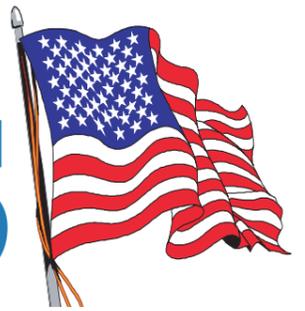




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February 2013



Library Foundation Dinner Gala

The Monterey Park Library Foundation will be hosting an elegant and festive evening of dinner and dancing to support the MPK Bruggemeyer Library.

The "Black and White Gala" will be held Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Quiet Cannon banquet center, overlooking the beautiful Montebello Golf Course. In honor of the theme of the evening, black or white cocktail attire is requested.

The affair will start with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7:00 p.m.

Individual tickets are available at \$60 each. Organizations, businesses or individuals can sponsor the event as follows: Gold level-\$1,000 for table of ten, Silver level-\$600 for table of ten. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information or reservations please contact the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library Administration at 626-307-1269.

The Quiet Cannon is located at 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello.

Join the Parade

Be a Part of Monterey Park's Birthday Celebration

The Play Days Parade is coming May 18 and your club, church, or organization is invited to participate. The city is inviting local groups of all kinds to walk in the parade and show their community spirit.

As the parade date approaches, look for more information here in the Cascades or on the city website on how you can register your group to be a part of Monterey Park's annual birthday bash. For more info please contact the Recreation Department 626-307-1388.

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Lunar New Year Festival Feb. 2-3

Celebrate the coming of spring at the annual Lunar New Year Festival February 2-3 in downtown Monterey Park. Residents from all over Southern California will be joining their family and friends to usher in the Year of the Snake with two days of live entertainment, delicious cuisine, and seasonal gifts celebrating Asian culture.

Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival

Saturday, February 2, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sunday, February 3, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Downtown Monterey Park
Garvey Avenue between Garfield and Alhambra Avenues.

toys, home appliances, and other various businesses and services.

Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival visitors will be entertained with live dancers, bands, martial arts, cooking demonstrations and more. LA Voice, the Youth Cup Singing Contest will be held for the first time on the site of the festival for two days, including a semi-final and final contest. Visitors to the festival will be invited to pick the most popular on-site singer among all contestants with other winners picked by judges. The singing contest will occupy one of the two large stages built on the site. The other stage will be used to present scheduled performances that will go on for two days during the festival.

The Year of the Snake

The Snake is one of the 12-year cycles of animals forming the Chinese or Asian zodiac and related to the lunar calendar. The snake symbolizes wealth, nobility, the self-made spirit that leads to success and is a guardian saint. People born during the Year of the Snake are said to be endowed with wisdom and deep philosophical understanding. They are thinkers who excel in finding solutions to complex problems.

One of the largest Lunar New Year events in East Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley, the festival is co-produced by the City of Monterey Park, the Business Improvement District Advisory committee (BIDAC) and World Journal Los Angeles, LLC.

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

Admission to the festival is free and open to the public

New for 2013, the area of the festival will be expanded to cover Garvey Avenue from Garfield Avenue and reaching five blocks east to Alhambra Avenue. Also look for more vendors, more diversified retailers, a longer period of operation, and more exciting activities, including a youth singing contest.

Some 220 vendor booths, representing different types of ethnic Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Japanese, Thai, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Indonesian and other Asian cuisines and snacks will be open for visitor enjoyment. Other areas of attraction include gifts and souvenirs,

Neighborhood Recipe Swap at Farmers' Market

The Monterey Park Farmers' Market kicks off our "Neighborhood Recipe Swap" in February. Submit your favorite recipe using local seasonal fruits and veggies from our farmers to join in! We'll highlight one local resident with cooking prowess (who wants to be on stage) to demo their favorite recipe @ 5:30pm each Friday. Email for details.

In March, a program is highlighted each Friday. March 1st: cooking demo @ 5:30pm, March 8th: Zumba @ 6:30pm, March 15th: Ask the Dietitian (4-6pm), and March 22nd: local non-profits and service clubs spotlight.

Finally, our Market Match program for EBT and SSI recipients has returned. It helps double \$5 of your funds to purchase more fruits and veggies at the market. Please come to the red information booth for more info.

If you are interested in participating in our Recipe Swap or have any questions, e-mail us at montereyparkfm@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook (montereyparkFM).

The Market is held every Friday, 4-8pm at the library, 318 S. Ramona Ave.



Spring Recreation and Swim Classes Registration Begins March 2

Save time and go online at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us

Spring is almost here and that means the Recreation Department is offering up hundreds of fun and healthy activities for you and your family's enjoyment.

Don't waste a minute waiting in line to register for your favorite Monterey Park Recreation Dept. classes, sign up via the Internet from the comfort of your home or work computer. Internet users can visit the City website to browse and register for the full catalog of swim, fitness, education, art, music, dance, tennis, martial arts, senior classes, and more available from the Recreation Department.

Registration dates for spring programming:

| | Online | Walk-In |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Recreation Classes | Saturday, March 2, 2013 | Monday, March 4, 2013 |
| Aquatics Swim Classes | Saturday, March 2, 2013 | Monday, March 4, 2013 |

Online registration for both swim and general recreation classes is available via the City's website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us. Registration can be accessed by clicking on the Recreation Classes/Online Registration button on the front page; or by navigating to the Recreation Department page; or by searching for "registration information." For first time users, step-by-step instructions are also available on the city website.

Walk-in registration is available at the City Hall Recreation Department, 320 W. Newmark Avenue. For more information contact the Rec. Dept. at 626-307-1388 or visit www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.



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MONTEREY PARK MEETING DATES

- CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**
1st and 3rd Wednesday • 7:00 P.M.
City Hall • Council Chambers
320 W. Newmark Avenue
- ART & CULTURE COMMISSION**
2nd Wednesday • 6:30 P.M.
El Encanto • 700 El Mercado Avenue
- BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DIST. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
January, April, July, October
3rd Thursday • 3:30 P.M.
City Hall, Room 266
- COMMISSION ON AGING**
3rd Monday • 11:00 A.M.
Langley Senior Center • 400 W. Emerson Avenue
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION**
4th Wednesday • 7:00 P.M.
El Encanto • 700 El Mercado Avenue
- DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**
1st and 3rd Tuesday • 7:00 P.M.
City Hall • Council Chambers
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION**
1st Tuesday • 7:00 P.M.
City Hall • Community Room 102
- ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**
2nd Tuesday • 6:00 P.M.
City Hall, Room 266
- HISTORICAL-HERITAGE COMMISSION**
Meets on Call
City Hall • Community Room
- LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3rd Tuesday • 7:00 P.M.
Monterey Park Bruggemyer Library
318 S. Ramona Avenue
- MODIFICATION COMMITTEE**
Meets on Call
- PERSONNEL BOARD**
2nd Wednesday • 7:00 P.M.
City Hall • Council Chambers
- PLANNING COMMISSION**
2nd and 4th Tuesday • 7:00 P.M.
City Hall • Council Chambers
- RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION**
1st Monday • 7:00 P.M.
City Hall • Council Chambers
- SISTER CITY COMMISSION**
Meets on Call Quarterly
- TRAFFIC COMMISSION**
3rd Thursday • 7:00 P.M.
City Hall • Council Chambers
- YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**
4th Wednesday • 6:30 P.M.
El Encanto • 700 El Mercado Avenue

Monterey Park General Municipal Election Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Voter registration deadline for the March 5, 2013 election is February 18th. Voters who are not "Permanent Vote By Mail" voters can request a Vote by Mail application beginning February 4th through February 26th.

The purpose of the election will be to elect two Council Members, one City Clerk and one City Treasurer to each serve a four year term ending March 2017. Two proposed Measures will also be on the ballot. One is to establish term limits for elected officials and the second measure is to update the Utility User Tax ordinance.

Voter registration forms are available in the City Clerk's office at City Hall and many other public locations such as the U.S. Post Offices. For more election information you can also visit the city's website at <http://www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us/index.aspx?page=2090>

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| Code Enforcement | (626) 307-1415 |
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| Graffiti Removal | (626) 307-1449 |
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| Planning and Zoning | (626) 307-1315 |
| Police (emergency only) | 911 |
| 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 and Community Services | (626) 307-1388 |
| Recycling Hotline | (626) 307-2510 |
| Redevelopment | (626) 307-1385 |
| Refuse (Athens Services) | (626) 336-3636 |
| Special Events | (626) 307-1390 |
| Tree Trimming | (626) 307-1292 |
| Water Billing | (626) 307-1342 |
| Water Dept. After Hours | (626) 307-1282 |
| Weed Abatement | (626) 307-1415 |

Visit the City at: www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us

City Hall Hours

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

City Events Calendar

- February 2-3 Lunar New Year Festival, Downtown Monterey Park at Garvey and Garfield Avenues.
- February 6 Regular City Council mtg., 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 18 Presidents' Day holiday, City Hall closed.
- February 19 City Council Guests & Presentations mtg., 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 20 Regular City Council mtg., 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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

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CERT Emergency Training Class Scheduled for Spring 2013

Take an active role in your personal emergency preparedness and sign up today

It's a sobering thought, but following a major disaster first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet all the demand for their services. Factors such as the sheer 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. In situations such as these, 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 an upcoming CERT class anticipated for Spring of 2013. The class is typically held on four Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. 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. 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. Once the dates for the Spring 2013 class are determined they will be emailed to all those individuals with an application on file.

For additional information please contact the Monterey Park Fire Dept. at 626-307-1423.

Monterey Park Receives Acclaim for Budget Presentation

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City of Monterey Park, California for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

The City's budget process is coordinated by the Finance Division. This is the 22nd time that the City has been awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in its budgeting.



City E-Newsletter Keeps You Up To Date

Publication features news on a twice-monthly basis via email. Social media feeds like Twitter and Nixle also available.

Subscribe to Monterey Park's new e-newsletter and stay informed about what's happening in your city. Available by email, the e-newsletter is designed to be a quick and concise roundup of city events for people on the go. The e-newsletter is produced about twice a month and features information and calendar items that might not have made it into the monthly Cascades newspaper.

Subscription is easy—simply visit the city homepage and look for the "E-Newsletter and Social Media" link and pick the way you'd like to be informed about city issues.

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

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In addition to our e-mail lists, city departments such as police and fire also offer links to popular social media like Nixle or Twitter. For example Twitter users can follow general city info @CityofMPK. For more information about electronic mailing lists or social media, please visit the city website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us and navigate to Quick Links>Email Subscriptions and Social Media Links.

Two New Restaurants Coming to Atlantic Square

The Atlantic Square Shopping Center will soon welcome Chipotle Mexican Grill; followed soon after by Niko Niko Japanese food.

Chipotle Mexican Grill is anticipated to open mid to late January 2013. Chipotle Mexican Grill offers a casual dining experience. This is a "build your own burrito or taco" experience. There is a bar area with a large selection of items for you to choose from to assemble a taco, burrito, or bowl to your tastes. You can build it healthy or less healthy; whichever you're in the mood for. You create your own dining experience at Chipotle.

Niko Niko's Japanese Food is, again, a casual restaurant with delicious food. This restaurant offers a very large menu at very reasonable prices. This is a Japanese fusion restaurant offering the freshest seafood, meat and produce. The service is wonderful and the experience promises to be one the best.

Look for both of these restaurants in the Atlantic Square!



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City Council Action Review

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City Council Meeting of November 21, 2012

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

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-25 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated November 21, 2012 totaling \$5,992.90 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2 The City Council received and filed the Investment Report for October 2012.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 3 The City Council adopted Resolution No. SA-26 approving the Amended Third Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period between January-June 2013; approved the Amended Successor

Agency Administrative Budget for July-December 2012 and January- June 2013.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 4 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. HSA-13 of the Housing Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated November 21, 2012 totaling \$11,048.30 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 5 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11535 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated November 21, 2012 Totaling \$546,287.87 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 for October 2012.

Agenda Item 7 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11536 of the Monterey Park City Council, casting its votes for Council Member Luis Ayala from the City of Alhambra, to represent Cities with prescriptive pumping rights on the Board of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.

Agenda Item 8 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with J. A. Blash Enterprises/Shamrock Shows/North American Amusements Inc., for three years and authorized the revenue generated from the agreement to be budgeted for the Play Days Parade, Play Days entertainment, and for the ancillary costs to Play Days.

Agenda Item 9 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to continue City Prosecutorial Services with Dapeer, Rosenblitt, & Litvak.

Agenda Item 10 The City Council awarded the contract for construction of the Emergency Operations Center to the lowest bidder, Accelerated Modular Concepts Inc. of Victorville in the amount of \$443,282.

Agenda Item 11 The City Council authorized the City Manager to purchase a replacement mid size pick-up truck for the Water Department in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 12 A Public Hearing was held and City Council adopted Resolution No.

11537 Levying Assessments for Business Improvement District No. 1 for Program Year 2013 in accordance with Government Code §36624 to increase funding at 3 percent and additional conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 13 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11538 placing an initiative on the ballot amending utility user tax regulations and adopted Resolution No. 11539 directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis for the ballot initiatives.

Agenda Item 14 The City Council discussed placing an initiative on the ballot regarding term limits. Government Code § 36502(b) allows voters to impose term limits for serving on the City Council. No action was taken.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

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

Adjourned: The City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

City Council Meeting of December 5, 2012

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

The City Manager announced that the Special Council Meeting scheduled concurrent with the regular meeting has been cancelled. Also Agenda Item 2 will be continued to a Special Council Meeting on December 11, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-27 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated December 5, 2012 totaling \$1,122,053.93 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 2 The City Council continued this item to a Special Council Meeting

scheduled December 11, 2012 to do a due diligence review of the Successor Agency's Non-Housing Assets.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 3 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11540 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated December 5, 2012 Totaling \$1,384,314.83 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 4 The City Council affirmed the Mayor's selection and appointment of Annie Young, Financial Services Manager, to the Oversight Board of the City of Monterey Park as Successor Agency to the Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34179.

Agenda Item 5 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for FEMA Integrated Public Alert And Warning System (IPAWS) and execute such ancillary agreements that may be required.

Agenda Item 6 The City Council awarded the contract for the Fire Station 62 and 63 Roof Repair to the lowest bidder, Adco Roofing of North Hollywood, in the amount of \$97,001.00

and allocated an additional \$36,700 in Public Safety Impact Fees to complete the project.

Agenda Item 7 The City Council authorized the allocation of \$48,100 General Fund Capital Project Reserves for the Sequoia Park ADA Improvements and awarded the contract for the Sequoia Park ADA Improvements to the lowest bidder, CT&T of Diamond Bar, in the amount of \$43,680.00.

Agenda Item 8 The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase a Case DV201 compactor from Case Power Equipment at the cost of \$51,286.96 per Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050(3).

Agenda Item 9 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Transtech Engineering, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for Professional Services for Interim Staffing Positions in the Public Works and Community Development.

Agenda Item 10 The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement on behalf of the City, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with JWA Urban Consultants, Inc., in to administer the City's CDBG/HOME programs not to

exceed \$125,000.

ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agenda Item 11 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11541 placing an initiative on the previously called March 5, 2013 Municipal Election pursuant to Elections Code § 9222 regarding Term Limits; adopted Resolution No. 11542 directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the ballot measure regarding city council term limits; and adopted Resolution No. 11543 establishing requirements for ballot arguments filed with the City Clerk to be included with voter information for the previously called municipal election on March 5, 2013.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

The City Council cancelled the January 2, 2013 Council Meeting.

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

Adjourned: The City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Special Council Meeting of December 11, 2012

The City Council meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m., with one Council Member absent.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1 The City Council adopted Resolution No. SA-28 of the Successor Agency to the Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency approving a Non-Housing Assets Due Diligence Report; authorized staff to distribute the Due Diligence Review to the Oversight Board, County Auditor-Controller, State Controller, and the Department of Finance; authorized staff to take the Due Diligence Review to the Oversight Board for their review and approval; and authorized staff to forward the review to the Department of Finance upon the Oversight Board's approval.

Adjourned: The City Council adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

City Council Meeting of December 19, 2012

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

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-29 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated December 19, 2012 totaling \$1,440.43 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 2 The City Council received and filed the investment report as of November 2012.

Agenda Item 3 The City Council approved the minutes from the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meetings of November 7, 2012 and November 21, 2012.

HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 4 The City Council approved the minutes from the Housing Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meetings of November 7, 2012 and November 21, 2012.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 5 The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11544 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated December 19, 2012 Totaling \$6,571,547.75 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 November 2012.

Agenda Item 7 The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meetings of November 7, 2012 and November 21, 2012, and the Special Meeting of November 21, 2012.

Agenda Item 8 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11545 approving an amendment to the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), and authorizing the City Manager to execute the JPA Amendment.

Agenda Item 9 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11546 declaring personal property as surplus and authorizing the City Manager to dispose of such property by sale, donation, or other means. The anticipated use will be to exchange Micro Galil rifles for Hecker & Koch rifles.

Agenda Item 10 The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase a Kubota L45 loader/backhoe from Diamond "A" Equipment at the cost of \$62,855.24 per Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050(3).

Agenda Item 11 The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11547 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the

California Energy Commission, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to accept Grant Funding to install a compressed natural gas fueling station.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 12 The City Council held a Public Hearing; adopted Resolution No. 11548 certifying the final supplemental environmental impact report for the Monterey Park Market Place Development; making environmental findings pursuant to CEQA; adopting a statement of overriding considerations; and adopting a mitigation monitoring program; adopted Resolution No. 11549 approving Precise Plan PP-12-01 and Tentative Map No. 071549 (TM-12-01) for the Monterey Park Market Place Development; and waived first reading and introduced an Ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City of Monterey Park and Monterey Park Retail Partners, LLC allowing development of the Monterey Park Market Place.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

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

Adjourned: The City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Lilian Kawaratani

"She's such an angel. It doesn't matter where you come from, she helps everybody," said Betty Alfaro, a Monterey Park resident who has lived in the city for over 21 years. Alfaro is speaking about her Citizenship Preparation teacher, Lilian Kawaratani, who has helped both her and her husband become United States citizens.

Kawaratani is a volunteer at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library that teaches one of the three Citizenship Preparation classes. Kawaratani was recognized as Tutor of the Decade by Norma Arvizu, the City Librarian. According to Arvizu, "The Tutor of the Decade recognition is the epitome of volunteerism anyone can attain in our library. To be selected, a volunteer must demonstrate continued volunteer hours throughout a ten year period of service to the library and have measurable outcomes on the impact the candidate's volunteer services have made to anyone person or to the community." Arvizu continues, "Lilian Kawaratani is a beacon of inspiration as far as volunteers go. Ms. Kawaratani was selected as Tutor of the Decade because she had become a permanent fixture in the library with her daily presence helping our citizenship students learn the English language skills necessary to read, write and orally communicate to pass their citizenship exams. She does this by teaching the citizenship preparation classes every Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and is present daily as well, to offer additional personal tutoring coaching sessions to those students who have interview appointment. Ms. Kawaratani has assisted over 1,000 students in becoming new citizens in the past ten years. No other single volunteer has been able to exceed this record to date."

Kawaratani recalls the impact that the library has had in her childhood. Born in Oahu, Hawaii, she was raised in a very poor family. It was also a carefree period when she was free to play and run around the neighborhood. At the time, she was told that as long as she can write her name, she can get a library card and borrow books. This opened up the doors to a world beyond her island home. Then, the attack on Pearl Harbor happened. It was such a sudden and unexpected attack that her father initially thought it was military maneuvers. She was very young but can still remember the gas mask and blackouts. Fortunately, except for the FBI going to her house to check for shortwave radios, Kawaratani and her family were not affected as much as other families during that period. Kawaratani's husband, Yukio, author of the book, "Reluctant Samurai: Memoirs of an Urban Planner," had suffered through a more difficult time. The event tore up his family, his brothers went to war, and after the age of 14, he never saw his father again.

Kawaratani married her husband and had four children in five years. They have been residents of Monterey Park for over 50 years. Her life centers around family, six grandchildren and the library. The library has always been a part of their family's life. Kawaratani enjoys fond memories of bringing her children to the library. Kawaratani and her husband are also active supporters of the city library. They worked on Measure C which secured funding to upgrade the library; enable Sunday afternoon hours; and provide for additional library materials. It also created part of the matching funds necessary to qualify for a grant to expand and renovate the library.

While raising her family, Kawaratani also taught ESL at the Alhambra Adult School. Kawaratani attended Teachers College, Columbia University for her master's degree and is also lifetime credentialed to teach. During that time, she was approached by the director of the Literacy for All of Monterey Park (LAMP) program who asked her "Why don't you come and help?" Busy with four kids, a husband and teaching ESL, Kawaratani respectfully declined with a promise to help once time permits. The LAMP director later ran into her after she had retired in 1999, and reminded her about her promise.

Kawaratani currently teaches the Citizenship Preparation class and trains volunteers. She has been instrumental in shaping the current citizenship program to help her students succeed. The students attend group classes until they receive their interview appointment letter from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), at which time, the students will switch and gain the benefit of one-on-one tutoring. She puts 200% effort into helping her students be prepared and expects the same from her students in return.

Kawaratani says she receives a lot of intangible rewards from her volunteer experience. She recalls a student who was so discouraged by the bad experience he had from the failure of his first citizenship interview. He subsequently became her student and she worked diligently with him. After he passed and became a U.S. citizen, he told her "you don't know how much this means to me." Inspired and encouraged, he continues to attend classes and study English at the library.

Kawaratani has a sincere dedication and commitment to her students and the library. She reminds us that there are a very caring group of individuals who give from their hearts, and that in addition to the books and materials, the library offers other tremendous resources to the city.

Written by Janet Yu, Cascades contributor.



Monterey Park Recognized for Climate Action Plan

The City of Monterey Park was awarded the Green Leadership Award from the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership (SGVEWP) as the first city in the San Gabriel Valley to adopt a full Climate Action Plan (CAP).

"By developing and adopting a Climate Action Plan, the City of Monterey Park is leading by example by setting out clear goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and a pathway for achieving those goals," The San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership stated.

Under the CAP, the city aims to reduce overall emissions to 15 percent below 2009 levels by 2020. The CAP is available on the city website for anyone interested in learning about these goals and policies.

The SGVEWP is a partnership between the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Southern California Edison to bring energy savings to the San Gabriel Valley. Monterey Park was recognized for being at the forefront of this undertaking.

The city is currently working on developing two new General Plan Elements focused on health and sustainability. More information about these projects is available on the city's website at <http://tinyurl.com/healthy-sustainableMPK>; by contacting the planning department via email at planning@montereypark.ca.gov; or by calling 626-307-1315.

Business License Renewal Information

All businesses located in and conducting business in the City of Monterey Park must renew their license by January 31, 2013. Any renewals received February 1, 2013 and after are considered delinquent and will be charged a 10% per month penalty on the unpaid balance.

Home Occupation businesses must complete their Home Occupation Inspections prior to renewing the business license. The Code Enforcement Division (phone 626-307-1415) began conducting home inspections the first of November. If you have not already had an inspection, please do so as soon as possible. Without the signed off inspection form even if you mail your license fees, your license is considered incomplete and you will not be mailed a business license until you have provided the signed off inspection form to the license division.

Any business located in the City that changed their business address must obtain a Certificate of Occupancy prior to renewing their business license. This includes moving to or expanding into another suite at the same location. A business license is only good for the exact address that it is issued to and not for any other location within the City. If you pay your renewal but have moved, your license is considered incomplete and you will not be mailed a business license until you have complied with all requirements.

Businesses requiring additional paperwork or permits:

- Businesses using vehicles must submit proof of automobile insurance with your license fees.
- Businesses who need permits (such as gun dealers, childcare providers, taxicabs, etc) must complete their permit process prior to license renewal otherwise the license is considered incomplete.
- Businesses located in the B.I.D. district in downtown Monterey Park must pay those fees along with the business license fee or the license is considered incomplete and you will not be mailed a business license until you have complied with all requirements.

Additionally, on September 19, 2012, the Governor signed into law, SB 1186, a bill which went into effect on January 1, 2013, imposes a \$1.00 state fee on any applicant for a local business license or a renewal and is to be collected by cities. Each license renewal form, as well as all new applications, will show this \$1.00 fee added.

For more information on SB 1186 please visit <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/> and search for SB1186.

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LAMP Literacy, ESL and Citizenship Preparation Program

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

ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes

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

Citizenship Preparation Classes

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

One to One Tutoring for Adult Literacy

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

Join the LAMP Team of Volunteers!

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

Preschool Valentine's Storytime and Craft Program

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the Children's Services Department will conduct a Valentine storytime on Thursday, February 14 at 10:30 am for preschoolers and their accompanying adults. After the stories, children can participate in a "Valentine's Card" craft program in the Arts & Crafts Room. The program materials are free to the first twenty preschoolers. For more details, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

Chinese New Year Tween Program

The Children's Services Department invites tweens, (children ages 9-12) to a special Chinese New Year program on Thursday, February 21 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. To celebrate the Year of the Snake, Tweens can participate in a "Paper Chain Snake" craft program. The program materials are free and light refreshments will be served compliments of the Friends of the Library. For more details, please call the Children's Department at (626) 307-1358.

Storytimes

The Children's Department offers storytime programs with age appropriate reading activities for infants through third grade. Every Thursday at 10 am infants and their caregivers gather in the Storytime Room to participate in songs, movement, puppets and stories. The library offers the following Storytime schedule for infants through third grade:

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| Tuesdays 7:30 pm | for Kindergartners up to third grade |
| Wednesdays 4:00 pm | for Kindergartners up to third grade |
| Thursdays 10:00 am | for infants (one parent or caregiver per child is required) |
| Thursdays 10:30 am | for preschoolers |

Each storytime lasts about 30 minutes. For safety, children need to be accompanied by an adult/guardian during all storytime programs. For further information, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

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 participate as homework helpers by volunteering their time and expertise on school subjects such as English, mathematics and science. The program is held in the Homework Assistance Room Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:00 pm during the school year and is conducted in English. Please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358 for more information about this free service.

Monday Night Computer Classes in Mandarin

Monday night computer classes in Mandarin are scheduled for February 4, 11, and 25 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.

Wednesday Morning Intermediate Computer Classes in English

The library will offer Intermediate Computer Classes in English on Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27 in the Computer Lab from 10:30 am – 12 noon. The classes will focus on introducing and practicing Word applications for creating and editing text documents. Pre-registration is required. For more information contact the Reference Desk at 626-307-1368.

Join the Library Team of Computer Volunteer Instructors

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

Open Computer Lab

Adults wanting to practice computer skills can join the open computer lab on Tuesday evenings February 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 7:00-8:30 pm. The lab is designed to offer reinforcement and practice time for adults in the library's computer classes and is also open to those needing personalized help with computer programs such as E-mail, Microsoft Word, Excel, and the Internet. A library staff member will be present to answer questions. There is no registration required, but seating is limited to a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

Celebrate Chinese New Year at the Library

To celebrate Chinese New Year 2013, the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library will present a special program on Sunday, February 24 at 1:00 pm in the Friends Room. The program features Chinese folk dance performances with two talented dancers and a Chinese film after the dance performance. The Friends of the Monterey Park Library will provide light refreshments and door prizes at the free program. The library welcomes families to celebrate the Chinese New Year at the library. For additional information contact the Reference Desk at 626- 307-1368.

Midweek Movies @ the Library

The first Wednesday of each month showcases a new to DVD released Movie. On Wednesday, February 6 at 3:30 pm, an action adventure film features Agent Jay as he travels back in time to 1969 and teams up with a younger version of Agent Kay to stop an evil alien from destroying the future. The film pro-

gram rated PG-13 is free and snacks will be provided compliments of The Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For more information contact the Reference Desk at 626-307-1368.

JF Programs

Fun Programs By Youth For Youth

The Junior Friends, a teen volunteer organization at the library will host a Valentine themed "Perler Bead" craft program on Wednesday, February 13 at 3 pm. Don't be caught short for that special day, we will have everything you need to tell that someone special, (or Mom) that you care. The Junior Friends host a program each month for youth at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. For more information contact the Reference Desk at 626-307-1368.

Books to Films

The Teen Book Club will meet to read and watch Dan Brown's bestselling detective-conspiracy thriller on Wednesday, February 27 at 3:30 pm. Directly following the movie we will have a short discussion comparing the book to the movie. If you haven't read this Dan Brown thriller, no worries, the library has copies that can be checked out and a limited number of free copies. For more information see Darren at the Reference Desk or call 626-307-1368.

Teen Tech Week

Teens- Do you have a new Smart Phone or Laptop? Want to put them to work for you? In celebration of Teen Tech Week, we will share some of our favorite apps and tips on Wednesday, February 20 at 3 pm in the Friends Room. For more information see Darren at the Reference Desk or call 626-307-1368.

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Front row (left to right): Salvatore Cruz & Tanaja Sims from La Merced Intermediate School; Bianca Trevizo & Anthony Gabriele from Monterey Highlands School. Standing: Doug Murakami, Bella Vista Optimist; Michael Ladjevic, La Merced Intermediate Principal; Debbie Kotani, Monterey Highlands Principal; and Michell Sakado, Bella Vista Optimist Club President.

Bella Vista Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Awards Night

Local area youths were honored at the Bella Vista Optimist Club's annual "Youth Appreciation Awards Night" at Salvatore's Italian Restaurant in November. The program is held to honor youths who contribute to the local community in the arts, athletics, academics and community service work. This program encourages young boys and girls to give their time unselfishly to the betterment of their community. Four area youths, two from Monterey Highlands Elementary and two from La Merced Intermediate schools were presented with monetary awards.

Anthony Gabriele and Bianca Trevizo from Monterey Highlands, and Tanaja Sims and Salvatore Cruz from La Merced Intermediate were honored at the lovely dinner program.



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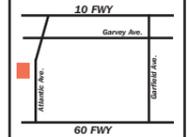
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American Legion Post 397 March News

The American Legion and the Auxiliary want to thank all of its members and supporters who helped make the Annual Christmas Party such a huge success. Many of you helped make this a great event for all of the families and friends that participated. A special thanks to the Monterey Park Fire Department for their wonderful contributions. We all made a lot of kids very happy.

In March we plan to have Friday Dinners on March 1st, serving pork chops, March 15th serving brisket. We serve dinner from 6 p.m.

On March 23rd we will hold our annual Pancake Breakfast, serving pancakes, eggs, sausages, juice and coffee for \$7. Please join us for this special event. We appreciate that many of you have supported this event over the years.

Contact Commander Gabriel Suarez (626) 232-4850. "Like" us on Facebook. Email: post 397@gmail.com. Call the Post at (626) 571-9211.

"Grandparent Scam" Targets More Than Just Seniors

Although the so-called "Grandparent Scam" has been used in our city to target well-meaning grandparents, clever thieves have been expanding their tactics to include other family members as well. This scam has been occurring across the country for several years and has, on occasion, been used in Monterey Park. These types of scams can occur over the telephone or through email.

One resident fell victim to the scam when a female called the elderly victim posing as her niece. This "niece" said that she was in Canada, had been involved in an accident and she was in desperate need for money. The victim was urged to wire \$1,000 to Canada via Western Union and the caring aunt willingly did so. After sharing this incident with a friend, the victim was notified of the "Grandparent Scam" and urged to call her niece to verify receipt of the money. Upon calling her niece the victim learned that her niece was not in Canada nor had she called to ask for financial assistance.

Another resident contacted the police department to report that he had received a similar call from someone posing as his nephew. The caller sounded like his nephew and carried on a conversation with the victim as though he knew about the family. The perpetrator claimed to be jailed in Mexico and requested money to be wired over to bail him out. The caller even went so far as to give the name of an actual U.S. Consulate representative serving in Mexico as the person to direct the Western Union funds to. Feeling some suspicion, the uncle called the consulate and verified that the person was an employee there. Although suspicious, this was enough information to convince the uncle to send the money. He later learned his nephew had not called requesting money.

Unlike most scams that promise something for nothing, this one targets the love and concern of family members. Family members want to help their loved ones. However, before sending money to anyone it is important to verify the information to avoid becoming a victim.

Consider the following when contacted via telephone or e-mail by someone claiming to be a family member in need:

- Do not volunteer information such as a name of a family member that you may believe is at the other end of the line. The more personal / family information you accidentally divulge the better their chances to scam you.
- Keep in mind that scam artists can easily obtain personal information via newspapers, web sites, family blogs, and social networking sites.
- Do not give in to the urgency to wire money to the person in need.
- Be leery about the need to wire money to Mexico, Canada or other foreign locations.
- Verify the call for financial assistance by contacting another family member or by personally calling the family member claiming to be at the other end of the line (do not ask the caller for a call back number).
- If you think that you have become victim to a scam, contact the local police department where the incident occurred.

For further crime prevention information, contact the Monterey Park Police Department Community Relations Bureau at (626) 307-1215 or visit our website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

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500 N ATLANTIC BLVD

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800 W FERNFIELD DR
500 N YNEZ AVE
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700 W POMONA BLVD
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2000 S ATLANTIC BLVD
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Tree Memorial Award Nomination Period Open Through February

Annual award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the Monterey Park Community

Nominations for the city's 2013 Tree Memorial Award are now being accepted by the Recreation and Community Services Department through February 2013.

Since their establishment in 2001, the tree memorials have been awarded to recognize individuals who have made significant positive contributions to the community. This prestigious award is reserved for persons who has demonstrated the highest level of civic involvement, and can be awarded to a person living or deceased.

Recent recipients of the award include Ruth and Irv Willner, Benjamin "Frank" Venti, Verne Heitman, Horacio Diaz and Dr. Frances Wu.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of Historical Heritage and Recreation and Park Commissioners. The committee will make their recommendation to the City Council in April, and a ceremony honoring the individuals will take place in May. Plaques will be installed under designated trees as recognition of their accomplishments.

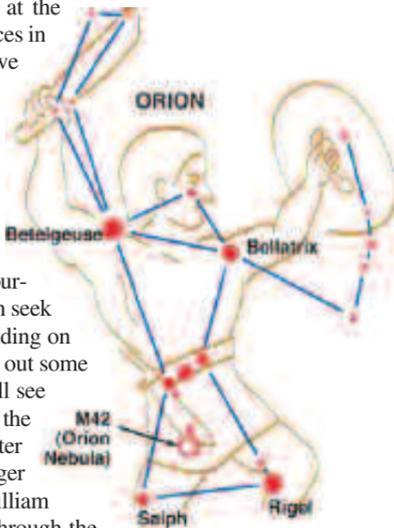
Groups or individuals who wish to nominate an individual must complete the application process. Applications are available at the city hall recreation department, 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. For more information, please call recreation at 626-307-1388.

From the Los Angeles Astronomical Society...

A Guide to Star Gazing in February

What person doesn't like to look up and gaze at the myriad of twinkling stars above? With recent advances in methods of detecting planets around distant stars, we can now contemplate the alien worlds that could be orbiting each one of those pinpoints of light.

February is a great month to familiarize yourself with one of the lesser known constellations, Eridanus. Its name is derived from the ancient Greek name for the River Po, which is a river in Italy. It is the sixth largest constellation and begins at Orion's left foot. Although it is rather dim in suburban skies, under a dark sky amateur astronomers can seek out NGC 1535, which is a planetary nebula. Depending on the size of your telescope, you may be able to make out some features and the bluish color. In binoculars, you will see this object as a fuzzy spot. A planetary nebula is the shell of ionized gas that some star types shed in later stages of their lives. The term is actually no longer accurate - it was coined by the astronomer William Herschel, the same man that discovered Uranus. Through the telescopes available at the time, these objects looked like a combination of a cloud and the planet Uranus. However, as with many things in the field of astronomy, the name has stuck and is still used worldwide.



Speaking of nebula, another great object to observe this month is Orion's nebula. It is located in the constellation of Orion which is located just south of Orion's belt. It is visible even to the naked eye in even moderately light polluted areas- it's the middle "star" in his sword. This is a fascinating object, as it is the closest massive star forming region to our planet. This diffuse nebula - diffuse meaning it has no clear shape or definitive boundaries - has allowed astronomers to directly observe proto planetary discs. These are the clouds of gas and that surround a new star that may eventually form planets. Truly a fascinating object for something that just appears as a faint cloud in small telescopes! If you have the opportunity, stop by the Garvey Ranch Observatory on Wednesday nights, where the L.A.A.S. meets. We are usually able to view the Orion nebula under clear skies. All members are eager to answer your questions!

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The public is invited to come join the fun for refreshments, music and socializing. Tea dance attire is preferred. No jeans, cut offs, T-shirts, tank tops or tennis shoes. The dance admission cost is \$3.00 per person and no partner is necessary. Refreshments are served. For more information contact Langley Center at 626.307-1395.

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Alhambra Educational Foundation donates \$250,000 to AUSD

At the Alhambra Unified School District Board meeting on January 8, Stephen Perry, President of the Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF), presented the District with a check in the amount of \$250,000. Mr. Perry introduced AEF Board Members present at the meeting, and the School Board presented the organization with a certificate of appreciation.

Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1993, the Foundation's mission is to raise funds to support programs in the Alhambra Unified School District. Some of the many programs the Foundation generously sponsors are Project H.E.A.R.T. (Helping Every Alhambra Preschooler with a Readiness Toolkit), which provides books to help students build up their home libraries, Authors Festival, which brings authors to speak at elementary schools, and Summer Enrichment Academies for elementary and high school students. AEF also hosts the annual Service to Education Awards dinner. The year 2013 marks AEF's 20th year of service to the District.

For more information, please visit www.aef4kids.com.

Keppel basketball star Alyson Lock signs with Loyola Marymount

Mark Keppel senior and varsity basketball team captain Alyson Lock has received a full renewable scholarship to play college basketball next fall at Loyola Marymount University. Lock officially signed her letter of intent to play for the Loyola Marymount Lions on November 14, with her family, coaches, and teammates watching on.



"Playing college basketball is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Lock said. "Not a lot of people can say they played college ball, so why not go for it?"

Lock's parents, coaches, and teammates have inspired Lock to take her love for basketball to the next level and play college basketball. "If it weren't for my parents, I probably would've quit basketball by now," Lock said. "My coaches have made me into the player I am today, and my teammates make basketball all the more fun."

Lock had received previous offers from other schools, but ultimately decided on signing with LMU because of the distinguished academic environment and the strong NCAA Division I basketball program. At LMU, Lock will be juggling academics and practices, games, and traveling for basketball, but she is determined to take it in stride. She plans to study either accounting or business.

Playing basketball at Keppel has prepared Lock for this new chapter in her life, giving her the "confidence necessary to play at the college level," according to Lock. Lock has been part of the starting lineup for four years on the varsity team and has been team captain for the past two years. Lock has led the Lady Aztecs to two consecutive Almont League championships and two undefeated league seasons. During her sophomore and junior years, the Lady Aztecs reached the CIF Southern Section Division semifinals and Division II Championship tournament two years in a row. She earned the title of Almont League MVP for the last three years and was also named a member of the Pasadena Star-News first team and All-CIF Division 2A first team.

Lock's basketball career started around the age of seven, and since then, she has joined various basketball teams and organizations such as SOC (Suburban Optimist Club), FOR (Friends of Richard), SOCAL, and SGV Basketball Club, where she has continued to improve her basketball skills over the years.

Lock would like to thank her parents for all their unconditional love, her coaches for teaching her the game, and her friends and teammates for their support.

By Claudia Chan, Editor-in-Chief, *The Aztec*, Mark Keppel High School

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San Gabriel students (left to right) Andres Bermudez, Christian Saldivar, Rigoberto Saldivar, and Tina Chan rehearse a scene from *What the Bellhop Saw*, a romantic and comical farce, written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore. The play will be part of a dinner theatre production on February 14, 15, 21, 22, and 23 at San Gabriel High School's Little Theatre.

San Gabriel High School welcomes audiences to dinner theatre production

Bringing back a wonderful form of entertainment from the seventies, students from San Gabriel High School will be hosting a dinner theatre, featuring the play, *What the Bellhop Saw*, a romantic and comical farce. *What the Bellhop saw* was written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, who also wrote *Drop Dead*, a production featured at San Gabriel High School in 2010.

What the Bellhop Saw first opened at the Henderson Theater in New Jersey in 1985, advertised as, "A nice fellow checks into an expensive suite in New York City's finest hotel, precipitating a fantastic nightmare involving a Salman Rushdie-type author, a terrorist, a vile wife from hell, a conniving bellboy, an incompetent C.I.A. agent, a nubile celebrity mad maid, a dimwitted secretary, and a little pig tailed girl."

The performance dates are February 14, 15, 21, 22, and 23 with dinner starting at 6:00 pm and the show beginning at 7:30 pm. For \$25, student waiters will serve a four course Italian meal from Claro's Italian Market, and there will be live musical performances before the humorous play. There will also be a photo booth for people to take pictures and purchase framed four-by-six photos.

The dinner theater offers people a unique experience. "It was very positive and enjoyable. My conscience was even moved," English teacher Valerie Larsen said about her prior dinner theatre experiences. "Getting waited on by students is [also] nice. Seeing a play right after eating made the whole experience more unified."

According to the play's director, Patrick Posada, there is only one reason he creates dinner theaters. "The audiences love them. Whenever there is a play, the first question they ask is 'Is there dinner?'" Posada said.

Approximately 70 students are involved in the creation of the production. Preparation for dinner theaters is quite extensive since students need to rehearse, build the set, create a restaurant environment, order the food, and rent the Little Theatre. These students learn to effectively set up and manage a business, in addition learning to collaborate as the restaurant and play elements come together. Each student brings a certain talent to the table.

"My favorite part is the experience of creating from scratch, a night of magic. I just love that and to watch the talent of the students coalesce," Posada said.

As for the cast, this is quite a valuable bonding and learning experience. "My favorite part is obviously, the cast. They each have individual personalities. It's like a group of comedic, humorously amusing people that just all gather in one place and we just explode and have a play," senior actress Tina Chan said.

Tickets can be purchased during lunch and after school at the Little Theatre on San Gabriel's campus.

For more information, please email Posada_Patrick@ausd.us.

By Kristy Duong, Assistant Editor,
The Matador, San Gabriel High School

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Sponsored by the Historical Heritage Commission, the Poster Contest is open to Monterey Park residents or students who attend a Monterey Park school in the following three categories:

3rd - 4th Grade, 5th - 6th Grade, 7th -8th Grade.

Students must create a poster based on the theme "Heart & Soul of Monterey Park". The Commission feels the posters created in 2013 will be a part of Monterey Park history in the future, when new generations see how students from today depict the "heart & soul" of Monterey Park.

Deadline for Entries is Monday, March 4, 2013

Only one entry per person. Maximum size of poster must not exceed 18" x 24". Judges will be looking for originality. After the judging, entries will be exhibited in City Hall as well as posted and credited on the city's webpage. Posters will not be returned.

For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Department at 626-307-1388.



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Gum Infection (Pyorrhea) Associated with Strokes



Gum disease, commonly called pyorrhea, may be considered a risk factor in the development of strokes, according to an article examining the possible relationship of pyorrhea and stroke published in the Journal of Vascular Surgery. Thirteen studies were included in this literature review (meta-analysis) with one study that had monitored 44,119 patients. The overall risk for stroke in patients with pyorrhea was up to 2.63 times higher than in patients without pyorrhea.

What is the explanation for the association of pyorrhea with stroke? First of all, pyorrhea is a chronic infection of the gums resulting from genetic factors; abundance of specific bacteria that cause gum infection (pathogens); poor hygiene and regular dental care; and nutritional as well as emotional stress factors. The inflammation caused by pyorrhea and other chronic infections promote atherosclerosis, the thickening the arteries. The resulting inflammatory processes facilitate the deposition of cholesterol and calcium (plaque) within the arterial walls. Unstable plaque can rupture, releasing debris and formation of free floating masses that may clog arteries. Where cerebral arteries are clogged, stroke may result.

Although present studies have not proved a direct cause-effect relationship between pyorrhea and stroke, this study states that the elevation of inflammatory factors associated with pyorrhea is by itself a risk indicator for stroke.

Aside from stroke and other cardiovascular disease, other studies have reported the association of pyorrhea with pre-mature birth, low-weight babies, respiratory ailments, intestinal malfunction and disease, arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, cancer and other systemic diseases, as reported in previous columns.

Therefore you should see your dentist regularly. Saving your teeth and keeping them in healthy condition not only gives you a sense of well-being, enhances your social life and relationships, promotes your business and professional advancement as well as keeping you healthy and capable of taking care of your loved ones for years to come. Ask your physician about any questions regarding issues raised in this article.

Dr. John Chao is well known as an authority on dentistry throughout Southern California. He is the host of Smile Talk, a popular radio talk show on KFWB 980 AM, airing 7-8 p.m. on Sundays. He is a lecturer and clinical instructor at the Ostrow of Dentistry of USC in the Dental Public Health Division, teaching on the subjects of pain and anxiety management, ethics and professionalism. For his work at USC, he has been named "Outstanding Part-time Faculty for 2012." As the inventor of the "Pinhole Surgical Technique®," he uses his office in Alhambra as an educational center for interested dentists from the US and other countries. For questions, comments or information, contact Dr. Chao at ChickensWelcome.com, or 626-308-9104.

Mark Keppel senior Arthur Wang writes book based on his blog

Arthur Wang, senior, is the first current Mark Keppel student to be a published author, with his book *The Loudest Critic: Arthur's Ramblings*.

Ramblings is an adaptation of Wang's blog, which includes essays of varying length on an eclectic list of topics, such as education, sociology, and foreign policy. His blog, titled "Arthur's Ramblings" and found at theloudestcritic.blogspot.com, was established November 2009 to improve his writing.

Although passionate about social issues, he was always "too lazy" to write about them. When his cousin came to visit him in 2009 to give academic advice, Arthur was persuaded to create the blog. "I'm thankful for my cousin helping me start the blog, because my writing has improved little by little [since]," Wang said.

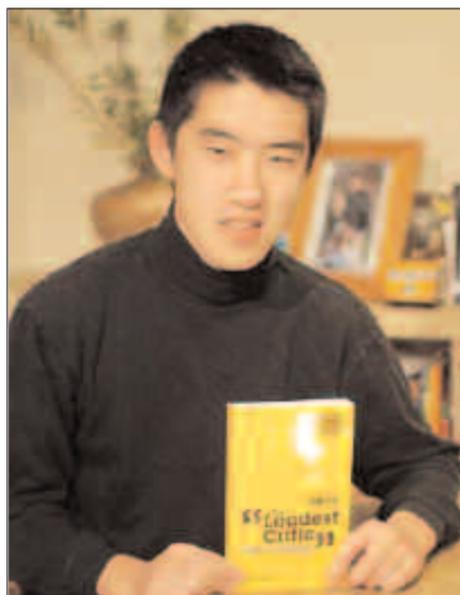
Arthur would like to thank his parents and English teacher Patrice Flores for helping him publish his book. His parents supported him in publishing the book by giving him financial and moral support. He would like to thank Mrs. Flores for her enthusiasm. Mrs. Flores, who wrote the foreword for *Ramblings*, is selling his book in her room, A235. The listed price is seventeen dollars, but the book is on sale at school for ten dollars at a student discount. Even though he is selling the book seven dollars cheaper at school, Arthur is unsure "that the book will become popular among the students at Mark Keppel because the book expresses questions that people do not usually think about."

Mrs. Flores notes that Arthur's writing is unique because of his clear perception of time and place. "He looks at life, especially in Monterey Park, from a sociologist's perspective," she says. "Arthur discerns patterns of behavior. He not only seeks to know how people, particularly Asian Americans, are acting in our locality but why they are doing so.... I find his writing not only engaging, but also profoundly thought provoking. He is a delight to speak with as he challenges conventional (dominant culture) assumptions about almost any topic relevant to his experience or study."

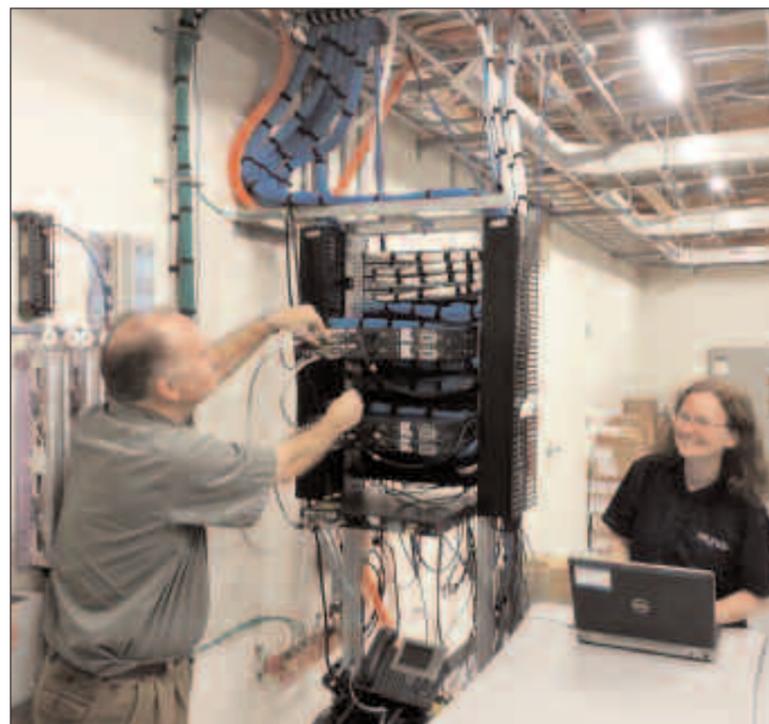
All the content in *Ramblings*, aside from a February 2012 Viewpoint story in *The Aztec* titled "The social clubs issue: Tri-Hi-Why?" is featured on his blog.

Wang plans on majoring in sociology or international relations. Mark Keppel High School congratulates his accomplishment.

by Samantha Fang, Staff Writer, *The Aztec*, Mark Keppel High School



Mark Keppel senior Arthur Wang poses with his book *The Loudest Critic: Arthur's Ramblings*, which he describe as "insightful, sometimes critical, analysis and essay-writing about a dizzying array of topics, from Sino-US foreign policy to why certain groups of students never sit next to each other during lunch."



Nexus IS employees Christian Lopez, Project Manager, and Lena Rigert, Senior Consulting Engineer, review work performed in the District offices as part of the technology infrastructure upgrade that is currently in process. Rigert is a dual CCIE (Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert).

AUSD technology, construction bring state-of-the art communications and Internet access to schools

By the year 2014, students in the Alhambra Unified School District may be taking their end-of-the-year standardized tests on computers. Gone will be the mountains of paper test booklets, number 2 pencils, and endless bubbling and erasing. Instead, the standardized tests based on the new Common Core Standards, will feature interactive questions, video, graphics, and computer-adaptive testing in which questions will change based on the number of correct responses given.

To prepare for this new testing environment, the District's Technology and Information Services and Construction departments have been putting in long hours, with crews working at night and on Saturdays, to outfit schools with a modern infrastructure and wireless Internet. In addition, modernization plans include tying all 13 elementary schools and four high schools together into a central phone and computer system that will be headquartered at the District offices, says Mun Leu, AIA, of MLA Architecture, who is charge of design.

Leu further details the process which started in 2009: "Part of the infrastructure technology project is installing wireless networks through out all of the campuses, installing new data cabling for student and teacher workstations. Upon completion the district will install voice over IP telephones."

E-Rate, a federal program of the Federal Communications Commission that provides telecommunications discounts for low-income schools, is the major funder of the upgrade. The District qualified for an 88% discount that was based on the number of students qualifying for free and reduced price lunch. E-Rate funding is only for infrastructure needs such as wiring, conduits, outlets, and switches; E-Rate does not cover end devices such as phones, computers, and PA systems. Ashton Potter, Director of Technology and Information Services, explains: "Let's say that a piece of equipment costs \$1,000; the federal government will pay \$880 and the school will pay the \$120 difference." School construction bonds fund the remaining costs.

Potter, along with Keith Matsuo, Director of Construction, is leading the project with Leu. Potter says, "What we're doing now, it has never been done before in the District before. This is a funding source that allows the district to modernize the data network. The network infrastructure will be state of the art, and Alhambra will be at the forefront of the Common Core testing."

The project is being managed in phases with some schools already completed.

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| Phase 1 | Brightwood, Monterey | Highlands, Repetto Completed March 2012 |
| Phase 2 | Emery Park, Ramona | Completed August 2012 |
| Phase 3 | Alhambra HS | Projected completion March 2013 |
| Phase 4 | Baldwin, Northrup, Ynez, San Gabriel HS | Projected completion Summer 2013 |
| Phase 5 | Granada, Marguerita | Projected completion Summer 2013 |
| Phase 6 | Garfield | Projected completion Fall/Winter 2013 |
| Phase 7 | Fremont | Projected completion Fall/Winter 2013 |
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Elementary schools take about two months to complete, with high schools taking longer because of their size.

The technology infrastructure will enable wireless access anywhere on campus. It will also allow technicians to troubleshoot computer problems remotely from their own computers, headquartered at the District.

"We will respond faster to service outages which means that we can get the students up and running faster, and we won't have to wait for the teacher to tell the office about how something isn't working," said network technician James Johnston. "Now we can respond within the hours to make sure that the next class will be up and running rather than lose two to three days down the road and have the students lose that education."



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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.

Classes Offered by Langley Center

AMERICAN CULTURE Thur., Beginner 1- 3
p.m.; Intermediate, 3-4 p.m., Free.

BEADING CLASS, Mon., 9-11 a.m. Free
-Pay for materials used.

CHINESE HEALTH EXERCISE - Class
every morning, 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Free.

CHINESE KUNG FU FAN DANCE CLASS,
Saturdays, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING - Mon. or
Thur, 9 -11:30 a.m. \$4 per class plus cost of
materials.

CHINESE PAINTING II and CALLIGRA-
PHY - Thurs., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., (donation)

CHINESE PAINTING FRIDAY AFTER-
NOON - 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.,

CHINESE YUAN CHI DANCE/EXERCISE
CLASSES, Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. -10 a.m. Free.

COMPUTER - Next sessions will be
announced in March.

DANCE CLASSES - Tues. and Thurs., 7:30 -
9:30 p.m., \$5.

DANCE CLASSES - Wed. and Fri., 7 p.m.-10
p.m. \$5

ENGLISH CONVERSATION - Thur., 9:15-
11:30 a.m.

KARAOKE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. -12 noon

LINE DANCING Fri., 9 - 11 a.m. (donation)

NEEDLECRAFT WORK SHOP, Tue., 9-11
a.m.

Music Groups

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

CHINESE EVERGREEN CHORUS
Wed., 1 - 3 p.m.

CHINESE OPERA Mon., 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

CHINESE OPERA Fri., 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

City Exercise Classes

WINTER CLASSES IN SESSION

Chair Fitness for Seniors - 1:30 p.m. - 2:30
p.m., Tues /Thurs, \$55 Thurs only \$28

Total Fitness for Active Seniors - Fees \$66
2 day class, \$33 one day class

Beginning: 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Mon/Wed

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

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

Zumba Gold for Seniors- Tuesday, 12:15
p.m.-1:15 p.m., \$33

COMMISSION ON AGING - The
Commission will meet Feb 25, 11:00 a.m.
The public is invited.

CONCERT BAND of Monterey Park - Meets
Mondays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Musicians wanted,
all instruments, brass, woodwinds and drums.
Must be able to read music and have own instru-
ment and music stand.

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EVERY
TUESDAY,
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Dance to the
music of the
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Machine, plus
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and door prizes,
\$3.00.



DIAL-A-RIDE For service Monday through
Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., dial (626) 307-1396.
This is a free service for seniors 55 years of age
and over, providing 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 - 2:30 p.m.

FOOD BANK FOR QUALIFIED SENIORS
60 PLUS Feb 12 (2nd Tuesday of month),
Barnes Park, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

HAIRCUTS First come, first served.
Wednesdays and Fridays, 8-11 a.m. Suggested
donation, \$5. Beautician - Suggested donation,
\$6 (The donation maintains equipment and pur-
chases barber supplies.)

Health Screening & Related Services

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - Tuesdays, 9-
11 a.m., Volunteer Nurse Ann Martinelle

BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING - Feb 5 -
8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Nurse Claudia Ang, from
Garfield Medical Center

FOR LOAN: Senior residents may check out a
wheel chair, walker or crutches for a limited
time.

HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER A Walk-In-
Fair Housing Clinic (1st Tuesday of month)
FEB 5, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., for persons need-
ing assistance related to landlord/tenant laws (no
appointment needed) for a free consultation
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care, bathing, etc.; homemakers/companions -
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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, call Langley, (626) 307-1373.
Applications for work are available

JEWELRY AND WATCH REPAIR at dis-
counted prices. Bring your jewelry or watches
to Langley Center on a Wednesday, 8 a.m. -11
a.m. for repair or estimate. Service provided by
Mr. Kit Moc. Langley Center does not warrant
or guarantee any aspect of any repair.

LUNCH PROGRAM - American or Chinese
Hot Lunch served Mon. thru Fri. to those 60
years & over.. Reservations must be made at
least 2 days in advance. Suggested donation,
\$2.

MAH JONG The Bamboo Club meets from 1-
4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

MATURE DRIVER'S IMPROVEMENT
COURSE FEB 22, MARCH 29, 8:00 a.m. -
5:00 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's 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 p.m.
Notarizations \$8 per signature for Langley
Center Seniors; Refinance Loan Documents,
\$45 per set, Sale Loan docs - \$50 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 wit-
ness forms - \$10; Custodial documents forms
\$10.

SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICE The
Montebello Social Security Office will no
longer be offering this service at Langley Senior
Center, due to Social Security Service staffing
and budget constraints.

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 (\$11,170 per year for
one member, \$15,130 for two, \$19,090 for three
or \$23,050 for four). Those meeting the guide-
lines are allowed 2 coupons a month, and the
value of each coupon has changed from \$7 to
\$11. You may use only 1 taxi coupon per trip.
The coupon expiration date is 30 days and is
only valid for the month it is issued. Sign up at
the office.

Trips and 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 pack-
ages and does not assume any liability for ill-
ness, 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 tele-
phone 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 per-
son 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 cancella-
tion fee, (with the approval of the Tour
Director) you can sell or give away your tick-
et to a qualifying senior prior to trip departure.
On any trip there is the possibility of a fuel
surcharge. If this occurs, you will be notified
prior to the trip.

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Featured Stories in Chinese and Spanish

2013年中國農曆新年就要到了！這一年將是蛇年。

因為2012年中國農曆新年慶典的巨大成功，蒙特利公園市，蒙特利公園市商業改善諮詢委員會(BIDAC)，及洛杉磯世界日報，將再度合作，共同推廣這個東洛杉磯和聖蓋博山谷裡最大的中國新年節慶活動之一。

與2012年中國農曆新年相比較，即將來臨的2013年農曆新年活動，將帶來更多令人興奮的節目，更震撼的內容，因為將有更多攤位，各行各業的零售商，更長的營業時間，及更扣人心弦的活動參與其中，當中包括本地青年歌唱比賽。

本次節慶活動將於2013年2月2日，星期六(早上10點至晚上9點)和2月3日星期日(早上10點至晚上7點)舉行。活動場地將覆蓋嘉偉大道部分路段，從嘉惠爾大道(Garfield Avenue)開始，向東延伸5個街口至阿罕布拉大道(Alhambra Avenue)。



這次活動，將有220個代表不同民族類型的攤位，有來自中國，臺灣，韓國，日本，泰國，越南，馬來西亞，印尼等其他亞洲國家的風味美食和小吃。還有其他引人入勝的地方，包括禮物和紀念品，玩具，家庭電器，各式商業產品和服務。

由洛杉磯世界日報贊助的洛杉磯之音(LA Voice)，青年盃歌唱比賽，將第一次站在新年慶祝活動的舞臺上，進行為期兩天的比賽，包括半決賽和決賽。歡迎遊客們蒞臨活動現場，挑選比賽裡最受歡迎的現場歌手。其他獲獎者將由評審來挑選。歌唱比賽將設在現場兩個大舞臺的其中之一上。另一個舞臺將在為期兩天的節慶時間裡，用於表演已安排好的節目。遊客可以觀看各種舞蹈表演，樂團演唱，武術表演，品嚐美食等其他活動。

分開區域的節慶活動將會成為新年狂歡會，第一天會營業至晚上9點，第二天會營業至晚上7點。

節慶活動將免費開放給大眾。不收任何入場費用。歡迎南加州的居民們帶同您的家人和朋友，一起參加這個為期兩天的盛會。

蛇是中國黃道年曆裡，12個動物生肖中的其中一個。中國蛇象徵財富，貴族，邁向成功的帶領者和守護神。

古希臘人相信蛇是藥神。在近代史裡，人們用蛇的裝飾品來代表西藥。聯合國的世界衛生組織的徽章標誌裡也有蛇的圖形。在蛇年出生的人們也被認為擁有智慧和深刻的哲學理解。他們是善於尋找答案，解決問題的思想家。

洛杉磯世界日報，是本次節慶活動的協辦商之一，其總部設在蒙特利公園市內，是大型的傳媒機構。建立於1976年的世界日報，已經成為最多美國人和加拿大人閱讀的中文報紙之一。

商業執照更新

蒙特利公園市的商業執照更新，將於二零一二年十二月一日開始，至二零一三年一月三十一日止。蒙特利公園市區內的所有商家，必須在明年一月三十一日前繳納更新商業執照。任何在二零一三年二月一日期後收到的更新申請，均被列為逾期付款，會在原有費用的基礎收費上再增收10%罰金。



在居家營業的商家，必須在申請執照更新前，完成他們的家中營業例行檢查。商業法規執行組(626)307-1415將在十一月一日開始進行家中營業的例行家庭檢查。如果您還沒有接受檢查，請儘快辦妥有關檢查手續。即使您已交了執照更新手續費用，沒有檢查證明，您的申請將被視為檔案文件不齊全而不受理。新申請的商業執照將被扣留，直到你提供出有效的檢查證明文件為止。

任何在蒙市市區內更改地址的商家，申請商業執照更新必須具備地址證明。其中包括遷址或擴充店面的商家。商業執照只對執照上註明的地址有效，即便是蒙市市區內的其他地址均無效。即使您繳納了執照更新手續費用，沒有新地址證明，您的申請將被視為檔案文件不齊全而不受理。新申請的商業執照將被扣留，直到你提供出有效的證明文件為止。

商家需附備有其他證明文件完成執照手續包括有：

- 1) 公司擁有商用車輛，必須在繳納更新商業執照費用的同時，遞交汽車保險相關文件證明。
- 2) 需要經營許可證的行業(如：經營槍店，托兒所，稅務申報等等)必須在申請商業執照更新前，獲得他們的許可證，否則您的申請也將被歸納為檔案文件不齊全而不受理。
- 3) 在蒙市BID城中商業區的商家，必須在繳納支付更新商業執照費用的同時，支付BID的會費。否則，您的申請將被視為檔案文件不齊全而不受理。新申請的商業執照也將被扣留，直到你付清所有費用為止。

此外，在9月19日，州長已經簽署條文SB1186，自2013年1月1日起，當地商業執照申請或更新，將徵收\$1美元州政府費用，並由各市政府代為收集。因此，每一份執照更新表格，都與新的申請者一樣，將增加\$1美元費用在內。

若需更多有關AB 1186詳情，請瀏覽網站：

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120SB1186&search_keywords=1186

¡El Festival del Año Nuevo Chino del 2013 está a la vuelta de la esquina! Este año será el Año de la Serpiente

De conformidad con el enorme éxito del Festival del Año Nuevo Chino en el 2012, la Ciudad de Monterey Park, el Comité Asesor para el Mejoramiento del Distrito de Negocios, (BIDAC), y World Journal Los Angeles, LLC colaborarán nuevamente para co-producir uno de los más grandes eventos durante la temporada del Año Nuevo Chino en el Este de Los Angeles y el Valle de San Gabriel.

En comparación con el Festival del Año Nuevo Chino del 2012, el evento por venir en el 2013 será aún mayor en magnitud y con un programa más emocionante, porque habrá muchos más vendedores, mayor diversidad de empresas al por menor, más largo periodo de operaciones, y más actividades, incluyendo un concurso de canto de juventud en el sitio.

El Festival ha sido programado para el sábado 2 de febrero del 2013 (10 a.m. - 9 p.m.) y el domingo 3 de febrero del 2013 (10 a.m. - 7 p.m.). El área del Festival será ampliada para cubrir la sección de la Avenida Garvey, iniciando desde la Avenida Garvey y extendiéndose por cinco cuadras al este hasta alcanzar la Avenida Alhambra.

Habrán 220 puestos de vendedores, representando diferentes tipos de comidas étnicas china, taiwanés, coreana, japonés, vietnamita, malasio, indonesio y otros platillos y aperitivos asiáticos. Otras áreas de atracción incluirán regalos y recuerdos, juguetes, electrodomésticos, y varias empresas y servicios.

LA Voz, el Concurso de Canto de la Copa de Juventud patrocinado por World Journal Los Angeles, LLC, se llevará a cabo por primera vez en el sitio del festival por dos días, incluyendo un concurso semifinal y un concurso final. Los visitantes al festival serán invitados a escoger al cantante más popular en el sitio entre todos los concursantes. Habrá otros ganadores seleccionados por los jueces. El concurso de canto ocupará uno de los dos escenarios más grandes construidos en el sitio. El otro escenario será utilizado para presentar actuaciones programadas que durarán dos días en el festival. Los visitantes serán entretenidos con espectáculos de danzas, bandas, artes marciales, demostraciones de cocina y mucho más.

Un área separada será reservada para un carrusel, el cual estará abierto hasta las 9 p.m. en el primer día del festival y hasta las 7 p.m. en el segundo día.

El festival estará abierto al público. No habrá cargo de admisión. Los residentes del Sur de California están invitados para traer a sus familias y amigos al evento de dos días.

La Serpiente es uno de los animales que forman el zodiaco chino en un ciclo de 12 años y relacionados al calendario chino. La Serpiente china representa la riqueza, la nobleza, el espíritu interno que conduce al éxito y es un guardián santo.

Los antiguos griegos creyeron que la serpiente era el dios de la medicina. En la historia reciente las personas utilizan un bastón ornamentado con una serpiente para representar la medicina Occidental. El emblema de la Organización Mundial de la Salud de las Naciones Unidas también tiene la imagen de una serpiente. Las personas nacidas en el Año de la Serpiente se dice que son dotados con sabiduría y entendimiento filosófico profundo. Son pensadores que sobresalen en la búsqueda de soluciones a problemas complejos.

World Journal Los Angeles, LLC, uno de los co-productores de este festival, es un gran grupo de medios de comunicación con sede en Monterey Park. Establecido en 1976, World Journal se ha convertido en uno de los periódicos chinos más leídos en los Estados Unidos y Canadá.

Renovación de Licencias Comerciales

La Renovación de Licencias Comerciales para la Ciudad de Monterey Park inició el 1 de diciembre de 2012 y se extenderá hasta el 31 de enero del 2013. Todas las empresas localizadas en o que realicen negocios en la Ciudad de Monterey Park deben renovar sus licencias a más tardar el 31 de enero. Cualquiera renovación recibida el 1 de febrero del 2013 será considerada delictiva y se le cargará una multa del 10% del balance no pagado.

Las empresas que ocupan residencias (Home Occupation businesses) deben completar sus Inspecciones de Ocupación de Residencias antes de renovar la licencia comercial. El Departamento de Code Enforcement (626-307-1415) inició las inspecciones a las residencias el primero de noviembre. Si no se le ha realizado la inspección, por favor hágalo lo más pronto posible. Sin el formulario de inspección firmado, se considerará su solicitud incompleta, aún cuando haya enviado por correo sus cuotas de licencia comercial y de renovación y no le será enviada la licencia comercial hasta tanto usted entregue, a la división de licencias, el formulario de inspección firmado.

Cualquier negocio localizado en la Ciudad que haya cambiado su dirección comercial debe obtener un Certificado de Ocupación antes de renovar la licencia comercial. Esto incluye mudanza o expansión a otro local dentro del mismo edificio. Una licencia comercial es válida solamente para la dirección exacta para la que se ha expedido y no para ninguna otra ubicación dentro de la Ciudad. Si usted ha pagado su cuota de renovación, pero se ha mudado, su licencia será considerada incompleta y no se le enviará una licencia comercial hasta tanto usted haya completado todos los requisitos.

Empresas que requieren documentos adicionales o permisos tales como:

- 1) Las empresas que utilicen vehículos deben aportar junto con la cuota de renovación pruebas del seguro del vehículo.
- 2) Las empresas que necesitan permisos (tales como vendedores de armas, facilitadores de cuidado a menores, taxis, etc) deben completar sus procesos de permisos antes de renovar la licencia. De otro modo la misma será considerada incompleta.
- 3) Las empresas localizadas en el distrito B.I.D. en el centro de Monterey Park deben pagar dichas cuotas junto con las cuotas de licencia comercial y de renovación, de lo contrario la licencia será considerada incompleta y no se le enviará la licencia comercial hasta tanto usted haya completado todos los requerimientos.

Adicionalmente, el 19 de septiembre, el Gobernador firmó la ley, SB 1186, un proyecto de ley que entrará en efecto el 1 de enero del 2013, la cual impone una cuota estatal de \$1.00 para cualquier solicitante para una licencia de negocio local o una renovación y el mismo será recolectado por las ciudades. Así que cada formulario de renovación de licencia, así como todas las nuevas aplicaciones, mostrarán esta cuota de \$1.00 adicional.

Para más información en AB 1186:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120SB1186&search_keywords=1186

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