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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT APRIL – JUNE 2024

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- ### California Legislative Leaders Pass Budget Deal

According to a California Assembly floor-report of the State's 2024-25 Budget[1], lawmakers and Governor Gavin Newsom announced a $297.9 billion budget deal that closes a $47 billion shortfall. In the $297.9 billion spending plan, deals were reached on a variety of important funding issues.

The Legislature is expected to vote on the budget through a series of bills this week[2], ahead of the July 1 start of the new fiscal year.

The budget deal makes $16 billion in cuts, including a blanket 7.95% reduction in funding for nearly all state departments and the elimination of thousands of vacant positions, which are collectively expected to save nearly $3.7 billion. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) will take an additional $385 million cut, far higher than the $80 million cut Newsom had originally sought.

Other major reductions include $1.1 billion from various affordable housing programs, $746 million for health care workforce development, and $500 million to build student housing. A scholarship program for middle-class college students will lose $110 million annually, about a fifth of what the governor had originally sought to cut[3].

The budget deal will delay more than $3 billion in previously promised funding to expand food benefits to undocumented immigrants, increase pay for providers who care for people with developmental disabilities, add new subsidized child care slots, and build out broadband internet[4].

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[1] https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/system/files/2024-06/floor-report-of-the-2024-25-budget-june-22-2024.pdf
[2] https://jasonsisney.substack.com/p/governor-and-legislative-leaders-588
[3] https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2024/06/financial-aid-california-budget/
[4] https://calmatters.org/economy/technology/2024/05/california-broadband-funding/

The deal dips into the State's rainy-day fund, pulling out approximately $12 billion over the next two years to address the fiscal shortfall. As part of that deal, the Legislature will take up legislation next year that will require the state to set aside a portion of future projected surpluses so that it cannot be spent without an offset in future collections.
Established in 2014, the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA), also known as the Rainy-Day Fund, requires annual deposits into the BSA under specific circumstances. The governor can reduce or suspend these deposits during a budget emergency, subject to legislative approval. Funds can be withdrawn from the BSA if a budget emergency is declared by the governor and the Legislature approves it.[5]

According to data from the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO)[6], California's rainy-day fund reached $62.6 billion in 2023, with state rainy day funds for all states reaching $174.8 billion. California's balance, alone, represented 36 percent of the nation's total.

The budget deal will also suspend the COVID-era net operating loss tax break for companies with more than $1 million in taxable income, and limit business tax credits to $5 million annually—strategies that will raise an estimated $15 billion in revenue over the next three years.

Legislative leaders achieved much of what they pushed for in a placeholder budget they passed June 13, 2024; however, they also compromised on a couple of key issues, including agreeing to Governor Newsom's proposal to put off a new health care worker minimum wage contingent on budget conditions. The governor last year signed into law Senate Bill 525 which created a framework for the wage hikes. The Department of Finance projected it would cost $4 billion to implement in the upcoming budget year. However, Governor Newsom has long said the plan may need adjustments based on financial conditions. In January, he proposed setting up a "trigger" that would make the increases subject to funding availability. Workers at hospitals and health care facilities were to begin getting the first in a series of increases in June—a date that has now been pushed to when the state can meet certain financial targets.

State leaders argue that budget reductions were necessary because, in recent years, California's revenue growth lagged behind projections due primarily to (i) drops in the stock market and the technology sector, and (ii) an unprecedented, federally sanctioned 10-month delay in tax payments by many high-income taxpayers. Thus, Governor Newsom and Legislative leaders found it necessary to piece together actions that would produce ongoing cuts in state operations, cuts and delays in planned one-time state spending, shifts of General Fund spending to other state funds, revenue increases, and use of the state's ample reserves.

In the Governor's May 2024 Revision, the administration pegged the 2024 deficit at $28 billion after taking into account $17 billion of "early action" budget balancing measures agreed by the Legislature and the Governor in April 2024. In addition, May 2024 monthly tax collections were much stronger than projections, but the state budget plan still reflects the previous May Revision revenue estimates. The 2024-25 state budget plan closes the remaining $28 billion projected budget shortfall.

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[5] https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/californias-state-budget-reserves-explained/
[6] https://www.nasbo.org/reports-data/fiscal-survey-of-states

The budget plan includes $211.5 billion of General Fund spending, $86.4 billion of spending from other state funds, and $153 billion from federal funds flowing through the state treasury.

Of particular importance to Montclair is funding for extension of the Gold Line from Pomona to Montclair. The bill makes the following modifications to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) budget:

- Rejects a proposed $148 million cut from the Competitive Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program, but approves delays and fund shifts.

- Cuts $200 million from the Safety Grade Separations program, and restores $150 million with $75 million in General Fund in 2025-26 and $75 million in State Highway Account in 2026-27 with trailer bill to prioritize previously awarded projects for existing transportation funding cycles.

- Delays $680 million for the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program.

- Approves delays and fund shifts to the Formula Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program which delays $1 billion from 2024-25 to 2025-26.

- Adopts trailer bill language that expands requirements of the accountability program to the distribution of funds appropriated to the Transportation Agency from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Formula Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, among other technical changes to align with the fund and year changes made in the 2024 Budget Act.

While the above changes do not cut the State's funding commitment to regional transportation agencies, there is the potential that the distribution of funding could experience some delays between the second and third years of the funding cycle. Nonetheless, it does appear that CalSTA has the authorized funding to award monies to regional transportation agencies for their priority projects.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) has designated the Gold Line Extension from Pomona to Claremont as its number one priority project. With approval of the funding, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) would be required to commit allocated funding to extend the Gold Line from Claremont to the Montclair Transcenter.

Development of funding to extend the Gold Line light rail system to the Montclair Transcenter represents the culmination of nearly two decades of effort on the part of Montclair's elected and appointed leaders, in partnership with local Federal and State legislative representatives, the Foothill Gold Line Extension Construction Authority, LA Metro, SBCTA, and elected leaders from cities along the Gold Line Corridor—by statute, the Montclair Transcenter is the legislatively mandated eastern terminus of the Gold Line. In preparation for this objective, the City has been a regional leader in developing a transit district around its transit station, and pursuing the planning, housing and commercial projects compatible with that objective.

- ## SB 478 No Hidden Prices

Starting July 1, 2024, the "Honest Pricing Law" or "Hidden Fees Statute," SB 478[7], makes it illegal for businesses to advertise or list a price for a good or service that does not include all required fees or charges other than certain government taxes and shipping costs. SB 478 is a price transparency bill. The statute does not change what price a business can charge or what may be included in that cost. The law simply requires that the price listed include all mandatory charges, without hidden fees—fees in which a seller uses an artificially low headline price to attract a customer and usually either discloses additional required fees in smaller print or reveals additional unavoidable charges later in the buying process.

According to 2018 data from Consumer Reports, at least 85% of Americans have experienced a hidden or unexpected fee for a service, and more than two-thirds of those surveyed in 2023 said they were paying more now in surprise charges than they did five years earlier. Consumer Reports noted that hidden fees could increase the price of live event tickets by as much as 30% to 40%.

SB 478 applies to the sale or lease of most goods and services that are for a consumer's personal use including event tickets, hotels and other lodging, restaurants, and food delivery.

California is at the forefront of a national movement against hidden and deceptive fees. Combating hidden and deceptive fees has been a priority of the Biden-Harris Administration—The Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) issued a new "Rule on Unfair or Deceptive Fees," which would ban hidden fees nationwide. The FTC's proposed rule would prohibit unfair or deceptive practices relating to fees for goods and services, including misrepresenting the total costs of goods and services by omitting mandatory fees from advertised prices and misrepresenting the nature and purpose of fees.

But what about required tips—are restaurants allowed to charge extra gratuity fees when dining with **a big group?** SB 478 is a price transparency law. If a restaurant charges a mandatory gratuity fee for a certain number of people who dine-in, that fee must be folded into menu prices. Under the law, a restaurant cannot charge an additional surcharge on top of the price listed, including gratuities that are "not voluntary".

As part of the bill's legislation, prices for goods and services must include all fees the consumer is required to pay. "For example, if a hamburger is $10 and a restaurant charges a 15% service charge, the hamburger would have to be listed on the menu as $11.50. Put simply, the price listed or advertised should be the price paid.

SB 478 could face changes after facing pushback from the state's bars and restaurants. A new bill, SB 1524 (Amended)[8], has been introduced that would protect restaurant fees as long as they are presented clearly to the customer—restaurants would continue to operate as they currently do by disclosing any extra fees on menus, websites, or reservation notices. Specifically, SB 1524 ensures that any mandatory gratuity, service charge, or other fee

[7] https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB478/id/2844418
[8] https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB1524/2023

charged by restaurants must be conspicuously displayed on restaurant menus. According to the author of SB 1524, if, for example, a restaurant adds a 20% security fee to all bills, that charge must be clearly stated upfront on the menu, eliminating surprises when the bill arrives[9]. SB 1524 enjoys support from the California Restaurant Association[10].

Key Takeaways related to SB 478:

- All required fees or charges must be included in the total price for a good or service that is displayed to a consumer.
- Fees for optional services or features do not need to be included in the advertised or listed price.
- Fees or charges contingent on certain, later conduct by a consumer are not mandatory and do not need to be included in the advertised or listed price.
  - For example, fees or charges that are contingent on certain, later conduct by a consumer such as a fee for returning rented equipment after the deadline to do so or charges for smoking in a non-smoking hotel room, are not mandatory and do not need to be included in the advertised or listed price.
- On May 8, 2024, the Office of the Attorney General issued guidance through its Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on SB 478[11]. In its guidance, the Office of the Attorney General made clear that the only way for covered businesses to comply with the law is to include all required fees or charges in the *total price* for a good or service that is displayed or listed to the consumer. In other words, covered businesses cannot merely provide conspicuous disclosure of a fee or charge at the outset of a transaction only to include the total price with the fee or charge at the end of the transaction.

The Office of the Attorney General also confirmed that SB 478 applies to virtually all industries, including hotels and restaurants.

Below is a summary of several of the most notable FAQs that are likely to have the most significant impact on business compliance with the new law:

- While SB 478 does not limit the types of fees a business can charge, the listed or advertised price *must* include the full amount that a consumer must pay for that good or service.
  - A business *cannot* comply with SB 478 by either (i) disclosing additional required fees before a consumer finalizes a transaction; (ii) advertising a price that is less than what a consumer will actually have to pay, but disclosing that additional fees will be added; or (iii) advertising one price and separately stating that an additional percentage fee will apply.
  - Businesses can comply with SB 478 by advertising the total price for a good or service and then separately noting that the total price includes certain fees and charges.

[9] https://sd03.senate.ca.gov/news/20240606-sen-dodd-introduces-restaurant-fees-bill
[10] https://sd03.senate.ca.gov/news/20240606-sen-dodd-introduces-restaurant-fees-bill
[11] https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/SB%20478%20FAQ%20%28B%29.pdf

- Fees for *optional* services or features do not need to be included in the advertised or listed price. Accordingly, businesses can plausibly characterize fees or charges as voluntary or nonmandatory in order to remove a fee or charge from SB 478's scope. Businesses characterizing a fee as voluntary or nonmandatory may engender risk of litigation under California's Unfair Competition Law or other statutes.

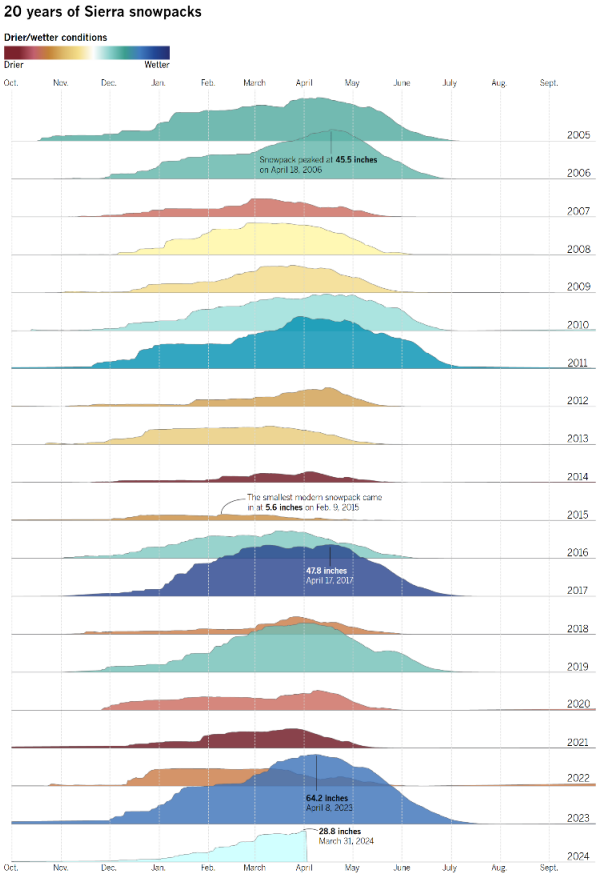
- Businesses that do not know how much they will charge a customer at the beginning of the transaction should wait to display a price until they know how much the charge to the consumer will be.

The Office of the Attorney General advises that it does not expect its initial enforcement of SB 478 to focus on existing fees that are paid directly and entirely by a restaurant to its workers, such as an automatic gratuity that a restaurant charges for groups of eight or more customers. However, the guidance notes that businesses may still be liable in private actions.

• CBWCD Receives State Water

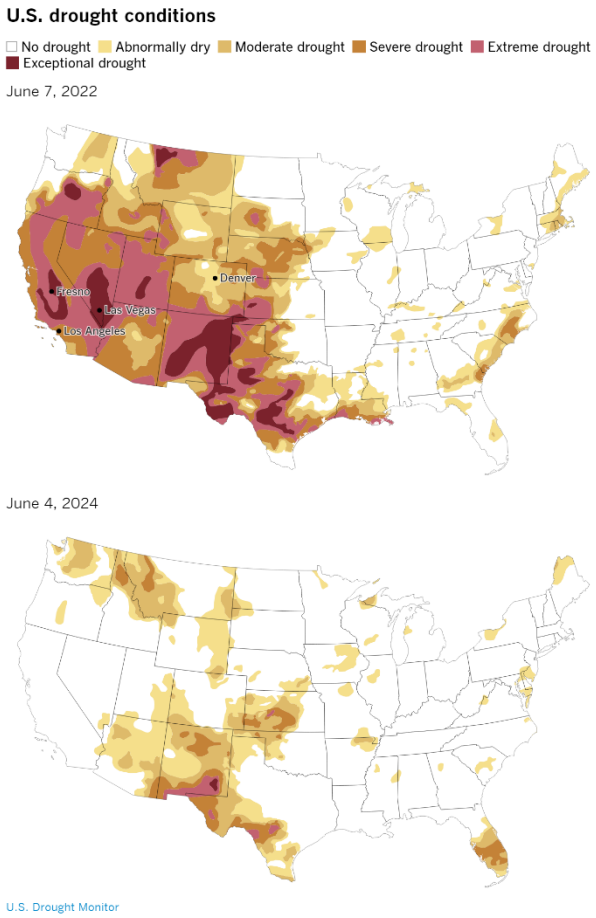
In recent months, Montclair percolation basins, under the operational control of the Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD), have continued to receive a steady flow of water, keeping the basins near maximum capacity.

According to a press release, CBWCD's percolation basins began receiving approximately 19,000-acre feet of water from the California State Water Project via the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA). The total is equivalent to approximately 6.2 billion gallons of water, and will be used to replenish the Chino Basin aquifer. One acre-foot is enough water to provide for approximately three families for one year, based on a San Bernardino County average of 143 gallons of water per day, per person. Storing imported water is an essential part of the CBWCD's mission; i.e., putting water back into the aquifer by capturing it and allowing it to percolate into the ground for later use. It will take up to through December 2024 to complete the water delivery. CBWCD basins are among the largest groundwater basins in southern California. Delivery of water to the CBWCD is being made through the Groundwater Recharge Program partnership, which includes IEUA, CBWCD, Chino Basin Watermaster, and the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD).



Communities served by the Chino Basin, including Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland, depend on this aquifer for more than 50% of their water supply.

The Department of Water Resources announced an increase in allocation from the State Water Project from 30 to 40 percent due to this year's healthy Sierra Nevada Snowpack. The following graphic plots a 20-year history of the Sierra snowpack, showing wet years interspersed with severe droughts[12].



Snowpack levels across California are currently 102%. Last year's epic snowpack[13] helped relieve a yearlong drought, reaching 252% of normal on April 8, 2023. By that date, the Sierra Nevada Mountains held an average equivalent of 64.2 inches of water.

The current snowpack[14] now holds a healthy 28.6 inches of water on average after a series of winter storms[15] alleviated concerns that California was facing a "snow drought[16]." Precipitation is tracked the across the "water year," beginning October 1 and ending the following September 30. The Sierra Nevada snowpack serves as the state's natural water storage system. In "normal" years, the snowpack accumulates in the winter months then melts gradually through the spring, feeding rivers and refilling reservoirs throughout the state.

Around the state, California can store nearly 40 million acre feet of water in reservoirs. The state Department of Water Resources reports a regular accounting of the water levels at 154 reservoirs representing the vast majority of the state's water storage capacity. As of June 6, 2024, state reservoirs stand at about 89% capacity—above the 30-year average of 73% for the month of June. California typically sees most of its rain and snow during the first half of the water year, which is followed by the warmer and drier spring and summer. The following graph demonstrates the positive impacts the 2023 and 2024 rain cycles have had on drought conditions in the U.S.

Despite the relaxation of drought conditions, it has become clear that when California faces long dry spells, it takes large amounts of snow and rain to reverse the trend. This cycle is

[12] https://www.latimes.com/projects/california-drought-status-maps-water-usage/
[13] https://www.latimes.com/projects/california-drought-status-maps-water-usage/
[14] https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-04-01/california-snow-water-supplies
[15] https://www.latimes.com/projects/how-much-rain-california-atmospheric-river/
[16] https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-02-22/california-snow-drought-fades-with-series-of-storms

projected to become more extreme as the planet warms[17]. Higher temperatures are intensifying droughts[18], and the state's average snowpack is projected to shrink significantly,[19] as temperatures continue to climb. Scientists increasingly warn that the West is experiencing "aridification", and call for the region to prepare for drier conditions in the long term as temperatures continue to rise. In 2022, climatologists found that the region as a whole, from Montana to California to northern Mexico, experienced the driest 22-year period in more than 1,200 years[20].

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- ## 2024 Election Season Kick-Off

On Thursday, June 20, City Clerk/Human Resources Manager Andrea Myrick and Deputy City Clerk Krystal Roman attended a roundtable meeting for City Clerks hosted by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters (ROV) to kick off the big 2024 election season. At the meeting, City Clerks and staff members from more than 20 cities gathered to meet ROV staff, receive updates about the County's election processes and educational efforts, and review candidate filing procedures for the cities' consolidated municipal elections.

This year, the County kicked off its BallotMobile, traveling voter education that offers opportunities to educate the public about voter registration, voting options, and more. Having just completed its 1,800-mile inaugural journey, the BallotMobile is getting back on the road for the Presidential General Election.

The County also shared an informative video about the Journey of a Ballot[21].

[17] https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-02-08/climate-change-california-flooding-storms
[18] https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2023-07-30/study-shows-how-warming-climate-is-sapping-the-colorado-river
[19] https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2023-05-25/climate-change-california-snowline-sierra-nevada
[20] https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2022-02-14/western-megadrought-driest-in-1200-years
[21] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqsH_QWoOvE

This year's General Municipal Election will see two City Council seats on the ballot. Those who are interested in running for office can make appointments with the City Clerk during the nomination period to be issued and to file nomination papers. The nomination period runs from July 15, 2024, through August 9, 2024. Please call the City Clerk's Office at (909) 625-9416 to inquire about scheduling an appointment. More information about the upcoming election can be found on the City website at https://www.cityofmontclair.org/2024-election/.

- ## New Employees

The City of Montclair extends a warm welcome to the following new employees:

- **Elaine Cabote**, Administrative Specialist, Community Development – Code Enforcement
- **Veronica Campos**, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Elias Cardenas**, Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Trinity Gomez**, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Joseph Gonzales**, Recreation Coordinator, Human Services
- **Ulises Heredia Martinez**, Park Leader, Human Services
- **Katarina Herrera Solorio**, Police Dispatcher, Police Department
- **Ricky Julien**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **John Kelleher**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Joshua Lopez**, Park Leader, Human Services
- **Madison Maestas**, Police Dispatcher, Police Department
- **Isaiah Mathis**, Park Leader, Human Services
- **Julie Munoz**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Bruno Parra Camacho**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Bryan Parra**, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Ryan Rabino**, Park Leader, Human Services
- **Krystal Roman**, Deputy City Clerk, Administrative Services
- **Isabel Sanchez**, Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Douglas Waugh Jr.**, Park Leader, Human Services
- **Michael West**, Firefighter (Paramedic), Fire Department

- ## Internal Appointments / Promotions

Congratulations to the following current employees who have been internally promoted or appointed to new positions:

- **Esperanza Banuelos**, Receptionist/Office Specialist, Police Department
- **Stanley Boehm**, Fire Battalion Chief, Fire Department
- **Jeffery Campbell Smith**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Alexis Mancinas**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Adam McCray**, Graffiti Abatement Worker, Public Works
- **Michael Sanchez**, Fire Captain, Fire Department
- **Rayza Virgen-Estrada**, Senior Police Dispatcher, Police Department
- **Joel Wood**, Police Officer, Police Department

- ## Employees Whose Service to the City Has Ended

The City would like to thank the following individuals who have concluded their service with the City of Montclair:

- **Alyza Camacho**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Melinda Chavez**, Customer Service Representative/Office Specialist, Human Services
- **Isis Flores Mendez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Malachi Harris**, Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Ricardo Jimenez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **April Mendoza**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Drew Orantes**, Field Groundskeeper, Public Works
- **Roberto Ortega**, Project Manager, Public Works
- **Leonardo Perez**, Firefighter (Paramedic), Fire Department
- **Lisa Razo**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Claudia Saldivar**, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Jessie Solis**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **William Vargas**, Plans Examiner, Community Development

- ## Montclair Job Opportunities

The City is hiring qualified individuals to fill the following positions:

Current Recruitments

- Building Official – Community Development

Ongoing Recruitments

Applications are continuously accepted and reviewed for the following positions:

- **Senior Police Dispatcher (Lateral)** – Police Department
- **Police Dispatcher (Entry-Level)** – Police Department
- **Police Officer (Entry-Level/Lateral)** – Police Department
- **Reserve Police Officer Level II and I (Part-Time)** – Police Department
- **Police Cadet (Part-Time)** – Police Department
- **Firefighter (Paramedic) (Entry-Level/Lateral)** – Fire Department
- **Senior Recreation Leader (Part-Time)** – Human Services
- **Recreation Leader (Part-Time)** – Human Services
- **Senior Learning Leader (Part-Time)** – Human Services
- **Learning Leader (Part-Time)** – Human Services
- **Substitute Learning Leader (Part-Time)**– Human Services

For an up-to-date listing of all job opportunities available at the City of Montclair or to apply for a job, please visit the Employment Opportunities page on the City's website at https://www.cityofmontclair.org/employment-opportunities/.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- ## Innovating Commerce Serving Communities

Staff from the City of Montclair's Economic Development Agency recently returned from a successful trip to the Innovating Commerce Serving Communities (ICSC) Conference held in Las Vegas, May 19 through May 22, 2024. This premier industry event provided a valuable platform for staff to showcase, the City of Montclair as well as exciting opportunities for business investment, development, and expansion.

Economic Development staff actively promoted the City of Montclair to potential investors and developers. Staff members highlighted and promoted various areas in the City of Montclair that are ripe for growth and development. The areas for growth and development included the following:

- **North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan Area**: This vibrant area offers a unique blend of retail, office, and residential space, perfect for businesses seeking a dynamic and walkable environment centered around the Montclair Transcenter - a multimodal transit hub along the Metrolink San Bernardino Line and soon to be terminus of the Metro Gold Line Light Rail.
- **Montclair Place District Specific Plan Area:** With its focus on mixed-use development, this district presents an opportunity for innovative retail, entertainment, and residential projects to be built at Montclair Place – a regional shopping mall.
- **Proposed Zoning Changes as part of the General Plan Update:** These updates aim to streamline the development process and create a more flexible framework for businesses to thrive by allowing mixed-use developments to occur along major thoroughfares including Central Avenue, Holt Boulevard, and Mission Boulevard.

Throughout the conference, Economic Development staff participated in various networking events and meetings, fostering valuable connections with industry leaders and players.

This participation in the ICSC demonstrates the City of Montclair's proactive approach to economic development. By actively engaging with the industry, the City of Montclair is well positioned to attract new businesses and investment, ultimately creating jobs and fostering a thriving local economy.

From left: Information Technology Supervisor Edmund Garcia, Economic Development Director Mikey Fuentes, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator Christine Thomas, and Housing Specialist Carla Becerra

- ## Shop Local Montclair

Looking for a great way to support local businesses? Want to be entered into a raffle to win a $75 gift card to your favorite Montclair spot?

Join “Shop Local Montclair” a campaign aimed at supporting our small and local businesses while thanking those who choose to shop local!

Submit your entries for the next raffle to win a $75 gift card to your favorite Montclair business!

How to Participate:

1. **Make a Local Purchase:**
   Support Montclair's local businesses by making a purchase at your favorite local business.

2. **Snap a Photo:**
   Capture the moment!
   Snap a photo of your receipt.

3. **Enter the Raffle:**
   Send a photo of your receipt to events@montclairchamber.com to enter into the raffle.

Each valid receipt is an entry into a quarterly raffle. Shop Local, Win Local! When you shop local, you’re not just making a purchase – you’re investing in your neighbors, friends, and local entrepreneurs. In addition, every time you shop local, you ensure that your sales tax dollars are being reinvested in your community. Together, let's keep Montclair strong by shopping local. For more information about Shop Local Montclair, visit the Montclair Chamber of Commerce at https://montclairchamber.com/.

- ## Economic Development Monthly Business Newsletter

The Economic Development Department is pleased to share its monthly business newsletter promoting current and future Montclair businesses and entrepreneurs with resources for growth and expansion.
From its strategic location, Montclair is at the core of Southern California’s economic revival and boasts diverse business sectors, quality housing, and ample recreational amenities that offer residents and businesses alike a high quality of life.

The E-Newsletter shares business resources and free training offered through our resource partners. Go to https://www.cityofmontclair.org/newsletter/ to sign up for the newsletter or to view past editions.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- ## Tree Planting Event

Last month, the City held the last tree-planting event for this year. Over 40 volunteers showed up at Sunset Park on May 25, 2024. Since February of this year, the City partnered with Sustainable Claremont to help expand the City's urban forest. In total, eight trees were planted at Saratoga Park, 23 trees at Reeder Ranch, 57 trees at Sunset Park and 62 trees along the Pacific Electric Trail. A total of 210 volunteers showed up to these events to participate in the City's effort to beautify the community and preserve the environment.

Public Works staff and PUB construction assisted with preparing each site before each planting event, ensuring adequate irrigation and soil preparation, and staking took place after the trees were planted.

L to R: Community Development Dir. Michael Diaz, Exec. Dir. of Engineering Rosemary Hoerning, and Economic Development Dir. Mikey Fuentes planting a Chines Flame Tree

Green Crew members and volunteers planting mango, avocado, orange, apricot and pomegranate trees at the Fruit Park located in the middle of Sunset Park.

Thanks to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), the State of California Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018 (Prop 68), Tree People, and Green Crew from Sustainable Claremont, the City has increased its urban forestry by 150 trees.

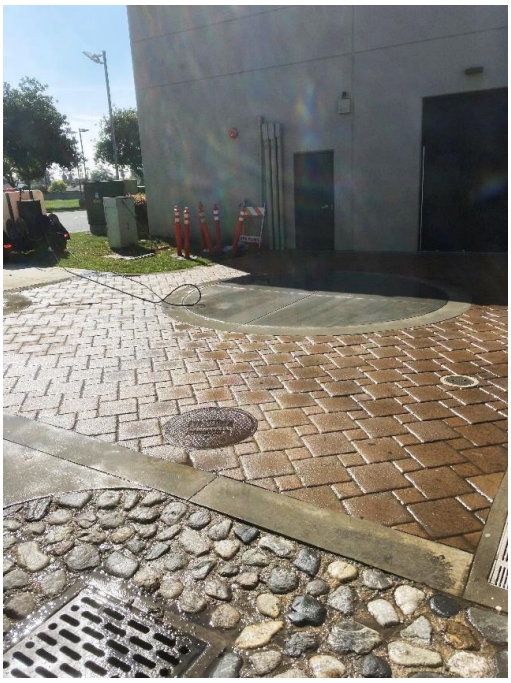
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Community Development Director Michael Diaz, Public Works Director Monica Heredia, Executive Director of Engineering Rosemary Hoerning, Sustainable Claremont Green Crew members, and volunteers in front of Sunset Park Beautification Project under construction.

- ## City Yard Operations

Last month, City yard crews completed the replacement of the stairs by the gymnasium. This was done to avoid illicit behavior behind the solid wall that existed prior to the improvements.

Maintenance worker Jose Rodriguez installing the new tubular rail and removing the temporary wood railing

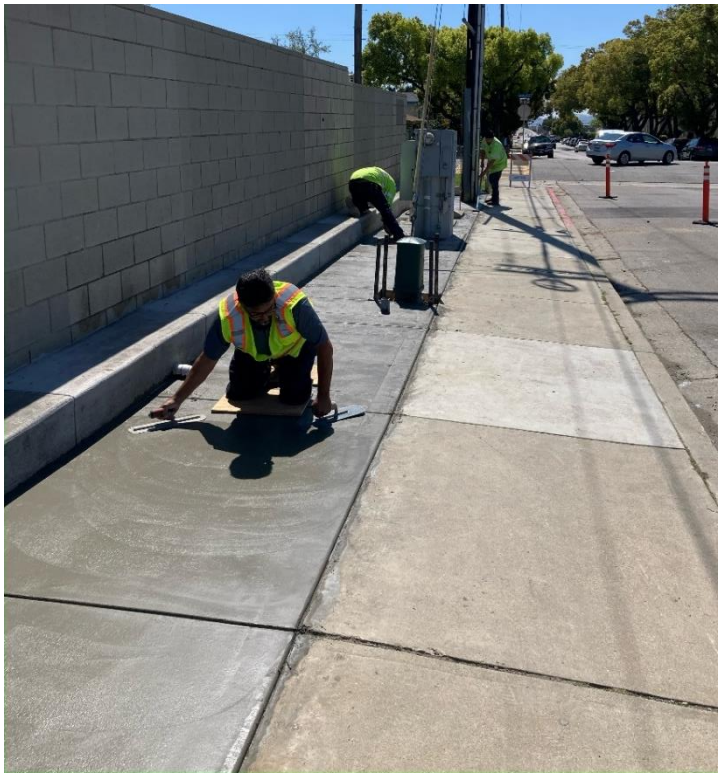
City Yard crews also completed the concrete where the planter was removed near the restrooms at Alma Hofman Park.

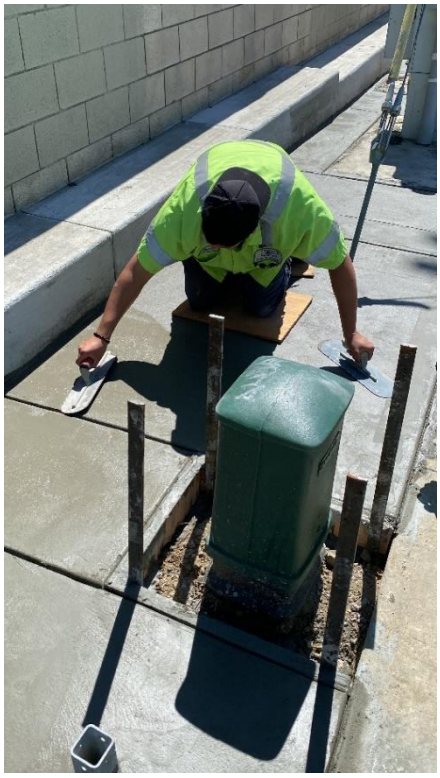


Street crews completed the striping of the intersection of Ramona Avenue and Howard Avenue to allow motorists and pedestrians a safe crossing at this intersection.

Maintenance workers Aaron Fierro and Nikolas Carbajal striping the intersection of Ramona Avenue and Howard Avenue.

Street crews also completed extension of the sidewalk near a bus pad on Ramona Avenue to allow for a safe access to the bus pad on the east side of Ramona Avenue north of Kingsley Street.





Public Works Operations Assistant Manager Cardona and the street crew finishing concrete on the east side sidewalk of Ramona Avenue, north of Kingsley Street

The City is dedicated to public and employee safety. The following intersections were upgraded with retroreflective bordered backplates:

- Richton Street & Transcenter
- Palo Verde Street & Fremont Avenue
- San Bernardino Street & Fremont Avenue
- Monte Vista Avenue & Brooks Street
- Mission Blvd. & Fremont Avenue
- State Street & Greenwood Avenue
- State Street & Camulos Avenue

The installation of yellow retroreflective strip around the perimeter of the signal backplate increases the visibility of the rectangular face of the backplate to assist color blind individuals and assist in signalized intersection detection. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) completed a study using retroreflective bordered backplates indicating significant reduction in collisions.

This treatment is also valuable during the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events where traffic signals at intersections in areas of power outages become inactive and dark, posing safety risk to motorists. During these instances, motorist may not be aware of their approach to a signalized intersection with cross-traffic that has become dark, and therefore may not stop as is required by the California Vehicle Code 21800.

Intersection of Fremont Avenue and Palo Verde Street

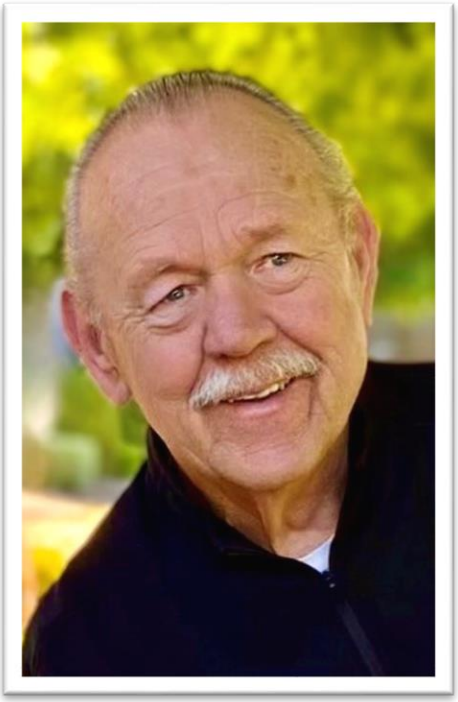
Finally, National Public Works Week (NPWW) is celebrated across the nation. Since 1960, the American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored NPWW. Across North America, more than 32,000 APWA members in the US and Canada use this week to celebrate the importance of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of their local communities to improve everyday quality of life.

This year, the National Public Works Week (NPWW) was celebrated at the City Yard on Thursday, May 23, 2024 with a luncheon. This year's NPWW poster theme was "Advancing Quality of Life for All" which illustrates how public works professionals contribute to and enhance the quality of life in all the communities they proudly serve.

Public Works staff celebrating National Public Works Week at the City Yard.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **In Loving Memory of Former Fire Chief Loren Pettis**



Loren Pettis

October 3, 1942 to May 13, 2024.

The City was saddened to learn of the recent passing of former Montclair Fire Chief Loren Pettis. Loren joined the Montclair Fire Department in 1963, and served as Montclair's second Fire Chief from August 1983 to his retirement in 1997. Loren's service as Fire Chief followed Harold G. Duncan, who served as Montclair Fire Chief from the date of the City's incorporation until his own retirement in 1983.

Loren was born on October 3, 1942 in Appleton, Wisconsin, and was a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan and off-road enthusiast. Around the Fire Department, Loren was known for holding an ever-present coffee cup in his left hand.

Throughout his career, up to his retirement in 1993, Loren led the Montclair Fire Department through many changes for the betterment of fire services. He maintained a Class 1 Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating for the Montclair Fire Department, introduced new ideas and ways of delivering fire services, confronted economic challenges impacting Fire Department operations, led with integrity, and inspired his staff to pursue excellence.

Photo Circa 1991, from left to right: Fire Chief Loren Pettis, Council Member Dolly Lewman, Mayor Larry Rhinehart, Division Chief Scott Kenley, Council Member Paul Eaton, Division Chief Gary Turner, and City Manager G.Michael Milhiser

After his retirement from the Montclair Fire Department, Loren and his wife, Diana, lived in Apple Valley, California, where they remained until his death on May 13, 2024, at the age of 81.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at the Desert View Funeral Home in Victorville. With an invitation from his family, the Montclair Fire Department had the privilege of participating in the tolling of the bell and the last call at the service.
A videography of Loren can be found here[22].

[22] https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victorville-ca/loren-pettis-11817277

- ## EMS Week CPR Class

May 19, 2024 marked the start of EMS week, and to celebrate the Montclair Fire Department was able to team up with Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez to host a CPR class on Saturday May 25, 2024. Thanks to his generous support, the Fire Department was able to secure a full roster of 24 participants who were able to earn their certification.

Assemblymember Rodriquez, a former EMT with 30 years of experience, stopped by after class to join the proctors and participants for lunch. Here he was able to share valuable insights from his career, enriching the experience for all those involved.

From left: Battalion Chief Thomas Nicoll, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and Fire Engineer Joseph Metzo

Battalion Chief Nicoll, right, assists community members. Council Member Bill Ruh speaks with a resident in the background.

The class received positive feedback, underscoring the community's enthusiasm for such training initiatives. Looking ahead, the Montclair Fire Department aims to expand its educational offerings, ensuring more residents can benefit from life-saving skills in the future.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ## Volunteer Reserve Officer Recognition Dinner

On June 6, Mayor Dutrey and his wife Anne, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and her husband Warren, and I attended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Sycamore Inn. The remarkable event was dedicated to honoring our reserve officers and chaplains' invaluable contributions. The evening was filled with gratitude, appreciation, and camaraderie as we celebrated their selfless service and commitment to the organization. Reserve Officer Randy Ortiz was named Reserve Officer of the Year. The event provided a well-deserved platform to acknowledge their unwavering dedication, highlight their remarkable achievements, and express our heartfelt thanks for their tireless efforts in supporting our mission

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- ## Save the Date for the Following Upcoming Events!

Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez Summer BBQ & Open House

On Saturday, June 29, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez will be hosting a Summer BBQ & Open House at his district office located at 13160 7th Street, Chino, CA 91710. Join us in celebrating community, honoring inspiring leaders, including Assistant Director of Human Services & Grants Manager, Alyssa Colunga as City of Montclair's Woman of the Year.

As the Assistant Director of Human Services & Grants Manager for the City of Montclair, Dr. Colunga oversees various programs aimed at enhancing the quality of life and well-being of the Community. She has worked for the City of Montclair in various capacities for over thirteen years, beginning as a volunteer, then was hired part-time, later as a contractor working on various health projects, and eventually she was hired full-time in 2018. Currently, within her role in the Human Services Department Dr. Colunga oversees the Senior Center, which encompasses vital services such as elderly nutrition and Senior Transportation, the Healthy Montclair Initiative, the Montclair Afterschool Program, and a variety of recreational activities. Additionally, over the past five years, Dr. Colunga has been instrumental in securing significant grant funding for the city, totaling over thirty million dollars. These funds have enabled transformative projects, with the highlight being the development of Reeder Ranch Park, the first new park in the City of Montclair to include a Community Center, play space, exercise equipment, and murals.

With nearly two decades of experience in the health sector, focusing on the social determinants of health, Dr. Colunga has demonstrated her commitment to community well-being. Having grown up in and as a current resident of the Inland Empire, Alyssa is driven by a desire to make an impactful positive change on the health of the community.

Dr. Colunga earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Whittier College, a Master of Public Health and Doctor of Public Health degree with a focus on Policy and Leadership from Claremont Graduate University. Recognized for her dedication to addressing health disparities, she was selected as one of twenty participants nationwide for the Exito Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training Institute through the University of Texas Health.

Before joining the City of Montclair team, she served as the Strategic Innovations Officer for the Healthy Communities Resource Center at YWCA San Gabriel Valley. Dr. Colunga has lent her expertise to various advisory roles, including positions on the health equity committees for City of Hope and San Antonio Regional Hospital, as well as the advisory committee for the Healthy San Gabriel Valley Initiative. She has also served as a board member for the Community Health Association Inland Southern Region, further solidifying her dedication to fostering healthier communities.

The BBQ and open house are free to attend, with food and refreshments provided and state resources available at no cost. Please reach out to the district office at (909) 902-9606 with any questions.

An event flyer is shared on page 31.

Summer Concert and Movie Series

The 63rd Annual Summer Concert and Movie Series kicked off on Tuesday, June 18 with a screening of Trolls, followed by a performance by Chico Band (Latin) on Tuesday, June 25. Join us for concert and movies in the park! The schedule is as follows:

- **Concert in the Park – Queen of Hearts (Country)**
  Tuesday, July 2, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Movie in the Park – Migration (PG)**
  Tuesday, July 9, 2024 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Vendor Fair & Concert in the Park – Miriam Neblina (Latin)**
  Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Concert in the Park – Cold Duck (Old School)**
  Tuesday, July 23, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Concert in the Park – Mariachi Coachella**
  Tuesday, July 30, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- **National Night Out/ Movie in the Park – Top Gun Maverick (PG-13)**
  Tuesday, August 6, 2024 – 7:45 p.m.

  National Night Out begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Movie in the Park begins at 7:45 p.m.

All concerts and movies will be held at Alma Hofman Park and are open to the public free of charge. Bring friends and family, blankets and lawn chairs for delightful summer evening in the park. Food trucks will be selling your favorite food and snacks. Free children's activities will be offered.

For more information, contact the Human Services Department at (909) 625-9479 or visit www.cityofmontclair.org. We hope to see you there!

Flyers are shared on pages 32 & 33.

- ## Montclair Senior Center Open as a Summer Cooling Center

Starting in July, when temperatures are 100 degrees or over on Sundays, the Montclair Senior Center is open to Montclair residents from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- Proof of residency is required.
- All persons using the center must sign in upon entering.
- All children under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult
- Pets in pet carriers are welcome but owners are responsible for immediately cleaning up after their animals
- Please be considerate of others and keep your noise level to a minimum

The Montclair Branch Library is a designated cooling center for the summer during their normal operating hours: Monday - Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Thursday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Montclair Branch Library is located at 9955 Fremont Avenue in Montclair.

- ## Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast

The City's Indoor Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast took place on Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Senior Center and Community Center.

Approximately 900 children and adults attended. City representatives included Mayor John Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Tenice Johnson, and Council Members Bill Ruh and Corysa Martinez. Other dignitaries attending were Senator Susan Rubio and Congresswoman Norma Torres' field representative, Sophia Siqueiros. Children enjoyed playing games, winning candy-filled eggs and treats, and doing art activities. In addition, the Easter Bunny was available for pictures, sponsored by the Women's Club of Montclair. Attendees also enjoyed taking their own pictures at the Easter photo booth station.

There was an opportunity to draw for a large Easter baskets for children sponsored by the Montclair Police Officer's Association and the Montclair Fire Fighters Association.

Over 350 breakfasts were served for a nominal fee, which included pancakes, sausage, and orange juice, cooked and provided by the Kiwanis Club of Ontario-Montclair members.

Special thanks go to the Information Technology Department for setting up and printing the bunny photos; the Montclair Police Officers Association and the Montclair Fire Fighters' Association for donating and presenting the children's opportunity gift baskets; members of the Kiwanis Club of Ontario-Montclair, Women's Club of Montclair, Montclair Public Works, the Community Activities Commission, and numerous community volunteers for their tireless work during the event. A special thank you to Human Services Department staff for switching gears and adapting the event to indoors using both the Senior and Community Centers to host all of the attractions and creating a memorable event for the community, despite the rain.

Photos are shared on page 34.

- ## Montclair Afterschool Program (MAP) Family Art Night

From April 2 – 5, the Montclair After-School Program hosted "MAP Family Art Night" at El Camino, Elderberry and Buena Vista Elementary Schools. This event served as a celebration for students completing our two-month fine arts curriculum. The event featured refreshments, a parent and student art class hosted by a professional artist, and trimester awards. Over 300 participants enjoyed painting magnificent works of art. It was great to see MAP staff in action serving the community and parents and students making a masterpiece together.

Photos are shared on Page 35.

- ## Volunteer Recognition Dinner

On Wednesday, April 10, the Human Services Department held its 40th annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, "Montclair Volunteers are the Best in the West", in the Senior Center. Mayor Dutrey and I joined 72 honored volunteers and their guests at the event. The Volunteer Recognition Dinner is held during National Volunteer Month to thank the individuals who give their time throughout the year to the Human Services Department programs.

Attendees were greeted by DJ Leo Aguirre playing western music. As a token of appreciation, volunteers received a western bottle cap opener, a boot mug, and a photo. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Stone Fire Grill, a mouthwatering bread roll from Donahoo's Golden Chicken, a cupcake, watermelon bar, and a root beer float. Guests were entertained with roping tricks from Dave Thornbury and line dancing instruction from Kerry Kicker.

Photos are shared on page 36.

- ## Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

The Community Activities Commission held its 36th annual Volunteer Recognition Program, "Montclair Volunteers – The Heart of our Community", during the City Council Meeting on Monday, April 15. Nine organizations submitted nominations for the 2024 Volunteer Recognition Program, and all were recognized for their outstanding service to the City. Seven volunteers and two volunteer representatives attended the ceremony with their families and friends. Each volunteer is the "Heart" in our community who has committed themselves to serving others and their hours of dedication will always be appreciated. A reception was held directly after the presentation, in the Montclair Senior Center, and all volunteers and their guests were invited to enjoy refreshments. Volunteers were also presented with gifts that included items donated by businesses and individuals from the community as well as a personalized mug, flowers in a heart shaped vase and snacks. Below is a list of our recognized volunteers, along with their nominating agencies:

Volunteer	Nominating Agency
Loyce Mejias	Aging Next
Elizabeth Ortega-Gingrich	Foothill Family Shelter
David Flores	Golden Girls Softball League
Paul Malacara	Montclair Meals on Wheels
Dr. Brian Loveless, D.O.	Montclair Medical Clinic
Emma Casillas	Montclair Por La Vida
Gwen Alber	Montclair Senior Center
Eric Phan	Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Khoi Phan	Our Lady of Lourdes Church

- ## Montclair to College Graduation

The annual Montclair to College (MTC) graduation took place on Wednesday, April 24, at the Canyon in Montclair Place, honoring Montclair High School (MHS) Seniors who completed the program. MTC graduates are awarded two years of admission with tuition, books, parking, and other fees paid to Chaffey College. This year, 290 people attended to honor 119 graduates at a dinner provided by the Montclair Community Foundation.

Representatives Ruby Long from the Office of Supervisor Curt Hagman and Sophia Siqueros from the Office of Congresswoman Norma Torres were in attendance. Mayor John Dutrey, his wife Anne, Mayor Pro Tem Tenice Johnson, Council Members Corysa Martinez, and Bill Ruh and I also attended the event. Dignitaries included MHS Principal Joshua Cho, Chaffey Joint Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Matthew Holton and Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board Members, Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon, and members of the Chaffey College Governing Board.

MHS and MTC alumni April Gordon and Josue Vazquez Manriquez delivered inspirational speeches to graduating seniors, their families, and friends. Both April and Josue spoke about their experiences in the MTC Program, Chaffey College, and their future career goals.

The graduating students received a Montclair to College Graduation Cord, certificates from Congresswoman Norma Torres, Senator Rubio, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, Supervisor Curt Hagman, Chaffey College, and the City of Montclair.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

Photos are shared on page 37.

- ## Summer Season Kick-Off and Splash Pad

On Saturday, May 25, from noon to 3 p.m., we hosted our Summer Season kick-off, which included activities, jumpers, and crafts for the community to enjoy. Children also enjoyed the opening day of the Splash Pad, which was open from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

As the hot summer days approach, the Splash Pad will be available for our community every day from noon to 6:00 p.m. through Labor Day, Monday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m.

The Splash Pad is located at Alma Hofman Park (or “Shark Park”), 5201 Benito Street. Hours of operation are subject to change depending on weather conditions, maintenance and repair, or drought restrictions, and regulations. Swimwear is required, and no cotton, denim, or gym shorts are allowed. Swim diapers are required for children 3 years of age or under.

For more information, please visit https://www.cityofmontclair.org/splash-pad/

Flyer is shared on page 38 and photos are shared on page 39

- ## Memorial Day Program

The Community Activities Commission’s 24th Annual Memorial Day Program was held on Monday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m. The Program was held in the Memorial Garden, adjacent to City Hall, and included the dedication of a new plaque for Army Veteran, Ricco Williams on the

Veterans' Memorial Wall. Ricco Williams served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1958 and after his service, he worked at the Kaiser Steel Mill in Fontana, and later at OMSD as a crossing guard. Mr. Williams enjoyed traveling and creating puzzle wall art. His wife, Rosa, daughter, Linda and Son-in-law, John attended the program on his behalf. The Memorial Wall pays tribute to deceased Montclair residents from all branches of service.

All other service members on the Veteran's Memorial Wall and Remembrance Wall were honored as well. The Memorial Wall pays tribute to 73 deceased Montclair residents from all service branches. The Remembrance wall honors 19 Montclair individuals who were killed in action during the Vietnam War and 1 who was killed in action during the Iraq War.

The program featured a flag lowering by the Montclair High School JROTC, patriotic songs performed by The Band of the California Battalion, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Community Activities Commissioner Arturo Padilla, refreshments, and a poetry reading, followed by a barbeque picnic.

I was in attendance, along with Mayor Dutrey, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson, Council Members Martinez and Ruh, Congresswoman Norma Torres, Senator Susan Rubio, Supervisor Curt Hagman, Representative Nadya Bahena from the Office of Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez, and Monte Vista Water District Board Vice-President Michael Milhiser.

A special thanks to Montclair Police Chaplain Vicki Brobeck, the Band of the California Battalion, Montclair High School Junior ROTC, the Montclair Information Technology Department, Public Works Department, and Human Services Department for assisting with this event.

Photos are included on page 40.

- ## Country Fair Jamboree

The City's 10th Annual Country Fair Jamboree was held on Saturday, June 1, at Alma Hofman Park, with an estimated 4,000 people in attendance. Guests enjoyed carnival rides, games, a petting zoo, pony rides, music from our event DJ, musical performance by Latin Soul Band, and delicious food from Keith's Kettle Corn, La Torta Madre, Monkey's Munchies, Rainy's Authentic Soul Food, Sweet n Snowie, and Tacos ChicanX food trucks. There were also special contests, such as pie eating, cookie face off, watermelon eating, and water balloon toss; all which of which were crowd favorites.

We sincerely appreciate everyone who volunteered their time and resources at the Jamboree. There were over 27 volunteers, including many City employees.
Our appreciation also goes to Mayor Javier "John" Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Tenice Johnson, and Council Members Bill Ruh and Corysa Martinez, Congresswoman Norma Torres, and Senator Susan Rubio for their attendance; the Montclair Chamber of Commerce for overseeing event sponsors and the vendor area, which included over 40 vendors and nonprofit organizations; the Human Services Department who were involved in behind-the-scenes work before and after the event, and the Country Fair Jamboree Committee (Public Works Operations Assistant Manager Alex Cardona, Lead Worker, Maintenance, Richard Herrera, NPDES Environmental Compliance Inspector Samantha Contreras, Police Lieutenant Michael Zerr, Administrative Aide Marci Butler, Office Specialist Amanda Romano, Administrative Technician Nancy Jennings, Senior Information Technology Specialist Edmund Garcia, Montclair Chamber of Commerce Board Member Tenice Johnson and Event Coordinator Kaliah Redwood, Recreation Coordinators Angela Franco and Emily Gomez-

Medina, Community Services Supervisor Jordi Ubaldo, and Recreation Manager Fernando Saltos).

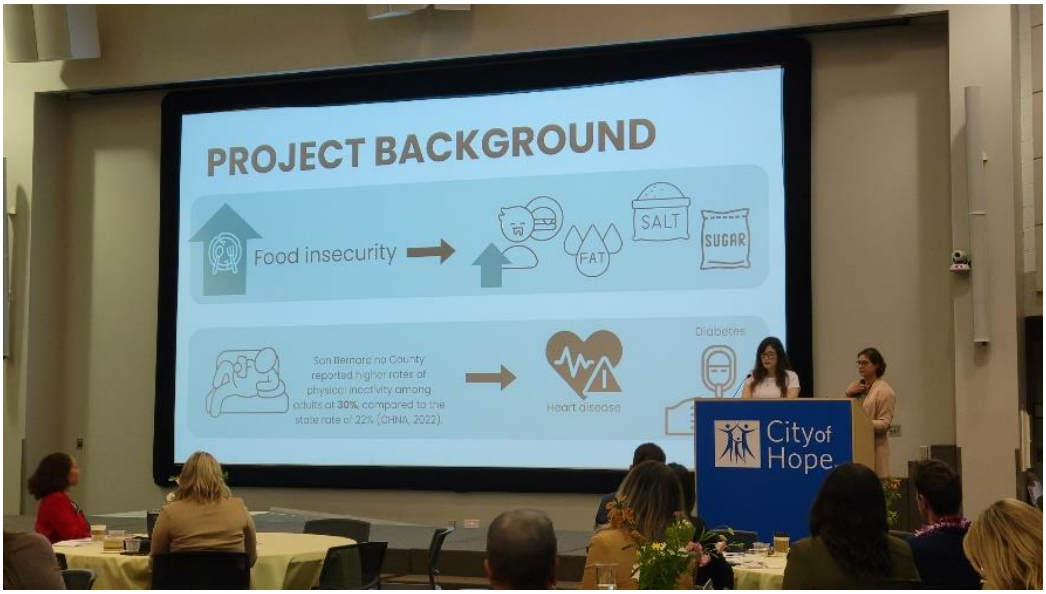
Many thanks to all of you! As always, the success of this annual event is attributed to the collaboration between our Information Technology Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, and the City of Montclair Chamber of Commerce.

Photos are shared on Page 41.

- ## 2024 City of Hope Healthy Living Conference

On June 7 Administrative Analyst Adriana Sahagun, Health Education Specialist Leticia Gavilanes, and Promotora Emma Casillas presented Montclair Community Foundation's (MCF) grant project, "Cultivating Wellness" at the City of Hope's Healthy Living Conference. Each year, City of Hope awards organizations with grants that promote healthy living in their communities. MCF was fortunate to be awarded $10,000 from City of Hope to help "Cultivate Wellness" in Montclair. The project sought to educate on the risk factors of chronic diseases, improve access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and increase physical activity among individuals through gardening activities. Thanks to the generous funding from City of Hope, MCF was able to bring back 3 promotoras to assist with the Cultivating Wellness workshops and build 5 new large plots at the Montclair Community Garden with irrigation. A total of 24 Cultivating Wellness workshops, presented by Healthy Montclair, were held across four different locations in Montclair from January–May 2024.

Cultivating Wellness workshop dates are scheduled for July 3 and July 17 at the Montclair Senior Center starting at 9:30 AM.



Administrative Analyst Adriana Sahagun and Health Education Specialist Leticia Gavilanes presenting at the City of Hope's Healthy Living Conference on June 7, 2024

- ## Montclair After-School Program (MAP) Summer Session

From May 31 through June 21, the Montclair After-School Program hosted summer programs at Kingsley, Lehigh, Monte Vista and Vernon. Approximately 250 students participated in MAP's Summer Session. This year's theme was MAPland, where students took on the role of "MAP" Makers, architects and visionaries making fantasy a reality. Students focused on enrichment projects highlighting the art of creating amusement parks through studying business, marketing, the science of roller coasters and more. The culminating events featured an open house for parents featuring student performances followed by a field trip to Knott's Berry Farm for the students.

In addition, students' 4th through 6th grade participated in MAP's third annual Kickball League. Students from Kingsley, Lehigh, Monte Vista and Vernon practiced and played games daily, Monte Vista was awarded championship medals at the conclusion of the season.

Lastly, students 6th through 8th grade at Vernon participated in a program that suited their interest. Students who joined Elite Fitness and Leadership Academy participated in daily workouts, leadership activities, motivational talks featuring guest mentors and field trips, hiking in Marshall Canyon, tour of Sofi Stadium and University of Southern California.

"Project Sketch" and "The Shop" featured daily hands on activities for students centered on art and engineering. Students participating in these programs attended field trips to Sofi Stadium and the Ontario Museum to examine art and engineering.

Photos shared on Page 42.

- ## Montclair Summer Day Camp

The Montclair Summer Day Camp is back!

The Montclair Summer Day Camp began May 28 and will run through August 2. Summer Day Camp offers supervised activities for boys and girls entering first though eighth grade (2024-25 school year) and is staffed with trained Montclair Recreation personnel. The program is located in the Montclair Youth Center, and runs Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Summer Day Camp includes various activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, movies, special events and field trips. Participants also enjoy visiting the City of Ontario's Anthony Munoz Aquatics facility every Tuesday and Friday, and visiting the Montclair Splash Pad weekly. Every week at the Summer Day Camp staff creates a different theme such as; a jungle themed ice cream social, and a Disney themed carnival. Participants recently went on a field trip to Knott's Berry Farm!

For more information, please contact Recreation Coordinator, Emily Gomez-Medina at (909) 625-9482. Photos shared on Page 43.

- ## Youth and Adult Sports Leagues

Youth Basketball League – Summer 2024

Summer Youth Basketball League (YBL) is here; and the theme is Summer Olympics. Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from
May 27 through July 20. Join us in cheering on the players from Spain, Serbia, Greece and U.S.A. at the YBL games!

Photos are shared on Page 44.

Youth Volleyball League – Spring 2024

The Youth Volleyball League season games began Saturday, April 13 and ended on May 18. Participants were anxious and excited to play on the first day, but soon gained confidence as the weeks continued. Families cheered on their teams as they volleyed, set and attacked their opponents! The League was comprised of eighty players born in 2010-2013 or in 5th-8th grade (2023-24 School Year) and nine volunteer coaches. The next season of volleyball registration begins July 8 and runs through August 2 in the Montclair Recreation Center, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and costs $30 per child.

Photos are shared on page 45

Women's Volleyball League – Spring 2024

The Women's Volleyball League Spring season began on Tuesday, April 9 with six teams. The teams played on Tuesday evening's beginning at 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The season ended on June 18 with team Volley Heist crowned the Spring Champions!

Men's Basketball League – Spring 2024

The Men's Basketball League Spring season began on Thursday, April 11 with eight teams striving to become the Spring Champions and claim themselves, Kings of the Court! The season ended on June 20 with team Primetime winning the Championship game!

For more information on any sports leagues, contact Fernando Saltos at (909) 625-9496 or email fsaltos@cityofmontclair.org

- ## Montclair Youth Center

The Montclair Youth Center hosted its annual Spring Break activities for around 30 participants. From Monday-Tuesday, March 25-26, the Montclair Youth Center hosted March Madness Basketball which included contests such as a Dunk, Half-Court Shot, Kings Court, three point shootout and a 3 vs 3 tournament. All winners went home with trophies and bragging rights. On Wednesday, March 27, the Youth Center went on a field trip to the Los Angeles California Science Center. Participants rode the Metrolink from Montclair Transcenter to the California Science Center. It was a fun adventure that the participants and staff will never forget.

Photos are shared on page 46

- ## Senior Center Activities

Senior Birthday Celebrations

On Wednesday, March 27, the Senior Center celebrated March birthdays in the Community Center with over 125 attendees. The "Spring is in the Air" themed party featured large floral decorations and several photo opportunity areas.

The Senior Center celebrated April birthdays on Wednesday, April 29 in the Community Center with over 150 attendees. The "Viva Las Vegas in Montclair" themed bash included a mind-blowing performance by Magician Joel Wonderment and casino themed decorations.

On Wednesday, May 29, the Senior Center celebrated May birthdays in the Community Center with over 120 attendees. The "Fiesta" themed party featured a Mariachi band and Fiesta themed decorations with several photo opportunity areas with the band and decor. All Senior Birthday Honorees received certificates of recognition or cards from Congresswoman Norma Torres, Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez and Supervisor Curt Hagman.

Bingo Bash

The Women's Club of Montclair along with the Montclair Senior Citizens Club hosted a Bingo Bash on Friday, May 3 at the Montclair Community Center for over 100 attendees. Guests played ten bingo games and had the opportunity to win five raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing and enjoyed dinner catered by Los Portales. A portion of the proceeds benefited the Trisha Martinez Scholarship Fund.

Senior Prom

The Senior Center held Senior Prom on Wednesday, May 8 in the Community Center. Over 80 attendees dressed in their flashiest attire for this Great Gatsby themed event. The room was filled with black and gold décor and guests enjoyed a photo booth with props. Guests enjoyed a chocolate fountain with different dipping treats, and glasses of sparkling cider. Live entertainment, fit to the 1920's celebration was provided by Ashley Ann and the Carnations Band. Senior Center participants voted for the 2024 Prom King and Queen… and the winners are Manuel Osornio and Martha Hebert!

Summer Kick Off

The Senior Center held a Summer Kick-Off Dance on Thursday, June 6 in the Community Center, hosted by the Montclair Senior Citizens Club. Over 60 attendees dressed in their Old West attire for the Western themed event. Guest enjoyed popcorn, and root beer floats, as well as Country music played by a DJ. The room was filled with red and white décor and guests enjoyed a photo booth with props. A line-dancing instructor, George Messina, provided a demonstration befitting to our western themed dance.

Photos are shared on pages 47, 48 and 49.

Paint and Fun with Memo's Canvas

On Tuesday, June 18, the Senior Center hosted a *Paint and Fun* event, a free painting class instructed by Memo's Canvas. Fifteen seniors were guided step-by-step in creating their own summer-themed canvas painting while also enjoying light refreshments.

Stress Management Series Presented by Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP)

IEHP Health Educators hosted a series on the topic of mindful living in a stressful world. Participants learned what stress is, the types of stress, common life stressors, and participated in mindfulness activities as well as created a plan to modify common life stressors to reduce stress. The series was held in English every Friday from May 10 through May 24 and in Spanish every Friday from May 31 through June 14 in the Senior Center.

Other Upcoming Special Events at the Senior Center

- June 26: Senior Center Birthday Party: Theme Backyard BBQ (RSVP Required)
- July 2 & 23: Ice Cream Social (RSVP Required)
- July 31: Senior Birthday Party! Theme: Day at the Beach

For a complete list of upcoming senior activities and more information, please see the Senior Newsletter at https://www.cityofmontclair.org/senior-newsletter/ or call (909) 625-9483.

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JULY 2024

Day	Event & Location	Time
Mon. **1**	**City Council Meeting** City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tue. **2**	**Concert in the Park – Queen of Hearts (Country)** Alma Hofman Park	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. **4**	**Independence Day City Hall Closure** **(City Hall reopens Monday, July 8, 2024)**	
Mon. **8**	**Planning Commission Meeting** City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tue. **9**	**Movie in the Park – Migration (PG)** Alma Hofman Park	8:00 p.m
Mon. **15**	**Real Estate Committee Meeting** City Hall Conference Room	5:30 p.m..
	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m
Tue. **16**	**Vendor Fair** Alma Hofman Park	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m
Thurs. **18**	**Monthly Food Distribution Event** Community Center	7:00 p.m.
	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	4:00 p.m
Mon. **22**	**Planning Commission Meeting** City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tue. **23**	**Concert in the Park – Cold Duck (Old School)** Alma Hofman Park	7:00 p.m.
Wed. **24**	**Senior Mobile Pantry by Feeding America** Recreation Center	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m
Sat. - Sun. **27 – 28**	**Free E-Waste Event** Alma Hofman Park Parking Lot	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m
Tue. **30**	**Concert in the Park – Mariachi Coachella (Mariachi)** Alma Hofman Park	7:00 p.m.

Agendas for meetings include instructions for all participation options and can be viewed on the City's website at least 72 hours before each (regular) meeting at: www.cityofmontclair.org/agendas/.

More event details can be found on the City's website at: http://www.cityofmontclair.org/events …/community-programs/, and …/news/.

SUMMER BBQ & OPEN HOUSE

All friends and families of the assembly district are invited to my Summer BBQ & Open House on Saturday, June 29. Join us to celebrate community, honor inspiring leaders, and discuss important state and legislative issues! The BBQ and open house are free to attend, with food and refreshments provided and state resources available at no cost. Reach out to my district office at (909) 902-9606 with any questions.

Saturday, June 29, 2024
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

District Office
13160 7th Street
Chino, CA 91710

We will also be hosting a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Space is limited. Sign up for appointments here.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ
Assemblymember, 53rd Assembly District

Montclair's 63rd ANNUAL
Summer
CONCERT AND MOVIE SERIES
FREE FAMILY SHOWS
FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
Alma Hofman Park, 5201 Benito Street, Montclair
RATED PG
Trolls
JUNE 18 · 8 PM
CHICO BAND
(Latin)
Chico
JUNE 25 · 7 PM
QUEEN OF HEARTS
(Country)
QUEEN OF HEARTS
JULY 2 · 7 PM
ILLUMINATION PRESENTS
MIGRATION
RATED PG
JULY 9 · 8 PM
MIRIAM NEBLINA
(Latin)
VENDOR FAIR
JULY 16 · 7 PM
COLD DUCK
(Old School)
COLD DUCK
JULY 23 · 7 PM
MARIACHI COACHELLA
(Mariachi)
JULY 30 · 7 PM
RATED PG-13
TOM CRUISE
TOP GUN MAVERICK
AUGUST 6 · 7:45 PM
Bring the family and lawn chairs to enjoy an evening in the park.
Food Trucks will be selling your favorite foods and snacks.
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024
AUGUST 6 - National Night Out is presented by Montclair Police Department and will feature public safety exhibits and the opportunity to meet our local emergency personnel, as well as a screening of Top Gun: Maverick.
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VENDOR FAIR

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Alma Hofman Park, 5201 Benito St., Montclair

VENDOR & CRAFT BOOTHS ★ JUMPERS FOR KIDS
FACE PAINTING ★ FOOD TRUCKS
SPLASH PAD (OPEN 12–8 P.M.)

Miriam Neblina

FREE CONCERT
7:00–8:30 pm
Bring lawn chairs to enjoy a free concert in the park.

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EASTER EGG STRAVAGANZA!
March 30, 2024
Presented by
MONTCLAIR
WCM
Women's Club of Montclair
Kiwanis
ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

MAP
MONTCLAIR
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Family Art Nights
April 2-5, 2024

Create a Masterpiece

Family Fun

MAP Moments

Renaissance Scholar Awards

MONTCLAIR

40th Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner

MONTCLAIR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST IN THE WEST

April 10, 2024

Graduation

MONTCLAIR TO COLLEGE

A Partnership of the City of Montclair, Chaffey College and Chaffey Joint Union High School District

Class of 2024

April 24, 2024

MONTCLAIR splash pad

OPEN EVERYDAY*
May 25 - Sept 2
12 - 6 PM

SUMMER SEASON KICK-OFF!

MAY 25 • 12-3 PM

ALMA HOFMAN PARK,
5201 BENITO ST., MONTCLAIR

Come find out about Montclair's summer community events, and volunteer opportunities.

SPLASH PAD • JUMPERS
CRAFTS • ACTIVITIES

SPLASH PAD GUIDELINES

- ★ Park use is on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations available.
- ★ Swimwear required for Splash Pad! No cotton, denim, or gym shorts allowed.
- ★ Swim diapers required for children 3 years of age or younger.
- ★ Parents must stay with children within the fencing area.
- ★ Vehicles are not permitted in the park, all loading and unloading shall take place in the parking lot.
- ★ Only Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) grills with a cooking surface of 1,000 square inches or less are permitted within the park. Grills towed behind vehicles are prohibited.
- ★ No bouncers of any kind are permitted at Alma Hofman Park, during the summer season (May 25-Sept 2).
- ★ No barbecue can be placed within 25 feet of any adjacent property, playground equipment, buildings, fences, walls, or at the Alma Hofman Park Skate Park or Splash Pad facilities.
- ★ Canopies may not be larger than 200 square feet. Canopies must be secured per manufacturer's instructions, however, in no case shall spikes be used to secure canopies. Canopies cannot be attached to another canopy or any other structure including trees, fences, etc.
- ★ Permit required for parties of 100 or more people.

**Dates and hours of operation are subject to change due to unsafe weather conditions, maintenance and repair, or drought restrictions and regulations. The splash pad will remain open until 8:00 pm on concert and movie nights.*

Summer Season Kick-off 2024
SATURDAY, MAY 25

MONTCLAIR

Memorial Day Program

MAY 27, 2024

Country Fair

JAMBOREE

June 1, 2024

MONTCLAIR
City of Montclair
SUMMER SESSION
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2024
ADULTS & CHILDREN
FREE
May 31-June 21, 2024
MAP
MONTCLAIR
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
Kickball
LEAGUE

Splash Pad: May 30

Anthony Munoz Community Center: June 4

Knott's Berry Farm: June 13

Youth Center Game Room: June 6

Ice Cream Social: May 30

SUMMER 2024
YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Youth Volleyball League
2024 Spring Season

OREGON - DIVISION A

STANFORD - DIVISION A

UCLA - DIVISION A

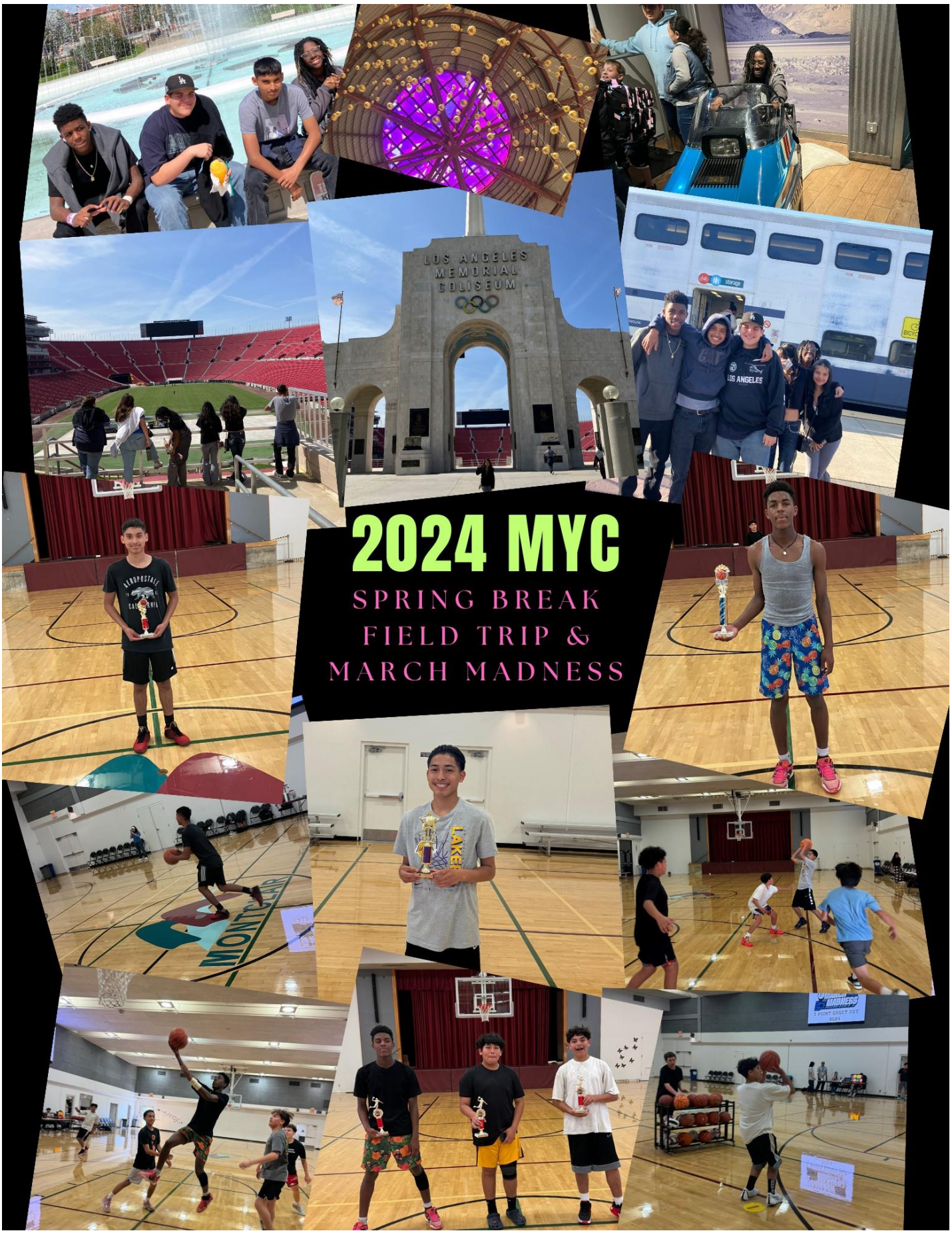
USC - DIVISION A

OREGON - DIVISION B

STANFORD - DIVISION B

UCLA - DIVISION B

USC - DIVISION B


LOS ANGELES
MEMORIAL
COLISEUM
2024 MYC
SPRING BREAK
FIELD TRIP &
MARCH MADNESS

SENIOR BIRTHDAY PARTY
MARCH 27, 2024
"SPRING IS IN THE AIR"

SENIOR BIRTHDAY PARTY
APRIL 24, 2024
"VIA LAS VEGAS"

MAY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Fiesta!

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

SUMMER KICK-OFF DANCE

Senior Citizens Club: Western

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Senior Prom

May 8, 2024