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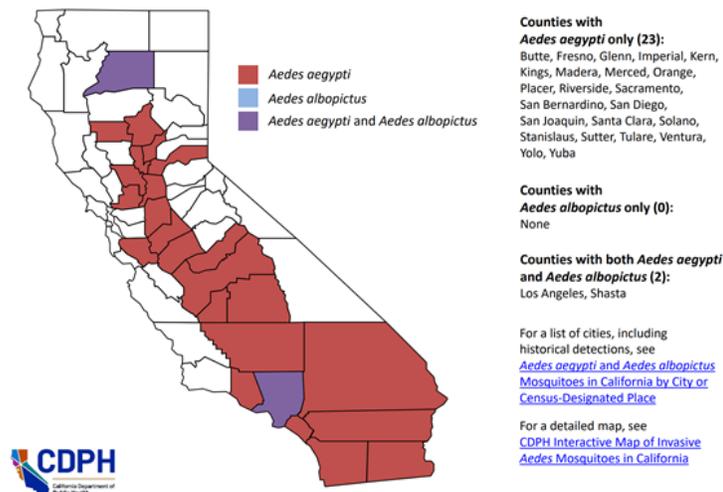
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- **West Valley Mosquito Vector Control District Takes Bite Out of “Ankle-Biter” Mosquitoes**

For the first time in a decade, the West Valley Mosquito Vector Control District (WVMVCD) and [California Department of Public Health, Vector-Borne Disease Section](#)¹ report a drop in "ankle-biters," more formally known as the *aedes aegypti* mosquito, or Aedes. According to the WVMVCD, a pilot program aiming to reduce the invasive mosquito population in Southern California seems to be working, making for a notable decrease in the nuisance so far this year. The program [releases millions of sterilized mosquitos](#)² into troubled areas, as indicated in the below chart:

***Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* Mosquitoes in California by County**

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¹ <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/VBDS.aspx>

² <https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/la-county-to-release-sterilized-mosquitoes-to-fight-against-invasive-species/>

In some especially dense areas in San Bernardino County, the Aedes population has dropped by 44%. In the Tujunga area of Los Angeles County, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District reports a [decline of 82%](#)³. Other vector agencies in the state are now looking to duplicate the reductions seen in the Inland Empire and Los Angeles County.

The Aedes mosquito, originally located in tropical climates, have been found on nearly every continent in the world, and are believed to have arrived in California just over a decade ago via cargo ship. From there, they [migrated in mass to the Southland](#)⁴, spreading throughout the San Fernando Valley, Inland Empire and San Diego.

The Aedes is small and black, covered with white stripes on their legs and body, enjoys shady spots, and can breed with a minimal amount of water. Aedes are also notably more aggressive than other mosquitos, preferring to bite humans over other mammals or birds, and their bites can go through clothing. The mosquito often strikes rapidly and in succession, instead of just once, and does not stick to the traditional early morning/early-evening habits of other mosquitos-instead; they are on the hunt throughout the day.

Aedes are poor fliers, giving rise to the "Ankle-Biters" nickname-the majority of their bites are on the lower leg because they hover just above the ground. The Aedes has been known to transmit diseases like yellow fever, dengue and Zika, but it is not linked to the West Nile Virus. The mosquito is also resilient to many common pesticides.

Male mosquitos raised in a lab are zapped with X-rays, making them sterile and unable to bite or spread disease. Released into the wild, the sterile males mate with female mosquitos, and any sperm she collects is then stored for all of her batches of eggs, making the eggs not viable

- **State Proposes Model Ordinance for Clearing Encampments.**

On May 12, 2025, the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom released a [model ordinance](#)⁵ for cities and counties to use as the basis for clearing encampments of homeless persons. Provisions in the ordinance would make it illegal for a person to do the following:

- Build or maintain semi-permanent structures on public property;
- Camp on the same public property for three consecutive days or nights, or within 200 feet of a notice prohibiting such activity; or
- Sleep, lie or camp on a sidewalk in any way that obstructs traffic.

The request by the state for local agencies to adopt the ordinance follows last year's [Executive Order N-1-24](#)⁶ directing state agencies, including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), to remove encampments. Caltrans reportedly spent more than \$51 million addressing encampments in Fiscal Year 2023-24. Nonetheless, city officials often contend that [Caltrans takes too long to sweep a camp](#)⁷, at times taking months to respond.

³ <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2025-05-06/sterile-male-mosquitoes-los-angeles-san-bernardino-dengue-aedes>

⁴ <https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/santa-ana-neighborhood-invasive-aedes-mosquito-spraying/>

⁵ <https://calmatters.org/housing/2025/05/newsom-encampment-sweep-ordinance/>

⁶ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-Encampments-EO-7-24.pdf>

⁷ <https://calmatters.org/housing/2025/05/caltrans-homeless-encampment-sweep-bill/>

Local government employees are currently prohibited from entering onto Caltrans property in their jurisdictions to clear camps themselves. To address this issue, the State Legislature is considering a bill that would make it easier for [Caltrans to cooperate with local governments](#)⁸. The measure would require Caltrans to hire a liaison to work with cities and counties, and to arrange clear timelines when Caltrans should respond to a city's request to clear an encampment. It would also allow Caltrans to reimburse cities for when they use their own resources and personnel to clear encampments on Caltrans property. By some estimates, it can cost up to \$10,000 to clear and secure an encampment.

A number of cities also cite lack of state coordination as a barrier to removing encampments on state property. The League of California Cities is [co-sponsoring legislation](#)⁹ to increase communication and coordination between state agencies and cities when addressing encampments on state property.

Adoption of the state's model ordinance would require local government officials to "make every reasonable effort" to provide shelter to people living in homeless encampments and, except under exigent circumstances, provide 48-hours written warning before clearing encampments.

Following the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson (06/28/2024)*, [which gave the green light to local governments to arrest people for sleeping in public](#),¹⁰ even when there are no shelter spaces available for them, Governor Newsom started applying pressure on local governments to proactively address homelessness in their communities. His first step was to issue [Executive Order N-1-24](#)¹¹, declaring that [California cities had "no more excuses" when it comes to removing homeless encampments](#)¹². The proposed model ordinance is the next step in that evolution.

According to a [League of California Cities Fact Sheet](#)¹³, eight in 10 cities already have policies in place to address homeless encampments, and nearly 40% of cities recently updated their local ordinances to align with Executive Order No. N-1-24. Montclair does have a camping ordinance (Chapter 6.25 of the Montclair Municipal Code); however, the ordinance does not address the standards promoted in the state's model ordinance. City staff will review the model ordinance for appropriateness and applicability for the Montclair community.

Some cities, like [Riverside](#)¹⁴, have adopted anti-camping ordinances that are more strict than the model ordinance proposed by Governor Newsom. Riverside's ordinance calls for a 24-hour notice ahead of encampments being cleared, and it blocks camping near schools or shelters and bans camping in parks. However, homelessness remains for Riverside because, according to Riverside officials, an estimated 95% of unhoused persons refuse services.

In addition to promoting a model ordinance for the clearing of encampments, [Governor Newsom](#)¹⁵ has announced that the state would release \$3.3 billion to "communities statewide"

⁸ https://calmatters.digitaldemocracy.org/bills/ca_202520260sb569

⁹ <https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2025/02/26/cal-cities-bill-would-increase-collaboration-and-resources-when-addressing-encampments-on-state-land>

¹⁰ <https://www.sbsun.com/2024/06/28/what-does-the-supreme-courts-ruling-on-homeless-sleeping-outside-mean-for-the-inland-empire/>

¹¹ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-Encampments-EO-7-24.pdf>

¹² <https://www.sbsun.com/2024/07/25/no-more-excuses-for-cities-counties-to-address-homelessness-gov-newsom-says/>

¹³ <https://www.calcities.org/docs/default-source/advocacy/homelessness-and-encampments-survey-infographic-2025-final.pdf>

¹⁴ <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2024/10/23/riverside-outlaws-homeless-encampments-on-public-property/>

¹⁵ <https://www.sbsun.com/tag/gavin-newsom/>

to combat homelessness. The money comes from the \$6.4 billion [Proposition 1](#)¹⁶ funds that voters approved in March 2024.

Proposition 1 requires that approximately two-thirds of a 2004 voter-approved tax on millionaires be spent on housing and drug treatment programs for the homeless. According to the [California Department of Health Care Services](#)¹⁷, the Proposition 1 funds are scheduled to go to 124 projects across California, including 214 facilities, adding more than 5,000 residential treatment beds and more than 21,800 outpatient treatment slots.

In San Bernardino County, the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health is designated to receive funding for an Adult Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Facility with Incidental medical services with Level of Care 3.5 Designation only. Level of Care 3.5 Designation refers to Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Services. It is one of the designations used for different levels of care in the context of addiction treatment.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is required to adopt the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) treatment criteria, or an equivalent evidence-based standard, as the minimum standard of care for licensed adult alcoholism or drug recovery or treatment (AOD) facilities. DHCS has adopted the ASAM treatment criteria as the standard of care required of all licensed residential AOD facilities as follows:

- DHCS Level 3.1 – Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Services;
- DHCS Level 3.2 – Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management;
- DHCS Level 3.3 – Clinically Managed Population-Specific High-Intensity Residential Services; and
- DHCS Level 3.5 – Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Services.

All licensed AOD facilities must obtain at least one DHCS LOC Designation and/or at least one residential ASAM LOC Certification consistent with all of its program services.

In addition, the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health is also designated to receive an office-based Outpatient Treatment and Community Wellness Center, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, and Adolescent Residential SUD Treatment Facility. Together, the programs will provide a total of 84 beds serving 900 people annually. Specific dollar amounts have not yet been announced.

- **2025 Point in Time Count for San Bernardino County Shows Decline in Homeless Residents.**

According to the 2025 Point in Time Count for San Bernardino County, released on May 15, 2025, for the first time since 2017, the County saw a drop in the number of residents experiencing homelessness. The number of homeless residents counted in January's Point in Time Count was 3,821, [down from 4,255 in 2024](#)¹⁸, representing a drop of 10.2% in one year.

¹⁶ <https://calmatters.org/politics/elections/2024/03/election-result-proposition-1>

¹⁷ <https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/>

¹⁸ <https://www.sbsun.com/2024/05/31/san-bernardino-county-reports-modest-1-4-increase-in-residents-experiencing-homelessness/>

The number of homeless residents considered “unsheltered”—those living on the streets, in tents or cars or otherwise without a roof—also dropped in this year’s count from 3,055 in 2024 to 2,620 in 2025. Ongoing outreach efforts and increased state and federal funding have been credited for the decrease.

Point in Time Count data is used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to distribute funding for programs to combat homelessness and to measure the effectiveness of efforts to reduce homelessness nationwide.

Release of the data came a day after Governor Gavin Newsom [announced more than \\$3 billion in funding to fight homelessness](#)¹⁹ in California. The money comes from [Proposition 1](#)²⁰, backed by voters in 2024. Funds will go to housing and drug treatment programs for the homeless. In announcing the funding, Governor Newsom called homelessness “the crisis of our time.

With 3,821 homeless residents, about 172 of every 100,000 residents in San Bernardino County are homeless. It is estimated that more than one-third of all homeless people in the United States live in California. Statewide, about 455 people per 100,000 California residents are homeless. The national average is 195 homeless people per 100,000 residents.

- **Do you have your Real ID?**

Starting Wednesday, May 7, 2025, a requirement went into effect for adult passengers (18 and over) to present a federally accepted identification to board domestic flights and to enter some federal facilities. However, the Department of Homeland Security announced before the May 7 deadline that travelers who are not REAL ID compliant would still be able to fly, for now, but will face extra scrutiny, including diversion to different lines for additional security evaluation.



¹⁹ <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2025/05/12/newsom-announces-new-funding-to-combat-inland-empire-homelessness/>
²⁰ <https://www.sbsun.com/2024/03/12/opponents-of-newsoms-prop-1-mental-health-bond-concede-likely-defeat/>

Formulated in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, [H.R.418](#)²¹, the REAL ID Act, was passed by Congress in 2005 to set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses.

The act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards, and prohibits federal agencies from accepting licenses and identification cards for official purposes from states that do not meet these standards. The REAL ID Act was aimed at thwarting airline terrorism by increasing requirements to obtain documents that grant access to domestic planes.

State agencies that issue licenses and identification cards, such as department of motor vehicle offices, require office visits and some documents to standardize licenses under the new act. Real ID Cards also use new technology that makes them more difficult to forge.

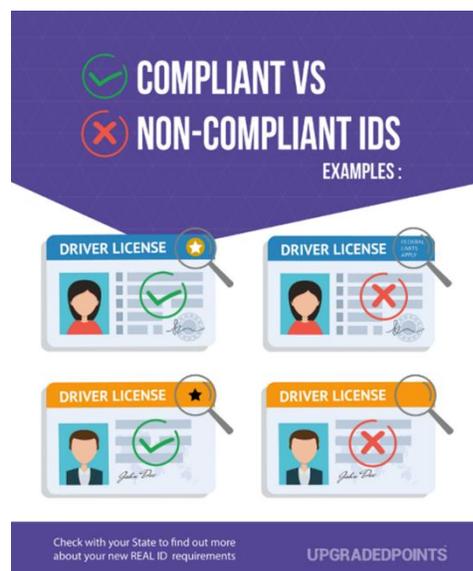
A number of roadblocks, including the COVID-19 pandemic, delayed implementation over the past two decades. The original date of compliance was October 1, 2020, which was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic to October 1, 2021, then to May 3, 2023, and now to May 7, 2025.

Persons without a REAL ID can continue to use their regular license or identification to drive without obtaining a REAL ID or engage in other forms of U.S. travel, including driving within and across state lines or riding on a train. However, to fly domestically in the U.S., an alternative form of [TSA approved identification](#)²² will be necessary.

The change will only impact domestic travel in the U.S. To fly internationally, all passengers will need a valid U.S. passport.

In California, a Real ID driver's license features the silhouette of a gold bear, with a white star on the body of the bear. An easy way to know if an ID card is not compliant is if it says "Not for Federal Identification," "Federal Limits Apply," or "Not for Real ID Act Purposes."

The REAL ID is not a substitute for a [U.S. passport for international travel](#).²³ The only exception is when a person possesses an enhanced driver's license. Some states issue a form of REAL ID called enhanced IDs which allow land and sea border crossings to Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Instead of or in addition to a star, enhanced driver's licenses feature a U.S. flag symbol on the front of the card. Enhanced IDs are not a substitute for passports for air travel, and can only be used for land or sea travel. California does not issue Enhanced IDs.



²¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/418>
²² <https://upgradedpoints.com/travel/airports/tsa-airport-security/>
²³ <https://upgradedpoints.com/travel/definitive-us-passport-application-guide/>

[H.R.22 \(2025-2026\), the SAVE Act](#)²⁴, which passed the House of Representatives in April 2025 but has yet to face a Senate vote, would require proof of American citizenship for anyone to register to vote in the U.S. The legislation lists REAL ID-compliant documentation as an acceptable form of identification to register to vote as long as it “indicates the applicant is a citizen.” However, this latter requirement would effectively mean that a California REAL ID would probably not be usable for voter registration under the SAVE Act.

To date, more than 18.6 million Californians are reportedly REAL ID ready, having transitioned their driver’s license or state-issued ID to a Real ID card.

Obtaining a REAL ID is not required; however, a REAL ID is required for the following purposes:

- You want to fly domestically with only a state-issued ID.
- You need to visit a secure federal facility, such as a military base and don’t have a military ID.

The REAL ID Modernization Act is designed to assist California residents to [submit identification documents electronically](#)²⁵. Applicants will, however, still need to bring documents in person to a California Department of Motor Vehicles office. California will not renew a REAL ID-compliant license if the driver’s license or ID card is renewed online.

STEPS TO OBTAIN A REAL ID

- 1** • **Make an appointment** to visit a DMV field office before your state’s deadline.

BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- 2** • **Proof of identity**, such as a certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, employment authorization document, permanent resident card or foreign passport with an approved form I-94.
- Present **proof of your Social Security number**, such as an SSN card, W-2 or paystub with full SSN.
- Show **proof of residency document**, such as a rental or lease agreement, mortgage bill, utility bill or employment, medical or school document.
- If applicable - An original or certified copy of a **name change document**, such as a marriage certificate or divorce decree, may be required.

- 3** • **Pay fee** for license

See your local DMV website for document requirements

UPGRADEDPOINTS

The illustration shown above provides steps to receiving a compliant REAL ID—visit the [California DMV](#)²⁶ for additional information. Applicants with questions or concerns related to obtaining any of the required documents should check directly with a local DMV office. California provides a [list of documents](#)²⁷ necessary for obtaining a REAL ID. Federal requirements do not allow for the transfer of a REAL ID license between states. Each state is required to view and image all documentation to issue a REAL ID-compliant card.

²⁴ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/22>

²⁵ <https://www.dhs.gov/archive/real-id/news/2020/02/19/dhs-announces-streamlining-measures-help-states-issuing-real-ids>

²⁶ <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/driver-licenses-identification-cards/real-id/>

²⁷ <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/file/list-of-docs-realid-pdf/>

For more information on acceptable forms of identification for boarding aircraft, visit the [TSA website](#)²⁸. However, on or after May 7, 2025, without appropriate identification, individuals will not be permitted through security checkpoint to board a flight. TSA does not require passengers under 18 to provide identification when traveling with an adult companion within the U.S. However, the companion does need acceptable identification. Airlines may demand proof of the child's age, such as a birth certificate or passport, but these requirements aren't regulated by TSA. Contact the airline for boarding information.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Welcome to our New Employees

The City would like to welcome the following new employees:

- **Audrey Adamson**, Police Dispatcher, Police Department
- **Anthony Agapito**, Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Amanda Aguilar**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Makaylah Cotton**, Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Joshua Foster**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Andres Galindo**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Baltazar Gallardo**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Enrique Gonzalez**, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Xochilt Gutierrez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Ricardo Jimenez Canare**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Wendy Mendoza**, Customer Service Representative/Office Specialist, Human Services
- **Dinora Ochoa**, Assistant Planner, Community Development
- **Deanna Ortega**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Viora Soetedjo**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Anna Torres**, Senior Police Dispatcher, Police Department

• Recognition of Internal Appointments and Promotions

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

- **Catherine Mercado**, Accounting Specialist, Finance Department
- **Isabel Sanchez**, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services

• Thank You to Those Whose Service to the City Has Ended

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

- **Viriahelyn Calvillo Rea**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Andrea Gonzalez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Janeth Jaimes Cruz**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Maria Thornhill**, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services

²⁸ <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>

- **Montclair Job Opportunities**

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

Current Recruitments

Applications are continuously accepted and reviewed for the following positions:

- **Building Official** – Community Development
- **Firefighter (Paramedic) (Entry-Level/Lateral)** – Fire Department
- **Human Resource Manager** – Administrative Services
- **Police Dispatcher (Entry-Level)** – Police Department
- **Police Officer (Entry-Level/Lateral)** – Police Department
- **Police Services Specialist** – Police Department
- **Reserve Police Officer Level II and I (Part-Time)** – Police Department
- **Police Cadet (Part-Time)** – Police Department
- **Senior Police Dispatcher (Lateral)** – Police 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/>.

- **CCAC Changes Name to Support Expanding Profession**



The City Clerk’s Association of California (CCAC), founded in 1977 to promote the municipal clerk profession through education, support and advocacy, changed its name in January and has officially rebranded as of April 1, 2025, to the California Municipal Clerks Association (CMCA), in an effort to extend its association beyond municipalities to include clerks that serve special districts, joint power authorities, charter cities, and other smaller government agencies.

- **Deputy City Clerk Earns Professional Municipal Clerk Certification**

I am proud to announce that in March, Deputy City Clerk Krystal Roman earned her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). To earn the CMC, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs and have pertinent experience in a municipality. Krystal attended several training courses over the past year in order to complete this certification, including two week-long “Technical Training for Clerks” seminars and other training courses offered periodically by IIMC, CMCA, and the Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA).

Congratulations, Krystal, your dedication to advancing your knowledge within the City Clerk profession is admirable and will truly benefit the City and its residents!

- **CMCA Annual Conference**

Last month, City Clerk Andrea Myrick and Deputy City Clerk Krystal Roman attended the 2025 CMCA Annual Conference in San Jose, from April 30th to May 2nd. The conference serves as a vital platform for clerks to gather, share best practices, and enhance their professional knowledge and skills.



This year’s conference featured a series of workshops, keynote speakers, and networking opportunities aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by municipal clerks in local governments. Several sessions provided an opportunity to review the impacts of legislation on the profession and learn how to leverage new technologies to improve accuracy and efficiency in the City Clerk’s Office.

- **Tour of Rancho Cucamonga’s New Records Storage Center**

In celebration of Municipal Clerks Week, the City of Rancho Cucamonga City Clerk’s Office hosted a tour of its newly opened Records Storage Center on May 6th for nearby City Clerks. The new records center now functions as a centralized location for storage, access, and maintenance of a variety of the City’s documents, including essential records, municipal contracts, and historical archives. It was established in order to transition away from outsourcing storage services to maintaining an in-house records management system of inactive records. Inside the storage center is a computer set up for indexing and searching for records stored within the facility.



City Clerk Andrea Myrick and Deputy City Clerk Krystal Roman attended the tour and discussed records storage and records management practices with other City Clerks, while also collecting information about equipment and vendors in hopes of establishing a similar program for on-site records storage at Montclair in the future.



Deputy City Clerk Krystal Roman and City Clerk Andrea Myrick (second and fourth from the left, respectively) pictured with staff from the City Clerk's Offices of Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Yucaipa, and San Bernardino.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- **Sunset Park Revitalization and Grand Opening**

Sunset Park, a cherished community space nestled between Orchard Street and Kingsley Street, has officially reopened following an extensive revitalization effort.

On May 5, 2025, the City of Montclair hosted the grand opening ceremony, drawing approximately 1,000 residents—predominantly families and children—to witness the unveiling of their newly transformed park. In her opening address, Executive Director of Engineering and Major Projects Manager Rosemary Hoerning highlighted the park's rich history and its significance to the community. She also acknowledged the ancestral stewards of the land, the Gabriellino Shoshone Tongva Nation.

Tribal leaders Marciela Castrejon and Javier Ramirez, accompanied by fellow member Jamie Rocha, shared insights into their heritage and performed a ritual song and blessing, honoring the park's reopening.

The Gabriellino-Shoshone Nation are the indigenous people of the Los Angeles Basin and the Southern Channel Islands in California. Prior to European contact, the Tongva maintained thriving villages and a rich cultural and spiritual life. Spanish colonization began in the late 18th century with the establishment of the San Gabriel Mission in 1771, which



had a profound and often devastating impact on the Gabriellino-Shoshone people. Forced labor, disease, and cultural suppression under the mission system greatly reduced their population and disrupted traditional lifeways. Despite centuries of marginalization and lack of federal recognition, the Gabriellino-Shoshone Nation continues to assert its identity and fight for land rights and cultural preservation. Today, they are active in education the public, protecting sacred sites, and revitalizing their language and traditions.



Mayor Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, and Council Member Mendez perform the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new playground equipment at Sunset Park, surrounded by children of the community.

The revitalized Sunset Park now boasts state-of-the-art amenities, including:

- ADA-Inclusive playgrounds located at both the north and south ends, these interactive play areas cater to children of all abilities.
- State-of-the-art restroom facilities and picnic areas, which are equipped with drinking fountains, benches, and trash receptacles that offers comfort and convenience for visitors.
- San Antonio Creek Trail Segment is designed for bicycles and pedestrians with exercise stations and other artistic elements sprinkled along the path.
- The community fruit park's expanded grove now includes apricots, avocados, blood oranges, limes, and pomegranates, complementing the other fruit-bearing trees like avocados, cherries, figs, grapefruit, guava, lemons, and plums.

Hundreds of children had a blast enjoying different play features for climbing, swinging, spinning, and bouncing while their parents looked on from the comfort of the parks many rest areas. This project could not have been completed without funds received from the Montclair Voter Approved Local Measure "L" Sales Tax, and State partnerships to secure a Caltrans State Clean California Grant, and a State Department of Parks and Recreation Grant. With over 1.25 miles of newly lit walking paths, Sunset Park serves as a beacon of community,

sustainability, and cultural appreciation. The park's enhancements reflect Montclair's commitment to providing residents with a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for recreation and connection.

The Sunset Park Beautification Project, a major Capital Improvement Project which commenced in October 2023, has been a labor of love and perseverance. Despite facing delays and funding challenges, the project culminated in a comprehensive \$8.3 million renovation, funded through the Montclair Voter-Approved Local Measure “L” Sales Tax, a Caltrans State Clean California Grant, and a State Department of Parks and Recreation Grant. This endeavor was spearheaded by Project Manager and Executive Director of Engineering and Major Projects Manager, Rosemary Hoerning.

- **Repairs Underway of Damaged Gabions in Medians**

Administrative staff at the City Yard are managing the repair of nine gabions (rock cages) located on the center medians along Central Avenue. To date, six out of nine gabions have been repaired. The remaining three are scheduled to be repaired by June.

- **Installation of New Flashing Stop Signs**

The Public Works Department’s City Yard Signs Division is in the process of installing ten new Solar Powered Flashing Stop Signs throughout the City. The tentative target date for Flashing Stop Sign installations is June 30, 2025. The new Flashing Stop Signs will be installed at the following locations:

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| 1. Pipeline Avenue & Howard Street | N/B |
| 2. Grand Avenue. & Monte Vista Avenue | W/B |
| 3. Saddleback Street & Ramona Avenue | W/B |
| 4. Merle Street & Ramona Avenue | E/B |
| 5. Mane Street & Ramona Avenue | W/B |
| 6. Kimberly Avenue & Howard Street | S/B |
| 7. San Pasqual Avenue & Howard Street | N/B |
| 8. San Pasqual Avenue & Howard Street | S/B |
| 9. Wesley Avenue & Howard Street | S/B |
| 10. Evert Street & Mills Avenue | W/B |



- **Rain Can't Dampen Montclair's Arbor Day Spirit at Essex Park**

Not even a steady drizzle could put a damper on Montclair's Arbor Day celebration. On April 26, 2025, residents gathered at Essex Park for a morning of environmental appreciation and community service. Hosted by the City's Public Works Department, the event was led by Director Monica Heredia, who welcomed guests with a smile and a mission: to honor the importance of trees in urban spaces and promote sustainability. Held at 4295 Howard Street, Essex Park was the perfect backdrop for the annual tradition.

Lending a helping hand at the event were West Coast Arborists and Burrtec Waste Industries, who partnered with the city to hand out free goodie bags and young saplings to attendees. The giveaways were a hit with families and local green thumbs alike, offering a chance to take a bit of Arbor Day home.



The celebration wouldn't be complete without the planting of two new trees in Essex Park. Wrapped up in coats, gloves, and beanies, volunteers placed the young trees into their new home where they will provide shade for future generations.

As a result of these environmental efforts, the City of Montclair was publicly recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as part of the Tree City USA program. The Public Works Department plans to continue its tree-planting initiatives throughout the year across various Capital Improvement Projects. The city encourages residents to stay involved in keeping Montclair beautiful.

- **Montclair Little League Opening Day Preparation**

Throughout the month of March, the Montclair City Yard crew, along with Colts Landscaping, meticulously prepared the baseball fields at Saratoga Park for Montclair Little League's Opening Day ceremonies and for the upcoming season's practices and games.



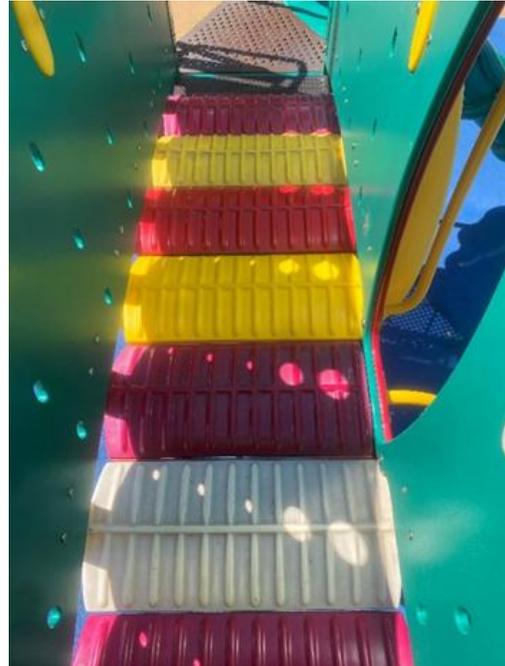
- **Playground Equipment and Padding Repair**

On March 24, the City Yard crews began installing replacement parts for playground equipment at Alma Hofman and Saratoga Parks. The dilapidated padding at Saratoga Park was also repaired by crews, ensuring a safe experience for all playground users.

Before:



After:



- **Street Striping and Legend Refreshing**

On March 26, the Public Works Streets Division began refreshing all striping and legends on Monte Vista Ave. from Benito St. south to Holt Blvd. Crews also added raised pavement markers (RPMs) to enhance visibility to the roadway at night and during inclement weather. This was a new safety improvement in the area.



- **Civic Center Emergency Generator Update**

The City of Montclair is enhancing its emergency preparedness with the Civic Center Generator Upgrade project. The upgraded generator will provide backup power to both City Hall and the Recreation Center, which doubles as an emergency shelter for the American Red Cross during a disaster. The electrical connections for the generator were completed in the month of May. Once the contractor installs the particulate filter, facilities staff will power it up.



- **Weight Room Floor Replacement**

In the month of May, the old rubber flooring in the Community Center’s weight room was removed, and the underlying concrete was sealed to prevent water intrusion. A new rubber floor was installed in a loosely fitted manner to allow for easy replacement of damaged sections and to enable evaporation in case water and moisture enters the room.

- **City Purchases New Electrical Backhoe**

On May 8, 2025, the Public Works Department received a 2025 Case 580EV Electric Backhoe Loader in compliance with the California Air Resources Board 2022 amendments to regulations of off-road diesel equipment.



The electric backhoe replaced Unit 304 PW, which has been in service for 19 years and was affected by the CARB amendments. Longtime vendor, Sonsray Machinery LLC, notified the City of a California CORE equipment voucher program that would help the City purchase a CARB compliant backhoe. The price of the 2025 Case 580EV Electric Backhoe loader was \$459,518.00 including premier warranty, freight and PDI/wash. With a 30% Sourcewell discount, the CORE voucher of \$319,000.00 and the trade in value of the 2005 Case Backhoe Loader, the total paid by the City was \$16,061.78, including tax.

This backhoe will be essential in moving material, as well as completing various street maintenance tasks including: sidewalk, curb and gutter break out and repair, and asphalt repair in City roadways. The backhoe will most importantly reduce emissions produced by City equipment.

- **Montclair Shines at APWA SoCal Event**

On March 27, 2025, Public Works Director Heredia and Associate Engineer Stevenson represented the City of Montclair at the second annual Career Fair and Scholarship Award Night hosted by the American Public Works Association (APWA) SoCal Chapter Scholarship and Young Professionals Committee.



It was an opportunity to provide students and young professionals across Southern California:

- an understanding of public works
- opportunities to achieve their educational goals
- opportunities and resources to enhance their personal and professional development and celebrate scholarship recipients

It was a fun night discussing some of the City's projects and giving out bags, brochures, pens and monkeys.

Scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$6,000 was awarded to high school and undergraduate students majoring in a Public Works-related fields from different universities including California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **C.A.U.T.I.O.N. Neighborhood Alleyway Cleanup**

On May 17, 2025, the City of Montclair's Code Enforcement Division hosted its annual C.A.U.T.I.O.N. Cleanup, organized by Senior Code Enforcement Officer Denise Ortiz with support from the Code Enforcement team. Originally founded by Code Enforcement Manager

Gabe Fondario, C.A.U.T.I.O.N.—*Citizens Against Unwanted Trash In Our Neighborhood*—encourages residents to take an active role in beautifying and maintaining their neighborhoods. This year’s event focused on the alleyways between Kingsley Street and Bandera Street, east of Marion Avenue where volunteers came together to remove trash, clear overgrown vegetation, and paint surrounding buildings.

The strong presence and participation of the Mayor and City Council set a powerful example of civic leadership and energized the day’s efforts. A total of 85 volunteers joined in, including residents, families, community members, and various organizations. Mothers participating in the event were honored in celebration of Mother’s Day weekend with tote bags filled with thoughtful goodies, lovingly prepared by Chaplain Dianna Delgado, who also volunteered her time at the event. Volunteers received free event T-shirts, coffee, Krispy Kreme donuts, and pizza for lunch. The day began with an uplifting prayer from Pastor Josh Matlock of Bethany Church, who also brought a group of volunteers and helped set a positive and spirited tone for the day.

The event’s success was made possible through collaboration with the City’s Economic Development, Public Works, Finance, Human Services, and Police departments, including the Montclair Police Explorers, whose efforts contributed greatly to planning, logistics, and onsite support.

The City also extends a heartfelt thank you to the organizations that generously supported the C.A.U.T.I.O.N. Cleanup—including Caliber Collision in Montclair, which provided both donations and volunteer assistance.

Additional thanks go out to:

- Behr Paint with Home Depot in Upland
- Costco
- Starbucks
- Taqueria 2 Potrillos
- Krispy Kreme

Their contributions helped make the cleanup both effective and enjoyable for all who participated. The C.A.U.T.I.O.N. Cleanup continues to demonstrate the impact of community collaboration in promoting a cleaner, safer, and more connected Montclair.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered—we couldn’t have done it without you! Your time, energy, and community spirit made this event a meaningful success.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Commercial Structure Fire at 5282 Mission Blvd**

On Wednesday April 30, 2025 at approximately 4:00 p.m., the Montclair Fire Department responded to a commercial structure fire at 5282 Mission Boulevard. Initial 911 calls indicated a possible occupant trapped inside the two-story commercial building, prompting an immediate and robust response.



Upon arrival, firefighters encountered heavy fire involvement in the northeast portion of the rear of the structure, originating from the first floor. Due to the potential for victims inside, crews launched an aggressive interior attack while simultaneously conducting a primary search of the building.

Firefighters successfully contained the fire, preventing further spread throughout the structure and preserving the majority of the building. A thorough search confirmed that no individuals were trapped or in need of rescue.

The fire caused significant damage to the affected portion of the building but resulted in no injuries or casualties. The incident escalated to a second alarm, bringing mutual aid from Chino Valley Fire District, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Ontario Fire Department, and San Bernardino County Fire Department. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

- **Structure Fire Contained at 5555 Vernon Court in Montclair**

On the afternoon of Saturday May 10, 2025 at 12:06 pm, Montclair Fire Department responded to a structure fire at a single-family residence located at 5555 Vernon Court. The blaze originated in the yard of the property and quickly spread to the home, threatening nearby residences.

Flames extended to the main structure and caused minor damage to the eaves of an adjacent home. In addition, fire brands carried by the wind ignited nearby vegetation, creating multiple spot fires.



Firefighters launched an aggressive and coordinated response to halt the fire’s advance. Their swift action successfully prevented the spread of flames to several other homes in the area, ultimately saving multiple residences from significant damage.

The fire escalated to a second alarm, drawing mutual aid from Chino Valley Fire District, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Ontario Fire Department, and San Bernardino County Fire Department. Thanks to the joint efforts of all responding agencies, the fire was fully contained without any reported injuries or fatalities. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Montclair Recognized by American Planning Association of the Inland Empire for 2024 General Plan Update**

The Economic Development Agency and Community Development Department are pleased to announce a significant achievement in the City of Montclair’s ongoing commitment to strategic community planning. On May 14, 2025, the American Planning Association Inland Empire Section (APA IES) recognized the City of Montclair with a Merit Award in the Comprehensive Plan category for its recently adopted General Plan Update. This prestigious award acknowledges excellence in planning throughout the Inland Empire and highlights the City of Montclair’s dedication to creating a sustainable, resilient, and thriving future for our community.

The 2024 General Plan Update serves as the City’s foundational document, guiding future development, conservation, and community enhancement efforts. Its development involved extensive public outreach and collaboration, ensuring the final plan reflects the aspirations and needs of Montclair residents, businesses, and stakeholders. The APA IES Merit Award specifically recognizes the comprehensive and forward-thinking nature of the General Plan Update.

Key elements of the award-winning 2024 General Plan Update include:

- **A Vision for a Well-Planned Community:** Strategic updates to land use designations and development standards, including the introduction of the Arrow Highway Mixed-Use District Specific Plan and the Montclair Corridors Code, aimed at fostering smart growth and reinvestment in the community.
- **Integrated Housing Element:** A robust plan to address current and future housing needs across all income levels, in compliance with state requirements.
- **Commitment to Sustainability:** A comprehensive Climate Action Plan outlining measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance environmental quality.
- **Focus on Mobility and Accessibility:** Strategies to improve transportation choices, enhance pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and increase connectivity throughout the City.
- **Emphasis on Public Health and Well-being:** Policies designed to promote healthy lifestyles, improve access to parks and recreation, and enhance the overall quality of life.

The APA IES Merit Award underscores the quality and innovation embedded within Montclair's 2024 General Plan Update. It serves as a validation of the City's proactive approach to planning and its dedication to building a well-balanced community that meets the needs of both current and future generations.

The City Council and staff extend their appreciation to the American Planning Association Inland Empire Section for this distinguished honor. This award is a testament to the hard work of the Economic Development Agency, Community Development Department, consulting partners including Rangwala and Associates, and, most importantly, the Montclair community, whose input was vital in shaping this visionary plan.

We look forward to the successful implementation of the 2024 General Plan Update in the years to come.



Kaizer Rangwala, Economic Development Agency Director Mikey Fuentes, and Community Development Director Michael Diaz

- **Promoting Montclair at the International Conference of Shopping Centers in Las Vegas**

The Economic Development Agency is pleased to report on its recent participation in the ICSC 2025 conference in Las Vegas. Held from May 18-20, this premier annual event convenes over 24,000 professionals from the retail real estate and development industry across North America. ICSC provides a vital platform for the City of Montclair to connect with key industry

leaders, promote development opportunities, and attract new businesses, furthering our commitment to strategic economic growth for the community.

Staff leveraged this critical opportunity to highlight the City's strategic planning efforts and showcase its readiness for new investment. Central to the City's presentation was the recently adopted 2024 General Plan Update, emphasizing how this plan paves the way for a dynamic future.

Key areas and initiatives promoted include:

- **General Plan Update (Corridors Code & AHMUD):** Staff highlighted the Montclair Corridors Code and the Arrow Highway Mixed-Use District (AHMUD) as prime locations for investment, designed to revitalize key thoroughfares and encourage vibrant, mixed-use environments.
- **North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan:** Staff highlighted opportunities for creating a more defined and active city center, inviting investment in the City of Montclair's transit oriented district.
- **Montclair Place District Specific Plan:** Staff highlight opportunities for the ongoing development and enhancement surrounding Montclair Place, outlining its potential for continued growth and redevelopment.

Across all these specific plan areas, staff underscored the diverse growth opportunities available for retail, office, and residential development, reinforcing Montclair's commitment to creating well-rounded and sustainable neighborhoods.

To vividly illustrate that development is already underway in the Specific Plan areas, staff utilized an aerial fly-through video. This presentation showcased a variety of projects – both recently completed and currently under construction – demonstrating tangible progress and the success of the City's adopted specific plans. The projects highlighted include the Paseos, Arrow Station, Alexan-Kendry, Alexan Kendry Expansion, Marlow, Oak Mont Development Warehouse Project, Montclair Towncenter, and Holt and Amherst Strip Center.

Throughout the conference, staff engaged with numerous brokers and developers. The feedback received was consistently positive, with many complimenting the City of Montclair for its forward-thinking approach, particularly its policy of allowing mixed-use developments across various city areas. This flexibility is viewed as a significant market advantage.

Furthermore, these conversations revealed a notable market trend: In response to current economic policies, many retailers and developers are increasingly seeking properties suitable for redevelopment over new ground-up construction. This trend aligns seamlessly with the opportunities within Montclair's specific plan areas, positioning our city as an attractive destination for development and investment. We look forward to nurturing the connections made and advancing the opportunities discussed for the benefit of Montclair.



City of Montclair's booth at ICSC Las Vegas

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

- **Summer Season Kick-Off and Splash Pad**

Join us on Saturday, May 24 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. as we host our Summer Season Kick-off, which includes activities, interactive games, and crafts for the community to enjoy. Children will also enjoy the opening day of the Splash Pad.

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/>. A flyer is shared on Page 33.

- **Memorial Day**

Join us on Monday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m. for the Community Activities Commission’s 25th Annual Memorial Day Program. The Program will be held in the Memorial Garden, adjacent to City Hall, and will include the dedication of new plaques to our Veterans’ Memorial Wall. The Memorial Wall pays tribute to deceased Montclair residents from all service branches. The Program will feature a presentation of colors by the Montclair High School JROTC, patriotic songs performed by 300th Army Band, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Veteran Marine and Montclair resident Mario Amado Monsibais, and refreshments. A flyer is shared on Page 34.

○ **Montclair Summer Day Camp**

The Montclair Summer Day Camp is back!

Registration began on Monday, April 14 for Montclair residents and Monday, April 21 for non-residents. All spots quickly filled and those still interested can join the waitlist at the Recreation Center.

The Montclair Summer Day Camp offers supervised activities for boys and girls entering first through eighth grade (2025-26 school year) and is staffed with trained Montclair Recreation personnel. Summer Day Camp fees include arts and crafts, cooking classes, movies, snacks, recreational swimming, special events and field trips. Each camper will receive a Summer Day Camp T-shirt. The program will start on Tuesday, May 27 and will run through Friday, August 1.

For more information, please contact Recreation Coordinator, Emily Gomez-Medina at (909) 625-9482.

○ **Country Fair Jamboree**

Please join us for the 11th Annual Country Fair Jamboree, on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from noon to 6 p.m. at Alma Hofman Park. This event will consist of games, food trucks, a petting zoo, carnival rides, pie eating contest, pony rides, bands, Splash Pad, and craft vendors.

Guests can save \$10 per wristband with the Early Bird Sale. A limited number of early bird wristbands will be sold online and in-person at the Recreation Center (Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 pm.) from May 19-June 6. Visa and cash ONLY. Limit of 10 early bird wristbands per person. To purchase online, please visit webtrac.cityofmontclair.org.

Day of Event Wristband Prices:

\$20 Wristband includes unlimited rides and games (\$10 presale)

\$25 Wristband includes unlimited rides and games plus petting zoo and pony rides (\$15 presale)

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

Flyer is shared on Page 35.

○ **Summer Concert and Movie Series**

The Human Services Department is pleased to announce its 64th Annual Summer Concert and Movie Series.

- Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – 8:00 p.m.
Movie in the Park – Inside Out 2 (PG)
- Tuesday, June 24, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Concert in the Park – Soto Band (Top 40)

- Tuesday, July 1, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Concert in the Park – 33 Thunder (Country)
- Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 8:00 p.m.
Movie in the Park – Moana 2 (PG)
- Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Vendor Fair & Concert in the Park – Anything for Salinas (Selena Tribute Band)
- Tuesday, July 22, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Concert in the Park – Here for Now (80’s)
- Tuesday, July 29, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Concert in the Park – Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shae (Mariachi)
- Tuesday, August 5, 2025 – 7:45 p.m.
National Night Out/Movie in the Park – Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG)

○ **Vendor Fair**

Join us for our Vendor Fair on Tuesday, July 15, during our Summer Concert and Movie Series from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Anything for Salinas Band (Selena Tribute Band) will be performing from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This event will include craft vendors, activities for the family, food trucks, and face painting.

For more information on becoming a vendor, please contact Angela Franco at (909) 625-9457 or afranco@cityofmontclair.org.

Flyer is shared on Page 37.

• **Montclair Youth Center**

Montclair Youth Center summer programming will run on Tuesday’s and Friday’s starting May 27 – July 29. The Montclair Youth Center is open at the Montclair Community Center for summer hours from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Participants are required to be in 7th – 12th grade, a Montclair resident or attend a Montclair school. During the summer, participants will enjoy playing basketball, volleyball, and water games at the park. The Cooking Club will run on Tuesday’s and the Self Care Club on Friday’s from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Recreation Coordinator, Emily Gomez-Medina at (909) 625-9482.

A flyer is shared on Page 38, and photos are shared on Page 39.

- **Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast**

The City's Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast took place on Saturday, April 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Community Center and Alma Hofman Park.

Approximately 1,500 children and adults attended. City dignitaries who joined us were Mayor Pro Tem Corysa Martinez and Council Members Bill Ruh and Xavier Mendez. Other dignitaries attending were Senator Susan Rubio's field representative Neha Upadhyaya and Assemblymember Michelle Rodríguez's field representative, Roxanna Garcia. Children enjoyed playing games, winning candy-filled eggs and treats, and doing art activities. Children had the opportunity of winning candy-filled eggs, meal vouchers from Lazy Dogs Restaurant, and play time vouchers from Main Event. 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 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, Lazy Dog Restaurant, Main Event and numerous community volunteers for their tireless work during the event.

Photos are shared on Page 40.

- **Montclair Afterschool Program (MAP)**

- **Ontario-Montclair Athletic Conference Intramural Sports (OMAC)**

Each year MAP hosts an intramural sports league between elementary schools, Buena Vista, Elderberry, Kingsley, Lehigh, Monte Vista and Ramona. On April 8, the championship game was played in the Montclair Community Center between Elderberry and Buena Vista Elementary Schools. Parents and students came to cheer on program participants. The game was a thriller with multiple lead changes in the final minute and the game was decided in the final seconds, Elderberry 39 points Buena Vista 38 points. Congratulations to all on a hard-fought game!



○ **MAP Summer Session**

The Montclair After-school Program will host summer sessions at Kingsley and Lehigh Elementary, May 30-June 20; 8:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. This year’s theme is Project Sketch: Visual and Performing Arts Academy. Students will take an imaginative and artistic journey spanning the globe studying various artists. Students will explore performing arts such as dancing and drumming and visual art skills such as drawing, painting, sculpting and more. You can apply at <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/montclair-after-school-program/> or in-person at the following school sites: Buena Vista, Elderberry, Kingsley, Lehigh, Monte Vista, Ramona, and Vernon.

A flyer is shared on Page 41.

● **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony**

The Community Activities Commission on Monday, April 21, held its 37th annual Volunteer Recognition Presentation, “Montclair Volunteers are the Stars of Our Community”, during the City Council Meeting. Community organizations were invited to submit nominations for the 2025 Volunteer Recognition Program, and all were recognized for their outstanding service to the City. Thirteen volunteers attended the ceremony with their families and friends. Each volunteer is the “Star” 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, star shaped lamp, and chocolate candy. Below is a list of our recognized volunteers, along with their nominating agencies:

Volunteer	Nominating Agency
Rowena Wallace-Rush	AgingNext
Brandon Joyner	Christian Development Center
Tina Wiley	Christian Development Center
Bridgette Daye	City of Montclair-Senior Nutrition
Jose Flores	City of Montclair-Senior Center
Keith Robinson	City of Montclair - Sports
Kim Case	Foothill Family Shelter
Veronica Milliman	Montclair Chamber of Commerce
Vicki Brobeck	Montclair Meals On Wheels
Elmer Judkins	Montclair Meals On Wheels
Mindy Chilman, D.O.	Montclair Medical Clinic
Brian Loveless, D.O.	Montclair Medical Clinic
Krista Lund, D.O.	Montclair Medical Clinic
Veronica Martin	Montclair Por La Vida
Montserrat Ruiz	Women's Club of Montclair

Photos of the ceremony are shared on Page 42.

- **Volunteer Recognition Dinner**

On Wednesday, April 30, the Human Services Department held its 41st annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, “Montclair Volunteers are the heart and soul of the City....Dalé”, in the Community Center. The volunteers along with their guests experienced a beautiful Havana nights themed dinner. Mayor Pro-Tem Corysa Martinez, Council Member Xavier Mendez, Planning Commissioner Tenice Johnson, and I joined over 100 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 Los Vecinos a Cuban style live band. As a token of appreciation, volunteers received a straw fedora hat or a floral fan, a Cuban-style espresso mug, and a photo. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Porto’s, a fruit bar, a cake from Layered Cakerie, and a mock-tail bar.

Photos from the dinner are shared on Page 43.

- **Montclair to College Graduation**

The annual Montclair to College (MTC) graduation ceremony took place on Wednesday, April 23, at the Montclair High School Gymnasium followed by an “After Party” Celebration at Main Event in Montclair Place. Honoring Montclair High School (MHS) Seniors who completed the program, MTC graduates were awarded two years of admission with tuition, books, parking, and other fees paid to Chaffey College. This year 280 people attended to honor 160 graduates with funding provided by the Kaiser Permanente Hospital Foundation.

The graduation activities were attended by myself and Mayor Pro Tem Corysa Martinez, and Council Members Bill Ruh and Xavier Mendez. Other dignitaries attending included MHS principal Joshua Cho, Superintendent of Chaffey College/President Henry Shannon, Superintendent Mat Holton and other Board members from Chaffey Joint Unified High School District and Chaffey College.

The graduating students received a Montclair to College Graduation Cord and a personalized certificate from the City of Montclair.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Photos of the event are shared on Page 44.

- **Youth and Adult Sports Leagues**

- **Youth Basketball League – Summer 2025**

Summer Youth Basketball is here! Registration took place from March 17 through April 18 and practices begin the week of May 26, 2025. Teams will have one practice per week and are held in the Montclair Community Center or Alma Hofman Park. A total of 160 participants have registered for the Summer Youth Basketball League. Currently, there is a waitlist for all divisions. We encourage you to cheer on our teams by attending the games played in the Community Center Gymnasium on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's starting at 6:30 p.m. The season begins the week of June 9 and concludes Saturday,

July 19, 2025. The League is full and we can't wait to get the Montclair Youth Basketball underway!

- **Youth Volleyball League – Spring 2025**

Spring Youth Volleyball League practices began on Monday, March 24, 2025. Games began on April 5 and will conclude on Saturday, May 17, 2025. This was a very competitive and fun season with a total of 8 teams participating. Thank you to all the volunteer coaches who made the League a huge success in teaching skills and much more! Participants had a great time learning volleyball and making new friends.

- **Women's Volleyball League – Spring 2025**

The Women's Volleyball Spring season began on Tuesday, April 8 and games are played for 10 weeks on Tuesdays at the Community Center Gymnasium. A total of six teams registered for the Spring season. New teams are always welcome. If you would like to see great hits, sets and spikes, please join us and cheer on teams Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

- **Men's Basketball League – Winter 2025**

The Men's Basketball League wrapped up a successful winter season on March 27 with championship games that provided stiff competition, culminating with team, Primetime as league champions (pictured below)!



- **Men's Basketball League – Spring 2025**

The Men's Adult League began its spring season on April 10, 2025. Eight teams will compete to be League Champs! Games are played for 10 weeks on Thursdays at the Community Center Gymnasium beginning at 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

For more information on any sports leagues, contact Randy Franklin at (909) 625-9481 or email franklin@cityofmontclair.org.

- **Senior Center Activities**

- **Senior Birthday Celebrations**

In March, over 145 attendees enjoyed a vibrant “Mardi Gras” themed party filled with colorful beads, lively music, and celebratory spirit. This birthday party featured music and several photo opportunities. In April, more than 130 guests gathered for a cheerful “Spring Time” themed event, complete with an appearance by the Easter Bunny and dancing as well as several photo opportunities. Senior Birthday Honorees from both events received certificates of recognition or cards from Sophia Siqueiros from Congresswoman Norma Torres, Neha Upadhyaya from Senator Susan Rubio, Roxanna Garcia of Assembly Member Michelle Rodriguez and Ruby Long from Supervisor Curt Hagman.

Photos are shared on Page 45.

- **Bingo Bash**

On Friday, May 2, the Montclair Senior Citizen’s Club and Women’s Club of Montclair hosted its annual Bingo Bash at the Community Center and over 80 guests attended. The Bingo Bash consisted of traditional bingo with other nontraditional games. Bingo Bash was Fiesta themed with decorations and included \$100 Bingo game prizes that were donated from our sponsors: Montclair Mayor John Dutrey, Montclair Mayor Pro Tem Corysa Martinez, Montclair Council Member Bill Ruh, Senator Susan Rubio, Assembly Member Michelle Rodriguez, Supervisor Curt Hagman, Director G. Michael Milhiser and Director Manny Martinez of Monte Vista Water District, Planning Commissioner Tenice Johnson, Women’s Club of Montclair member Diane Wells, Bingo West, National Community CORE Renaissance, Travel Time Tours, and Los Portales. Those in attendance enjoyed food that was catered by Los Portales.

- **How to use Ride-Sharing App**

On Friday, May 9, 2025, Megan Yee, a student at the Claremont Colleges studying Biology, hosted a Ride sharing Presentation at the Senior Center to learn how to use ride sharing apps like Uber and Lyft while showcasing transportation services provided by the City of Montclair and the County of San Bernardino.

- **Mother’s Day Flowers**

On Monday, May 12, the Senior Center staff provided roses to all mothers, motherly figures, and those who embodied motherhood during the Senior Nutrition Lunch Program.

- **Senior Center Excursions**

Join Montclair Senior Center on day trips to your favorite local destinations!

- Thursday, June 12: Whale Watching & Fashion Island

- Fee: \$60 (lunch not included)
- Registration began May 1 and the last day to register is June 9 or when capacity is reached

- Thursday, July 10: Yaamava Casino
 - Fee: \$40 (lunch not included)
 - Registration begins June 2 and the last day to register is July 7 or when capacity is reached
- Thursday, August 14: Natural History Museum of LA County & Little Tokyo
 - Fee: \$45 (lunch not included)
 - Registration begins July 1 and the last day to register is August 11 or when capacity is reached
- Thursday, September 11: Agua Caliente Casino
 - Fee: \$40 (lunch not included)
 - Registration begins August 4 and the last day to register is September 8 or when capacity is reached

Space is limited, registration and payment is taken at the Montclair Senior Center. For more information visit the Montclair Senior Center or call (909) 625-9483.

- **Other Upcoming Special Events at the Senior Center:**

- June 11: Montclair Senior Citizen's Club 1980's Summer Kick-Off Dance (RSVP Required).
- June 17: Paint and Fun with Memo's Canvas (RSVP Required).
- June 25: Senior Center Birthday Party - Theme: Jungle Safari (RSVP Required).

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

June 2025

<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Mon. 2	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 7	Country Fair Jamboree Alma Hoffman Park	12:00 p.m
Mon. 9	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 11	Community Activities Commission Meeting Council Chambers	5:00 p.m
Mon. 16	Economic Development Committee Meeting Council Chambers	5:30 p.m
	Code Enforcement/ Public Safety Committee Theater Conference Room	6:00 p.m
	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m
Thurs. 19	Monthly Food Distribution Community Center	9:30 a.m
	Public Works Committee Meeting Theater Conference Room	4:00 p.m
Mon. 23	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 25	Senior Mobile Pantry Recreation Center Patio	9:00 a.m.
Thurs. 26	Special City Council Meeting (Budget Workshop & Adoption) Tentative –Council Chambers	5:00 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/](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/community-programs/), and ...[/news/](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/news/).

MONTCLAIR

splash pad

**OPEN
EVERYDAY***
**May 24-Sept 1
12-6 PM**



SUMMER SEASON KICK-OFF!

MAY 24 • 12-3 PM

**ALMA HOFMAN PARK,
5201 BENITO ST., MONTCLAIR**

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

**SPLASH PAD • SPECIAL EVENTS
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 24- Sept 1).
- ★ 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.*

Sponsored by the Montclair Community Activities Commission.

Honoring Those Who Served

City of Montclair

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

6:00 PM • Memorial Garden

*(LOCATED ADJACENT TO CITY HALL,
5111 BENITO ST., MONTCLAIR)*

- ★ **Patriotic Songs**
- ★ **Readings**
- ★ **Refreshments**



Join us for Montclair's annual Memorial Day Ceremony where we will be dedicating new plaques on our Veterans Memorial Wall and honoring those who have served our country.

The Veterans Memorial Wall pays tribute to deceased Montclair veterans from all branches of service whose families honor them by purchasing plaques. It remains an ongoing dedication to those who served our country during war or peacetime. New plaques for the Memorial Wall can be purchased annually and are dedicated every Memorial Day.

For more information call (909) 625-9457.



11th Annual

Country Fair



JAMBOREE

GAMES ★ FOOD TRUCKS ★ PETTING ZOO ★ CARNIVAL RIDES ★ PIE EATING
PONY RIDES ★ MUSIC BANDS ★ ENTERTAINMENT ★ SPLASH PAD ★ CRAFT VENDORS

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

12 - 6 PM

ALMA HOFMAN PARK
5201 BENITO ST., MONTCLAIR

BUMPTOWN

Funk, Old School,
Dance & Rock

12:30 - 2:00 PM &
4:00 - 5:30 PM

FUN CONTESTS FOR ALL AGES

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR EARLY BIRD CARNIVAL
WRISTBAND SALES INFORMATION.

www.cityofmontclair.org/countryfairjamboree

FOR MORE EVENT
INFORMATION CALL

(909) 625-9479



FOR VENDOR AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION
CALL THE MONTCLAIR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(909) 985-5104



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64th ANNUAL Free Concert and Movie Series

FREE
FAMILY
SHOWS

FREE
KIDS
ACTIVITIES

FOOD
TRUCKS

Alma Hofman Park
5201 Berito Street, Montclair



AUGUST 5 - National Night Out begins at 6:30 pm and 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 **Sonic the Hedgehog 3**

June 17 • 8 pm
Inside Out 2
Rated PG



June 24 • 7 pm
Soto Band
(Top 40)

July 1 • 7 pm
33 Thunder
(Country)



July 8 • 8 pm
Moana 2
Rated PG

July 15 • 7 pm
Anything for Salinas
(Selena Tribute Band)
PLUS: VENDOR FAIR!
starting at 6 PM



July 22 • 7 pm
Here for Now
(80's)

July 29 • 7 pm
Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea
(Mariachi)



August 5 • 7:45 pm
Sonic the Hedgehog 3
(Rated PG)

Splash Pad is open from 12 - 8 pm on concerts & movie dates.



VENDOR FAIR

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Alma Hofman Park, 5201 Benito St., Montclair

CRAFT VENDORS ★ ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

FACE PAINTING ★ FOOD TRUCKS

SPLASH PAD (OPEN 12–8 P.M.)

ANYTHING FOR
Salinas
BAND

Selena Tribute Band

FREE CONCERT

7:00–8:30 pm

Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the
concerts with friends, family,
and community members!



CITY OF MONTCLAIR • HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT • (909) 625-9479

FOR MONTCLAIR YOUTH IN GRADES 7-12*



MONTCLAIR YOUTH CENTER

Arts & Crafts • Clubs • Sports & Games • Field Trips
Food Crafts • Indoor Basketball & Volleyball

SUMMER HOURS
May 27 - July 29

Tuesdays/Fridays
12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

5111 Benito Street
(next to Alma Hofman Skate Park)

SCHOOL YEAR HOURS

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 2-6 P.M.
Tue 12:30-6 P.M.

**participants must live in Montclair or attend
a Montclair school (proof required)*

For more information on volunteer opportunities or the Youth Center, please contact Recreation Coordinator,
Emily Gomez-Medina, at (909) 625-9482 or egmedina@cityofmontclair.org



COOKING CLUB

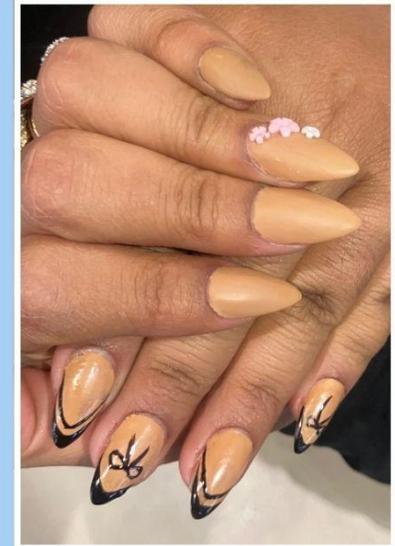


SELF-CARE CAFE



OPEN GYM

OMSD PRESENTATION



EASTER EGG STRAVA EGGANZA!

April 19, 2025



Presented by



**MONTCLAIR
FIRE FIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION**

MAP
MONTCLAIR
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



PROJECT

sketch



Apply Here!



Art Academy

SUMMER SESSION

**KINGSLEY-LEHIGH: All OMSD Students welcome, Grades TK-7; May 30-June 20; 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Join us this summer and discover art. Take an artistic and imaginary journey spanning the globe.
Draw, paint, sculpt and more!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (909) 625-9479

Montclair Volunteers are the Stars of our Community

April 21, 2025





**City of Montclair Human Services Department
41st Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner
April 30, 2025**



HAVANA *nights*



Montclair Volunteers are the heart and soul of the city.... Dalé



Senior Birthday Party!
March 26, 2025
“Mardi Gras”



Senior Birthday Party!
April 23, 2025
“Spring Time”

