



**DATE:** March 2, 2026  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Edward C. Starr, City Manager

## CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

### OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

- **What is the status of the Gold Line Extension to Montclair?**

On September 3, 2025, by a vote of 15-11, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) Board of Directors defunded the Gold Line Extension Project to the City of Montclair. Then, on February 4, 2026, the SBCTA Board, by a vote of 23-0-1, reallocated funding previously dedicated to the Gold Line Extension to Montclair for other purposes.

Montclair alleges that the Board's action to defund the Gold Line Project is in violation of the amendment process as provided for in SBCTA Ordinance No. 04-01, inclusive of its Transportation Expenditure Plan.

As a result of the SBCTA Board's actions, the City of Montclair, on December 16, 2025, filed a Demand to Cure, citing the SBCTA Board's alleged violation of provisions in Ordinance No. 04-01 related to amending the Transportation Expenditure Plan [or its defunding the Gold Line Project], and demanding that the Board correct its violations and fund and build the Gold Line Extension to Montclair. Ordinance No. 04-01 specifies a specific process the SBCTA Board must follow in relation to amending [adding, amending, or removing projects] Ordinance No. 04-01's Transportation Expenditure Plan. The Board failed to follow the voter-approved process contained in Ordinance No. 04-01.

The SBCTA Board failed to respond to Montclair's Demand to Cure, initiating further action by Montclair, including two claims, the first filed on February 6, 2026, and the second on February 19, 2026, with claims alleging, among other things, the following:

1. That SBCTA violated the electorates' and **Measure I's** purpose and intent;
2. That SBCTA's actions disparately impacted members of protected classes;
3. That SBCTA's actions represent discrimination on the basis of, without limitation, race, national origin, and disability;
4. That SBCTA failed to comply with voter approval of Ordinance No. 04-01 and its Transportation Expenditure Plan, thereby violating the electorate's and Measure I's purpose and intent;

5. That SBCTA prioritized other projects at the expense of the Gold Line Extension to Montclair, directing SBCTA staff to dedicate funds committed to the Gold Line Extension to Montclair to other regional projects, funneling funds to more affluent areas with lower minority populations and negatively impacting low income “priority” populations;
6. That SBCTA, in violating Ordinance No. 04-01’s Transportation Expenditure Plan, violated the Board’s obligation to prioritize disadvantaged communities as required by local and regional transportation plans and related law and policy; and
7. That SBCTA unlawfully retaliated against the City of Montclair for asserting its claims against SBCTA, including its claim of discrimination on the basis of income, race, national origin, disability and membership in other protected classes. Retaliation came in the form of rejection of a request from Montclair for a letter of support for a grant related to land acquisition at the Montclair Transportation Center. In its response back to Montclair, SBCTA indicated its approval of Montclair’s efforts, but that it would not submit a letter of support unless and until Montclair ceases referencing the Gold Line as part of the City’s planning efforts for the Transportation Center.

In the event the Board rejects one or both claims, or otherwise fails to respond, Montclair’s remaining recourse is litigation. The City anticipates knowing what direction it will need to pursue no later than March 31, 2026.

- **Inland Empire’s Logistic Hub Seeing Decline**

According to a [State-of-the-Region-2026-Economic-Report](#)<sup>1</sup> by economists Manfred Keil, Robert Kleinhenz, and Kenneth P. Miller, logistics and warehousing, the Inland Empire’s primary economic driver, are no longer experiencing rapid growth. The federal administration’s tariff program and the resulting decline in shipments from Asia to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have been a contributing factor to the decline. Inflation, consumer attitudes, job losses linked to federal immigration raids, and other factors have been contributing factors for the decline.

The slowdown, according to the economists, underscores the Inland Empire’s need to diversify the economy of the region. Other sectors important to the Inland Empire, including education and health care, are also experiencing decline due, in large part, to federal spending cuts. In recent years, education and health care have been the largest drivers of jobs in the region.

The economists point out that in relation to warehousing, [Assembly Bill 98](#)<sup>2</sup>, which went into effect January 1, tightens building standards for new warehouses and bans heavy-duty diesel truck traffic next to homes, schools, parks and other sensitive areas. The law was designed to counter the environmental and health effects of explosive warehouse growth in the Inland Empire. The bill was introduced to curb construction of warehouse facilities near sensitive areas. Presently, the region is host to approximately [4,000 warehouses](#)<sup>3</sup> occupying more than [1 billion square feet](#)<sup>4</sup>, generating an estimated 600,000 truck trips per day across the region’s freeways and roadways.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://wpdash.medianewsgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/State-of-the-Region-2026-Economic-Report.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB98](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB98)

<sup>3</sup> [https://roseinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/IEO\\_Spring\\_2024\\_IE\\_Warehouses.pdf](https://roseinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/IEO_Spring_2024_IE_Warehouses.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.pitzer.edu/participant/features/rewiring-society>

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, employment within the logistics industry stood at an estimated 278,500 workers in 2022, serving the massive warehouse and distribution hubs that dotted the Inland Empire. However, through the end of 2025, the sector saw a 3.8% decline in employment to 267,800 workers according to [economic reports](#)<sup>5</sup>. The Report demonstrates a lack of clarity, at this point, if the region’s economy will suffer from stagnant growth (“stagflation”) over the next year. Stagflation is an economic term defined by the simultaneous occurrence of high inflation, slow or stagnant economic growth, and high unemployment.

In a period of “mini-stagflation” — which some economists argue exists today, both inflation and unemployment rise. The January 2026 inflation rate of [2.4%](#)<sup>6</sup> is slightly higher than the Fed’s target of 2%, while the [unemployment rate in January 2026](#)<sup>7</sup> stood at 4.3% — slightly higher than the 4% rate recorded a year earlier. The Federal Reserve Board anticipates the inflation rate will remain above its 2% target throughout 2026. However, that projection is expected to be tried by the recent events in the Middle East. An extended military campaign in and around Iran is likely to lead to higher oil prices, particularly as insurance and shipping companies halt oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz — one third of the world’s oil supply traverses through the Strait of Hormuz. In addition, U.S. oil reserves in the nation’s emergency stockpile are down by an estimated 40 percent, providing little opportunity for energy relief through this source in the event of a protracted military campaign in the Middle East.

Higher oil prices will further disrupt trade, resulting in additional declines at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. And a decline in a trade will impact the Inland Empire’s reliance on logistics as the heart of its economy.

The Inland Empire also grapples with an imbalance in high-paying jobs, which are the strength of the coastal counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Diego. Many workers who hold higher paying jobs in the coastal counties live in the Inland Empire to take advantage of lower housing prices. North Montclair housing development is centered on the idea that many of the upwardly mobile professionals who work in coastal counties would live near transit, taking advantage of Montclair’s push to promote the Montclair Transportation Center as a regional, multimodal transit hub.

The September 3, 2025, short-sighted decision by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) to defund the Gold Line Extension to Montclair has, however, intervened to harm not only Montclair’s future objectives, but also to harm San Bernardino County’s efforts to attract not only higher-wage earners, but also to ultimately attract the type of jobs that pay higher wages, including professional and business service sector jobs and jobs in the financial services and information production industries. State transportation officials estimate that the number of commuters out of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties over the regions freeways totals more than 173,000 daily trips. In and around Montclair, the total number of commuters to jobs in Los Angeles County, alone, is approximately 33,000. Migrating these commuters to transit not only provides a safer and healthier means of travel, it also produces significant gains in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://wpdash.medianewsgroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/State-of-the-Region-2026-Economic-Report.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf>

Labor market data from the state's Employment Development Department (EDD) for the Inland Empire showed that health care and education — both treated as a single category by EDD — have been catalysts for job growth in the Inland Empire. Together, the two sectors saw a 4.9% growth to 331,100 jobs in 2025, up from 315,700 in December 2024. The combined sector claimed the biggest percentage gain in terms of job growth in the two-county region. Now, however, instead of gaining jobs, these sectors are losing jobs. Last October, [Kaiser Permanente laid off 216 workers](#)<sup>8</sup> across Southern California. And last month, the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center said it planned to [lay off 265 workers across the hospital system](#)<sup>9</sup> beginning in March due to a budget shortfall of more than \$40 million.

Public education, too, is seeing spending cuts throughout the region. The [Riverside School District](#)<sup>10</sup> recently approved 30 layoff notices for next school year, [Temecula schools have ordered additional layoffs](#)<sup>11</sup> for 32 employees, and [Alvord Unified School District](#)<sup>12</sup> proposed cutting 49 in the Riverside and Corona area.

Public education is also facing declining student numbers due to demographics and the federal government's immigration policies. In the interim, [Proposition 98](#)<sup>13</sup> funding will continue to fill the gap; although, it is unclear how long that can last with state not entering into its third year of budget deficits. Proposition 98, passed by voters in 1988, is a California constitutional amendment establishing a minimum annual funding guarantee for kindergarten-12th grade schools.

The economists also observe that housing in the Inland Empire is showing signs of a slowdown. While Inland Empire housing prices are more affordable than in the coastal communities, housing prices everywhere are increasing. The Inland Empire, however, lacks the higher paying jobs and the higher educated population necessary to support overall economic growth.

The median home prices for the [region were down through October](#)<sup>14</sup> In Riverside County the median selling price of \$599,000 was down 0.2% year-over-year and remains 3% below the \$614,500 high in April 2025. San Bernardino County's \$521,000 median was down 5% year-over-year, and 5% below the \$549,000 high in October 2024.

Housing activity in the Inland Empire has also been impacted by a combination of low inventory levels as it relates to homes for sale, and elevated mortgage rates. Home sales largely remain static, at 42,700 in 2025, up from 42,500 in 2024 and 41,600 in 2023. Unless there is a cut by the Fed to its fund rate, mortgage interest rates are likely to remain at or near 6%, adding continued pressure on static home sales, particularly when coupled with a limited supply of homes on the market and weak housing construction, both of which contribute to the erosion of affordability for housing.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.dailynews.com/2025/10/09/kaiser-laying-off-216-workers-deepening-tensions-amid-nurses-labor-talks/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.dailybulletin.com/2026/01/20/pomona-valley-hospital-plans-265-job-cuts/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2026/02/13/riverside-schools-ok-more-than-30-layoffs-notices-for-next-school-year/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2026/02/24/temecula-schools-ok-more-layoff-notices-this-time-for-12-support-employees/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2024/02/16/school-layoffs-about-49-alvord-school-employees-tentatively-cut/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/what-is-proposition-98-and-how-does-the-state-budget-shortfall-affect-it/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2025/12/23/inland-empire-homebuying-slumps-as-price-gains-shrink/>

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Grand Opening of Chaffey College’s New Library Building**

On Thursday, February 12, Mayor Dutrey attended the grand opening ceremony for Chaffey College’s new Library Learning Commons building. The program included an a cappella performance by the Chaffey College Chamber Choir and remarks from Superintendent/President Dr. Henry D. Shannon and Governing Board Trustee Gary Ovitt. The ceremony also featured a tribute to Troy Ament, Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services and Emergency Operations. Troy was also a former Montclair Fire Chief who retired from the fire service in 2012. Troy, who oversaw the Library Learning Commons project, passed away unexpectedly shortly after the project’s completion.



Mayor Dutrey & representatives from the offices of elected state and congressional officials present certificates to Superintendent/President Shannon.

The new 76,000-square-foot, three-story facility opened to students on January 12 for the Spring 2026 semester at the Rancho Cucamonga campus. The building includes a modern library, classrooms, collaborative study areas, and dedicated faculty support space. The \$75 million project was funded through the college’s Measure P bond program.

The Library Learning Commons represents a meaningful investment in educational resources for student success at Chaffey College.



The new Library Learning Commons, as seen from the northwest corner of the building.

- **New City Employees**

Welcome to the following new City employees:

- **Jorge Arreola**, Firefighter (Paramedic), Fire Department
- **Aaron Pearson**, Public Works Inspector, Public Works

- **Internal Appointments / Promotions**

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

- **Brandie Diaz**, Police Sergeant, 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:

- **Luz Cerda**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Aaliyah Hernandez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Lady Lopez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Elizabeth Luna**, Recreation Leader, Human Services
- **Nancy Naranjo-Garcia**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Carissa Peralta**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Christian Stevenson**, Associate Engineer, Public Works

- **Montclair Job Opportunities**

***Current Recruitments***

Applications are continuously accepted and reviewed for the following positions:

- Code Enforcement Officer – Community Development
- Data Entry Clerk (Part-Time) – Police Department

***Continuous Recruitments***

Applications are continuously accepted and reviewed for the following positions:

- Firefighter (Paramedic) (Entry-Level/Lateral) – Fire Department
- Police Officer (Entry-Level/Lateral) – Police Department
- Reserve Police Officer Level II and I (Part-Time) – Police Department
- Police Dispatcher (Entry-Level) – Police Department
- Senior Police Dispatcher (Lateral) – Police Department
- Police Cadet (Part-Time) – 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 and to apply, visit the City's Careers page at <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/employment-opportunities/>.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Hosted by Montclair PD**

The Battle of the Badges blood drive took place on Tuesday, February 24, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. The event offered a spirited and friendly competition in support of a great cause, drawing strong support from our community.

Thanks to that generosity, a total of 37 blood donations were collected throughout the event, making it a meaningful success. At the end of the day, it was a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to connect, enjoy the excitement, and take part in a valued community tradition.

Pictured below on the left is a photo of Dispatcher Efrain Hernandez donating blood, followed by a photo of Officer Robert Saldana and Lt. Rick Dominguez with Dispatcher Efrain Hernandez along with some fellow donors.



- **Coffee with a Cop**

The next opportunity for the community to have Coffee with a Cop is on Tuesday, March 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Applebee's. The event provides an opportunity for residents to engage directly with members of the police department in an informal, come-and-go setting. Community members are invited to stop in, enjoy a cup of coffee, and have open conversations with officers about local issues, neighborhood concerns, or general questions. The program continues to serve as a valuable outreach effort focused on transparency, communication, and strengthening relationships within the community.

A flyer for the event is shown on page 16.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Girl Scout Troop 4295 Pays A Visit**

On Thursday, February 5, 2026, the Montclair Fire Department welcomed Girl Scout Troop 4294 to the station as they worked toward earning their safety badges. During their visit, firefighters talked with the scouts about the important role they play in the community and what to do if they ever find themselves in an emergency. The girls enjoyed getting an up-close look at a fire engine, where they learned about several of the tools carried onboard and how they are used to help people during different types of emergency response calls. Firefighters also demonstrated their protective gear so the scouts could see what they look like in full equipment and understand that, even though they may look unfamiliar, firefighters are always there to help. The visit wrapped up with a tour of the station, giving the girls a glimpse into what daily life is like for firefighters while on-duty.

Pictured with Girl Scouts Troop 4294, from left to right, are Captain Dominic Mistretta, Fire Engineer Joseph O'Neil, Firefighter/Paramedic Leonardo Perez, Fire Engineer Derek Plant, and Firefighter/Paramedic Ricardo Flores.



- **Federal Community Project Funding**

In January the Montclair Fire Department received notice from Congresswoman Norma Torres's office that we will be awarded \$850,000 in federal Community Project Funding to support the future purchase of a new aerial ladder truck. An aerial ladder truck is a critical piece of firefighting equipment that allows crews to safely reach upper floors of buildings, perform rescues, and combat large structure fires more effectively. The department is currently working to finalize updated cost estimates and plans to move forward with the planning and acquisition of a new aerial ladder truck to continue enhancing public safety services for the community.

- **Equipment Improvements**

The Montclair Fire Department is also moving forward with an important equipment upgrade to enhance firefighter safety and emergency response capabilities. Through the reallocation of Homeland Security Grant funding, the department will be purchasing new thermal imaging cameras for our fire apparatus. These specialized cameras allow firefighters to see through smoke and low-visibility conditions, helping them quickly locate victims, identify hidden fire, and improve overall situational awareness during emergencies. This investment will strengthen the department's ability to respond more effectively while providing an added layer of safety for both firefighters and the community they serve.

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Save the Date for Upcoming Community Events and Programs!**

### **Masters of Montclair Art Show and Awards**

On Thursday, March 12, 2026, MAP will host its fifth annual Masters of Montclair Art Show and Awards, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Montclair Community Center. The theme “MAP Immersed” explores artistic methods from world-renowned artists and their masterpieces. An unveiling of students’ masterpieces will be on display that evening to be seen by their families and the community.

### **Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast**

The City's Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 4, 2026 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Alma Hofman Park. The Eggstravaganza will include games, activities, Easter eggs, and candy for children 10 years and younger. Children are invited to bring their own baskets from home to win candy filled eggs as game prizes.

The Easter Bunny will arrive and pose for photos (\$3 per photo or \$1 to take your own photo, cash only). The pancake breakfast provided by the Ontario-Montclair Kiwanis Club, will be offered for \$5 per plate (cash only), and will include 2 pancakes, 2 sausages, and orange juice while supplies last.

An event flyer is shared on page 17.

### **Memorial Day Program**

Join us on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for the Community Activities Commission’s 26th Annual Memorial Day Program. The Program will be held in the Memorial Garden, adjacent to City Hall. More event details will be announced soon.

### **Country Fair Jamboree**

Save the date for the 12th Annual Country Fair Jamboree on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Alma Hofman Park. Event details will be announced soon. The event flyer is shared on page 18.

For information on special events, please contact Jordi Ubaldo, Community Services Supervisor, at (909) 625-9489. For vendor and sponsorship information, please call the Montclair Chamber of Commerce at (909) 985-5104.

- **Recap of January & February Human Services Activities**

### **Montclair After-School Program (MAP) Activities**

In January 2026, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle* by David Saltzman, MAP students read the book and completed weeklong enrichment activities that helped them learn to explore joy, kindness, emotions, and how characters change throughout a story. David Saltzman wrote and illustrated *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle* as his senior project at Yale University, hoping its hopeful message would comfort children facing

serious challenges before he passed away from Hodgkin's disease in 1990. Thanks to a generous donation from David's mother, Barbara Saltzman, and The Jester & Pharley Phund, each MAP class received a copy of David Saltzman's book *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle* and a Jester & Pharley doll. A photo collage of MAP moments is shared on page 19.

On January 29, 2026, the Ontario-Montclair After-School Program (MAP) crowned a new champion for the Montclair Athletic Conference Flag Football League. MAP teams from Buena Vista, Elderberry, Kingsley, Lehigh, Monte Vista and Ramona competed in a five-game season and playoffs to determine a champion for the 2025 OMAC Flag Football League. Congratulations to the Lehigh Lions! Thank you to all the players and coaches for a great flag football season.

On January 30, 2026, MAP participated in Career Day hosted at Monta Vista. MAP Supervisor Darrell Hickey and MAP Coordinators Emanuel Gutierrez and John Sio set up a booth and spoke to students about the various career opportunities at the City of Montclair.



- **Healthy Montclair**

The Cultivating Wellness classes continue to engage community members through hands-on gardening and healthy cooking activities. Classes are held every other Wednesday at the Montclair Senior Center. The next class will be held March 4, 2026, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Senior Center registration is required to participate.

In addition to spending time learning Healthy Montclair also provides time for physical activity, the Walk and Talk Club meet every Thursday from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. on the North side of Sunset Park. During this club, participants walk or stroll along the perimeter of the park

together. Participants of all ages are welcome to attend. The Walk and Talk Club may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Healthy Montclair program photos are shared on page 20.

For more information on Healthy Montclair, contact Health Education Specialist Letty Gavilanes at (909) 625-9485 or email [lgavilanes@montclairca.gov](mailto:lgavilanes@montclairca.gov).

- **Montclair Youth Center (MYC) Activities**

### **Superbowl Party**

The Montclair Youth Center and Montclair After School Program (Vernon Middle School) hosted their annual Super Bowl Party on Friday, February 6, 2026. Over seventy students attended and enjoyed an afternoon of fun, food, and friendly competition. The event featured a flag football game at Alma Hofman Park, where participants showcased teamwork and sportsmanship. Attendees also took part in a “Dip-Off” cooking contest and enjoyed live music performed by Serrano Middle School student Adam Garcia, a talented punk rock guitarist. Adam provided entertainment during the opening ceremony of the football game as well as throughout the party. Students participated in tailgate-style games on the Youth Center’s patio, earning tickets for opportunity drawings. Refreshments included nachos, fresh vegetables, and beverages. The celebration concluded with an opportunity drawing, where winners received football-themed memorabilia and all-access passes to Bullwinkle’s in Upland. The Super Bowl Party was a great success, bringing youth together for an engaging and memorable event.

### **Relationship Roadmaps: Healthy Relationships 101 Workshop**

On Tuesday, February 10, 2026, the City of Montclair and the OMSD Health and Wellness Services Department hosted a free Relationship Roadmaps: Healthy Relationships 101 workshop at the Montclair Youth Center for over twenty middle and high school students. During the workshop, students explored the foundations of building healthy relationships with friends, family members, and peers. The workshop featured interactive and engaging activities designed to help students strengthen their understanding of healthy relationship dynamics and effectively navigate conflict.

### **Valentine’s Day Bash**

Montclair Youth Center hosted a Valentine’s Bash on Friday, February 12, 2026. Participants enjoyed a variety of festive activities, including creating their own heart-shaped pizzas, singing karaoke, and taking part in a Valentine’s Day–themed Family Feud game. The event provided a fun and engaging environment for youth to celebrate the holiday while building friendships and community connections. Photos from the events are shared on page 21.

For more information on MYC, please contact Recreation Coordinator Emily Gomez-Medina at (909) 625-9482 or email [egmedina@montclairca.gov](mailto:egmedina@montclairca.gov).

- **Youth and Adult Sports Leagues**

- Youth Basketball League – Winter 2026**

- The Winter Basketball League is in full swing, and it has been an exciting season across all divisions!

- On Saturday, February 7, 2026, following our Youth Basketball League games, our much-anticipated Coaches Game took place, with players cheering on their coaches during a fun yet fierce matchup.

- On Saturday, February 14, 2026, players added extra energy and personality to the gym by wearing their wildest and wackiest socks for our Crazy Socks themed game day. Now the competition heats up as the Youth Basketball League Playoffs begin on Saturday, February 28, 2026, and we look forward to a thrilling postseason filled with teamwork, sportsmanship, and unforgettable moments.

- Adult Volleyball League – Winter 2026**

- The Adult Volleyball League kicked off the winter season with its first games on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, and has already reached the halfway point of the season. Teams are competing at a high level and showing great teamwork each week. As the regular season continues, players are preparing for an exciting postseason, with playoffs scheduled to take place on March 26. Registration for the spring league begins on Monday, March 2, 2026 through Friday, March 27, 2026.

- Adult Basketball League – Winter 2026**

- The Men’s Basketball League tipped off its winter season on Thursday, January 8, 2026, and has now reached the halfway point, with teams battling fiercely on the court each week. The level of competition continues to rise as players push toward the postseason, and excitement is building for the playoffs scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Registration for the spring league begins on Monday, March 2, through Friday, March 27, 2026.

- For more information on any sports leagues, contact Recreation Coordinator Randy Franklin at (909) 625-9481 or email [rfranklin@montclairca.gov](mailto:rfranklin@montclairca.gov)

- **Recap of Montclair Senior Center Activities**

- Super Bowl Social**

- On Thursday, February 5, 2026, over twenty-five participants enjoyed a spirited Super Bowl Social from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., where they gathered with friends to celebrate and kick off the excitement before Sunday’s big game. The afternoon featured football-themed festivities, light refreshments, and plenty of team spirit. Guests enjoyed light refreshments and took part in lively games and competed for fun prizes while cheering on their favorite teams. The half-time show included a live line dancing demonstration by instructor George Messina and spirited performances from our regular karaoke singers, adding even more energy and entertainment. Many attendees showed their spirit by wearing their favorite team colors, making the event a memorable and festive experience for all.

## **Fantasy Springs Casino Excursion**

On Thursday, February 12, 2026, over fifty participants enjoyed an exciting excursion to Fantasy Springs Casino, where they experienced an afternoon of local gaming and delicious dining. The outing was led by volunteer Ann Moreno, who ensured everyone had a fun and memorable time. Photos are shared on page 22

## • **Upcoming Montclair Senior Excursions**

Enjoy a day trip excursion with the Montclair Senior Citizens Club! Come mingle and make some new friends. These excursions are a wonderful way to explore new places, enjoy great company, and make lasting memories. All excursion prices include admission and transportation. Any additional amenities will be specified in advance. Please make checks payable to: Montclair Senior Citizens Club.

### ➤ **Downtown Palm Springs**

**Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2026

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$30 (Lunch not Included) You will have time to enjoy lunch at one of the on-site restaurants or grab a quick bite from the one of the casual dining options.

**Activity level:** Easy

**Registration:** February 2, 2026 to Monday, March 9, 2026 or when capacity is reached.

### ➤ **Grand Central Market & Griffith Observatory**

Thursday, May 14, 2026; 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

You will have time to enjoy lunch at one of the on-site restaurants or grab a quick bite from the one of the casual dining options.

**Fee:** \$30 (Lunch not Included)

**Activity level:** Active (Trip includes walking and stair climbing)

**Registration:** April 1, 2026 to Monday, May 11, 2026 or when capacity is reached.

### ➤ **The Getty Villa & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Promenade**

**Date:** Thursday, April 9, 2026

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Fee:** \$30 (Lunch not Included) You will have time to enjoy lunch at one of the on-site restaurants or grab a quick bite from the one of the casual dining options. Attractions available within walking distance: Ancient Art Collection, Architecture and Gardens, Shopping and Dining, and Vibrant Atmosphere.

**Activity level:** Easy

**Registration:** March 2, 2026 to Monday, April 6, 2026 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.

## **Free Tax Services from AARP & San Bernardino County**

The Senior Center will be hosting free tax services provided by AARP & San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department (TAD).

Volunteers from AARP will be assisting with filing income taxes at the Montclair Senior Center every Tuesday from February 3 until April 14, 2026, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Sign-ups in person and it is at first come, first serve basis. Sign-up sheets will be provided when the Senior Center opens at 8:00 a.m. the day of each session.

San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department Tax preparation services will be available at the Montclair Senior Center from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. on the following dates: February 27, March 13 and 18, and April 3, 2026.

To make an appointment please contact the TAD office at (877) 410-8829. Walk-ins are welcome.

## **Upcoming Senior Center Activities (RSVP required for all activities)**

- **Senior Tech Time**  
Tuesday, February 24; 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Senior Center Birthday Party; Theme: Valentine's Day**  
Wednesday, February 25; 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **St. Patrick's Day Dance**  
Tuesday, March 17; 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$2.00 for Senior Citizen Club Members and \$10.00 for non-Club members.
- **Senior Center Birthday Party; Theme: Luck of the Irish**  
Wednesday, March 25; 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **Senior Tech Time**  
Tuesday, March 31; 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For a complete list of upcoming senior activities, to RSVP for events, and for more information, please see the Montclair Senior Newsletter at [www.cityofmontclair.org/senior-newsletter](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/senior-newsletter) or call (909) 625-9483.

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# March 2026

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event &amp; Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Mon. <b>2</b>	<b>City Council Special Meeting – Midyear Budget Review</b> Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
	<b>City Council Meeting</b> Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wed. <b>4</b>	<b>Community Activities Commission Meeting</b> Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>9</b>	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>16</b>	<b>Economic Development Committee Meeting</b> Council Chambers	5:30 p.m.
	<b>Code Enforcement/ Public Safety Committee</b> Theater Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
	<b>City Council Meeting</b> Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. <b>19</b>	<b>Monthly Food Distribution</b> Montclair Community Center	9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
	<b>Public Works Committee Meeting</b> Theater Room	4:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>23</b>	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wed. <b>25</b>	<b>Senior Mobile Pantry</b> Recreation Center Patio	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Sat. – Sun. <b>28 – 29</b>	<b>Free Montclair Chamber of Commerce E-Waste Event</b> Parking Lot at Alma Hofman Park	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 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/](http://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/.



**MONTCLAIR POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

# **COFFEE WITH A COP**

**Tuesday March 10, 11am-3pm**

Join your neighbors and police officers for  
coffee and conversation!

Ask questions, voice concerns and get to know  
the officers who protect and serve your  
community

Coffee is Sponsored By  
**APPLEBEES**



9241 Monte Vista Ave,  
Montclair, CA 91763



**JOIN US!**

**FAMILY FUN!**



\$3 PHOTO,  
\$1 using own camera  
(cash only)



**FREE**  
CANDY-FILLED  
EASTER EGGS  
AND TREATS  
for children ages  
10 and under, while  
supplies last



**\$5 BREAKFAST**  
2 Pancakes, 2 Sausages, and  
1 Juice, while supplies last  
(cash only)

**Alma Hofman  
Park**  
5201 Benito St., Montclair

**IMPORTANT:**  
Please bring your own bag  
or basket to collect eggs  
and treats at the event



and an opportunity drawing  
for a large Easter Basket for  
children ages 3-10

For more event information please call: (909) 625-9479



**MONTCLAIR  
FIRE FIGHTERS  
ASSOCIATION**



12<sup>th</sup>  
Annual

# Country Fair

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

JAMBOREE

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

12-6 PM

ALMA HOFMAN PARK  
5201 BENITO ST., MONTCLAIR



**FUN CONTESTS  
FOR ALL AGES**

PRESALE CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE AT  
SELECT LOCATIONS. VISIT WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION.



[WWW.CITYOFMONTCLAIR.ORG/COUNTRYFAIRJAMBOREE](http://WWW.CITYOFMONTCLAIR.ORG/COUNTRYFAIRJAMBOREE)

FOR MORE EVENT  
INFORMATION CALL

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FOR VENDOR AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION  
CALL THE MONTCLAIR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**(909) 985-5104**



# MAP Moments January 2026

## The Jester Lost His Jingle



## Career Fair





**CULTIVATING WELLNESS**  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



*Recipe:*  
**Lentil Soup with California  
Dates and Spinach**



**Walk and Talk Club**  
Thursday, February 12, 2026





# MONTCLAIR YOUTH CENTER

February Activities

## MYC & MAP Vernon Super Bowl Party Friday, February 6, 2026



## OMSD Health & Wellness Services Department Presents Relationship Roadmaps Healthy Relationships 101 Tuesday, February 10, 2026



## Valentine's Bash Friday, February 13, 2026



# Montclair Senior Center

February 5, 2026

## Super Bowl Social



# Fantasy Springs Casino

February 12, 2026

