



# Cascades

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## Nominations Open for 2026 Monterey Park Tree Memorial Award

Community members invited to honor individuals who have made a lasting impact on Monterey Park  
By Recreation and Community Services staff

Nominations for the 2026 Tree Memorial Award are now being accepted through Friday, February 27 by the Recreation and Community Services Department. The Tree Memorial Award program was created to recognize individuals who have made a significant positive impact on the community. This prestigious award is reserved for an individual who has demonstrated the highest level of community involvement and can be awarded to a person living or deceased.

Nominations will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee of Community Participation and Recreation and Park Commissioners. The committee will make their recommendation to the Monterey Park City Council. Following City Council approval, a recognition ceremony will take place, honoring the individuals with plaques installed under designated trees. Groups or individuals who wish to nominate an individual must complete the application process. Applications are available at [www.montereypark.ca.gov/treememorial](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/treememorial).

For more questions or information, please call Recreation and Community Services at 626-307-1388 or email [recreation@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:recreation@montereypark.ca.gov).

## As Heaters Turn On, Fire Department Reminds Residents to Put Safety First

By Fire Department staff

*Fact: Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January and February.*

*Fact: 2 in 5 deaths from space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.*

As temperatures drop and heaters switch on, the Monterey Park Fire Department reminds residents that winter brings an increased risk of home fires and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of residential fires during the colder months, but many of these incidents are preventable with proper care and awareness.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call 911. For more information, please contact the Monterey Park Fire Department at 626-307-1262 or visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/fire](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/fire).



## Parks and Recreation Improvements Roll Out Across Monterey Park

Citywide resurfacing projects and recent facility upgrades enhance recreation opportunities for residents

By Recreation and Community Services staff

### Citywide Court Resurfacing Project

From February to April 2026, the City of Monterey Park will launch a citywide court resurfacing project. Improvements will include resurfacing and repairing tennis courts at George Elder, Highlands, Sequoia, Sunnyslopes and Garvey Ranch parks, with hybrid pickleball lines added to Court #2 at Garvey Ranch Park.

The project also includes expanding pickleball opportunities by adding four new permanent pickleball courts with nets at Bella Vista Park and converting two existing tennis courts at Barnes Park into six permanent pickleball courts with nets. In addition, the basketball court at Sequoia Park will be resurfaced and repaired.

To minimize disruption, work will be completed at one park at a time, ensuring residents and players can continue enjoying recreational activities with limited impact.

### Recent Facility Improvements

During the last quarter of 2025, the Recreation and Community Services Department, in partnership with the Public Works Department, completed several facility upgrades. These improvements included replacing the epoxy coating at the iconic Cascades Waterfall; painting the exterior of the Barnes Park Gymnasium; installing new flooring and repainting the Langley Center Billiards Room, Langley Center Office and the Community Room inside the George Elder Park Gym.

These projects reflect the City’s ongoing commitment to providing quality parks, recreational facilities and amenities for all residents to enjoy. For ongoing updates on projects, programs, and events, please follow the department on social media at @MontereyParkRec.



Barnes Park Gymnasium.

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320 W. Newmark Ave.  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

### CITY HALL HOURS

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Regular city council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. For more city events please visit the event calendar at [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Now](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Now)



### CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Elizabeth Yang, District 2  
 Mayor Pro Tem Member Henry Lo, District 4  
 Council Member Jose Sanchez, District 3  
 Council Member Thomas Wong, District 1  
 Council Member Vinh T. Ngo, District 5

Maychelle Yee, City Clerk  
 Amy Lee, City Treasurer

Inez Alvarez, City Manager  
 Karl Berger, City Attorney

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

**City Council**  
 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
 City Hall Council Chambers

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

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

**Economic and Business Development Commission**  
 1st Thursday of  
 January, April, July and October, 5:00 p.m.  
 City Hall Community Room.

**Environmental Commission**  
 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
 City Hall Council Chambers

**Library Board of Trustees**  
 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.  
 Bruggemeyer Library

**Personnel Board**  
 Meets as Needed  
 City Hall Council Chambers

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

**Recreation & Parks Commission**  
 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m.  
 Langley Senior Center, 400 W. Emerson Ave.

**Traffic Commission**  
 3rd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.  
 City Hall Council Chambers

For more information, please visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Boards](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Boards)

## CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CONTACTS 蒙特利公園市聯絡資訊 Contactos de la Ciudad de Monterey Park

**Fire & Police Emergency**  
 火災及警局緊急熱線  
**Emergencia de Bomberos y Policía**  
 911

**City Council**  
 市議會  
**Consejo de la Ciudad**  
[CityCouncil@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@montereypark.ca.gov)  
 626-307-1465

**City Clerk**  
 市書記  
**Secretario de la Ciudad**  
[MPCLerk@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:MPCLerk@montereypark.ca.gov)  
 626-307-1359

**City Manager**  
 城市經理  
**Gerente de la Ciudad**  
[CMO@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:CMO@montereypark.ca.gov)  
 626-307-1255

**Community Development**  
 社區發展  
**Desarrollo Comunitario**  
 Building & Safety Division  
 建築與安全部  
 División de Construcción y Seguridad  
 626-307-1300  
 Building Inspection Hotline  
 建築檢查熱線  
 Línea Directa de Inspección de Edificios  
 626-307-1229  
 Economic Development Division  
 經濟發展部  
 División de Desarrollo Económico  
 626-307-1385  
 Planning Division  
 規劃部  
 División de Planificación  
 626-307-1315

**Public Works Department**  
 公共工程部門  
**Departamento de Obras Públicas**  
[PublicWorks@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@montereypark.ca.gov)  
 626-307-1320\*  
 Maintenance Services/Sandbags  
 維修服務/沙袋  
 Servicios de Mantenimiento/Sacos de Arena  
 626-307-1281  
 Shopping Cart Hotline  
 購物車熱線  
 Línea Directa de Carritos de Compra  
 800-252-4613  
 Spirit Bus  
 Spirit巴士  
 Autobuses Spirit  
 626-307-7842

**Human Resources**  
 人力資源  
**Recursos Humanos**  
[HumanResources@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:HumanResources@montereypark.ca.gov)  
 626-307-1334

**Fire Department**  
 消防部門  
**Departamento de Bomberos**  
[Fire@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:Fire@montereypark.ca.gov)  
 Non-Emergency  
 非緊急熱線  
 No Emergencias  
 626-573-1333\*  
 General Info and Ambulance Subscription  
 一般查詢及救護訂閱  
 Información General y Suscripción a Ambulancias  
 626-307-1262  
 Code Compliance Division  
 法規遵從部  
 División de Cumplimiento de Códigos  
 626-307-1415

**GoMPK App**  
 GoMPK應用程式  
**Aplicación GoMPK**  
 Problem reporting app available on your device's app store  
 可於你的電子產品的程式商店中下載的城市問題報告應用程式  
 Aplicación para reportar problemas disponible en la tienda de aplicaciones de su dispositivo  
[www.montereypark.ca.gov/GoMPK](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/GoMPK)

**Bruggemeyer Library**  
 Bruggemeyer圖書館  
**Biblioteca Bruggemeyer**  
 626-307-1333\*  
 Passport Services  
 護照服務  
 Servicios de Pasaporte  
 626-307-1357

**Police Department**  
 警察局  
**Departamento de Policía**  
[Police@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:Police@montereypark.ca.gov)  
 Non-Emergency  
 非緊急熱線  
 No Emergencias  
 626-573-1311\*  
 City Hall Police Counter  
 市政廳警局櫃檯  
 Mostrador de Policía en el Ayuntamiento  
 Daily 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Animal Services  
 動物服務  
 Servicios para Animales  
 626-307-1217  
 Downey Animal Care Center  
 Downey動物護理中心  
 Centro de Cuidado de Animales de Downey  
 562-940-6898  
 Records Bureau  
 檔案局  
 Oficina de Registros  
 626-307-1211  
 Monterey Park Jail  
 蒙特利公園監獄  
 Cárcel de Monterey Park  
 626-307-1245

**Recreation and Community Services**  
 康樂和社區服務  
**Servicios de Recreación y Comunidad**  
[Recreation@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:Recreation@montereypark.ca.gov)  
 626-307-1388  
 Langley Senior Center & Dial-A-Ride  
 蘭利樂齡中心及Dial-A-Ride電話叫車服務  
 Centro para Personas Mayores Langley y Servicio de Dial-A-Ride  
 626-307-1395

**Finance**  
 財務部門  
**Finanzas**  
 Finance/Accounts Payable  
 財務/應付賬款  
 Finanzas/Cuentas por Pagar  
 626-307-1348  
 City Utilities (Water) and Cashier/Licensing/Purchasing  
 城市公用事務(水務)和收銀員/牌照/採購  
 Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad (Agua) y Cajero/Licencias/Compras  
 626-307-1342  
 Housing Division  
 住房部  
 División de Vivienda  
 626-307-1384

**Service Providers**  
 服務供應商  
**Proveedores de Servicios**  
 AT&T Landline Home Phone  
 AT&T 家居座機電話  
 Teléfono Fijo de AT&T para el Hogar  
 800-228-2020  
 Ware Disposal (Residential, Bulky Item & Commercial Trash Services)  
 住宅、大件物品和商業垃圾服務  
 Ware Disposal (Servicios de Residuos Voluminosos Residenciales y Comerciales)  
 626-225-2400  
 Athens Services (Commercial Trash Services)  
 Athens Services (商業垃圾服務)  
 Athens Services (Servicios de Residuos Comerciales)  
 888-336-6100  
 Charter Spectrum  
 Charter Spectrum 寬頻  
 Charter Spectrum Television por Cable  
 877-906-9121  
 Housing Rights Center  
 住房權利中心  
 Centro de Derechos de Vivienda  
 800-477-5977  
 L.A. County Environmental Health  
 洛杉磯縣環境健康  
 Salud Ambiental del Condado de L.A.  
 323-362-1280  
 L.A. County Info. & Referral Services. (24/7)  
 洛杉磯縣信息與轉介服務 (24/7)  
 Servicios de Información y Referencia del Condado de L.A. (24/7)  
 Dial 211  
 So. Cal. Edison  
 南加州愛迪生  
 So. Cal. Edison (Compañía de Electricidad)  
 800-655-4555  
 So. Cal. Gas  
 SoCalGas家庭能源  
 So. Cal. Gas (Compañía de Gas)  
 877-238-0092

\*Main number / \*主線 / \*Número principal

# MPK Transit Express Continues to Connect Monterey Park

City shares helpful tips for riders during peak travel times and high demand

By Public Works staff

The City of Monterey Park reminds residents that MPK Transit Express continues to provide a convenient and affordable way to travel within the community.

Rides can be easily booked through the MPK Transit Express app or by calling 626-407-6299. The fare is \$2 per trip, and payments can be made by credit or debit card, or with City-issued vouchers available for purchase at Langley Senior Center.

As the popularity of MPK Transit Express continues to grow, some riders have reached out with feedback after experiencing what appears to be an error while using the app. During periods of high demand, especially during peak "rush hour" times, riders may receive a message asking them to try requesting a ride again. In most cases, this message does not indicate a problem with the app — it just means current ride unavailability at that present moment. When all vehicles are already in service, the system may be temporarily unable to offer a ride. As trips are completed and vehicles become available, ride options may change.

**Here are a few helpful tips when this occurs:**

- Try requesting a ride again in a few minutes.
- Consider adjusting your pickup time slightly earlier or later.
- Avoid peak times, when possible, for quicker response and availability.

We appreciate the community's patience and interest in MPK Transit Express as we continue to meet rider needs and experiences throughout the day.

**We Want to Hear From You!**

We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts on how we can continue improving transportation in Monterey Park. Scan the QR code or visit our website. Take the Community Transportation Survey and let us know your transportation experience with Spirit Bus, MPK Transit Express and any other feedback you may have.



For more information, please contact Public Works at 626-307-1320 or visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks).

# Building Pride Together: Property Maintenance Tips for Homes and Businesses

By Code Compliance staff

**A New Year Message from Code Compliance**

As we ease into February 2026, the Code Compliance team wants to thank our residents and local businesses for the care you put into your properties. Property maintenance is more than curb appeal. It supports public safety, public health, accessibility and community pride. We also recognize that maintenance is not always simple. Repairs can be costly, time is limited and some situations can feel overwhelming. Our goal is to work alongside the community with a practical and respectful approach that focuses on solutions and long-term compliance.

**Residential Property Maintenance Reminders**

One of the most helpful steps is keeping pathways clear and accessible. Please keep sidewalks, walkways and driveways free of storage, debris and overgrown vegetation. This helps prevent trip hazards and ensures safe access for families, seniors and anyone using mobility devices. Trimming trees and shrubs away from sidewalks, roofs and windows can also prevent damage and improve visibility. It is also a good time to address exterior maintenance before small issues become larger repairs. Items such as peeling paint, damaged fencing or gates and deteriorating stairs or handrails can create safety concerns if left unaddressed. Proper waste storage is another simple but important step. Keeping trash containers closed and areas clean helps reduce odors and pests, especially in shared housing environments.

**Business Property Maintenance Reminders**

For businesses, consistent upkeep can make a big difference for customers and neighboring properties. Keeping storefronts clean, addressing worn paint or damaged fixtures, and promptly removing graffiti helps maintain a positive appearance and discourages repeat vandalism. Please also ensure that litter and bulky items are not left in public facing areas. Behind the scenes, proper waste management is essential. Keeping dumpsters and enclosures in good condition, lids closed and surrounding areas clean helps prevent pests and reduces spillover into adjacent properties. If your business uses outdoor storage, items should be organized and secured and not create a safety concern or visual blight.

**Thank You for Supporting a Strong 2026**

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community clean, safe and welcoming. We look forward to continuing to work together to build pride throughout our neighborhoods and business districts.

**How We Can Help**

Code Compliance is committed to fair, consistent and collaborative problem solving. If you are unsure whether repairs require permits, or you want guidance before starting work, we encourage you to contact us at 626-307-1415 or by email at [codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov).

# City Seeks Resident Input on Trash and Recycling Services

By Public Works staff

The City of Monterey Park encourages all Ware residential customers to participate in a community waste survey. Your input is important and will help improve service quality and better meet the community's needs.

Please visit Ware's website or scan the QR code to access the survey. The survey is available in English, Chinese and Spanish. Paper surveys can be submitted at Ware's local office located at 1111 Corporate Center Dr., Monterey Park, CA. Your opinion matters!

For more information, please visit the following links:

- Ware Disposal [www.waredisposal.com](http://www.waredisposal.com).
- City of Monterey Park [www.montereypark.ca.gov/trash](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/trash).



## 廢物與回收 - 您的意見很重要

市政府鼓勵所有Ware廢物處理公司的住宅客戶參與社區廢物調查。您的意見非常重要，將有助於提升服務品質並更好地滿足社區需求。請瀏覽Ware的網站或掃描二維碼以參加調查。調查提供英文、中文和西班牙文版本。紙本調查問卷可提交至Ware位於蒙市1111 Corporate Center Dr.的本地辦公室。您的意見很重要！

欲了解更多資訊，您可以瀏覽以下連結：

- Ware廢物處理公司 [www.waredisposal.com](http://www.waredisposal.com)。
- 蒙特利公園市 [www.montereypark.ca.gov/trash](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/trash)。



## Basura y Reciclaje - Tu Opinión Importa

La Ciudad anima a todos los clientes residenciales de Ware a participar en una encuesta sobre residuos comunitarios. Su opinión es importante y ayudará a mejorar la calidad del servicio y a satisfacer mejor las necesidades de la comunidad. Por favor, visite el sitio web de Ware o escanee el código QR para acceder a la encuesta. La encuesta está disponible en inglés, chino y español. Las encuestas en papel se pueden entregar en la oficina local de Ware, ubicada en 1111 Corporate Center Dr. Monterey Park, CA. ¡Su opinión es importante!

Para más información, puedes visitar los siguientes enlaces:

- Ware Disposal [www.waredisposal.com](http://www.waredisposal.com).
- City of Monterey Park [www.montereypark.ca.gov/trash](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/trash).



# Community Development Department Expands Public Counter Hours to Improve Customer Access

By Community Development Department staff

The Community Development Department has expanded their service hours to improve customer access and support a smoother development process. The department extended their public counter walk-in hours to:

Monday through Thursday,  
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Last walk-in sign in at 11:30 a.m. to allow for sufficient time to service inquiries.

In addition to walk-in service, appointments are available Monday through Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. with limited appointment-only services every other Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. These adjustments help enhance service delivery and helps Monterey Park build better and sooner.

To schedule an appointment with Building and Safety, please visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/building](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/building).

To schedule an appointment with Planning, please visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/planning](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/planning).

Please note, appointments are not intended for requesting inspections or over-the-counter plan checks.

For more information, please contact Community Development at 626-307-1300. To view a list of every other Friday when limited services are available, please visit [www.montereypark.ca.gov/commdev](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/commdev).



# Monterey Park Police Department Introduces New Online Report Request Portal

By Police Department staff

The Monterey Park Police Department is now using GovQuest, an online portal that allows members of the public to submit and track Police Department report requests from anywhere.

Through GovQuest, the public can submit and monitor requests for:

- Police reports.
- Traffic Collision reports.
- Clearance letters.
- CCW applications.

### How it Works

1. Go to the GovQuest portal on the City website or scan the QR code.
2. Select your request type (Police Report, Traffic Collision Report or Clearance Letter).
3. You can select to submit anonymously or create a login.
  - Submit Anonymously: no personal info included; you must track the request manually, slower processing time.

- Login/Sign Up (recommended): receive email updates and easier/faster communication and processing time.
4. Enter as much information as possible, such as:
    - Name(s) involved.
    - Report number (if known).
    - Date/time and location.
    - License plate (if applicable).
  5. Submit your request and track updates through the portal.

### Helpful Tips

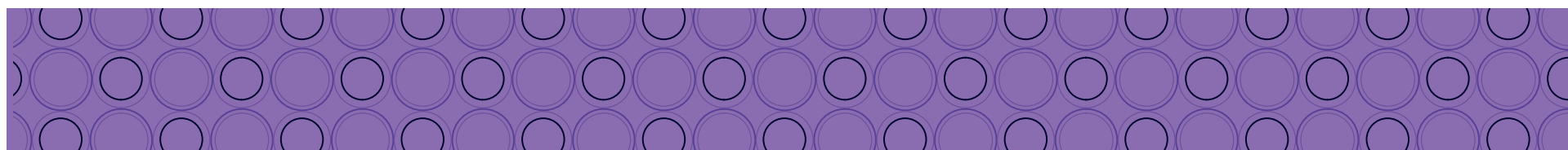
- Include the report/incident number (if known).
- Add the date/time of location.
- Watch for portal updates-additional info may be requested.

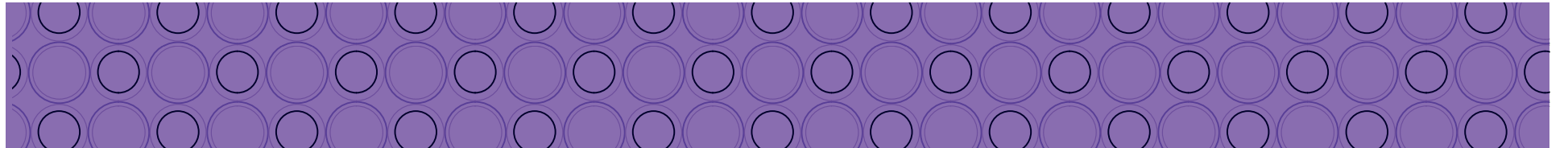


After submitting a request, users can check the status online and receive updates as the request is processed. To access the portal, scan the QR code or visit the GovQuest link on the City of Monterey Park website at [www.montereypark.ca.gov](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov).

LANGLEY CENTER  
LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION  
FEBRUARY 18 1-3PM  
FREE AGES 50 & UP REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
GRATIS EDADES 50+ REGISTRO REQUERIDO  
400 W. EMERSON AVE. MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LANGLEY CENTER AT 626-307-1395.

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
SPRING EGG HUNT  
4PM - 7PM 26 MARCH  
Wristband Required  
Registration Opens Monday, March 2, 2026  
FOOD • MUSIC • GAMES • EGG HUNT • MORE  
AT BARNES PARK  
350 S. McPherrin Ave. Monterey Park  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 626-307-1388  
[WWW.MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV/MPKEGGHUNT](http://WWW.MONTEREYPARK.CA.GOV/MPKEGGHUNT)






We encourage our community to support Monterey Park businesses and shop local.

Community members are invited for casual conversations and to learn more about the City with the Mayor of Monterey Park.

**FEATURED BUSINESS**

Tuesday  
**February 24, 2026**  
5:00 p.m.  
**La Diosa De Los Moles**  
1965 Potrero Grande Dr. # A,  
Monterey Park, CA 91755

Monday  
**March 23, 2026**  
5:00 p.m.  
**Jumpin' Lobster**  
2120 S Atlantic Blvd,  
Monterey Park, CA 91754



**LOVE MONTEREY PARK**  
Shop & Dine Local

**KEEP THE LOVE GOING: SHOP & DINE LOCAL!**  
"Meetup with the Mayor" is about coming together as a community, sharing ideas, and showing your love for Monterey Park by supporting local businesses. Supporting these businesses strengthens our community and economy through local shopping and dining. Rediscover local spots and share your experiences with #LOVEMPK!  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (626) 307-1385



我們鼓勵我們的社區支持蒙特利公園市的商業及於區內消費。

我們邀請民眾與蒙特利公園市長進行隨意交談，並了解更多關於蒙市的信息。

**與市長會面**

**今期商家**

星期二  
**February 24, 2026**  
5:00 p.m.  
**La Diosa De Los Moles**  
1965 Potrero Grande Dr. # A,  
Monterey Park, CA 91755

星期一  
**March 23, 2026**  
5:00 p.m.  
**Jumpin' Lobster**  
2120 S Atlantic Blvd,  
Monterey Park, CA 91754



**LOVE MONTEREY PARK**  
Shop & Dine Local

**持續保持愛心: 在當地購物和用餐!**  
"與市長會面"是一個社區聚集, 一起分享想法, 並通過支持當地企業來表達您對蒙市的熱愛. 通過當地購物和餐飲來支援這些企業, 並加強我們的社區和經濟. 重新發現當地景點並與 #LOVEMPK 分享您的經驗.  
如要了解更多信息, 請致電 (626) 307-1385



Animamos a nuestra comunidad a apoyar a los negocios de Monterey Park y a comprar localmente.

Se invita a los miembros de la comunidad a conversaciones informales y a conocer más sobre la ciudad con el alcalde de Monterey Park.

**ENCUENTRO CON EL ALCALDE**

**NEGOCIOS DESTACADOS**


Martes  
**February 24, 2026**  
5:00 p.m.  
**La Diosa De Los Moles**  
1965 Potrero Grande Dr. # A,  
Monterey Park, CA 91755

Lunes  
**March 23, 2026**  
5:00 p.m.  
**Jumpin' Lobster**  
2120 S Atlantic Blvd,  
Monterey Park, CA 91754



**LOVE MONTEREY PARK**  
Shop & Dine Local

**MANTENGA EL AMOR: ¡COMPRA Y CENE LOCALMENTE!**  
El "Encuentro con el alcalde" se trata de unirse como comunidad, compartir ideas y mostrar amor por Monterey Park apoyando a las empresas locales. Apoyar a estas empresas fortalece nuestra comunidad y economía a través de las compras y los restaurantes locales. ¡Redescubre lugares locales y comparte tus experiencias con #LOVEMPK!  
PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN, LLAME AL (626) 307-1385



**City of Monterey Park**  
**Barnes Park Extended Day Care**  
**Licensed Afterschool Program**  
**Registration OPEN**  
August 12, 2025 - May 28, 2026  
Ages: 5 - 12 years  
Hours: 1 PM - 6 PM  
**WEEKLY FEES**  
\$131.97 - Resident \$145.16 - Non-Resident



**PROGRAMA EXTRAESCOLAR CON LICENCIA**  
Horario: 1 PM - 6 PM | Edades: 5-12 años  
Costo Semanal: \$131.97 - Residente \$145.16 - No-Residente

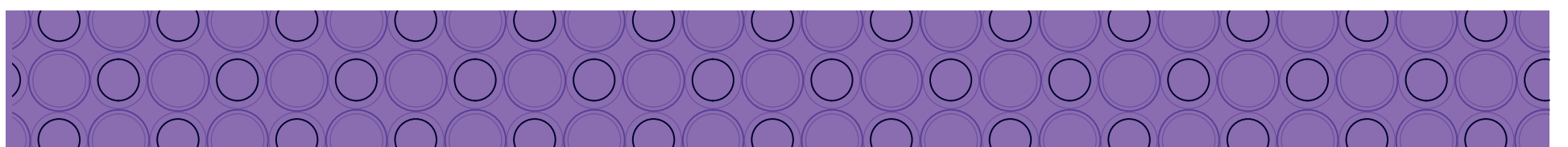
擴展日托中心  
獲得許可的課後計劃  
時間: 下午1點 - 下午6點  
年齡: 5 - 12歲  
每周費用: \$131.97 - 居民 \$145.16 - 非

**WHAT WE PROVIDE:**

- Homework assistance
- Gym & outdoor play
- Arts & crafts
- Healthy snacks
- Transportation from school to daycare (limited space available)

**Parks Make Life Better!**

Register at Barnes Park Extended Day Care  
350 S. McPherrin Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754  
For more information: call (626) 307-1451 or email srodriguez@montereypark.ca.gov



**MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE AND ASK QUESTIONS.

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**  
**6:00 PM- 7:00 PM**

**BRIGHTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CAFETORIUM)**  
**1701 BRIGHTWOOD ST**  
**MONTEREY PARK, CA. 91754**

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CONTACT THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BUREAU AT (626) 307-1215

蒙市警察局

**市政廳會議**

一個表達擔憂和提出問題的機會。

**2026年2月24日, 星期二**  
**下午6點至7點**

**BRIGHTWOOD 小學 (自助餐廳)**  
**1701 BRIGHTWOOD ST**  
**MONTEREY PARK, CA. 91754**

如有其他問題, 請致電 (626) 307-1215 聯繫社區參與局  
一個表達擔憂和提出問題的機會。

**MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**JUNTA DEL AYUNTAMIENTO**

UNA OPORTUNIDAD PARA EXPRESAR PREOCUPACIONES Y HACER PREGUNTAS

**MARTES, 24 FEBRERO DE 2026**  
**6:00 PM- 7:00 PM**

**BRIGHTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CAFETERIA)**  
**1701 BRIGHTWOOD ST**  
**MONTEREY PARK, CA. 91754**

PARA PREGUNTAS ADICIONALES CONTACTE LA OFICINA DE PARTICIPACION COMUNITARIA (626) 307-1215

**Development Services**  
**Public Counter Operations**

Effective November 17, 2025

	Walk -Ins	Appointments
<b>Monday</b>	8 am - 12 pm	2 pm - 5 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8 am - 12 pm	2 pm - 5 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 am - 12 pm	2 pm - 5 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8 am - 12 pm	2 pm - 5 pm
<b>Friday (every other)</b>	Closed	8 am - 10 am

All plan submittals are done electronically. Please see below for contact information:

**Community Development Department**  
open: Monday-Thursday. Limited Service every other Friday by appointment only

**Building & Safety Division**  
Email: buildingpermitcounter@montereypark.ca.gov  
Phone: (626) 307-1300  
Appointments available at: <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/182/Building-Safety>

**Planning Division**  
Email: planningpermitcounter@montereypark.ca.gov  
Phone: (626) 307-1315  
Appointments available at: <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/241/Planning>

**Fire Department**  
open: Monday - Thursday only


**Code Compliance Division**  
Email: codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov  
Phone: (626) 307-1415  
Appointments available via email

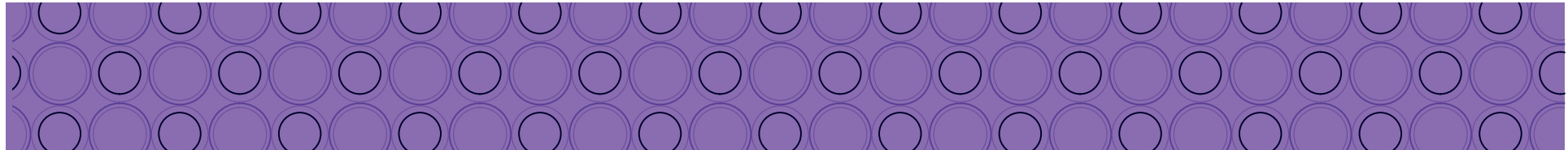
**Fire Prevention Division**  
Email: fireprevention@montereypark.ca.gov  
Phone: (626) 307-1308  
Appointments available by email

**Public Works Department**  
open: Monday - Thursday only

**Engineering Division**  
Email: publicworks@montereypark.ca.gov  
Phone: (626) 307-1320  
Appointments available at: <https://www.montereypark.ca.gov/466/Engineering> or by emailing: pwpermitcounter@montereypark.ca.gov

Please scan the QR code for appointments and more information







CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

**...Spring Break...  
Day Camp**

8 am to 6 pm

**March 30 - April 3, 2026**

\$191.09 - Resident  
\$209.30 - Non-Resident

Ages 5 - 12

**Activities**  
Arts & Crafts | Outdoor & Gym Play | Group Games | Free Play | Themed Activities | & More!

**Location**  
Barnes Park Extended Day Care  
350 S. McPherrin Ave.  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

(626) 307-1451  
srodriguez@montereypark.ca.gov  
www.montereypark.ca.gov/daycare







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# LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION



Blended-Learning Lifeguard Certification Course for new lifeguards or those with certification expired by more than 30 days.

**Course Information:**

- ✓ American Red Cross Certification
- ✓ Online & In-Person
- ✓ Lifeguarding (including Deep Water) with CPR/AED & First Aid



**Registration Deadline:**  
Friday, March 20, 2026

**Spring 2026 Course Dates**  
March 30 - April 3, 2026  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**George Elder Park Pool**  
1950 Wilcox Ave.  
Monterey Park, CA 91755

For more information or to register, contact Scott Imaizumi, Program Coordinator. (626) 307-1476  
simaizumi@montereypark.ca.gov



## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

### COFFEE & DONUTS WITH OUR FIREFIGHTERS

**LET'S SPREAD KINDNESS:**  
Join us on February 6<sup>th</sup>, to thank our station 61 firefighters! We will be enjoying some hot coffee and delicious donuts and spend an amazing morning interacting with our firefighters! Let's make this day memorable and filled with love and kindness!



**FEBRUARY 6TH, 2026  
7:30AM - 9:00 AM**

350 W NEWMARK AVE, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754






## FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

LANDLORDS | PROPIETARIOS | 房東

**DATE | FECHA | 日期:**  
Thursday, February 12, 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Jueves, 12 de febrero de 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
星期四, 2026年2月12日 晚上6-8點



**TOPICS | TEMAS | 主題:**

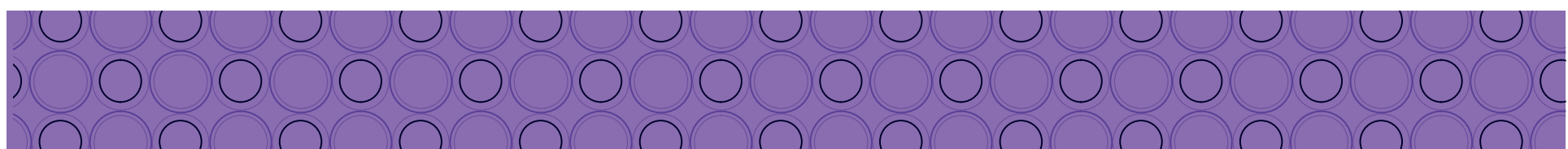
- Fair housing laws and protections for families with children, disability accommodations, and more | Derechos de vivienda justa para familias, inmigrantes, adaptaciones para personas con discapacidades y mas | 公平住房法與針對有孩子的家庭之保護 · 殘疾人住宿等等
- Spanish and Chinese interpretation provided | Interpretacion en Espanol y Chino sera proveida | 提供西班牙語及中文翻譯

**LOCATION | LUGAR | 地點:**  
In Person: Monterey Park City Hall – Community Room 102  
320 W. Newmark Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754  
Online via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85734035925>

Registration is encouraged at | Se recomienda registrarse | 建議登記於:  
[www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops](http://www.housingrightscenter.org/workshops)



QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS EVENT? | PREGUNTAS SOBRE ESTE EVENTO? 有關此活動其他疑問?  
OUTREACH@HOUSINGRIGHTSCENTER.ORG



# Authors Luncheon Features One of Its Own Members

By Lovey Sherman, AAUW Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch hosted their annual Authors Luncheon at United Methodist Church, 9 N. Almansor St, Alhambra, on Saturday, January 24 from 12 to 2 p.m.

Members of the Alhambra-San Gabriel Branch have a proud history of supporting authors whose themes are diverse, equitable, and inclusive. Father Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program, spoke about "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion," a book recollecting his decades serving in the barrio. Kyoko Nancy Oda introduced her translation of her grandfather's journal, "Tule Lake Stockade Diary," when he was incarcerated at Tule Lake Camp during WWII. Dr. Gary Scott highlighted the stained-glass art of Isabel and Edith Piczek in "The Universe Speaks: The Monumental Sacred Arts of Isabel and Edith Piczek," a self-published volume.

AAUW member Jackie Fisher, was very honored to be added to the list of authors who have shared at this annual event. She shed light on the mystery of where ideas for

books originate, and some of the tools she uses to focus on writing. Jackie began her writing journey by creating and self-publishing "Adventures on Tuesdays," a chapter book for young readers.

In 2018, After sending many queries to agents and publishers, Reagan Roth of Black Rose Writing contracted with Jackie to publish "Courage Found," a middle grade novel. To promote the book, Jackie travelled to Salem, NY, where part of the story takes place, and spoke with the historical society there. She held book talks with parents about cyberbullying, one of the book's themes, presented on panels at book fairs, and read in classrooms. In 2019, Jackie began working on her "Courage to Fly," a young adult novel. She works with the Writers' Club of Whittier revising and editing her manuscript as well as giving positive criticism to other writers about their writing. Chapters of "Courage to Fly" are submitted for a Masters Review competition.

To learn more about the branch's many programs and activities, please visit <https://alhsangab-ca.aauw.net/about-us/>.



Jackie Fisher preparing for a book talk.

**BARNES PARK**  
POOL REVITALIZATION

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Join us and provide input on conceptual designs for the proposed revitalization of the Barnes Park community pool. Share your feedback, ask questions, and help shape a facility that reflects the needs and priorities of our community.

**UPCOMING MEETING**

FEB 2nd | 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Langley Center  
400 W Emerson Ave.

626-307-1388 | recreation@montereypark.ca.gov  
www.montereypark.ca.gov/barnespool

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**CITY OF MONTEREY PARK**  
PROJECT NOTICE

**OUTDOOR COURTS IMPROVEMENTS**

February 2 - April 13 crews will be repairing concrete and resurfacing outdoor courts throughout the city. Work will take place in a park-by-park process to allow for continued access to tennis and pickleball courts.

Project Funded By:

Scan for project schedule

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CALIFORNIA

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Hear what our employees have to say:

- 97% of employees enjoy the work they do
- 95% of employees feel they have opportunities to learn & grow
- 99% of employees feel they make a positive impact in the community
- 95% of employees value the positive relationships they have at work

**LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS** vs **CHICAGO BULLS**

**MPK NIGHT**

@ Los Angeles Clippers vs Chicago Bulls

**\$30 DISCOUNTED TICKETS**

**INTUIT DOME**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026 @ 7:30pm

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or visit [montereypark.ca.gov/Clippers](http://montereypark.ca.gov/Clippers). Tickets will be sent via the Intuit Dome app prior to the game. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation. For questions, contact the Recreation & Community Services Department at [recreation@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:recreation@montereypark.ca.gov).

**Monterey Park Cascades**

**ADVERTISING INFORMATION**

**SUCCESS PRINTING: (626) 280-5199**

**(Simon) E-mail: success668@yahoo.com**

**(Stephanie) E-mail: successprinting.ad@gmail.com**

# City of Monterey Park BUSINESS CONNECT

By Economic Development Division staff



## Get ready to fall head over heels for Monterey Park this February!

This Valentine's Day, skip the usual chocolates and flowers. Treat your loved ones and yourself to something memorable right here at home. Savor the diverse flavors of our renowned restaurants, discover hidden gems in local shops, and rediscover the charm of our City.



Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy. When you dine and shop local, you're not just buying a product or service, you're investing in the families, dreams, and character that make Monterey Park special.

Join us this February and share your love for Monterey Park with your loved ones by supporting local businesses and celebrating the treasures in our community.

**Love Monterey Park. Shop & Dine Local!**

## Meetup with the Mayor



Join us for informal conversations with the Mayor:

- Tuesday, February 24, 5 p.m., at La Diosa De Los Moles, Monterey Park, 91755.
- Monday, March 23, 5 p.m., at Jumpin' Lobster, 2120 S. Atlantic Blvd., Monterey Park, 91754.

These meetings are your chance to connect with our Mayor, learn more about Monterey Park, and support local businesses. We hope to see you there!

## Ready, Set, Bid: LA Olympics 2028 Contracting For Small Businesses

Join the City of Monterey Park for "Win the Bid: 2028 LA Olympics Small Business Procurement Opportunities" – a free webinar on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Learn how local small businesses can prepare to compete for LA 2028 Olympics-related procurement opportunities, including practical steps to strengthen your bidding readiness. Register today and position your business to pursue upcoming contract opportunities. Learn more at [www.montereypark.ca.gov/MPBA](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/MPBA).



## Bag Requirements at Grocery and Retail Stores



California law (SB1053) now prohibits groceries and retail stores from providing single use plastic carryout bags at checkouts, pickups, or deliveries. Stores may provide recycled paper carryout bags for a minimum charge of \$0.10 per bag, and customers may continue to use reusable bags. Learn more at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/plastics/bagrequirements/>.

## Entrepreneurship Academy Grants

Entrepreneurship Academy Grants provide up to \$2,000 to entrepreneurs and small business owners who graduate from DEO's Entrepreneurship Academies to help them launch or grow their businesses. The 8–10 week cohort-based programs, launched in 2024 with four regional partners, equip participants with business, marketing, and financial plans, along with foundational strategies and resources for growth.



Learn more at <https://opportunity.lacounty.gov/sbmf/>.

## California's Small Business Support Network (SCALE)

California's Small Business Support Network (SCALE) connects entrepreneurs with trusted business advisors to support your journey from big idea to successful exit. Through no-cost one-on-one advice, low-cost training, and guidance at every stage of growth, SCALE helps small businesses access the right resources to start, grow, and scale. Advisors work closely with you to identify funding opportunities and connect you with the right lender when capital is needed. Most services are offered at little to no cost, with virtual consulting and training available. Learn more at <https://calosba.ca.gov/>.



## SBA Resources

Business owners interested in attending free workshops can take advantage of a variety of informative sessions offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Los Angeles District Office. These workshops are designed to help entrepreneurs and small business owners succeed, with topics including:



- How to Start a Business
- Introduction to Cybersecurity
- Introduction to SBA Programs and Services
- Introduction to Government Contracting
- SBA Lending Programs
- Access to Capital
- SBA Certifications
- ADA Physical Property and Website Overview.

For more information, contact the SBA Los Angeles District Office at 213-634-3845 or visit <https://www.sba.gov/district/los-angeles>.

## Available Commercial Properties



In partnership with local brokers, the City of Monterey Park Economic Development Team assists businesses seeking commercial, industrial, office, or vacant properties in Monterey Park. Whether you're planning to relocate or expand, our team is ready to support you every step of the way—contact us today, and let's make your vision a reality!

## Discover Beloved Local Spots

Monterey Park is home to many beloved businesses that have shaped our community for years. They add to the City's unique charm and character, and every visit helps keep our local economy strong and vibrant. Let's continue to celebrate and support the places that make Monterey Park truly special!



Exciting new businesses are making their mark in our city! We're excited to welcome passionate entrepreneurs who are choosing Monterey Park to grow their dreams. Let's continue supporting locals and celebrating what makes our community special.



Take a look at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony welcoming La Diosa de Los Moles, our newest addition to the city, located at 1965 Potrero Grande Dr., Monterey Park.

## New Business Opening? Put the Spotlight on Your Business!

The City of Monterey Park, in partnership with the Monterey Park Business Alliance (MPBA), is here to support your new business opening! We can assist with grand openings and ribbon-cutting ceremonies and help promote your business to the community.

Be featured in an upcoming Business Connect e-newsletter to share your business story and offerings. Contact the Economic Development team at 626-307-1385 or [econdev@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:econdev@montereypark.ca.gov).

# Recreation and Community Services Department CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

Online and phone registration available at [www.montereypark.ca.gov/classes](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/classes) or 626-307-1388

**Refund policy:** All refunds must be requested before the second scheduled class meeting. Please note that any applicable registration or processing fees are not refundable. Participants are entitled to a full refund if an activity is cancelled by the Recreation and Community Services Department. All aquatic swim lesson registration fees are not refundable unless the City cancels a class.

## In-Person Indoor Classes

### Shotokan Karate Do (Monthly)

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

**Mon/Wed/Fri 6:30-7:45 p.m. \$35/month Child \$37/month Adult**



### Wing Chun Kung Fu (Monthly)

Introduction to Aumei Kung Fu including the official history of Wing Chun, Desui, Chi Kung, and their philosophy in fundamental training, and applications in all ranges, long, short, grappling, rejuvenation breathing exercise, and weapons. Tom Wong, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room.

**Sat (Introductory) 9-10 a.m. \$89**  
**Sat (Intermediate) 10-11 a.m. \$89**



### American Nippon Kenpo (Monthly)

Nippon kenpo uses self-defense techniques in striking, kicking, throwing, reverse-holds, ground combat, grappling, and judo. Balance, coordination, stretching, strengthening, and cardiovascular fitness will equip each student to reach their goals in martial arts skills. Manuel Nunez, Barnes Park Service Club.

**Tue (4-7 yrs) 5-5:55 p.m. \$34**  
**Tue (8+ yrs) 6-6:55 p.m. \$34**

### Chinese Reading Class – Ages 5-13 (Monthly – First 4 Sundays)

The purpose of the Mandarin learning course is to provide a fun and engaging learning experience for students aged 5 to 13. It is ideal for beginners and helps build a strong foundation in the Chinese language. Students will learn basic conversation, Chinese rhymes, and proper writing through stroke order practice – all through fun activities, games, music, and arts & crafts. My Ms Panda, Garvey Ranch Community Room.

**Sunday 9:30-11 a.m. \$128**



### Mommy & Me Chinese Class – Ages 5 & under (Monthly – First 4 Sundays)

Children will learn basic Mandarin through songs, stories, and playful reading games. They'll explore new words, simple Chinese characters, and early reading skills in a happy, hands-on way - all while building confidence and a love for Mandarin language! My Ms Panda, Garvey Ranch Community Room.

**Sunday 9-9:30 a.m. \$99**

### Yoga & Pilates (Monthly)

This class features stretching exercises and yoga poses to help develop strength, flexibility, and body toning, with more focus on stretching the back/hip muscles. Katalina's professional dance teaching technique of flow Pilates will strengthen the entire body. Class exercises are taught for all levels of fitness – beginner or advanced. Katalina B, Sierra Vista Park Community Room.

**Mon 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$40**



### Pickleball 101 (Monthly – First 4 Wednesdays)

Come learn the basics of Pickleball! This class will teach all beginners how to hold paddles, how to strike & top-spin the balls, how to count scores, all basic play rules & etiquette at courts, and basic strategies to win. Students must bring their own paddle. Peter Lin, Barnes Park Gym.

**Wednesdays 9-10:30 a.m. \$50**

### Breakthrough Sports Basketball (Monthly)

Breakthrough Sports award-winning programs for youth basketball. More information on each specific class can be found at online registration.

### MPK Minis by Breakthrough Sports Little Hoopers

Breakthrough Sports developed a learn to play basketball program with one goal in mind: instilling the basic fundamentals of basketball in a fun environment for kids 3-7 years of age in Southern California. Our out-of-the-box approach to teaching basketball makes this class a must! Barnes Park Gym.

**Wed 4-5 p.m. \$80-100**

### Breakthrough Sports Basketball Training Academy

Our weekly basketball training offers a different weekly curriculum designed to develop mechanics, improve basketball IQ and boost confidence in a fun environment. Barnes Park Gym.

**Wed (K-5th) 5-6 p.m. \$80-100**  
**Wed (6th-8th) 6-7 p.m. \$80-100**

### Laurinda's Line Dance

A variety of music from Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Tango, Waltz, and upbeat modern. Improves memory, coordination, and builds stamina. Requirement: Must be able to adapt to loud music and some line dance. Ages 18-70 yrs. Laurinda Truong, Langley Center.

**Jan 6-Mar 31 (No class 2/17) Tue 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$104**



### Salsa Dance Class

Get in shape while having fun moving to Latin rhythm. We will start with a variety of footwork followed by partnering dance to Latin rhythm. Dorothy Tsu & Moses Navarro, Langley Center.

**Jan 11-Mar 22 (No class 2/1) Sun 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$126**



### Dance Fitness

Join a fun, all-inclusive dance fitness class, perfect for all fitness levels! Groove to energizing music with easy-to-follow moves that can be modified for your pace. Enjoy a full-body workout in this supportive space while having fun and expressing yourself, regardless of dance experience. Ages 18+. Megan Lee, Garvey Ranch Park Community Room.

**Mar 12-Apr 16 Thu 6-7 p.m. \$120**

### Taiko Drumming

Taiko drumming will increase your strength, flexibility, stamina, and coordination in a fun and healthy way. This class does not require previous experience and will enhance your sense of rhythm and appreciation of music. Michael Naishtut, Sierra Vista Park Community Room.

**8 weeks: Feb 17 – Apr 7 Tue 6-7:30 p.m. \$160**

## In-Person Outdoor Classes

Hitting Fundamentals for Beginning to Advanced Baseball / Fast-pitch Softball 30-Minute Private Instruction. Designed to teach boys/girls fundamentals of hitting. Students will get repetition by utilizing the latest tee drills, flip drills and front toss drills. Need your own bat and batting helmet. Contact instructor for times and days available. Jay Simper, 626-664-4583, La Loma Field.

**Private Lessons: (4 lessons total) 8yrs to 18yr \$134**

### Johnny Allen Tennis Classes

Available for people of all ages. More information on each specific class can be found at online registration. For more information and rainy-day makeup policy, please visit [www.johnnyallentennis.com](http://www.johnnyallentennis.com) or call 1-844-9TENNIS (1-844-983-6647).

#### 2026 Sessions:

**(Winter Session 3) Feb 17-Mar 5**  
**(Winter Session 4) Mar 10-Mar 26**  
**(Spring Session 1) Mar 31-Apr 16**

#### Johnny Allen Tennis – Tiny Aces Tennis Class (3-5 yrs)

**Highlands Park Tue & Thu 4:15-5 p.m. \$108**

#### Johnny Allen Tennis – Little Aces Tennis Class (6-8 yrs)

**Highlands Park Tue & Thu 5-6 p.m. \$128**

#### Johnny Allen Tennis – Junior Aces Tennis Class (9-12 yrs)

**Highlands Park Tue & Thu 6-7 p.m. \$128**

#### Johnny Allen Tennis – High School Aces Tennis Class (13-17 yrs)

**Highlands Park Tue & Thu 7-8 p.m. \$128**

#### Johnny Allen Tennis – Adult Cardio Tennis Class (18+ yrs)

**Highlands Park Tue & Thu 8-9 p.m. \$128**



### Youth Sports League

Registration available at [rec.montereypark.ca.gov](http://rec.montereypark.ca.gov)

### Breakthrough Sports Basketball League

Youth basketball league available for boys and girls, K-8th grade level. Evaluations, 8 practices, 8 games, end-of-season tournament, custom uniforms (shorts & jersey), trophies, all-star game, paid coaches – no volunteers, high-level curriculum, league website with stats, standings, schedule and more. Contact the Recreation and Community Services Department for inquiries regarding late registration.

**George Elder Park Gym Thursdays & Sundays**  
**(K-2nd) 4:30-5:30 p.m. \$225**  
**(3rd-5th) 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$225**  
**(6th-8th) 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$225**



## Off-Site Recreational Classes

### BLee's Kung Fu & Tai Chi (Monthly)

Self-Defense awareness course and novice kung fu skills. Classes cover learning blocking, striking, kicking, evading, and footwork. Develop skills that are with you wherever you go. Understand street smarts, personal boundaries, avoiding grabs, and precision strikes. Expert instructor with over 40+ years of experience. Ages 16+. Location: 5423 Rosemead Blvd, San Gabriel, CA 91776.

**3 Classes per week \$109 Monthly**  
**Mon/Wed 7:15-8:30 p.m.**  
**Tue/Thu 6-7:15 p.m.**

### In-Person Senior Classes at Langley Center

#### Mature Driving Class (Monthly)

Mature driver improvement course is designed for drivers 55 and older and provide instruction on defensive driving, California motor vehicle laws, updates on rules of the road and the effects that medication, fatigue, alcohol, visual, or auditory limitations have on a person's driving ability. Course completion certificate will be issued following class. Monterey Park Police Department, Langley Center AB Room.  
**Call for Exact Date (Wed) 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$1**



#### Friendship Chorus

Sing in a Chinese Choir group with experienced instructors for over 30 years. Ages 50+. Jia Fang Su, Langley Center Friendship Room.  
**Jan 7 – Mar 25 Wed 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$75**

#### Beginner Yoga

Good for beginners who are new to yoga, this class emphasizes breathing, body awareness, steadiness, balance, and patience, helping students increase flexibility and strength. Ages 50+. Natalie La, Langley Center Friendship Room.  
**Feb 11 – May 13 Wed 3:30 p.m.-4:30p.m. \$75**

#### May's Tai Chi Class

Learn and train in the fundamental skills of Tai Chi to improve coordination, strength, flexibility, and mental agility. You will learn a variety of styles, such as Yang and Chen styles Tai Chi Chuan, Tai Chi Fan, Tai Chi Sword, and Health Qigong. Ages 50+. Sing May Chen, Langley Center Friendship Room.



#### Intermediate – Chen Tai Chi & Tai Chi Sword

**Jan 3 – Mar 21 Sat 9-10 a.m. \$150**

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**Jan 3 – Mar 21 Sat 10-11 a.m. \$150**

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#### 8 weeks: Feb 17 – Apr 7

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#### Line Dance

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#### Mah Jong

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#### Tai Chi

Mon 9-10 a.m.

#### World Cultural Dance

Sat 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Yuen Chi Dance

Mon-Thu 8-10 a.m.

Sat 8-10 a.m.



## What's in the Sky for February

By David Nakamoto, Los Angeles Astronomical Society

### The Planets and the Moon

The **Moon** is full on February 1, last quarter on the 9th, new on the 17th and first quarter on the 24th. **Mars** is close to the Sun all month long and it is not safe to observe.



On **February 1**, the **Sun** rises at 6:50 a.m. and sets at 5:24 p.m. **Venus and Mars** are too close to the Sun and they are not safe to observe. **Saturn** sets in the west at 8:59 p.m. and is 16 arcseconds wide. **Neptune** sets in the west at 9:06 p.m. and is 2.2 arcseconds wide and on the 15th is at coordinates Right Ascension 0h 4m 9s with a declination of -0° 58' 41". **Uranus** sets in the west-northwest at 1:46 a.m. and is 3.7 arcseconds wide, and on the 15th is at coordinates Right Ascension 3h 41m 8s with a declination of +19° 25' 29". **Jupiter** sets in the west-northwest at 5:30 a.m. and is 45 arcseconds wide.

On **February 6**, **Mercury** sets in the west-southwest at 6:24 p.m., and the **Sun** sets at 5:29 p.m., 55 minutes earlier. The planet is 92-percent illuminated and 5.3 arcseconds wide. Before the 6th, the planet is close to the Sun and not safe to observe. Do not observe any planet when it comes close to the Sun, for the danger to the eyes is great.

On **February 28**, The **Sun** rises at 6:23 a.m. and sets at 5:49 p.m. **Mercury** sets in the west at 6:45 p.m., 56 minutes after sunset. The planet is 14-percent illuminated and 9.3 arcseconds wide. **Venus** sets in the west-southwest at 6:48 p.m., 59 minutes after the Sun sets. **Neptune** sets at 7:24 p.m. **Saturn** sets at 7:27 p.m. **Uranus** sets in the west-northwest at 12:01 a.m. **Jupiter** sets in the west-northwest at 3:36 a.m. and is 43 arcseconds wide.

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## Happily Ever After Romance Panel



**Saturday, February 7**  
2 P.M. in the Friends Room



## Adult Events

### Happily Ever After Romance Panel

Saturday, February 7 at 2 p.m. in the Friends Room

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon talking about books that celebrate love, diversity and romance with popular authors Jeannie Choe, Jayci Lee, and Julie Tieu! This event includes an interactive panel, author meet-and-greet, and book signings. Books by featured authors will be available for purchase alongside a free sample of boba courtesy of DYM Books & Boba. Space is limited, and registration is required. To register, call Adult Services beginning January 10.

### VITA Clinic with Chinatown Service Center

Mondays & Tuesdays from 12:30 - 7 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Computer Lab

Chinatown Service Center will be at the Library February through April with their Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic. This program offers free tax preparation for low-income taxpayers with annual incomes under \$69,000. Services are available in Cantonese, Mandarin and English. For more information or to register, visit [www.cscla.org/vita](http://www.cscla.org/vita) or call Chinatown Service Center at (213) 808-1795.



## Teen Events

### Junior Friends Meeting & Palentines Day

Friday, February 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends Room

Teens 14-18 can learn about Junior Friends, a volunteer group offering leadership and service opportunities with the Library. After the meeting, join us for a lively round of Speed Friending to make new connections.

### Lunar New Year Plushie Workshop for Teens

Saturday, February 21 at 3 p.m. in the Friend Room

Celebrate the Lunar New Year by sewing your own adorable horse plushie. To register, visit the Reference Desk or call Adult/Teen Services.



## Children's Events

### Take & Make Craft Kit

Kits available starting February 2 at the Children's Desk

Kids ages 5 to 12 will explore their creativity through a take-home craft project. This month, kids will focus on creating an art piece inspired by Alma Thomas' *The Eclipse*. Kits will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

### InbeTWEENers Club

Thursday, February 5 at 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room

Tweens in grades 5th to 8th are invited to the InbeTWEENers, a club just for tweens! This month, we will be making edible candy slime.

### Lunar New Year Storytime and Craft

Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room

Join us for a special Family Storytime for Lunar New Year! Kids of all ages can enjoy stories, songs and rhymes followed by a craft to celebrate the Year of the Horse!

### Out of This World Alien Party

Thursday, February 26 at 3:30 p.m. in the Children's Department

A party so fun, it's out of this world! Kids of all ages are invited to celebrate their favorite science fiction, space and alien stories with games, crafts and more fun activities!



## LAMP Literacy & Citizenship

### LAMP Literacy Spring Semester English Classes

Improve your reading, writing and speaking skills! English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, conversation classes and citizenship preparation classes are free, and the 15-week Spring Semester begins February 23. All students must complete a pre-test before joining and must have proper personal identification. Register in the LAMP office or visit the Library website to view the class schedule.

### Apply Now for a U.S. Passport

Apply for a U.S. passport at the Library. Services are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment and review the required documents and fees, visit the Library website or call Passport Services at (626) 307-1357.

# Student Leaders Highlight the Power of Art at Therapicasso's Second Annual Gala

By Nicole Del Villar, AUSD Communications Intern

The youth-led nonprofit Therapicasso recently hosted its second annual art exhibit and fundraising gala, bringing together more than 150 guests, including students, educators, and elected officials such as Congresswoman Judy Chu. Held at the Courtyard by Marriott Los Angeles in Monterey Park, the gala's theme, "A Night of New Beginnings," highlighted healing, creativity, and youth leadership. The event showcased the expansion of the nonprofit's student-led chapters and its ongoing mission to transform mental health advocacy into creative action. Therapicasso was founded by Gabby Wong and Joshua Ferriere, Class of 2025 alumni of Mark Keppel High School, in the aftermath of the Monterey Park shooting. Their goal was to provide creative mental health workshops and leadership opportunities that empower students to use their creativity as a "tool for transformation."

The gala opened with a display of student artwork, followed by an interactive activity inviting attendees to write a "Memory Postcard" to their future selves. The postcards encouraged guests to reflect on growth, meaningful moments, and who they hope to become. For \$5, Therapicasso offered to mail the letters back to participants in a year. The night then continued with the main program, featuring speeches from Congressmember Judy Chu, AUSD Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo, and student testimonials from Therapicasso leaders. Dr. Jaramillo stated that the nonprofit is "making a positive difference" in the lives of AUSD elementary school students and shared that she is proud to have seen this organization grow and to feel like an unofficial "founding member" and early supporter. Congressmember Chu added that Therapicasso's work demonstrates "what vision can do to transform a community."

Audrey Tamanaha, Therapicasso's current chapter president at Mark Keppel High School, reflected on the organization's meaning across the community and in her own life. "Therapicasso is a platform for me to advocate for what I'm passionate about and to create the change I want to see in this world," Tamanaha said. She also sees the nonprofit as a way to "develop my leadership skills and also uplift others in their journeys of becoming leaders."

At San Gabriel High School, chapter president Ariana Dena said, "Stepping into the role of president" has turned her "personal growth into something purposeful." She explained that Therapicasso has given her a space where "I no longer have to hide from the struggles of being treated differently," and that "seeing my cabinet and volunteers using strategies I've taught them" is what she wishes she had as her younger self, reminding her of why the work matters.

Members of AUSD's Student Advisory Council (SAC) also noted Therapicasso's impact. Student Board Member Keiko Rakin said the nonprofit provides



This collage shows some highlights from Therapicasso's "A Night of New Beginnings" Gala, which featured student artwork, leadership presentations, and community celebration. (Photo Credit: Stanley Kwok & Meghan Teo, AUSD Communications Interns)

opportunities for "access to arts education and mental health services, teaching students self-care, identity, and expression through art."

SAC member Drexel Ngo added that the organization shows "how strong our community is and just how strong we are as people."

After a delicious dinner and reflections from key speakers, the night ended with prize drawings featuring donations from numerous organizations and community members. From theater tickets to Popmart blind boxes, attendees purchased tickets for an opportunity to win various prizes. The event commemorated the work of more than 20 chapter members, 30 ambassadors, and 40 volunteers, all working to improve mental health resource availability across LA County.

## MKHS Students Continue Run as "Congressional App Challenge" Finalists

By Alhambra Unified School District



Mark Keppel High School students Evan Lau, Drexel Ngo, Alina Ramos, and Athicha Chanpradub (left to right) have been named finalists for the fourth consecutive year in Representative Judy Chu's Congressional App Challenge. Friends for over ten years, the team has continued to collaborate on technology-based coding projects throughout their academic journey, advancing each year in this competitive program that highlights student innovation and problem solving. This year, the students developed EyeMAX, an updated version of their second place app from last year, EyeSpeak. The app enables users to control a computer and a robotic arm through eye movement, facial recognition, and voice commands, offering additional support for individuals with physical disabilities. The team was recognized at the Congressional App Challenge awards ceremony, held at Caltech on January 17, 2026. Final results will be published soon, but their streak of four-time repeating finalists is already a huge accomplishment to be celebrated by their school, our district, and our entire community.

## AUSD Schools Prepare to Welcome Families for Open House Season

By Alhambra Unified School District

2026 OPEN HOUSE DATES			
SITE	DATE	GRADE	TIME
Baldwin	3/25/26	TK - 8th	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Brightwood	4/29/26	TK - 8th	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Emery Park	3/26/26	TK - 8th	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Fremont	3/25/26	TK - 8th	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Garfield	3/26/26	TK - 8th	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Granada	3/26/26	TK - 8th	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Marguerita	3/26/26	TK - 8th	PTA @ 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Classrooms @ 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Monterey Highlands	3/26/26	TK - 8th	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Northrup	3/25/26	TK - 8th	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Park	4/15/26	TK - 8th	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Ramona	5/13/26	TK - 8th	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Repetto	3/25/26	TK - 8th	5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Ynez	3/25/26	TK - 8th	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Moor Field	4/16/26	Preschool	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
LIFT	3/26/26	Adult Transition	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
AHS	3/26/26	9th - 12th	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
MKHS	2/12/26	9th - 12th	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
SGHS	2/26/26	9th - 12th	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Alhambra Unified School District schools will soon welcome families to campus for their upcoming Open Houses. These evenings will offer an opportunity to see classroom displays and learn more about the engaging work students have been doing throughout the year. While most Open Houses will take place in March or later, the season begins this month with Mark Keppel High School on February 13th and San Gabriel High School on February 26th. Families are encouraged to attend, connect with teachers, and experience highlights of students' learning during the 2025-2026 school year. Family involvement and encouragement play an important role in student success, and Open Houses are a meaningful way to show that support.

# Brightwood Theatre Company Brings Laughter and Heart to Romeo and Juliet Together (and Alive!) at Last

By Alhambra Unified School District

Brightwood School recently presented *Romeo and Juliet Together (and Alive!)* at Last, offering audiences a lively and humorous take on Shakespeare's classic story. The production blended comedy, charm, and creativity in a play-within-a-play that kept viewers engaged from start to finish.

Adapted from the novel by Avi, the story centers on two shy classmates, Pete Saltz and Anabell Stackpoole, who secretly like each other but are too nervous to speak up. Their well-meaning friends devise a plan to bring them together by casting them as Romeo and Juliet in a school play. As the performance unfolds, forgotten lines, missed cues, and onstage mishaps create intentional chaos, leading to a surprisingly sweet outcome.

Brightwood's student performers embraced the comedy of the script while also capturing the nerves and excitement of putting on a school production. The cast demonstrated talent and confidence throughout the performance as they navigated the fast-paced scene changes and layered storytelling. The result was a show that balanced humor with heart and highlighted the joy of live theatre.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of students worked to support the production's technical demands. Crew members managed lighting, sound, costumes, sets, and stage operations, ensuring that each moment onstage ran smoothly. Their work required precision and teamwork, and they played an essential role in the success of the show.

Drama teacher and director Amy Hughson guided more than 40 students through the ambitious production, supporting both the cast and crew throughout rehearsals and performances. Under her leadership, students gained valuable experience in collaboration, creative problem solving, and the many elements involved in bringing a theatrical production to life. Hughson shared, "In selecting this play, I hoped to provide our school community with a bridge into understanding and performing Shakespeare. I am so proud of all the actors and tech students for taking on the many challenges of this production and creating a show that brought so much joy to our audiences."



"*Romeo and Juliet: Together (and Alive!) at Last*" showcased the talents of Brightwood's young performers and technicians, while building a strong sense of teamwork and creativity that continues to define the school's theatre program. (Photo Credit: Clara Chan & Cheyenne Tougas, AUSD Communications Interns)

The performance reflected a collective effort by the Brightwood theatre community. Students worked together across disciplines, staff members provided guidance and support, and families contributed time and encouragement throughout the process. The production offered students an opportunity to explore theatre in a fun and accessible way while building skills that extend beyond the stage.

# Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation to Continue Grant and Scholarship Programs in 2026

By Alhambra Unified School District

The Alhambra Day Nursery (ADN) Foundation will continue its long-standing financial grant and scholarship programs in 2026, offering funding opportunities for organizations, educators, and students who support and serve children within the Alhambra Unified School District community.

Established in 2009, the ADN Foundation's grant and scholarship programs have provided more than one million dollars in support of local programs and students over the past 15 years. Applications for both programs are open now and will be due on March 13, 2026.

Through its Financial Grant Program, the Foundation invites individuals and nonprofit organizations to apply for funding for projects that benefit children living within the AUSD boundaries. (The district includes all of Alhambra, as well as portions of Monterey Park, San Gabriel, and Rosemead.) Eligible projects must demonstrate a clear educational focus and show how they enrich the lives and overall wellbeing of children.

In past years, ADN grants have supported a wide range of programs and organizations, including teachers, schools, the YMCA, Girl Scouts, and other community-based groups. Successful applicants will be notified in early May, with awarded funds available shortly thereafter.

In addition to grants, the Foundation will continue its scholarship program for students pursuing careers related to early childhood education. Scholarships are available to graduating seniors from public or private high schools within the AUSD boundaries, as well as local college students majoring in early childhood education or a related field.

Eligible high school seniors may receive \$1,000 for their first year of college. Students who remain enrolled and meet program requirements may apply for additional funding, including \$1,000 for their second year and \$2,000 for both their third and fourth years. Applicants must provide proof of registration in coursework leading toward a degree in early childhood education or a related discipline.

The Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation was founded in 1943 by a group of local women who sought to support working mothers by providing childcare during World War II. Following the war, the organization continued serving families through childcare and preschool programs in partnership with the



Elaine Jong was one of the ADN grant recipients last year. She used the funds to support a "Make and Take Succulent Workshop" for San Gabriel High School's PODER (Pursuing Our Dreams through Education and Responsibility) students. The goal of the workshop was to teach SGHS students to take care of plants, and by extension, to take care of themselves ("Take Care: What Plants Teach Us About Self Care").

Alhambra school district. Over time, ADN evolved its mission to focus on providing financial support through grants and scholarships that strengthen programs for children and prepare future educators.

Grant applications will be available starting this month and may be requested by emailing Ed Aguirre, grant coordinator for the Alhambra Day Nursery Foundation, at [eoaguirre@aol.com](mailto:eoaguirre@aol.com). Scholarship applications will also be available this month through school scholarship coordinators or by contacting Denise Bieker, ADN scholarship coordinator at [atdhbieker@aol.com](mailto:atdhbieker@aol.com).

For the 2026 cycle, the Foundation anticipates awarding approximately \$50,000 in grants and \$50,000 in scholarships. Individuals and groups in our community are encouraged to apply for these generous opportunities.

# MKHS Page to Stage Project Brings Student Stories to Life

By Alhambra Unified School District

The Mark Keppel High School drama and music programs continue to strengthen connections with their feeder schools through the Page to Stage project, an annual collaboration that brings student storytelling from the page to a live performance. The project launched in the Fall of 2014 and has continued each year, even during the pandemic and distance learning when they pivoted to creating old-fashioned radio shows.

Recently, MKHS students visited Brightwood School, where they performed three original short plays inspired by stories written by fourth grade students. Through Page to Stage, elementary students serve as authors, while high school drama students take on the role of playwrights and performers, adapting the original stories into short theatrical pieces that are rehearsed and presented on campus.

This year's featured works included *The World That Can't Talk*, based on a story by Noah Lin and adapted for the stage by Cheyenne Tougas and Rai Xiang; *The Night and the Fearsome Wizard*, written by Owen Sheo and adapted by Jayden Diep; and *Slave to Freedom*, written by Nathan Ok and adapted by Ollijah Bangit. Each performance reflected the creativity of the original student authors while showcasing the collaboration and dedication of the MKHS drama students.

Drama teacher Page Phillips explained that the project requires significant commitment from her students, who balance writing, rehearsals, and performances alongside their academic responsibilities. "My drama students work extremely hard each year to create these short plays, and they take a great deal of pride in the process," Phillips said. "They understand that they are bringing someone else's ideas to life, and that responsibility motivates them to give their very best."

In addition to the drama students, MKHS' orchestra students enhance these productions by writing and performing original music for each show. The collaboration between the music and drama students has been an invaluable part of the program's success. Phillips added that the experience helps students grow not only as performers, but also as mentors. "They learn how to communicate clearly, collaborate as a team, and adapt creatively, which are skills they carry with them beyond the stage," she said.

Phillips also shared that visiting the younger students is one of her favorite aspects of the project. "I really enjoy going to the elementary schools and planting seeds that encourage students to develop a love of the arts," Phillips



Mark Keppel High School drama students adapt and perform original short plays inspired by Brightwood School fourth graders. This was part of the annual Page to Stage project, which connects MKHS performers with their feeder schools and introduces younger students to the performing arts. (Photo Credit: Karlie Yonemoto, AUSD Communications Intern)

shared. "My hope is that when these students reach high school in a few years, they will remember this experience and feel excited to join drama or music themselves."

For the last 11 years, Page to Stage has been a labor of love for the students and teachers involved. The project will continue this month, when MKHS students will showcase stories written by Monterey Highlands School students, further celebrating student voice, creativity, and the strong partnership between schools.

# AUSD Honors Local History through Gabrieleno/Tongva Workshops for Third Graders

By Hailey Chau, AUSD Communications Intern



Ramona third graders receive soil and seeds as they learn to become caretakers of the land. (Photo Credit: Karlie Yonemoto, AUSD Communications Intern)



Samuel Lopez presents to third graders during a Gabrieleno/Tongva workshop. (Photo Credit: Karlie Yonemoto, AUSD Communications Intern)



Students examine artifacts shared by tribal educators. (Photo Credit: Karlie Yonemoto, AUSD Communications Intern)

Third graders across Alhambra Unified School District recently explored the authentic local history of the Gabrieleno/Tongva people, the original inhabitants of the Los Angeles and Orange County Basin. Through the District's partnership with the Band of Mission Indians, the Gabrieleno/Tongva workshop offered students a meaningful opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Indigenous history within their community. "Gabrieleno" is derived from the Spanish name for San Gabriel, while "Tongva," meaning "People of the Earth," is their tribal name from their native language. Both names honor their ancestors who lived in defined territories surrounding the San Gabriel Mission.

"Working directly with the Gabrieleno/Tongva community helps us lift up their voices, build authentic relationships, and ensure our students learn from the First Peoples themselves," said Dr. Lily Jarvis, who has overseen the partnership and played a key role in its development. "By offering the workshop to every third grader, AUSD ensures that all students have the chance to learn this history directly from the original stewards of the land."

The workshop offered students a firsthand look at Gabrieleno/Tongva history, with tribal educators introducing their traditional lifestyle and providing hands-on activities directly connected to their culture. This allowed the third graders to recognize the significance of the Tongva's cultural traditions, emphasizing community and their relationship with nature, specifically their stewardship. Their sense of community was demonstrated through practices of living together in villages, gathering food for everyone, and sharing with their elders out of sincere respect. The Tongva established villages located near streams and marshlands with fishing sources, with Ya'anga being particularly notable for its access to the Los Angeles River and strong pre-colonial influence.

Samuel Lopez, a descendant of the Gabrieleno/Tongva tribe who led the workshop for third graders at Ramona School, said he hopes students "gain a deeper respect for this area and an understanding of our culture of reciprocity." Lopez also mentioned the importance of teaching the younger generation about the more challenging chapters of Tongva history. "There's beauty in reflecting on the hardships that aren't talked about as much, but not dwelling on them."

By highlighting the tribe's value of communal responsibility, students were able to learn how the Gabrieleno/Tongva people honor respect and reciprocity with the land as they care for nature, give offerings before gathering, and treat everything in the natural world as sacred. The Tongva maintained balance with the environment surrounding them by dedicating themselves to the rules of Mother Nature and ensuring that they did not take more than needed. After the workshop, one third grader remarked, "I learned that the Tongva people gave back to nature."

Teacher Arianna Haft added, "It's essential to honor the people who came before us and for students to become aware of different cultures." The Gabrieleno/Tongva workshop provided students direct exposure to tribal communities and diverse cultures, sparking their interest and curiosity rather than presenting them as just textbook history.

Today, the tribe's cultural traditions are kept alive through visibility and educational initiatives like this to showcase who they are as people. These workshops allow the Gabrieleno/Tongva to share their message of "E'kwa'shem," meaning "We are still here," with the younger generation.

# Brightwood Students Explore the World One Booth at a Time

By Alhambra Unified School District

Brightwood School students recently took a journey across the globe without ever leaving campus, thanks to a PTA-sponsored Cultural Diversity Fair that celebrated the many cultures represented within the school community.

The event transformed the campus into a global marketplace where students could visit interactive booths representing 10 different cultures: Egypt, El Salvador, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Myanmar, the Philippines, Taiwan, and China. Each booth offered engaging activities and displays that introduced students to cultural traditions, languages, and foods from around the world.

As students moved from booth to booth, they practiced greetings in different languages, learned about traditional clothing and customs, and explored how families around the world celebrate holidays and everyday life. The hands-on format encouraged curiosity and conversation, allowing students to connect what they learned in the classroom with real-world experiences.

The fair also reflected the diversity of Brightwood's families, many of whom volunteered their time to help bring the booths to life. Parents and caregivers shared personal stories, artifacts, and cultural knowledge, creating a welcoming environment where students could see their own backgrounds represented while learning about others.

Principal Candace Griego thanked the Brightwood PTA and family volunteers for their dedication and willingness to share their cultures with the school community. "This event would not have been possible without the time, care, and creativity of our PTA parents and volunteers," Griego said. "Their generosity gave our students a meaningful opportunity to learn from one another and to celebrate the cultures that make Brightwood such a special place."

Teachers and staff noted that the event complemented classroom lessons by reinforcing global awareness and respect for different perspectives. Beyond



Brightwood Elementary School students visited interactive cultural booths during the PTA-sponsored Cultural Diversity Fair. They learned about traditions and customs from around the world. (Photo Credit: Emmett Lee, AUSD Communications Intern)

geography, the fair emphasized values such as inclusion, empathy, and community, all of which are central to Brightwood's school culture.

The Cultural Diversity Fair was organized by Brightwood's PTA with the support of school staff and families. Their collaboration helped create an experience that was both educational and memorable, leaving students with a deeper appreciation for the world around them and the diverse community they are part of each day.

# Meet the 2025–2026 AUSD Communications Interns

By Alhambra Unified School District


The 2025–2026 AUSD Communications Interns (ACI) are a talented group of 19 high school students selected to support the district's communications efforts. They cover campus events, conduct interviews, write articles, and create content for the District's various publications and platforms. Working closely with the AUSD Public Information Office, these interns gain hands-on experience in journalism, photography, and digital media while helping to amplify student and school achievements across the District. The program provides valuable career exposure, networking opportunities, and strengthens student engagement through real-world storytelling.

Six returning members, Ricardo Padillo, Justin Lim, Victoria Perez, Madeline Nguyen, Karlie Yonemoto, and Hayley Wong, bring experience and expertise from last year's pilot program. Alongside them, 13 new interns join the team, eager to learn, create, and share the student perspective across the district. The new ACI members are: Amy Alonso, Soluna Aldana, Clara Chan, Hailey Chau, Kellyn Chea, Nicole Del Villar, Reyna Guan, Stanley Kwok, Emmett Lee, Emily Liu, Ziqian (Natalie) Qi, Meghan Teo, and Cheyenne Tougas.

Continuing his involvement with the program, last year's lead intern and 2025 MKHS graduate Grant Sapcharoenlert now supports the team as the District's media assistant while attending UCLA. With his guidance, the ACI team captures school and district activities and achievements, through photos, videos, articles, and social media to share the many amazing happenings with our local community.




The 2025–2026 AUSD Communications Interns capture and share student stories across the district. Six returning interns bring experience from last year's pilot program, while 13 new members have joined the team. Last year's lead intern, Grant Sapcharoenlert, continues supporting the program as a media assistant for AUSD.



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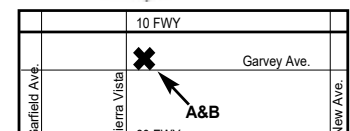
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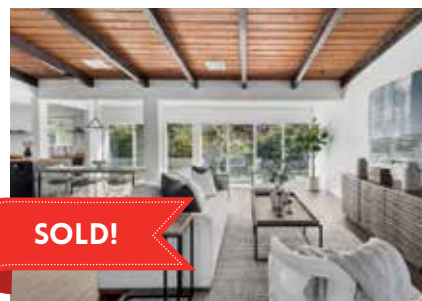
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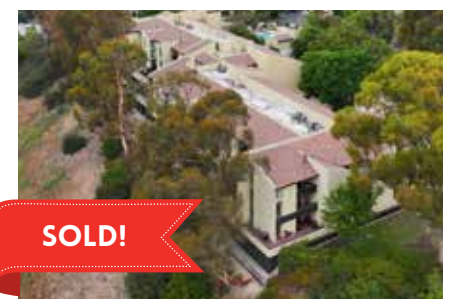
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## Client Donations @ Marguerita Elementary

We recently delivered a collection of client donations to Marguerita Elementary School in Alhambra. We're proud to partner with Catalyst SGV to help stock the school's Rockstar Store, a program that rewards students for reaching academic goals and demonstrating positive behavior. The staff shared how meaningful this support is, and we're grateful to be part of an effort that brings encouragement and smiles to so many students.



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## Featured Stories in Chinese

### 氣溫下降暖氣啟用季節的來臨，消防局提醒居民注意居家的安全

由消防局人員提供

事實一：每年 12 月、1 月與 2 月 為居家暖氣火災通報案件最多的月份，約占全年暖氣火災的一半。

事實二：每 5 起 暖爐火災死亡事件中，就有 2 起與可攜式電暖爐有關。

隨著氣溫下降、暖氣設備陸續啟用，蒙特利公園市消防局提醒市民，冬季是居家火災與一氧化碳 (CO) 中毒風險增加的時期。暖氣設備是寒冷季節中造成住宅火災的主要原因之一，但只要正確使用並提高警覺，許多事故其實是可以預防的。

請遵守以下居家取暖安全守則：

- 請將任何可燃物品與暖氣設備保持至少三英尺 (約 90 公分) 距離，包括暖爐、壁爐、柴火爐或可攜式電暖器。
- 在明火或電暖器周圍設置三英尺「兒童安全區」，避免孩童靠近。
- 切勿使用烤箱為室內取暖。
- 固定式暖氣設備、熱水器或中央暖氣系統，請由合格專業人員依照當地法規與製造商說明進行安裝。
- 每年請專業人員清潔並檢查室內暖氣設備與煙囪。
- 使用可攜式暖爐設備時，務必使用製造商指定的正確燃料種類。

- 使用壁爐時，請確保有堅固的防火網，避免防止室內火星飛濺；壁爐灰燼須完全冷卻後，才可放入金屬容器，並將容器置於遠離住家的安全位置。
- 離開房間或就寢前，請務必關閉可攜式暖氣設備。
- 選擇具備恆溫控制與過熱保護功能的暖氣設備。
- 請將可攜式暖爐設備放置於不妨礙行走的地方，切勿阻擋出入口。
- 請將暖氣設備直接插入牆壁插座，切勿使用延長線。
- 每月至少測試一次室內煙霧警報器，確保正常運作。



此外，請安裝並妥善維護一氧化碳警報器，以降低一氧化碳中毒風險。若您聞到暖氣設備有瓦斯味，請勿點燃任何設備，立即離開住家並撥打 911 求助。如需更多資訊，請聯絡蒙特利公園市消防局，電話 626-307-1262，或參訪 [www.montereypark.ca.gov/fire](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/fire)

### 蒙特利公園市將公園及休閒設施全面展開翻新工程

全市球場翻新工程與近期設施改善，提升蒙市居民休閒運動的體驗

由休閒與社區服務部門提供

蒙特利公園市市政府持續推動多項公園與休閒設施改善計畫，透過全市球場翻新工程及近期完成的設施升級，為居民打造更優質、多元化的休閒運動環境。

全市球場翻新工程

自 2026 年 2 月至 4 月，蒙特利公園市將啟動全市球場翻新工程。本次改善內容包括：於 George Elder 公園、Highlands 公園、Sequoia 公園、Sunnyslopes 公園及 Garvey Ranch 公園 進行網球場重鋪與修繕工程，並於 Garvey Ranch 公園第 2 號球場 新增複合式匹克球 (Pickleball) 劃線。

此外，市府亦將擴大匹克球運動空間：

- 於 Bella Vista 公園 新增 4 座固定式匹克球場 (含球網)
  - 將 Barnes 公園 既有 2 座網球場 改建為 6 座固定式匹克球場 (含球網)
  - 同時，Sequoia 公園 籃球場也將進行重鋪與修繕
- 為將施工影響降至最低，工程將採取一次一座公園的方式依序進行，確保居民與運動

愛好者在施工期間仍能持續享有休閒活動空間，並減少不便。

近期設施改善成果

於 2025 年的最後一季，休閒與社區服務部門攜手公共工程部門，完成多項重要設施升級工程，包括：

- 更換具代表性的 Cascades 瀑布環氧樹脂塗層
- 重新粉刷 Barnes 公園體育館外牆
- 更新蘭利老人耆英中心撞球室地板並重新油漆
- 重新油漆蘭利老人耆英中心辦公室與 George Elder 公園體育館內的社區活動室

這些工程展現市府持續投入資源，致力於為所有居民提供高品質的公園、休閒設施與公共空間。如欲掌握最新工程進度、活動與課程資訊，歡迎追蹤休閒與社區服務部門社群媒體帳號 @MontereyParkRec。



Barnes 公園體育館

### MPK Transit Express 持續串聯蒙特利公園市的交通

市府分享尖峰時段及高需求時間搭車的貼心提醒

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蒙特利公園市市政府提醒市民，MPK Transit Express 持續提供社區內便利又平價的交通服務，讓居民能更輕鬆的在市内移動。

民眾可透過 MPK Transit Express 手機應用程式輕鬆預約搭乘，或撥打 626-407-6299 電話預約。每趟車費為 2 美元，可使用信用卡或金融卡付款，亦可在蘭利老人耆英中心購買市府發行的乘車券。

隨著 MPK Transit Express 使用人數持續成長，市府近期接受到乘客們的反映，在使用手機應用程式時出現看似錯誤的訊息。事實上，在需求量較高的時段，特別是上下班尖峰時間，系統可能會顯示請乘客稍後再嘗試叫車的訊息。多數情況下，這並非手機應用程式發生故障，而是代表當下暫時沒有可用車輛。當所有車輛正在執行任務時，系統可能暫時無法提供服務；隨著行程完成後、車輛陸續釋出，可預約狀況也會隨之變動。

當遇到此情況時，請參考以下貼心小提醒：

- 請稍等幾分鐘後再次嘗試預約
  - 可考慮將接送時間提前或延後一點
  - 若時間允許，請盡量避開尖峰時段，以加快回應速度並提高可搭乘機會
- 蒙特利公園市市府感謝社區民眾的耐心與支持，讓 MPK Transit Express 能持續優化服務和滿足每日不同時段的乘車需求與體驗。

我們想知道您的意見！

我們誠摯邀請您分享意見，協助市府持續改善蒙特利公園市的交通服務。請掃描 QR Code 或參訪市府網站，填寫社區交通問卷調查，分享您搭乘 Spirit Bus、MPK Transit Express 的使用經驗，或提供任何其他寶貴建議。

如需更多資訊，請聯絡公共工程部門，電話 626-307-1320，或參訪 [www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks)



### 攜手一起打造城市的榮耀：住宅與商業物業的維護技巧

由城市法規遵守部門人員提供

來自城市法規遵守部門的新年訊息

隨著 2026 年 2 月的到來，城市法規遵守部門特別感謝居民與本地商家用心維護您的物業。物業維護不僅關乎外觀美感，更攸關公共安全、公共衛生、無障礙通行，以及整體社區的榮譽感。我們也理解，物業維護並非輕而易舉。修繕可能費用不低、時間有限，有些情況甚至令人感到壓力沉重。城市法規遵守部門的目標是以務實且尊重的方式與社區並肩合作，專注於解決問題並協助達成長期合規。

住宅物業維護提醒事項

維持通道暢通且安全，是最重要也最有效的維護步驟之一。請確保人行道、步道及車道沒有堆放物品、雜物或過度生長的植栽，以防止絆倒風險，並確保家庭成員、長者及使用殘障助行器者能安全通行。同時，請修剪靠近人行道、屋頂與窗戶的樹木與灌木，不僅可避免建物受損，也能提升視線清晰度。現在也是處理外部維護的好時機，避免小問題演變成大修繕。例如：剝落的油漆、損壞的圍籬或大門、老舊或破損的樓梯與扶手，若未及時處理，可能造成安全疑慮。妥善的垃圾管理同樣重要。請保持垃圾桶加蓋並維持周邊整潔，尤其是在共用住宅環境中，有助於減少異味與害蟲問題。

商業物業維護提醒

對於商家而言，持續良好的維護不僅提升顧客觀感，也有助於周邊環境品質。請保持店面整潔，及時修補褪色油漆或損壞設施，並迅速清除塗鴉，以維持良好形象並降低重複破壞的可能性。此外，請勿在面向公共區域堆放垃圾或大型物品。幕後的垃圾管理同樣關鍵：請確保垃圾箱及其圍設狀況良好、拉圾桶蓋關閉、周邊區域清潔，以防止害蟲滋生並避免影響鄰近物業。若商家設有戶外儲物區，請將物品妥善整理與固定，避免造成安全風險或視覺雜亂。

感謝您共同支持美好的 2026 年

感謝您為維持社區的整潔、安全與友善環境所付出的努力。我們期待持續與大家攜手合作，在各個社區與商業區共同建立城市榮耀。

我們可以如何協助您

城市法規遵守部門秉持公正公平一致性對待、處理協調及解決違規問題。若您不確定修繕是否需要申請許可，或在開始工程前希望獲得指引，歡迎致電 626-307-1415，或寄送電子郵件至 [codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov) 與我們聯繫。

## Featured Stories in Spanish

### Con el Uso de los Calefactores, el Departamento de Bomberos Recuerda a los Residentes a Priorizar la Seguridad

Presentado por el personal del Departamento de Bomberos

*Dato: La mitad de los incendios domésticos relacionados con calefacción se reportan durante los meses de diciembre, enero y febrero.*

*Dato: 2 de cada 5 muertes causadas por incendios de calefactores involucran calefactores eléctricos portátiles.*

A medida que bajan las temperaturas y se encienden los calefactores, el Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park recuerda a los residentes que el invierno conlleva un mayor riesgo de incendios en el hogar y de intoxicación por monóxido de carbono (CO). Los equipos de calefacción son una de las principales causas de incendios residenciales durante los meses más fríos; sin embargo, muchos de estos incidentes pueden prevenirse con el cuidado y la atención adecuada.

**Siga estas recomendaciones de seguridad al usar equipos de calefacción:**

- Mantenga cualquier objeto que pueda arder al menos a tres pies de distancia de los equipos de calefacción, como hornos, chimeneas, estufas de leña o calefactores portátiles.
- Establezca una zona libre de niños de tres pies alrededor de fuegos abiertos y calefactores portátiles.
- Nunca utilice el horno para calentar su hogar.
- Pida a un profesional calificado que instale los equipos de calefacción fijos, calentadores de agua o sistemas de calefacción central, de acuerdo con los códigos

- locales y las instrucciones del fabricante.
- Asegure que los equipos de calefacción y las chimeneas sean limpiados e inspeccionados cada año por un profesional calificado.
- Siempre utilice el tipo correcto de combustible, según lo especificado por el fabricante, para los calefactores que funcionan con combustible.
- Asegúrese de que la chimenea cuente con una pantalla resistente para evitar que las chispas salgan hacia la habitación. Las cenizas deben estar frías antes de colocarlas en un recipiente metálico; mantenga dicho recipiente a una distancia segura de la vivienda.
- Recuerde apagar los calefactores portátiles al salir de la habitación o al irse a dormir.
- Elija calefactores que cuenten con termostato y protección contra sobrecalentamiento.
- Mantenga los calefactores fuera de las áreas de paso y nunca bloquee una salida.
- Conecte el calefactor directamente al tomacorriente de la pared. Nunca use cables de extensión.
- Pruebe los detectores de humo al menos una vez al mes.

Instale y mantenga detectores de monóxido de carbono (CO) para evitar el riesgo de intoxicación. Si detecta olor a gas proveniente de un calefactor de gas, no encienda el aparato. Salga de la vivienda de inmediato y llame al 911. Para más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Bomberos de Monterey Park al 626-307-1262 o visite [www.montereypark.ca.gov/fire](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/fire)

### Mejoras en Parques y Recreación se Implementan en Todo Monterey Park

Proyectos de repavimentación a nivel ciudad y recientes mejoras en instalaciones amplían las oportunidades recreativas para los residentes

Presentado por el personal de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios

**Proyecto de Repavimentación de Canchas a Nivel Ciudad**

De febrero a abril de 2026, la Ciudad de Monterey Park pondrá en marcha un proyecto de repavimentación de canchas en toda la ciudad. Las mejoras incluyen la repavimentación y reparación de las canchas de tenis en los parques George Elder, Highlands, Sequoia, Sunnyslopes y Garvey Ranch, así como la incorporación de líneas híbridas de pickleball en la Cancha n.º 2 del Parque Garvey Ranch.

El proyecto también incluye la ampliación de oportunidades para el pickleball mediante la instalación de cuatro nuevas canchas permanentes con redes en el Parque Bella Vista y la conversión de dos canchas de tenis existentes en el Parque Barnes en seis canchas permanentes de pickleball con redes. Además, la cancha de baloncesto del Parque Sequoia será repavimentada y reparada.

Para minimizar las interrupciones, los trabajos se realizarán un parque a la vez, asegurando que los residentes y usuarios puedan seguir disfrutando de las actividades recreativas con un impacto limitado.

**Mejoras Recientes en Instalaciones**

Durante el último trimestre de 2025, el Departamento de Recreación y Servicios Comunitarios, en colaboración con el Departamento de Obras Públicas, completó varias mejoras en las instalaciones. Estas mejoras incluyeron la sustitución del recubrimiento epóxico en la emblemática Cascades Waterfall; la pintura exterior del Gimnasio del Parque Barnes; y la instalación de nuevo piso y repintado de la Sala de Billar del Centro Langley, la Oficina del Centro Langley y la Sala Comunitaria dentro del Gimnasio del Parque George Elder.

Estos proyectos reflejan el compromiso continuo de la ciudad de proporcionar parques, instalaciones recreativas y servicios de calidad para el disfrute de todos los residentes. Para recibir actualizaciones continuas sobre proyectos, programas y eventos, siga al departamento en redes sociales en @MontereyParkRec.

### MPK Transit Express continúa conectando a Monterey Park

La Ciudad comparte consejos útiles para los usuarios durante horas pico y alta demanda

Presentado por el personal de Obras Públicas

La Ciudad de Monterey Park recuerda a los residentes que MPK Transit Express continúa ofreciendo una manera conveniente y accesible de desplazarse dentro de la comunidad.

Los viajes pueden reservarse fácilmente a través de la aplicación de MPK Transit Express o llamando al 626-407-6299. La tarifa es de \$2 por viaje, y los pagos pueden realizarse con tarjeta de crédito o débito, o con vales emitidos por la Ciudad, disponibles para su compra en el Langley Senior Center.

A medida que la popularidad de MPK Transit Express sigue creciendo, algunos usuarios han compartido comentarios tras experimentar lo que parece ser un error al usar la aplicación. Durante períodos de alta demanda, especialmente en horas pico, los usuarios pueden recibir un mensaje solicitando intentar pedir el viaje nuevamente. En la mayoría de los casos, este mensaje no indica un problema con la aplicación; simplemente significa que no hay disponibilidad de viajes en ese momento. Cuando todos los vehículos están en servicio, el sistema puede no ofrecer un viaje de manera temporal. A medida que se completan los trayectos y los vehículos quedan disponibles, las opciones de viaje pueden cambiar.

Cuando esto ocurra, considere los siguientes consejos útiles:

- Intente solicitar el viaje nuevamente en unos minutos.
- Considere ajustar su hora de recogida un poco antes o después.
- Evite las horas pico cuando sea posible para obtener una respuesta más rápida y mayor disponibilidad.

Agradecemos la paciencia e interés de la comunidad en MPK Transit Express mientras continuamos atendiendo las necesidades y experiencias de los usuarios a lo largo del día.

**¡Queremos escucharle!**

¡Queremos conocer su opinión! Comparta sus ideas sobre cómo podemos seguir mejorando el transporte en Monterey Park. Escanee el código QR o visite nuestro sitio web. Complete la Encuesta Comunitaria de Transporte y cuéntenos su experiencia con Spirit Bus, MPK Transit Express y cualquier otro comentario que desee compartir. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Obras Públicas al 626-307-1320 o visite [www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/publicworks).

### Construyendo Orgullo Juntos: Consejos de Mantenimiento de Propiedades para Hogares y Negocios

Presentado por el personal de Cumplimiento del Código

**Un Mensaje de Año Nuevo del Departamento de Cumplimiento del Código**

Al entrar en febrero de 2026, el equipo de Cumplimiento del Código desea agradecer a nuestros residentes y negocios locales por el cuidado que brindan a sus propiedades. El mantenimiento de las propiedades es mucho más que la apariencia exterior; contribuye a la seguridad pública, la salud pública, la accesibilidad y el orgullo comunitario.

Reconocemos que el mantenimiento no siempre es sencillo. Las reparaciones pueden ser costosas, el tiempo es limitado y algunas situaciones pueden resultar abrumadoras. Nuestro objetivo es trabajar junto con la comunidad con un enfoque práctico y respetuoso, centrado en soluciones y en el cumplimiento a largo plazo.

**Recordatorios de Mantenimiento para Propiedades Residenciales**

Uno de los pasos más útiles es mantener los accesos despejados y accesibles. Por favor mantenga aceras, pasillos y entradas vehiculares libres de almacenamiento, escombros y vegetación excesiva. Esto ayuda a prevenir riesgos de tropiezos y garantiza un acceso seguro para familias, personas mayores y quienes utilizan dispositivos de movilidad.

Podar árboles y arbustos alejados de aceras, techos y ventanas también puede prevenir daños y mejorar la visibilidad. Asimismo, es un buen momento para atender el mantenimiento exterior antes de que los pequeños problemas se conviertan en reparaciones mayores. Elementos como pintura descascarada, cercas o portones dañados, y escaleras o pasamanos deteriorados pueden representar riesgos de seguridad si no se atienden.

El almacenamiento adecuado de los residuos es otro paso sencillo pero importante. Mantener los contenedores de basura cerrados y las áreas limpias ayuda a reducir olores y plagas, especialmente en entornos de vivienda compartida.

**Recordatorios de Mantenimiento para Propiedades Comerciales**

Para los negocios, un mantenimiento constante puede marcar una gran diferencia para los clientes y las propiedades vecinas. Mantener los frentes de los establecimientos limpios, atender pintura desgastada o accesorios dañados y eliminar el grafiti de manera oportuna ayuda a conservar una imagen positiva y a desalentar actos de vandalismo repetidos.

Asimismo, asegúrese de que no se dejen basura ni objetos voluminosos en áreas visibles al público. Entre bastidores, la gestión adecuada de residuos es esencial. Mantener los contenedores y recintos en buen estado, con las tapas cerradas y las áreas circundantes limpias, ayuda a prevenir plagas y a reducir derrames hacia propiedades adyacentes. Si su negocio utiliza almacenamiento al aire libre, los artículos deben estar organizados y asegurados, sin crear riesgos de seguridad ni afectar negativamente la apariencia del entorno.

**Gracias por Apoyar un 2026 Sólido**

Gracias por hacer su parte para mantener nuestra comunidad limpia, segura y acogedora. Esperamos seguir trabajando juntos para construir orgullo en nuestros vecindarios y distritos comerciales.

**Cómo Podemos Ayudar**

El Departamento de Cumplimiento del Código está comprometido con la resolución de problemas de manera justa, coherente y colaborativa. Si no está seguro de si las reparaciones requieren permisos, o si desea orientación antes de comenzar un trabajo, le invitamos a comunicarse con nosotros al 626-307-1415 o por correo electrónico a [codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:codecompliance@montereypark.ca.gov).

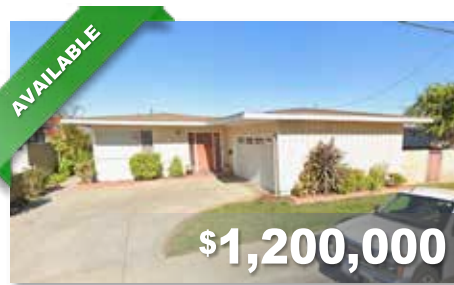


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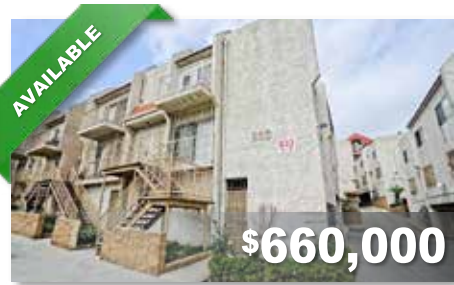
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	Condo/Townhome	\$750,500	\$797,489	-5.89%
Alhambra	Single Family House	\$1,096,392	\$1,124,693	-2.52%
	Condo/Townhome	\$710,978	\$706,125	+ 0.69%



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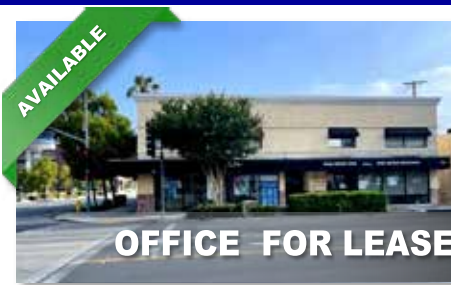
**RETAIL FOR LEASE**

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Retail | Mod. Gross | 2,603-3,263 ft<sup>2</sup>



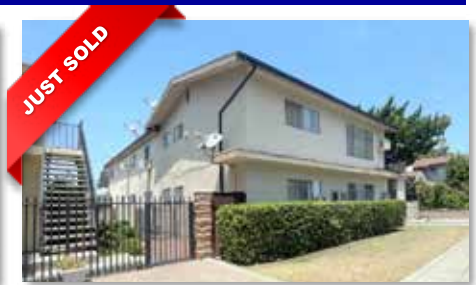
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Office | Mod. Gross | 1,331 ft<sup>2</sup>



**OFFICE FOR LEASE**

**Arcadia**  
Office | NNN | 432 ft<sup>2</sup>



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8-Unit Apartment Building | 5,682 ft<sup>2</sup>