease for three years at a rate of \$160 per month, with an option of extending the agreement for an additional three years at the end of the term; authorize the City Manager to execute the extension of the lease in a form approved by the City Attorney; or Option No. 2, to adjust the lease payment to \$1.00 per year and extend the term of the current lease for three years, with an option of extending the agreement an additional three years at the end of the term; authorized the City Manger to execute the extension of the lease and the reduction of the lease payment in a form approved by the City Attorney; or Option No. 3 which was to Issue a Three Day Notice to Quit for the site unless, the Monterey Park Lions Club and White Cane Days Inc. are completely caught up with their lease payments.

RECESSED – 8:59 PM

RECONVENED – 9:08 PM WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 6-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11805 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated November 18, 2015 Totaling \$588,872.73 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 6-B. Received and filed the monthly investment report of October 2015

Agenda Item 6-C. Received and filed the City's 2014-15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Agenda Item 6-D. Adopted the Public Employees Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) Resolution No. 11806 for NonPERS Elected officials; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 11807 Eliminating the Establishment of CalPERS Pension Account for Future Elected Officials from this point forward. The Council directed staff to provide a report to Council on the cost to place a ballot measure on the 2017 election regarding elected

official medical benefits.

Agenda Item 6-E. The City Council (1) received and filed the Notice of Completion recorded by the Public Works Director on November 16, 2015 accepting the Cascades Walkway Repairs completed by Parsam Construction; and (2) authorized a budget amendment of \$43,000 in General Funds to cover the final cost of the project. The City Council directed staff to provide a status reports on projects, were the cost exceeds 10%.

Agenda Item 6-F. The City Council (1) adopted Resolution No. 11808 finding that an emergency exists within the City and authorizing contracting without the need for bidding pursuant to Public Contracts Code §§ 20168 and 22050. Additionally, the Resolution would authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to cooperate and coordinate emergency preparedness efforts, as amended to update Section 2(c) of the resolution to read as follows "Amends the 2015-16 Budget to establish a \$300,000 appropriation from the General Fund Capital Improvement Reserve to pay for improvements that are designed to protect private properties from storm damage and the city shall work with MWD to fairly apportion these costs."; (2) authorized the funding of \$300,000.00 from Account #0110-801-5002-96083, from General Fund Capital Improvement Projects; and (3) to add in the contract with Metropolitan Water District that Assistant City Engineer Rey Alfonso will be the lead person for the technical committee.

Extension of Council Meeting to 11:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 6-G. Adopted Resolution No. 11809 declaring the month of November as "MOVEMBER"

Council Member Communications

Discussion only, no action taken.

ADJOURNED - 11:35 P.M.

Regular Meeting of December 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., with all members present.

Presentations: None.

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Agenda Item 2-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-107 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated December 2, 2015 and December 16, 2015 totaling \$82.68 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2-B. Received and filed the monthly investment report for November 2015.

Agenda Item 2-C. Approved the minutes from regular meeting of October 21, 2015; Town Hall special meeting of October 27, 2015; regular and special meeting of November 4, 2015; regular and special meeting of November 18, 2015.

Agenda Item 2-D. Authorized to execute a professional service agreement between the Successor Agency and BP International, Inc.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Consent Calendar None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 4-A. Public Hearing held. City Council determined

to uphold instead of amending, or overturning the Planning Commission Resolution No. 19-15. The motion was amended to include in the Covenants Conditions and Restrictions (CCR) that the property will not be used as a residential motel.
Unfinished Business None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 6-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted a Resolution No. 11810 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated December 2, 2015 and December 16, 2015 totaling \$2,101,700.06

and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 6-B. Received and filed the monthly investment report November 2015.

Agenda Item 6-C. Approved the minutes from the regular meeting of October 21, 2015; Town Hall special meeting of October 27, 2015; regular and special meeting of November 4, 2015; regular and special meeting of November 18, 2015 as amended to reflect the correct motion for the regular meeting of November 4, 2015, Item No. 5B.

Agenda Item 6-D. Introduced and waived first reading of an ordinance adding Chapter 10.64 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code as amended to extend recreational vehicle (RV) parking to 72 hours instead of 48 hours.

RECESSED – 9:11 PM

RECONVENED – 9:19 PM WITH ALL COUNCIL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Agenda Item 6-E. The City Council authorized staff to release a Request for Qualification for Design-Build of Solar Photovoltaic System for City Facilities as amended to have the Request for Qualification results be presented at a City Council Meeting for council's determination.

Agenda Item 6-F. Adopted Resolution No. 11811 fixing the salary rates and benefits for the Executive Management Employees; and (2) authorized the expenditure of \$17,826 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, amending the 2015-2016 Budget accordingly.

Agenda Item 6-G. Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Bob Wondries Ford for an amount of \$36,355.89. Funds have been budgeted in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$30,000 and Council recently approved \$10,000 in Account Number 0010-801-5002-96082.

Agenda Item 6-H. Authorized the City Manager to execute a waiver, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for MERCI in connection with the City's right of first refusal on real property located at 523-525 N. Chandler Avenue.

Council Member Communications

Discussion only, no action taken

ADJOURNED - 11:40 P.M.

Regular Meeting of January 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., with all members present.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item 1-A. Pictures presented of recent Sister City visit abroad certain Council Members and city staff. Chief Haberle provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the fire services and training facilities in Hong Kong.

THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Agenda Item 2-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-108 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated January 6, 2016 totaling \$466.63 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Consent Calendar None
Public Hearing None
Unfinished Business

Agenda Item 5-A. Adopted Ordinance No. 2124 adding Chapter 10.64 entitled "Oversized Vehicle And Trailer Parking" to the Monterey Park Municipal Code to regulate the parking of oversized vehicles and trailers in residential and business areas.

Agenda Item 6-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted a Resolution No. 11813 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated January 6, 2016 totaling \$1,369,671.08 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 6-B. City Council (1) awarded the contract for the development of a RFP for the new Solid Waste Contract to MDM Analytics in the amount of \$99,320 as amended to exclude the \$3,880 for drafting of an agreement and to bring back to Council for approval, the RFQ specifications; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract on behalf of the City in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Agenda Item 6-C. City Council (1) awarded the contract for the Installation of Metro Rapid Bus Shelters to the lowest responsible bidder, Humphrey Constructors, in the amount of \$177,500.00; (2) authorized the Public Works Director to approve construction change orders up to \$17,750 (up to 10% of the construction contract amount) for this project; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract in a form

approved by the City Attorney on behalf of the City
Agenda Item 6-D. Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase a 2016 Ford F450 custom utility truck at the cost of \$75,533.73.

Agenda Item 6-E. Authorized advertisement of Sanitary Sewer CCTV Inspection and Condition Assessment Services.

Agenda Item 6-F. Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) from Prominent Systems Corporation for required (GAC) replacement at the Dual Barrier Treatment Plant, the Well 1, 3, 10 and Fern Treatment Plant and the Well 5 Treatment Plant.

Agenda Item 6-G. The award of contract for Laboratory Analysis Services for the Water System was continued to the next regular City Council meeting.

Agenda Item 6-H. The City Council (1) awarded a contract to Diversified Alarm System Inc. of Monterey Park, in the amount of \$78,475.00; (2) authorized the Director of Public Works to approve construction change orders up to \$7,847.50 (up to 10% of construction contract amount) for this project; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Diversified Alarm System Inc.

Agenda Item 6-I. City Council (1) awarded a contract for the purchase and installation of two water heaters from Sea Clear Pools for \$69,850 (+10% contingency of \$7,000) to be funded out of the Community Capital Improvement Program, account 0010-801-5002-91522; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Sea Clear Pools.

Agenda Item 6-J. Adopted Resolution No. 11812 approving the application for Grant Funds from the State Land Water Conservation Fund for the Barnes Park Pool Project that would include authorization for the City Manager to execute documents and expenditures of up to \$2M from the General Fund Capital Reserve Account as a 50/50 match, if grant funds are received.

RECESSED – 8:32 PM
RECONVENED – 8:45 PM WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
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Discussion only, no action taken
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Farmers' Market February Fresh-news



Keep your New Year's resolutions going strong with more fruits and vegetables! The Monterey Park Farmers' Market continues to help local families and seniors purchase affordable fresh and healthy foods with their Market Match Program. Families enrolled

in WIC or CalFresh (EBT) who also have children ages 5 and under can receive up to \$10 of free farmers' market money to spend on fresh produce. Seniors and CalFresh recipients without young children can still qualify for up to \$5 of Market Match.

Farmers' Market Tip of the Month

Cauliflower may seem boring at first, but it's actually one of the more versatile vegetables available. Pick some up at the market (we even sell purple cauliflower) to take home and try a new recipe. We love roasting them with some olive oil and spices or turning them into faux potatoes by boiling, then mashing.

The Monterey Park Farmers' Market is open rain or shine every Friday from 4-8 p.m. at 318 S. Ramona Avenue near city hall. For any questions, stop by the information booth at the market or email info@farmermark.com.

Richard Garvey, Father of Monterey Park, 1838-1930

By Beryl Williams, Monterey Park Historical Museum



Richard Garvey

First came Native Americans followed by Spanish missionaries in the 18th century followed by Don Antonio Maria Lugo's land grant of 30,000 acres from the King of Spain in the early 19th century followed by Alessandro Repetto, an Italian immigrant who grew crops and raised sheep on what was to become Monterey Park land in 1916.

However, the real father of Monterey Park was Richard Garvey, who fell in love with the rolling hills adjacent to the Midwick Club when he was hired to carry army mail from Los Angeles to Ft. Mojave on the Colorado River prior to the Civil War.

The Progress May 29, 1947 relates this period in Richard Garvey's life.

"Receiving the mail at Wilmington, I usually crossed the Los Angeles River at what is now known as Macy Street. In stormy weather I was sometimes delayed on account of the difficulty of fording the stream with my animals and mail, as no bridges had been built. To reach El Monte there was the choice of several routes, the shortest of which led due east through the hills to the present location of the Midwick Club and continued due east."

Later Richard Garvey accumulated a sum of money through mining in the Holcomb Valley and bought 5,000 acres of land in the Potrero Grande Ranch, Felipe Lugo Ranch and some school lands. This included the flat area of what later became Monterey Park.

Mr. Garvey brought water to the area and then began subdividing his land in order to pay off his debts. He had a 54 foot high dam constructed in order to form Garvey Lake and irrigate 1,000 acres. This is the site of the

present Garvey Ranch Park baseball field.

Garvey Ranch house was used by Dick Garvey, Richard Garvey's only child, to further his hobby of astronomy. Today Garvey Ranch Observatory is run as a satellite campus for Monterey Park by the Los Angeles Astronomical Society. Beginning in 1948, the ranch house has served as a meeting place for parent-child observation classes, the Rock Hound Club, the Chess Club, Chinese Opera Club, Nursery School classes, martial arts classes, voting in national, state and local elections and as a meeting place for local non-profit organizations.

The Progress May 29, 1947 talks about Garvey Avenue.

"There were roads running every which way over folks' ranches, many of them leading nowhere. The only defined route leading into my part of the valley was the road through Monterey Pass to San Gabriel Mission....In the late 1870s I brought the Board of Supervisors to the ranch and pointed out to them the great need for an east-west highway connecting with Monterey Pass. From me they accepted deeds to Garvey Avenue as a sixty-foot wide roadway and thereupon I made the road with men, teams and equipment from the ranch and on the same route I had come to love so well as a young man when I carried the mails for Uncle Sam. This route has always served as a pleasant reminder of my three years of service to my country carrying the mails across the Mojave Desert."



Garvey School with first teacher Alice McColum and students, 1894.

The Historical Museum of Monterey Park (in Garvey Ranch Park) is open to the public free of charge each Saturday and Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2-4 p.m. Volunteers are available to answer questions about items on public display as well as those archived in the five room museum. The observatory [also in Garvey Ranch Park] is open to the public free of charge each Wednesday evening between dusk and 10 p.m. We hope to see you this year!

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710 Freeway Completion Update

The fight for the completion of the 710 freeway continues as the 710 Coalition gains support and momentum for building a tunnel. Proponents of the tunnel garner support from labor, businesses and community organizations that are working to support a solution to the decades-long fight to complete the freeway. Fortunately the facts are clear: the freeway tunnel will reduce the most traffic on local streets, resulting in better traffic flow and improved air quality for residents and neighbors.

For years, Monterey Park, Alhambra and neighboring cities have been living in the midst of a very serious and unacceptable environmental injustice. Lower income, minority communities near the 710 are most impacted by poor air quality and higher cancer levels. The environmental data clearly shows that the tunnel is the only alternative that further reduces air emissions and health risks in lower income and minority areas that have been affected by poor air quality due to severe congestion on neighborhood streets.

The risk of cancer in communities near and around the 710 is 20 to 100 percent greater than compared to neighborhoods north of the freeway. The tunnel is the only alternative that reduces cancer risk in the San Gabriel Valley area and beyond. In fact, the tunnel reduces emissions and local street vehicle miles traveled by 14 percent in Alhambra, by 7 percent in San Gabriel, by 9 percent in Pasadena and by 12 percent in South Pasadena. The environmental

data continues to the support that a tunnel will improve air quality and reduce cancer risk for the majority of the project study area.

A freeway tunnel also provides much needed relief for many local residents and commuters by maximizing mobility and flow of traffic throughout the Los Angeles region. Environmental experts point out that emissions are worse in stop and go traffic that is plaguing the streets of Monterey Park and Alhambra. If a tunnel is built, roughly 57,000 vehicles per day will be removed from local streets, drastically reducing arterial cut-through traffic by 43 percent. There's no denying that traffic must be removed from local streets and diverted back onto the freeways where it was originally designed to go.

Long highway tunnels are not unprecedented. Many cities and countries throughout the world rely on freeway tunnels as a safe and secure way to improve traffic flow. The evidence clearly supports the tunnel as the best and only alternative to relieve congestion on local streets, reduce cancer and improve air quality in residential neighborhoods. Monterey Park and the 710 Coalition are committed to doing what it takes to ensure that a tunnel is built. The quality of life depends on it.

For more information on the 710 freeway completion project, please contact the City of Monterey Park Public Works Department at 626-307-1320.

Fitness Instructor Sonja Holladay to Retire this Spring



Fitness instructor Sonja Holladay (center) celebrates with a dance with students at Langley Senior Center.

After 30 years of teaching fitness classes in the community, Monterey Park Recreation Department fitness instructor Sonja Holladay will be retiring this spring to enjoy more time with her family. Holladay has taught a wide variety of classes, including deep and shallow water aerobics, zumba, aqua zumba, chair- and land- fitness. Many senior citizens in the area credit Holladay's enthusiastic teaching style and her ability to motivate them to exceed their goals as a reason they are healthy today. With an excellent educational background and years of experience, Holladay was able to provide a wealth of knowledge to her students. The Recreation and Community Services Department and many, many residents will miss the benefits she provided to the community.

Tree Memorial Award Nomination Period Now Open

Nominations for the 2016 Tree Memorial Award are now being accepted by the Recreation and Community Services Department. Nominations will be accepted through February. The Tree Memorial Award was created to recognize individuals who have made a significant positive impact on the community.

This prestigious award is reserved for an individual who has demonstrated the highest level of community involvement and can be awarded to a person living or deceased. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of Community Participation

and Recreation and Park Commissioners.

The committee will make their recommendation to the city council in April and a ceremony honoring the individuals will take place in May. Plaques will be installed under designated trees as recognition of their accomplishments.

Groups or individuals who wish to nominate an individual must complete the application process. For more information or for an application, please visit the city hall recreation department or call 626-307-1388.

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**Centennial Celebration Begins
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Other events include an Earth Day bike ride, essay contest, the burying of a time capsule and the possibility of a float in the 2017 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Sponsorship opportunities will be available for businesses, service clubs, organizations and individuals starting at \$100. One of the most popular sponsorships will include a street banner that will be placed on Garvey, Garfield or Atlantic. For more information on events or sponsorships, or to become a volunteer, please contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at mpk100@montereypark.ca.gov, 626-307-1388, or visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

A Guide to the Night Sky

By Tre Gibbs, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a safe and warm Holiday Season. Here we are well into 2016 and the days are getting noticeably longer, which means the nights are getting shorter. This of course gives us a little less time for star and planet gazing. But that's fine...most of what's happening this month is in the eastern pre-dawn skies, except for one item on the list - and that is the mighty Jupiter!

Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, rises almost due east early in the month around 9 p.m., but by month's end Jupiter will peak above the horizon as early as 7 p.m., making for great viewing with a average telescope or even a pair of binoculars. In fact, look for Jupiter traveling the night sky along with the moon in the evening of the 24th. The pair can be seen in the east around 7:30 p.m., with bright Jupiter slightly above and to the left of the moon.

The rest of the planets can be seen later in the pre-dawn skies in the east. Early in the month, Mars rises around 1:30 a.m. appearing as a small orange-ish "star," followed by Saturn, rising about 4 a.m. and then brilliant Venus, taking her time, rising as late as 5 a.m., quickly followed by the Sun. Though later in the month, you won't have to stay up as late, since Mars will then rise around midnight, followed still by Saturn at 1:30 a.m. Venus, who is inching closer and closer to the sun's glare each day, rises around 5:30 a.m. by month's end.

Now, these planets are pretty much spread out in the sky making the fainter ones (like Mars and Saturn) much harder to spot. Jupiter and Venus are so bright they stand out like sore thumbs. But have no fear, we can use the moon as a guide, since the Sun, Moon and planets all travel the same path in the sky together, called "The Ecliptic." During the early morning hours of February 1, the Moon and Mars travel the night sky together, both rising around 1:30 a.m. Look for Mars just to the right of the moon. On February 3, the moon accompanies the mighty Saturn, both rising around 4 a.m. Saturn will be below the moon and just right of center. On the evening of the 24th, the moon pairs with Jupiter, both rising around 7:30 p.m. (see above). And then, just after midnight of the 28th, the ever fickle Moon returns to share the sky with Mars once again this month. They both rise around 12:30 a.m., technically the 29th, with Mars sitting just below and to the right of the Moon.

The Los Angeles Astronomical Society meets at Monterey Park's Garvey Ranch Observatory every Wednesday night, rain or shine, from 7-10 p.m. All members are eager to answer your questions and let you have a peek through our 8" telescope, weather permitting. Feel free to contact us, we would love to see you there. Address 781 S Orange Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755; www.laas.org; Facebook www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety; or phone 213-673-7355.

American Legion Auxiliary Annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, March 19

The American Legion Auxiliary invites the public to attend their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 8 to 11:30 am. Tickets are \$10 and include pancakes, eggs, sausage, menudo, coffee and juice. Tickets can be purchased in advance

at the American Legion located at 338 S. Ramona Ave in Monterey Park, or at the door the day of the event. For additional information call the American Legion at 626-571-9211.

CASA of Los Angeles Looks to Monterey Park to Help Foster Youth



A normal Monday morning at the Edelman Children's Court in Monterey Park means a line out the door waiting to get through security. Monday mornings are especially busy, as many children have been removed from their homes over the weekend, and Monday is when their parent(s), relative or guardian sits in front of a judge to determine what will happen with the child. As harrowing as this can be for the parents, it's infinitely worse for the child who doesn't know where they will be going, or with whom, and has no one to guide them.

Meanwhile, in the elementary school down the street from you, a child enters her second grade class for the first time. Two days earlier she was removed from her home miles away (a whole world away in her mind) and now she is another student in Monterey Park. It has been a couple of tumultuous days for her, leaving her even more traumatized and frightened than she was when county officials arrived at her home.

Los Angeles County is famous for many things, and those who serve children around the country will mention that the 30,000 plus children in the county foster care program is one of them. Of these 30,000, many have been neglected and abused.

CASA of LA is a nonprofit group that has been recruiting, training and managing volunteers to aid foster children for over three decades. Thousands of children in LA County have had their cases supported by a CASA and this year alone over 800 will have a CASA in court with them. In many cases, the influence of a CASA can be life saving. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life and do not require any specialized degrees or legal experience. They are simply people who care about children and their commitment to advocate for their best interests. CASA volunteers deal with issues ranging from medical needs, to educational and emotional problems



Monterey Park Lion's Club

2016 Student Speaker Contest

~Topic~

"Liberty and Justice for All" – What Does it Mean to You?

The Events participants will be Alhambra, Mark Keppel and San Gabriel High School Students.

Event Date: February 16, 2016

Time: Lunch: 12 Noon

Contest Start time: 12:30

The contest brings the best student speakers from each school to compete with one another on presenting this year's topic with the winner moving on to the Lion's area zone contest on March 10th.

Mark the Date! February 16th on your calendars – let's show these outstanding students the support they deserve.

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"In a county where so many live in privilege, we face the daily barrage of children who are in a terrible situation and have had no choice in being where they are," explained Dilys Tosteson Garcia, Executive Director of CASA of Los Angeles. "The CASAs we train become the one person who is solely focused on the child. We have over 500 volunteers who commit to ensure the child has all of his or her needs met, and voice heard, while going through a process that can be frightening at best."

"I wouldn't change my time as a CASA for anything," said Barbara L. who has been a CASA volunteer for ten years. "Being able to advocate for a child who is in need of a caring adult whose sole focus is their well-being will change your life."

CASA is based out of the Edelman Children's Court in Monterey Park, and host regular bi-monthly information sessions that are open to anyone interested in helping foster children in need. For a list of upcoming CASA information sessions, or to donate, visit www.casala.org.



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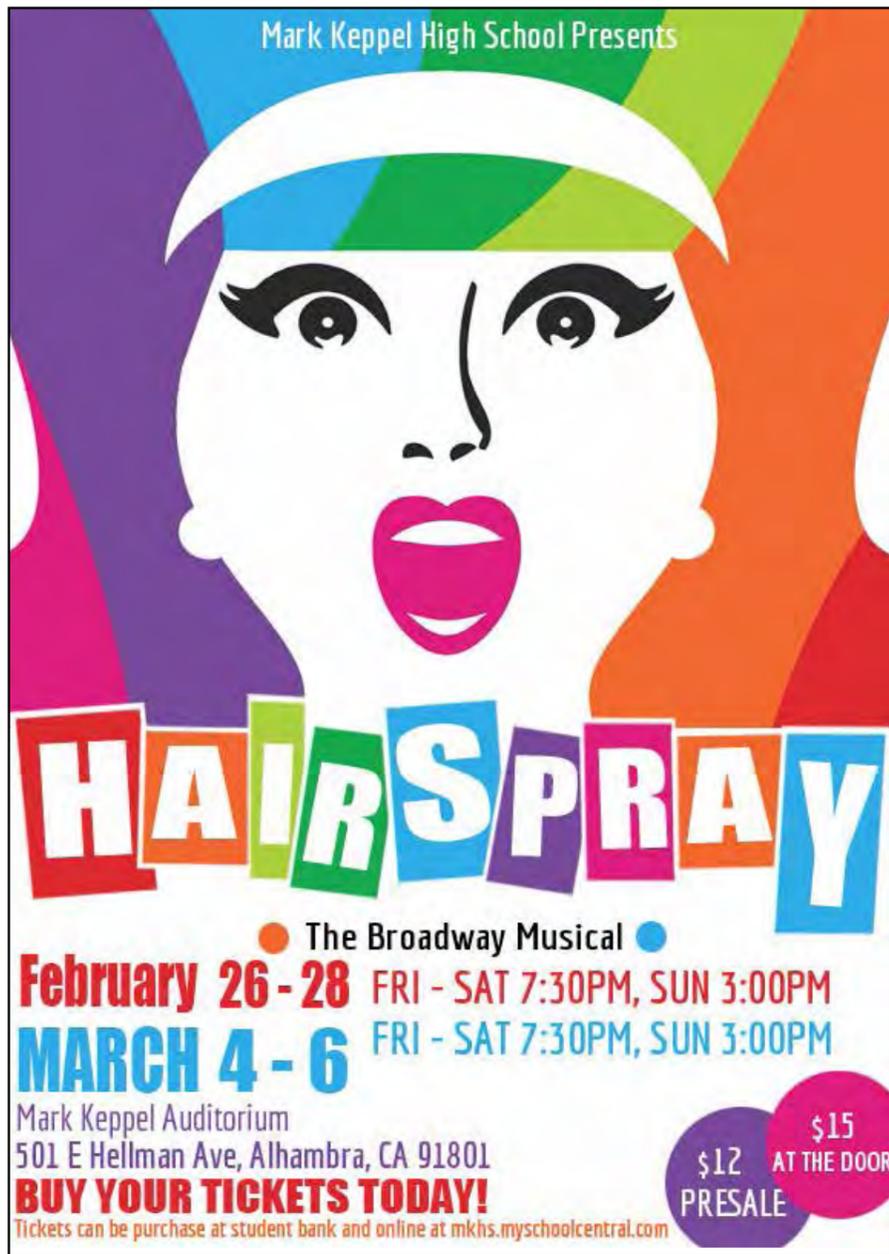
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ADN was founded in 1943 by a group of women in the Alhambra community with the mission of assisting working mothers with childcare during WWII. After the war, the organization continued to assist the community by providing childcare and pre-school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

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Fremont Elementary School Has Much to Offer

This year, Fremont Elementary School has much more to offer students than just the typical academic curriculum. One of the focus points of the school is to prepare students for college and a career beyond in the form of having a positive interaction with established professionals. This focus has challenged Fremont teachers to collaborate on ideas to provide students with opportunities to think about their future. On December, 2nd grade teachers prepared students to interview a police officer in order to learn more about what it means to build a career. Officer Zeller, an Inglewood Police Officer, provided students with a flurry of interesting facts of what it's like being a police officer on a daily basis. Students were given the opportunity to ask him questions about his past in an effort to find out how he became an officer. They did so by asking questions such as how old he was when he became an officer and where he went to college. Officer Zeller gladly answered all their questions, informing students he attended the Police Academy and one has to be at least 21 years of age to enroll. He also shared with students that he attended Chapman University and has been a police officer for 15 years. Officer Zeller was also kind enough to give students this advice, "Stay out of trouble and do the right thing at all times. It is very important to excel in reading and writing in order to be a successful police officer." Students were overjoyed to have the chance to have Officer Zeller available to answer all of their questions about not only the Police Academy, but also life in general. This was certainly a functional day for these students in terms of expanding their knowledge of the skills and experiences they need

to begin to explore future career options.

Fremont Elementary also offers after school enrichment programs in Art and Vex Robotics. Participating students in the Art class are given the opportunity to tap into their creative side with hands on artistic activities. This is done through after exposing students to robot building, basic coding, and skills in solving real life problems through teacher directed challenges. While these progressive learning programs have changed the game in terms of the way students learn, Fremont Elementary is not stopping there. In the fall of 2016, Fremont School will be offering a Spanish Dual Immersion Program as part of a district wide project. The Dual Immersion program will be a 90/10 model where students learn English 10% of the time and Spanish 90% of the time in Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten. English is increased by 10% each year until Spanish and English is taught 50% of the time throughout the instructional day. The Dual Immersion program goals are academic competence, bilingualism, bi-literacy, and cross-cultural competency. In an increasingly multi-cultural landscape that is Southern California, the Dual Immersion Program will be a critical piece added to the already impressive academic standard that molds dynamic, prepared students. This program will begin accepting applications January 2016. If interested or want more information visit the AUSD website or contact AUSD Educational Services at 909-943-3550.

8th Graders Lead School wide College Fair

In an effort to further develop a positive attitude towards academics and foster a learning environment in which the end goal is a college degree, Northrup Elementary developed an idea for a student-led college fair, which was the result of collaboration between Intervention Advisor, Maritza Cha, 8th Grade teacher, Phillip Vi and Instructional Specialist, Dr. Ana Escobedo.

8th Graders in Mr. Phillip Vi's Universal Access class organized in groups and researched various colleges. This research revolved around the unique things that each school can offer in addition to what it takes academically to qualify for these institutions. The students then created college boards as a presentation platform for TK-8 grade students in an effort to raise awareness about the advantages of earning a degree. The rest of the students were given the opportunity to examine the boards and learn information about college, which is something the school believes is vital to expose to their students early on in their academic career.

Maritza Cha commented, "The student-led college fair provided our 8th grade students the opportunity to teach our younger students about the importance of school and about different colleges they researched."

When 8th Grade student, Jacob Dean was asked, "How was it to participate in the college fair?" Jacob responded, "It was fun, seeing all the kids and seeing their facial expressions when they learned about college" Jacob who researched what Cal State University Los Angeles had to offer also commented, "I learned about CSULA and requirements on how to

get in. I also read on CSU Poly Pomona because I am interested in going there."

One of the big hits of the event was the 8th grade student group who researched the University of San Diego, which attracted many interested observers to their display. Fourth grader Emily Tellez observed their presentation and said, "I liked how they presented on colleges. I want to be a scientist and attend the University of San Diego." Emily's enthusiasm for her future college plans is exactly what this event was intended to bring about. The school hopes that this interest will spark a newfound desire to learn and keep students focused on what they need to do academically in order to put themselves in a position to attend a highly regarded university. As ASB President, Emily Peng states, "I think it's good to promote education and working hard in order to have a successful career." Minnie Olvera Torres added, "Working hard now pays off later. Students need to get into the habit of doing well now for their future"

After the student-led college Instructional Specialist, Dr. Ana Escobedo said upon reflection, "Northrup's first student led college fair was an opportunity for 8th students to gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information by presenting information, findings, and supporting evidence." It is safe to say that this project was a success not only for encouraging student's to attend college, but also to improve their teamwork skills as well as and improve their ability to conduct extensive research in their findings. As a final look back on this event, Mr. Vi stated, "I am very proud of the students for their efforts and extensive research in their future college. At Northrup, we are taking the steps to ensure greater outcomes for our students in the area of college and career readiness."

Mark Keppel Students Bring Brightwood Stories to Life

Mark Keppel High School (MKHS) advanced drama students partnered with Brightwood fourth-grade students to create an entertaining and exciting series of short plays through their innovate From Page to Stage project.

Brightwood students wrote original narrative writing pieces, which the high schoolers then revised into short plays. The plays were even accompanied by original pieces of music that were composed by MKHS orchestra students, under the direction of Dr. Carla Bartlett.

This is the second year in a row that the two schools have formed this unique partnership, which was made possible through a grant from the Alhambra Educational Foundation. Through this grant, the MKHS Visual and Performing Arts chairperson Page Phillips and her advanced drama students took the elementary students' stories, turned them into plays, and then brought the plays back to the elementary students to show them how their stories can come to life.

The process started with the fourth-graders learning about writing effective narratives and then going through the writing process to create exciting and creative pieces. The high school drama and orchestra students then worked for several weeks to create original music and revise the plays when necessary. Ms. Phillips explains the benefit of this collaborative process between the fourth graders, the advanced drama students and the orchestra students. "It actually gives the high school students some real world experience at creating plays with music and original pieces of music. As you know, Broadway and the cinema world are full of plays, musicals, and movies that have been adapted from novels."

The high school students aren't the only ones who gain real



world experience. The fourth graders also learn how to write with a specific audience in mind, and with the understanding that their writing will need to include details and descriptive phrases in order for the high schoolers to be able to interpret and reimagine them. All Brightwood fourth-grade students submitted stories, but Nicole Cheng, Abigail Herrera, Ryan Kawai, and Brianna Wong were the fortunate students whose pieces were selected to be featured. Their parents were invited to the performance so they could watch their children's writing become reality. The authors were thrilled to have their writing selected. "It was so amazing to see how my story came to life and I loved how it was told with so much enthusiasm and humor," says Abigail Herrera.

Even the fourth graders whose stories weren't selected were excited to have participated in the process and found it beneficial. "Through this process, I learned to be more creative," explained Nadia Lui.

Joleen Wong wholeheartedly agrees, "It was really entertaining to see my classmates' stories played in real life.



That makes writing stories fun!"

An additional benefit to this program is that many of the younger students are looking forward to what their future may hold when they become high schoolers. Clarise Lee is thinking about joining drama when she goes to MKHS in five years, and Travis Takaha says he's already excited to go to Mark Keppel.

At the end of the plays, the fourth graders' reviews were overwhelmingly positive. They were especially impressed by the quality of the performances, calling them "delightful," "wonderful," "amazing," and "awesome."

There were many positive comments from Brightwood's students, teachers, and parents, but there was one important message that was repeated over and over again and that they want to make sure MKHS receives: "Please come back next year!!!" Hopefully, this wonderful and successful collaboration between the two schools will continue for many years to come.

Northrup students receive the gift of sight from Vision to Learn



Dedicated Northrup parent volunteers stand with Vision to Learn staff, Nurse Kathy Leon, and Principal Stacie Colman-Hsu.



Northrup Students gets an eye exam from Vision to Learn Staff.

A mobile eye lab from Vision to Learn, a non-profit organization visited Northrup students in a mobile van equipped with an eye clinic and complete with an optometrist and optician. Students were given tests to check for any vision issues as well as initiate preventative actions for future vision problems. Two weeks after students had their eye exam, students will had the opportunity to claim their new, free glasses.

Nurse Kathy Leon, who organized Vision to Learn to visit Northrup students, commented, "Many families of students with vision problems do not have access or resources to get the help their children need. Studies have shown that students with uncorrected vision problems have lower academic performance, which can have a tremendous impact on their future. We are

fortunate at Northrup to have another opportunity to work with a great organization that helps families overcome these barriers. By providing free eye exams and glasses to these students, Vision to Learn gives them the tools to succeed in the classroom and in life. What a great gift during this holiday season."

Some students were asked on how they felt about the Vision to Learn visit. Fifth grader, Ariana Aguayo stated, "I'm looking forward to getting my new glasses!" While her older eighth grade sister, Amanda Aguayo said, "I actually like getting new glasses because this time, my eye sight is improving."

According to Vision to Learn, studies have shown that 80% all learning during a child's first 12 years is obtained through vision.

More than 125 of Northrup's students received a free eye exam, and 105 received a new pair of glasses.

When asked about the Vision to Learn staff, fifth grader Shania Camaja stated with excitement "The eye doctor made me feel relaxed and that wearing glasses was normal. I got to try on the glasses I wanted, and even chose a design for my new glasses!" Both students and parents were gracious for Vision to Learn and their willingness to provide assistance that some students would otherwise not get. It is events such as this that not only make Northrup Elementary great, but AUSD as a district an exceptional place for learning due to the willingness to go above and beyond to allow students to reach their full potential.

Oral Bacteria Linked to Alzheimer Disease

By John Chao, DDS



Dr. John Chao, DDS

The sixth leading cause of death in the US is Alzheimer Disease (AD) and it is more prevalent as people age. According to an article published in the Journal of Oral Microbiology one of the causes of AD may be traceable to oral infection.

AD is characterized by inflammation of the brain. This article reported on 200 studies examining the link between infections in the mouth and inflammation of the brain. These studies point to "germs" in the mouth as a possible cause of AD. Various groups of bacteria including fungus and viruses from the oral cavity can find their way into the bloodstream and can penetrate the blood-brain barrier. Their action in the brain can instigate brain inflammation. Microbes from gum disease are particularly

suspected of being likely causes of brain inflammation.

These articles pointed out that oral infections, especially fungal infections, among the elderly have dramatically increased in the last 30 years. Fungi can be found in gum pockets, root canals and under dentures. Protein DNA and protein have been found in the brain tissue of AD patients. Although oral infection is one of many factors in the development of AD, this article raises the possibility that oral infection increases systemic inflammation, which in turn may predict the onset of dementia.

Thus it is important for people of all ages to maintain good oral health. Oral bacteria may play a role in the onset of AD, even decades before the symptoms of AD develop. It is recommended that everyone develop good dental hygiene habits and receive dental care, especially gum care, on a regular basis.

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MKHS Student-Athlete Signs NCAA NLI



Sophia Song was surrounded by her family and MKHS staff as she signed with UC Davis.

When the Mark Keppel Girls Basketball team takes the court, their intent is to out-hustle, outwork and impose their toughness on the opposition for four quarters. Sophia Song, a key component of the team, has exemplified this very toughness and persistence that Mark Keppel basketball has become known for over the years. These qualities of her game have earned her an opportunity of a lifetime: a chance to further her educational goals while continuing to compete in her favorite sport at the NCAA Division 1 level. Song signed her letter of intent to play her collegiate basketball at University of California-Davis this coming fall. Song made it official on November 18th, which is become known around the country as National Signing Day. This day marks the beginning of the time period that the NCAA allows high school student athletes to sign their National Letter of Intent, officially binding them to the school that they had previously sent a verbal commitment to attend and compete athletically for. She officially inked the document while surrounded by family, friends, coaches and staff members in the Aztec Arena, as they celebrated her success together as an Aztec family.

It goes without saying that this young lady possesses superb athletic ability, however it is her well-roundedness and commitment to excellence on a daily basis that ultimately landed her at a top academic institution. These intangible characteristics go far beyond the athletic arena, and are traits that the future Aggie has demonstrated through strong leadership skills and tremendous academic performance in the classroom. Her tireless work ethic has allowed her to personify what a student-athlete is all about and will allow her to be successful at the next level and throughout her life.

With her college destination now set, another mission is yet to be accomplished. Song will be called upon to lead her team to another Almont League championship, eventually earning a birth in the playoffs on the way to a CIF championship and another run at a State title.

The Journey: Success of a Lifetime

Amidst fundraising difficulties, minimizations in staff instruction, and declines in the member population, the Fall 2015 season did not appear to be shining sunny and bright for Alhambra High School's Mighty Moors Marching Band.

However, the band is dubbed "Mighty" for a reason.

Like the theme of their field show, "The Journey: Chance of a Lifetime", which features a traveling dancer who faces judgment and tremendous failure before obtaining a contract with an amazingly renowned company, the band persevered through its adversities, ultimately rising to success that had not been achieved for years. With the band's resilience, endurance, diligence, and passion to improve, the band became award winning once again. At the Baldwin Park Field Tournament, the winds, percussion, and color guard placed 3rd, 4th, and 5th, respectively. At the Highlander Band Competition, the winds, percussion, and color guard placed 2nd, 2nd, and 3rd, respectively. Finally, at the West Covina Field Tournament, all three major sections of the band swept 1st Place. This kind of excellence has become second nature to this highly respected collection of musicians and has once again etched their name into marching band history here in the San Gabriel Valley.

Aside from competitions, the band also performed their field show and pep tunes at school assemblies, school rallies, four home football games, the Homecoming football game against Mark Keppel High School, and the annual Tri-City Band Day at San Gabriel High School. In addition to heightening school spirit, the band gave back to the community by performing patriotic songs at the Veterans' Day ceremony at Alhambra Park. This kind of display speaks to the band's dedication, which extends not only to their fellow classmates and band members, but also to the wonderful community of Alhambra and the people that make the community a great place to live. Indeed, the Mighty Moors Marching Band has had the success of a lifetime this past season, and they hope to continue flourishing in their musical journey for years to come.

Repetto Elementary School's 7th and 8th Grade Students Take the Stage

By: Denise Canseco

Last month, performing in a two-night event, many of Repetto's impressive 7th and 8th grade students took to the stage in their rendition of Tim Burton's classic stop motion film *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. This supremely talented group of students, along with their teacher-director, Mrs. Denise Canseco, and their student-stage manager, Albert Le, spent countless hours rehearsing over the course of several months in order to perfect their production.

Standout performer Helena Villanueva gave an awe-inspiring performance, as she took on the starring role as Jack Skellington. Helena's leadership, commitment, and perseverance paid as she led the audience around the stage with her arsenal of soliloquys and solos. Her voice captivated the audience and the depth of her act left them in tears.

Helena shared the spotlight with fellow eighth grader, Geri Ruiz. Miss Ruiz put on an incredible display as the lead female character, Sally, the beloved ragdoll. Simply put, Ruiz embodied the Sally's clever, restless character to perfection. When the last note left her lips during her haunting solo "Sally's Song," she received a grand roar of approval from the crowd.

Another group of stand out performers were the deviously entertaining trick-or-treaters, Lock, Shock, and Barrel, played by Ami Medina, Elise Sandoval, and Donovan Underwood. Their act left the audience in stitches, figuratively speaking, of course. These performances spoke to the remarkable detail and preparation that both students and staff embodied during the entire process.

But let us not forgot all the other talented students who either graced the stage with their singing, dancing, and all-around grand spirits, or whose art work and creativity adorned the stage, as set pieces. Productions such as these are commonplace not just for Repetto Elementary; Alhambra Unified School District has a long history of putting on these spectacular student performances and each time they leave the audience in awe. Congratulations to all the students (and parents) that helped create these magical memories.



Geri Ruiz and Sabrina Wu put their acting skills on display for their roles of Sally and Dr. Finkelstein.

The Edible School Garden at Martha Baldwin

At Martha Baldwin School students in the "Hands-on Science" elective class have nurtured an edible garden. Students in the 6 – 8th grades have the opportunity to select, plant, and maintain a vegetable and herb garden at the school site. This project has created an outdoor classroom, which integrates environmental stewardship and STEM skills.

Currently the school has 3 garden areas with tomatoes, bell peppers, lettuce, and various herbs, however there are also plans to expand the garden over time in which the students will plant more vegetables and herbs. The garden has been an exciting opportunity for other grade levels to visit, observe, and learn how vegetables grow. Mrs. Allaf, a 7th grade teacher who teaches the "Hands-on" Elective class says, "It's not only about teaching science – the students will learn math, engineering concepts, composting, and water management." As Mrs. Allaf notes, this project provides an array of rewarding aspects that students may not experience within a classroom setting.

The results of this project have been amazing. First and foremost, it has promoted a healthy lifestyle for these students, which is important for students to adopt at an early age. This project has also taught students the importance of teamwork as it relates to maintaining the garden collectively, which improves the way students interact with each other. Creating the school garden has also created opportunities for the students to learn about agriculture as they are learning where their food comes from. Another interesting development that has stemmed from this project is that it has initiated eagerness for some to start their own edible garden at home. Mrs. Allaf sees this garden as an opportunity in bringing the school community together to share knowledge and learn. She believes the garden program can help various grade levels make healthier food choices, demonstrate understanding and appreciation of nature, and an increased capacity to sustain school gardens as a practice.

The next challenging and exciting step is to build a greenhouse using clear plastic CD's. The purpose is to teach students that a greenhouse protects the vegetables and herbs from weather elements and from invading pests and animals. The Greenhouse project is going to require patience, precision, and will provide yet another hands-on undertaking for the students. Students will be working in pairs and small groups to build three - 11" x 18" x 20" greenhouses. Certainly this is an undertaking that will present a whole new set of challenges, but with their thirst for learning and undoubted ambition, they will be able to accomplish yet another impressive task.

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水資源下降百分之17.5 市府官員極力要求居民及商家全力配合 在這個困難期間，盡力節約用水



蒙特利公園的省水計劃離目標尚低
目標要求百分之二十

雖歷經九月和十月的創紀錄結果，但2015年最後幾個月的省水工作仍達不到我們預期的目標。州長試圖推行延長至2016年十月的強制節水措施。

可喜的是，相比於2013年，蒙特利公園市的居民和企業已歷經連續七個月的強制節水措施後已有效的能節省超過三百三十萬加侖水量。所節省的水量相當於從2016年6月至12月底的累計減少總量的17.53%。但隨之而來的不太好消息是城市僅能達到這段期間每月百分之二十用水目標只達到兩次。而強制性節水目標是州長對整個加州每一供水商所作出的一項行政命令。

不斷尋找 用水的節約良方

在較為寒冷的冬季，尤其在兩期以及兩後48小時，是很重要不須要噴水。大多數人過分依賴技術來管理其噴水系統和噴水次數。

令人遺憾的是，除非居民擁有一台“智能控制器”，他們現有的噴水控制器無法根據降雨或涼爽天氣來修改噴水次數。如果居民擁有一台標準的噴水控制器，控制器中很可能附帶“關閉”或“雨天”設置功能。簡單地說，您僅需關閉您的噴水的時間設定或根據需要供水而關閉系統，以避免在兩期以及兩後48小時出現浪費水的情況。如對智能控制器感興趣，請登錄網站索取 (REBATE) 折扣卷。

調整水費帳單

市府將於2016年1月的第一周開始蒙市市政府已會寄出調整過的新的水費帳單，新的帳單附有註解和新格式的水費帳單。調整後的水費帳單將清楚顯示每日所消耗的用水量。同時，水費帳單上將顯示每個用戶階層的固定查表收費（僅適用於單身家庭居民）所需繳納的款項，以及任何其他費用。最後，這些資訊將於一張圖表上顯示，（1）當前使用情況；（2）去年使用情況；（3）省水目標圖表（見標圖）。

欲瞭解更多資訊，請撥打626-307-1281聯繫蒙特利公園市水務署，或查詢www.MontereyPark.ca.gov。

社區內垃圾及回收計畫， 市政府公開徵求民眾意見



蒙特利公園市公共設施部門將舉辦一系列公開會議，以徵求本地商家和居民對未來的城市回收和廢物回收計畫的廣泛意見和建議。蒙特利公園市與雅典(Athens)拉圾公司服務的現有合同將於2017年到期；蒙特利公園市的目標是推行一項即能滿足局民的需要，又符合加州法規要求的回收新計畫。

在會議將中包括全社區範圍內的聚會以及小組座談會。另外將會召開單獨的會議給商業團體，屆時在所有會議中提供中文和西班牙語翻譯服務。市政府並將安排問卷調查，其中一項調查將於下一期的蒙市官方市刊《瀑布報紙》中公佈。

具體上主體中討論的內容將包括新的加州法規的要求概述、如何提高計畫參與辦法、垃圾桶的尺寸，數量，大小的選擇以及可回收材料的詳細資訊。

加州已設定了2020年回收所有廢物的75%的目標。為實現完成這一目標，必須另外回收、堆肥或減少2300萬噸廢物。雖然蒙特利公園市已經成功地完成了轉移垃圾填埋場中至少50%廢物的本州要求，但蒙市還必須遵守本州政府的法規，強制商家和公寓用戶也必須達到回收所規定的要求。此外，企業必須開始回收有機物，如食品垃圾和綠化垃圾。

若需索取更多資訊，請撥打626-307-1383聯繫蒙特利公園市公共設施部門 Amy Ho查詢。

將於2月23日在 Monterey Highlands School 召開社區座談會



蒙特利公園市將於2016年2月23日星期二晚上7點在Monterey Highlands Elementary School召開社區座談會。我們邀請居民與城市公務員及民選官員共聚一堂、屆時將瞭解蒙市建市百年慶典活動、提前準備預防聖嬰災害措施、經濟發展專案、城市改善以及抗旱救災措施。

Monterey Highlands Elementary School位於400 Casuda Canyon Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754。有關社區座談會的更多資訊，請發郵件至costley@montereypark.ca.gov或撥打626-307-1497聯繫Dan Costley或訪問本市網站www.MontereyPark.ca.gov 中的活動日曆查詢。

Conservacion del Agua Baja a 17.5 Por Ciento

Funcionarios municipales instan a los residentes y a los negocios que continuen ahorrando agua durante este período crítico

Después de los resultados récord de Setiembre y Octubre, la conservación de agua no alcanzó la meta en los últimos meses del 2015. El Gobernador busca extender la conservación obligatoria hasta Octubre del 2016.

La buena noticia es que, después de siete meses consecutivos de esfuerzos de conservación obligatoria, los residentes y negocios de Monterey Park han sido capaces de ahorrar más de 330 millones de galones en comparación al 2013. La cantidad de agua ahorrada representa una reducción cumulativa total de 17.53% desde Junio hasta el final de Diciembre del 2015. La noticia que no es tan buena, sin embargo, es que la ciudad sólo ha cumplido con su meta mensual de 20% dos veces durante este tiempo. La meta de conservación obligatoria fue establecida por la Orden Ejecutiva del Gobernador para todos los proveedores de agua en todo el Estado de California.

Siga Encontrando Maneras de Ahorrar Agua

Durante los meses de invierno y especialmente durante las 48 horas después de las lluvias, es muy importante que NO se riegue. La mayoría de gente confía demasiado en la tecnología para manejar sus sistemas de irrigación y las horas de riego. Desafortunadamente, a menos que un residente tenga un “controlador inteligente,” su controlador de irrigación actual no tiene un método para modificar las horas de riego basado en las lluvias o en el clima frío. Si un residente tiene un controlador de irrigación estándar, es muy probable que la opción de “Apagado” (Off) o “Lluvia” (“Rain”) sea ofrecida. Simplemente, apague el regulador eléctrico de su sistema de rociadores o si es necesario, el abastecimiento de agua para el sistema de irrigación para evitar el desperdicio de agua durante y 48 horas después de una lluvia. Si usted está interesado en un controlador inteligente revise la página web para ver los reembolsos.

Facturas de Agua Revisadas

La ciudad ha revisado las facturas de agua y las nuevas facturas junto con una explicación del nuevo formato comenzaron a ser enviadas durante la primera semana de Enero del 2016. Las facturas revisadas mostrarán claramente el consumo de agua que es usada en Galones por Día. También mostrará cuánto está pagando el consumidor por el costo del medidor fijo y cada nivel (residentes unifamiliares solamente), junto con cualquier otro costo. Por último, esta información será mostrada en un gráfico que muestra (1) el uso corriente, (2) el uso del año pasado y (3) la META de conservación, todo esto en un solo gráfico (ver arriba).

Para más información póngase en contacto con la División de Servicios de Agua de Monterey Park llamando al (626) 307-1281 o visite el www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

Aporte de la Comunidad Deseada para los Servicios de Basura y Reciclaje

El Departamento de Obras Públicas de Monterey Park llevará a cabo una serie de reuniones publicas para solicitar ideas y sugerencias de las empresas locales y residentes con respecto al futuro del programa de reciclaje y recolección de residuos de la ciudad. El contrato actual de la ciudad con Athens Services expira en el 2017 y el objetivo es implementar un nuevo programa que satisfaga las necesidades de la comunidad y que cumpla con las regulaciones de California.

Las reuniones incluirán juntas por toda la comunidad y grupos focales. Reuniones separadas se llevarán a cabo para grupos de negocios, y servicios de traducción en chino y español serán proporcionados en todas las reuniones. La ciudad también conducirá encuestas, una de las cuales será publicada en el próximo número de Cascades.

Los temas específicos que se van a discutir incluirán una descripción general de los nuevos requisitos del estado, métodos para aumentar la participación en el programa, opciones para el número y tamaño de los recipientes y detalles sobre qué materiales pueden ser reciclados.

California ha establecido una meta para reciclar el 75 por ciento de todos los desperdicios por el año 2020. Para lograr ese objetivo, 23 millones de toneladas adicionales de desperdicios deben ser reciclados, compuestos o reducidos. Aunque Monterey Park ha tenido éxito en el cumplimiento de los requisitos del Estado para desviar por lo menos el 50 por ciento de los desperdicios de los vertederos, la ciudad debe de también cumplir con las regulaciones estatales para el reciclaje obligatorio de las empresas y apartamentos. Además, los negocios deben comenzar a reciclar materiales orgánicos tales como residuos de alimentos y residuos de jardinería.

Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con Amy Ho en el Departamento de Obras Públicas de Monterey Park al (626) 307-1383

Junta Municipal el 23 de Febrero en la Escuela Monterey Highlands

La Ciudad de Monterey Park será anfitriona de una Junta Municipal Comunitaria el 23 de Febrero del 2016 a las 7 p.m. en la Escuela Primaria Monterey Highlands. Los residentes están invitados a reunirse con el personal municipal y los funcionarios electos para aprender acerca de la celebración del Centenario, los preparativos para El Niño, los proyectos de desarrollo económico, las mejoras de la ciudad y de las medidas para combatir la sequía.

La escuela Monterey Highlands está ubicada en el 400 Casuda Canyon Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91754. Para más información acerca de la Junta Municipal por favor póngase en contacto con Dan Costley en el dcostley@montereypark.ca.gov, llamando al 626-307-1497 o visite el calendario de eventos en el sitio web de la ciudad en www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.



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