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Monterey Park Fire Department to Host Bilingual CERT Class

Monterey Park's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

MPFD is pleased to announce an upcoming opportunity to become a part of the CERT program. The dates for the upcoming CERT class are April 29, May 20, June 3 and June 10. However, this class will differ from past classes in that we will hold two bilingual classes in Mandarin and Spanish at the same time in addition to our regular English class. Attendance in the bilingual classes will be limited to five persons each. Attendance at all four classes is mandatory for CERT certification. The class runs 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each Saturday. You must be at least 18 years old and of good physical health-lifting and bending required. There is no charge for the class and all materials will be provided. For an application, please visit Fire Station 61, 350 W. Newmark Ave. (next to city hall) or visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov and search for "CERT."

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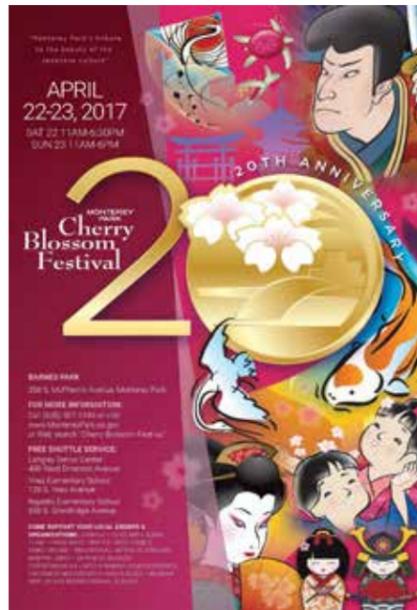
Springtime Brings the 20th Anniversary of the MPK Cherry Blossom Festival April 22-23

Imagine your senses tingling from the aroma of teriyaki sizzling on the grill while your heart pounds to the beat of taiko drums or the quiet gracefulness of traditional kimono clad dancers. Those and more await you at the Cherry Blossom Festival

This year, the Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival will celebrate its 20th anniversary at Barnes Park, ushering in spring once again on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23.

The Cherry Blossom Festival is a free admission, two-day weekend event that draws people yearly from all over the Southern California area to experience Japanese as well as Asian Pacific culture. The outdoor main stage program is packed with performances that range from classical Japanese dancing to vibrant taiko drumming, from contemporary music groups such as Local Mojo and Kokoro to exhibitions of martial arts and local high school performance groups. Among the exhibits featured in the Barnes Park gym are Ikebana flower arrangements, Japanese Kimekomi dolls, mochi (sweet rice cake) making and sushi making.

This year, we are pleased to have KABC news reporter Denise Dador join us at the opening ceremonies on Saturday, April 22. Dador is currently the Channel



7 Eyewitness News health specialist. Her Healthy Living segment airs daily. Dador has been a longtime supporter of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

The Cherry Blossom Festival Marketplace area features numerous vendors with merchandise having that unique Asian/Pacific Islander flair. In addition to a game area, the children's craft area makes this the perfect family affair. And, what is a festival without delicious

food choices, ranging from teriyaki to the popular mochi desserts?

Cherry Blossom attendees can also avoid parking hassles by taking free shuttles from Langley Senior Center, and Ynez and Repetto elementary schools.

The Cherry Blossom Festival, like many Monterey Park community events, is free to the public and is realized by the crucial contributions of volunteers and financial sponsors. Please visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov for a list of sponsors or how you or your business can contribute to the success and continuance of this annual event.

It seems hard to believe that the festival has been around for 20 years. For some of us who work on putting on this event, our now adult children were once small children that looked forward to this yearly event. We believe that any visitor can develop that same attachment and will look forward to coming back every year.

Barnes Park is located at 350 S. McPherrin Avenue in Monterey Park. For more Cherry Blossom Festival information such as hours, program and parking visit the city website at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov, contact Robert Aguirre at 626-307-1390 or raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov, or search for "Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival."

Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride 2017



The City of Monterey Park Environmental Commission is hosting the Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Earth Day Festival is a joint event with the Cherry Blossom Festival and will be held at Barnes Park on 350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park. In addition, the Earth Day Festival will be celebrated with Bike Ride events, which include the Family Ride and Hill Challenge Ride.

Bike enthusiasts can choose between the hill challenge ride that departs at 8:00 a.m. or the family-friendly ride that departs at 9:00 a.m. from the Bruggemeyer Public Library parking lot. Bike ride on-site registration starts at 7:00 a.m. Pre-registration is recommended. To sign up, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monterey-park-earth-day-bike-ride-tickets-32398901988>.

Please note that children must be 10 years or older to participate in the bike ride. All riders who are under 16 years of age must wear a helmet and be accompanied by an adult.

The theme of this year's Earth Day is "Waste and Recycling" in light of the City's acquiring of new waste hauling services for the residents and businesses of

Monterey Park. The event features multiple environmental organizations, institutions, and public agencies, representing various environmental issues related to the Monterey Park community, such as waste, storm water, water conservation, utilities, energy conservation, renewable energy, air quality, green building, national park, public transportation, and environmental education.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Tam at (626) 307-1320 or btam@montereypark.ca.gov.

The Earth Day Festival and the Bike Rides are sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, the SoCal Gas Company, and Athens Services.

Get Rid of the Clutter at MPK's Spring Cleaning Event

Drop off unwanted items at one of three locations Saturday, April 29

The City of Monterey Park and Athens Services waste collection are offering residents an opportunity to clean up their unwanted items that are cluttering up space in the home, garage or basement. Used household appliances and fixtures, broken toys and old clothing are examples of things that can be dropped off. Anything except hazardous waste will be accepted. Electronic waste, such as a TV, is considered hazardous waste and will not be accepted. For information on how to dispose those hazardous waste items call 800-98-TOXIC or visit www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw. The Los Angeles County Sanitation District also provides information

on where to dispose of hazardous waste at their website at www.lacsd.org/solidwaste/swfacilities/recyclecontact/hhw_e_waste/.

- Saturday, April 29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., residents can take items to three locations:
- Elder Park, 1950 Wilcox Avenue, Wilcox parking entrance.
 - Langley Senior Center, 400 W. Emerson Avenue, southeast corner of parking lot.
 - Monterey Highlands Elementary School, 400 Casuda Canyon Drive, on street.

Additionally, the city will provide free paper shredding at Langley Senior Center.

Paper shredding services will be provided on a first come, first served basis beginning at 8 a.m. until the truck is filled.

April 29 spring cleaning is a special, one-time event that is free to the community. Residents can also have bulky items picked up from the curbside if they call Athens at 888-336-6100. Bulky item pick-ups must be pre-arranged through Athens. Any items left abandoned on the curb can be subject to a notice of violation from Monterey Park Code Enforcement. Please all Monterey Park Public Works Department at 626-307-1320 for more information.



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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

Monterey Park Fire Department, Firefighter's Association and Lions Club Partner to Host Fire Service Day and Pancake Breakfast

The Monterey Park Fire Dept. and Firefighter's Association will be hosting the annual Fire Service Day on Saturday May 6, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station #61 at the corner of McPherrin and Newmark next to city hall.

Fire Service Day is a free annual event that provides our community a chance to acquaint itself with our firefighter's daily routine and equipment as well as participate in mini firefighting scenarios. We will have a free hot dog lunch for all those attending beginning at noon. For additional information regarding Fire Service Day, please contact Captain Justin Birrell at 626-307-1271.

As an added event, Monterey Park Lions have agreed

to partner with the Firefighter's Association and serve a pancake and sausage breakfast of which all proceeds will be used to subsidize the Lions Annual Eye Screening Program. The breakfast will run at 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and will be served at Fire Station #61. Tickets for the breakfast may be pre-purchased for \$3.50 from any Lions member or purchased at the door the day of the event. For more information, contact the Lions Club at MPKLionsClub@gmail.com.

The Lions Eye Screening Program supports over 2,000 grammar school children annually and since its inception, over 60,000 children have been screened at no charge. The Lions thank you for your years of support.

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

- April 5 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- April 18 City Council Guests & Presentations Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- April 19 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- April 22 Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride, Barnes Park.
- April 22-23 Cherry Blossom Festival, Barnes Park.
- April 29 Pet Vaccination Clinic, 8-11 a.m., Garvey Ranch Park.
- April 29 Spring Cleaning Waste Collection Event, 8 a.m.-1p.m., Multiple Locations.
- May 7 Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 1-5 p.m., Barnes Park.

Regular city council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the city hall council chamber at 320 W. Newmark Ave. For more city events please visit the event calendar at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.



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From the Historical Museum...

Monterey Park Girls Drum and Bugle Corps

By Karen Parker Maiorca, Monterey Park Resident 1953-1979 and Mark Keppel High School Alumnus



Photos courtesy the Phyllis Wise Collection, Monterey Park Historical Museum.

When I was ten, I joined the Monterey Park Girls Drum and Bugle Corps while in the 6th grade at Repetto Elementary School. I had no experience in playing a horn but I learned to play a baritone bugle in a very short time. Being in the corps was serious business, hard work, laughter and friendships. We practiced several times

each week and marched for miles preparing to compete to win our division in parades or win local and state competitions. Along with military drills and discipline, we learned to be independent and self-sufficient. We were often out of town and far away from our families.

I remember Mr. Broadwell, (Mr. B.) the corps manager and his ever presence. I don't recall a harsh word from him. Girls always had the run of his house which was very crowded and loud when all of us were there. There wasn't a piece of furniture left that was in good condition.

My fondest memory was Mr. Ed and the big red bus that came to pick us up and take us home. The bus was already old in 1953 and, if the bus was full, it was impossible for the bus to climb the hills of Monterey Park. All the girls would have to exit the bus at the bottom of the hills and walk up to meet the bus at the top. Mr. Ed was either deaf or the most patient bus driver in the world. The noise on the bus was deafening when all the girls were screaming or singing. We could get up and jump around and do almost anything we wanted; he never even looked back at us. Mr. Ed would let us take turns sitting on the steps in the front of the bus and shift the gears. I guess that was our first introduction to driving a stick shift. It sounds dangerous and horrifying when I look back at these rides, but all I remember is fun.

That red bus drove us to Sacramento, San Diego, Las Vegas and many other places. We marched in the Monterey Park Play Days Parade, Hollywood Lane Parade and other community parades. My husband saw someone living in that red bus parked under a bridge in the Gardena area many years after the corps disbanded. We were low budget travelers. With our sleeping bags and pillows,

we slept on the floors at various high school gymnasiums and ate in school cafeterias. One time we stayed in the military barracks on Terminal Island. The next day we were shuttled by boat to one of the military vessels in port for a performance.

Although we had a music and drill instructor, most of the marching and drilling was led by older girls in the corps. In 1957, 13 of us created a color guard drill team. Regular rifles were too heavy for us, so one of the dads made us white rifle replicas out of balsa wood. We won the State Color Guard Competition that year. We raised money door to door by selling little plastic bugles and asking for donations so that we could compete at the national competition. We traveled with two chaperones to Atlantic City on Continental Trailways buses where we came in sixth in the national competition out of the nearly forty participants. I was 13 years old at the time.

Robert P. Studer writes in The Historical Volume & Reference Works including Monterey Park, "Dr. Broadwell has good reason to be proud of the accomplishments of the Drill Team and the Drum and Bugle Corps. Among the 500 trophies they hold, nine are for the American Legion State Championships, and six for the Veterans of Foreign Wars State Championships. The Drill Team has two purposes, one to provide a healthy activity for girls between the ages of ten and eighteen. The second is to fulfill the American Legion's service to the Community, State and Nation. Dr. Broadwell has been the girls' advisor since 1938."

Former Curator of the Monterey Park Historical Museum, Eva Gribble, was quoted once saying about the Monterey Park Girls Drum and Bugle Corps, "They put us on the map!"

A Message from the Woman's Club

Monterey Park Woman's Club is a service club. We invite all to come by and join us. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month, both in the day (9:45 a.m.-noon) and the evening (7-9 p.m.). Both meetings are held at the Barnes Park Service Club House at 440 S. McPherrin Avenue, Monterey Park. Interested persons can contact us at montereyparkwomensclub@gmail.com.



Save The Date: "Cinco de Mayo Celebration" May 7th, 2017

Monterey Park's 35th annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 7th, with entertainment beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. The event will feature the sights, sounds and magic of Mexico through performances by popular local & regional performers. The event will also feature the popular raffle drawings, as well as authentic Mexican food. Plenty of shaded seating! Bring the family and celebrate with an afternoon of wonderful entertainment, and delicious food. Visit the city website for more info or search the Internet for Monterey Park Cinco de Mayo.

Happy Birthday Monterey Park!

Join your hometown Play Days carnival and parade May 11-14

Celebrate Monterey Park's 101th birthday at the annual Play Days carnival, May 11-14 at Barnes Park. Play Days features tons of family fun with big carnival rides, kiddie rides, games and plenty of your favorite foods & beverages. Enjoy all the carnival rides, live entertainment, attractions and food vendors, this four-day event has something for everyone at every age.

Another highlight of the event includes the annual Play Days Parade on Saturday, May 13 at 11 a.m. that features local marching bands, drill teams, community organizations, sports teams and dignitaries. If your group or organization is interested in participating in this year's parade please visit the City website for an application. Entry into the parade is Free.

For more information please call 626-307-1388 or visit the city's website at www.montereypark.ca.gov and search for "Play Days."

April at Monterey Park Certified Farmers' Market

Come taste the flavor of spring! The earth is budding to life, and bringing the healthiest, freshest, and most flavorful fruits and veggies to our market. Eating healthy this spring won't be a problem with the abundance of asparagus, broccoli, fennel, spinach, blueberries, and grapefruit at the market.



Farmers' Market Tip of the Month

Asparagus is packed with good-for-you vitamins and minerals and super easy to prepare. Steamed, grilled, or oven roasted – the choice is yours. The best way to store asparagus is to submerge the ends in a glass jar with an inch or so of water in the refrigerator. Make sure to keep the rubber band around the asparagus to preserve freshness.

Monterey Park Farmers' Market is open every Friday at 318 S. Ramona Avenue from 4-8 p.m. Eligible CalFresh, WIC and SSI customers can receive up to \$10 in free farmers' market money through our Market Match program. Let us know if you have any questions, email info@farmermark.com.

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Cherry Blossom Festival
20TH ANNIVERSARY

BARNES PARK
350 S. McPherrin Avenue, Monterey Park

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call (626) 307-1390 or visit www.MontereyPark.ca.gov or Web search "Cherry Blossom Festival"

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Celebrate National Library Week at the Library!

Have you visited your local library lately? You may be surprised at what you find. National Library Week, April 9-15 is a good time to visit and discover the many programs and services available for people of all ages. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate. Celebrate National Library Week at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library with these special events:

Sunday, April 9 at 2 pm, Friends Room

Art @the Library Program: Explore Pottery with Air Dry Clay

Target Audiences- All Ages: Families, Teens & Adults.

One of a series of programs presented in conjunction with the exhibition "Chinese Ceramics from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)" currently on exhibit at the Vincent Price Art Museum.

Tuesday, April 11 at 3:30 pm, Friends Room

The Magic of Pop-Up Books

Target Audiences- All Ages: Families, Teens & Adults.

Meet James Diaz, the creator of J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World: A Pop-up Gallery of Curiosities. Learn about the paper engineering and special features of this magical book that showcases some of the favorite curiosities from the Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts films. This special presentation is James Diaz' only California appearance. For more information about the free programs, contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

Meet Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist Sonia Nazario Author of Enrique's Journey

Meet Sonia Nazario, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author on Sunday, April 30 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. Ms. Nazario received the Pulitzer Prize in 2003 for Feature Writing for her work on a Los Angeles Times six-part series, entitled "Enrique's Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother." The series documented the experiences of Latin American children who immigrate to join their parents in the U.S and won more than a dozen national journalism awards. The series was later published as a book and is now the most read book about immigrants in the United States. Many community colleges have chosen the book as their "common" or freshman read. For more information about the free program contact the Reference Desk at 626-307-1368.

Book Discussion Club: Enrique's Journey

Do you like to talk about books? The Book Discussion Club will meet on Monday, April 24 at 7 pm in the Friends Room to discuss the nonfiction book, Enrique's Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother by Sonia Nazario. The book club is the first in a series of book discussion programs that will focus on the stories of immigrants coming to the United States. Read the book, join the discussion and meet author, Sonia Nazario on Sunday, April 30 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. A limited amount of free books for book group readers are available. For more information about the book club, please call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

Tips for a Successful Interview Workshop

Do you have an interview scheduled for a job, scholarship, an internship or college admission?

Join the interview workshop on Sunday, April 2 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. Learn what to include on your resume, how to prepare for an interview and much more. The workshop is sponsored in partnership with the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, West San Gabriel Valley C.A.C.A. Youth Council and the Chinese American Education Association. For more information about the free workshop contact 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, April 11

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 legal assistance clinic call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368

Passport Services at Cherry Blossom Festival!

Prepare for the upcoming travel season and apply for your U.S. Passport at the Cherry Blossom Festival. U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 from 11 am to 5 pm courtesy of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. No appointment necessary! For more information, call the Monterey Park Library Passport office at (626) 307-1357. Passport forms, passport fees, information on how to apply and more can be found on the Department of State's official website for passport and travel information, travel.state.gov. Applicants must bring the following:

1. **Form DS-11:** Application for U.S. Passport (Please print legibly using Black Ink Only).
2. **Proof of U.S. Citizenship:** One of the following: Certified U.S. Birth Certificate, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, Naturalization Certificate or Certificate of Citizenship). Please note: Birth Certificates that read Abstract of Birth are NOT accepted when applying for a U.S. Passport.
3. **Proof of Identity:** You must present your original identification and submit a photocopy of the front and back side with your passport application.
4. **Recent Color Photograph:** Photograph must meet passport requirements.
5. **Two (2) checks or money orders.** Cash and Debit/Credit cards will NOT be accepted.

Little Explorers

Thursday, April 6 at 11 am, Friends Room
Pop into the library for bubble wrap art and sensory play. Each program will last 45 minutes to an hour. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear play clothes that can get dirty, as some activities may be messy

Marvelous Monday

Monday, April 3 at 3 pm, Friends Room
Marvelous Monday is a monthly story and craft program highlighting a special holiday in the month. Marvelous Monday in April will celebrate Spring! The program is for children ages 5-11 and will last 45 minutes to an hour. Caregivers must be with children at all times.

Children's Computer Classes

Wednesday, April 12 at 3:30 pm, Computer Lab
Monthly computer classes for 6 - 11 year olds 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.

Afterschool Art

Thursday, April 13 at 3 pm, Friends Room
Celebrate National Poetry Month by recycling used books and creating blackout poetry! This program is for children ages 5-12 and no registration is required.

Tween Program

Thursday, April 20 at 3 pm, Friends Room
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 snacks will be provided for children.

Library Storytimes

Storytimes for all age levels are held in the Library's Storytime Room with each program lasting 25-45 minutes. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver at all times during storytime programs. No registration is required. Family Storytime (all ages): Mondays and Tuesdays at 7:30

pm and Wednesdays at 4:00 pm; Baby Storytime (birth to age 2): Thursdays, 10:00 am; and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5): Thursdays, 10:30 am.

Monday Night Beginning Computer Classes in Mandarin

Beginning Computer Classes in Mandarin are scheduled on Monday nights, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 7 pm -8:30 pm 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.

April Open Computer Lab

Join the open computer lab in April on Tuesday April 18 and April 25 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Computer Lab. Please note there will be no classes on April 4 and April 11. The lab is open to adults who need help with 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.

Wednesday Beginning Computer Class in English

Beginning Computer Classes in English are scheduled on Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am in the computer lab located on the 2nd floor. Space is limited and registration is required for the free classes. Adults will practice mouse and keyboard drills, Internet searching skills and an introduction to Microsoft Word. To register for the free classes contact the Reference Desk or call (626) 307-1368.

April Film Schedule

Monthly Film Program
Wednesday, April 19 at 2 pm in the Friends Room
Free movies and snacks in the Friends Room. Program Audience: Adults.

Saturday Morning Family Movie

Saturday, April 22 at 10 am in the Friends Room
This month's film will honor the 113th anniversary of the birthday of legendary children's author, Dr. Seuss! Join us as we celebrate with popcorn and a movie for the whole family. Parents must attend with their children.
For film titles and more information about the free film programs contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

JF Programs

Fun Programs by Youth for Youth

The Junior Friends, a teen volunteer organization at the library, hosts a program each month to serve the youth at Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. Do you have the urge to create? Are you a tinker at heart? Check out our special Earth Day program on Wednesday, April 12 at 3:30 pm in the Friends Room.

Anime/Manga Club

Join the library's Anime/Manga Club and watch the latest Anime releases, meet other Otaku and discuss new titles for the library. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5:00 pm in the Friends Room. See you on April 26.

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. Please contact the LAMP office at (626) 307-1251 or email lamp@montereypark.ca.gov for inquiries.



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成人繪畫班 (2hrs); 油畫班 (成人, 青少年) 特價: \$25/2hrs

另設: 暑假班 Summer Class \$120/week (1周)
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托管班 Child Care

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(626) 297 0618 (626) 863 9844



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Council Action Review

Regular Meeting of February 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., with a majority of the members present.

Presentations None.
The City Council acting on behalf of the Successor Agency

New Business
Agenda Item 2-A. Approved payments of warrants and adopted Resolution SA-133 allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated February 1, 2017 totaling \$270.00 and specifying the funds of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2-B. Approved the minutes from the regular meeting of January 4, 2017 and special meeting of January 4, 2017.

Consent Calendar None.

Public Hearing
Agenda Item 4-A. Proposed Zone Change to create Senior Housing at 130-206 South

Chandler Avenue. The City Council (1) opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.; (2) took documentary and testimonial evidence; (3) closed the public hearing at 8:53 p.m.; (4) considered the evidence, and determined to modify the Planning Commission's decision to direct the Planning Commission to reconsider the project upon the revisions of certain criteria; and (5) directed staff to return with a resolution memorializing the Council's action at the next City Council meeting.

RECESSED AND RECONVENED
 The City Council recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 9:32 p.m.

Old Business None.

New Business
Agenda Item 6-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11894 allowing certain claims and demands per

Warrant Register dated February 1, 2017 totaling \$1,792,471.94 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 January 4, 2017.

Agenda Item 6-C. The City Council continued the annual weed abatement declaration list item to the February 15, 2017 city council meeting.

Agenda Item 6-D. Approved budget amendments for additional expenditures as presented in the Midyear Review Report and received and filed the report as amended to exclude the \$700,000 for the new finance system and server upgrades.

Council Member Communications
 Discussion only – no action taken
Adjourned - 10:52 p.m.

Regular Meeting of February 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., with a majority of the members present.

Presentations None.
The City Council acting on behalf of the Successor Agency

New Business
Agenda Item 2-A. Received and filed the monthly investment report – January 2017.

Agenda Item 2-B. Approved the minutes from the regular and special meeting of January 18, 2017.

Consent Calendar None.

Public Hearing None.

RECESSED AND RECONVENED
 The City Council recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 9:32 p.m.

Old Business
Agenda Item 5-A. Approved the Weed Abatement Declaration List and adopted Resolution No. 11896.

Resolution No. 11896, entitled:
 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND BRUSH, RUBBISH, REFUSE, AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

Agenda Item 5-B. Adopted Resolution No. 11897 memorializing City Council's final decision from February 1, 2017 regarding the of Planning Commission's decision on the proposed project at 130 South Chandler Avenue.

Resolution No. 11897, entitled:
 A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL PARTIALLY GRANTING AN APPEAL (AP-16-01) BY MODIFYING A PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION DENYING A ZONE Change (ZC-16-01) TO CREATE A SENIOR-CITIZEN-HOUSING (S-C-H) OVERLAY ZONE, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CU-16-04) FOR AN AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AND TENTATIVE MAP NO. 073741 (TM-16-02) TO SUBDIVIDE AIR RIGHTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 54-UNIT SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING CONDOMINIUM PROJECT AT 130-206 SOUTH CHANDLER AVENUE; AND REMANDING THE MATTER BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION

New Business

Agenda Item 6-A. Approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11898 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated February 15, 2017 totaling \$460,890.85 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 6-B. Received and filed the monthly investment report – January 2017.

Agenda Item 6-C. Approved the minutes from the regular and special meeting of January 18, 2017.

Extension of Council Meeting to 11:30 p.m.
Agenda Item 6-D. Authorized the city manager to execute a contract with Tyler Technologies for an Enterprise Resource Planning system in a form approved by the city attorney as amended as the action did not include the dollar amount stated in the staff recommendation of \$413,085; and (2) appropriated \$713,085 Technology Internal Service Fund (0063) balance to this project

which includes a modified amount, instead of the \$305,000 stated in the staff recommendation for miscellaneous software, hardware, installation and support as amended as to reduce the appropriation of \$713,085 by \$225,000 to exclude the hardware/server update and to also exclude the \$49,500 designated for estimated travel expenses and directed the City Attorney and City Manager to oversee the implementation in phases beginning with warrants for the first three months followed by payroll for the following three months ending with a system wide implementation.

Agenda Item 6-E. Authorized the city manager to execute an agreement with West Coast Technology in a form approved by the City Attorney, not to exceed \$225,000.

Agenda Item 6-F. Authorized the City Manager to continue the Dial A Ride supplemental service program that provides transportation services to resident senior citizens and handicapped individuals, based on the results of the pilot program authorized by the City Council in March 2015 and (2) authorized to advertise Requests for Proposals to taxi companies and ride sharing companies (such as Lyft and Uber) that can provide service to participants 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the participants paying one dollar a ride and the City paying the balance, not to exceed \$10,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year (Aid to Private Agencies account 0109-801-6511-41200 – Prop A funds), with the program subsequently budgeted in 2017-2018.

Agenda Item 6-G. Waived a minor irregularity – although R Dependable Construction, Inc., did not have the bid proposal properly notarized, staff has determined this is a minor irregularity that can be waived, in

accordance with applicable law; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute a public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with R Dependable Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$218,380.00 for the Public Works Corporate Yard Locker Room and Langley Center Restroom Project (Spec. 861); and authorized the Interim Director of Public Works to approve change orders up to \$21,838.00 (up to 10% of the construction contract amount) for this project.

Agenda Item 6-H Authorized the City Manager to execute a three year agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Computer Service Company, in an amount not to exceed \$321,000, for the maintenance of the City's traffic signals.

Council Member Communications and Mayor/Council and Agency Matters

Agenda Item 7-A. Adopted Resolution No. 11895 declaring the City of Monterey Park is dedicated to preserving the rights of all persons within its jurisdiction; adopts interim policies; and directs the City Manager and City Attorney to provide additional information no later than July 4, 2017.

Resolution No. 11895, entitled:
 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK TO BE DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION; ADOPTING INTERIM POLICIES; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE INTENT OF THIS DECLARATION
Adjourned - 11:21 p.m.

STREET BEAT MONTHLY CRIME LOG

Addresses are identified by block number, not exact address.

February 2017

AUTO BURGLARY

- 100 CASUDA CANYON DR
- 700 E GARVEY AVE
- 300 E RIGGIN ST
- 300 E RIGGIN ST
- 200 N SIERRA VISTA ST
- 500 HATHAWAY AVE
- 200 MOONEY DR
- 1800 BLUFFHILL DR
- 800 BRIGHTWOOD ST
- E GARVEY AVE / S SIERRA VISTA ST
- 300 S RAMONA AVE
- 3600 RAMONA BLVD
- 1100 KEMPTON AVE
- 400 S GARFIELD AVE
- 500 S LINCOLN AVE
- 1560 MONTEREY PASS RD
- 200 S GARFIELD AVE
- 1900 S GARFIELD AVE
- 2300 BLEAKWOOD AVE
- 800 LOMA VERDE ST
- 500 N GARFIELD AVE
- 1400 ARRIBA DR
- 800 W EL REPETTO DR
- 1800 LONGHILL DR
- 1500 LUNAR DR
- 1400 PEBBLEDON ST
- 80 W EL REPETTO DR
- 1400 ROLLING HILL DR

AUTO THEFT

- 2100 FULTON AVE
- 300 N MC PHERRIN AVE
- 1200 W MABEL AVE
- 400 W RIGGIN ST
- 2300 ROSCOMMON AVE
- 500 ELIZABETH AVE
- 500 HARDING AVE
- 400 N CHANDLER AVE
- 1500 DORNER DR
- 2400 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 1560 MONTEREY PASS RD
- 400 N CHANDLER AVE
- 1400 PEBBLEDON ST
- 2000 WOODS AVE

BURGLARY COM

- 200 N GARFIELD AVE
- 300 N GARFIELD AVE
- 400 POTRERO GRANDE DR
- 220 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 2400 S GARFIELD AVE
- 2500 CORPORATE PL
- 700 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 300 N GARFIELD AVE
- 400 E GARVEY AVE
- 500 W GARVEY AVE
- 2000 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 600 E GARVEY AVE

BURGLARY RES

- 41800 FULTON AVE
- 300 W ALMORA ST
- 800 W MABEL AVE
- 1300 CREST VISTA DR
- 1000 BRADSHAW AVE
- 1800 LOMA VERDE ST
- 400 BALTIMORE AVE
- 400 S NEW AVE
- 400 W EL REPETTO DR
- 1700 GRANDRIDGE AVE
- 400 N NEW AVE
- 1500 S YNEZ AVE
- 1000 BRADSHAW AVE
- 600 HERMOSA VISTA ST
- 300 DE LA FUENTE ST

ROBBERY

- 300 E GARVEY AVE
- 600 W MARKLAND DR
- 400 W EMERSON AVE



FIRE SERVICE DAY

Saturday, May 6, 2017

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fire Station 61
350 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park 91754

Fire Service Day starts with a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser sponsored by the Monterey Park Firefighters' Association & the Lions Club from 8:00 am - 10:30 am






Followed by:

- Live Demonstrations
- Photo Booth
- Face Painting
- CERT- Emergency Preparedness
- Jr. Firefighter Challenge Sparky
- The Fire Dog
- Fun activities for kids
- Educational Information for the home and business
- Free Hot Dog & Refreshments

11:00 - 2:00 p.m.

LANGLEY SENIOR CENTER

400 WEST EMERSON AVE., MONTEREY PARK CA 91754 PHONE (626) 307-1395 www.langleycenterconnection.com

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 5, 12, 19, 26—Notary Services, 12:00 noon—2:00 pm
- April 10—Mature Driving Class, 8:30 am—4:00 pm
- April 11— Monterey Park Police Community Relations Elder Law Safety, 9:00 am—10:00am
- April 17—Commission on Aging Meeting, 11:00 am
- April 20—Spring Bazaar and Expo, 8:00 am—1:00 pm
- April 24—Care 1st Medicare Workshop, 9:00 am—12:00 noon
- April 25—Care Manager Services, 10:00 am—12:00 noon
- April 26— USC Chinese Caregiver Support Group, 1:00 pm—2:30 pm
- April 28— Legal Advise for Seniors, 10:00 am—12:00 noon

GET INVOLVED! Become a Senior Center Volunteer!

The benefits of volunteering include developing new skills, making a difference in the community and meeting new people. We are currently looking for volunteers ages 18+ in the following programs:

- IPAD Technology basics
- Fitness Center
- Health and Wellness
- Kitchen and Lunch

PLEASE CALL 626-307-1373



LANGLEY CENTER'S ANNUAL

SPRING BAZAAR & VENDOR INFO

yard sale

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health

vendors

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FEATURING FREE:

- BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS
- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- HEALTHCARE INFORMATION & SERVICES
- SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- PLUS FREE GIVEAWAYS, PRIZES, AND MUCH MORE

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A SPACE CALL (626) 307-1395 or (626) 307-1373 www.montereypark.ca.gov *LIMITED SPACES - FIRST COME, FIRST AVAILABLE

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MONTEREY PARK'S SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS MEET AT LANGLEY CENTER ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

- Monterey Park Senior Citizens Club, 3rd Friday, 10:00 a.m.
- Japanese American Senior Citizens Club (3rd Sat) April 15, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.
- Club Amistad, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Chinese American Senior Citizens Club (1st Sat) April 1, 2017 -11:00 am
- Gardening Club (4th Mon) April 24, 2017- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Wu Dang Tai Chi Club, Every Friday -4:00 pm—6:00 pm

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Monday—Friday

11:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Must be at least 60 yrs and older

Join us for a hot lunch meal in our Main Dining Room. Reservations must be made in advance on Monday from 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. for the following week. Suggested donation \$3.00

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Home Delivered Meals Program is available on a donation bases for qualifying homebound seniors that are delivered each weekday, or can be frozen meals that are delivered once per week. Please call the YWCA Intervale Senior Services at 626-214-9465 for information.

ACTIVITIES, CLASSES AND SERVICES

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - (3rd TUESDAY of the month) 10:00 A.M.-12 Noon, Provided by CVS Pharmacy and Chinatown Service Center.

NOTARY - Virginia Greene, a Notary Public with over 23 years of professional service is available to make your document life easier! Wednesdays, 12 Noon – 2:00 P.M.

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.

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

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Glenn Yata, Instructor, 6:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M. Learn the basics of ballroom dance and enjoy a wonderful evening with a classic instructor that will teach you fundamentals. Fee: \$5.00 per lesson

Wednesday	7:30 P.M. Regular class	\$7.00
	8:30 P.M. Regular class	\$7.00
	9:30 P.M. Advanced class	\$9.00
Friday	6:30 P.M. Beginner class	\$7.00
	7:30 P.M. Regular class	\$7.00
	8:30 P.M. Practice	\$1.50

DANCE EVERY TUESDAY, 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M., Dance to live music performed by Gary and Eric. \$2.50 per person.

JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR - Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m., for repair or estimate.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

DIAL-A-RIDE

Service available Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M.– 4:00 P.M., (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.



什麼是耆英免費接送專車 (DIAL-A-RIDE)?

耆英專車接送服務是免費的，專為蒙特利公園市居住的年齡在55歲以上長者或者是具有殘障需求的居民，提供蒙特利公園市市內專車接送服務。因醫療方面的預約，蒙特利公園市居民還可以享受專車接送服務到，阿罕布拉市，蒙地貝婁市，聖蓋博谷市及其他洛杉磯郡附近相鄰的城市

MATURE DRIVER'S IMPROVEMENT—MARCH 13

Class held from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. 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 \$5.00 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

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

CHINESE PAINTING

\$25 materials fee. Ping Wen Chiang, Painting Instructor Thursday, 9:30A.M.-11:45 Noon

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING II

Material fee. Peter Lee, Instructor

Thursday, 9:30A.M.-11:45 Noon

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Refine your English language skills in conversation with other students.

Betty Cheng, Instructor

Thursday, 9:15 A.M.-11:30 A.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, Mary Chan, Beryl Shieh

Beginner: Friday - 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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.

MEMORY MAKERS FITNESS

Includes Yuan Chi Dance, Line Dance and Tai Chi Exercises

Sandra Lin and Rosa Yee

Saturday, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 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.

MONTEREY PARK CONCERT BAND

Monday, 7:30 P.M. – 9:15 P.M., Monthly fee

TABLE TENNIS, BILLIARDS AND FITNESS ROOM

Open Play—Monday to Friday 8:00 A.M. – 4:45 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday 8:00 A.M.-1:45 P.M.

Our fitness center provides seniors with a safe and comfortable workout environment. Equipment is available for cardiovascular and strength training. Comfortable clothes and tennis shoes required at all times.

EARLY MORNING PLAY

4602.401 Monday—Friday 6:00 A.M.—8:00 A.M. \$39.00

4602.405 Monday—Friday 7:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M. \$39.00

SPRING SESSION BEGINS APRIL 3, 2017—JUNE 23, 2017

CHAIR FITNESS EXERCISE

4215.401 Tues/Thurs 1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. \$52.00

4215.402 Thurs Only 1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. \$35.00

Aerobic movement, range of motion exercises, strength training, performed in a seated position. This wellness course blends yoga, breath work, strength building and most importantly brain charging exercise.

FITNESS AFTER 50 - BEGINNING LEVEL

4215.403 Mon/Wed 1:00 P.M.- 2:30 P.M. \$40.00

Heart healthy low impact aerobics, strength and flexibility training are the focus of this class. Improve your balance, muscle tone, and posture.

FITNESS AFTER 50 - INTERMEDIATE CLASS

4215.404 Friday Only 10:00 A.M.- 10:55 A.M. \$40.00

NEW CLASS LEVEL. Class offers targeted body sculpting exercises with energetic low impact moves, small weights and exercise band to tone arms, abs, back and thighs. Students will not do any exercises on the floor. Bring weights and exercise band to class.

FITNESS AFTER 50 - ADVANCE CLASS

4215.406 Thurs only 2:45 P.M.- 4:15 P.M. \$40.00

4215.412 Mon/Thurs 2:45 P.M. -4:15 P.M. \$60.00

Seniors are invited to come and exercise in this advanced program which helps improve balance, strengthening, flexibility, muscle tone, bone density, and posture.

ZUMBA GOLD

4215.407 Tues or Fri Only 12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M. \$35.00

4215.413 Tues AND Fri 12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M. \$50.00

11:00 A.M. - 11:55 A.M.

Zumba gold is an aerobic class that uses Latin based rhythms and other dance inspired tempos to create a fun upbeat workout. Low impact, easy to follow dance fitness class.

YOGA

4215.408 Tues Only 2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. \$35.00

4215.409 Tues AND Fri 2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. \$50.00

12:00 P.M. - 12:55 P.M.

This easy to follow class is designed for all levels that use special breathing and strength-building yoga postures. A modified version is simultaneously demonstrated for those with limited flexibility and strength. Students can do the class in the chair or standing with or without shoes. Elevate your health and well-being with these one hour sessions.

PILATES

4215.410 Saturday 9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. \$50.00

Introducing a unique method of conditioning that allows you to reshape and redefine your body. Pilates workout mat series is done entirely on the floor and is based on core exercises to work the entire body. This mat work will create a strong center with firm abs and a healthy back. A modified version is simultaneously demonstrated for those with limited flexibility and strength. Bring a mat or towel to use in class.

POLYNESIAN/HULA DANCE

4215.411 Saturday 10:30 A.M.—11:30 A.M. \$50.00

Hula and Tahitian dancing is more than a dance, it's a full-body exercise that gets you in shape with fun and lively sessions. Learn basic hula techniques including hip and hand choreography. Steps and movements will be broken down and explained so you can learn quickly!!

SENIOR TRIPS & TOURS

TOUR DESK IS OPEN MON-FRI FROM 9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M. All reservations must be made in person at Langley Center. Trips and Tours are for senior citizens 50 years and older only. Trips are limited on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, contact 626-307-1478.

THE MAGIC OF ASIA—APRIL 12, 2017 DOORS OPEN 12:30 P.M.

Mysteries of the Orient-World Class Performers from the Hollywood Magic Castle, Penn and Teller's TV show "Fool Us" and Masters of Illusions starring world champion magician Jade. Come join us for an afternoon of comedy, magic and illusions. Central Park Library Theater in Huntington Beach. Tickets + Lunch \$45.00



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

By Danielle Garcia, Economic Development Department

King Red Crawfish & Pho

230 N. Garfield Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

King Red Crawfish & Pho is nestled in a back corner suite of Garfield Gardens, a small plaza located on the east side of North Garfield Avenue just South of Emerson Avenue. With eye catching bright yellow signage, the restaurant stands out in defiance to the quiet shopping center that surrounds it. The interior is fittingly nautically themed and has two spacious dining areas.

King Red Crawfish & Pho offers a full Vietnamese menu as well as a more limited Cajun seafood menu. At first thought, Vietnamese and Cajun food seems an unlikely pairing but Philip Ngo, the owner of King Red Crawfish, believes they have a few core similarities. Ngo said that both cuisines tend to incorporate complex seasonings, many ingredients and a measure of spiciness that can be customized to an individual's liking. The two menu option is also a result of Ngo having grown up in Vietnam, where he learned to cook and having lived in Louisiana where he absorbed the cooking techniques and styles of the area.

King Red Crawfish & Pho uses high quality ingredients as well as time intensive cooking methods to arrive at best tasting products. "Cooking is an art," said Ngo. As an example of

painstaking effort to produce a soup with body and richness, King Red Crawfish & Pho prepares their beef pho broth by cooking a sizable beef bone for a minimum of 12 hours. The restaurant also purchases their Cajun food seasonings straight from the source Louisiana for a dash of authenticity.

Ngo also prides himself on being able to deliver shrimp tempura that he says "nobody can match in taste or beauty." Among the most popular menu items are their 2 and 1-lb. combos. The 2-lb Combo includes 2 lbs of shrimp, clam, mussel or crawfish which the customer can choose to mix and match the proteins. The 2 lb Combo also includes sausage, corn, and rice. When ordering seafood by the pound or in a combo off the Cajun menu there are four flavors to choose from: "The MIX," Lemon Pepper, Cajun or Garlic Sauce. Additionally, the bite of the seafood bag ranges from non spicy to spicy. Be forewarned, even the mild option packs a considerable punch: heat brought to you by King Red Crawfish is not for the faint of heart.

On those days that you struggle to make a decision on where to eat, coast into King Red Crawfish for a variety of surf or turf. They're open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., closed Tuesdays.



Superco

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Newly redesigned, fresh faced Superco is a longtime member of the Monterey Park business community. The business has been a local independent department store in the city for over 20 years, furnishing homes throughout the Los Angeles area.

Superco recently applied fresh coats of cool and warm grays to the exterior of their building. The muted colors help draw attention to the brilliant red business signage providing an attracting effect that is needed on a busy thoroughfare. Additionally, landscaping was improved and window displays are now being beautifully utilized. The revived exterior now appropriately matches the quality of the products within.

The interior of the store has an openness that encourages guests to be wide eyed as they peruse the aisles. There are tasteful living room displays with couches, tables, art, lighting, and shelves arranged in a way that would make HGTV designers proud. Superco offers an extensive variety of large and small kitchen appliances, bedroom sets, mattresses, massage

chairs and audio and video appliances.

However, what is most fascinating about Superco is their incredibly innovative touch screen product directory that is made available to patrons. The touch screen is large, sleek and has a user friendly interface. The directory allows a user to select from one of nine different languages and then proceed to select a category of household items to browse. All items shown in the directory are available in store or can be ordered directly from the touch screen for in-store pickup within one to two weeks.

Co-Owners Julie Hsu, Michelle Hsu, Michael Chang and company have proudly served Monterey Park for 25 years. Michelle was previously involved with Project NEO, a local education non-profit, in Monterey Park. Superco is an exemplary business member in our community, committed to progress and modernization. Pay our local independent department store a visit 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Total E-Clips

1900 South Atlantic Boulevard, Suite 6, Monterey Park, CA 91754



"We love what we do," says Frank De La Parra. Frank and Melissa De La Parra are the owners of Total E-Clips Hair Salon, a new business in Monterey Park, located at 1900 South Atlantic Boulevard Suite 6. The salon is a transplant from Montebello where they operated their salon for 15 years. On my first visit to Total E-Clips Hair Salon, I felt as if I was returning to a familiar place. There is familial warmth draped about the salon. Moons and suns outfit the walls in a celestial glow that dares you to wonder. I could think of no better place to be on this introspective journey than with Total E-Clips on what Frank calls your "Hair Adventure."

Frank is lovingly referred to as the "Hair Doctor." With over 30 years of experience doing hair, he displays an undeniable commitment to his craft. The way he lights up when talking about doing hair or helping his clients arrive at their vision makes it evident that he is in his element at the salon.

Total E-Clips offers a full range of hair salon services from extensions, to chemical service, styling, cuts and much more. The salon has five stylists highly capable of providing any of their services. Total E-Clips recommends a full hair consultation for new clients during the first appointment in order to gain an understanding of hair history, a client's routine, and any areas of concern the may have client. Appointments are recommended but not necessary.

Do not wait for the stars to align to embark on your "Hair Adventure" with Total E-clips. Visit the salon Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. or on Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 pm.



Visit Total E-clips Hair Salon, a new Monterey Park business, located at 1900 South Atlantic Boulevard Suite 6 to embark on a transformative "Hair Adventure."

Local Girl Scouts Celebrate World Thinking Day

By Celeste Chan, Ambassador Girl Scout, Troop 9011

More than 50 Monterey Park Girl Scouts from the Canyon Trails/Rio Hondo Service Unit came together recently at Langley Senior Center to celebrate international friendships and to remind Girl Scouts that they are part of a global community. There are nearly 150 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, affecting about 10 million young girls and women. The World Thinking Day event was organized by Girl Scouts from Troop 9011, which consist of middle and high school students.

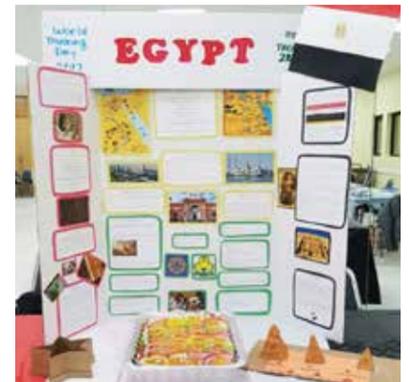
Girl Scouts from three Brightwood Elementary troops discussed culture and traditions and brought a native dish to share. Mexico, Switzerland, India, England, Kenya and Egypt were among the countries presented. Gloria Smith, Leader of Troop 9011, said, "[The] girls were really into it and very attentive. The booths were very informative." In addition, girls were given insight on the daily life of rural El Salvador and girls' access to education in that country from returned Peace Corps volunteer Priscilla Parra.

This year's World Thinking Day theme is "Grow," encouraging growth in Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

For more information about Girl Scouts, visit: www.girlscoutsla.org.



The Switzerland booth. 5th and 6th grade Girl Scouts share what they learn about Switzerland to Peace Corps volunteer Priscilla Parra.



The Egypt booth. 2nd to 3rd grade Girl Scouts created an informational poster about Egypt and brought Egyptian Basbousa Cake, a traditional Egyptian cake drenched in syrup, for the participants to taste.

Guide to the Night Sky

By Tre Gibbs, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

Spring has arrived, making it a great time to gaze at the celestial show going on above our heads every night (weather permitting). The days are longer and many of us are remaining outdoors later and later, hopefully enjoying the romance of twilight. One planet in particular rarely escapes this transitional lumenance, and that planet is Mercury.

The swift and mysterious Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and therefore never strays too far from it. It will only be visible for a very short window of time early this month...but you'll need a clear, unobstructed view of the western horizon to see it. On the evening of the 1st, look low and to the west about 15-20 minutes after sunset. As the sky dims, Mercury will begin to appear as a faint but steady "star," barely visible in the glow of twilight. The crescent moon, super faint Mars and Mercury will all appear in a straight line that night, heading towards the sun, so use them to help you find Mercury if you need to. On the following nights, the Moon will drift further east and Mercury will continue to sink even closer to the horizon, making it more and more difficult to spot each subsequent night as it heads towards the sun.

The mighty planet Jupiter, the largest in our Solar System, is wandering into our early evening skies this month. During the early part of April, Jupiter rises in the east around the same time the Sun sets in the west. So look low in the east just after dark and you should easily see Jupiter - it's bright, in fact it's the fourth brightest object in the sky after the Sun, Moon and Venus. On the evening of April 10th, look to the east after sunset and you will see the "Full Pink Moon" and Jupiter rise together, with Jupiter just slightly above and to the right of the moon.

The planet Saturn rises in the east much later - around 2:00 am early in the month and around midnight late in the month. Although by midsummer, the quintessential ringed gas giant will be high in the south and poised for viewing just after sunset. But remember - it's so far away that it only appears to us as an insignificant "star." Yet a glance in even a small powered telescope or pair of binoculars would reveal so much more.

The planet Mars is scarcely visible, very low in the west after sunset only for an hour or two, Earth's orbit is faster than Mars', and as we keep speeding away from The God of War, it appears to get dimmer and dimmer, while simultaneously getting engulfed by evening twilight's glow.

Uranus and Neptune are too far away to see with the unaided eye, so that leaves the planet Venus. Where is Venus? If you remember, The Goddess of Beauty and Love was exceptionally prominent in the western sky after sunset all through January and February. Now, however, due to her continuing orbit around our nearest star, the Sun, Venus rises low in the east just prior to sunrise. If you're an early riser, you may spot Venus low in the east around 5:45 a.m. early in the month, and as early as 5:00 a.m. late in the month.

And...as always, use the moon to help you find the planets. On April 10th, the Moon rises with Jupiter - just below and slightly to the left. On April 16th at 1:30 a.m., the Moon and Saturn rise together, with small Saturn trailing just below the waning gibbous moon. Set your alarm clock, because on the morning of April 23rd, Venus and the moon rise together, both low on the eastern horizon around 5:45 a.m.

Until next month, keep looking up!

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.

A message from the Monterey Park Lions Club...

Costco Store Management Addresses Lions Club

The Monterey Park Lions welcomed the city's soon to be newest business Costco to their February 21 luncheon meeting.

Ms. Yin Lawyer, Costco General Store Manager, told all in attendance the new Monterey Park store will be replacing the current Montebello store. The new location will have a store size of approximately 158,000 sq. ft. of product mix and supported by 250 employees. Complimenting the store will be a gas station and tire center, all due to open in April 2018.

In attendance with the Monterey Park Lions members were members of the Chamber of Commerce; Mark Keppel current and incoming PTA Presidents; City of Monterey Park Interim City Manager Ron Bow; and other guests.

The Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 12:15 at the Lions Manor, 215 N. Chandler Ave., Monterey Park, 91754. For more information about Lions events or attending a Monterey Park Lions Club meeting call 626-428-1877 or email mpklionsclub@gmail.com. Please visit Facebook @Monterey Park Lions Club or <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/montereypark/>.

Recreation & Parks Commission to discuss the possibility of having a Dog Park built in Monterey Park

On Monday, May 1st. the Monterey Park Recreation & Parks Commission will discuss the possibility of having a dog park built within the City limits. The meeting will take place at the City Council Chamber (320 West Newmark Avenue) and begin at 7:00 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to provide input on whether the facility is needed, as well as possible locations, hours of operation and other logistical questions.

The Recreation & Parks Commission is an advisory board to the City Council who would make the final decision on the subject. Additional information will be available on the City website (www.montereypark.ca.gov) approximately two weeks / prior to the meeting.

Residents can also provide input through e-mail recreation@montereypark.ca.gov

For questions, please call the Recreation & Community Services Department at 626-307-1388.

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Ynez Welcomes Parents to ESL Classes

Ynez School is now offering English as a Second Language classes, or ESL, free of charge. Parents have been attending classes since January and have had great turnouts thus far. These sessions will continue to be held this Spring Monday-Thursday from 8:45-11:30. The instruction will be administered by two experienced and dedicated language professors from East Los Angeles College. In addition to the in-class instruction, each parent is given a workbook and an tutorial CD in order to further develop they skills they acquired during the nearly three hour class.

As a concluding activity, the class will be taking a field trip to tour East Los Angeles College at the end of the spring. Currently, there are approximately thirty parents are enrolled in the class with room for plenty more. All parents from the district are welcome.

MKHS Dance Company Wins Big at West Championships

The Mark Keppel HS Dance Company's winning tradition continues with its performance at the West Spirit Day Championships competition held at West Torrance High School. This competition, which was put on by the California Association of Dance/Drill Team Directors (CADTD), consisted of twenty-five team based dancing divisions in addition to a handful of solo categories. This year, over twenty California schools participated, including fellow AUSD teams from Alhambra and San Gabriel High School. After the long days of practice and pressure of competition, MKHS was well represented in the winner's circle with a handful of 1st and second place finishes.

First place winners included Medium Female Hip Hop, Small All Male, Kick and 9th/10th Grade Solo competitor Olivia Cheung. 2nd place awards were given to Large All Male and Drill Down competitor Kathryn Gee. The MKHS Dance Company will look to build off of this performance and display more winning performances at the Miss Dance Team Drill USA Nationals, which be held at UC Irvine later this Spring.



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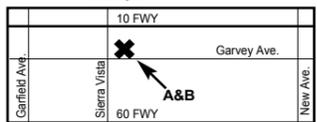
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Repetto Students Enjoy Newly Reopened Library

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To commemorate the library's reopening, The San Marino Rotary Club presented Repetto with a donation of \$1,000 in Scholastic books. The books donated included a wide range of genres for grades K-8. Some of the most popular Scholastic collections among students included Great Nonfiction for grades 2-3. Other collections of high interest that were donated are Girls' and Boys' Pick for grades 3-8, Award Winners and Mystery collections.

To show their gratitude, Ms. Freng's first grade class hosted Rotary members for a brief assembly in the school library, thanking them for their generosity. To promote good reading habits, Ms. Freng has made time for weekly visits to the library every Tuesday for story time and time for students to check out new books. When their weekly library visit is over, Ms. Freng tells her students to "hug your books" to make them realize how lucky they are to have brand new books at their disposal. Students at Repetto are more grateful than ever for their library and will continue to expand their knowledge through their excitement for reading.

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The mission of the Alhambra Unified School district is to ensure the educational success of all students by providing a comprehensive educational program where students can learn and become productive members of a diverse society. It is without a doubt that AUSD's mission is strongly being supported throughout AUSD's school counseling offices, as staff members are currently assisting many hopeful high school seniors in sending off their last minute college applications, waiting for acceptance letters and identifying sources for financing their future. Due to these efforts of high school counselors throughout the district, AUSD's students and parents are confident that the past four years have prepared them to transition smoothly into college and an eventual professional career.

This year, AUSD high schools worked with the California Student Aid Commission to participate in workshops called "Cash for College". Their mission is to help low-income and first generation college-goers complete the application process so they can access financial aid for education and career/technical training beyond high school. Twelfth grade students and their parent/guardians that attended the event had the opportunity to work with school counselors and trained volunteers to receive one-on-one assistance to help them complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the California Dream Act Application, and access financial aid resources including Pell and Cal Grants. The "Cash for College" workshop was a huge success, as students and their families from each of the high schools as well as schools from outside the district were present, totaling close to 100 participants.

Moving forward, the district will start a series of parent/student workshops titled "Diploma and Beyond". There will be four workshops for the spring of 2017 and a new series will be introduced for the 2017 - 2018 school year. The first two workshops, which occurred in March, were titled "Exploring your Options" in which the students and parents identified the necessary skills needed for each student for every year in high school to ensure college preparedness. The last two workshops will identify resources for financing student aspirations. The dates for these workshops are April 8th at 9:00 a.m. and April 12th at 6 p.m., both at Alhambra High School. AUSD looks forward to each child's and your participation at these workshops. Translation will be provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Student Employee and Welfare Department, Dr. Lynne Sheffield at (626) 943-3440.

Featured Stories in Chinese and Spanish

春之盛典 4月22-23日20周年紀念慶典 蒙特利公園市櫻花節

想像一下從熱呼呼的烤架上飄來的串燒香味，刺激著你的嗅覺神經；聆聽日本太鼓動感十足的節奏，或靜靜地觀賞身穿傳統和服的舞者優雅的身姿。櫻花節邀您參與以上種種體驗，以及更多精彩項目。

今年4月22-23日，即週六和周日，蒙特利公園市櫻花節將在巴恩斯公園舉辦20周年節日紀念慶典，再次讓人們體驗到春天的風情。

櫻花節於週末舉辦，向公眾免費開放。每年，該節日都會吸引來自南加州各個地區的人群前來體驗日本及亞太文化。室外主要舞臺的節目將呈獻各類精彩表演，包括經典的日式舞蹈、動感十足的日本太鼓表演、及當代音樂團隊表演，如《Local Mojo》和《Kokoro》等現代音樂系列欣賞，以及武術表演和本地高中生帶來的系列表演；而在巴恩斯公園體育館內，遊客將欣賞到插花藝術、日本Kimekomi玩偶以及日式糯米團（mochi甜糯米糕）和日本壽司的製作過程。

今年，我們有幸邀請到KABC新聞記者Denise Dador參加4月22日的開幕式。Dador現在專門負責第7頻道目擊者新聞的健康專欄，她主持的《健康生活》節目每天都會與觀眾見面，而Dador本人也是櫻花節長期支持者。

櫻花節的市場區有許多小商販攤位，售賣的商品都充滿了亞太島民的風情。除了遊戲區外，我們還專門為兒童開設了工藝品展示區，更為節日增添了濃厚的家庭氣氛。另外櫻花節日慶典又怎能

缺了美食佳呢，日式燒烤和日本糯米甜點等美食？

參加櫻花節的遊客還可乘坐免費接駁班車，省去尋找停車位的麻煩。Langley耆英老年中心、Ynez或Repetto小學等地方都是搭乘接駁班車的出發點。

櫻花節與蒙特利公園市的其它社區節日活動一樣，都是免費向公眾開放的，主要由志願者捐獻及贊助商提供經費。請訪問網站www.MontereyPark.ca.gov，查看贊助商名單，或瞭解如何支持和促進本年度盛事。

櫻花節從開辦之日起，距今已有二十年。曾經在櫻花節日工作人員及當年他們的小孩，如今已悄然長大也對今年的櫻花節都盼望能夠參加。我們相信所有的遊客都會對櫻花節會有同樣深厚的感情，年年都盼望能夠參與其中活動。

巴恩斯公園位於蒙特利公園市350 S. McPherrin Avenue。查詢櫻花節時間、節目內容和停車地點等資訊，請訪問官方網站www.MontereyPark.ca.gov，或撥打電話626-307-1390聯繫Robert Aguirre，或發送郵件至raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov，也可搜索“Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival”“蒙特利公園市櫻花節”活動查看。

請參與蒙特利公園市，春季大掃除活動，清除不要的雜物

在4月29日，您可以把多餘的雜物品送至以下三個地點中任意一個地點

蒙特利公園市和Athens Services廢物回收中心給居民提供了一個可以丟掉多餘雜物的機會，以免這些物品在家中、車庫和地下室佔用空間。諸如舊家電、傢俱、破損玩具和舊衣服都可以拿到這裡處理掉，但是像電視這類的電子垃圾都屬於危險的廢棄物品，本次廢物回收活動是不接收的。想要知道如何處理這些危險物品，可以致電800-98-TOXIC或者訪問www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw，也可以在洛杉磯郡衛生管理區的網站上找到處理危險廢物的相關資訊，網站位址為：www.lacsd.org/solidwaste/swfacilities/recyclecontact/hhw_e_waste/

居民們可以在4月29日，當天上午8點到下午1點，這個時間段內把想要丟掉廢棄物帶到以下三個接受地點：

- (Elder Park) 地址在1950 Wilcox Avenue, Wilcox停車場入口處。

- Langley蘭利耆英老年中心，地址在400 W. Emerson Avenue，停車場東南角。
- Monterey Highlands小學，地址在400 Casuda Canyon Drive，馬路旁邊。

另外我們也會在Langley蘭利耆英老年中心提供免費的碎紙服務，早上8點開始，卡車裝滿結束，先到先得。

4月29日的春季大掃除是個一年一度策劃的特別活動，社區民眾可免費參與此項活動。如果有體積較大型的垃圾雜物，可以停放在路邊，但事先必須提前預約打電話給Athens Services 垃圾公司888-336-6100，工作人員會免費去取大型垃圾物件。隨意把東西丟棄在馬路邊，是違反蒙特利公園市法規行為準則的。更多資訊可以諮詢致電蒙特利公園市公共工程部門626-307-1320聯繫。

蒙特利公園市消防部即將開辦雙語應急的緊急回應小組CERT培訓班

蒙特利公園市社區緊急響應小組(CERT)培訓課程向人們教授面對到社區緊急危險時如何反應，並培訓人們應對緊急危險狀況的基本技能，例如消防安全、輕型搜尋和救援、團隊組織和救災醫療行動。CERT成員們利用課堂上和實踐中學到的技能，可在遇到緊急事件並且專業人員還未能趕到現場時，協助扶導社區和工作單位的其他人員。在社區應急準備專案中，CERT成員也應當積極協助應急回應機構，從而發揮更加主動的作用。

蒙特利公園消防部在此隆重宣佈，我們即將開辦CERT培訓課程。下一屆CERT培訓課程將於4月29日、5月20

日、6月3日和6月10日開課。與以往課程不同的是，此次培訓課程，我們除了開設以往的英文課程之外，還額外增加了中文和西班牙語雙語培訓課程，每個雙語班僅限5名學員。想要得到CERT證書，必須參加全部四堂課程。課程時間為每週六早晨8點到下午4點。如果您想要報名培訓課程，必須年齡滿18歲，且體格健康，能承受升舉、彎腰等姿勢。培訓課程完全免費，所有上課資料均由我們提供。

若想報名參加，請前往Fire Station 61, 350 W. Newmark Ave. (市政廳旁邊) 或者登陸網站www.MontereyPark.ca.gov，搜索“CERT”。

La Primavera Nos Trae el 20avo Aniversario del Festival de la Flor del Cerezo (Cherry Blossom) de Monterey Park del 22 al 23 de Abril

Imagine a sus sentidos hormigueando debido al aroma del teriyaki chisporroteando en la parrilla mientras que su corazón late al ritmo de los tambores taiko o de la tranquila gracia de los bailarines vestidos en los tradicionales kimonos. Eso y más le espera en el Festival del Cherry Blossom.

Este año, el Festival del Cherry Blossom de Monterey Park celebrará su 20avo aniversario en el Parque Barnes, anunciando la primavera una vez más, el sábado 22 y el domingo 23 de Abril.

El Festival del Cherry Blossom es un evento de dos días de fin de semana con entrada gratis que anualmente atrae a gente de toda el área del sur de California, quienes adquieren experiencia tanto en la cultura japonesa así como en la cultura asiática del Pacífico. El programa del escenario principal al aire libre está lleno de actuaciones que van desde el baile clásico japonés hasta el vibrante tamborileo taiko, desde grupos de música contemporánea como Local Mojo y Kokoro hasta exhibiciones de artes marciales y actuaciones de grupos escolares locales. Entre las exhibiciones presentadas en el gimnasio del Parque Barnes, están los arreglos florales Ikebana, las muñecas japonesas Kimekomi, la preparación de mochi (pastel dulce de arroz) y la preparación de sushi.

Este año nos complace mucho que la periodista Denise Dador, de KABC, se unirá a nosotros durante la ceremonia de inauguración, el sábado 22 de Abril. Actualmente, Dador es la especialista de salubridad de Eyewitness News del Canal 7. Su segmento de Vida Saludable es transmitido diariamente. Dador ha apoyado al Festival del Cherry Blossom durante mucho tiempo.

El área del Mercado del Festival del Cherry Blossom cuenta con numerosos vendedores con mercancías que tienen ese estilo único de las islas asiáticas del Pacífico. Además de un área de juego, el área de artes manuales para los niños hace de éste

evento la perfecta aventura familiar. Y, ¿qué es un festival sin opciones de comidas deliciosas, que van desde teriyaki hasta los populares postres mochi?

Los asistentes del Festival del Cherry Blossom también pueden evitar los problemas del estacionamiento si toman la transportación gratuita desde el Centro Langley Para Personas Mayores, y de las escuelas primarias Ynez y Repetto.

El Festival del Cherry Blossom, así como muchos otros eventos comunitarios de Monterey Park, es gratuito para el público y se lleva a cabo gracias a las contribuciones cruciales de los voluntarios y patrocinadores financieros. Por favor visite www.MontereyPark.ca.gov para obtener una lista de los patrocinadores o información de cómo usted o su empresa pueden contribuir al éxito y a la continuación de este evento anual.

Parece difícil creer que el festival ha existido ya por 20 años. Para algunos de nosotros que trabajamos en poner este evento, nuestros hijos adultos ahora eran entonces niños pequeños, y esperaban ansiosos este evento anual. Creemos que cualquier visitante puede desarrollar ese mismo apego y esperar ansioso a regresar cada año.

El Parque Barnes está ubicado en el 350 S. McPherrin Avenue en Monterey Park. Para más información sobre el Festival del Cherry Blossom tal como horas, programa y estacionamiento, visite el sitio web de la ciudad en el www.MontereyPark.ca.gov, póngase en contacto con Robert Aguirre llamando al (626) 307-1390 o raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov, o busque “Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival.”

Deshágase del Desorden Durante el Evento de Limpieza de Primavera de Monterey Park

Deje los artículos no deseados en una de las tres ubicaciones el sábado 29 de Abril.

La Ciudad de Monterey Park y los Servicios Athens de recolección de desechos, están ofreciendo a los residentes la oportunidad de deshacerse de sus artículos no deseados que están ocupando espacio en sus casas, garaje o sótano. Los aparatos eléctricos usados y los accesorios, juguetes rotos y ropa vieja son ejemplos de cosas que pueden ser dejadas. Se aceptará todo excepto desechos peligrosos. Los residuos electrónicos, tales como un televisor, se consideran desechos peligrosos y no serán aceptados. Para obtener información sobre cómo deshacerse de esos desechos peligrosos, llame al 800-98-TOXIC o visite www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw. El Distrito de Saneamiento del Condado de Los Angeles también proporciona información sobre dónde deshacerse de los desechos peligrosos, en su sitio web en el www.lacsd.org/solidwaste/swfacilities/recyclecontact/hhw_e_waste/.

El sábado 29 de Abril, desde las 8 a.m. hasta la 1 p.m., los residentes pueden llevar sus artículos a estas tres ubicaciones:

- Parque George Elder, 1950 Wilcox Avenue, la entrada al estacionamiento en Wilcox.

- Centro Langley para Personas Mayores, 400 W. Emerson Avenue, la esquina sur-este del estacionamiento.
- Escuela Primaria Monterey Highlands, 400 Casuda Canyon Drive, en la calle.

Además la ciudad les ofrecerá la oportunidad de fragmentar sus papeles gratis en el Centro Langley para Personas Mayores. *Los servicios para fragmentar sus papeles serán proporcionados en orden de llegada, comenzando a las 8 a.m. hasta que el camión se haya llenado.

La limpieza de primavera del 29 de Abril, es un evento especial de una sola vez, y es gratis para la comunidad. Los residentes también pueden hacer que sus objetos voluminosos sean recogidos en la acera si llaman a Athens al (888) 336-6100. El recojo de artículos voluminosos debe de ser arreglado de antemano a través de Athens. Cualquier artículo que sea abandonado en la acera puede estar sujeto a una noticia de violación de la División de Code Enforcement de Monterey Park. Por favor llame al Departamento de Obras Públicas de Monterey Park al (626) 307-1320 para más información.

El Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park Tendrá una Clase CERT Bilingüe

El programa del Equipo de Respuesta para Emergencias Comunitarias (CERT, por sus iniciales en inglés) de Monterey Park educa a la gente sobre la preparación para desastres de los peligros que pueden afectar su área y los entrena en destrezas básicas de respuesta a desastres, tales como seguridad contra incendios, ligera búsqueda y rescate, organización del equipo y operaciones médicas para desastres. Usando el entrenamiento aprendido en el salón de clases y durante los ejercicios, los miembros de CERT pueden ayudar a otros en su vecindario o lugar de trabajo después de un evento cuando los respondedores profesionales no están inmediatamente disponibles para ayudar. Los miembros de CERT son alentados a apoyar a las agencias de respuesta de emergencia asumiendo un papel más activo en los proyectos de preparación para emergencias en su comunidad.

El Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey

Park se complace en anunciar una próxima oportunidad para hacerse parte del programa CERT. Las fechas para la próxima clase de CERT son: el 29 de Abril, el 20 de Mayo, el 3 de Junio y el 10 de Junio. Sin embargo, esta clase será diferente de las clases pasadas en que tendremos dos clases bilingües en mandarín y en español al mismo tiempo además de nuestra clase regular de inglés. La asistencia a las clases bilingües será limitada a cinco personas cada una. La asistencia a las cuatro clases es obligatoria para la certificación CERT. La clase es de 8 a.m. a 4 p.m. cada sábado. Usted debe de tener por lo menos 18 años de edad y tener buena salud física – facilidad para levantar cosas y para doblarse son requeridos. No hay ningún costo por la clase y todos los materiales serán proporcionados. Para obtener una solicitud, visite la Estación de Bomberos #61, en el 350 W. Newmark Ave. (junto a la Municipalidad) o visite www.MontereyPark.ca.gov y busque “CERT”.



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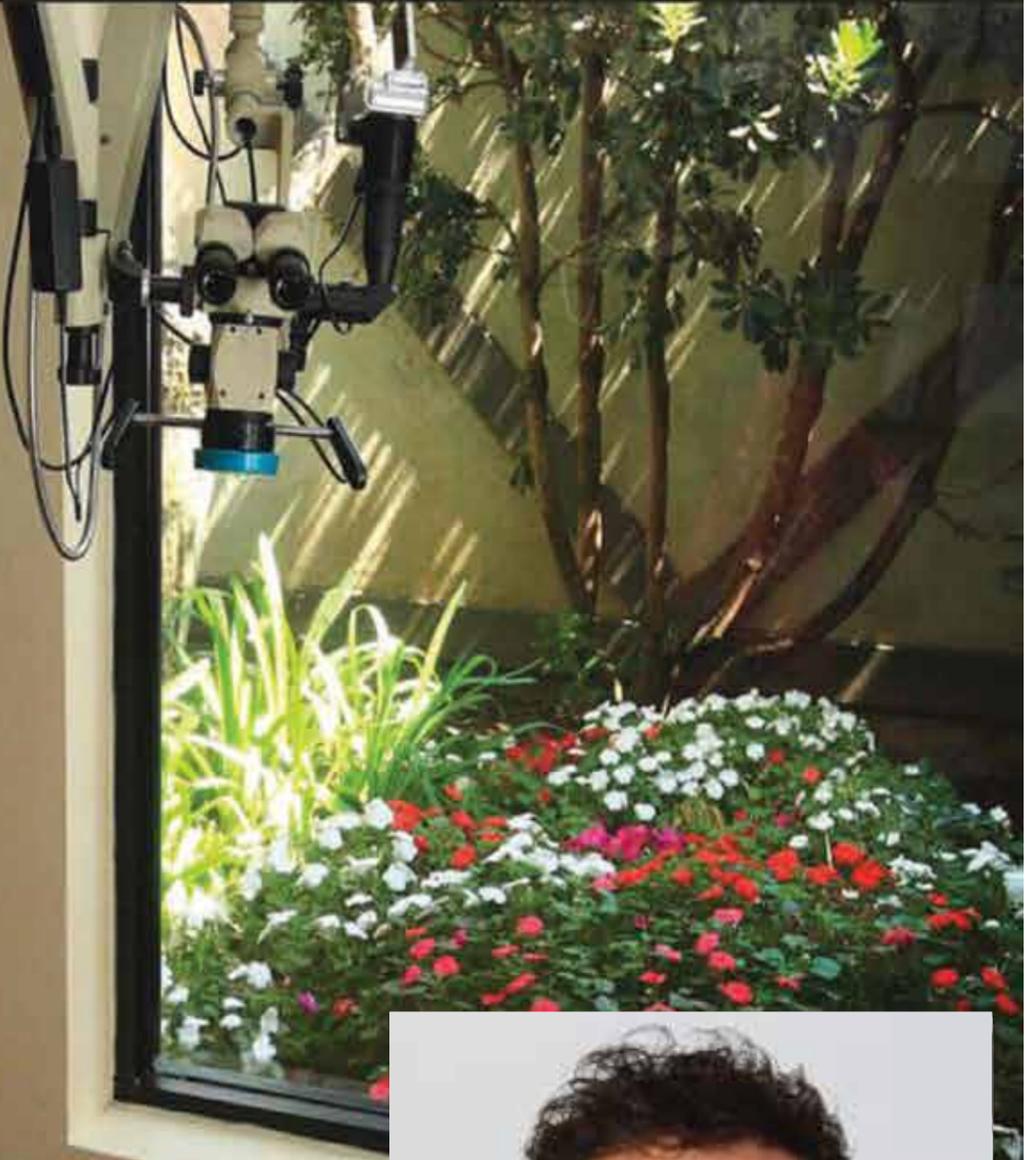
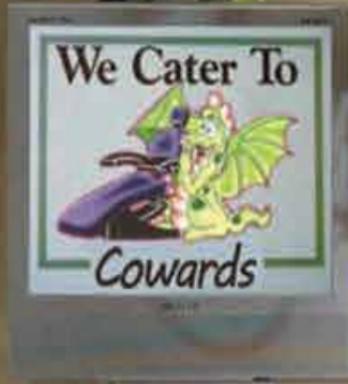


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