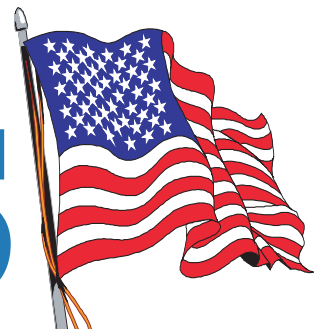




The Monterey Park Cascades



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June 2013

2013 Miss Monterey Park Pageant

Friday, June 28th,
Ocean Star Restaurant

The Miss Monterey Park Pageant is hosted by the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce.



The Monterey Park chamber started the pageant in the early 1980s. After a hiatus, the pageant restarted in 2010, and has been a success for the last three years with winners Liwen Tsai (2010), Bena Wu (2011) and Veronica Summer (2012).

For 2013 the chamber wants to make the event even bigger with more participation and applicants. The chamber has also raised the age group to 18-28 versus last year which was from 18-25. The goal is to have more professional women join the Miss MPK Pageant. The requirements are that the applicants must either live in Monterey Park, work in Monterey Park, or attend school in Monterey Park, including East L.A. College and Cal State Los Angeles.

This year's event will be held Friday June 28th, from 5:30-10 p.m. at Ocean Star Restaurant at 145 N. Atlantic Blvd. An eight course meal with live entertainment will be provided so get ready to sit back and enjoy the show! RSVP now to save on individual tickets at \$25 per ticket or 10-seat table for \$250.

For more information please contact Elizabeth Yang, the organizer at the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce, at 626-570-9429 or lizyang8@gmail.com.

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Every year, thousands of attendees and their families from around the community pack Barnes Park to enjoy the annual Fourth of July event that features live entertainment, delicious food, child friendly activities, recognition of new U.S. citizens and military families, and the spectacular firework show. Many families bring out their blankets and deck chairs, fire up the barbeque and enjoy the national holiday in the park.

To conduct an event of this size requires the support of the entire community. To that end, the Fourth of July Committee is looking for the community's input as well as assistance in reaching out to potential sponsors.

Sponsorship in any amount is greatly appreciated and donors will be recognized in the event program as well as in future issues of the Cascades newspaper. Individuals and groups who can make a financial contribution to this valued community event are encouraged to send their donations to: City of Monterey Park, July Fourth Committee, 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Contributions in any amount will help to continue the celebration

for future generations. Please contact Recreation Superintendent Robert Aguirre at 626-307-1390 or raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov with your donation, sponsorship or input.

At this year's celebration on Thursday, July 4, area residents are invited to spend a festive day at the park filled with food, fun and fireworks. Kids can enjoy an afternoon of arts, crafts and games. The fabulous fireworks spectacular is scheduled for 9:00 p.m.

In addition to the food, games and entertainment, the July Fourth Committee would like to invite all new citizens and military families to be recognized during the celebration for their achievement and sacrifice and receive a special certificate from the Monterey Park City Council. If you are a Monterey Park resident and a new U.S. Citizen or part of a military family and would like to be included, please contact the Recreation and Parks Department at 626-307-1388 by June 20.

For more information on Monterey Park's annual Fourth of July celebration, please contact the recreation department at 626-307-1388 or search for "Fourth of July" on the City's website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

What can I do About Crime in My Neighborhood?

The Monterey Park Police Department has a few important tips based on recent crimes



Your Monterey Park Police department wants to share with you some recent crime trends to protect your home, cars, property and family. Overall, things look good in Monterey Park and it's a testament to the hard work of our Police Officers and our collaboration with the community. In basic terms, crimes can be divided into two areas; Part 1 crimes are crimes against persons, such as violent crimes (murder, rape, and assaults). Part 2 crimes are property crimes which consist of burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft. Our part 1 crime rate had a 3% decrease when compared to 2011 (we had a 14% increase in 2011). We had a 1% increase in property crimes when comparing 2012 to 2011. Residential burglaries and motor vehicle theft continue to be our greatest crime problems in the City. We are continuing to work on ways both operationally and with the public to address and reduce these crimes. So here are some ways to better reduce the chance of you becoming a crime victim, and assist us in stopping crime before it happens.

Got stuff in your car? Don't be an easy target for opportunist thieves. Laptops, purses, iPads, portable navigation, and other electronic devices continue to be popular targets. A surprising fact about recent thefts from vehicles: Many people leave



valuables in plain sight, or keep their cars unlocked. Keeping items hidden, or secured in the trunk (or in your house) can prevent opportunist thieves from gaining access to your valuables. Don't forget to lock your car, but remember that car windows won't stop a determined thief.



Knock knock, who's there? Maybe a burglar! A long-time method used by burglars has become more common in the areas we patrol: A stranger knocks at the door. They might ask for a person who does not live at the residence, or offer a service for which they have no license. If no one answers, after a quick look around, the burglar or his friends enter through a rear window or door, often by smashing a window to gain access. What can you do? If you're home, answer the door, or at least make noise to send a message that someone is home. Watch for solicitors in your neighborhood and ask for a business license... or call us, and we'll ask them! Any legitimate sales person will carry identification. If you encounter unlicensed solicitors, persons asking random questions at your door, or unfamiliar vehicles in your neighborhood, call your Police Department. The City of Monterey Park Municipal Code requires most solicitors to obtain and carry a business license or City permit.

What to do before a crime occurs: Look out for your neighbors! Get to know one another, and form your own Neighborhood Watch group. Report suspicious persons and vehicles in your neighborhood to the Monterey Park Police Department at (626)573-1311. If you become the unfortunate victim of theft, it will be important to accurately describe and identify any stolen items. Keep records of your valuables (with serial numbers) such as electronics, bicycles, power tools, cameras, and other items popular among thieves. Write down brand, model numbers and serial numbers of items when you purchase them; packing boxes and instruction manuals often contain this information. Photograph jewelry and other non-serialized valuables. To form a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood, contact the Monterey Park Police Department's Community Relations Bureau at (626)307-1215. To report in-progress crimes and other emergencies, call 9-1-1. To report suspicious activities, past crimes, disturbances, or other routine matters, please call the Monterey Park Police Department at (626)573-1311.





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 Mitchell Ing, Council Member

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Municipal Election Tuesday, July 2, 2013

The City of Monterey Park will be conducting a Special Municipal Election on Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Voters will be casting ballots for the below fire initiative:

SHALL AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY COUNCIL TO NEGOTIATE TO TRANSFER ALL FUNCTIONS OF THE MONTEREY PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (AKA THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT) BE ADOPTED?

Yes

No

Voters should be on the lookout for a sample ballot booklet which should arrive in most homes by June 5, 2013.

Voters who are permanent Vote-By-Mail (VBM) voters will receive their election information and VBM ballots to enable them to vote by mail. Voters are requested to carefully read all the instructions on the mailing envelope. The instructions are published in 4 languages for your convenience. In addition, other voters who wish to vote by mail must submit an application no later than June 25, 2013. Applications are available in the voter sample ballot booklet or in the City Clerk's Office.

Voter registration deadline is June 17, 2013. Voters must register to vote if they will be eighteen years old by Election Day, have changed their name, have moved to a new address, or have become a new US Citizen. To register as a voter you must be a US Citizen and a resident of Monterey Park for the City election.

For more Election information contact the City Clerk's Office 626-307-1359 or visit the City's website at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us/city-clerk.

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 • 5:00 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

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| Building Division | (626) 307-1300 |
| Business License | (626) 307-1338 |
| Code Enforcement | (626) 307-1415 |
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| Community Participation | (626) 307-1390 |
| Dial-A-Ride | (626) 307-1396 |
| Economic Development | (626) 307-1385 |
| Engineering | (626) 307-1320 |
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| Fire Dept. Ambulance | (626) 307-1423 |
| Fire Prevention | (626) 307-1308 |
| Graffiti Removal | (626) 307-1449 |
| Housing Rehabilitation | (626) 307-1385 |
| Human Resources | (626) 307-1334 |
| Langley Senior Center | (626) 307-1395 |
| Library | (626) 307-1333 |
| Planning and Zoning | (626) 307-1315 |
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| 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 |

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City Hall Hours

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

Closed Fridays

City Events Calendar

- June 1 Transportation Summit, 9:00 a.m., George Elder Park Community Center, 1950 Wilcox Avenue.
- June 5 Regular City Council mtg., 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- June 15 Community Cleanup Day, 7:30 a.m., Sierra Vista Park, 311 Rural Drive.
- June 18 City Council Guests & Presentations mtg., 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- June 19 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 more city events please visit the Community Calendar at www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us.

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Hundreds Attend MERCI's Open House for John and Mary's Place

More than 200 people attended MERCI's open house and ribbon cutting for John and Mary's Place Residential Home, which is named for John and Mary Duce, at 523 North Chandler, Monterey Park.



ABC Channel 7 Traffic Reporter Allysha Del Valley served as the emcee of the program with MERCI Executive Director Marta Escañuelas giving the history of MERCI followed by MERCI Board Member Liz Diaz recognizing the donors and asking for additional donations to furnish and equip John and Mary's Place and to help complete construction of the classrooms and administration buildings.

MERCI raised more than \$40,000 from the donors present at the Open House. More though is needed to reach the goal of \$500,000. Recognition certificates on the accomplishments of MERCI were presented by Monterey Park Council Members; John Man, President of the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce; and former Assemblymember Mike Eng.

Federal HUD funds administered by the City of Monterey Park, loans, donations and grants have helped to construct the Craftsman-style residential home. Escañuelas said, "The home is a beautiful addition to Monterey Park, but funds are still needed for furnishings, bedding, towels, dishes and utensils."

Construction continues on the classroom and administration buildings next to the residential home. There are still opportunities for people to donate to the construction of these two buildings. MERCI will recognize all donations, but donations of \$10,000 or more will have rooms named in honor of the individual, organization or business. With donations of \$100,000 or more, an individual, business or organization will have building naming rights for one of the two buildings being constructed.

MERCI History

A group of parents of children with developmental disabilities from the San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles formed MERCI in 1955 as a school because at that time there were no educational options for their children. In 1962 MERCI moved into the 525 North Chandler Avenue site which had been built in 1919. Over the years MERCI has moved into supporting adults with day programs and adults in residential homes. MERCI presently serves 111 adults with developmental disabilities from all over the San Gabriel Valley in five programs. It is estimated that there are 8,000 children and adults in this area alone who could benefit from the programs if there were more space. Planning for the construction of the new buildings started in 2006 with the award of \$814,000 of federal HUD funds administered by the City of Monterey Park.

MERCI needs the support of the community to complete the project. Donations can be mailed to MERCI, P.O. Box 676, Monterey Park, CA 91754 or potential donors can visit MERCI's website at <http://www.merci.org> and make a donation online. Donations to MERCI are tax deductible, as MERCI is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. For more information contact Executive Director Marta Escañuelas at 626-289-8817 or email at martaesc1@verizon.net.

by Marta Escañuelas

Volunteer Spotlight: PAUL G. PEREZ

Paul G. Perez has a modest collection. With over 40 certificates and recognition he has received over the years, they are glowing reminders of the many hours that he has devoted to help others. Helping others have always been a part of his DNA. He tells the story of his father who used to bring strangers home and ask his mom to cook for them – extending a hand and a home cook meal before sending them onward to continue their travels. His father would say 'Put back into the community what you share'. Nowadays, life is a bit more complicated and inviting a stranger home for a meal can no longer be done, but, he has never forgotten his father's words and he has found other ways to apply the meaning of those words into his life.



Perez has lived in Monterey Park since 1964. He always knew that this was the city he wanted to live in. He was working at Caltrans when he initially saw the site where his neighborhood now exists. It was still an empty lot and in the beginning stages for a new development. The frames for the new homes were not even put up yet. When he approached the development to express his interest in purchasing one of the new homes, he was told he was number 48. Confident that it meant he would be the 48th buyer in the large development, he was immediately corrected by the development that all the homes were already sold and he would actually be the 48th person on the waiting list. But, he was already hooked on the area. So every day, over the next two years, he drove through the neighborhood looking for a home that would be put back into the market for sale. His perseverance eventually paid off. His realtor friend, John Furukawa, called to tell him that there was a home that will be back on the market. He moved into the city with his parents and later bought his own home close by. Nowadays, many of his extended family resides in the City. His son and 2 sisters are all neighbors living in the same city block.

When he first purchased his home, it was a one story. As his family grew, he decided that he wanted to add more living space. As an engineer, he put his ingenuity into an innovative way of expanding his home. In order to double the square footage in his home, he arranged to have the house mechanically lifted 11 feet up in the air and placed on top of the new level that was built on the ground floor.

Perez served 25 years in active and reserve duty for the military. When he retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve with the distinguished rank of CWO-4, commissioned by the President of the United States, his retirement certificate was signed by President Bill Clinton. Perez also has an illustrious educational background completing his studies for a Masters in Management and earned a J.D. (Juris Doctorate) degree. Perez worked at Caltrans for over 47 years. By the time he retired from Caltrans, he was the Branch Chief. He continues to donate time as an unpaid consultant in the area of Transportation planning.

Perez and his wife Alicia, a graduate Chemist working at the Air Quality Management District as a Technician, enjoy spending time with their grandson Nathan. Together, with their 3 sons, they are a close family unit.

Perez's list of community service is extensive. He has volunteered time as a tutor in advance math for bright students at Monterey Vista elementary school and currently serves on the Community Relations Commission. He is an active member of CERT (Citizens' Emergency Response Team) with the Monterey Park Fire Department and he tutors at the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library to help residents prepare for their U.S. Citizenship test. He is also a Garvey Ranch Museum Docent and finds the time to also serve as a Citizen Patrolman with the Monterey Park Police Department. <http://www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us>

Perez recounted that his most meaningful achievement occurred in the 90's when a friend asked him to help teach adults how to read at the City Terrace Library. He expected to teach a class full of immigrants. However, when he entered the classroom, he was surprised that his class consisted of a melting pot of young, old and a predominant number of non-immigrant students. He recalled that the room was quiet when he stepped inside. He immediately walked up to the chalkboard and wrote the words 'the first person who can read this out loud will get five dollars'. The room remained silent. Not a single person was able to read the sentence. He looked directly at one student, dressed in a tie and suit and asked why he joined the class. His student looked up at him and said that he works as a supervisor at a company but he did not know how to read and write. He was able to get a job by asking the receptionist to assist him with completing the application using the excuse that he had forgotten his glasses. When prompted with the question of why he wanted to start learning how to read now, his student replied that he has a daughter who is five years old. He does not want to be an embarrassment to his daughter when she grows up and find out that her father does not know how to read. Up until that moment, he did not realize what a significant impact he would have in the personal lives of his students.

With multilingual skills, Perez switches easily between English, Spanish and Cantonese. He is also able to speak a little Japanese, picking up the language when he was taking classes, eventually earning his Black Belt in Karate. When asked how he is able to speak Cantonese so comfortably, he responds that it is the love of the culture that has led to the love of the language which makes the language easier to learn. Recently honored with the '2013 People Who Make a Difference Award', he was also nominated to be the Honorary Grand Marshal for the 2012 Monterey Park Play Days parade. Perez believes that everyone can make a contribution to the community, in fact, his favorite saying is, "no one is completely worthless, at least they can serve as a horrible example, and that in itself, is being useful".

By Janet Yu

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City Council Meeting of April 3, 2013

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

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-37 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated April 3, 2013 totaling \$1,412,267.72 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 2 Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11560 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated April 3, 2013 Totaling \$1,156,233.37 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 3 Council adopted Resolution No. 11561 supporting Earth Day 2013.

Special Council Meeting of April 10, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m., with all Council Members present.

No Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions. The Outgoing Mayor gave his farewell address.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1 Reorganization of the Monterey Park City Council in accordance with Resolution No. 11507.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

City Council Meeting of April 17, 2013

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

An item under Mayor/Council Communications was pulled regarding consideration of a public forum.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-38 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated April 17, 2013 totaling \$5,959.39 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

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

Agenda Item 3 Council approved minutes from the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meetings of February 20, March 6, and March 20, 2013.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 4 Council approved payment of warrants and

Agenda Item 4 Council adopted Resolution No. 11562 initiating the Benefit Assessment District Renewal; approved the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year and set a public hearing.

Agenda Item 5 Council did not adopt a Resolution to approve bidding documents and specifications for the Façade Improvement Project.

Agenda Item 6 Council adopted Resolution No. 11563 authorizing staff to advertise the 2013 localized pavement repairs for bids.

Agenda Item 7 Council adopted Resolution No. 11564 approving the bidding documents and specifications for the Grand Lobby and exterior corridor entries paint work and establishing a project payment account.

Agenda Item 8 Council adopted Resolution No. 11565 approving the design and plans for the 2013 Slurry Seal of Various Streets and establishing a project payment account.

Agenda Item 9 Council approved the recommendations of the Tree Memorial Selection Committee to honor Herb Motonaga and Catherine Wills with a Tree Memorial.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10 Potential transfer of fire services from the City of Monterey Park to the L A County Fire Protection District

Special Council Meeting of April 15, 2013

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

No Agenda additions, deletions, changes, and adoptions.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1 STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

The City Council reviewed and revised the Three-Year Goals (what the City of Monterey Park government needs to accomplish) and made suggestions for Six-Month Strategic Objectives.

adopted Resolution No. 11570 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated April 17, 2013 Totaling \$913,077.14 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 5 Council received and filed the investment report as of March 2013.

Agenda Item 6 Council approved the minutes from the regular meetings of February 20, March 6, and March 20, and the special meetings of March 19 and March 26, 2013.

Agenda Item 7 Council adopted Resolution No. 11571 declaring Wednesday, April 24, 2013 to be "Denim Day Monterey Park" supporting sexual abuse awareness and the belief that there is no excuse and never an invitation to rape.

Agenda Item 8 Council accepted the Fire Station 62 and 63 roof repair work performed by Adco Roofing and authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

Agenda Item 9 Council adopted Resolution No. 11572 authorizing staff to advertise the 2013 Sidewalk Repairs for bids.

Agenda Item 10 Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase 120,000 pounds of Granular Activated Carbon from Prominent Systems in an amount not to exceed \$146,358.30 to complete required change out of media at Wells 1, 3, 10 and Fern Treatment Plant and authorized staff to exclu-

The City Council:

received and filed the Ad Hoc Fire Citizen Committee report and Elections Code § 9212 report;

Adopted Resolution No. 11566 calling for a special election on July 9, 2013;

Adopted Resolution No. 11567 requesting that the Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, Elections Division, assist with the special election and authorizing the County Clerk's office to canvass the votes;

Adopted Resolution No. 11568 establishing regulations for ballot arguments;

Designated a Councilmember to draft a ballot argument on the City's behalf; and

Adopted Resolution No. 11569 directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis for all ballot measures approved by the City Council.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTER

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

The Council meeting was adjourned at 11:53 P.M.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

The City Council discussed where the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk should sit during City Council Meetings. It was decided to switch the seating between the City Manager and the City Attorney.

Council meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM to Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 8:30 am to continue with Strategic Planning Retreat.

sively solicit competitive bids from the three Granular Activated Carbon vendors for the next three years.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 11 Council held a Public Hearing and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to amend the One-Year Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program Consolidated Plan as directed and set the final public hearing for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 One-Year Action Plan for May 1, 2013.

Agenda Item 12 Council introduced and waived first reading of an Ordinance amending Title 21 of Monterey Park Code (CA-13-01) with the second reading and adoption at the May 1, 2013 City Council Meeting.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTER

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

The Council meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M. in memory of Arden Antonian, a long time resident.

Special Council Meeting of April 23, 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with all Council Members present.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 1 CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION Council discussed the following subjects with no action taken.

a. Overview of the existing City Yard located at 751 South Alhambra and the Relocation Assessment;

b. City Ventures proposed development project located at 751 South Alhambra (currently the City's Corporation Yard);

c. Olson Company proposed development project located at 2015 Potrero Grande;

d. LINC Housing proposed development project located at 236/239 Ramona. The City Council certified LINC as a Community Housing Development Organization in 2012;

e. Review of draft Ordinance reorganizing the City's Committees, Boards and Commissions;

f. City Council Organization Participation; and

g. Such additional matters that the City Council may identify that are not specifically listed above, but are substantially related to these items.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

City Council Meeting of May 1, 2013

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

The City Manager reported that Item No. 12, Comprehensive Master Fee Study will be continued to the June 5 Council Meeting.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 1 Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-39 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated May 1, 2013 totaling \$1,104.13 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item 2 Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 11573 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated May 1, 2013 Totaling \$1,059,230.29 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid.

Agenda Item 3 Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2097 amending Title 21 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code (CA-13-01).

Agenda Item 4 Council adopted Resolution No. 11574 appointing Elected Official representatives to specific organizations.

Agenda Item 5 Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, between the City and Pyro Spectaculars for the 2013 Fourth of July Firework Display.

Agenda Item 6 Council awarded a contract to Core-Rosion Products for painting services in an amount not to exceed \$64,446.25 to repaint the Well 12 Treatment Plant and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Core-Rosion Products in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Agenda Item 7 Council adopted Resolution No. 11575 authorizing staff to advertise the Fire Station No. 61 Apparatus Floor Resurfacing for bids.

Agenda Item 8 Council accepted the Sequoia Park ADA improvement works performed by CT&T; authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter; and authorized the allocation of an additional \$16,000 in General Funds to cover the final cost of the project.

Agenda Item 9 Council accepted the Emergency Operations Center work performed by Accelerated Modular Concepts Inc.; authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office; and authorized staff to pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

Agenda Item 10 Council adopted Resolution No. 11576 authorizing staff to advertise for bids for City Hall and Parking Structure painting project.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item 11 Council held a second Public Hearing and adopted the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Agenda Item 12 Comprehensive Master Fee Study was continued.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 13 Personnel Matters as reviewed by the City Council during Closed Session on April 17, 2013

Council adopted Resolution No. 11577 as amended approving restoration of part-time merit increases and administrative leave for non-contract executive staff; combine the Economic Development and Community Development Departments; reclassify the Financial Services Manager; open recruitments for Director of Public Works, and the Director of Community/Economic Development.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTER

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

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

Thank You from Cherry Blossom Festival Committee

The 16th Annual City of Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival was held on April 20-21, 2013 in Barnes Park, and it was a success due to the support of the public and the participation of the performers, exhibitors, and vendors. In particular, we would like to thank KTTV Fox 11 broadcast journalist Susan Hirasuna and KTLA Morning News co-anchor Frank Buckley for joining us on Saturday. Each of them was presented with a City commendation for their contributions to the community.



The Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival Committee would like to thank all of the hardworking volunteers, friends, and family members, who helped to make our Festival an entertaining and informative experience of Japanese culture. Volunteers included members of the National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation from Mark Keppel High School and Montebello High School, and students from Glendale Community College.

The Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival Committee would also like to thank all of our sponsors for their generous donations, which allowed the general public free access to the entertainment, demonstrations, and exhibits.

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Last, but not least, the Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival Committee would like to thank the City of Monterey Park for providing the use of the facilities at Barnes Park, as well as the assistance from Recreation and Community Services personnel, the Fire and Police personnel, the Monterey Park Citizens Patrol, and the Police Explorers. All of whom made the Festival a safe and friendly environment.

Annual July 4th Celebration at the American Legion Post 397

The American Legion Post 397 will hold its annual July 4th celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. All friends and families are invited to enjoy a lunch of hot dogs as we wait to see the fireworks at Barnes Park, just across the street.



Enjoy Friday Dinners at the Post on June, 14, serving Chicken/Chile Verde Casserole. This will be the only dinner this month.

There are no American Legion or Auxiliary meetings during the month of June, as our year comes to a close. We will meet again in July. Please consider joining the American Legion or the Auxiliary. The Legion Post will meet June 19th at 6:30 and the Auxiliary will meet June 12th at 5:30. Join us as we welcome new officers.

Contact Commander Gabriel Suarez at (626) 232-4850. "Like" us on Facebook. Email post 397@gmail.com. Contact the hall at (626) 572-9211. We are located at 338 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

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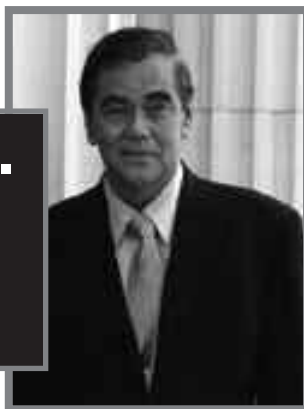
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LAMP Literacy, ESL and Citizenship Preparation Program

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 Classes will close for Summer Recess on June 14th!

The LAMP Literacy Program will close for the summer recess on June 14, 2013 and reopen in August. Registrations for the next semester will begin on August 5, 2013. The literacy program has every level of ESL classes available to help English Language Learners gain reading, writing and speaking skills. Students are pre-tested to determine their proficiency levels in Basic English skills and to assist in placement of appropriate levels. ESL classes available are; Phonics – Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m., Beginning Literacy- Tuesdays / Thursdays 12-2:00 p.m. Beginning Low-Mondays 6 -7:30 p.m., Beginning High –Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Intermediate –Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and also on Tuesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m., Advanced ESL on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays 3-5 p.m., and English Conversation on Sundays 1-3:00 p.m. All classes are open enrollment and anyone interested in joining a class can come by the LAMP Literacy office located on the second floor of the library for more information and to register. A material fee of \$20.00 is required for each class each semester.

Citizenship Preparation Classes

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

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.



2013 Summer Reading Program: Reading is So Delicious!

The Children's Department invites children from infants through sixth grade to participate in the 2013 Summer Reading Program from June 24 through August 1. This year's theme is "Reading is So Delicious!" To officially kick off the program, on Monday, June 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the Friends Room, Mr. Daniel Porcu will present a 45-minute interactive and fun-filled "Reading is So Delicious" puppet/ventriloquist show program. Pre-registration will be available at the Children's Desk from June 17 through June 23. There will no phone registrations.

To encourage children to read, during the six-week program, each participating reader will receive a variety of reading incentives including pencils, reading bags, stickers, bookmarks, reading buttons, 3D food erasers, giraffe-shaped chopsticks, and Legoland coupons. Children who read ten books will receive an entry form to win a colorful T-shirt with the Summer Reading Club logo "Reading Is So Delicious!" There will be four T-shirt drawings during the program. The winners need not be present, however; due to popular demands, each reader can only win one T-shirt. Summer Reading Program activities will include craft programs, film showings, and a Chinese musical instruments appreciation program for reading club members. For further information about this reading program, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

Father's Day Preschool Program

To celebrate Father's Day, the Children's Department will present a special Father's Day storytime in the Storytime Room on Thursday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. After the stories, preschoolers and their accompanying caregivers may stay for a make your own Father's Day tool-box themed greeting card project in the Arts & Crafts Room. For more information about this free program, please call the Children's Desk at (626) 307-1358.

Storytimes

Children can discover reading through fun storytimes at the library:

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

Storytimes are held in the Storytime Room and 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.

June Monday Night Basic Computer Classes in Mandarin

June Monday night computer classes in Mandarin are scheduled for June 3, 10, 17 and 24 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.

July Monday Night Basic Computer Classes in English

July Monday night computer classes in English are scheduled for July 8, 15, 22 and 29 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.

Tuesday Night Open Computer Lab

Adults wanting to practice computer skills can join the open computer lab on Tuesday evenings June 4, 11, 18, and 25 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.

Thursday Morning Basic Computer Classes in English

Thursday morning computer classes in English are scheduled for June 6, 13, 20 and 27 in the computer lab from 10:30 am – 12 noon. 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.


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.



Novel Destinations Adult Summer Reading Program


Join the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library's Adult Summer Reading Program "Novel Destinations." This year we are exploring the Middle East with a book club, films, and guest speakers. Read one book and receive a book bag and bookmarks. Read books to earn reading coupons and enter weekly prize drawings. To sign-up, visit the reference desk during regular library hours. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information about the free program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.



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Novel Destinations

Documentary Film Program on Islamic Art

A documentary film on Islamic art will be screened on Sunday, June 16 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The film is part of the library's Novel Destinations Adult Summer Reading program. The ninety-minute film takes audiences on an epic journey across nine countries and over 1,400 years of history exploring the great masterworks of Islamic Art and Architecture. The film is part of a grant award received by the library from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in cooperation with the American Library Association's (ALA) Public Programs Office. The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library is one of 842 libraries and state humanities councils awarded "The Muslim Journeys Bookshelf," a collection of books, films and other resources. For more information about the free film program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

June International Film Program

The public is invited to the library's special film screenings featuring award winning films. The International Film Program on Wednesday, June 19 at 2 pm in the Friends Room is a free program with light refreshments compliments of the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For additional information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

Novel Destinations

Book Club Discussion Program

Join the discussion of Khaled Hosseini's bestselling novel of 2007, A Thousand Splendid Suns on Sunday, June 23 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. The book spent fifteen weeks at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list and remained on the list for an impressive forty-nine weeks. A Thousand Splendid Suns chronicles thirty years of Afghan history and a deeply moving story of family, friendship, faith, and identity through the stories of two female characters, Laila and Mariam. Attend the program even if you have not read the book to discover the book themes. For more information about the program contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

Novel Destinations

Kuwait and Dubai Travelogue Program

Travel to Kuwait and Dubai with a travelogue program on Sunday, June 30 at 2 pm in the Friends Room. A guest speaker will present an interactive program with film and photographs taken during a year he worked in Kuwait. For more information about the program 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, June 5 at 3 pm, a nonstop action film of Steam Punk + Tai Chi tells the story of a young social outcast who joins forces with the daughter of a tai-chi master to defeat a villainous intruder who wants to construct a railway through a remote village, and in the process proves that he has what it takes to become a true master himself. The free film program rated PG-13 is 98 minutes long. Snacks will be provided compliments of the Friends of the Monterey Park Library. For more information contact the Reference Desk at 626-307-1368.



Teen Summer Reading Program

The 2013 Teen Summer Reading Program runs from June 10th through July 24th. The theme is "Reading is So Delicious." As teens read books they can receive coupons for a free DVD checkout or use the coupons to enter the drawing for various prizes. Along with the reading and great prizes, fun and exciting programs will be scheduled. To register for the teen summer reading program and for further information, call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

Reading Is Delicious

The theme of the 2013 Teen Summer Reading Program is "Reading is So Delicious." Programs scheduled in June include sign-ups, a Pizza Party Kick-off on June 10 at 5 pm in the Friends Room and a Buttons Program on June 12 at 3 pm in the Friends Room where teens can create fantastic works of food art or bring in pictures to make their own themes. For more information about the programs call the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

JF Program Summer BBQ

Fun Programs by Youth for Youth

On Wednesday, June 19 at 2:00 pm, the Junior Friends will host their annual BBQ in Barnes Park. The Junior Friends, a teen volunteer organization at the library, hosts a program each month to serve the youth at Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library. Bring your appetite and friends it promises to be a splash! There will be food and fun for all teens. For more information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

Anime/Manga Club

Join the library's Anime and Manga Club on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Watch the latest Anime releases, meet other Otaku and discuss new titles for the library on Wednesday, June 26 from 3:30 -5:30 pm in the Friends Room. For more information contact the Reference Desk at (626) 307-1368.

Farmers' Market

The Monterey Park Farmers' Market celebrates its first birthday this month! After a year of providing the community with fresh fruits and vegetables from local California farmers, the market will celebrate on Friday, June 21 with food trucks, cooking demonstration, free reusable bags, and a market basket raffle every hour.

For more info, e-mail montereyparkfm@gmail.com. The Monterey Park Farmers' Market is open every Friday at 318 S. Ramona Ave at the library from 4-8pm. Follow us on Facebook (montereyparkFM) and sign-up for our monthly newsletter at www.montereyparkfm.com.



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Predatory Lending: Could You Be a Victim?

Senior citizens, minorities, low income families and the disabled are often targets for this illegal activity

The Housing Rights Center (HRC) is a non-profit fair housing organization that provides free fair housing services to Monterey Park residents. HRC's fair housing services include landlord/tenant counseling on issues such as evictions, rent increases, repairs and more; investigating complaints of housing discrimination; and providing fair housing workshops for community members about the fair housing laws. The Housing Rights Center also provides counseling to current and potential homeowners who may be a victim of Predatory Lending. Predatory lending is the act of manipulating borrowers to accept fraudulent and deceptive loan terms through high-pressure sales, forging documents or taking unfair advantage of a borrower's lack of understanding about loan terms.



For most people, buying a home is one of the most important financial decisions they will ever make. Many homeowners unfortunately fall victim to lending abuses, and their dream of homeownership often ends in a financial nightmare. The Center for Responsible Lending reports that since 2007 more than 7.5 million homes have entered into the foreclosure process.

Leading brokers/dealers specializing in the trading of residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities estimate that more than 10 million foreclosures are still ahead and 1 out of every 5 homeowners is at serious risk of foreclosure. Financial experts have long held predatory lenders responsible for the foreclosure crisis and its devastating impact on our communities.

Predatory lending is unfair, unethical and illegal. Predatory lenders often target senior citizens, minorities, people with disabilities, and low-income families with unnecessarily expensive loans, excessive fees, and high pressure tactics. Most predatory lenders often share the same ethnicity or race as their victims.

Predatory Lenders May:

- Tell you that they are your only chance of getting a loan.
- "Pack" a loan with unnecessary products and services.
- Try to make a loan more attractive by having low monthly payments but charging a large balloon payment at the end of the loan period.
- Knowingly loan you more money than you can afford to repay.
- Convince homeowners to repeatedly refinance their loans within a short period of time, thereby stripping the home of its equity.
- Use false appraisals to increase the home's actual value.
- Pressure you to accept a higher risk loan.
- Persuade you to lie about your income in order to qualify for a loan.

To avoid costly pitfalls later, be a smart consumer and learn about the homebuyer process first.

Smart Consumer Tips:

- Shop around. Compare loans from different lenders.
- Borrow only the amount you need and can afford.
- Ask about any additional fees and prepayment penalties, if any. Make sure that they are reasonable.
- Avoid loans with low monthly payments and a "balloon" payment at the end of the loan payment.
- Do not sign documents containing blank spaces.
- Obtain copies of all loan documents.
- Read everything carefully. Ask questions if there are terms you don't understand.

If you feel that you have been a victim of predatory lending or if you have questions about another house related issue, contact the Housing Rights Center for help at 800-477-5977. HRC staff members are available to provide assistance in 8 different languages: English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Armenian, Russian, American Sign Language, and Korean.

Perfect Attendance

Three Northrup 8th graders (l-r) Brandon Gallardo, Sally Leong, and Lacie Rivera have had perfect attendance at their school since kindergarten. That's over 1,600 days each they have spent in the classrooms of Northrup without any absences. Brandon woke up every morning at 6:30 am, ate breakfast, and left for school at 7:20 am. On his perfect record, Brandon says, "I wanted to make my mom proud of me because I don't really have a dad in my life." Brandon feels that perfect attendance is important to gaining a good education and shows colleges how reliable and ready to learn he is. His attendance tips to others? "I recommend students don't stay up later than 10 pm on weekdays. Make sure you wake up early enough to get to school on time everyday. Try your best to eat healthy, so you don't get sick and have to stay home. Lastly don't pretend to be sick to miss school because you might miss important lessons." Congratulations, Brandon, Sandy and Lacie, on your perfect achievement! The trio were recognized in a ceremony at the school.



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A Guide to Stargazing in June

by Sadie De Stefano

The official start of summer occurs in June and there's no better time to spend a few nights under the night sky.

Summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere on 20 June 2013, formally known as the summer solstice. A solstice occurs twice a year, and is the moment when the sun reaches its highest or lowest point of the year, relative to the celestial equator, which is a projection of the Earth's equator on the sky. During summer, the sun is at its highest point, and winter is when it reaches its lowest point. Solstices and equinoxes are related to the seasons, which in turn are caused by the fact that the Earth is tilted. These are of course not limited to our planet alone- all planets have tilt, though they vary quite a bit from planet to planet.



Cygnus, which is Latin for swan, is a quintessential summer constellation. It contains the Northern Cross asterism, and its brightest star, Deneb, is one of the vertices of another asterism called the Summer Triangle. Asterisms, which are easily distinguishable pieces of constellations, are extremely helpful in learning to navigate the night sky. Deneb is a blue supergiant star with a mass twenty times that of our sun! Another interesting star in Cygnus is Albireo, which marks the swan's beak. Albireo appears to be a single star to the naked eye, but a telescope reveals another star in close proximity. Amateur astronomers refer to pairs like these as "double stars." This particular set is a wonderful example of the varying colors of stars. Not all stars burn at the same temperature, nor are they all of the same chemical composition. These are the factors that make some stars red, yellow, blue or white, to name a few of the varieties. Albireo and its companion are a vivid blue and gold color, respectively.

The constellation Hercules, named for the mythical Roman hero, is ripe for viewing this month. It is the fifth largest constellation in the night sky, and home to one of the most beautiful objects one can observe- a globular cluster. This particular object, designated M13, is a very compact group of about 300,000 stars that are tightly bound by gravity, roughly 25,000 light years away. It was discovered in 1714 by Edmond Halley, the same man that computed the orbit of the infamous Halley's Comet. This truly is one of the most beautiful objects in the night sky, so be sure to stop by the Garvey Ranch Observatory later this month to view it! The Los Angeles Astronomical Society is there every Wednesday night from 7-10 p.m. to operate the telescope for your pleasure. They would also love to answer any questions you have about M13, double stars, or any other astronomical topic. Feel free to contact us via any of the methods below. We would love to see you there!

Address: Garvey Ranch Park, 781 S. Orange Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755

Web: <http://www.laas.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/losangelesastronomicalsociety>

Phone: 213-673-7355

AUSD Recognized as a Model Student Attendance Review Board Program

Good school attendance is crucial for success. The Alhambra School Attendance and Review Board (SARB) works with families to make sure children are in school every day on time. The District's SARB program was recognized as a model program for exemplary practice in building community partnerships. Working with our community partners such as the Alhambra Police and local mental health agencies is a hallmark of the District's effort to support all students. On April 19, AUSD Coordinator Lindsey Ma represented the district in Sacramento to accept the award on behalf of the SARB Team.

The SARB Team includes Lindsey K. Ma, Chairperson; Dr. Laurel Bear, Director, Student Services/Gateway to Success; Martha Borunda, Department of Children & Family Services; Isabel Banuelos, LA County, Department of Mental Health; Victor Sanchez, LA County, Department of Mental Health; Suzie Carranza, MFT/Parent; Agatha Lam, LMFT, Chinatown Services; Michelle Green, AUSD Lead Nurse; Jennifer Gowen, Deputy District Attorney; David Ikeda, Deputy District Attorney (SARB Certified); Susan Hernandez, Department of Public Social Services, Eligibility; Marisa Perez, LMFT,

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June 17 - Commission on Aging Meeting, 11A.M.
June 23 - Club Amistad Dance

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M.P. Senior Citizens Club, Friday, 10 a.m.
Japanese/American Club, 3rd Saturday, 1 p.m.
Club Amistad, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
Club Bella Vista, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
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- JUNE 22 - Fees are \$26.00
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COME JOIN THE FUN! DOORS OPEN at 11
A.M. 1st and 3rd Friday of the month Bingo is
conducted by Monterey Park Friends of the
Seniors. 2nd and 4th Friday of the month Bingo
is conducted by Monterey Park Senior Citizen
Club. 5th Friday of the month is on rotation of
both groups. Everyone over 18 years of age is
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AMERICAN CULTURE Thur., Beginner 1- 3
p.m.; Intermediate, 3-4 p.m., Free.

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every morning, 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Free.

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Wednesday 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

DANCE CLASSES - Wednesday and Friday, 7
p.m.-10 p.m.; \$5.00

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

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NEEDLECRAFT WORK SHOP, Tue., 9-11
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FRIENDSHIP CHORUS Wed., 9:30 a.m.-12
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Intermediate/Adv: 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, \$24, Begins June 11

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COMMISSION ON AGING - The
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50 1st set, \$45 second set (must be 2 loans for
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Monterey Highlands Elementary students and twins Alexis and Ashley Hayashi display their trophies at the 2013 Compete Nationals Martial Arts Competition. Alexis placed first and Ashley second in their respective events at the competition featuring over 2,200 competitors. Coached by their father Ken, the twins have been training in martial arts since the age of three.

Cod Liver Oil is Good for Your Teeth and Gum, so said The American Dental Association in 1931

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2010 was the 80TH anniversary of the founding of the Council on Dental Therapeutics by the American Dental Association (ADA) to oversee the evaluation of dental products. The Council on Dental Therapeutics awarded the first Seal of Approval, in 1931, to a brand of cod liver oil as a food supplement to promote strong teeth and healthy gums. Now 80 years later much more is known about cod liver oil. And practically all of it is good. According to Dr. George Griffing, Professor of Medicine at the St. Louis University and Editor in Chief of Internal Medicine for eMedicine, cod liver oil contains large amounts of vitamins A, D, and omega-3-fatty acids, and the health benefits may go beyond rheumatism and rickets. Vitamin A is essential for the immune system, bone growth, night vision, cellular growth, testicular and ovarian function, according to Dr. Griffing. Furthermore Vitamin D may prevent type I diabetes, hypertension, and many common cancers.

Besides omega 3- fatty acids (O3FA), cod liver oil also contains EPA and DHA (eicosapentanoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid). O3FA was shown in one study to reduce rate of mortality and sudden death while another study suggested that there was a step-wise reduction in sudden death based on levels of O3FA, according to Dr. Griffing. The mechanism by which O3FA, DHA and EPA bring about these benefits is speculated to be a reduction in triglycerides and increase in HDL (good cholesterol). The data is so strong that European and American cardiac societies have incorporated EPA and DHA into their recent guidelines for cardiac disease.

Vitamin A benefits the immune system and bone growth and therefore may be the mechanism by which this vitamin ameliorates periodontitis, a bacteriological-inflammatory process that destroys bone and gum supporting the teeth. Periodontitis is the most common cause of tooth loss in adults. Vitamin D is needed for calcium metabolism and growth and development of baby and permanent teeth.

It is interesting that the American Dental Association endorsed the use of cod liver oil for oral health some 80 years ago. Of course now we know that oral health is indispensable to systemic health. This column has talked extensively about the close association between gum disease and other systemic disorders, such as hypertension, diabetes and pregnancy problems (pre-term and low-weight babies). It is also fascinating to speculate how much healthier Americans would be today if they had been taking cod liver oil for the last 80 years. It would not be overly speculative to say that they would be healthier both orally and generally speaking.

Cod liver oil is not for everyone, however. Cod liver oil is probably best avoided by pregnant women, asthmatics and people taking anticoagulants such as warfarin, according to Dr. Griffin. If you have any medical condition, consult your physician before you add cod liver oil as a food supplement.

See your dentist regularly. This is still your best bet to keep your smile healthy. Discuss with your dentist whether cod liver oil (available now in a tasteless capsule) or any other supplement is recommended for your particular situation.

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.

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- 2000 S GARFIELD AVE
- 200 W GARVEY AVE
- 500 MONTEREY PASS RD
- 700 MONTEREY PASS RD
- 1600 SHADY CREST LN
- 1000 WANDERING DR
- 1600 SHADY CREST LN
- 1000 LOMA VERDE ST
- 1300 AVENIDA CESAR CHAVEZ
- 600 N NICHOLSON AVE
- 100 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 100 CASUDA CANYON DR
- 600 W HAMMEL ST
- 500 W RIGGIN ST

AUTO THEFT

- 20 CUPANIA CIR
- N GARFIELD AVE / E GARVEY AVE
- 700 S GARFIELD AVE
- 1300 AVENIDA CESAR CHAVEZ
- 2300 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 100 N ALHAMBRA AVE
- 300 N SIERRA VISTA ST
- 1000 S GARFIELD AVE
- 800 E NEWMARK AVE
- 200 GLADYS AVE
- 500 RUSSELL AVE
- 600 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 1000 E HELLMAN AVE
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- 900 S ATLANTIC BLVD
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- 400 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 400 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 500 N ATLANTIC BLVD
- 400 S ATLANTIC BLVD
- 400 S ATLANTIC BLVD
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- 1700 S ORANGE AVE
- 500 W HELLMAN AVE
- 100 MARONDE WAY
- 1100 CREST VISTA DR
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- 300 E NEWMARK AVE
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Repetto Student Wins Jack and Jill Magazine National Kids Cover Contest

Armen Duran, 12, Uses art as therapy when dealing with autism



Twelve-year-old Armen Duran signs his award-winning artwork for classmate Joshua Lopez at a special award ceremony held at Repetto school on May 16. Several local news channels covered the event.

Jack and Jill magazine presented Repetto 7th grader Armen Duran with the Jack and Jill first place prize for his submission titled, "Having fun with my family. We love the beach. We go kayaking and swimming." Armen is autistic and uses art to express himself and his ideas. He clearly has a unique talent, as he finished in second place for this same contest back in 2010. Jack and Jill will award Repetto Elementary School with a \$1,500 cash prize for the school's art program during an event at the school on Thursday, May 16. Armen's winning submission is featured on the cover of the May/June 2013 issue of Jack and Jill as well as on the website, <http://www.uskidsmags.com/artcontest/>.

The Jack and Jill Cover Contest is an annual art contest designed to stimulate creativity and promote art programs in schools across the country. Children ages 7-12 were encouraged to submit entries fitting with the theme, "My Best Day Ever."

Twelve-year-old Armen entered the contest because he wanted to help his school. "So I could donate the prize to my school," he said. "This is how I can help them to help other kids. I like art because it helps me express my feelings. And I just love to draw," he said in a Jack and Jill magazine interview.

The winners were selected by a panel of judges that included contributing illustrators to Turtle, Humpty Dumpty, and Jack and Jill, plus three celebrity judges: Jim Davis, cartoonist and creator of Garfield; Shane Sowell, artist for King of the Hill, The Simpsons, and Piggy Nation; and Joyce Raimondo, author of seven children's art books, including The Museum of Modern Art's popular Art Safari series.

"Our school adores Armen, and we are very proud of his accomplishments," Principal Natalie Tee Gaither said. Gaither notes that Armen will be instrumental in selecting how the money will be spent.

Local news channels 9, 4, and 2 all covered the check presentation event, in which Armen signed his cover for his classmates. In the future, Armen aspires to be a movie director or a graphic designer. The Alhambra Unified School District congratulates Armen on his success!



The cover of Jack and Jill magazine which features Armen Duran's first place winning art work and a page in the magazine about Armen.

Senior Wins Congressional Art Competition, Work to Hang in U.S. Capitol

Blinded by her joy-filled tears, San Gabriel High School senior Michelle Huang rose to accept the first place prize for U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu's 4th Annual Congressional Art Competition on May 4. Along with a certificate recognizing her for her talent and a \$1500 scholarship award to assist her with her college fund, Huang was offered two round-trip tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Congressional Art Competition Reception on June 26, where her winning art piece will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for the duration of a year.

Drawing in over 170 candidates from Rep. Chu's 27th District, the competition was held at the Pasadena Museum of History.

"I was really shocked because even second and third place were my highest hope. I never knew this day would come; I never expected to be able to win first place," Huang said.

Titled, "Spring," her winning art piece illustrates Mudan flowers with leaves sitting delicately on a branch. She attributes her success with the fact that her style is very traditional. Huang uses watercolors on rice paper to create her pieces, and in particular, the one that won the prize took her about a month's time to complete.

With art, Huang's passion derives from her believing that it allows her to express herself through her medium. "Art allows me to open my mind more freely to things [as opposed to] just opening up a book," Huang said.

With over eight years of art lessons under her belt, Huang's talent doesn't stop there. She's also fond of the violin and the piano, as well as dance. Huang had entered the contest in a previous year after having gained information from her teacher, Karen Keller, but had failed to place. While others may have been discouraged from such an experience, Huang remained optimistic.

"I decided to give myself a second chance because I still wanted to world to be able to see my work. I didn't want to give up on myself because I believe that if you're not successful the first time, you should give yourself another chance," Huang said.

She sends her thanks to her art instructor and her parents for their encouragement, but especially her mother, who first got her interested in art. When asked for words of encouragement for any students who might be afraid of showing the world their art, Huang chose to be philosophical.

"Everyone's unique. They shouldn't be afraid because without your own uniqueness, nobody would be special and we'd all be the same."



Michelle Huang's winning art piece "Spring" will be on display for one year in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Michelle won a free trip to Washington, D.C. for two as part of her awards.

By Kaleen Liu, San Gabriel High School, The Matador



Alhambra High School junior Nikita Wang is surrounded by classmates, teachers, and staff at the presentation of her Peach's Neet Feet shoes.

Alhambra junior receives Peach's Neet Feet shoes

Alhambra High School junior Nikita Wang received a custom made, hand-painted pair of shoes from Peach's Neet Feet, a non profit organization. Peach's presented the shoes to Nikita in March at the school, saying, "Today we recognize Nikita's journey and understand the fact that no one has ever been in her shoes. Today is a celebration that she is awesome!"

According to its website, "Peach's Neet Feet donates custom, hand-painted shoes to children living with disabilities and fighting serious illnesses. Every shoe is customized to complement each child's life, interest, and courageous fight."

Nikita, who lives with Cerebral Palsy, asked for squiggly lines and hearts on her canvas shoes and a Peach's artist was glad to comply. Also an artist herself, Nikita has exhibited her paintings in the community.

Assistant Principal John Ashby arranged for the shoe donation. "Through my volunteer work with Life Rolls On (a non-profit subdivision of the Christopher Reeves Foundation), I linked up with the director of Peach's Neet Feet - Madison "Peach" Steiner," he said. "I nominated Nikita to get a pair of kicks and Madison "Peach" approved the application and streamlined the process. I received the shoes a few weeks later, set up the Peach Party, and delivered the kicks to Nikita. Nikita has been wearing her kicks around school and has told me how much she loves them."





AEF Board Member Helen Chan with 1st graders at Brightwood School.)

Alhambra Educational Foundation – Reading is Fundamental

Thanks to a generous donation from the Alhambra Educational Foundation (AEF), the Alhambra Unified School District was able to provide books for its pre-school to 1st grade students through its Project H.E.A.R.T. (Helping Every Alhambra Preschooler with a Readiness Toolkit) program since 2010. Reading is Fundamental (RIF) provided the books for young readers to help build their home reading libraries. These students at each school site select the books they want at a special activity held at each site.

Founded in 1993, AEF's mission is to raise funds to support the educational programs of the Alhambra Unified School District. In addition, the Foundation organizes and funds: an Authors Festival, which brings authors, illustrators, and storytellers to meet with students at all of our elementary schools; Reading is Fundamental (RIF), which provides every pre-school to 1st grade students in the district with three books to take home to keep during the year; and Student Leadership Seminars, which bring together the elected officers of all of our schools for training and exchanging ideas to improve our schools and communities.

RIF is the largest children's literacy nonprofit in the United States. Its mission is to motivate young children to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life.

Books were distributed to pre-school to 1st grade students, at all 13 Alhambra Unified Elementary Schools, three times during this 2012-2013 school year.

AEF Board Member Helen Chan, who participated at the Kindergarten and 1st grade, AEF/RIF books distribution at Brightwood School, stated, "It was such a wonderful and rewarding experience. All the students were so excited in receiving the books, and many were reading their book while standing in-line!"



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七月四日：支持獨立日慶祝活動



每年國慶這天，博恩斯公園都是人山人海，擠滿了來自社區各地的遊客，他們拖家帶口，聚集在這裡，一同慶祝這一年一度的七月四日國慶盛事。這裡有現場表演，美味的食物，親子遊戲，新晉美國公民和軍屬見面會，以及壯觀的煙火表演。很多家庭都會帶上自己的毯子和躺椅，架起燒烤爐，在公園裡歡度國慶。

舉辦如此大型的活動，需要整個社區人民的支持。鑒於此，七月四日國慶委員會尋求整個社區的投入和協助，幫忙尋找贊助者。

我們真誠感謝每一筆贊助，不論大小，並會在活動期間舉行贊助者見面會，下一期的瀑布報上也將刊登贊助者資訊。有意贊助的個人或組織請將贊助款匯至：**320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754.**

任何數量和形式的捐助都將有助於將來此項慶祝活動的發展。如有意願，請聯繫休閑娛樂部門主管 **Robert Aguirre**，電話**626-307-1390**，郵箱 **raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov**。

今年的慶祝活動定於七月四日，星期四。歡迎附近居民前來公園歡度假日，好吃的、好玩的、好看的，應有盡有。各種藝術創作、玩具、遊戲可供小孩子們好好玩上一下午。晚上9點還有盛大的煙花表演。

除了美食、遊戲和表演之外，活動期間，七月四日國慶委員會還邀請了所有的新晉美國公民和軍屬，並安排了見面會，感謝他們所做的貢獻和犧牲，並將授予他們蒙特利公園市委頒發的特別證書。如果您現居蒙特利公園，又剛剛成為了美國公民，或者家中有人參軍，並有意願參加見面會，請於6月20日之前聯繫休閑娛樂和公園部門，聯繫電話**626-307-1388**。

獲取更多關於蒙特利公園一年一度七月四日國慶慶祝活動的資訊，請聯繫休閑娛樂部門，電話**626-307-1388**，或者登陸市政府網站，搜索七月四日國慶日，網址為 **www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us**。

附近發生犯罪活動時，我可以做些什麼？

蒙特利公園警察局根據最近的幾起犯罪案件，提出了以下幾條重要的提示。



蒙特利公園警察局想與您分享有關最近幾起案件趨勢的一些情況，以保護您的房屋、汽車、財產和家人。與2011年相比，2012年的財產犯罪案件增加了1%。住宅盜竊和機動車被盜案件仍是我市最大的犯罪事件。我們在不斷尋找減少並解決此類犯罪活動的措施，還展開了與公眾間的合作。在這裡我們想介紹一些能有效降低成為犯罪活動受害人幾率的措施，並將犯罪扼殺在搖籃裡。

在車裡裝滿東西？切勿讓自己成為小偷輕鬆鎖定的目標。筆記型電腦、錢包、iPads、可攜式導航及其他電子設備仍是受小偷們歡迎的目標。將這些物品藏起來或鎖到車尾後廂內（或放在家裡），防止小偷有機可乘。切勿忘了鎖車，然而還應記住強悍的小偷不會因為車窗而止步。

“叮咚，叮咚……”，誰？可能是個竊賊！我們在巡邏區經常遇到的竊賊長期採用的方法是：假裝成陌生人敲門。他們會問隨便一個不住在這裡的人是否住在這裡，或聲稱提供服務但他們沒有合法的牌照。如果沒有人開門，在快速觀察四周的情況後，竊賊或他的朋友就會通過後面的窗或後門進入，而且往往會破窗而入。您可以做些什麼呢？如果您在家，開門或至少發出一些聲音，讓他知道有人在。若您鄰居附近的推銷員上門詢問，請他們出示合法牌照……，或給我們打電話，我們會詢問他們！任何合法銷售人員都會攜帶身份證件。如果您遇到無證推銷員、到您家詢問幾個問題或附近出現不熟悉的車輛時，請給警察局打電話。蒙特利公園市的法規要求大部分推銷員持有並隨身攜帶營業執照或城市許可證。

罪案發生前要做些什麼：留意您的鄰居！鄰居們要相互認識，建立一支鄰里互助小組。發現附近有可疑人員和車輛時，向蒙特利公園警察局報告，電話：**(626)573-1311**。與您附近的鄰居一起建立一個鄰里互助防線，發現問題立即聯繫蒙特利公園警察局社區關係局，電話：**(626)307-1215**。如發現正在實施的犯罪行為或遇到其他緊急情況，請撥打：**9-1-1**。

6月15日Sierra Vista公園社區清潔日

穿上工作帽，戴上工作手套，讓蒙特利公園變得煥然一新吧



本次社區清潔日定於6月15日星期六，地點：蒙特利公園市Sierra Vista公園，311 N. Rural Drive。

清潔日志願者的工作旨在讓城市更加清潔美觀，具體內容包括：粉刷油漆，綠化補植，清除雜草，撿拾垃圾，清理道路等。報到時間為早上7點30分左右，正式工作將於早上8點開始。上午將有飲料和麵包供應。志願者最好穿工作帽，戴工作手套，學生則可以積攢社區服務時間。計畫結束時間為中午12點之前。鑒於上次清潔日活動大獲成功，參加人數眾多，有意參加者請提前報名登記，名額有限。報名之前，請確認是否參加，請聯繫休閑娛樂和社區服務部門，聯繫電話：**626-307-1388**。

更多相關資訊，如18周歲以下參加者的退出申請等，請登陸市政府網站 **www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us** 進行查詢。

Cuatro de Julio: Apoya la celebración del Día de la Independencia

Cada año, miles de personas y sus familias van al parque de Barnes Park a disfrutar el evento anual del cuatro de Julio. Esta celebración ofrece entretenimiento en vivo, comida deliciosa, las actividades favoritas de los niños, el reconocimiento de los nuevos ciudadanos estadounidenses y las familias militares, y el espectáculo de fuegos artificiales. Muchas familias traen sus cobijas y sillas de playa, encienden el fuego de la barbacoa y disfrutan de la fiesta nacional en el parque.



Para llevar a cabo un evento de este tamaño se requiere el apoyo de toda la comunidad. Con ese fin, el Comité del cuatro de Julio está buscando la participación de la comunidad, así como la asistencia para llegar a los patrocinadores potenciales.

Patrocinio en cualquier cantidad sera muy apreciado y los donantes se reconocerán en el programa del evento, así como en futuras ediciones del periódico Cascades. Individuos o grupos que quieran hacer una contribución financiera para esta celebración, por favor de enviar sus donaciones a: City of Monterey Park., Attn: Comité del Cuatro de Julio, 320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Las contribuciones de cualquier cantidad ayudaran a continuar la celebración para las futuras generaciones. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Superintendente de Recreación Robert Aguirre al 626-307-1390 o raguirre@montereypark.ca.gov con su donación, el patrocinio o la participación.

En la celebración de este año, el jueves, 4 de Julio, se invita a los residentes de nuestra ciudad a participar en esta fiesta en el parque, llena de comida, diversión y fuegos artificiales. Los niños pueden disfrutar de una tarde de arte, artesanías y juegos. El fabuloso espectáculo de los fuegos artificiales esta programada para las 9 de la noche.

Además de la comida, los juegos y el entretenimiento, al Comité del Cuatro de Julio le gustaría invitar a todos los nuevos ciudadanos y familias de militares para ser reconocidos durante la celebración por sus logros y sacrificios para que reciban un certificado especial del Consejero de la ciudad de Monterey Park. Si usted es un residente de Monterey Park y es un nuevo ciudadano de EE.UU. o parte de una familia de militares y quiere ser incluido, por favor comuníquese con el Departamento de Recreación al 626-307-1388 antes del 20 de Junio.

Para obtener más información sobre la celebración anual del Cuatro de Julio de Monterey Park, por favor póngase en contacto con el Departamento de Recreación al 626-307-1388 o busque "Cuatro de Julio" en la página web de la ciudad en **www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us**.

¿Qué puedo hacer en contra del crimen en mi barrio?

El Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park tiene algunos consejos importantes sobre la base de los crímenes recientes.

El departamento de policía de Monterey Park quiere compartir con ustedes algunas tendencias delictivas recientes para proteger su hogar, coches, propiedad y su familia. Tuvimos un aumento de 1% en delitos contra la propiedad al comparar el año 2012 con 2011. Robos residenciales y el robo de vehículos de motor siguen siendo nuestros principales problemas de la delincuencia en la ciudad. Seguimos trabajando en formas tanto operativa como con el público para abordar y reducir estos delitos. Así que aquí están algunas maneras de reducir más la posibilidad de que usted se convierta en una víctima del crimen, y a que nos ayude a detener el crimen antes de que suceda.

Tiene cosas en su coche? No sea un objetivo fácil para los ladrones oportunistas. Computadoras portátiles, monederos, iPads, sistemas de navegación portátiles y otros dispositivos electrónicos siguen siendo objetos populares. Mantener estos elementos ocultos o protegidos en el maletero (o en su casa) puede evitar que los ladrones oportunistas tengan acceso a estos objetos de valor. No se olvide cerrar con llave su coche, y también recuerde que las ventanas del coche no van a detener a un ladrón determinado.

Toc toc, ¿quién es? Tal vez es un ladrón! Un método utilizado durante mucho tiempo por los ladrones se ha vuelto común ultimamente en las áreas que patrullamos: Extraños llaman a la puerta. Ellos pueden preguntar por una persona que no vive en la residencia, u ofrecer un servicio para el cual no tienen licencia. Si nadie responde, después de un rápido vistazo, el ladrón y sus amigos a menudo rompen una ventana o puerta trasera para lograr acceso. ¿Qué se puede hacer? Si estás en casa, abrir la puerta, o al menos hacer ruido para enviar un mensaje de que hay alguien en casa. Tenga cuidado con las personas solicitando trabajo en su vecindario y pídale su licencia ... ¡o llámenos y nosotros les pediremos la licencia! Cualquier vendedor legítimo llevará una identificación. Si al abrir la puerta, usted se encuentra con una persona solicitando trabajo sin licencia, personas que hacen preguntas al azar, o vehículos desconocidos en su vecindario, llame al departamento de policía. La Ciudad de Monterey Park quiere que todos sus residentes tomen las mayores precauciones.

Qué hacer antes de que ocurra un crimen: ¡Cuide a sus vecinos! Conozcanse unos a otros, y formen su propio grupo de Supervisión del Vecindario. Reporte a las personas y vehiculos sospechosos al Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park al (626) 573-1311. Para formar un grupo de Supervision de su Vecindario, contacte con la Oficina de Relaciones Comunitarias del Departamento de Policía de Monterey Park al (626) 307-1215. Para reporter crímenes que están en curso y otras situaciones de emergencia, llame al 9-1-1.

Limpieza Comunitaria el dia 15 de Junio en el Parque Sierra Vista

Ponte tu ropa y guantes de trabajo y ayuda a limpiar la ciudad de Monterey Park La próxima Limpieza Comunitaria es el sábado 15 de Junio en el Parque Sierra Vista, 311 N. Rural Drive en Monterey Park.

Se les pedirá a los voluntarios del Dia de la Limpieza que pinten, hagan jardinería, saquen las malas hierbas, recojan basura, barran las vanquetas, etc, en un esfuerzo para ayudar a que la ciudad se vea mejor. La inscripcion comenzará aproximadamente a las 7:30 am y la limpieza empezara a las 8:00 am. Jugo y donas se serviran por la mañana. Se les pide a los voluntarios que usen ropa y guantes de trabajo, y los estudiantes pueden ganar horas de servicio. El evento está programado para terminar a las 12 del mediodia. Debido al éxito en los dias de limpieza anteriores, y porque el cupo es limitado, se les pide que se registren antes del dia 15 de Junio. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Departamento de Servicios de Recreación al 626-307-1388 para confirmar su asistencia.

Información adicional, incluyendo un formulario de renuncia para los participantes menores de 18 años de edad, están disponibles en el sitio web de la ciudad en **www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us**.

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I've lived in this great city since the early 1980's and I still remember the Miss Monterey Park Pageant and how it was such a big and celebrated event; and as such I was enormously pleased when we successfully revived it back in 2010; where it has since become the Chamber's most successful event.

I'm grateful to live in a city that enjoys such diversity, with individuals from all over the world that have brought with them the food, music and traditions of their countries and families. Every day, every street I travel through I am reminded of the many happy memories of my youth as I grew up in the Brightwood Hills neighborhood. This is the reason I so strongly believe that we must preserve our great neighborhoods and to do this our esteemed residents should promote more community activities; after all, if you call this great city home now and plan to do so for the next 30 years or longer, you want a place to be as proud of as I am and have been for so long.

Many people quite often ask me why I decided to start my company in Monterey Park, when there may have been better prospects in another city, San Marino, for example. To this question, I've always answered that it is because Monterey Park is my home town, and that I felt a strong desire to return to my roots and give back to the community that made me the successful individual I am; and for that reason more than any other I call Monterey Park my home.

My father once told me, "No matter what you do in life, make sure to be the very best at it." - John Man



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