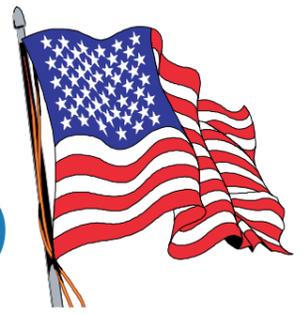




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December 2013

2014 Lunar New Year Festival Celebrates the Year of the Horse

Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival
Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26, 2014
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Downtown Monterey Park
Free admission

Pursuant to the success of New Year Festival, the City of Monterey Park, the city's Business Improvement District Advisory committee (BIDAC) and World Journal Los Angeles, LLC will again collaborate to produce one of the largest events of the season in the San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles areas.

This 2014 Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in downtown Monterey Park on Garvey Avenue stretching five blocks between Garfield to Alhambra Avenues.

There will be 220 vendor booths, representing different types of ethnic Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Indonesian as well as other Asian cuisines and snacks. Other areas of attraction include gifts and souvenirs, toys, home appliances, various businesses and services.

Admission is free and open to the public. All residents of Southern California are welcome to bring family and friends to the two-day celebration of Asian culture.

For more information, please visit the city website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us and search for "Lunar New Year Festival."

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Monterey Park Farmers' Market: Helping You to Select Fresh, Healthy Foods

The Monterey Park Farmers' Market lights up Ramona Avenue between the library and city hall every Friday from 4-8 p.m.

Our farmers and their employees have great tips on topics such as storage, shelf life and preparation about their produce. It is one of the many special qualities that make a trip to your local farmers' market so unique. For more great tips, follow us on Facebook (montereyparkFM).

Guess that Veggie Contest

Test your fruit and vegetable knowledge to win a basket of fresh fruits and vegetables from the market. Email the correct answer to montereyparkFM@gmail.com by December 7th and we will select one lucky respondent to win the basket.

November's winner was Christine Huynh who correctly guessed Beets. Good luck this month! What fruit is this?

Hint: In addition to being very tasty, it is a strong cold weather fruit that can take temperatures down to 20 degrees.



Farmers' Market "Double Your Money" Program

The Farmers' Market is happy to announce increased funding for its Market Match program. Thanks to HungerActionLA and First 5 LA we have additional market match funds for WIC and CalFresh (EBT) recipients that have children five years of age or younger. For those eligible, we can now double up to \$10 that you spend at the market. In other words, we can turn \$10 into \$20 of purchasing power at the market. For more details, stop by the information booth at the market or email us at montereyparkFM@gmail.com.



Photo credit: Richard Ito

Monterey Park Farmers' Market is open rain or shine every Friday from 4-8 p.m. in front of the MPK Bruggemeyer Library at 318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. To keep up with the latest market news, visit www.MontereyParkFM.com and sign up for the newsletter or follow on Facebook at facebook.com/montereyparkFM.

Attend a MPK CERT Training Class and Learn Skills to Help Save Lives and Protect Property

As a CERT team member, you can participate in disaster drills and exercises and help your community by volunteering

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

If we can predict that emergency services will not meet immediate needs following a major disaster, especially if there is no warning as in an earthquake, and people will spontaneously volunteer, what can government do to prepare citizens for this eventuality? The 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.

The Monterey Park Fire Department is soliciting applications for the next upcoming

CERT class. The dates for the 2014 class are alternating Wednesday evenings beginning January 8th & 22nd, February 5th & 19th, and March 5th and 19th. Each class will be held at Fire Station 61 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory for certification. Interested individuals are encouraged to stop by Fire Station 61 at 350 W. Newmark and fill out an application. You can also download the application online at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us and click on the CERT icon. Completed applications and any questions can be directed to Captain Matt Hallock at mhallock@montereypark.ca.gov. All applications are screened and those selected will be required to pass a Department of Justice fingerprint clearance. All materials and equipment for the CERT class will be provided.

Holiday Snow Village Brings Snow, Music and Santa to City Hall

Celebrate the season at Barnes Park on Friday, December 13 with snow sled runs, the lighting of the city hall tree, live performances from local school groups and a visit from Santa

Monterey Park's first annual Holiday Snow Village will delight both young and old with a tree lighting ceremony, snow sled runs, holiday music and pictures with Santa on Friday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. at city hall. Following the tree lighting, attendees will be invited to the Barnes Park Amphitheater for a festive evening of music and refreshments - plus a visit and gift from Santa. Remember that the weather outside can be "frightful," so dress warm for this outdoor event.

Previous year's entertainment have included crowd pleasing performances from Rice Elementary School Choir, Garvey Intermediate School Choir, Mark Keppel High School Choir, Schurr High School Band, and an audience sing-along.

The Monterey Park Snow Village is a wonderful family friendly event for the holiday season. For more information, please call the Recreation and Community Services Department at 626-307-1388.

Winter Recreation Classes Registration Information

Online registration at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us begins Saturday, December 7

Walk-in registration begins Monday, December 9

Walk-in registration is available at the city hall recreation department counter, 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Class schedules begin on page 10 of this issue of the Cascades. For more information regarding the online registration process including fees, discounts, refunds, and how to setup parent/child accounts, please see the online registration instructions on page 15.



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 Peter Chan, Council Member
 Mitchell Ing, Council Member

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

Paul Talbot, City Manager
 Mark Hensley, City Attorney

**CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS,
 COMMITTEES AND BOARDS MEETING
 SCHEDULE**

CITY COUNCIL

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

COMMISSION ON AGING

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

**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Quarterly, 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.
 City Hall Room 266

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION COMMISSION

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

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

PERSONNEL BOARD

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

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

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION

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

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

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

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

**2014 Environmental Calendars
 Have Arrived!**

Monterey Park, CA -- Attention Monterey Park residents, year 2014 environmental programs calendars have arrived. This popular 26"x 19" poster size calendar is perfect for daily planning, residents can also find recycling centers information for used oil and filters readily available for the entire year.

The City of Monterey Park is committed and dedicated to keeping our city free of pollutants. However, the city cannot do it without the help from residents and businesses.

The calendars are available at Monterey Park City Hall and the library. Hurry in to get your copy while supplies last!

Recycle your used motor oil and filters -

The City of Monterey Park has five used oil collection centers that will take used motor oil and filters from the public:

Silver Star Services	600 W. Garvey Ave.	(626) 284-0312
Vo Auto Repair	631 N. Garfield Ave.	(626) 288-8871
Paragon Automotive	400 E. Garvey Ave.	(626) 872-0707
Camino Real Chevrolet	24010 S. Atlantic Blvd.	(323) 264-3050

*It is advisable to call centers in advance for hours of operation and quantities accepted.

For more information about the City's environmental programs, call Public Works at (626) 307-1320.

**City Hall Frequently Used
 Phone Numbers**

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

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

City Hall Hours

Monday-Thursday: 7:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
 Closed Fridays

City Events Calendar

December 4	Regular City Council mtg., 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
December 13	Holiday Snow Village, 5:30 p.m., City Hall/ Barnes Park.
December 17	City Council Guests & Presentations mtg., 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
December 18	Regular City Council mtg., 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
December 24-25	Christmas Day Holidays, City Hall closed.
Dec. 31-Jan. 1	New Year's Holidays, City Hall closed, council meeting cancelled.
January 14	City Council Guests & Presentations mtg., 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
January 15	Regular City Council mtg., 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, City Hall closed.
January 25-26	Lunar New Year Celebration, Garvey Avenue.
Late January	Mayoral Installation and Council Reorganization, date & time to be announced.

Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the City Hall Council Chamber, 320 W. Newmark Ave.

For more city events please visit the Community Calendar at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

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A Quick Guide to Stargazing in December

By Tre Gibbs



December - what a spectacular month! It's also a very rich month - astronomically speaking. For example, it signals the official end of Autumn and the beginning of Winter. December 21st, the Winter Solstice, marks the sun's apparent "stand still" as it prepares to change directions from its southerly journey and begins to travel north again, bringing with it longer days and warmer temperatures... eventually. Just imagine the effect this annual event had on our ancestors and other ancient peoples all over the entire northern hemisphere who didn't have quite the understanding of our skies that we take for granted today.

The planet Venus continues to "do her thing" low in the southwest at evening twilight, but not for very much longer,

sadly. She will continue drifting closer and closer toward the sun until, by month's end, the sun's glare will dim her gleaming beauty. Not to worry though - as she continues her path around the sun, she will quickly make her way into our pre-dawn skies, brilliantly staking her claim in the east southeast by the end of January. In the evening twilight of December 5th, be sure to catch Venus and the crescent moon together as they perform their final duet of 2013.

After Venus disappears below the western horizon, the King of Planets, Jupiter, will begin rising above the eastern horizon. On the evening of the 18th, the (almost - but not quite full) waning gibbous moon rises with Jupiter in the east around 7:00 pm and the two escort each other across the evening sky till dawn.

The mid-month evenings behold two other "wanderers" rising in the east - Mars (named for the God of War) rises about 1:00 am, while quintessential Saturn rises a couple of hours later, around 4:30 am. While this may be a tad early for most people, keep in mind that as Earth continues its orbit around the sun, it's traveling faster than Jupiter, Mars and Saturn. As Earth passes these slower orbiting bodies, they will, to us, rise earlier and earlier in the east. So, by New Years Eve, Jupiter will rise

around 6:00 pm, Mars around 12:30 am and Saturn around 3:30 am. Though by February 1st, they will rise at 4:00 pm, 11:30 pm and 1:30 am, respectively.

On December 25th, the waning gibbous moon gently and quietly slips past Mars, whose rust colored glow is plainly noticeable to the un-aided eye. You can find the moon above Mars in the pre-dawn skies of the 24th and then "below" Mars the same time on the 26th. Even "The God of War" gets a visitor on Christmas Day!

Happy Holidays to everyone! Enjoy the holiday season - it doesn't last long, so enjoy it...safely!

The LAAS meets at the Garvey Ranch Observatory every Wednesday night, rain or shine, from 7pm to 10pm. All members are eager to answer your questions, and let you have a peek through our 8" telescope. Feel free to contact us via any of the methods below. We would love to see you there! LAAS 781 S Orange Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91755; <http://www.laas.org/>; Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety>; or 213-673-7355.

Get Connected with Monterey Park's New Mobile App

Improve the MPK community by reporting problems such as graffiti, potholes, weeds, trash, maintenance issues and more with our new Go MPK customer service request system



Have you ever been walking down the street and wanted to report graffiti, a street light out, abandoned shopping carts or other issues? Well, now you can easily do that and more with Monterey Park's new Go MPK mobile and online app.

The Go MPK mobile application is available free to those who want to submit requests from their Android, iPhone or iPad devices. Other web enabled mobile devices, such as the Blackberry can browse the City website and use a mobile version of Go MPK to submit requests. On iPhones, Androids, iPad devices, the Go MPK application users simply open the application, select an issue, take a picture, and tap submit - the phone records the GPS coordinates for an exact location and sends the request directly to the appropriate employee. The mobile app can be downloaded for free by searching for "Go MPK" in the Apple App store or Android Market.

"The new tracking system allows the City to resolve customer requests in a more efficient manner and also promotes accountability among the staff," said City Manager Paul Talbot. "With the new system, the City of Monterey Park is open for business 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week, whether you're visiting City Hall, online via the web site, or using a free iPhone or Android application to submit requests," Talbot added. "Our primary goal is to respond to all citizen requests in a timely, courteous fashion."

People who don't have a mobile phone can also utilize the new online system. Users can enter a service request from either the mobile app or via the Internet using the Go MPK link on the City's website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us. City staff will also enter citizen requests from the phone, in person or by mail into the web-based program. Google Map functionality will help pinpoint the exact location of the issue, and multiple

language options are available to users. Another helpful feature is a dynamic FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) list of popular City topics, which may answer the citizen's question immediately.

Requestors will receive a message informing them of the expected turnaround time of the service request and will receive a tracking number so they may easily check the status of the request online or by calling in. The appropriate City staff member will review the request and follow up with the resident directly, if necessary. Employees will log all contact with the resident in the system and the requestor will be notified of the solution to ensure the issue has reached a satisfactory resolution.

For more Go MPK information visit the city website or download the app today from the Apple App store or Android Market.

Coming Attractions:

First Look at 2014 Events from the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Foundation

- **May 2014:** Black tie event honoring women of distinction of Monterey Park, Ocean Star Restaurant-Grand Ballroom.
- **September 2014:** One time performance by Bella Circo Aerial Artists, Barnes Park Amphitheater.

There's more to come! For more information please contact the library administration at 626-307-1269.



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Library Seeks Interns for Award Winning Youth Literacy Program

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and Asian American Economic Development Enterprises (AAEDE) are seeking committed tutor interns for the Spring Session of the Reading Rockets Youth Literacy program, which will begin on February 3, 2014 and end on May 22, 2014. This national award-winning literacy program is open to children in second through sixth grades who need extra help with reading. Tutoring sessions address reading, literacy and academic skills and take place at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library every Monday through Thursday from 3:00-5:30 p.m.

Tutors must commit to attending all sessions and must pass a background check. Bilingual speaking ability in Mandarin or Cantonese is preferred. The library provides tutors with all necessary training and materials. Tutors will be selected through a competitive process and a stipend will be available to tutors who successfully complete the Spring Session. Applications can be found on AAEDE's website at aaede.org.

acclimate to their new environment and to obtain financial security. It has since grown into a full service 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to economic self-help for Asian Americans and others. More information about the organization can be found at www.aaede.org.

For more information about Reading Rockets contact Diana Garcia, Reading Rockets Coordinator, at 626-307-1358 or dgarcia@montereypark.ca.gov.

The mission of the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library is to meet the cultural, educational, and informational needs of the residents of the City of Monterey Park by providing free and open access to its resources and services. The library offers a full range of programs and services for children and parents, adults, teens, seniors and English Language learners. More information about the library can be found at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us or by calling 626-307-1366.

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 E-Mail: derek@capfreight.com

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 Website: dawyee.com

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MONTEREY PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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"Christmas at El Encanto"
 Annual Holiday Mixer and Christmas Toy Drive

Thursday, December 12, 2013
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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The Monterey Park Library Foundation presents

Holiday Gala

Celebrate the holiday season at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library

Saturday, December 7, 2013
 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Families Welcome * Holiday Entertainment
 Hors d'oeuvres and Seasonal Refreshments
 Santa Claus visit from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Toy Drive for American Legion Post #397

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Organizations, businesses or individuals can sponsor the event as follows:
 Santa Claus: \$500 Snowman: \$250 Elf: \$100

To make a reservation or for more information, please call (626) 307-1269.

Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library
 318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY

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Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays 12 - 9 pm • Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 am - 6 pm

Fridays 10 - 1 pm • Saturdays Closed • Sundays 1 - 5 pm

MONTEREY PARK BRUGGEMEYER LIBRARY TO OPEN ON SATURDAYS IN FEBRUARY!

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library will open on Saturdays effective the month of February 1, 2014. Scheduled Saturday hours are from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come celebrate with us for our first reopening of seven days a week event. Cake will be served outside the front of the library to all our patrons! Refreshments will be sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

LAMPLITERACY AND ESL CLASSES

The literacy program has every level of ESL classes available to help adult Second Language Learners gain reading, writing and speaking skills in English. Students are pre-tested to determine their proficiency levels in Basic English skills and to assist in placement of appropriate levels. ESL classes available are: Beginning Literacy on Tuesdays / Thursdays 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Beginning Low on Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Beginning High on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Intermediate Low on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Intermediate High on Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Advanced ESL on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and English Conversation on Sundays 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. All classes are open enrollment and anyone interested in joining a class can come by the LAMP Literacy office located on the second floor of the library for more information and to register. A material fee of \$20.00 for English Workbooks is required for each class per each semester. Students who register for classes that no longer have space available will be placed on a waiting list.

CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASSES

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

ONE TO ONE TUTORING FOR ADULT LITERACY

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

JOIN THE LAMP TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS!

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

"FRIENDS" OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE

The Friends of the Library operates a used bookstore located at the east entrance to the library. The store is staffed by volunteers and is generally open during Library hours. The store carries a variety of books, from novels to biographies and current affairs as well as books for teens and young children. There are also a number of popular magazines available including several issues of National Geographic. In addition, there are CDs and DVDs for sale. The Bookstore prices are as follows: Hard copies -\$2.00; paperbacks and large magazines - \$0.50; teen and young children's books

- \$0.25 and \$0.10; magazines - \$0.10 and \$1.00 for CDs and DVDs. All contributions from the bookstore sales go to support various library programs and activities, many of them for teens and young children. The Bookstore is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please fill out an application available in the bookstore. The store is also looking for book and magazine donations so the inventory will remain fresh and interesting. Next time you are in the Library, please visit the bookstore. You will find lots of reading material at bargain prices and at the same time you will be helping the library remain a vibrant community resource.



SANTA STORYTIME

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus will arrive at the library for a special storytime on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 pm. Children and their parents are invited to come to the Friends Room and get in the holiday spirit with some well known holiday songs and stories. Each child will have a chance to talk to Santa and receive a special treat from his magical bag. Parents should bring their cameras to have a free photo taken with Santa. For more information, please call the

Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

HOLIDAY PRESCHOOL STORYTIME/CRAFT PROGRAM



To celebrate Christmas, the Children's Services Department will conduct a holiday preschool storytime on Thursday, December 12 at 10:30 am for preschool-age children and their accompanying adults. Preschoolers are invited to join a "Cotton Ball Snowman" craft program in the Arts & Crafts Room after the storytime. The program materials are free. For more details, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

COMPUTER CLASS FOR TWEENS

Tweens ages 9-12 and their accompanying parents are invited to attend a free computer class on Thursday, December 5 at 3:00 pm in the Computer Lab on the second floor. During the one-hour class, tweens and parents can learn about library websites and some of the links that are helpful for school assignments. Participants will also learn how to access, download and view e-books from tablets. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Children's Desk one week prior to the program. Tweens may bring their own mobile devices such as iPhones, iPads or iPad Minis to the class. For further information, call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

STORYTIMES

Infants and children through third grade are invited to participate in the library's storytime programs held in the Storytime Room on the following days:

Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Wednesdays	4:00 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am for infants (one parent or caregiver per child is required)
Thursdays	10:30 am (preschool-age)

Each storytime lasts about 30 minutes. For safety, children must be accompanied by adult/guardians throughout all 30 minute storytime programs. Storytimes will not be scheduled during school winter breaks. Storytimes will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. For further information, call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

WINTER-THEMED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

On Thursday, January 9 at 10:30 am the Children's Services Department invites preschool-age children and their accompanying caregivers to participate in a special "winter-themed" preschool storytime in the Storytime Room followed by a "Penguin" paper craft program in the Arts & Crafts Room. The program materials are free. For more details, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

CHINESE NEW YEAR STORYTIME/CRAFT PROGRAM



FEAR OF THE HORSE

To celebrate Chinese New Year, Year of Horse, the Children's Services Department will host a special New Year program in the Friends Room on Thursday, January 23 at 3:00 pm. The program includes a Chinese storytime in Mandarin followed by a "Horse Mask" paper craft program. Almond cookies, Chinese pastries and hot tea will be served compliments of the Friends of the Library. For more information about the program, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

One Thousand Books Before Kindergarten encourages caregivers to read 1,000 books with their child before he or she enters school – a goal, experts say helps children develop early literacy skills needed to learn to read. To kick off the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program, the Children's Department will host a kickoff program in lieu of baby and preschool storytime on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 10:15 am. Signups, stories, a craft, playtime, door prizes, and refreshments will be provided. Children can participate in the program until they reach kindergarten and can register on or after Thursday, January 16, 2014. Special incentives will be provided along the way for both caregiver and child participants! For further information, please call the Children's Department at (626) 307-1358.

JANUARY MONDAY NIGHT BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES IN ENGLISH

Monday night computer classes in English are scheduled on January 6, 13 and 27 at 7 pm in the computer lab located on the second floor of the library. Space is limited and registration is required for the free classes. Adults wanting to learn basic computer skills that include mouse, keyboard, Microsoft Word and the Internet are encouraged to register for the free classes at the Reference Desk or by calling (626) 307-1368.

THURSDAY MORNING BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES IN ENGLISH

Basic Computer Classes in English are scheduled on January 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the computer lab. Space is limited and registration is required for the free classes. Adults will practice Mouse and Keyboard drills, Microsoft Word, and Internet searching skills. To register for the free classes contact the Reference Desk or call (626) 307-1368.

JOIN THE LIBRARY TEAM OF COMPUTER VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS

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

OPEN COMPUTER LAB

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

INTERNATIONAL FILM PROGRAMS

The public is invited to the library's special film screenings featuring award winning films. International Film Programs are scheduled on Wednesday, December 18 and January 15 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The programs are free with light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For additional information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

ARTIST TOMI PINGEU YANG'S "PEACE AND HOPE" SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

Artist Tomi Pingeu Yang will exhibit a collection of sculpture called "Peace and Hope" at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library December 1-January 23. The Dalai Lama, Gandhi, and Pope John Paul II are featured in the relief sculpture exhibit. Born in Taiwan, Tomi is a graduate of the National University of Taiwan and majored in Fine Art specializing in sculpture. His artworks have been featured in art shows in Taiwan and Japan. He continued exhibiting his art after coming to the United States, joining the Taiwanese

American Art Association and has received many awards. Reflecting on his art, Tomi says, "After family, meditation and art are two of the most important influences in my life. Meditation helps me to build relaxation, focus and find enlightenment in finding peace and kindness around me. Art, especially sculpture, allows me to convey my appreciation of peace and hope to my audience." For more information about the exhibit call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

ISABEL BROY AND JOSE RAUL PLASENCIA OIL PAINTING EXHIBITS

Isabel Broy and Jose Raul Plasencia, two artists and friends specializing in oil painting will exhibit their artworks at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library December 1-31. Ms. Broy's paintings depict seascapes, flowers and landscapes inspired by her travels throughout California, Spain and Mexico. Isabel discovered oil painting through the encouragement of an art teacher. Over the years she worked on perfecting her skills and exhibited her artworks at banks, restaurants and libraries. Isabel enjoys painting because it transports her to tranquil places away from busy city life. Artist Jose Raul Plasencia's exhibit in the International Room features a collection of family portraits and a portrait of his friend, artist Isabel Broy. The two friends met at an oil painting class years ago and have enjoyed a lasting friendship. Throughout the years, Jose Raul's dedication to drawing and painting brought invitations to paint murals at the "Collectiva" Music Center in Los Angeles, Camacho's Cantina at Universal Citywalk, the Yost Community Theater in Santa Ana, and the Bechtel International Center at Stanford University. Now, he enjoys the challenges of portrait painting capturing personalities and expressions on canvas. For more information about the exhibits call the

Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

JANUARY ARTIST OF THE MONTH: GARY WONG CHINESE NEW YEAR: YEAR OF THE HORSE ART EXHIBIT



Artist Gary Wong will exhibit a collection of watercolor paintings called "Chinese New Year: Year of the Horse" at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library January 8-February 28. Blending Asian and Western themes, the exhibit will feature a presentation of horses from carousel horses to horses at the race track. Born in China and raised in Los Angeles, Gary has worked in watercolors since the 1950s. He is a self-taught artist and has exhibited locally and nationally. His work has been featured in exhibitions such as the National Academy of Design (New York City, New York), Watercolor USA at the Springfield Art Museum (Springfield, MO), Watercolor West at the Riverside Art Museum (Riverside, CA), the Wildlife Art Festival at the San Bernardino County Museum (Redlands, CA), the Art-A-Fair Festival (Laguna, Beach, CA), and his wildlife paintings were also featured at the Pacific Rim Wildlife Art Festival (Seattle, WA). For more information about the exhibit call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

HISTORY PROGRAM WITH DOCUMENTARY FILM COMMEMORATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPEAL OF THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT

A documentary film about the experiences of Chinese immigrants detained on Angel Island will be shown on Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm in the Friends Room to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Repeal of the

Chinese Exclusion Act. The 45-minute documentary combines oral history interviews with historical footage and dramatic re-enactments to tell the story of the Exclusion Era and the impact of detention on Chinese immigrants. A panel discussion with three community members sharing their comments about the documentary will follow the film screening. The program is presented in partnership with the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. For more information about the program call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

MIDWEEK MOVIE @ THE LIBRARY

The library showcases a new to DVD released movie on the first Wednesday of each month at 3 pm in the Friends room. On Wednesday, December 4, a sci-fi, action film features a superhero on a journey to discover where he came from and what he was sent here to do while coping with the loss of his adoptive father. The movie is rated PG-13 and the run time is 148 minutes. For more information about the free film program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

JF PROGRAMS

FUN PROGRAMS BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH

The Junior Friends, a library teen volunteer organization hosts a program each month to serve the youth at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. On Wednesday, December 11 at 3:30 pm, the Junior Friends will host a special holiday themed program in the Friends Room. On Wednesday, January 8, at 3:30 pm, the Junior Friends will present a fun craft program in the Friends Room. All teens are welcome!

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December/January Events at American Legion Post 397

Christmas is coming to the American Legion Post 397 in Monterey Park! Please join us for our annual Children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 21st at 11:00 am. Veterans, families of veterans and members of the community in need are welcome. All children who attend will receive a new toy, and lunch will be served to all. RSVP required at our phone or email below with the name and age of any children who will be attending.

The Post will also be hosting a Holiday Boutique during the Christmas party and we need vendors to participate. Please contact the Legion at if you are interested in selling any homemade crafts at the boutique.

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014 is Rose Bowl Football and Pozole Day at the Legion

to celebrate New Year's Day and the big college football showdown! Please join us starting at 2:00 p.m.

Don't forget to join us for our Friday night dinner at the Legion on December 6th. Dinners are served from 6 - 8 p.m. Dinner dates for January are pending. Please visit our Facebook page for details on the dinners and all other upcoming events.

We are always looking for new members to join our Post. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Commander Gabriel Suarez. For more information, "Like" us on Facebook, email post397@gmail.com, call 626-571-9211 or visit the post at 338 S. Ramona Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754.

MERCI Hosts 24th Annual Trees of Enchantment

Sunday, December 8, 2013 MERCI will host its 24th annual "Trees of Enchantment" fundraiser at Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 Ramona Blvd., Monterey Park. The champagne brunch starts at 11:00 A.M. Tickets are \$60 each or \$40 for children 5-12, if purchased in advance. Children under the age of 5 eat free. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://merci.givezooks.com/events/2013-trees-of-enchantment>.

Tickets purchased at the door are \$70 each or \$50 for children 5-12. Make sure that you turn in your ticket stub at the door because there are door prizes. Plan now to attend.

This annual brunch is an exciting way to start the holiday season because in addition to the delicious food, there will be a boutique where attendees can purchase craft items. Attendees can purchase tickets to win one or more of the 25 beautifully decorated trees with gifts under them worth at least \$200. Santa Claus will also be attending the event. Attendees can get their photo taken with the "big guy." In addition there will be entertainment and recognition of the major donors to MERCI's building campaign.

A group of parents of children with developmental disabilities from the San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles formed MERCI in 1955 as a school because at that time there were no educational options for their children. In 1962 MERCI moved into the 525 N. Chandler Avenue site which had been built in 1919. Over the years MERCI has moved into supporting adults with day programs and adults in residential homes. MERCI presently serves 111 adults with developmental disabilities from all over the San Gabriel Valley in five programs

and in a residential home. It is estimated that there are 8,000 children and adults in this area alone who could benefit from the programs if there were more space.

MERCI is working on constructing three new buildings at the 525 Chandler site. Planning for the construction of the new buildings started in 2006 with the award of \$829,000 of federal HUD funds administered by the City of Monterey Park. John and Mary's Place for six clients was completed in May. Construction has stopped on the new classroom and administration buildings because MERCI needs to raise an additional \$500,000 to qualify for the loans to complete the buildings. Through donations from the Beth and Wilbur Woo Foundation, the Ahmanson Foundation, CDBG funds administered by the City of Monterey Park of \$42,150 and individual donations, MERCI has raised \$200,000 with \$300,000 to go. MERCI will recognize all donations, but donations of \$10,000 or more will have rooms named in honor of the individual, organization or business. With donations of \$100,000 or more, an individual, business or organization will have building naming rights for one of the two buildings being constructed. A portion of the funds from "Trees of Enchantment" will go toward the building fund. Donations can be mailed to MERCI, P.O. Box 676, Monterey Park, CA 91754 or potential donors can visit MERCI's website at <http://www.merci.org> and make a donation online. Donations to MERCI are tax deductible, as MERCI is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. For more information contact Executive Director Marta Escañuelas at (626) 289-8817 or E-mail her at martaesc1@verizon.net.

The Intersection

By Sgt. Brent Archibald, Monterey Park Police Department

I don't know if it's just me, but this year seems to be going by as fast as some of the drivers along Garvey Avenue. In case you missed the recent news release, here are some of the good things in store for Monterey Park.

The Monterey Park Police Department has been awarded a \$90,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on our roadways through special enforcement and public awareness efforts. The grant will aid in the city's ongoing effort to improve traffic safety and quality of life. The police department will use the funding as part of an on-going commitment to keep our roadways safe through both enforcement and education.

"The goal of our partnership with our community and the Office of Traffic Safety is to reduce traffic related injuries and deaths. We will do this through a program of community education and enforcement," explained Monterey Park Police Chief Jim Smith.

Activities that the grant will fund include public safety presentations regarding pedestrian safety, DUI, distracted driving, seat belt and child safety seat usage; specialized DUI and drugged driving training for police officers; and enforcement operations. Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Residential Parking Permit Renewal Notice

The Monterey Park Police Department traffic bureau wants to remind our Monterey Park residents that live in "Residential Parking Permit" areas that your permits and visitor passes must be replaced annually during the first two weeks of each of calendar year. Please mark your calendars or set an alarm to visit the City Hall police counter in January 2014 to renew your Residential Parking Permits. After the renewal period, vehicles in violation are subject to a \$56.00 fine.

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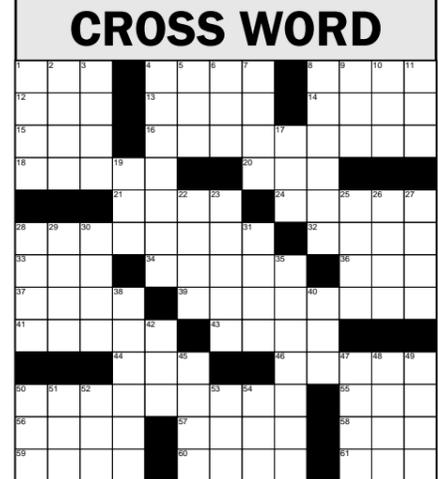
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4. "Take it or leave it"	2. Bright, as a color
8. Loot	3. Carry
12. Bird word	4. Criminal-record listing
13. Coal unit	5. Bottom line
14. Drop off	6. Angel's antonym
15. Same old, same old	7. Detect
16. Powerlessness	8. Ratings period
18. Swelling	9. Far from ruddy
20. Place for a pin	10. South African org
21. Ancient Egyptian emblems	11. "Wow!"
24. Pike	17. "___ the season ..."
28. Got off topic	19. March hare characteristic
32. Honshu drink	22. Cow poke?
33. Member of the flock	23. Madrid Mr.
34. ___ boom	25. Lighten
36. Family girl	26. Like, with "to"
37. Svelte	27. Others
39. Deed	28. Sprays
41. Church assembly	29. Not as planned
43. Alter	30. Teutonic turndown
44. Chest protector?	31. Backgammon equipment
46. Scores in a rink	35. Blackjack's cousins
50. Zeppelin or Hindenburg	38. Art installation
55. Gopher's concern	40. Farm call
56. Cameo shape, often	42. Get to the bottom of things?
57. Elbow grease	45. Angler's hope
58. Bucolic expanse	47. Adversary's antithesis
59. Data measure	48. Stead
60. Doesn't flow	49. Clothing closure
61. "Dee-lish!"	50. Driver's lic. stat
	51. It climbs the walls
	52. Kind of race
	53. Bounce like a buoy
	54. Women's ___

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SURVEY

Programs and Services offered at Langley Senior Center

Langley Senior Center, located at 400 W. Emerson, and is one of the City of Monterey Park's greatest resources- this 23,000 square foot facility features a wide variety of activities and programs for people 50 years of age and older. Programs include a daily lunch program, travel programs, clubs, billiards, ping pong, art classes, singing and dance groups, a tea dance, computer classes and karaoke.

In order to provide the best mix of activities at the Center, we need input from the public on what their priorities are; if you have a moment, fill out one of the two surveys- one survey is for current Langley Center participants, and one is for people who do not participate at Langley Center yet. Completed surveys can be submitted to:

Monterey Park City Hall
320 W. Newmark Ave.
Monterey Park, CA 91754
Attention: Recreation & Community Services Dept.

OR dropped off at Langley Senior Center. Thank you for participating in this important survey.

Future Langley Center Participants

About you: (Choose 1)

- I am old enough to be using the Center, but I haven't found any activities or events that I am interested in.
- I am not old enough to be using the Center yet, but I will be in the next five years.
- I am many years away from utilizing Langley Center, but I'm asking for relatives and friends who will be able to use the center shortly.

Expectations: (Check as many as apply)

- I expect to remain active as I reach my 50's - I want to travel
- I want to _____
- The availability of fitness equipment and programs is important to me.
- I am interested in activities and programs that allow me to socialize with people of similar age and interests. Such as: _____
- I am interested in educational programs on financial issues, medical issues, lifestyle issues, etc. Such as: _____
- I am interested in becoming a volunteer and assisting with the programs offered at the center.

(Optional) Contact Information:

Name: _____
Phone#: _____
Email: _____

Additional Comments:

Current Langley Center Participants

1. How many hours a month do you spend at Langley Center?

- Less than 5
- Between 5 and 20
- Between 20 - 40
- Between 40 - 80
- More than 80

2. The main reasons I go to Langley Center are (check all that apply):

- Health, Fitness, Nutrition
- Socializing
- Recreation Activities
- Social Services & Education
- Volunteering
- A combination of these reasons

3. I use the Dial-A-Ride program:

- On a daily basis
- 2 to 3 times per week
- On a weekly basis
- Rarely
- Never

4. I use Dial A Ride for

- Medical appointments
- To get to and from Langley Center
- Errands (such as shopping)
- Visit friends
- Does not apply/Do not use Dial A Ride

5. I am interested in going to lectures/classes geared toward seniors on the following (check as many as apply):

- Health, Fitness, Nutrition
- Financial Information
- Recreation Opportunities
- Social Services

6. I would like to see the following trips and tours:

7. My favorite activity or program at Langley Center is:

8. New Programs or activities that I would like to see:

9. I am

- Female
- Male

10. I am between

- 50 - 55 years of age
- 56 - 60 years of age
- 61 - 70 years of age
- 71 - 80 years of age
- 81 - 90 years of age
- 91 or over

11. Here are my additional comments about Langley Center:

Thank you for participating.

Real Clients' Testimonies at **TheChuReviews.com**



Just Listed! **Listed \$1,238,000**
1112 Ridgside Dr. Monterey Park
New Gorgeous, Panoramic View Home
Brightwood Hill, 2909 sqft on 9334 Sqft Lot
Prime Location, The street everyone wants to live.



Just Listed! **Listed \$668,000**
645 Pueblo Dr. Monterey Park
Great View! Quiet Cur-de-sac
Excellent Monterey Highland Elm. School
3Bed/2bath, Family rm, pool
1818 Sqft, on 10,280 Sqft Lot



Just Listed! **Listed \$649,900**
1495 Arriba Dr. Monterey Park
Gorgeous Panoramic View!
Sharp Curb appeal, 3Bed/2Bath, New floor
3Bed/2Bath, on A15600 Sqft lot



Just Listed! **Listed \$628,000**
1541 Sunnyhill Dr. Monterey Park
Beautiful, Large View Home
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Walk to Excellent Brightwood Elm. School



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2319 Rosommon Ave. Monterey Park
Sharp, Clean 3Bed/1Bath 1274 Sqft
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Beautiful 2 Houses, 2228 Sqft, Lot 7511 Sqft.
227 S. Dacotah St. LA
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built in 1985, C/A, 2 Cars Attached Garage
4669 Laurens Ave. Baldwin Park
- Just Sold! \$708,000 / Listed \$649,000**
1113 Brier Cliff Way, Monterey Park
- Just Sold! \$500,000 / Listed \$478,000**
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Beijing Pie House

by Brian Lee

Chinese food isn't sweet and sour pork, chop suey, or broccoli beef. Don't tell me you disagree, because since you live in San Gabriel Valley, I assume you know better. The map of China is quite big, and the food scene between regions can be quite different. So, don't be fooled by buy-1lb-get-1lb-free lobsters or Peking duck that mystically appears in some Chinese seafood restaurants, that's not Chinese cuisine either.

In recent years, many Chinese from mainland China have moved to US, and luckily they are bringing their traditional cooking too. Otherwise, how would I bump into Beijing street food in Monterey Park?

Beijing Pie House is located at a small strip mall on Garvey Ave. It faces the street and you can spot it with the huge bright red Chinese characters printed on windows. It feels like time travel back to China in the 80s.

Three ladies behind the counter are working on dough and wrapping dumplings. One of them tells us to sit anywhere we want, but the dining room can only fit a few tables, so we have to us a little effort to sit comfortably. We tell ourselves, good food sometimes hides in the most unattractive places.

We know we are going to try some of their meat pies, so we have a Cold Cabbage appetizer to balance our meal. Cabbage is cooked and rested, then tossed with oil and some light flavor sauce. I love that they add toasted peppers in it, the smokey flavor and heat spice up this salad/appetizer.

Their specialty, pies, is a weird translated name, I am not sure if Google Translate contributes in their menu translation or not. I really can't relate Chinese food with "pie." Oh well, it is round in shape, about the size of a man's palm, filled with juicy ground meat or other ingredients, pan fried to golden brown - OK, it does look like a pie. In Mandarin it's called Xian Bing, street food you can find easily in Beijing. Chefs with good skills can wrap filling well with thin pastry skin, but you won't notice any opening. Beijing Pie House's version isn't the most top notch, but very close. Nice and crispy outside, but I warn you, don't be tempted to bite hard, there is steaming hot soup inside! It's like enjoying

soup dumpling xiao long bao, you poke a little hole and let the heat release a bit first, then slurp the delicious soup. A person in front of me was enjoying it by splitting it open on a plate and then soaked by the soup within. They offer many choices of pie fillings and lamb is one of their best sellers - generous amount of juicy tender ground lamb and zucchini filling inside - and it is delicious. To go with true Beijing style, I would prefer they use leek or green onion - that will be perfect.

The other dish we have is Homeland Meat Cake. Sigh... please excuse these weird translation in many Chinese restaurant menu. I urge you not to skip this dish. This "meat cake" is actually made with flaky layers of pastry, and filled with ground pork between layers, then pan fried to golden brown. Yes, if you read my food hunt journal last month, you will know it's almost the same thing as Kima Platha by Daw Yee. But this version is crispier but less oily, and juicier inside. I have to say, Beijing Pie House's version is better.

We were a party of three and were filled full by only two orders of pies. Although we smelled some good Leek and Pork Pies from the tables next to us, we'll have to save it for next time. Total bill was only \$21. The restaurant owner(s) must be very hardworking people devoted to great pie from their homeland.

Beijing Pie House
846 E Garvey Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755
(626) 288-3818

Hours: Tue-Sun 11 am - 9 pm

** In the November 2013 edition of the Cascades the address of the Daw Yee Myanmar Café was omitted. The restaurant is located at : 111 N Rural Dr., Monterey Park, CA 91755 phone: 626-573-8080 website: <http://dawyee.com/>*



Piece of Rabbish

by Arthur Yuen

Follow me around at facebook.com/pieceofrabbish

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WINTER

CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

Register Online Saturday, December 7th at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us
Walk-in Registration Starts Monday, December 9th.

ART CLASSES

ART, DRAWING, & SKETCHING

A beginning group lesson class introducing the basic skills of drawing. \$11 materials fee is due at first class meeting. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

MAX 10 students only.
Rainbow Art Studio, 260 East Garvey Avenue Monterey Park

11 Weeks: January 8, 2014 - March 30, 2014
Fees: \$121.00 5yrs to 12 yrs

1501.301	Wednesday	5:45-6:45pm
1501.302	Thursday	5:45-6:45pm
1501.303	Friday	3:15-4:15pm
1501.304	Friday	4:30-5:30pm
1501.305	Friday	5:45-6:45pm
1501.306	Sunday	1:15-2:15pm
1501.307	Sunday	2:30-3:30pm
1501.308	Sunday	3:45-4:45



ARTS & CRAFTS

Students will learn various crafts, using the latest materials: Wall Art, Greeting Cards, 3D Pictures, Jewelry, Clay, Holiday Projects, Ribbon Embroidery, Stained Glass and much more

Marlene Cardinali, Barnes Park Service Club
12 Weeks: January 9, 2014 - March 27, 2014
Fees: \$47.00 18yrs & Up

1509.301 Thursday 9:00-12 noon



PENCIL DRAWING

Learn basic drawing techniques using the latest materials. Students will be responsible for all materials: colored pencils (2B-3B) and A4 drawing book at the first class. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Simon Yen, Barnes Park Service Club
10 Weeks: January 10, 2014 - March 14, 2014
Fees: \$47.00 7yrs to 13yrs

1504.302 Friday 4:00-5:00pm



CARTOON DRAWING

Learn to draw funny cartoons the easy way with creative use of color blends. Students will be responsible for all supplies: paper, crayons, & pencils on the first day of class. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Simon Yen, Barnes Park Service Club
10 Weeks: January 10, 2014 - March 14, 2014
Fees: \$47.00 3yrs to 8yrs

1504.301 Friday 5:00-6:00pm

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Watercolor Painting is fun and relaxing. Join us as we paint bright & beautiful watercolors from photos. This is an adult class and is geared for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students. Students are responsible for any/all art supplies.

Peter Morris, Barnes Park Service Club
10 Weeks: January 7, 2014 - March 11, 2014
Fees: \$50.00 18yrs & Up

1510.301 Tuesday 6:30 to 8:30pm

DANCE CLASSES

BALLET

Ballet is the foundation for all dances and can help dramatically improve other dance techniques. Students are responsible for pink leather or canvas split sole ballet slippers and additional materials fee which will include: leotard, tights, etc. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

JayVee Dance Center, 216 East Main Street, Alhambra

8 Weeks: January 7, 2014 - February 25, 2014
Fees: \$110.00 5yrs to 8yrs

11402.301 5yrs to 8yrs Tuesday 3:30 to 4:30pm

Arte Flamenco Dance Theater, 230 West Main Street, Alhambra
10 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - March 30, 2014
Fees: \$92.00

1404.301	3yrs	Saturday	10:00 to 11:00am
1404.302	6yrs-12yrs	Saturday	11:00am-12:00pm
1404.315	4yrs-5yrs	Saturday	10:00 - 11:00am



FOLKLORICO

Viva Mexico! Students of all ages will be introduced to traditional dance movements, skirt work and heelwork of the dances of Mexico. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Arte Flamenco Dance Theater, 230 West Main Street, Alhambra

10 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - March 5, 2014
Fees: \$92.00 4yrs & Up

1404.305	15yrs & Up	Tuesday	7:00 to 8:00pm
1404.306	6yrs to 12yrs	Wednesday	6:00 to 7:00pm
1404.307	4yrs to 5yrs	Wednesday	6:30 to 7:30pm



FLAMENCO

Ole! These introductory classes will cover basic arm and body placement, heelwork and hand clapping while learning a basic flamenco rhythm. Flamenco shoes are required. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Arte Flamenco Dance Theater, 230 West Main Street, Alhambra
10 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - March 9, 2014
Fees: \$92.00 4yrs & Up

1404.308	4yrs to 5yrs	Monday	6:00 to 7:00pm
1404.309	6yrs to 12yrs	Thursday	6:00 to 7:00pm
1404.310	15yrs & Up	Thursday	7:00 to 8:00pm
1404.311	15yrs & Up	Saturday	12:00 to 1:00pm
1404.312	15yrs & Up	Sunday	11:00 to 12:00noon

HIP HOP

Bringing together the culture of street dancing and the technical training of dance, Hip Hop has an entertainment quality that is uniquely its own. Students are responsible for tennis shoes and an additional materials fee which will include: t-shirt, basketball shorts/sweatpants. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

JayVee Dance Center, 216 East Main Street, Alhambra
8 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - February 28, 2014
Fees: \$110.00 4yrs to 18yrs

1402.302	18yrs & Up	Monday	7:30 to 8:30pm
1402.303	4yrs to 6yrs	Thursday	3:30 to 4:30pm



1402.304	7yrs to 9yrs	Friday	4:00 to 5:00pm
1402.305	10yrs to 13yrs	Friday	5:00 to 6:00pm
1402.306	13yrs & Up	Tuesday	7:30 to 8:30pm

HAWAIIAN-HULA-TAHITIAN DANCE

Students will learn the national dance of Hula. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

JayVee Dance Center, 216 East Main Street, Alhambra
10 Weeks: January 8, 2014 - Feb 26, 2014
Fees: \$110.00 13yrs & Up

1402.307 13yrs & Up Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30pm

Arte Flamenco Dance Theater, 230 West Main Street, Alhambra
10 Weeks: January 9, 2014 - March 8, 2014
Fees: \$92.00 6yrs to 12yrs

1404.313	6yrs to 12yrs	Thursday	6:00 to 7:00pm
1404.314	6yrs to 12yrs	Saturday	12:00 to 1:00pm

POPPING

Where hip hop culture began! This class will concentrate on body and muscle isolations while incorporating hip hop dance choreography and robot skills. Students learn how to free style and find their own creative popping style and freedom. Students are also responsible for t-shirt, basketball shorts/sweatpants and tennis shoes. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

JayVee Dance Center, 216 East Main Street, Alhambra
8 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - February 24, 2014
Fees: \$110.00 7yrs to Teen

1402.308 7yrs to Teen Monday 7:30 to 8:30pm

SALSA

Salsa is very energetic and fun Latin Dance as well as great exercise. Beginning students will learn all the fundamental steps and partnering techniques for salsa dancing. Intermediate students will learn more advanced partnering and more sophisticated footwork. Lessons also include: Cha Cha, Bachata, Merengue and Cumbia. No partner necessary. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Dorothy Tsu & Moses Navarro, Garvey Ranch Park
12 Weeks: January 10, 2014 - March 28, 2014
Fees: \$84.00 All Welcome

1406.301	Beginner	Friday	7:30 to 8:30pm
1406.302	Intermediate	Friday	8:30 to 9:30pm

EDUCATION CLASSES

CHILD - PARENT EDUCATION

Children will learn social and academic skill through music, crafts and other learning activities. Class will also lend insight about child development and personality. A \$10 materials fee per child required at first class meeting. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Naomi Ideno, Garvey Ranch Park OR Barnes Park Service Club
Fees: \$77.00

CHILD - PARENT EDUCATION - Birth to Toddler
10 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - March 10, 2014



1305.301 0mos to 24mos Monday 9:00 to 11:00am GRPB
Infant to 24 months

CHILD - PARENT EDUCATION - Ages to Stages
10 Weeks: January 7, 2014 - March 11, 2014

1305.302 0yrs to 3.5yrs Tuesday 9:00 to 11:00am SCH
Infant to 3.5yrs

CHILD - PARENT EDUCATION - 3 years Preschool Ready
10 Weeks: January 8, 2014 - March 12, 2014

1305.303 3 years old Wednesday 9:00 to 11:00am GRPB
3 years old by September 1st 2013

ESL CLASS (New Immigrants English 新移民英文) - GROUP LESSONS

English as Second Language enrichment will integrate

the language skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Language Acquisition into a class. The class will offer opportunities to acquire and practice oral and written language with instruction and activities that are engaging and productive.

www.LittleAngelsChorale.com

LA Little Angels Children's Chorale, 401 Garfield Ave #B, Monterey Park

4 weeks (8 sessions): January 10, 2014 - February 2, 2014
Fee: \$90 (G1-G3) Elementary

1307.301 Monday and Thursday 3:00pm-4:30pm



Fee: \$90 (G4-G6) Elementary
1307.302 Monday and Thursday 4:30pm-6:00pm

CHINESE LANGUAGE - ADULTS

This class will focus on middle and high school courses to improve students reading and writing abilities. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Amie (Xiaodong) Wang, Barnes Park Service Club

12 Weeks: January 12, 2014 - March 30, 2014

Fees: \$127.00 18yrs & Up

1301.301	Sunday	9:00 to 11:00am
1301.302	Sunday	11:15 to 1:15pm
1301.303	Sunday	2:00 to 4:00pm

CHINESE LANGUAGE - GRADE 1

Experienced instructors use regular Chinese teaching material and can speak Mandarin, Cantonese and English. Learn phonetic alphabet (Pinyin), simplified and traditional Chinese characters.



Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Amie (Xiaodong) Wang, Barnes Park Service Club

12 Weeks: January 11, 2014 - March 29, 2014

Fees: \$77.00 6yrs to 7yrs

1301.304	Book 3	Saturday	11:15 to 1:15pm
1301.305	Book 1	Saturday	11:15 to 1:15pm
1301.306	Book 2	Saturday	2:00 to 4:00pm

CHINESE LANGUAGE - GRADE 2

Experienced instructors use regular Chinese teaching material and can speak Mandarin, Cantonese and English. Learn phonetic alphabet (Pinyin), simplified and traditional Chinese characters. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Amie (Xiaodong) Wang, Barnes Park Service Club

12 Weeks: January 11, 2014 - March 29, 2014

Fees: \$77.00 7yrs to 8yrs

1301.307	Book 1	Saturday	9:00 to 11:00am
1301.308	Book 5	Saturday	9:00 to 11:00am

CHINESE LANGUAGE - GRADE 3

Experienced instructors use regular Chinese teaching material and can speak Mandarin, Cantonese and English. Learn phonetic alphabet (Pinyin), simplified and traditional Chinese characters. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Amie (Xiaodong) Wang, Barnes Park Service Club

12 Weeks: January 11, 2014 - March 29, 2014

Fees: \$77.00 8yrs to 9yrs

1301.309	Book 4	Saturday	9:00 to 11:00am
1301.310	Book 4	Saturday	11:15 to 1:15pm
1301.311	Book 6	Saturday	2:00 to 4:00pm

CHINESE LANGUAGE - GRADE 4 & 5

Experienced instructors use regular Chinese teaching material and can speak Mandarin, Cantonese and English. Learn phonetic Alphabet (Pinyin), simplified and traditional Chinese characters. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Amie (Xiaodong) Wang, Service Club House

12 Weeks: January 11, 2014 - March 29, 2014

Fees: \$77.00 10yrs to 12yrs

1301.312	Book 6, 7	Saturday	11:15 to 1:15pm
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CHINESE LANGUAGE - JR HIGH SCHOOL

This class will focus on middle and high school courses to improve students reading and writing abilities. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Amie (Xiaodong) Wang, Barnes Park Service Club

12 Weeks: January 11, 2014 - March 29, 2014

Fees: \$127.00 12yrs to 14yrs

1301.313	Saturday	2:00 to 4:00pm
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CHINESE LANGUAGE - HIGH SCHOOL

This class will focus on middle and high school courses to improve students reading and writing abilities. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Amie (Xiaodong) Wang, Barnes Park Service Club

12 Weeks: January 12, 2014 - March 30, 2014

Fees: \$127.00 14yrs & Up

1301.314	Sunday	9:00 to 11:00am
1301.315	Sunday	11:15 to 1:15pm
1301.316	Sunday	2:00 to 4:00pm

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver education is a California-required course for teens to receive a driver's license. This is an online study course. DMV accepted completion certificates issued upon successful completion of the course. Class is on-going & does not include behind-the-wheel driving.



All Good Drivers, On Line Class

3 Months: January 6, 2014 - March 31, 2014

Fees: \$82.00 14yrs to 18yrs

1304.301	Internet Course	Mon-Sun	12:00am to 11:59pm
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EXERCISE CLASSES

AEROBICS - HIGH & LOW IMPACT

This class combines strength and cardiovascular training to maximize fat burning as well as improve aerobic and strength fitness. NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Leane Sumimoto, Brightwood Cafeteria

10 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - March 11, 2014

Fees: \$44.00 (1-day); \$54.00 (2-days) 17yrs & Up

1201.301	Monday	7:00 to 8:00pm
1201.302	Tuesday	7:00 to 8:00pm
1201.303	Mon/Tue	7:00 to 8:00pm

AEROBICS - STRENGTH TRAINING

This low impact workout will tone up and strengthen your body while burning fat. Students are required to bring their own exercise mat - Pair of dumb bells optional.

Dolores Arredondo, Brightwood Cafeteria

10 Weeks: January 9, 2014 - March 13, 2014

Fees: \$50.00 17yrs & Up

1202.301	Thursday	7:00 to 8:00pm
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THERAPY WORKOUT

Say goodbye to the pain. This class is developed by a technique easy to follow, with soft music and slow movements. Targeting the sciatic nerve, lower back and neck. Followed by stretches that improves the body flexibility and relieves the discomfort. Students are required to bring their own exercise mat.

Dolores Arredondo, Brightwood Cafeteria

10 Weeks: January 9, 2013 - March 13, 2014

Fees: \$35.00 17yrs & Up

1202.302	Thursday	6:00 to 6:45pm
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CHI GONG

Class incorporates 36 chi-gong movements and 12 tai-chi movements for a gentle, relaxing exercise. Tone your body, gain flexibility, be healthier and more vibrant. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Nelson Ong, Barnes Park Memorial Bowl

10 Weeks: January 10, 2014 - March 15, 2014

Fees: \$90.00 All Welcome

1203.301	Friday	10:00 to 11:00am
1203.302	Saturday	9:00 to 10:30am

PILATES - MAT CLASS

Pilates is an exercise system for the mind and body - toning different muscles, developing proper breathing, posture, and mental concentration. This class will use props for quicker

results. Students must provide their own exercise mat, one pound weights, and flexi-band.

Gabriela Kasanjian, Service Club House

10 Weeks: January 9, 2014 - March 13, 2014

Fees: \$71.00 All Welcome

1207.301	Thursday	5:30 to 6:30pm
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Arte Flamenco Dance Theater, 230 West Main Street, Alhambra

9 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - March 30, 2014

Fees: \$92.00 18yrs & Up

1218.301	Wednesday	8:30 to 9:30pm
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TAI CHI - CHEN STYLE

The Chen Style is the origin of Tai Ji Quan and requires the mind to be in control of Qi which in turn activates the body. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Nelson Ong, Barnes Park Memorial Bowl

10 Weeks: January 12, 2014 - March 16, 2014

Fees: \$90.00 All Welcome

1203.303	Sunday	9:30 to 10:30am
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TAI CHI - MIXED STYLE

Learn Tai Chi stemming from all styles including Chen, Sun, Woo, Wu and Yang. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Jie Guo, Garvey Ranch Park

3 Months: January 7, 2014 - March 30, 2014

Fees: \$97.00 All Welcome

1217.301	24 Hand Form	Sunday	9:30 to 10:30am
1217.302	48 Hand Form	Sunday	8:30 to 9:30am

Fees: \$127.00 All Welcome

1217.303	New Frame (Int)	Sunday	7:30 to 8:30am
1217.304	New Frame (Beg)	Sunday	12:30 to 1:30pm
1217.305	Ba Gua Zhang 1	Sunday	8:30 to 9:30am
1217.306	42 Hand Form	Sunday	9:30 to 10:30am
1217.307	24 Hand Form	Sunday	8:30 to 9:30am
1217.308	48 Hand Form	Sunday	9:30 to 10:30am
1217.309	Tai Chi Saber	Sunday	10:30 to 11:30am
1217.310	Wudang Sword	Sunday	11:30 to 12:30pm
1217.311	Tai Chi Fan	Tuesday	8:00 to 9:30pm
1217.312	48 Hand Form	Tuesday	6:00 to 7:00pm
1217.313	Shao Lin	Tuesday	5:00 to 6:00pm
1217.314	24 Hand Form	Tuesday	7:00 to 8:00am

TAI CHI - WU DANG STYLE

The following Tai Chi classes combine Qi Gong and gentle body and hand movements to create the Wu Dang Style. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Chiu Sang Lee, Sierra Vista Park

3 Months: January 8, 2014 - March 29, 2014

4215.303	Beginner	Mon & Wed	1:00 to 2:30pm
4215.304	Inter/Adv	Mon & Thu	2:45 to 4:15pm
4215.305	Inter/Adv	Tuesday	2:45 to 4:15pm

Fees: \$28.00 50yrs & Up

4215.302	Thursday	1:30 to 2:30pm
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TOTAL FITNESS FOR SENIORS

Heart healthy low impact aerobics, strength training and Flexibility all wrapped up into one class! Light hand weights (2lbs-5lbs) and resistance bands are used in each class. Floor mat also required for Intermediate and Advance levels. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

No Class January 20 and February 17

Sonja Holladay, Langley Center

10 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - March 13, 2014

Fees: \$32.00 (1-day class) 50yrs & Up

\$58.00 (2-day class)

Fees: \$67.00 All Welcome

1209.302	Basic Form	Friday	4:30 to 5:30pm
1209.303	Basic Form	Saturday	9:30 to 10:30am

Fees: \$97.00 All Welcome

1209.304	Circle Form	Wednesday	5:00 to 6:00pm
1209.305	Circle form	Friday	5:00 to 6:00pm
1209.306	Circle Form	Saturday	10:00 to 11:00am

Fees: \$80.00 All Welcome

1209.307	Meditation	Saturday	11:00 to 11:45am
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Fees: \$67.00 All Welcome

1209.308	Qi Gong	Wednesday	5:00 to 6:00pm
1209.309	Qi Gong	Friday	5:00 to 6:00pm
1209.310	Qi Gong	Saturday	10:00 to 11:00am

Fees: \$97.00 All Welcome

1209.314	Sword Form	Wednesday	5:00 to 6:00pm
1209.315	Sword Form	Friday	5:00 to 6:00pm
1209.316	Sword Form	Saturday	10:00 to 11:00am

YOGA - HATHA

Ideal class for students new to yoga-combines posture, breathing and meditation. Students must provide their own towel, blanket or exercise mat. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Chieko Fosterling, George Elder Community Center

10 Weeks: January 11, 2014- March 15, 2014

Fees: \$90.00 18yrs & Up

1204.301	Beginner	Saturday	9:00 to 10:15am
1204.302	Intermediate	Saturday	10:30 to 11:45am

ZUMBA FITNESS

Zumba combines Latin and international music with dance in an effort to make exercise fun. Students are responsible for comfortable athletic attire and tennis shoes. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

JayVee Dance Center, 216 East Main Street, Alhambra

8 Weeks: January 9, 2014 - March 1, 2014

Fees: \$85.00 18yrs & Up

1219.301	18yrs & Up	Tuesday	6:30 to 7:30pm
1219.302	18yrs & Up	Thursday	6:30 to 7:30pm
1219.303	18yrs & Up	Saturday	9:30 to 10:30am

Arte Flamenco Dance Theater, 230 West Main Street, Alhambra

10 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - March 30, 2014

Fees: \$78.00 18yrs & Up

1218.302	18yrs & Up	Monday	6:30 to 7:30pm
1218.303	18yrs & Up	Tuesday	7:00 to 8:00pm
1218.304	18yrs & Up	Wednesday	6:00 to 7:00pm
1218.305	18yrs & Up	Thursday	6:30 to 7:30pm
1218.306	18yrs & Up	Saturday	11:00am to 12:00pm
1218.307	18yrs & Up	Sunday	11:00 to 12:00noon
1218.308	15+	Tuesday	8:00 - 9:00pm

SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES

CHAIR FITNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS

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



Sonja Holladay, Langley Center

10 Weeks: January 7, 2014 - March 13, 2014

Fees: \$52.00 50yrs & Up

4215.301	Tuesday & Thursday	1:30 to 2:30pm
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MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES

NIPPON KEMPO KARATE

Nippon Kempo is a full force sport based on techniques of striking, kicking, throwing, reverse holds and ground combat. Advanced class requires Instructor's approval. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Mark Ishida, Garvey Ranch Park
Each Month: January 3, 2014 - March 27, 2014

Fees: \$33.00 & \$28.00 Subsequent Family 5yrs & Up

1102.301	Jan-Beg	Thursday	6:30 to 8:00pm
		Saturday	9:00-10:30am
1102.302	Feb-Beg	Thursday	6:30 to 8:00pm
		Saturday	9:00-10:30am
1102.303	Mar-Beg	Thursday	6:30 to 8:00pm
		Saturday	9:00-10:30am
1102.304	Jan-Adv	Thursday	7:30 to 9:00pm
		Saturday	10:00 to 11:30am
1102.305	Feb-Adv	Thursday	7:30 to 9:00pm
		Saturday	10:00 to 11:30am
1102.306	Mar-Adv	Thursday	7:30 to 9:00pm
		Saturday	10:00 to 11:30am

SHOBU KAI KARATE DO

Shobu Kai Karate-Do is a traditional karate style. It will help students learn self defense. Class will help improve self-discipline, confidence and concentration.



Ricky Wong, George Elder Community Center

1 Month: January 7, 2014 - March 27, 2014

Fees: \$29.00 & \$24.00 Subsequent Family 6yrs & Up

1105.301	Jan	Tues & Thurs	7:00 to 8:00pm
1105.302	Feb	Tues & Thurs	7:00 to 8:00pm
1105.303	Mar	Tues & Thurs	7:00 to 8:00pm

SHOTOKAN KARATE DO

Shotokan Karate-Do will help students develop mobility, balance, awareness, reflexes, timing, and discipline. Promotional rankings are available. Friday class is optional. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Richard Kageyama, George Elder Community Center

Each Month: January 6, 2014 - March 28, 2014

Fees: \$35.00 & \$30.00 Subsequent Family 6yrs & Up

1103.301	Jan-Beg	Mon/Wed/Fri	6:30 to 7:45pm
1103.302	Feb-Beg	Mon/Wed/Fri	6:30 to 7:45pm
1103.303	Mar-Beg	Mon/Wed/Fri	6:30 to 7:45pm
1103.304	Jan-Adv	Mon/Wed/Fri	8:00 to 9:00pm

1103.305	Feb-Adv	Mon/Wed/Fri	8:00 to 9:00pm
1103.306	Mar-Adv	Mon/Wed/Fri	8:00 to 9:00pm

WING CHUN KUNG FU

Authentic Wing Chun, Desui Kung Fu including: Chinese ground grappling and Tai Ji Chi Gong breathing exercises for health and self discipline. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Thomas Wong, Garvey Ranch Park

Each Month-Wing Chun 1: January 2, 2014 - March 27, 2014

Fees: \$85.00 All Welcome

1104.301	Jan-Beg	Thursday	8:00 to 9:00pm
		or Saturday	4:00 to 5:00pm
1104.302	Feb-Beg	Thursday	8:00 to 9:00pm
		or Saturday	4:00 to 5:00pm
1104.303	Mar-Beg	Thursday	8:00 to 9:00pm
		or Saturday	4:00 to 5:00pm

Each Month-Wing Chun 1: January 4, 2014 - March 27, 2014

Fees: \$36.00 5-14yrs

1104.304	Jan-Beg	Saturday	4:00 to 5:00pm
1104.305	Feb-Beg	Saturday	4:00 to 5:00pm

Each Month-Wing Chun 2: January 4, 2014 - March 27, 2014

Fees: \$85.00 All Welcome

1104.306	Jan-Adv	Saturday	2:00 to 4:00pm
1104.307	Feb-Adv	Saturday	2:00 to 4:00pm
1104.308	Mar-Adv	Saturday	2:00 to 4:00pm

MUSIC & THEATER CLASSES

BEGINNING ACTING FOR CHILDREN

Students will learn the basics of acting, building confidence and self esteem through cooperation and team work with theater games and improvisation. Class includes a performance for parents at the end of the session. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Lee Chen Norman, George Elder Community Center

10 Weeks: January 12, 2014 - March 16, 2014

Fees: \$97.00 7yrs to 11yrs

1801.301	Sunday	2:00 to 2:50pm	GECC
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BEGINNING ACTING FOR YOUTH

Students will learn the basics of acting and building confidence and self esteem through cooperation and team work with theater games and improvisation. Students will perform a monologue or scene for parents at the end of the session. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Lee Chen Norman, George Elder Community Center

10 Weeks: January 12, 2014 - March 16, 2014

Fees: \$97.00 12yrs to 15yrs

1801.302	Sunday	3:00 to 3:50pm	GECC
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CREATIVE DRAMA AND MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN

Students will use their voice, body and imagination to explore the folk-tales of the world. Students will build confidence and self esteem through cooperation and team work with theater games, creative movements and storytelling. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Lee Chen Norman, George Elder Community Center

10 Weeks: January 12, 2014 - March 16, 2014

Fees: \$97.00 4yrs to 8yrs

1801.303	Sunday	4:00 to 4:50pm	GECC
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IMPROVISATIONS FOR NON-ACTING ADULTS

Exercises are based on Viola Spolin Improvisation techniques. Enjoy the freedom of your intuition and imagination and exercise your mental health. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Lee Chen Norman, George Elder Community Center

10 Weeks: January 12, 2014 - March 16, 2014

Fees: \$57.00 18yrs & Up

1801.304	Sunday	11:00 to 12:00noon	GECC
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SINGING CLASS - GROUP LESSON

LA Little Angels Children's Chorale provides an excellent foundation for young performers of the future.

Class A (Kindergarten) - vocalization, rhythm, ear training, theory, body coordination, famous cute songs.

Class B (Elementary) - Vocal technique, Rhythm, Ear training, theory exploration, famous Choral, Musical performance, Community services

www.LittleAngelsChorale.com

LA Little Angels Children's Chorale, 401 Garfield Ave #B, Monterey Park
4 Weeks: January 12, 2014 - February 2, 2014
Fees: \$70.00 Kindergarten

1717.301	Sunday (A Class)	4:30 to 5:45pm
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Fees: \$80.00 Elementary

1717.302	Sunday (B Class)	3:00 to 4:30pm
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PIANO PREP - GROUP LESSONS

Class will focus on basic finger training, rhythm counting, sight reading, and chord application and performance repertoires. Students will be required to provide earphones and purchase piano books - for additional material fees may be required. Visit the website at www.littleangelschorale.com for more information. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Little Angels Children's Chorale, 401 Garfield Ave #B, Monterey Park
4 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - January 27, 2014
Fees: \$80.00 5yrs & Up

1717.303	5yrs to 6yrs	Monday	6:00pm to 7:00pm
1717.304	7yrs to 9yrs	Monday	7:00am to 8:00pm

PRIVATE PIANO, VIOLIN, GUITAR AND VOICE LESSONS

One on one efficient expert teacher will guide students step by step into the beautiful world of music. Voice lessons include vocalizing, sight singing and stage performance. Violin and Piano lessons include finger technique, sight reading and beat counting. Individual lessons run 30 minutes per session - time to be worked out with instructor. Additional material fees may be required - Visit website at www.littleangelschorale.com for more information. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Little Angels Children's Chorale, 401 Garfield Ave #B, Monterey Park
4 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - February 2, 2014
Fees: \$120.00 5yrs & Up

1717.305	Private Piano	Mon-Sun 30	minutes/per session
1717.306	Private Violin	Mon-Sun 30	minutes/per session
1717.307	Private Voice	Mon-Sun 30	minutes/per session
1717.308	Private Guitar	Mon-Sun 30	minutes/per session

PIANO

Have you always wanted to play the piano? Learn notes and chords but owning a piano is not necessary.

Ai Hwa Kung, Barnes Park Service Club
8 Weeks: January 8, 2014 - January 29, 2014
Group Fees: \$60.00 5yrs & Up

1710.301	Group-Beg	Wednesday	5:30 to 6:15pm
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Private Fees: \$257.00 5yrs & Up

1710.302	Private	Wednesday	5:00 to 5:30pm
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SAFETY CLASSES

*****All payments for Safety Classes must be made in person on first day of class due to prerequisites. Registration is available without payment*****

First Aid/CPR/AED Course

The First Aid/CPR/AED program helps participants recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing and first aid emergencies. The courses in this program teach skills that participants need to know to give immediate care to a suddenly injured or ill person until more advanced medical personnel arrive and take over. This program offers a choice of First Aid, CPR and AED courses to meet the various training needs of a diverse audience. Study guide and fact sheets included All First Aid/CPR/AED certifications are valid for 2 years from date of course completion. Materials needed: CPR Mask. CPR mask can be purchased from instructor on the first class meeting.

Prerequisites: None

Barnes Park Aquatics, 400 S. McPherrin St. Monterey Park, CA 91754

First Aid/CPR/AED - Adult, Child and Infant

Fees: \$75.00

4 Weeks: January 6, 2014 - January 27, 2014

2402.301	Monday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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4 Weeks: February 3, 2014 - February 24, 2014

2402.302	Monday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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4 Weeks: March 3, 2014 - March 24, 2014

2402.303	Monday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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Adult CPR and First Aid

Fees: \$60.00

2 Weeks: January 7, 2014 - January 14, 2014

2402.304	Tuesday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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2 Weeks: February 4, 2014 - February 11, 2014

2402.305	Tuesday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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2 Weeks: March 4, 2014 - March 11, 2014

2402.306	Tuesday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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Adult and Child CPR

Fees: \$60.00

2 Weeks: January 8, 2014 - January 15, 2014

2402.307	Wednesday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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2 Weeks: February 5, 2014 - February 12, 2014

2402.308	Wednesday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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2 Weeks: March 5, 2014 - March 12, 2014

2402.309	Wednesday	6:00 to 8:30pm	BPP
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Lifeguard Training Course

The purpose of the Lifeguarding course is to provide entry-level lifeguard participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide professional level care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries, and sudden illness until emergency medical services (EMS) personnel take over. Lifeguard manual, study guide, and skills sheets included. Materials needed: CPR Mask. CPR mask can be purchased from instructor on the first class



meeting.

Prerequisites:

Must be at least 15 years old. Swim 300 yards continuously, demonstrating breath control and rhythmic breathing.

Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs.

Complete the following timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds.

Starting in the water, swim 20 yards.

Surface dive, feet-first or head-first, to a depth of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.

Surface and swim 20 yards on back, with both hands holding the object.

Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

Barnes Park Aquatics, 400 S. McPherrin St. Monterey Park, CA 91754

Lifeguard Training

Fees: \$160.00

2 Weekends: January 10, 2014 - January 19, 2014

2402.310	Friday	6:00 to 9:00pm
	Saturday & Sunday	10:00 - 5:00pm

2 Weekends: February 7, 2014 - February 16, 2014

2402.311	Friday	6:00 to 9:00pm
	Saturday & Sunday	10:00 - 5:00pm

2 Weekends: March 8, 2014 - March 16, 2014

2402.312	Friday	6:00 to 9:00pm
	Saturday & Sunday	10:00 - 5:00pm

SPORTS CLASSES

GOLF

Instruction provided by professional staff includes grip, stance, swing, club selection and etiquette. Golf clubs are provided by instructor. Students are responsible for the purchase of range balls at each class. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.



Alhambra Golf Course 630 S. Almansor St. Alhambra, CA 91801
5 Weeks: January 7, 2014 – February 1, 2014
Fees: \$59.00 8yrs & Up

1601.301	Tuesday	9:00 to 10:00am
1601.302	Saturday	11:00 to 12:00pm
1601.303	Saturday	1:00 to 2:00pm

GYMNASTICS – PARENT & ME

Enhance your child's development and share their experiences as you assist them through a structured class designed to encourage fun, flexibility and coordination. One adult must participate in the class. Payke Gymnastics requires an additional waiver to be signed by a parent or legal guardian at the first class.



Payke Gymnastics, 107 S. Garfield Ave, Alhambra
8 Weeks: January 7, 2014 – February 25, 2014
Fees: \$110.00 2yrs to 3yrs

1602.301	Tuesday	11:15am to 12:00pm
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GYMNASTICS

Learn basic gymnastics and concentration skills along with coordination, strength and self confidence. Payke Gymnastics requires an additional waiver to be signed by a parent or legal guardian at the first class.

Payke Gymnastics, 107 S. Garfield Ave, Alhambra
8 Weeks: January 7, 2014 – February 25, 2014
Fees: \$110.00 5yrs to 8yrs

1602.302	Tuesday	4:00 to 5:00pm
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KINDER-GYM

This program is specially designed for the introduction of basic fundamental skills of gymnastics on vault, bars, beam, floor, mini-tramp and trampoline. Payke Gymnastics requires an additional waiver to be signed by a parent or legal guardian at the first class.

Payke Gymnastics, 107 S. Garfield Ave, Alhambra
8 Weeks: January 7, 2014 – February 25, 2014
Fees: \$110.00 4yrs to 5yrs

1602.303	Tuesday	3:15 to 4:00pm
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PING PONG

Sierra Vista Ping Pong class will include basic Ping Pong Instruction and open play. \$10 Punch Cards good for 10 days of play, are also available at City Hall Recreation Counter. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Michelle Trinh, Sierra Vista Park
3 Months: January 6, 2014 – March 28, 2014
Fees: \$22.00 6yrs & Up

1610.301	Monday-Friday	8:00 to 12:00pm
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TENNIS - ADULT

Students are required to bring 2 cans of tennis balls with them to the first class. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Dean Eddow, Barnes and Elder Tennis Courts
10 Weeks: January 7, 2014 – March 16, 2014
Fees: \$45.00 18yrs & Up

1609.301	Inter/Adv	Tuesday	7:00 to 8:30pm
1609.302	Advance	Tuesday	8:30 to 10:00pm
1609.303	Inter/Adv	Thursday	7:00 to 8:30pm
1609.304	Advance	Thursday	8:30 to 10:00pm

Barnes Tennis Courts
 1609.305 Beg/Inter Saturday 4:00 to 5:30pm
Victor Wong, Barnes Tennis Courts
9 Weeks: January 11, 2014 – March 8, 2014
Fees: \$65.00 18yrs & Up

1608.301	Beg/Inter	Saturday	11:00 to 12:00pm
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TENNIS – PEE WEE

Students are required to bring 2 cans of tennis balls with them to the first class. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Victor Wong, Barnes Tennis Courts
9 Weeks: January 9, 2014 – March 8, 2014
Fees: \$65.00 4yrs to 7yrs

1608.302	Beginner	Thursday	3:30 to 4:30pm
1608.303	Beginner	Friday	3:30 to 4:30pm
1608.304	Beginner	Saturday	9:00 to 10:00am

TENNIS – LITTLE LEAGUE

Students are required to bring 2 cans of tennis balls with them to the first class. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Victor Wong, Barnes Tennis Courts
9 Weeks: January 9, 2014 – March 8, 2014
Fees: \$65.00 8yrs to 11yrs

1608.305	Beginner	Thursday	4:30 to 5:30pm
1608.306	Beginner	Saturday	10:00 to 11:00am



TENNIS - JUNIOR

Students are required to bring 2 cans of tennis balls with them to the first class. Students must verify any holiday make ups with instructor.

Victor Wong, Barnes Tennis Courts
9 Weeks: January 10, 2014 – March 8, 2014
Fees: \$90.00 8yrs & Up

1608.307	Inter (8yrs-11yrs)	Friday	4:30 to 6:00pm
1608.308	Beg/Inter (12yrs & Up)	Friday	4:30 to 6:00pm

Fees: \$65.00 8yrs & Up
 1608.309 Beg/Inter (12yrs & Up) Saturday 11:00 to 12:00pm

SENIOR TENNIS PROGRAM

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

Victor Wong, Barnes Park Tennis Courts
9 Weeks: January 7, 2014
Fee: \$45.00 Seniors 50yrs & Up

4603.301		Tues & Thurs	10:00am-12 noon
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WATER CLASSES

*All aquatic programs will be moved to George Elder Pool 1950 Wilcox Ave. in September.

LAP SWIM – ADULTS

For the fitness conscious, a Morning Lap Swim Program is available at Barnes Park Pool.



Barnes Park Pool
1 Month: January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2014
Fees: \$34.00 & \$60.00

2301.301	January	Monday-Friday	6:00 to 8:00am
		Sat & Sun	6:00 to 10:00 am
2301.302	February	Monday-Friday	6:00 to 8:00am
		Sat & Sun	6:00 to 10:00 am
2301.303	March	Monday-Friday	6:00 to 8:00am
		Sat & Sun	6:00 to 10:00 am

LAP SWIM - SENIORS

For the fitness conscious, a Morning Lap Swim Program is available at Barnes Park Pool.

Barnes Park Pool
1 Month: January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2014
Fees: \$22.00 50yrs & Up

2301.304	January	Monday-Friday	6:00 to 8:00am
		Sat & Sun	6:00 to 10:00 am
2301.305	February	Monday-Friday	6:00 to 8:00am
		Sat & Sun	6:00 to 10:00 am
2301.306	March	Monday-Friday	6:00 to 8:00am
		Sat & Sun	6:00 to 10:00 am

WATER AEROBICS – DEEP

***If you will be registering for Sonja Holladay's Water Aerobics classes, the following fees will be applied:

1216.301	One Class per week: \$44
1216.302	Two Classes per week: \$64
1216.303	Three Classes per week: \$84
1216.304	Unlimited Classes: \$107

Water Aerobics is a great way to strengthen and tone muscles while building cardiovascular fitness. Students wear a buoyancy belt during class to provide flotation, alignment and freedom of movement. Students should feel comfortable in deep water. Students are responsible for a \$14.00 materials fee (buoyancy belt) at the first class meeting.



NO CLASS Jan 20 and Feb 17.
Sonja Holladay, Barnes Park Pool
10 Weeks: January 7, 2014 – March 14, 2014
18yrs & Up

	Tuesday	8:30 to 9:30am
	Thursday	8:30 to 9:30am
	Friday	8:30 to 9:30am

WATER AEROBICS - SHALLOW

***If you will be registering for Sonja Holladay's Water Aerobics classes, the following fees will be applied:

1216.301	One Class per week: \$44
1216.302	Two Classes per week: \$64
1216.303	Three Classes per week: \$84
1216.304	Unlimited Classes: \$107

Water aerobics is an effective low impact class that provides Cardiovascular benefits as well as flexibility and muscular toning. Students are required to provide their own water equipment (noodle) and must wear aqua shoes.

NO CLASS January 20 and February 17
Sonja Holladay, Barnes Park Pool 18yrs & Up
10 Weeks: January 7, 2014 – March 14, 2014

	Monday	8:30 to 9:30am
	Monday	9:45 to 10:45am
	Tuesday	9:45 to 10:45am
	Wednesday	8:30 to 9:30am
	Wednesday	9:45 to 10:45am
	Thursday	9:45 to 10:45am
	Friday	9:45 to 10:45am

WINTER TRIPS

CRUISE OF LIGHTS – HUNTINGTON HARBOR
 Enjoy a myriad of colored lights and animated displays reflected in the waters of the Huntington Harbor Channels. The holiday bus leaves BPCC at 6:00 pm and will return at approx 9:30 pm. Participants are encouraged to dress warm and bring blankets, hot chocolate and snacks for the trip.

Barnes Park Community Center to Huntington Harbor
1 Day: December 20, 2013
Fees: \$17.00 All Welcome

1801.301	Friday	6:00-9:30pm
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SNOW DRIFT INNER-TUBE PARK – LAKE ARROWHEAD

Join us for some Inner Tube fun in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains. Three dare-devil slopes are available at this site including: Advanced, Intermediate and the ever favorite Bunny Slope for all you rookies. The holiday bus leaves BPCC at 7:30 am and will return at approx 4:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to bundle up – dress warm, bring a sack lunch and snacks. Inner Tubes are provided.

Barnes Park Community Center to Lake Arrowhead
1 Day: December 27, 2013
Fees: \$15.00 All Welcome

1801.302	Friday	7:30am-4:00pm
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Aquatics

LAP SWIMMING AT BARNES PARK POOL

For The fitness conscious, a Morning Lap Swim Program is available at Barnes Park Pool. Lap Swim hours are Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The fee is \$5 per swim or you may purchase a Monthly Lap Swim Pass* for \$34, Family of Two for \$60, and Senior Citizen for \$22. Checks are accepted at the pool. NO EVENING LAP SWIM!

MONTEREY PARK MANTA RAYS SWIM TEAM 5-18 YRS

Team workouts are Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Barnes Pool. Register at the pool during workout hours or see coaches for more details. The annual registration fee is \$75 per child. Monthly dues can vary between \$35 - \$60 per child, depending on the child's ability. USA Swimming registration fee is \$60.00 (expiration December 31).

Tryouts are Monday – Thursday 5:00pm – 5:15pm.

For more info contact the coaches at MPMRCoach@gmail.com

SWIM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Swim Monday thru Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. only \$35 per month. Swimmers must tryout and qualify. No other registration fees or uniform required... just a swim suit! Work on stroke technique, learn new strokes, refine, review... stay sharp! Stay in shape! Youth of all ages and skill levels are welcome. This program also prepares youth who are interested in joining the swim team.

ACTIVITIES LOCATIONS

- BCR* Brightwood Cafetorium/Rec. Bldg. • 1701 Brightwood Street
- BPCC* Barnes Park Community Center • 350 S. McPherrin Avenue
- BPMB* Barnes Park Memorial Bowl • 350 S. McPherrin Avenue
- CHCR* City Hall Community Room • 320 W. Newmark Avenue
- GECC* G. Elder Park Community Center • 1950 Wilcox Avenue
- GRP* Garvey Ranch Park Building • 781 S. Orange Avenue
- LC* Langley Senior Citizens' Center • 400 W. Emerson Avenue
- LLP* La Loma Park • 1902 Fulton Avenue
- SCH* Service Club House • 440 S. McPherrin Avenue
- SVPB* Sierra Vista Park Building • 311 Rural Drive

General Registration Information

Register Online Saturday, December 7th at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us

----- ONLINE REGISTRATION -----

for general recreation classes begins *Saturday, December 7th.*

----- WALK-IN REGISTRATION -----

for general classes begins *Monday, December 9th.*

Register online at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us

Look for the Winter Recreation Classes/Online Registration button.

Walk-in registration is available at the City Hall Recreation Department counter, 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

For more information regarding the online registration process including fees, discounts, refunds, and how to setup parent/child accounts, please see the registration instruction.

Recreation Classes Online Registration

Save time by visiting Monterey Park's online registration site to review class information and register for classes.

Users can create an account, register for classes from home or work and conveniently pay your fees by credit card. Convenience fees do apply. Walk-in registration and payments are also accepted at City Hall, 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park. For information, call 626-307-1388.

Online Registration Instructions:

1. Go To: <https://activenet11.active.com/montereyparkrecreation>.
2. New online enrollees... (never registered online or only registered at City Hall): Click on Request Account and fill out all starred areas. Remember to add adult/parent first, if you are registering your child. You will be sent an e-mail shortly- follow the listed instructions to activate the account. Returning enrollees: Click on My Account (upper right corner) and Type in your Login Name and password. (If you forgot your password, choose that option and you will be prompted on what to do- You will be sent a temporary password).
3. Click on Register for Activities (located under Other Services).
4. If you know the Section Number for the Activity, eg, 1208.102, enter it and you can view class description and register. Or- If you would like to browse through classes, you may type a keyword such as "Yoga" and it will take you to those types of classes.
5. Once you choose the class, you may click "Add to Cart". By default, the person chosen to enroll in the class is you. If this class is for someone else, scroll down and choose the person or add a family member. Then click Continue. Any coupon code or discount should be entered or if it is a subsequent family member, it will automatically deduct the amount from the total. To add additional classes, choose "Show Activities"- otherwise, click on Continue again to go to Checkout.

6. Please review the prices for all classes under Order confirmation, and note that a convenience fee is charged.

7. The waiver must be reviewed - scroll down to activate the check box. You will then be prompted to pay for the class, and

8. You will proceed to pay by entering your credit card information.

9. Check the box to confirm you are 13 years of age or. There is no requirement to purchase the magazines

older that are offered. 10. Click the Continue button to complete your order. You may then print out your receipt to take to the first class meeting.

11. If you have any difficulties, please call the Recreation Office during business hours (Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 626-307-1388, or e-mail recreation@montereypark.ca.gov and staff will work with you to solve the problem. Please note that some work computers have 'firewalls' installed that do not allow online payments.

General Information:

- Classes are filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Space is limited.
- \$2 Senior Discount for Residents 55 years of age and older. Discount may not be combined with any other discount offer.
- A cancellation fee of \$7.00 will be deducted from all refunds made prior to the start of first class meeting. No refunds will be made after class begins. Cancellations must be made in person. No telephone cancellations will be accepted.
- Full refund by City check will be made if class is cancelled by the Recreation Department. Refunds may take from (3) three to (5) five weeks.
- All programs are subject to cancellation or schedule to change if class minimums are not reached. Classes are closed when class maximums are met. The department will make an attempt to contact all cancelled class participants by phone, letter or email. To assure that your class has not been cancelled, please call our office at 626-307-1388 the first day of class.

Use this form for Mail-In Registration ONLY

WALK IN

- Register starting December 9, 2013
- Come to the Recreation and Parks Counter at Monterey Park City Hall from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
- CREDIT CARDS (VISA and MASTERCARD) ARE ACCEPTED.

MAIL IN

- Complete Registration Form (Photocopies can be used)
- Enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope
- Include a check for EXACT AMOUNT for each class payable to: City of Monterey Park
- Mail form and check to:

Recreation and Community Services
320 W. Newmark Ave.
Monterey Park, CA 91754

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. Space is limited.
- \$2 Senior Discount for residents 55 years of age and older. DISCOUNT MAY NOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OFFER.
- A cancellation fee of \$7.00 will be deducted from all refunds made prior to the start of first class meeting. No refunds will be made after class begins. Cancellations must be made in person.
- No telephone cancellations will be accepted.
- Full refund by City check will be made if class is cancelled by the Recreation and Parks Department. REFUNDS MAY TAKE FROM (3) THREE TO (5) FIVE WEEKS.
- All programs are subject to cancellation or schedule to change if class minimums are not reached. Classes are closed when class maximums are met. The department will make an attempt to contact all cancelled class participants by phone, letter or email. To assure that your class has not been cancelled, please call our office at (626) 307-1388 the first day of class.
- Do not buy class supplies until you have received confirmation that the class has been filled.

PARTICIPANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: () _____

AGE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CLASS #	NAME OF CLASS	DAY	TIME	FEE
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2				
3				

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Emergency Phone # _____ or _____

By placing my signature on the registration form, I understand and will comply with the rules set forth by the Parks and Recreation Department regarding participation in the above named classes. I further agree for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to waive all rights and claims for damages against the organizations, this event, its agents, representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by the above-named participant at and/or during said event or activity.

I also consent to emergency treatment for my child.

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Adult Participant or Parent/Guardian

Cal State L.A. honors Supt. Laura Tellez-Gagliano as 'Distinguished Educator'

For their major contributions to teaching and learning, three educational leaders—Angel Barrett, Laura Tellez-Gagliano, and Susan Wang—were honored as Distinguished Educators at Cal State L.A.'s 24th Annual Distinguished Educator Award Dinner on Nov. 1.

With a 35-year stellar career in education, Laura Tellez-Gagliano, Ed.D. currently serves as superintendent of the Alhambra Unified School District. She began her career as a teacher in the LAUSD, then she joined the Garvey School District in 1987 after receiving a master's degree in education and an administrative credential at CSULA. In her 17-year tenure within the Garvey district, she worked in several capacities, including as a resource teacher, intermediate school assistant principal, elementary school principal, director of curriculum and assistant superintendent of human resources. In 1994, Dr. Tellez-Gagliano was awarded Manager of the Year for her outstanding service as a school principal. In 2003, Dr. Tellez-Gagliano joined the Alhambra Unified School District as Assistant Superintendent of Human

Resources. She has been trained in interest-based bargaining methods and attended the ACSA Personnel Academy and Personnel Institute. A CSULA alumna, she is also involved in the Alhambra Rotary Club, Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, and the Association of California School Administrators. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (International Society for Key Women Educators).

The other two awardees are from the Los Angeles Unified School District, where Dr. Barrett serves as a lead instructional director and Ms. Wang as a principal. Additionally, a Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mary Falvey, former dean of the Charter College of Education at Cal State L.A.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Charter College of Education at Cal State L.A., the event was held at the Golden Eagle Ballroom on the Cal State L.A. campus, beginning with a reception and silent auction at 5 p.m. and followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. All proceeds from the awards dinner will support the Friends' Scholarship Endowment and Faculty Development funds.



Left to right: Dr. Mary A. Falvey (award recipient), Dr. Angel Barrett (award recipient), unnamed Aide to Judy Chu, Dr. Laura Tellez-Gagliano (award recipient), Susan Wang (award recipient) and Dr. Eunsook Hyun, Dean, CSULA Charter College of Education at Cal State LA's 24th Annual Distinguished Educator Award Dinner on Nov. 1.

Realizing the college dream: AUSD hosts College Fair

The 6th Annual AUSD College Fair held at San Gabriel High School (SGHS) welcomed high school students to explore a variety of post-graduation options. The fair, which took place on Oct. 17, hosted over 60 colleges and universities, vocational schools and military services. The variety of schools allowed high school students to find their niche and decide which institution is best for their futures.

College Fair Coordinator Monica Marquez, who organized and oversaw the fair from beginning to end, notes the merits that students can derive from attending.

"The College Fair is beneficial for students because the one-on-one interaction with an actual representative brings students one step closer to realizing their dream of actually being able to attend college," Ms. Marquez said.

On the night of College Fair, the Matador Arena and Gyms were packed with students and parents from Alhambra, Mark Keppel and San Gabriel High Schools. Some of these students, such as AHS senior Aaron Robles, sought information regarding community colleges.

"My grades throughout high school were mediocre, so I don't qualify at the UCs and privates which have the programs that I desire, so I'd rather go to a community college," Robles said.

Aside from higher education institutions and military services, the College Fair also had non-college booths, such as the Alhambra Educational Foundation and the Princeton

Review. The Alhambra Latino Association (ALA), which is an expanding non-profit organization committed to promoting cultural awareness, was also present at the fair.

"We're here to promote college education and to let students know that there is a way to get financial aid and for them to apply for scholarships," ALA President Teresa Ybarra said.

In the Small Gym, several showcases took place, including SGHS Culinary Arts, Medical Careers Academy and Wood Working. These showcases highlighted students' work in their respective fields; for example, several students worked with machinery during the fair to demonstrate their woodshop skills.

Undoubtedly, a hefty amount of work was dedicated to organizing yet another successful fair. Ms. Marquez spent close to a year planning the event, with assistance from the Career Center staff from each of the high schools on the actual day. "I do have to give a big thanks to Esther Alcaraz [Academics Clerk] and Monica Ochoa [Career Education Technician] from Century High School who did a great job assisting me prior to that evening as well," Ms. Marquez said. "In my opinion, the College Fair went great. We had the most representatives this year and the largest turnout of students and parents."

Ultimately, College Fair is there for students to learn more about colleges and whether they should pursue higher education or consider alternate paths in life.

"There [are] a lot of colleges and a lot of opportunities," SGHS freshman Marilyn Nguyen said.

This article was written by Diana Li, senior, news editor, The Moor Weekly, Alhambra High School.



College, university, and military representatives from around the country convened at the 6th Annual AUSD College Fair to reach out to students and their developing aspirations, held at San Gabriel High School.

Photo courtesy of Yibei Liu, junior, photos editor, The Moor Weekly, Alhambra

Alhambra Latino Association hosts Dia de los Muertos cultural festival



ALA Board Public Relations Cecilia Garcia at the Dia de Los Muertos cultural festival. Photo courtesy of Martin Ulloa.



Ballet Folklorico Raices de Mexico performed at ALA's Dia de los Muertos cultural festival. Photo courtesy of Martin Ulloa.

For the celebration of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), painted faces and flowers adorned the crowds at San Gabriel High on Oct. 26 as the community came together for the festival. With roots from Mexico, the ceremony takes place annually to honor and remember departed loved ones, while also taking the time to celebrate the gift of life.

"I go to the festival because it allows me to see how others celebrate their loved ones and how different people cope with their losses," San Gabriel freshman Eva Hernandez said.

Organized by the Alhambra Latino Association (ALA), the school campus was transformed and rendered nearly unrecognizable with its bright and colorful streamers and festive decorations. Volunteers and attendees alike molded together to reminisce about memories of their family and friends as music floated through the air. Performances included acts by the Azteca Dancers, Ballet Folklorica Raices de Mexico, Alhambra High School's All Male Dance Team, Chuchin Dance Company, Mark Keppel High School's Orchestra, AUSD Middle School Band, La Chamba, and more.

"The festival brings the community together by having us share our memories and stories about our passed loved ones," attendee Queta Morales said.

In cherishing the lives of dearly beloveds by embracing the fond memories of the past, the Dia de Los Muertos festival acted as a way to connect to other people and their families from the community. People were able to mingle and share stories as well as buy unique, hand made crafts such as flower crowns and sugar skulls. In fact, the celebration aroused the curiosity of people from other cultural backgrounds in the community, where they flocked to learn more about the festival and its history and traditions.

"Attending the Day of the Dead festival allowed me to experience a little bit of Mexican culture without even having to go to Mexico myself," Gabrielino High School junior Donna Huynh said.

ALA historian Martin Ulloa created a video of the event: <http://youtu.be/4-sFpz1VDXQ>

This article was written by Kaleen Luu, junior, staff writer, El Camino Real yearbook, San Gabriel High School.

Winners of the Alhambra Latino Association's art contest announced



Eighth grader Xiaoye Wang of Fremont Elementary won first place in the elementary division with her piece "Reunite." She explained, "In my picture, a woman is dancing with her dad who 'came back to life' to share another tender moment with his beloved daughter."

Senior Richard Ramos of San Gabriel High School won first place in the high school division with his piece "Loved Forever - Amor Por Vida," which celebrates life and death.

Senior Alex Luu of San Gabriel High School won third place with his necktie art titled "Life is Art."

Congratulations to the winners of the Alhambra Latino Association's Dia de los Muertos - Celebration of Life Art Contest and Exhibit:

Elementary

- Xiaoye Wang - 1st Place - Fremont
- Jessica Luo - 2nd Place - Ynez
- Jinny Xie - 3rd Place - Fremont
- Maya Ramirez - Honorable Mention - Fremont
- Dasani Zavala - Honorable Mention - Fremont

High School

- Richard Ramos - 1st Place - San Gabriel HS
- Jasmine Wei - 2nd Place & Honorable Mention - Alhambra HS
- Alex Luu - 3rd Place - San Gabriel HS
- Kristie Sham - Honorable Mention - Alhambra HS

AUSD students receive recognition for artwork



On October 29, five Alhambra Unified School District students received recognition from the City of Los Angeles for their artwork and/or photography. An art exhibition, featuring artists with disabilities, hosted by the Los Angeles City Hall in Los Angeles, displayed their artwork during the entire month of October in the City Hall Lobby. The exhibition featured original paintings, and other works of art by many artists from the United States.

"We believe that all persons, regardless of their disabilities, should have equal opportunities to express their talents and to be successful in the arts," said Michael Dergar, President and CEO of the Pasadena-based Academy of Special Dreams Foundation. "This art exhibition is another opportunity for us to encourage, promote and showcase the artistic expressions of these amazing artists from around the country. We give many thanks to the Department on Disability for giving us this opportunity and for supporting the artists of the Academy of Special Dreams Foundation." Students pictured from Left to Right: Melvin Shi, Daniela Urista, Fernando Chi Tang, Basilio Alonzo, and Nakita Wang.

Northrup students learn to walk in other students' shoes

SGHS drama department presents "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie

Days after closing its chilling play "The Woman in Black" in November, the San Gabriel High School Drama Department was already hard at work on its next production, Agatha Christie's detective tale "And Then There Were None."

Play director and drama teacher Patrick Posada gives this preview of the classic whodunit: "Ten people are invited to an Indian island to spend the evening....One by one they expire and the audience must try and figure out who's responsible for their demise."

Posada explained the choices of these two play for the school: "We wanted to take the plays of two English playwrights who have had long running plays in London and bring a little bit of London to San Gabriel."

The large cast includes Jonathan Hurtado, Andy Tran, Angelica Morquecho, Simon Yung, Emmanuel Maresca, Rigoberto Saldivar, David Pham, Rayanh Gutierrez, Nathan Andrade, Stephanie Martinez, and Eric Thai.

"And Then There Were None" opens on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 3:30 pm with a "talk back" after performance. Performances continue on Dec. 5, 6 and 7 at 6:30 pm. All shows will be in San Gabriel High School's Little Theatre, 801 S. Ramona St., San Gabriel. Tickets are available at SGHS's student bank: \$7; \$6 with ASB, and \$8 at the door.

Century High School update

Century High School (CHS) started its second term of the quarter system on Monday, Oct. 21. The nine week quarters are going really fast and student response has been positive. Students who need to make up credit with classes not offered are assigned the APEX online learning. When they complete the online class, students have earned a semester's credit toward graduation. In all, administration, faculty and staff are gearing up for term three and preparing students to transfer back to their home high schools.

CHS continued its traditional autumn celebration with an Activity Day on Halloween. Students entered a pumpkin carving contest. In all, 27 entries were submitted. At November's Activity Day, students were recognized for perfect attendance from the first quarter and other significant acts.

The CHS Football Team brought home their first victory on Oct. 21 against Charter Oakes High School, 20-0. Basketball season started in November when CHS battled Mt. Olive.

CHS and Independence High School have a partnership with East Los Angeles College's STEM program. Working with Dr. Armando Rivera and his team students from both high schools have been invited to ELAC's Earth Day celebration and STEM day celebration.

MONTEREY PARK SPORTS CLUB PONY AND ASA

2014 SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Registration Fees:

3 - 4 years old, Foal - Early Bird *\$60, after Dec. 14 \$75
 5 - 14 years old, all other divisions - *\$100, after Dec 14 \$115
 *after Feb. 12 \$130 (\$90 for Foal)

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT
MPSCPONYBASEBALLASASOFTBALL.COM

Uniform is not guaranteed for opening day if signed up after February 8th
 Please bring your birth certificate to registration
 Family Discount: \$10 off each sibling
 Snack Bar/Deposit: \$40 per family

Fundraiser: Every family must commit to purchasing 3 Dodger tickets

BASEBALL INFORMATION

Registration Dates:
 Early Bird Dec. 14th
 Upper La Loma 11am - 1pm
 Barnes Park Gym 11am - 1pm
 January 11th, 18th and 25th

Player Evaluations/Draft
 Upper La Loma
 Please arrive 30 min early to sign in and warm up
 February 10th - Pinto 6pm/Bronco 7pm
 February 11th- Mustang 6pm/ Pony 7pm

Opening Ceremonies
 March 15th

SOFTBALL INFORMATION

Registration Dates:
 Early Bird Dec. 14th
 Upper La Loma 11am - 1pm
 Barnes Park Gym 11am - 1pm
 January 11th, 18th, and 25th

Player Evaluations/Draft
 Upper La Loma
 Please arrive 30 min early to sign in and warm up
 January 27th 8u 6 pm/10u 7pm
 January 28th 12u 6pm/14u 7pm

Opening Ceremonies
 February 22nd

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Council Action Review

Regular Council Meeting of October 2, 2013

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

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

Presentations: None.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-51 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated October, 2013 totaling \$5,696.06 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2 The City Council received and filed the Successor Agency's Investment Report of August 2013.

Agenda Item 3 The City Council approved the minutes from the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meetings of June 5 2013, July 3, 2013, July 17, 2013, August 7, 2013, August 21, 2013, and September 4, 2013.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 4 The City Council approved the refunding of the 1998 Merged Redevelopment Project Area tax allocation bonds in order to capture market opportunities to reduce debt service costs and thereby increase the distribution of property taxes to the City and its overlapping taxing agencies, and to take advantage of efficiencies offered through participation in the redevelopment refunding program developed by Los Angeles County and adopted Resolution No. SA 52, which approves various documents required to undertake the refunding and authorizes appropriate staff to take various actions necessary to complete the refunding.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 5 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11606 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated October 2, 2013 Totaling \$2,215,230.32 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 6 The City Council received and filed the Investment Report as of August 2013.

Agenda Item 7 The City Council approved the minutes

from the regular meetings of June 5, 2013, July 3, 2013, July 17, 2013, August 7, 2013,

August 21, 2013, and September 4, 2013; adjourned regular meeting of July 22, 2013; and the special meetings of August 7, 2013 and September 4, 2013.

Agenda Item 8 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11607 authorizing the transfer unclaimed bond deposits held in a special fund to the City's General Fund pursuant to Government Code §§ 50050-50056.

Agenda Item 9 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11608 amending the City's Records Retention Schedule for City Documents.

Agenda Item 10 The City Council accepted the localized pavement repair work completed by Paveco Construction and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

Agenda Item 11 The City Council accepted the City Hall Lobby paint work completed by CTG Construction and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

Agenda Item 12 The City Council accepted the floor resurfacing work completed by Lenova at Fire Station 61 and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

Agenda Item 13 The City Council accepted the slurry seal work completed by Roy Allan Slurry Seal Inc. and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

Agenda Item 14 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Chet Yoshizaki in a form approved by the City Attorney, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the term of one year.

Agenda Item 15 The City Council granted a pre-development loan to LINC, using HOME/CHDO funds, to evaluate the project feasibility and adequacy of the 236 S. Ramona Avenue site and authorized the City Manager to execute the Pre-development Loan Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Agenda Item 16 The City Council waived the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code

§3.20.050 and authorized the City Manager or designee to purchase a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV from Wondries Fleet Group through Los Angeles County to replace the Police Command Vehicle.

Agenda Item 17 The City Council approved the additional change order work, accepted the Transit Center at East Los Angeles College completed by EC Construction and authorized the City Manager or designee to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

Agenda Item 18 The City Council authorized the purchase of a portable vacuum excavator from Ditch Witch Southern California in an amount not to exceed \$59,563.48 per Monterey Park Municipal Code Section 3.20.050(1).

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 19 The City Council introduced and waived the first reading of an Ordinance amending Title 16 of the Municipal Code to eliminate the requirements for Commercial Property and Residential Property Reports and scheduled the second reading and adoption for November 6, 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Item 20 The City Council tabled the 2nd reading of the ordinance regarding identification signs for non-residential properties to the December 4, 2013 Council Meeting and requested the Asian American Advancing Justice be contacted for its legal opinion, have staff monitor sign applications and report back an issues regarding mandating the proposed sign ordinance and also contact the American Civil Liberties Union, League of United Latin American Citizens and Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTER

Council Members announced appointees for Commissions, Committees and Boards.

The City Council discussed communications and committee reports from Council Representatives of specific organizations. No action was taken.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Special Council Meeting of October 15, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., with two Council Members absent.

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY NEW BUSINESS ITEM

Agenda Item 1 The City Council adopt Resolution No. SA-53 approving the revised Long Range Property Management Plan for the Successor Agency of the Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency in accordance with Health and Safety Code §34191.5 and directed the City Manager or designee to forward the revised Long Range Property Management Plan to the Department of Finance for its approval.

Agenda Item 2 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an Exclusive Sales Agency contract between the Successor Agency and Cushman and Wakefield, Inc. in a form approved by the City Attorney, to market the property located at 700 Corporate Center Drive and adjacent property owned by Equity Partners together to maximize the potential benefit to buyers.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 5:49 P.M.

Special Council Meeting of October 29 & October 30, 2013

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1 STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

Council participated in the Strategic Planning Retreat to review and revise the Three-Year Goals for 2011-2014.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M. to Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

Due to lack of Quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting of November 6, 2013

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

The City Manager reported two corrections - Agenda Item 10, the grant writing contract is for the duration of 10/1/11 - 9/30/12 and on Agenda Item 15, for consideration is the 2014 assessment.

The City Attorney announced that there are potential conflicts for three Council Members on various Agenda Items 12, 14, 15, and 19 and they abstained.

Presentations: The San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Annual Directors Presentation was given by Bob Morales.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-54 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated October 16 and November 6 2013 totaling \$4,980.12 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2 The City Council received and filed the Successor Agency's Investment Report of September 2013.

Agenda Item 3 The City Council received and filed the Successor Agency's Investment Report of October 2013.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 4 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11609 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated October 16, and November 6, 2013 Totaling \$1,834,306.77 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 5 The City Council received and filed the Investment Report as of September 2013.

Agenda Item 6 The City Council received and filed the Investment Report as of October 2013.

Agenda Item 7 The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2099 repealing regulations for Commercial Property and Residential Property Reports before real property sales.

Agenda Item 8 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding to

participate in the City of Los Angeles Enhanced Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program in collaboration with the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Group.

Agenda Item 9 The City Council approved the Title VI Program update. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs that receive federal funding. The Federal Transportation Administration requires agencies that receive their grant funds to demonstrate compliance with Title VI by submitting an update every three years. The City Council also authorized the City Manager to submit the document to the Federal Transportation Administration.

Agenda Item 10 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with California Consulting, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to be paid from the General Fund to renew the Grant Writing Contract.

Agenda Item 11 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a professional services contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Elie Farah Inc. in the amount of \$165,820 to provide engineering design services for water system improvements at various locations.

Agenda Item 12 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11610 to waive competitive bidding requirements as set forth in the Public Contracts Code, awarded the contract to Sea Clear Pools, Inc. in the amount of \$33,665 for the installation of VFD equipment at Barnes Pool and Elder Pool, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Sea Clear Pools, Inc., execute a contract with Edison, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to receive the incentive rebates, and to participate in the on-bill financing program.

Agenda Item 13 The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to solicit bids for the re-plastering of the Elder Park Pool and additional work as noted.

Agenda Item 14 The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute a license agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Southern California Edison for five years for use of Edison Trails Park.

Agenda Item 15 The City Council received and filed the 2013 Business Improvement District No. 1 (BID) Annual Report with the City Clerk, adopted Resolution No. 11611 and set the Public Hearing for

November 20, 2013 for consideration of the 2014 BID assessments.

Agenda Item 16 The City Council approved the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and authorized the City Manager to make technical changes, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to the CAPER and submit it to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Agenda Item 17 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11612 declaring the month of November as "Movember" to raise awareness of prostate and other male cancers.

Agenda Item 18 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11613 certifying a mitigated negative declaration and approved the 2014-2021 Monterey Park Housing Element.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 19 The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase playground equipment for Elder Park, Pine Tree Park, La Loma Park, and Sunnyslopes Park through the Cooperative Purchasing Network from Sun Country Systems/Burke BCI for \$339,712 pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20050(3) and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase picnic shelters for Barnes Park, Elder Park, and Highlands Park through the National Joint Purchasing Authority, pursuant to joint purchase per Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050(3) at a cost of \$277,173.

Council Communications and Mayor/Council and Agency Matter.

Council Members announced appointees for Commissions, Committees and Boards.

The City Council discussed communications and committee reports from Council Representatives of specific organizations. No action was taken.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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...

DECEMBER 16
Commission on Aging Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 19
Langley Holiday Lunch
DECEMBER 22
Club Amistad Dance
DECEMBER 24 & 25
Christmas Holiday- Center Closed
DECEMBER 31
New Year's Eve - Center Closed

JANUARY 01
New Year's Day - Center Closed
JANUARY 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Observance - Center Closed
JANUARY 26
Club Amistad Dance
JANUARY 27
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, 1:00 p.m.
Club Amistad, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
Club Bella Vista, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
Chinese/American Sr. Citizens Club,
1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Gardening Club, 4th Monday, 1:00 p.m.

EARLY MORNING TABLE TENNIS, BILLIARDS, AND EXERCISE ACTIVITIES
MONDAY - FRIDAY, 6:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. - December 30 - March 28, Fees are \$39.00
SATURDAY PLAY 8:00 A.M.- 12:00 NOON - December 28 - March 29, Fees are \$26.00

Only players that have paid activity fees may participate during the posted time. Doors open for regular play at 8:00 A.M. **MONDAY – FRIDAY.** No play on Langley Center Holiday closures.

BINGO - EVERY FRIDAY AT 12:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. COME JOIN THE FUN! DOORS OPEN AT 11:15 A.M.

1st and 3rd Friday of the month Bingo is conducted by Monterey Park Friends of the Seniors. 2nd and 4th Friday of the month Bingo is conducted by Monterey Park Senior Citizen Club. 5th Friday of the month is on rotation of both groups. Everyone over 18 years of age is invited to play. No children are allowed.

BINGO – ON THE 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th SUNDAY of the month. Door open at 10:00 a.m. Early Bird, 12:00 Noon

Conducted by Monterey Park Friends of the Seniors. Everyone over 18 years of age invited. 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. All seniors are invited.

GARDEN CLUB! Do you love gardening? Would you like to share your experiences, talents, and knowledge of gardening with others? Contact Suzie Juarez at (626) 695-8059, if you are interested or need further information. No fees.

4th Monday of the month, **CLASSROOM 2.** Everyone is invited to join and meet gardening friends!

CLASSES OFFERED BY LANGLEY CENTER:

AMERICAN CULTURE

Thursday, Beginner 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Intermediate, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., Paul Cheng Instructor, Free

BEADING CLASS

Mondays, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Francis Lau, Instructor, Free. Pay for materials used.

CHINESE HEALTH EXERCISE

Mary Tam conducts a health exercise class every morning at the Center,

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Everyone invited. Free.
CHINESE KUNG FU FAN DANCE CLASS
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Instructors: Sandra Lin, Rosa Yee, Alice Tsao. Free
CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING
Monday or Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Ping Wen Chiang
\$4 per class, plus cost of materials.

CHINESE PAINTING II and CALLIGRAPHY

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., (donation)
Painting Instructor: Yu Zhou So; Calligraphy

Instructor: Louie Valdivia

CHINESE PAINTING

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
CHINESE YUAN CHI DANCE /

EXERCISE CLASSES

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

Instructors: Sandra Lin, Rosa Yee, Alice Tsao Free
COMPUTER

Call the center for the January dates

Beginning level, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Intermediate level,

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.,

DANCE CLASSES

Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.;

\$5.00, Instructor: Glenn Yata

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Instructor:

Betty Cheng

KARAOKE

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon, Instructor: Betty

Cheng

LINE DANCING

Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Instructors:

Sandra Lin and Wilson Ng. (donation)

NEEDLE CRAFT WORK SHOP

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

MUSICAL GROUPS:

FRIENDSHIP CHORUS

Wed., 9:30 a.m.-12 noon,

Prof. Ping Qiao, Director

CHINESE EVERGREEN CHORUS

Wed., 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Mr. Delly Chow,

Musical Director

CHINESE OPERA

Monday, 9:00 a.m.– 12 Noon,

Director, Fuller Chen

CHINESE OPERA

Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, Director,

C.L. Shen

MONTEREY PARK CHORUS

Monday - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friendship

Room, Dr. S.S. Chang

CITY EXERCISE CLASSES

SIGN UP ONLINE DECEMBER 7,

BEGINNING AT MIDNIGHT; OR IN

PERSON ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9,

classes begin January 6th

CHAIR FITNESS FOR SENIORS

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Tuesday /Thursday, \$52

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Thursday only, \$28

Total Fitness for Active Seniors

Beginning: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday/

Wednesday, \$52

Intermediate/Adv: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday/Thursday, \$52

Intermediate/Adv: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, \$28

ZUMBA GOLD FOR SENIORS

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, \$28

TENNIS FOR SENIORS

9 Weeks: January 7, 2014, \$45.00, Tuesday/

Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon, Victor Wong,

Barnes Park Tennis Courts. Designed for

seniors of all levels. Students are required to

bring 2 cans of tennis balls with them to the

first class.

CONCERT BAND of MONTEREY PARK

Meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Musicians wanted – brass, woodwinds and

drums. Must be able to read music and have

own instrument and music stand. Fee

DANCE TUESDAY

1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Dance to the music of

Incredible Time Machine, Refreshments, \$2.50

DIAL-A-RIDE

For service Monday through Friday, 8:00

a.m.– 4:00 p.m., call (626) 307-1396. Free

service for seniors 55 years of age and over,

provides transportation within Monterey Park

City limits, except for medical needs, and then

into adjacent communities only. Dial-A-Ride

provides two shopping tours a month to Town Center, Montebello or Wall-Mart, Rosemead, 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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.)

HEALTH SCREENING & RELATED SERVICES:

BLOOD SUGAR/GLUCOSE SCREENINGS

- **December 3, January 7,** 8:30 a.m.-10:30

a.m., Provided by HealthCare Partners, Olga Reyes and Celia Valenzuela.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC -

December 17, January 21, 8:30 a.m.-10:30

a.m., provided by

Garfield Medical Center Nurse

FOR LOAN- Senior residents of M.P. may

check out a wheel chair, walker or crutches for

a limited time.

HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER

Walk-In-Fair Housing Clinic (1st Tuesday)

December 3, January 7, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00

p.m., for persons needing assistance related to

landlord/tenant laws (no appointment needed)

for a free consultation with a housing counselor.

For information, call 1-800-477-5977

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Call 211 for services available throughout

L.A. County.

IN-HOME REGISTRY SERVICE

This 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,

injections, etc. Certified Nurse Assistants for

personal care needs such as feeding, bedside

care, bathing, etc.; homemakers/companions

– for housework, meals, laundry, errands, etc;

plumbers, electricians, handymen, gardeners,

etc. who will come to your home. 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.

JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR

at discounted prices. Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.

-11:00 a.m. for repair or estimate. Service

provided by Kit Moc. Langley Senior Center

does not warrant or guarantee any aspect of

any repair.

LUNCH PROGRAM

American or Chinese Hot Lunch served

Monday thru Friday to those 60 years and

over. Reservations must be made in advance in

person. Limited number of lunches. Suggested

donation \$2.00.

MAH JONG

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

MATURE DRIVER'S

IMPROVEMENT COURSE

Monday, January 6 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Seniors completing the 8-hour course will

be certified and eligible to get a 5% to 10%

reduction on their premiums for bodily injury &

property damage liability for up to three years

with participating insurance companies. State

Certificate of Completion, \$1.00. Information

call (626) 307-1395.

METRO "TAP CARD"

The CARDS will be processed from the 25th of

the month through the 10th of next month, Mon.

– Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To receive the City

of Monterey Park discount, you must be 62 or

older and have proof of residency which must

include identification with name and address

imprinted, such as a Driver's License, DMV ID

Card or Utility Bill, and a valid "TAP CARD".

NOTARY PUBLIC

Virginia Greene, a Notary Public, Wednesday,

12 noon – 2:00 p.m. Notarizations \$8.00 per

signature for Langley Center Seniors; Refinance

Loan Documents, \$45 per set, Sale Loan docs

- \$50.00 per set, 2 sets refinances docs – 1st

set \$45, \$30 second set, (must be 2 loans for

same property), 2 sets of sale loan docs - \$50,

1st set, \$45 second set (must be 2 loans for same

property); Subscribing witness forms - \$10;

Custodial documents forms \$10.

SEE'S CANDY 1 lb. CERTIFICATES -

Available for \$14.70

TAXI COUPONS will be issued each month, on the 1st Monday of the month - to qualified senior residents, 65 years and older; whose household income meets the Los Angeles County poverty guidelines (\$11,490 per year for one member, \$15,510 for two, \$19,530 for three or \$23,550 for four). Those meeting the guidelines are allowed 2 coupons a month, and the value of each coupon is \$11. The coupon is only valid for the month it is issued. Sign up at the office.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIPS & TOURS

THE TRIPS and TOURS DESK IS OPEN 9:00

A.M. – 3:00 P.M. **MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Trips are for senior citizens 50 years and older

only, no exceptions. Sign up with Tour Director

for all excursions as early as possible trips are

limited and are on a first pay basis. All casino

dividends are subject to change. Monterey

Park's Recreation/Community Services

Department acts only as an agent in putting

together day and extended trip packages and

does not assume any liability for illness, injury,

damages, loss, accident, or delay due to any act

or default of any company or person involved

in the trip, nor can we be held responsible for

changes made by the tour operator or hotels.

CANCELLATIONS: To receive a refund, if

you must cancel a trip, mail or bring your ticket

to the office. A telephone call is not sufficient.

(Day Trips: at least five working days prior

to date of trip; Overnight Trips: at least 14

working days prior to departure date; Extended

Excursions: as stipulated for specific tour). We

make no refunds after the designated time. If

you wish to cancel after the specified time limit,

we will try to resell your ticket if a waiting list

exists for the trip. A cancellation fee of \$2 per

person on day trip ticket and \$5 per person on

overnight trip ticket will be withheld from the

refund. You may not transfer from one trip to

another, sell, or give away your ticket without a

cancellation fee. After paying the cancellation

fee, (with approval of the Tour Office) you can

sell or give away your ticket to a qualifying

senior prior to trip departure. On any trip

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蒙特利公園市農夫市場：幫您選擇新鮮，健康的食品



蒙特利公園市農夫市場，將在每週五下午4點至8點，在圖書館和市政廳之間的Ramona大街上舉行。

我們的農夫和他們的員工，在各項主題裡都有很好的貼心提示，如儲藏食物，儲藏壽命以及食品準備方面。它的特別之處，是您當地農夫市場之旅變得更珍貴有意義的地方之一。若需更多好提示，請在臉書(montereyparkFM)上關注我們。

來猜一猜蔬菜比賽

測試您對水果和蔬菜方面的知識，從農夫市場裡贏取一籃新鮮的水果和蔬菜。請在12月7日前把正確答案電郵至montereyparkFM@gmail.com，我們將會從眾多參賽者裡抽出一位幸運得主。11月正確答案為甜菜，猜中正確答案的得獎者是Christine Huynh。這個月祝大家幸運！這是什麼蔬菜？提示：除了非常香甜可口以外，它是能在像20度這樣冷的天氣下生長的水果。



農夫市場“雙倍錢”計劃

農夫市場很高興在這裡和大家宣佈提高農夫市場比賽資金計劃。感謝洛杉磯饑饉活動(HungerAction LA)和洛杉磯First 5的支持，我們有了額外的市場比賽資金，給有5歲或5歲以下小孩子的WIC和CalFresh (EBT)接收者。對於那些合資格者，我們現在提高雙倍金額到\$10美元，讓您在市場內消費。換句話說，我們把在市場內的\$10美元購買力，換成\$20美元的購買力。若需更多詳情，請蒞臨農夫市場信息攤位諮詢有關內容，或電郵至montereyparkFM@gmail.com。

無論是雨天還是晴天，農夫市場照樣在每週五下午4點至晚上8點，在蒙特利公園市Bruggemeyer圖書館前開放營業，地址：318 S. Ramona Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91754。請瀏覽網站www.MontereyParkFM.com，或登陸商務通訊，或在臉書網站facebook.com/montereyparkFM上關注我們，查詢最新市場新聞信息。

2014中國農曆新年馬年慶祝活動

蒙特利公園市農曆新年慶祝活動
2014年1月25日至26日，星期六和星期日
早上10點至下午6點
蒙特利公園市市中心
免費入場

因為2013農曆新年慶祝活動的完滿成功，蒙特利公園市，市政府的商業改善區諮詢委員會(BIDAC)和洛杉磯世界日報公司，將再次攜手合辦屬於聖蓋博谷和東洛杉磯區季節性大型活動之一的農曆新年慶祝活動。

2014年蒙特利公園市農曆新年慶祝活動，將於1月25日至26日星期六和星期日，從早上10點至下午6點，在蒙特利公園市市中心，有5個路口長的嘉惠爾大道(Garfield Avenue)和阿罕布拉大道(Alhambra Avenue)之間的嘉偉大道上舉行。

本次活動將有220個商家攤位，為大家呈現不同類型的中國，臺灣，韓國，日本，泰國，越南，馬來西亞，印度尼西亞等東南亞美食和小吃。其它精彩區域還包括禮物和紀念品，玩具，家庭用品，各式商家店鋪和服務。

本活動將免費開放給公眾入場。歡迎所有住在南加州的居民，帶著家人和朋友，來參加這個只有兩天的亞洲文化慶典。

若需更多詳情，請瀏覽市政府網站www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us，搜尋“農曆新年慶祝活動”。

假日白雪村莊(Holiday Snow Village)為市政廳帶來白雪的氣氛，音樂和聖誕老人

12月13日星期五，在博恩斯公園舉行的節慶慶祝活動，將包括雪橇奔跑比賽，市政廳聖誕樹亮燈儀式，來自當地學校社團的現場表演和聖誕老人照相活動。

蒙特利公園市第一年度假日白雪村莊(Holiday Snow Village)慶祝活動，將於12月13日星期五下午5點30分，在市政廳舉行，節目包括聖誕樹亮燈儀式，雪橇奔跑比賽，節慶音樂以及和聖誕老人照相，活動將讓年輕人和老人家都感到快樂。在聖誕樹亮燈儀式舉行過後，參加者將被邀請到博恩斯大舞臺，觀賞快樂的音樂晚會，品嚐熱飲巧克力，還可以看到聖誕老人的來訪並收取禮物。當天室外天氣可能會“比較寒冷”，請記住參加室外活動時多穿一些保暖衣服。

去年的娛樂節目有很多讓人滿意的表演，如來自Rice小學的唱詩班，嘉偉中學的唱詩班，Mark Keppel高中的唱詩班，Schurr高中樂隊，以及聽眾合唱等。

蒙特利公園市的白雪村莊(Holiday Snow Village)是一個很適合全家參與的節慶慶祝活動。若需更多信息，請致電626-307-1388，與休閒娛樂和社區服務部門聯繫。

Farmers' Market de Monterey Park: Los Ayuda a Escoger Alimentos Frescos y Saludables

El Farmers' Market de Monterey Park le da vida a Ramona Avenue entre la Biblioteca y la Municipalidad todos los viernes de 4:00 a 8:00 p.m.

Nuestros granjeros y sus empleados tienen muy buenos consejos sobre temas tales como almacenamiento, duración y preparación de sus productos. Es una de las muchas cualidades especiales que hacen tan único el viaje a su farmers' market local. Para más estupendos consejos, síganos en Facebook (montereyparkFM).

Concurso Adivine ésa Verdura

Ponga a prueba su conocimiento de frutas y verduras y gane una canasta de frutas y verduras frescas del mercado. Envíenos un e-mail con la respuesta correcta al montereyparkFM@gmail.com antes del 7 de Diciembre y escogeremos a un afortunado ganador entre las personas que respondan. La ganadora de Noviembre fué Christine Huynh quién correctamente adivinó Betarraga/Remolacha (Beets). ¡Buena suerte éste mes! ¿Qué fruta es ésta? Sugerencia: Además de ser muy sabrosa, es una fruta de clima muy frío que puede aguantar temperaturas de 20 grados.



Programa “Duplique su Dinero” del Farmers' Market

El Farmers' Market tiene el gusto de anunciar el aumento de los fondos para su programa de Market Match. Gracias al HungerActionLA y a First 5 LA, tenemos fondos adicionales para Market Match para los receptores de WIC y CalFresh (EBT) que tienen niños de cinco años de edad o menos. Para los que reúnen los requisitos, podemos ahora duplicar hasta \$10 de los que usted gaste en el mercado. En otras palabras, podemos volver \$10 en \$20 de poder de compras en el mercado. Para más detalles, visite el puesto de información en el mercado o envíenos un e-mail al montereyparkFM@gmail.com.

El Farmers' Market de Monterey Park está abierto llueve o truene todos los viernes de 4:00 a 8:00 p.m. delante de la Biblioteca MPK Bruggemeyer en el 318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Para mantenerse al tanto de las últimas noticias del mercado, visite www.MontereyParkFM.com y regístrese para recibir el boletín o síganos en Facebook en facebook.com/montereyparkFM.

El Festival del Año Nuevo Lunar 2014 Celebra el Año del Caballo

Festival del Año Nuevo Lunar de Monterey Park
Sábado y Domingo, Enero 25-26, 2014
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Centro de Monterey Park
Entrada Gratis

Debido al éxito del Festival del Año Nuevo Lunar 2013, la Ciudad de Monterey Park, el Business Improvement District Advisory Committee (BIDAC) de la ciudad y el World Journal Los Angeles, LLC colaborarán para producir uno de los más grandes eventos de la temporada en las áreas del Valle de San Gabriel y del Este de Los Angeles.

Este Festival del Año Nuevo Lunar 2014 de Monterey Park ha sido programado para el sábado y domingo, 25 y 26 de Enero, desde las 10 a.m. hasta las 6 p.m. en el centro de Monterey Park en Garvey Avenue en un tramo de cinco cuerdas entre Garfield y Alhambra Avenues.

Habrán 220 puestos de vendedores, representando diferentes tipos étnicos como chino, taiwanés, coreano, japonés, tailandés, vietnamita, malasio, indonesio así como otras comidas y aperitivos asiáticos. Otras áreas de atracción incluyen regalos y recuerdos, juguetes, artefactos domésticos, diversos negocios y servicios.

La entrada es gratis y está abierta al público. Todos los residentes del Sur de California son bienvenidos a traer familiares y amistades a ésta celebración de dos días de la cultura asiática.

Para más información, por favor visite el website de la ciudad en el www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us y busque el “Festival del Año Nuevo Lunar.”

La Festividad de Snow Village Trae Nieve, Música y a Santa a la Municipalidad

Celebren la temporada en el Barnes Park, el viernes, 13 de Diciembre con trineos en corredores de nieve, la iluminación del árbol de la Municipalidad, interpretaciones de grupos escolares locales y una visita de Santa.

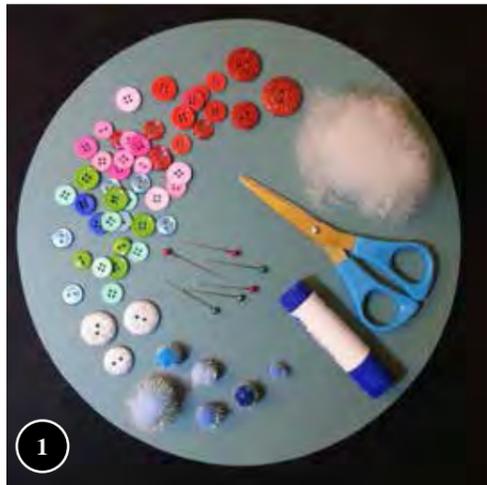
La primera festividad anual de Snow Village de Monterey Park les encantará tanto a la juventud como a los adultos con la ceremonia de la iluminación del árbol, trineos en corredores de nieve, música festiva y fotos con Santa, el viernes 13 de Diciembre a las 5:30 p.m. en la Municipalidad. Después de la iluminación del árbol, los concurrentes serán invitados al Anfiteatro del Barnes Park para una alegre noche de música y refrigerios – además de una visita y regalo de Santa. Acuérdense que el tiempo afuera puede ser muy frío, así que abríguense para éste evento al aire libre.

El entretenimiento en años anteriores ha incluido interpretaciones que agradaron mucho al público tales como el coro de la escuela Rice Elementary, el coro de la escuela intermedia Garvey, el coro de la escuela secundaria Mark Keppel, la banda de la escuela secundaria Schurr, y el acompañamiento de canciones de la audiencia.

El Snow Village de Monterey Park es un maravilloso evento para toda la familia durante la temporada festiva. Para más información, por favor llamen al Departamento de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios al 626-307-1388.

Christmas Tree

by Sharon Ma



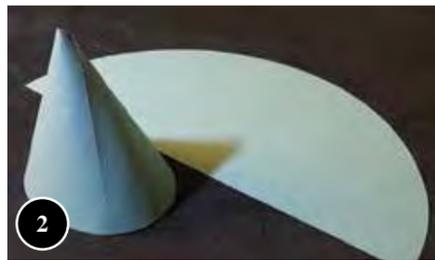
Christmas is around the corner! No matter you are the one who can't wait for the many parties and family gatherings; or you just want to quietly lay on a cozy couch with your loved one, a little sense of Christmas is essential. With easy to find and affordable materials, you can custom make an adorable decoration for your coffee table, or as a center piece on the dining table.

- Materials you need: (fig. 01)**
- construction paper cut in circle
 - different sizes buttons in color of your choice
 - pom pom balls (fig. 01)
 - small charms (optional)
 - pins (in matching color preferable)
 - fiberfill

- Tools you need:**
- scissors
 - glue

Steps:

1. Cut the paper circle in half. Make it into a cone shape and glue the edge. (fig. 02)
2. Fill the cone with fiberfill. (fig. 03)
3. Freely pin the buttons and pom pom balls on the cone. (fig. 04)
4. Here you go the cute and unique Christmas tree! Merry Christmas! (fig. 05)



Monterey Park Lions Announce Night Meetings to be Held



The Monterey Park Lions invites you to their new Monthly evening meeting on Tuesday Dec. 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Lion's Manor (215 North Chandler Avenue, 6th Floor, Monterey Park, CA 91754). This new schedule is in response to new members who find an evening meeting more suitable, coffee/beverages & light desserts will be served. The MPK Lion's will continue with their second meeting of the month (third Tuesday) as a luncheon starting at noon.

This new schedule is to help current members, who are unable to get away from work during lunchtime, and to attract new members who find an evening meeting more convenient. This is a great opportunity in building the MPK Lion's membership to better support our commitment to the community, so please spread the word. For more information please call Larry Sullivan at 626.428.1877 or email at mpklionsclub@gmail.com.

Through the years the membership of the Monterey Park Lions Club has remained deeply committed to helping our community with the Eye-Sight for Kids Program, the Pancake Breakfast, Student Speakers contest and the White Cane programs.

The Monterey Park Lions Club looks forward to seeing you and a friend at our next evening meeting on December 3rd!

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