



**DATE:** July 19, 2021  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Edward C. Starr, City Manager

## **CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2021**

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

- **Gold Line Extension to Montclair – Funding Update**

Last week, the City of Montclair transmitted a letter to the office of Governor Gavin Newsom, requesting his support of a proposed budget trailer bill appropriation of \$540.5 million to complete the Foothill Gold Line light rail extension project to the cities of Claremont and Montclair – the Project has been renamed the "L" Line, but the Gold Line is still the commonly-used Project name. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti also announced his support for extending the Project to Montclair.

The proposed \$540.5 million trailer bill appropriation, together with funding from the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), would allow the Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority to complete the final leg of the Project from Pomona to Claremont and Montclair, achieving one of the major projects listed in Los Angeles County Transportation Authority's (Metro) Twenty-Eight by '28 initiative. Completing these 28 major transportation and transit projects by 2028 when the Los Angeles area hosts the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games would serve as testimony to the generational outcomes that can be achieved when the State and regional partners collaboratively participate. In Los Angeles County the Twenty-Eight by '28 initiative projects are supported with funding from Measure M (a countywide transportation sales tax initiative); and in San Bernardino County the Gold Line extension to Montclair is supported with funding from Measure I (a countywide transportation sales tax initiative) and other funding sources.

Funding for the Gold Line extension to Montclair must be completed no later than early September to provide the Gold Line Construction Authority ample time to complete funding agreements with the Project's contractor by October 7, 2021. The contract, awarded to Kiewit-Parsons approximately two years ago, includes a set price to complete the Project to the Montclair Transcenter. The Construction Authority must exercise the Pomona to Montclair Option by the October 7 date or the project would have to be rebid as a separate project and

would likely result in increased costs due to labor and construction costs — the cost of steel, lumber and other building materials increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, although the prices of some commodities, particularly lumber, have dropped back down.

The Construction Authority and Metro must also complete a reimbursement agreement with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA).

Engineering and construction for extension from Pomona to Montclair includes relocation of Metrolink tracks and laying temporary tracks for Metrolink and freight operations; demolishing and relocating the existing Metrolink station in Claremont and constructing new Gold Line stations in Claremont and Montclair (the Montclair Metrolink station would be expanded to accommodate the Gold Line station); and erecting light rail bridges over Monte Vista Avenue, Garey Avenue, Towne Avenue and Indian Hill Boulevard at a cost of approximately \$30 million for each bridge.

Extension of the Gold Line is supported by approximately 15 regional state legislators representing the San Gabriel Valley and western San Bernardino County. The legislators, mostly from the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus,” are making a concerted push for the State Legislature to allocate \$540 million to [close the funding gap](#)<sup>1</sup> and extend the light-rail line from Pomona to Montclair. The work would complete a 12.3-mile extension of the line currently [under construction from Azusa to Pomona](#)<sup>2</sup>.

State legislators sent a letter to chairs of the Senate and Assembly budget committees requesting that state surplus dollars be used to finance completion of the Gold Line to Montclair. In May 2021, Governor Newsom committed approximately \$5.3 billion of the State's \$79 billion budget surplus for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to transit projects. State lawmakers who signed the letter include Senator Susan Rubio and Assembly Members Freddie Rodriguez, Chris Holden, Blanca Rubio and Ed Chau. The cities of Montclair and Claremont joined in the effort.

Assembly Member Chris Holden, who is a leading proponent of the Gold Line extension to Montclair, gained support from labor groups and Los Angeles County Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis. The project is projected to generate 17,000 jobs according to the Construction Authority.

The extension to Montclair has a completion date of 2028; however, the extension from Azusa to Pomona is one year ahead of schedule and is expected to provide fare service in early 2025. A separate study conducted by Metro indicates the Gold Line will achieve significant ridership gains, particularly out of Montclair, with projected ridership at approximately 8,500 daily boardings by 2042 based on headway improvements. The Metrolink San Bernardino Line is also projected to realize an increase in daily boardings, indicating that the Gold Line

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dailybulletin.com/2019/09/01/550-million-price-tag-for-the-gold-line-to-claremont-and-montclair/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.dailybulletin.com/2019/08/08/gold-line-foothill-extension-receives-126-million-enough-to-complete-the-line-to-pomona/>

does not represent a threat to Metrolink ridership despite the fact that both rail services will operate out of Pomona, Claremont and Montclair.

At the federal level, Congresswoman Norma Torres [pushed to include the Gold Line Extension Project in the Biden-Harris Administration's infrastructure plan](#)<sup>3</sup>. The Project would, however, need federal certification under NEPA, which would add further delay and costs.

Extending light rail to Montclair achieves a secondary outcome that complies with the Governor's initiative to build high-density residential and affordable housing near major transit hubs. The Montclair Transcenter functions as a major multimodal transit hub along the Metrolink San Bernardino Line. Extending light rail to the Montclair Transcenter greatly expands public transit routes to the region, and encourages Montclair's ongoing efforts to construct eight thousand to ten thousand residential units within one-half mile of the Transcenter.

Since 2006, the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan has called for higher-density housing around the Montclair Transcenter, with the expectation that the Gold Line would be completed to the City. Several high-density housing projects have already been completed, including the Paseos Luxury Apartment, Arrow station, and the Alexan-Kendry. The Village at Montclair, a 360-unit mixed-use development is expected to enter its construction phase by early 2022. Other housing projects are also in the planning stage.

Light rail service to the Montclair Transcenter would also complement the multi-modal facility's bus and Metrolink commuter rail service. Greyhound is also expected to locate service out of the Transcenter. The Montclair Place District Specific Plan, approved last December, also includes housing as a major component for future development.

- **West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit Line**

This past March, Congress passed the \$1.9 trillion [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#)<sup>4</sup>, providing \$30.5 billion in COVID-19 emergency relief funding to the public transit industry and \$1.7 billion for Amtrak. The [American Public Transportation Association](#)<sup>5</sup> (APTA) said that the legislation is critical to helping public transit agencies during the pandemic and beyond.

In June 2021, the [Federal Transit Administration](#)<sup>6</sup> (FTA) allocated \$250 million included in the Act toward 22 transit projects in 13 states. The plan specifies that the \$250 million would be distributed to Small Starts projects in the Capital Investments Grant (CIG) program that previously received a CIG funding allocation from the FTA, or that are in the Project Development phase of the CIG program. The Act further specifies that the funding does not

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sbsun.com/2021/04/09/could-light-rail-to-montclair-find-a-spot-in-bidens-infrastructure-plan/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bills/117/congress/house-bills/1319/text>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.metro-magazine.com/10132555/apta-industry-urge-congress-to-save-public-transit>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.metro-magazine.com/10141741/fta-makes-10m-available-for-tod-planning>

count toward statutory federal or CIG funding limitations, but rather is meant to assist project sponsors with their local match.

In California, the one Small Starts Project under construction to receive allocations from the American Rescue Plan includes:

- \$21.9 million for San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit Project

Also in California, the Small Starts Projects in project development to receive allocations from the American Rescue Plan includes:

- \$26.1 million for San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit Project

Paralleling the Interstate-10 Freeway, the West Valley Connector (WVC) Project, a 100% zero-emission Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System, will become part of the growing network of transit services in the West Valley (the most congested corridor in San Bernardino County), providing riders with direct connectivity to the Metrolink San Bernardino Line at the Rancho Cucamonga transit center and the Metrolink Riverside Line at the Pomona Downtown Transit Center.

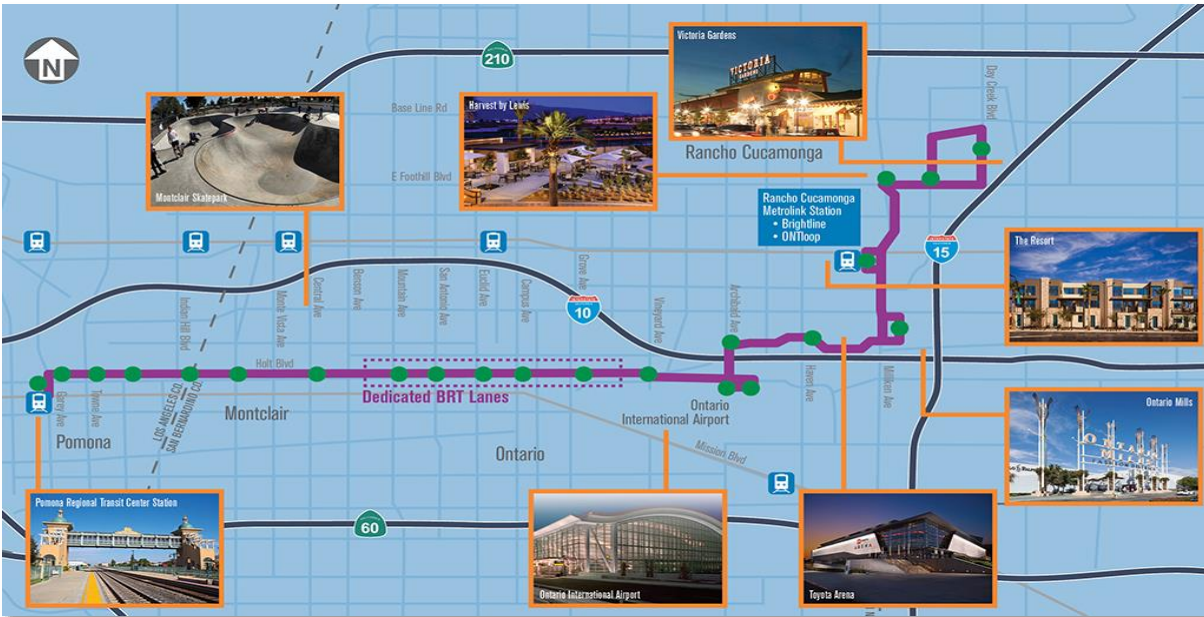
Other Valley-related transit projects intended to improve transit connectivity and accessibility include the proposed Gold Line light rail extension to the Montclair Transcenter, Redlands Passenger Rail/Arrow System (featuring the first zero-emission passenger train in North America), a proposed underground tunnel connecting the Rancho Cucamonga Transit Center to ONT, and a proposed high-speed rail line from Las Vegas to the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink Station.

Phase I of the WVC Project is 19 miles long and will upgrade a portion of existing Route 61 which runs along Holt Boulevard through Pomona, Montclair, and Ontario, adding approximately 3.5 miles as center running, dedicated bus-only lanes. Phase 1 will also feature 21 stations (including 2 stations in Montclair); the purchase of 40-foot zero-emission buses; and improved bus transit connection to Ontario International Airport (ONT), Ontario Convention Center, civic centers (Ontario, Montclair, and Pomona), educational centers, employment hubs, healthcare services, and other activity centers along the route. Headways will be 10 minutes in the peak commute period and 15 minutes off-peak.

The City of Montclair will explore future grant opportunities to provide shuttle connections between Montclair's WVC stations and North Montclair, including the Montclair Transcenter and Montclair Place.

Earlier this year, the WVCA Project received an \$86.75 million grant from the FTA through the FTA's CIG Small Starts program, funding an estimated one-third of the WVC's estimated \$262.67 million Phase One capital cost. Combined with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding, the WVC Project has now received \$112.8 million from the Biden-Harris Administration.

### WVC Route



The above image shows the WVC route when both Phase 1 (Pomona to ONT) and Phase 2 (ONT to Victoria Gardens) are completed.

- **CalPERS Investment Report**

Riding a stock market surge, the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) [on Monday reported](https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article244249587.html)<sup>7</sup> a 21.3% net return for the 2020-21 fiscal year, well over the giant public employee pension fund's 7% target. As of June 30, 2021, CalPERS controls more than \$469 billion in assets (a record high), posting an \$80 billion gain for this past year. The high rate represents a [major improvement over below-target returns of the last two years](https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article244249587.html)<sup>8</sup>.

Last year's high return was reportedly driven by a 43.8% gain in private equity investments and a 36.3% gain in stocks. CalPERS investment officials have emphasized that the kinds of gains the system made last year aren't likely to be repeated. The prices of stocks, real estate and other assets are high right now, leaving less room for growth. CalPERS is also making periodic adjustments to its investment strategies, [weighing more risk and new investments](https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article244249587.html)<sup>9</sup> in private equity and direct lending.

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article244249587.html>  
<sup>8</sup> <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article244249587.html>  
<sup>9</sup> <https://www.sacbee.com/article251501608.html>

Despite the positive earnings report — its overall funded status increased from 71% to 82% — CalPERS is still underfunded but its outlook has now improved. Furthermore, some agency members will have to pay more as a result of the gains.

For the first time, the high return triggers automatic changes under a risk mitigation policy adopted in 2015. The policy aims to force the retirement system to use short-term gains to reduce risks by shifting assets into less volatile categories of investments. The new risk mitigation policy also mandates that CalPERS reduce its annual investment target to 6.8% from 7%. A reduction to the rate CalPERS expects to earn from its portfolio typically forces cities and other government agencies to pay more to fund retirement plans for their workers.

In addition, some public employees hired after 2013 may have to contribute up to one-half percent more of their pay toward their pensions due to risk mitigation. Employees must split annual pension contributions with their employers under the [2013 Public Employees' Pension Reform Act](#)<sup>10</sup> (PEPRA).

- **OMSD Back in Session**

The Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) has announced that it will be returning to in-person instruction on August 9, 2021, at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. All campuses and facilities will be fully open to welcome back administrators, faculty and students.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) have yet to issue final rules related to the reopening of K-12 campuses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In alignment with updated reopening guidance, OMSD will continue updating its [School Reopening & Safety Plan](#)<sup>11</sup>.

The City of Montclair congratulates OMSD administrators, faculty and students in coping with the pandemic and school closures in a way that ensured each student would continue to receive their education and not fall behind in their personal academic pursuits. For additional information and to follow OMSD's reopening plans please visit the OMSD website at [www.omsd.net](http://www.omsd.net).

- **Child Tax Credit**

Beginning July 15, 2021, more than 187,000 Inland Empire families will automatically receive Monthly Child Tax Credit Payments of up to \$300 per child. Nationwide, roughly 39 million households, covering almost 90 percent of children in the United States, will begin getting this tax relief automatically.

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article227110584.html>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.omsd.net/cms/lib/CA02204858/Centricity/Domain/4/RTS%20-%20Updated%20for%20Public%20042821.pdf>

### *What is the Child Tax Credit?*

The child tax credit is a benefit granted to individuals or families for each qualifying dependent child. The benefit has been increased from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for children younger than 6 and \$3,000 a year for children ages of 6 to 17.

### *Who is eligible for payments?*

The full Child Tax Credit will be provided to parents or guardians making under \$75,000 and married parents filing jointly who make under \$150,000 a year. Families will be able to determine their eligibility, check the status of their payments, and more at [IRS.gov/childtaxcredit2021](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit2021).<sup>12</sup>

### *How will payment be received?*

If a parent has already filed a 2020 federal income tax return and has at least one eligible child, no action is necessary. Payments will be sent by direct deposit if on file with the IRS or by paper checks or debit cards.

If a current tax filing has not been completed, but a family is eligible, a tax filer can sign up via the [IRS Non-Filers Tool](#).<sup>13</sup> The following information is required:

- A reliable mailing address
- E-mail address
- Child's/Children's Social Security Numbers
- Filer's Social Security Number (or ITIN)
- Filer's bank account information (if payment by direct deposit is desired)

### *What is the timeline for payments?*

Monthly payments will be sent out starting July 15, 2021. For those receiving the full credit, payments will be \$300 per month for children under the age of 6 and \$250 per month for those between the ages of 6 and 17. The remainder of the Child Tax Credit will be included in a filer's 2021 taxes.

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>

## *Beware of Child Tax Credit Scams*

The IRS urges everyone to be on the lookout for scams related to both Advance Child Tax Credit payments and Economic Impact Payments. The IRS emphasized that the only way to get either of these benefits is by either filing a tax return with the IRS or registering online through the Non-filer Sign-up tool, exclusively on IRS.gov. Any other option is a scam.

- **Water and Energy Conservation Efforts Increasing in California**

With the vast majority of the state gripped by extreme dryness, Governor Gavin Newsom on Thursday of last week asked all Californians to voluntarily cut their water use by 15%.

In a pair of emergency orders the governor also added nine more counties to the list of those covered by his emergency declaration from two months ago, making the drought official in 50 of the state's 58 counties — essentially, everywhere except San Francisco and urban Southern California. The orders represent the broadest acknowledgment yet of the severity and widening footprint of the drought. Extending the emergency to a broader area makes it easier for the State Water Resources Control Board to cut off water rights to farmers who pull water from rivers and streams.

Former Governor Jerry Brown instituted [25% mandatory cutbacks](#)<sup>14</sup> on urban Californians in 2015, during the last drought — after his call for voluntary reductions fell well short of goals set a year earlier. Governor Newsom has said he may impose mandatory restrictions if California suffers through another dry winter.

Some [lawmakers](#)<sup>15</sup> representing hard hit regions of the state argue that the current severe drought may require specific instructions to relevant state agencies to prioritize human welfare and food production over other water usage needs.

Concurrent with drought conditions, the current heat wave is breaking high-temperature records up and down the State. On Friday, Death Valley hit 130 degrees — just four degrees shy of the hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth — in 1913, in the town of Furnace Creek, California, a weather observation post at the Death Valley town's Greenland Ranch (now Furnace Creek Ranch) recorded a peak temperature of 134 degrees — just one degree less than its thermometer was capable of measuring.

The heat wave could also put California at risk of [another round of rolling blackouts](#)<sup>16</sup>. Although a state agency last year [voted to keep four controversial gas-powered plants running](#)<sup>17</sup> to

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<sup>14</sup> <https://account.sacbee.com/paywall/registration?resume=17115506>

<sup>15</sup> [https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2021/04/drought-emergency-california-newsom/?mc\\_cid=963c1cec5e&mc\\_eid=4181c00a62](https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2021/04/drought-emergency-california-newsom/?mc_cid=963c1cec5e&mc_eid=4181c00a62)

<sup>16</sup> [https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2021/05/california-rolling-blackouts-energy/?mc\\_cid=963c1cec5e&mc\\_eid=4181c00a62](https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2021/05/california-rolling-blackouts-energy/?mc_cid=963c1cec5e&mc_eid=4181c00a62)

<sup>17</sup> [https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2020/10/why-california-rolling-blackouts/?mc\\_cid=963c1cec5e&mc\\_eid=4181c00a62](https://calmatters.org/newsletters/whatmatters/2020/10/why-california-rolling-blackouts/?mc_cid=963c1cec5e&mc_eid=4181c00a62)



stave off future energy shortfalls, [three of the four plants broke down](#)<sup>18</sup> as temperatures skyrocketed in June.

The heat wave also represent [an increased fire danger](#)<sup>19</sup>. California [has already seen nearly 4,000 wildfires](#)<sup>20</sup> this year — up from around 3,300 during the same period last year.

[State officials are also warning](#)<sup>21</sup> that the current intense heat wave may contribute to the kill off of “nearly all” juvenile members of an endangered salmon species as Sacramento River temperatures rise.

Governor Newsom announced a proposed \$5.1 billion investment for drought preparedness, infrastructure and response to ensure a more climate resilient system. The Governor directed state agencies to “identify unspent funds that can be repurposed to enable projects to address drought impacts to people, ecosystems and economic activities. The Legislature has already approved about \$2.4 billion in new funding for water and drought-related projects, and legislators are talking with the Governor’s office about proposals to add \$2 billion more to the budget.

- **Monte Vista Water District: Water *You* Doing?**

The Water Conservation Act of 2009 established an urban water use reduction target of 20% by 2020. Monte Vista Water District (MVWD) recently announced that customers not only met that target, but exceeded expectations by an additional 20%.

MVWD's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan compares current water use with historical averages as required by state law. In the late 1990s and early 2000s MVWD customers, on average, used approximately 209 gallons of water per person per day with a target of reducing per person daily use to 167 gallons by 2020. District customers, however, reduced average daily water use to 124 gallons in 2020, the lowest water use average per person in the west end of San Bernardino County.

Over the last 14 years, MVWD launched a number of programs to assist with educating customers on water conservation practices. In 2007, the District launched the “Watch the Water” campaign to inform customers about the serious nature of the state’s water supply challenges, emphasizing the importance of environmental stewardship by pointing to the simple things water users can do to “watch” their water use.

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<sup>18</sup> [https://www.politico.com/states/california/story/2021/06/30/old-clunkers-california-power-plants-break-down-during-heat-wave-1387507?utm\\_id=32776&sfmc\\_id=1845983&mc\\_cid=963c1cec5e&mc\\_eid=4181c00a62](https://www.politico.com/states/california/story/2021/06/30/old-clunkers-california-power-plants-break-down-during-heat-wave-1387507?utm_id=32776&sfmc_id=1845983&mc_cid=963c1cec5e&mc_eid=4181c00a62)

<sup>19</sup> [https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-07-07/southern-california-heat-wave-fire-danger?mc\\_cid=963c1cec5e&mc\\_eid=4181c00a62](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-07-07/southern-california-heat-wave-fire-danger?mc_cid=963c1cec5e&mc_eid=4181c00a62)

<sup>20</sup> [https://www.fire.ca.gov/stats-events/?mc\\_cid=963c1cec5e&mc\\_eid=4181c00a62](https://www.fire.ca.gov/stats-events/?mc_cid=963c1cec5e&mc_eid=4181c00a62)

<sup>21</sup> [https://www.sacbee.com/news/california/water-and-drought/article252650328.html?mc\\_cid=963c1cec5e&mc\\_eid=4181c00a62](https://www.sacbee.com/news/california/water-and-drought/article252650328.html?mc_cid=963c1cec5e&mc_eid=4181c00a62)

In 2010, MVWD established budget-based tiered water rates for single-family residential customers, incentivizing customers to save water by charging the lowest rates for efficient indoor and outdoor water needs.

In 2016, the District launched the "Water You Doing?" campaign to emphasize practical water use habits.

Once again, California is facing drought conditions, with State officials urging Californians to cut water use by 15% to meet water supply challenges.

Due to sound planning and major infrastructure investments, Southern California water agencies, including MVWD, are well-prepared for 2021's critically dry conditions. The District has a diverse water supply portfolio as well as a significant quantity of water stored in the local groundwater basin. MVWD routinely evaluates future water supply needs, calculating in factors such as population growth, climate change and other relevant factors. With the help of customers doing their part to conserve and protect stored water supplies, MVWD project that it has the capacity to meet the community's water needs over the next decade.

For more conservation resources and information on MVWD's water saving programs, the District invites visits to [www.mvwd.org](http://www.mvwd.org).

- **Ninth Circuit Decision in *City of Portland, et al v. United States* Stands as Supreme Court Denies Review**

In late June the United States Supreme Court confirmed that it will not review the Ninth Circuit's [decision](#)<sup>22</sup> in *City of Portland, et al v. United States*. The Ninth Circuit's decision was largely positive for local governments in California because it struck down aspects of the Federal Communications Commission's small cell order that limited cities' ability to regulate the location and design of small cell wireless facilities.

Unfortunately, there were other parts of the Portland decision that were not-so-positive for cities; for example, the decision upheld aspects of the small cell order that limit the fees and ongoing rent that cities can charge for wireless facilities in the public right-of-way.

A coalition of local governments and supportive associations — including the League of California Cities — joined a [petition](#)<sup>23</sup> seeking U.S. Supreme Court review of the Ninth Circuit's Portland decision, but with the Supreme Court's denial of the petition the Ninth Circuit's decision stands.

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<sup>22</sup> <https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2020/08/12/18-72689.pdf>

<sup>23</sup> [https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/20/20-1354/172634/20210322175100431\\_City%20of%20Portland%20v%20FCC%20Petition%20for%20Writ%20of%20Certiorari.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/20/20-1354/172634/20210322175100431_City%20of%20Portland%20v%20FCC%20Petition%20for%20Writ%20of%20Certiorari.pdf)

- **Planning and Community Activities Commission Appointments**

At the conclusion of his four-year term on the Planning Commission, Mr. Barry Rowley decided not to apply for reappointment. I, along with the City Council, Planning Commissioners, and staff thank Mr. Rowley for his service to the City and for his leadership as Chair on the Planning Commission for the past two years, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

At a Special Meeting held on June 30th, the City Council re-appointed Mr. Manny Martinez and appointed a new Commissioner, Mr. Krishna Patel, to serve on the Planning Commission through June 30, 2025.

At the same meeting, all three Community Activities Commissioners whose terms were expiring were re-appointed: Mr. Arturo Padilla, Ms. Diane Wells, and Mr. Edwin Alexander Hernandez. Their prior terms were set to expire in 2020 but were extended one year due to COVID-19. Their new terms will expire June 30, 2024.

Congratulations to Commissioners Martinez, Patel, Padilla, Wells, and Hernandez!

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- **The Alexan Kendry – Montclair Wins Gold!**

The Alexan Kendry residential community, located on Monte Vista Avenue just south of Arrow Highway, is the 2021 Gold Nugget Grand Award Winner for Multi-Family Community, awarded by the Pacific Coast Builders Conference (PCBC). The Gold Nugget Awards recognizes outstanding architectural design and planning achievements in more than 60 building categories, including mixed-use, affordable housing, educational, special use, and more. This year's annual competition elicited more than 600 entries from around the world.

The Alexan Kendry residential community was completed in 2020 and was built by Trammell Crow Residential with its design provided by the Architecture Design Collaborative. The project design took cues from the early 1900s, an era characterized by citrus orchards and farming decorations. According to the PCBC Gold Nugget Winners Book, "...the panel of judges admired the project's façade, its use of color, and the project's site plan on an L-shaped site that considers the pedestrian experience." Alexan Kendry is one of the four recently completed projects in the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan contributing to the ongoing renaissance occurring in North Montclair.

Congratulations to Trammel Crow Residential!

A photo of the Alexan Kendry development is shown on the following page.

**MULTI-FAMILY COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR – UP TO 4 STORIES**



Alexan Kendry in Montclair, California, takes cues from its history. In the early 1900s, the area was once blanketed with citrus orchards and farming. Builder Trammell Crow Residential and architect Architecture Design Collaborative decided to design the community as a modern interpretation of the farmhouse. Of all the four-story and under multifamily projects, the judging panel admired this one the most because of the façade and its use of color and the project's site plan on an L-shaped site that considers the pedestrian experience.

- **Coming Soon: Expansion of Los Portales Mexican Grill Restaurant**

The Planning Commission approved a project to expand the dining area for Los Portales Mexican Grill Restaurant. The new addition will be located on the north side of their existing building which features operable windows to permit an open patio like setting for diners as shown in the rendering below. Los Portales opened in 1998 and is operated by the Ayala Family. The proposed expansion of the restaurant represents the Ayala family's commitment to continuing their restaurant at this location.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **Installation of 2021–22 Officers of the Montclair Chamber Board of Directors**

Last week, approximately 25 people attended the Annual Montclair Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers and Directors Awards & Recognition Breakfast at Aqua Ridge Senior Living facility in Montclair. On behalf of the City of Montclair, Mayor Javier “John” Dutrey and Council Member Tenice Johnson presented certificates of appreciation to new and outgoing Chamber directors and officers, as well as outstanding ambassadors. Council Member Tenice Johnson was the Masters of Ceremonies and Lieutenant Brandon Kumanski led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Javier “John” Dutrey installed the incoming Board of Directors and Officers. They are Aziz Amiri, Aqua Ridge Senior Living, Rosa Rangel, Montclair Florist and Gifts, Pat Rees, Montclair Kiwanis; Virginia Riley, Soroptimist International of Montclair; Lori Jepson, Montclair High School; Barbara Johnson, Party Lite. (Pictured from left to right.)

The City of Montclair greatly appreciates all the work provided by the Montclair Chamber of Commerce and its active group of directors and officers.

### Montclair Chamber of Commerce



Left to right: Incoming Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Mayor Javier “John” Dutrey

- **Lucky Art Crayonology Grand Opening**

On Saturday, July 10, local elected officials, City staff, Chamber of Commerce representatives, Lucky Art Crayonology staff, friends, and family joined together to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Lucky Art Crayonology located at 5135 Holt Boulevard, Montclair, CA. The 20,000 sq. ft. building includes a roughly 16,000 sq. ft. main floor featuring a crayon making classroom, markers making classroom, painting classroom, snack bar, gift shop, and reception desk. Lucky Art Crayonology provides a fun and

educational experience manufacturing crayons and markers for people of all ages. Through a unique do-it-yourself concept, participants are able to stimulate their artistic minds to create memorable experiences. Welcome to Montclair, Lucky Art Crayonology! Additional information is accessible at <https://luckyartcrayonology.com/>.

### Lucky Art Crayonology Ribbon Cutting



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **National Night Out**

It's once again time for National Night Out, scheduled on August 3rd, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, at Alma Hofman Park. National Night Out is a community-police awareness-raising event in the United States, held the first Tuesday of August. The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada. The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities such as drug prevention, neighborhood watch and other anti-crime efforts.

Officers and staff from the Montclair Police and Fire Departments will be on hand to speak to the public and allow kids the opportunity to see and handle some of the tools of the trades. The American Red Cross will be set-up for blood donations at the Community Center from 2:30 pm – 8:30 pm. We will have a free photo booth and free face painting for the kids, as well as giveaways such as glow bracelets, coloring books, crayons, and fingerprint ID kits. Jojo's Grill-A-Dog food truck will be available for larger appetites and Sweet 'N Snowie will be selling cold treats. The movie, Frozen II, starts at about 7:30 pm. Please come out and enjoy the fun!

The event flyer is available on Page 18.

# HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **MAP Summer Session — Running Wild Montclair**

Throughout the month of June, the Montclair After-School Program (MAP) was excited to provide students with an opportunity for summer fun by hosting an in-person summer session at five Montclair schools: Lehigh, Kingsley, Mission, Monte Vista, and Serrano.

This year's summer session theme, "Running Wild Montclair," featured daily camp chants, fitness sessions, crafts, earth science, and art projects. Staff led students on an imaginative journey through the great outdoors while utilizing curriculum to enhance their education, and ultimately impart them with greater knowledge about nature.

A collage is shown on Page 19.

- **2021 Summer Movies and Concert Series**

The first concert of the 2021 Summer Movies and Concert Series was held at Alma Hofman Park on Tuesday night and featured a performance by Cold Duck Band (Top 40 / Old School music).

Approximately 250 people, including Council Member Tenice Johnson, enjoyed a fun evening in the park, free arts and crafts for children as well as treats from The Big Easy Sandwich food truck.

Join us on Tuesday, July 20, for a special screening of the movie Disney's Raya and the Last Dragon (PG); the movie will begin at sunset. Bring your friends and family, blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic dinner for a fun evening in the park.

The upcoming free concert will be held at Alma Hofman Park beginning at 7:00 p.m.:

- July 27, 2021 – Mariachi U.S. (Mariachi)

The upcoming free movie will be shown at Alma Hofman Park beginning at sunset during the Police Department's National Night Out event:

- August 3, 2021 – Frozen II (PG)

A flyer is shared on Page 20 and a picture collage from the July 13th event on Page 21.

- San Bernardino County will be offering Pfizer vaccinations for people 12 and older and Johnson & Johnson vaccinations for people 18 and older, every Thursday and Friday, July 1

through July 30, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Montclair Community Center. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred.

To schedule an appointment, please visit [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov)<sup>24</sup> the Thursday before the event and provide the requested information or call the COVID-19 Hotline at (909) 387-3911, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information on COVID-19 in San Bernardino County, visit [SBCOVID19.com](https://sbccovid19.com)<sup>25</sup>.

An event flyer is provided on Page 22.

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<b>JULY 2021</b>		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Event &amp; Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Mon. <b>19</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tues. <b>20</b>	<b>Movie in the Park: Raya and the Last Dragon</b> Alma Hofman Park	7:45 p.m.
Thurs. <b>22</b>	<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic</b> Montclair Community Center	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fri. <b>23</b>	<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic</b> Montclair Community Center	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>26</b>	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tues. <b>27</b>	<b>Concert in the Park: Mariachi U.S.</b> Alma Hofman Park	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. <b>29</b>	<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic</b> Montclair Community Center	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fri. <b>30</b>	<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic</b> Montclair Community Center	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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# AUGUST 2021

<i>Day</i>	<i>Event &amp; Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Mon. <b>2</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tues. <b>3</b>	<b>National Night Out</b> Alma Hofman Park (Movie: Frozen II starts at 7:30 p.m.)	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Mon. <b>9</b>	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>16</b>	<b>Real Estate Committee</b> Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	5:30 p.m.
Mon. <b>16</b>	<b>Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee</b> Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	6:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>16</b>	<b>City Council Meeting</b> City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. <b>19</b>	<b>Public Works Committee Meeting</b> Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	4:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>23</b>	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

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MEET MONTCLAIR POLICE OFFICERS  
& FIREFIGHTERS | FREE PHOTO BOOTH  
& FACE PAINTING | HOTDOGS, TREATS, & SHAVED  
ICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE

MOVIE IN THE PARK

## FROZEN II

**AUGUST 3 | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

ALMA HOFMAN PARK  
5201 BENITO STREET



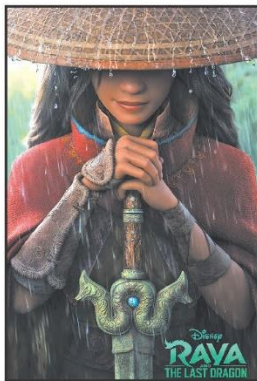


**FREE  
FAMILY  
SHOWS**

**FREE  
KIDS  
ACTIVITIES**

MONTCLAIR'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**SUMMER CONCERT  
AND MOVIE SERIES**

Alma Hofman Park (Shark Park), 5201 Benito Street, Montclair



JULY 13 • 7 PM

**Cold Duck  
Band**

(Top 40/Old School)

JULY 20 • MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET

**Raya and the Last Dragon  
(PG)**

(Movie in the Park)



Cold Duck Band



Mariachi U.S.



JULY 27 • 7 PM

**Mariachi U.S.**

(Mariachi)

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!**

AUGUST 3 • MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET

**Frozen II (PG)**

(Movie in the Park)



Bring the family, lawn chairs and a picnic dinner and enjoy an evening in the park.

**REFRESHMENTS  
FOR SALE!**



**Tuesday, August 3  
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

National Night Out is presented by Montclair Police Department and will feature food trucks, public safety exhibits and the opportunity to meet our local emergency personnel, as well as a screening of FROZEN II.



**City of Montclair  
Human Services Department  
(909) 625-9479**

# 2021 CONCERT IN THE PARK COLD DUCK



# COVID-19

## VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE

**MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**5111 BENITO ST., MONTCLAIR, CA 91763**

**EVERY THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

**PFIZER VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE 12 AND OLDER**  
**JOHNSON & JOHNSON ONE-DOSE VACCINE AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE 18 AND OLDER**

Appointments will be available the Thursday before the event.

### **TO REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT** **(WALK-INS WELCOME)**



\*Use the camera on your mobile device and hold it over the QR code to register

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3. When you see this event, click "see availability" and make your appointment.

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