



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

## CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT August 2021

### OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

- **Avast! Reeder Ranch Bell Found!**

In his 1849 poem, *The Bells*, Edgar Allan Poe wrote:

*....Hear the tolling of the bells—  
Iron bells!  
What a world of solemn thought their monody compels!  
In the silence of the night,  
How we shiver with affright  
At the melancholy menace of their tone!  
For every sound that floats  
From the rust within their throats  
Is a groan....*

*Keeping time, time, time,  
In a sort of Runic rhyme,  
To the throbbing of the bells—  
Of the bells, bells, bells—  
To the sobbing of the bells;  
Keeping time, time, time,  
As he knells, knells, knells,  
In a happy Runic rhyme,  
To the rolling of the bells—  
Of the bells, bells, bells—  
To the tolling of the bells,  
Of the bells, bells, bells, bells—  
Bells, bells, bells—  
To the moaning and the groaning of the bells.*

It is appropriate to use Poe for this story, as I am pleased to report that the Reeder Ranch Bell that went missing in mid-May of this year, creating an intolerable "*silence of the night*" on the Ranch, was found in a hastily dug tomb on the property, presumably hidden away for retrieval at a later date by a failed bell thief who must have shivered "*with affright at the melancholy menace of*" its tone!

Weighing in at approximately 1,000 pounds, the large iron bell formerly tolled on board the USS Tarawa, one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during and shortly after World War II (WWII). Named for the Battle of Tarawa, the carrier was commissioned in December 1945 — too late to serve in WWII. The Tarawa was decommissioned in 1949 and recommissioned in the early 1950s to serve in the Atlantic as a replacement for carriers sent to Korea for the Korean Police Action. In the Atlantic, she was re-designated an attack carrier and then an antisubmarine warfare carrier. In 1960 the Tarawa was decommissioned and placed in reserve as an aircraft transport. In 1968 she was sold for scrap, at which time her bell made its way to the Reeder Ranch through a family friend, where it hung from its timbered yoke between two 10" x 10" timbers for approximately 50 years.



USS Tarawa in 1952

Security camera footage at the Reeder Ranch shows that in mid-May, an unidentified man entered the back property of the Ranch and repeatedly struck at the supporting timbers until they leaned and fell under the bell's weight. The bell then separated from the yoke as it tumbled heavily to the ground.

The unidentified man returned later on the same day and rolled the bell on the ground out of security video coverage area, where he apparently dug a tomb for the bell on the property, leaving the canon (iron loop used to attach a bell to its yoke) atop the bell's crown emerging just above the ground as a marker for the bell's location.

The bell was reported stolen by City Yard personnel, but was found on Thursday, August 12, when employees from the Information Technology Department (Senior Information Technology Specialist Edmund Garcia, Information Technology Specialist Omar "Bradley" Naranjo, and Systems Specialist Nathaniel Burciaga) and Facilities Specialist Jesus Escalante were at the ranch to expand security camera coverage area and install a new security system – the house and Ranch property have been repeat targets of vandals. The bell's canon was observed sticking above the ground by Facilities Specialist Jesus Escalante, who immediately started digging around the canon, suspecting the bell was buried beneath the soil.

The Reeder Ranch Bell is now in storage at the City Yard where it will remain until it can be safely and securely returned to the Reeder Ranch where it will continue "*Keeping time, time, time, In a sort of Runic rhyme*" for future visitors to the Reeder Ranch.

- **OMSD COVID-19 Policy Mandates**

Based on provisions of a new California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Order, school districts in the State will be required to have a plan in place for tracking staff vaccinations and require COVID-19 testing for those staff members who are not fully vaccinated. This plan must be set in place by October 15, 2021.

Based on the most recent information, the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) has seen three consecutive weeks of increased COVID-19 case rates. Accordingly, the OMSD Superintendent will be modifying the District's Mitigation Plan, effective August 13, 2021, as follows:

1. *To the best extent possible, all staff meetings and professional development offerings will be provided through a virtual method.*
2. *Indoor face coverings are now required in all OMSD school sites and buildings, regardless of vaccination status. This directive is regardless of whether students, staff, or community members are present. In outdoor settings, face coverings remain optional.*

OMSD anticipates that the revised plan will remain in place until further guidance is provided by the CDPH and other responsible agencies.

OMSD's new measures will affect City employees working in the Montclair After-school Program (MAP). All MAP employees are required to fully comply with OMSD requirements while on school campus and/or when working with children enrolled in OMSD programs.

- **Congresswoman Torres and Senator Padilla Sponsoring Federal Funding Requests for Montclair Projects**

In March 2021, Montclair staff submitted to the office of Congresswoman Norma Torres a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2022 funding requests through the Transportation Authorization and Community Project funding bills. Included in the list were a request for \$2 million for improvements to Saratoga Park (Community Project Funds) and \$15 million for the Central Avenue Bridge Replacement Project (Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Authorization).

In May 2021, the City Manager's Office was advised that Congresswoman Torres selected both Montclair projects for consideration, submitting them as follows:

1. \$2,000,000 – City of Montclair Saratoga Park / FY22 Community Project Fund Appropriations; and
2. \$15,000,000 – City of Montclair Central Avenue Bridge Replacement / FY22 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for surface transportation authorization bill

The Central Avenue Bridge Project, estimated to cost approximately \$32 million, will now go to the House Appropriations and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the Saratoga Park Project will go to the House Appropriations Committee. Montclair can expect to hear on the fate of both projects in late 2021. The Central Avenue Bridge Project has already received \$15 million in state and federal funding.

Montclair has also been advised that California U.S. Senator Alex Padilla requested \$10 million for the Central Avenue Bridge Project in the Senate's FY22 Transportation Appropriations Act. The Senate Appropriations Transportation—HUD Subcommittee is expected to do mark ups on its spending bill later this year.

Mayor Dutrey sent letters of thanks to both Congresswoman Torres and Senator Padilla for sponsoring these important community projects for Montclair.

On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, Congresswoman Norma Torres completed a walk-through of Saratoga Park as part of her due-diligence for Community Project Funding. Greeting Congresswoman Torres and her Chief of Staff, Matthew Alpert, were Mayor John Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh, Council Members Tenice Johnson and Corysa Martinez, Information Technology Director John Nguyen, Human Services Director Marcia Richter, Building Maintenance Supervisor Mathew Paradis, Assistant Public Works Superintendent Jim Diaz, Senior Management Analyst Alyssa Colunga, Recreation Supervisor Fernando Saltos, and I.



Congresswoman Norma Torres (center), along with, from left to right, Assistant Public Works Superintendent Jim Diaz, Building Maintenance Supervisor Mathew Paradis, Mayor John Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh, Council Member Tenice Johnson, City Manager Edward Starr, Senior Management Analyst Alyssa Colunga, Human Services Director Marcia Richter, and Recreation Supervisor Fernando Saltos conduct a Due Diligence Walk-Through of Saratoga Park. Congresswoman Torres has requested \$2 million in Community Project Funding for improvements to Saratoga Park.



Mayor John Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh, and Council Member Tenice Johnson escort Congresswoman Norma Torres (center) on a walk-through of Saratoga Park. Mayor Dutrey briefed Congresswoman Torres on the improvements needed for the park. Congresswoman Torres' Chief of Staff, Matthew Alpert is in background.

- **Huanglongbing Citrus Disease Update**

Between November 14, 2019 to June 10, 2021, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) confirmed the presence of the causative bacterial agent of the citrus disease huanglongbing (HLB) from citrus tree tissue collected in the cities of Colton, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, and San Bernardino, in San Bernardino County. HLB is a devastating disease of citrus and is spread through feeding action by populations of the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama. ACP is an insect pest native to Asia. In the United States, ACP has been found in Alabama, Arizona, California (twenty-eight counties), Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Texas.

ACP feeds primarily on *Citrus* and *Murraya* (a genus of flowering plants in the citrus family, [Rutaceae](#)<sup>1</sup>) species, but is also known to attack over forty species of plant that act as hosts and possible carriers. The psyllids cause injury to their host plants by withdrawing large amounts of sap as they feed and via the production of large amounts of honeydew, which coats the leaves of the tree and encourages the growth of sooty mold which blocks sunlight from reaching the leaves.

These pests present a significant and imminent threat to the natural environment, agriculture, and economy of California. For example, unabated spread of HLB would have severe consequences to both the citrus industry and to the urban landscape via the decline and the death of citrus trees. The value of California citrus production in the 2016-17 marketing year was \$3.389 billion. The total economic impact of the industry on California's economy for the same year was \$7.1 billion, and the industry added \$1.695 billion to California's state GDP. Estimated full time equivalent jobs in the California citrus industry in 2016-17 totaled 21,674, and estimated wages paid by the California citrus industry totaled \$452 million. The CDFA estimates that a 20 percent reduction in California citrus acreage would cause a loss of 7,350 jobs, \$127 million in employee income, and reduce state GDP by \$501 million.

HLB is considered one of the most devastating diseases of citrus in the world. The bacterium that causes the disease blocks the flow of nutrients within the tree, causes the tree to starve to death within two to five years of infection, and there is presently no known cure for the disease. Symptoms of HLB often do not appear until two years after infection and include yellow shoots with mottling and chlorosis of the leaves, misshapen fruit, fruit that does not fully color, and fruit that has a very bitter taste, rendering it inedible for human consumption.

Since first detected in San Bernardino County, additional surveys were conducted by CDFA to determine the extent of the infestation and to define appropriate response areas. Each survey took place for several days over a 250-meter radius area, centered on the following detections: March 13, 2020, San Bernardino; September 23, 2020, Rancho Cucamonga; June 10, 2021,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutaceae>



Colton; May 27, 2021, Montclair. Based on these surveys, the CDFA determined that HLB continues to pose a statewide imminent danger to the environment and economy.

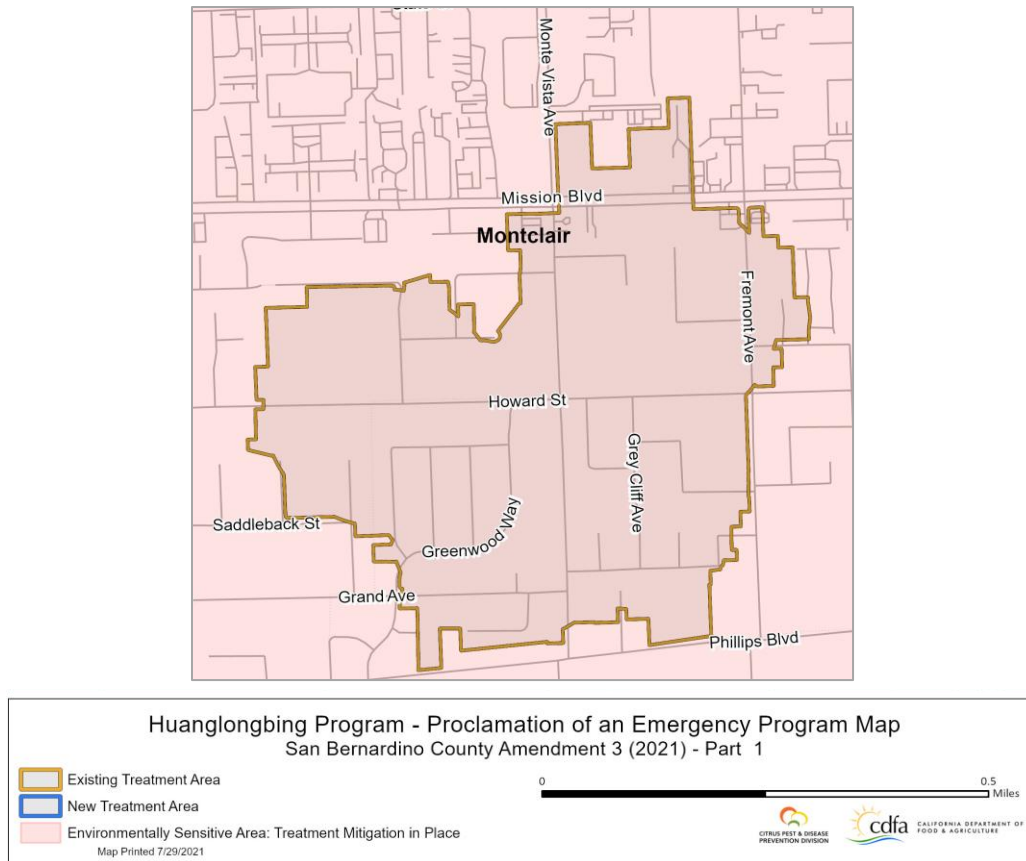
Results of the additional surveys also indicated that the local infestation is amenable to CDFA's ACP and HLB emergency response strategies, which include removal of any infected host plant. This option was selected based upon minimal impacts to the natural environment, biological effectiveness, minimal public intrusiveness, and cost.

Infected trees are destroyed as soon as they are discovered. However, due to the length of time it takes for symptoms to appear on infected trees, new infestations continue to be discovered. If the current infestation is not abated immediately, HLB will likely become established in neighboring counties and could pave the way for a statewide HLB infestation.

After evaluating all possible treatment methods for HLB, including (1) physical controls; (2) cultural controls; (3) biological controls; and (4) chemical controls, CDFA found that there are no cultural, chemical or biological control methods that are effective against HLB-positive trees and it is therefore necessary to remove all HLB-infected trees.

### ***Sensitive Areas***

In Montclair, the sensitive impact area is indicated in **Map 1**, below:



### ***Work Plan***

The proposed treatment area encompasses those portions of San Bernardino County which fall within a 250-meter radius area around the property on which HLB has been detected, and any subsequent detection sites within the treatment area boundaries. The treatment period is valid until June 10, 2022. At that time, the CDFA will determine if the treatment was successful. All host plants found to be infected with HLB shall be destroyed. Infected host plants shall be removed and destroyed using mechanical means.

### ***Public Information***

Residents of affected properties shall be invited to a public meeting or contacted directly by CDFA staff. Consultation with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the county agricultural commissioner's office will be provided at the public meeting or upon request to address residents' questions and concerns. The resident of an affected property is provided a confirmation letter informing them that a tree on their property is infected with HLB and it is subject to mandatory removal. Residents are directed to contact the CDFA toll-free telephone number at 800-491-1899 for assistance.

### ***Findings***

HLB poses a significant, imminent threat to California's natural environment, agriculture, public and private property, and its economy. The work plan involving physical control of this pest is necessary to prevent loss and damage to California's natural environment, citrus industry, native wildlife, private and public property, and food supplies.

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

Last week, Assembly Member Chris Holden (41st District), a leading advocate in the State Legislature for using State surplus dollars to fund completion of the Gold Line to Montclair, penned an editorial urging Governor Newsom to allocate \$540 million to close the funding needed by the Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority. Funding for the final leg of the eastern extension of the light rail system must be identified by early October 2021 if the Construction Authority is to take advantage of current costing under the fixed-price contract option with the design-builder Kiewit Parsons Joint Venture (KPJV). If Governor Newsom agrees to the request, the Construction Authority projects a 2026 completion date for the extension to Montclair. The Claremont and Montclair stations are projected to add up to 9,000 daily boarding's for the Gold Line, now called the "L" Line. The Project is also expected to reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Several cities with future Gold Line stations, including Montclair, are building transit-adjacent housing and other development to promote public transit. The full text of Assembly Member Holden's OPED follows:



August 6, 2021

*In the past week, I've been watching the Summer Olympics and cheering on our Team USA athletes. With millions across the globe captivated with the competitions in Tokyo, it got me thinking, in seven years, that will be Los Angeles. And just as athletes prepare and train for their Olympic moment, so must our policymakers.*

*Right now, we have an opportunity to invest in a climate-friendly transportation solution that can be built and operational by the time athletes from around the world arrive in Southern California. I, along with lawmakers from the San Gabriel Valley, am calling on Governor Gavin Newsom to fund the completion of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension light rail project. The \$540 million investment would further extend the Metro Gold Line to Montclair by 2026.*

*I have seen firsthand how transformative the Gold Line has been for the San Gabriel Valley. My advocacy for sustainable transit solutions began more than 30 years ago as a former Pasadena mayor and City Council member. I served on the task force that helped establish the Metro Gold Line and worked with our community to help identify the initial light rail routes. As an Assembly Member, I chair the Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions, where we have called for climate-resilient transit throughout Southern California. I will continue to push for the Gold Line to expand further until it extends from the Burbank to the Ontario airports. This solution that will bring climate action and economic benefits to our region.*

*The funding we have requested will jumpstart the latest Gold Line extension that will connect two large counties and bring much-needed relief to one of the busiest commute corridors in the country. San Bernardino County is home to some of the state's worst congestion and air quality. We have an urgent need to clean our air and curtail climate change effects. Extending the Gold Line will link millions of new users to Metro's rail and bus network.*

*We know rail lines are catalysts for economic development. Significant growth in housing and jobs has already commenced within a ½-mile of the future stations. Students at nearly two dozen universities and colleges will have access within a short walk, bike or bus ride to a future station.*

*The Gold Line Authority has completed each segment on time and on budget and this last project is shovel-ready, and on track for the same outcome. Right now, we've got everything in motion to build the extension to Pomona. If we received this crucial funding this October, the construction to Montclair could be completed by the 2028 Olympics. If we miss that deadline, the project's construction costs will increase significantly, making completion a much more expensive endeavor for our region. Improving mobility, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing corridor safety are all on the line. Not only will we fulfill California's most crucial transportation goals, but we'll also do it with inclusivity and equity in mind as numerous disadvantaged communities stand to benefit.*

*In 2028, I hope families will attend a soccer match at the Rose Bowl or go watch swimming or track and field competitions, maybe even beach volleyball, all without driving a car. With the state's significant budget surplus, we have a golden opportunity to make this hope a reality. I'm asking Governor Gavin Newsom to make this investment and help us transform how we move around Southern California in the next decade and beyond. Let's go for the gold and dedicate \$540 million to fund the Gold Line Extension to Montclair.*

- **Broadband Report**

In the context of Internet access, current "broadband expectations" include 24-hour access with sufficient, high-speed symmetric bandwidth capacity for uploading and downloading voice, data, streaming, video, and signal transmissions at approximately 100 mbps, bidirectional.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, tens of millions of office workers and schoolchildren relied on broadband as their link to jobs and schools. However, users of broadband soon found that high-speed symmetric bandwidth did not exist throughout much of the nation despite the fact that Americans have grown dependent on their access to the Internet.

A [Pew study](#)<sup>2</sup> conducted in January and February found that 31% of U.S. adults go online "almost constantly", and overall, 85% of Americans say they go online on a daily basis, while only 7% of adults say they do not access the Internet. Nonetheless, 77 million Americans lack adequate internet service at home according to the public interest group Free Press, and just two-thirds of people in the nation's bottom income bracket can access the internet from home.

During the pandemic, commercial broadband access to the Internet did prove problematic for many Montclair families trying to go online for education classes or to work at home. To rectify the ongoing lack of robust commercial broadband penetration into all areas of Montclair, the Information Technology Department (IT) is pursuing a three-pronged approach to offering broadband to the community by using a combination of Wi-Fi, Cellular, and Fiber technologies.

In November of 2020, IT requested and received County approval to expand Wi-Fi and Internet connectivity throughout Montclair by using the City's share of County distributed Coronavirus Relief dollars to fund broadband service and equipment upgrades.

The Wi-Fi broadband project consists of several parts:

1. Installation of network backbone switches to connect wireless access points. Switches were ordered in December 2020 and are now arriving for installation. However, equipment supplies remain limited due to a limitation on parts production during the global COVID-19 pandemic. As inventory arrives, IT will provide for installation at key wireless access points.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/03/26/about-three-in-ten-u-s-adults-say-they-are-almost-constantly-online/>

2. Wireless Access Points will be mounted at all City facilities and throughout the Montclair community to enable connectivity with the City's secure internet network.
3. Routers are to be included in the installation process to segment and secure data traffic for all wireless users connected to the broadband system.

Wi-Fi for the public is currently available at all City Hall facilities. The Wi-Fi coverage area will gradually expand outward in coming months as shipped inventory of routers and network switches are installed throughout Montclair.

Cellular technologies for Internet access are also being rolled out to associated City facilities such as the Reeder Ranch and Kids Station at the Montclair Transcenter, where Telecom Internet circuits do not currently exist. Modern cellular technologies are fast, reliable, and capable of simultaneously processing Internet, voice, and data communications, and can also be used for live security camera monitoring systems without significant erosion or degradation to Internet speed. IT will be adding cellular technologies to parks throughout Montclair, and will incorporate the technology into design plans for the future San Antonio Creek Corridor Pedestrian/Bike Path Project. Cellular technologies at all installed locations will allow for resident/public access to the Internet.

Fiber optic landlines serve as the backbone of broadband technology. As City street improvement projects advance, IT, in cooperation with the Public Works Department, has and will require contractors to lay fiber optic cable to connect all City facilities and locations such as the Transcenter directly to the City Hall campus. Fiber optic cable will serve as the backbone to the City's broadband services. Once fiber optic cabling crisscrosses the City, and all fiber optic access points are installed, IT will work with Frontier Communications (the City's Telecom service provider) to expand and enhance the City's internet/broadband capability for delivery throughout the Montclair community. The City may also be able to lease access on the fiber optic backbone to private providers.

Telephone companies (Telcos) such as AT&T, Verizon and Frontier often oppose symmetric broadband service because the only way they can effectively deliver it is over fiber optic cable, which is expensive to lay. Instead, they would prefer government subsidies to upgrade the performance of their existing DSL and copper-wire broadband, rather than laying new fiber optic cable as the means to reach fast, symmetric speeds.

In order to meet the nation's growing need for high-speed, symmetric broadband access, the U.S. Congress included \$3.2 billion in emergency funding for broadband access in the [stimulus bill](#)<sup>3</sup> signed into law by President Biden earlier this year. But the big effort for broadband stimulus may come in the bill that emerges from President Biden's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan—Phase 1 of the [American Jobs Plan](#).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.naco.org/sites/default/files/documents/BILLS-117hr1319enr.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>

The American Jobs Plan proposes to fund many types of infrastructure projects including \$100 billion to build out broadband networks, bringing affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband to every American, including the more than 35 percent of rural Americans who lack access to broadband at minimally acceptable speeds.

Broadband funding from the American Jobs Plan is expected to increase competition in broadband markets by preempting state and local laws prohibiting nontraditional players such as electrical co-ops and municipalities from selling broadband service. The Plan also suggests limitations on the prices ISPs charge for broadband service.

The vast majority of existing U.S. broadband services currently offer high download speeds, but low upload speeds. Before the pandemic, that dynamic mirrored America's usage habits. Streaming video was typically the most demanding use of home broadband throughput, requiring only fast download speed. During the pandemic, however, Americans found that they needed fast upload speeds for distance learning, remote work, telemedicine, and video calling – all of which are bidirectional forms of communication that rely heavily on upload speed. Thus, the concept of broadband must now be defined as both fast and symmetric (upload speeds equal with download speeds) at 100 Mbps in both directions.

Because commercial broadband providers balk at the cost of upgrading to symmetrical service, the Jobs Plan promotes noncommercial providers such as electric co-ops and local governments, suggesting they may be better suited to deliver because they lack a profit motivation.

A recent New York Times/Survey Monkey poll showed that 64% of Americans support the Americans Job Plan, and the broadband component of the plan was the second-most popular (behind upgrades to roads and bridges), with 78% of respondents saying they supported improvements to broadband infrastructure.

As progress advances on the City's broadband plan, City staff will keep the City Council and Montclair community informed.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

- **COVID-19 Community Recognition Awards**

The City of Montclair launched a COVID-19 Community Recognition Award program in January to recognize residents, community members, businesses, and organizations for their outstanding efforts in the community during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic. If you would like to nominate a person, business, group, or organization, please visit the [COVID-19 Community Recognition Award page on the City's website](https://www.cityofmontclair.org/covid-19-community-recognition-award/).<sup>5</sup>

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### **Gregory Puente – Meals on Wheels Volunteer**

Nominated by: Montclair Human Services Department

In April 2020, Gregory contacted the Meals on Wheels program to offer his assistance in delivering meals to senior citizens in Montclair. Gregory is an actor and during the COVID-19 pandemic most television productions were suspended. Many of the Meals on Wheels volunteers were also over age 65 and were not able to continue doing their volunteer work while Governor Newsom's stay-at-home order was in place. Gregory's call to offer his assistance came at a perfect time when the Meals on Wheels program was struggling to deliver meals to clients in Montclair. The program has been able to continue thanks to volunteers like Gregory offering to help during the pandemic. Gregory has been an outstanding volunteer and we want to recognize him for his dedication and service to the Montclair community.

The City Council honored Gregory Puente at a virtual meeting on January 19, 2021, and later Mayor Dutrey and Council Member Johnson presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.



Council Member Tenice Johnson, Gregory Puente, and Mayor Javier John Dutrey.

### **Love for Humanity – Nonprofit Organization**

Nominated by: Mrs. Anne Dutrey, First Lady of Montclair

Love for Humanity has long partnered with local churches to help support local food pantries. Since the start of the pandemic, Love for Humanity shifted its distribution and collaborated with Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) Church (Montclair) to have bulk food delivered to the church. From there, food is distributed to an average of 40 client families per week. In addition, Love for Humanity staff picks up and distributes food to programs it supports such as the "Friday Food Backpack Program" and "Homeless Feeding Program." Lastly, foodstuffs supplied by Love for Humanity are made available via OLL to St. Anthony's Church (Upland) for further distribution to churches in Upland, Ontario, and Fontana. The collaboration between Love for



Humanity and OLL/St. Anthony's ensures that roughly 100 client families per week receive supplemental groceries. This is a 150% increase in families served since the start of the pandemic. The staff and volunteers at Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Anthony's churches could not accomplish this essential mission without the support and assistance of Love for Humanity.

The City Council honored Love for Humanity at a virtual meeting on March 1, 2021, and later co-founder Bill Lerette accepted the award on behalf of the organization from Mayor Dutrey.



Community Activities Commissioner (CAC) Darlene Ferraro, Mayor Javier John Dutrey, Love for Humanity Co-Founder William Lerette, OLL Church Volunteer Angie Bernal, and CAC Chair Arturo Padilla

**Mr. Daniel Burkholder – Community Member**

Nominated by: Crystal Burkholder

Daniel is an essential worker in the Physical Therapy field helping individuals of all ages who have recently had surgery or require therapy to help them walk and function in their daily lives. In his personal time, he led a neighborhood Christmas initiative to spread cheer during the holidays to uplift spirits in the community. Daniel and his 4-year-old son made goodies bags for the community and did door-to-door deliveries throughout the neighborhood in December of 2020. Daniel also decorated his family's home early in November with festive lights and decorations to get everyone feeling joyful and positive during the pandemic. One of Daniel's neighbors recently passed away from a tragic choking incident despite his heroic efforts to try to save their life while waiting for the arrival of paramedics. This act of heroism should not go unnoticed. Daniel brings joy to the entire community and is teaching his 4-year-old son to help spread cheer during this difficult time as well. This, in addition to his job helping rehabilitate children, adults, and the elderly, and his act of heroism make him an amazing candidate for this award.



The City Council honored Daniel at a virtual meeting on March 15, 2021, and Mayor Dutrey and Mayor Pro Tem Ruh presented Daniel and his family with a Certificate of Recognition.



Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh, Crystal and Daniel Burkholder with their children, and Mayor Javier John Dutrey

### **Waylynn Senn – Our Lady of Lourdes School**

Nominated by: Jessica Pleitez

Mr. Senn is the first-year Principal at Our Lady of Lourdes School (OLLS). In March 2020 during the initial lockdown, OLLS was unprepared for the pandemic due to lack of devices and a strong curriculum for online learning. In the fall, all that changed when Principal Senn acquired additional devices for every student from another school. He began a strong online program which included Physical Education, Music, Spanish, and Art, as well as free tutoring for students. This allowed for our students to continue their academic excellence all while virtually learning. As for the larger community, OLLS arranged for the sale of extra desks that the school had and that Principal Senn was able to obtain. The desks were sold to residents for only \$10 to help with distance learning and OLLS received many thanks for this act. Mr. Senn has been resourceful in a year of limited resources and is always thinking creatively. OLLS received limited funds through the CARES act and was still able to build an extraordinary program and transition students back into the classroom.

The City Council honored Principal Senn at its first in-person meeting of the year on May 3, 2021, and Mayor Dutrey presented him with a Certificate of Recognition.



OLL Principal Waylynn Senn and Mayor Javier John Dutrey

**Pastors Donald and Ethel Rucker – Christian Development Center**

Nominated by: Code Enforcement Supervisor Gabe Fondario

This past year, the Ruckers and the Christian Development Center stepped up volunteering to assist Montclair individuals and families in need of free food and homeless counseling. Throughout the pandemic, Pastors Donald and Ethel Rucker have been running a monthly food bank for the community, providing counseling services to the homeless, and assisting the City's Code Enforcement Division Homeless Task Force to help find shelter for those in need.

The Ruckers were honored by the City Council at its meeting on May 17, 2021, and Mayor Dutrey presented them with a Certificate of Recognition.



Mayor Javier John Dutrey and Pastors Ethel and Donald Rucker

## **Montclair Police and Fire Chaplains**

Nominated by: Mayor Javier John Dutrey

Montclair's Police and Fire Chaplains provide spiritual and emotional support to the City's first responders and the community, and their service has been especially appreciated during the pandemic. These individuals selflessly dedicate their time on a volunteer basis to healing our community in times of need. Chaplain Vicki Brobeck has been with the Montclair Police Department for 16 years, and Chaplain Joe McTarsney joined 2 years ago. Three new Chaplains, Alan Olmos, Jimmy Crowell, and Josh Matlock, joined more recently to offer their support to our first responders. On a monthly basis, Montclair's Chaplains have gathered together to pray for the City and its residents during these uncertain times.

The City Council honored our Police and Fire Chaplains at its meeting on August 16, 2021, and the Mayor and Council Members presented the Chaplains with Award Certificates.



From left to right: Fire Chaplain Alan Olmos, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh, Fire Chaplain Jimmy Crowell, Council Member Ben Lopez, Police Chaplain Joe McTarsney, Mayor Javier John Dutrey, Council Member Tenice Johnson, Police Chaplain Vicki Brobeck, Council Member Corysa Martinez, Police Chaplain Josh Matlock

## • **California Gubernational Recall Election – September 14, 2021**

A recall election seeking to remove California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) will take place on September 14, 2021. Forty-six candidates, including nine Democrats and 24 Republicans, are running in the election. On the recall election ballot, voters will be asked only two questions:

1. Should the governor be recalled from office?
2. If the governor is recalled, who should take his place?



If more than 50% of voters answer “yes” to the first question, Gov. Newsom will be recalled, and the candidate who receives the most votes from the second question will replace him. It is not required that one of the 46 successor candidates receive more than 50% of the vote to win. The subject of a recall cannot run as their own replacement. If Gov. Newsom is recalled, the successor candidate who gets the most votes is elected for the unexpired term of office, which expires on January 2, 2023.

Newsom was elected as governor in 2018 with 61.9% of the vote. Orrin Heatlie began this recall campaign on June 10, 2020. It was the fifth of six recall petitions filed against Newsom since 2019.

Since 1911, there have been 55 attempts to recall a California governor. The only successful recall campaign was in 2003 when voters recalled then-Gov. Gray Davis (D). Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) was elected as Davis’ replacement. In that election, 135 candidates ran and the winner received 48.6% of the vote.

### **Voting in the Recall Election**

All of California’s registered voters will be mailed a ballot no later August 16, 2021. In addition to having the option to mail in their ballots, in-person voting locations will also be available to voters. Voters must register on or before Election Day for their vote to be counted.

To register to vote in California you must:

- Be a United States citizen and a resident of California,
- Be at least 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not be currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not be currently found to be mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

You can register to vote in the following ways:

- Online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>
- By completing a paper voter registration form, which can be obtained from City Hall upon request or from the County Registrar of Voters’ Office (ROV). The application may be mailed to the ROV (no postage required or dropped off in person).
- By requesting, completing, and submitting a paper voter registration form at a Department of Motor Vehicles office, or at an early vote site or polling place.
- To receive a *vote-by-mail ballot*, you must register to vote by August 30th. Make sure to [confirm your voter status](#)<sup>6</sup> and check that all your information is up to date!

### **Voting In Person**

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status>

If you prefer the tradition of voting in person, you may choose to vote early at an Early Vote Site, or on Election Day at your assigned polling place.

What to bring when voting in person:

- If you are registered and have voted in California before, you don't need to show ID.
- If you're a first-time voter who registered by mail, and didn't include your driver's license number, California ID number, or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number on your registration, you may be asked to provide ID when you vote. Acceptable forms of identification include:
  - A copy of a recent utility bill,
  - The sample ballot booklet you received from your county elections office or another document sent to you by a government agency, or
  - A US passport, driver license, official state identification card, or student identification card showing your name and photograph.
- Voters without ID: If you are unable to provide ID, you will be able to vote a provisional ballot.

***Voting at an Early Vote Site***

California voters can vote in person before Election Day by visiting an Early Vote Site. Registered San Bernardino County voters can cast their ballots prior to Election Day at one of the locations listed below. For a complete list of all locations throughout San Bernardino County, please visit [www.sbcountyelections.com](http://www.sbcountyelections.com).

The Registrar of Voters' Office accepts mail ballots and allows onsite in-person voting beginning Monday, August 16. San Bernardino County's other Early Vote Site locations will be open from Tuesday, September 7 through Monday, September 13.

On Election Day, you can only vote in-person at your assigned polling place or at the Registrar of Voters' Office.

***Early Vote Site Locations***

Location	Address	Hours
San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Office	777 E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415	<p><u>Monday, August 16 - Tuesday, September 14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</li> <li>• Saturday, September 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Election Day, Tuesday, September 14, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</b></p>

Location	Address	Hours
Town of Apple Valley Recreation Center	4955 Dale Evans Parkway Apple Valley, CA 92307	<u>Tuesday, September 7 - Monday, September 13</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</li> <li>Saturday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>• All Early Voting Sites (except for the Registrar of Voters Office) are Closed on Election Day</b></p>
Joshua Tree Community Center	6171 Sunburst Street Joshua Tree, CA 92252	
Ontario Convention Center	2000 E. Convention Center Way Ontario, CA 91764	
San Bernardino International Airport Domestic Terminal	105 North Leland Norton Way San Bernardino, CA 92408	
Victorville City Hall	14343 Civic Drive Victorville, CA 92392	

### ***Voting at Your Polling Place***

Any registered San Bernardino County voter can cast their ballot on Tuesday, September 14th at any of the locations listed below (only Montclair locations are shown). While voters will have an assigned polling place listed on their VBM, they may use a different location to cast their ballot. To find your assigned polling place, you may check the County's online [Polling Place Look-Up Tool](#).<sup>7</sup>

### ***Local Polling Place Locations***

Location	Address	Hours
Bethany of Montclair	9950 Monte Vista Avenue Montclair, CA 91763	All Polling Places are open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election Day, Tuesday, September 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</li> </ul>
Lehigh Elementary School	10200 Lehigh Avenue Montclair, CA 91763	
Montera Elementary School	4825 Bandera Street Montclair, CA 91763	
Moreno Elementary School	4825 Moreno Street Montclair, CA 91763	
Vernon Middle School	9775 Vernon Avenue Montclair, CA 91763	

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.sbcountyelections.com/Voting/PPL/2021/0914.aspx>



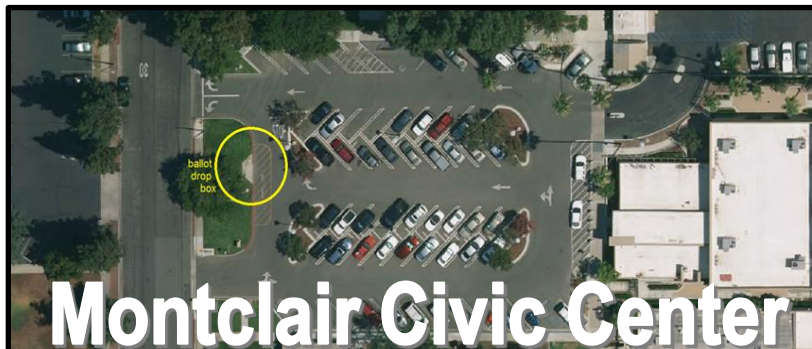
**Vote by Mail (VBM) Ballots**

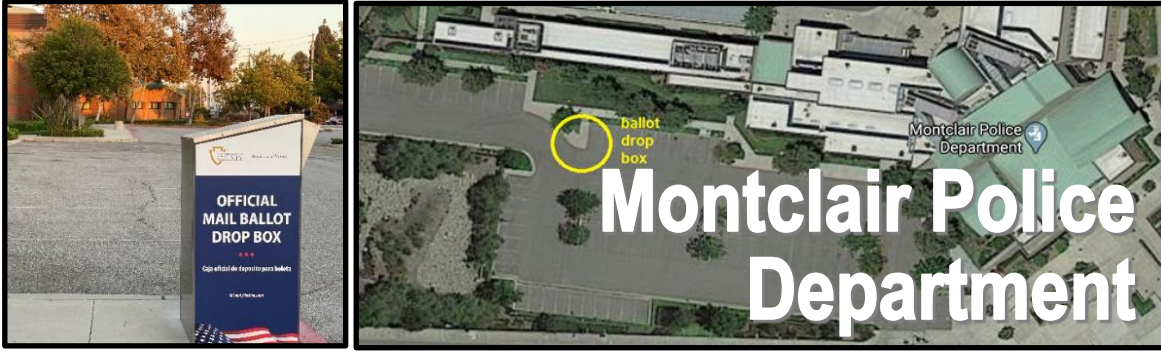
All registered voters in California will receive a ballot by mail, called a Vote by Mail Ballot (VBM). VBMs may be submitted via the mail (postage is paid, no additional postage is required), by dropping it in a VBM Drop Box (Montclair locations listed below), or by submitting it in person at an early vote site, polling place, or at the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters’ Office (locations listed below in their respective sections). Check the status of your ballot at <http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov>.

- If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day.
- If you are submitting your completed mail-in ballot at an Early Vote Site or dropping it off in a drop box, it must be delivered no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Sept. 14.
- Anyone may return your ballot for you, as long as they do not get paid on a per-ballot basis. In order for your ballot to be counted, you must fill out the authorization section found on the outside of your ballot envelope.
- Lose your Vote By Mail ballot? Request a replacement ballot by calling the Registrar of Voters at (909) 387-8300.

**VBM Drop Boxes in Montclair**

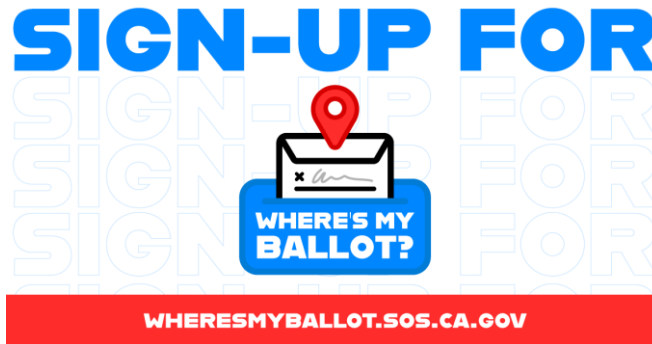
Location	Address	Hours
Montclair Civic Center North Parking Lot	5111 Benito Street Montclair, CA 91763	24 hours a day, from Monday, August 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. - Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.
Montclair Police Department Parking Lot	4870 Arrow Highway Montclair, CA 91763	Boxes are locked, secured, and monitored by video surveillance. Ballots are retrieved by ROV employees throughout the voting period.





### Track Your VBM Ballot!

Sign up at <http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov> to receive automatic live email, SMS (text), and/or voice call notifications about the status of your ballot.



### Additional Online Voter Resources

- City of Montclair Election Information: <http://www.cityofmontclair.org/elections/>
- Facebook Voting Information Center: <https://www.facebook.com/votinginfocenter/>
- California Voter Foundation: <http://www.calvoter.org>
- San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Social Media Accounts
  - ROV Facebook - @SBCountyElections
  - ROV Instagram - @sbc\_elections
  - ROV Twitter - @sbc\_elections

### Poll Workers Needed!

Are you passionate about the electoral process? The County of San Bernardino is recruiting poll workers! Find more information about [how to become a poll worker](#)<sup>8</sup> on the County's website.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.sbcountyelections.com/ElectionWorkers.aspx#what>

- **Redrawing San Bernardino County’s Supervisorial District Boundaries**

Every 10 years, upon the release of new U.S. Census data, San Bernardino County is required to redraw the boundaries of the five Board of Supervisors districts to ensure each has very close to the same number of residents and that the new districts comply with the Voting Rights Act and meet other criteria. The process will begin in earnest when detailed U.S. Census data is released by the federal government in the fall.

In June, the County launched a [redistricting website](#)<sup>9</sup>, which contains information about the redistricting process, alerts visitors to upcoming meetings, and allows the public to view live and archived meetings, submit questions/feedback, and read the latest news on redistricting. The site also allows visitors to become familiar and experiment with a [map-drawing tool](#)<sup>10</sup> that allows anyone to create and submit their own redistricting plans incorporating the latest data on population, demographics, and city boundaries.

“Our goal is to make the redistricting process transparent and to provide many opportunities for public input. The new website is a great way for the public to stay up to date on the redistricting process and to have their voices heard,” said Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford who, with Chairman Hagman, comprises the Board of Supervisors Redistricting Subcommittee.

The redistricting website also includes information about the County’s new Advisory Redistricting Commission. In compliance with a new County Charter approved by voters last November, the board in March created a seven-member [Advisory Redistricting Commission](#)<sup>11</sup> to receive comments and suggestions from the public and recommend at least two supervisorial district boundary maps for consideration by the board.

In April, each Supervisorial board member appointed one commissioner and one alternate commissioner, who join two members appointed by the presiding judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, to sit as the commission.

**Advisory Redistricting Commission  
Members & Alternates**

Appointing Authority	Appointee(s)
<b>Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino</b> 2 Members	<b>Honorable Keith D. Davis, Chair</b> Retired Judge
	<b>Honorable Pamela Preston King, Member</b> Retired Judge

<sup>9</sup> <https://sbcountyredistricting.com/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://drawsbcounty.redistrictinginsights.com/SanBernardinoApp/Default.aspx>

<sup>11</sup> <https://sbcountyredistricting.com/commission/>

Appointing Authority	Appointee(s)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor Paul Cook</b> 1 Member, 1 Alternate	<b>Mark Creffield, Member</b> President/CEO of the Greater High Desert Chamber of Commerce
	<b>Kenneth Anderson, Alternate</b> Retired Railroad Conductor, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor Janice Rutherford</b> 1 Member, 1 Alternate	<b>Robert Little, Member</b> Lawyer
	<b>Henry Shannon, Alternate</b> Superintendent/President, Chaffey College
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor Dawn Rowe</b> 1 Member, 1 Alternate	<b>Jessica Naquin, Vice Chair</b> SBC Supervising Agricultural Standards Officer
	<b>Donald Runels, Alternate</b> Engineering Technician IV – SBC Public Works Dept. Surveyor Division
<b>4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Curt Hagman</b> 1 Member, 1 Alternate	<b>Jean-Rene Basle, Member</b> Retired Attorney, Board Trustee for SBCERA
	<b>Peggi Hazlett, Alternate</b> President/CEO-Greater Ontario Business Council
<b>5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Joe Baca Jr.</b> 1 Member, 1 Alternate	<b>William Jernigan, Member</b> City of Rialto Retiree
	<b>Sonja Wilson, Alternate</b> Operations Assistant III – Los Angeles County

The commission was sworn in and conducted its first meeting on May 11, in the Covington Chambers on the first floor of the County Government Center in San Bernardino. The public can view live and archived meetings on the County’s redistricting website. The commission will conduct its future meetings at various locations throughout the county.

“Democracy works best when everyone’s voices are heard,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman. “That’s why we have created many opportunities for everyone in our county to participate in this process.”

The commission has held four public meetings and will hold at least 14 more, many of them in communities throughout the county, including the next meeting in the Montclair City Council Chambers on Thursday, Aug. 26th at 10:00 a.m. Information on upcoming meetings can be found on the redistricting website’s [calendar page](#).<sup>12</sup> All meetings can be viewed live on the

<sup>12</sup> <https://sbcountyredistricting.com/calendar/>

County's [redistricting website](#)<sup>13</sup> and agendas, minutes, and video recordings of past meetings can be viewed on the redistricting website's [past meetings page](#).<sup>14</sup>

[Sign up for email updates](#)<sup>15</sup> on county redistricting and receive notices about upcoming meetings and other opportunities to participate. Contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 909-387-3841 for more information about this process and upcoming meetings.

**Map out the future of the County's  
Supervisorial Districts at the next  
Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting**

**Montclair Council Chambers  
5111 Benito St., Montclair  
10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021**

 Redistricting 2021 [sbcountyredistricting.com](http://sbcountyredistricting.com)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **Business Relief Survey**

Last Thursday, Economic Services and Housing Manager Thailin Martin and Office Specialist Amber Cruz attended the Monthly Montclair Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast at the Aqua Ridge Senior Living facility in Montclair. Approximately 15 individuals from the Montclair business community participated in the event.

During the event, each attendee was given the opportunity to share important business announcements. Economic Development staff promoted the recently released COVID-19 Business Relief Survey—a survey intended to assist staff in better understanding the

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<sup>13</sup> <https://sbcountyredistricting.com/>

<sup>14</sup> [https://sbcountyredistricting.com/calendar/list/?tribe\\_event\\_display=past](https://sbcountyredistricting.com/calendar/list/?tribe_event_display=past)

<sup>15</sup> [https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/CASANBE/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=CASANBE\\_558](https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/CASANBE/subscriber/new?topic_id=CASANBE_558)



pandemic challenges affecting the Montclair business community. In an effort to encourage survey participation, a flyer with a QR code and website link was provided to each attendee. Survey results will help staff identify potential resource opportunities for impacted businesses.

For more information regarding the COVID-19 Business Relief Survey, visit the [Survey Page on the City's website](https://www.cityofmontclair.org/covid19businessreliefsurvey/)<sup>16</sup>.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **National Night Out**

On Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Police Department hosted National Night Out (NNO) at Alma Hofman Park. NNO is an annual event designed to promote public safety community partnerships and to increase awareness of local programs, services, and other anti-crime efforts. Personnel from the Montclair Police and Fire Departments were on-hand to speak to the public and allow kids the opportunity to see and handle some of the tools of the trade. The event had a large community turnout. Community members had the opportunity to mingle with

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<sup>16</sup> <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/covid19businessreliefsurvey/>



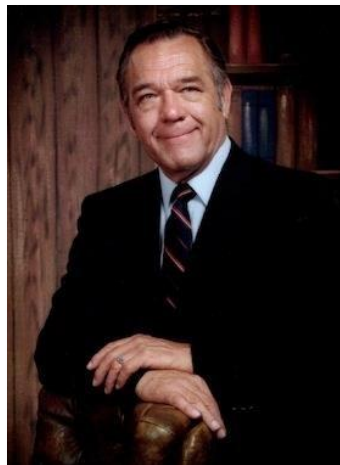
the City's public safety employees, department heads, members of the City Council, and local government and non-profit organization representatives. Thanks go to everyone who played a part in making National Night Out fun and safe for everyone. Additionally, the American Red Cross conducted a blood drive at the Montclair Senior Center and collected approximately 36 units of blood from donors, surpassing our goal of 32 units. Thanks to the City employees and members of the public who donated!

Photos from the event can be viewed on page 32.

- **Passing of Former Montclair Police Chief Raymond McLean**

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, Chief Avels, Captain Reed, Lt. Kumanski and Sgt. Rivera attended the funeral service of former Montclair Police Chief Raymond McLean. Ray began his storied 34-year law enforcement career as an original member of the newly formed Fontana Police Department. He rose to the ranks of Sergeant and, while employed, studied and graduated from Los Angeles State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1958. After seven years with Fontana PD, Ray was appointed Police Chief in Montclair in 1959. In his 19 years as Montclair's Chief of Police, Ray oversaw the building of a new police station, introduced K-9 units to the force, created a youth services division, and started the Fire House Community Center.

While leading the force, Ray enhanced his leadership skills by completing many post-graduate courses and attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. He also found time to teach Social Science and Police Administration courses at several area colleges. In 1978, Ray sought a new challenge in Ventura, California by becoming its Police Chief and, over seven years at the helm, "proved to be a very effective manager and innovator". Another new police facility and the development of a new emergency services headquarters were part of his seven-year tenure in Ventura. Upon retirement from Ventura PD in 1985, Ray assumed the position of Special Assistant and Bureau Chief for the Attorney General of California through 1991. He then worked in local government consulting services for several years. Ray is survived by his five children, 13 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.



**Raymond McLean**  
1930 - 2020

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Thank you, Fire Captain Cook!**

Fire Captain Ed Cook has retired from his position after 29 years of service in the Fire Department, on July 18, 2021. Captain Cook began his employment February of 1992 with the City of Montclair after serving as a Reserve Firefighter for two years. During his career, Captain Cook was involved in the formation of the Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) team, and was one of the founding members of the City's paramedic program. He also provided EMT and CPR instructions to Fire Personnel. We all wish Ed the best on this new chapter in his life!



Captain Michael Matheson, Battalion Chief Thomas Dowser, Captain Ed Cook, Council Member Ben Lopez, Fire Engineer Derek Plant, and Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Gross

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **MAP Summer Session — MAP University**

During the month of July, the Montclair After-School Program (MAP) completed its second summer session, which was themed "MAP University."

MAP University included over a 100 participants and was held at the following five schools: Kingsley Elementary School, Lehigh Elementary School, Mission Elementary School, Monte Vista Elementary School, and Serrano Middle School.

Students were welcomed to "MAP U" with an acceptance letter and a freshman orientation kit that included a MAP bag, sunglasses, school supplies and a MAP ID card. Throughout the session, participants received the college experience by engaging in a wide variety of activities such as art, history, engineering and other career education courses. The mission of the

program was to encourage the students of our community to follow their dreams by introducing them to the world of college and careers.

On August 9, MAP welcomed students back for the first day of the 2021-2022 school year. Staff was excited to have all students back for in-person instruction. This school year will feature the theme, "Won't You be My Neighbor," and will highlight lesson plans on self-awareness, social and emotional learning.

A MAP photo collage is shown on page 33.

- **Montclair Community Activities Commission**

The next regular meeting of the Montclair Community Activities Commission will take place on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

For more information about the meeting and how to participate, please reference the [agenda on the City website](#).<sup>17</sup>

- **Montclair Community Garden**

We are excited to announce the Montclair Community Garden has been chosen as one of the eight in California to receive the national 2021 AARP Community Challenge grant.

The Montclair Community Foundation (MCF), in collaboration with the City of Montclair's Healthy Montclair initiative, received a 2021 Community Challenge grant award of \$15,000 from AARP to enhance the Montclair Community Garden. The Montclair Community Garden is part of the Healthy Montclair Initiative, which addresses a variety of health-related issues through community outreach and engagement, including health education, healthcare, food, neighborhood/community development, poverty, and safety. The Community Garden is a key component to building healthy families and individuals, welcoming people of all ages and abilities. The Community Garden aims to offer individuals of different abilities an enjoyable gardening experience. The AARP Community Challenge grant will provide MCF the opportunity to make the garden more accessible and safe, with raised garden beds and an ADA compliant seating area. It will also help make the garden more enjoyable for outdoor gardening activity throughout the year with the addition of a shaded structure and solar landscape LED lighting. These amenities currently do not exist in the Montclair Community Garden and once added, will improve the experience of outdoor gardening for all of the community, regardless of age or ability.

The AARP Community Challenge grant program is part of the nationwide AARP Livable Communities initiative that helps communities become great places to live for residents of all

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/meetings/community-activities-commission-september-1-2021/>

ages. The program is intended to help communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress in support of residents of all ages. For the fifth annual AARP Community Challenge, AARP received a record number of 3,500 applications from nonprofits and government entities, resulting in a highly competitive selection process. Nearly \$3.2 million is being distributed to fund 244 quick-action projects across the country.

Please join us in thanking AARP & AARP California for this amazing opportunity!

To read more about AARP's quick-action grant program and the other grantees, visit [AARP's Community Challenge website](#).<sup>18</sup>

For more information about the Montclair Community Garden, please visit [the City website](#).<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/montclair-community-garden/>

# AUGUST 2021

Day	Event & Location	Time
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 — CANCELLED</b>	
Thurs. <b>26</b>	<b>SBC Advisory Redistricting Commission Meeting</b> City Council Chambers / Zoom Webinar / Teleconference Information & Meeting Agenda: <a href="https://sbcountyredistricting.com/">https://sbcountyredistricting.com/</a>	10:00 a.m.

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Day	Event & Location	Time
Wed. <b>1</b>	<b>Community Activities Commission Meeting</b> City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>6</b>	<b>Labor Day — City Hall Closed</b>	
Tues. <b>7</b>	<b>City Council Meeting — CANCELLED</b>	
Mon. <b>13</b>	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> City Council Chambers / Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	7:00 p.m.
Tues. <b>14</b>	<b>Election Day —</b> Gubernatorial Recall Election Polls Open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thurs. <b>16</b>	<b>Public Works Committee Meeting</b> Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	4:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>20</b>	<b>Real Estate Committee — CANCELLED</b>	
	<b>Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee — CANCELLED</b>	
	<b>Council Workshop —</b> H.R. Recruitment Procedures City Council Chambers / Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	5:45 p.m.
	<b>City Council Meeting</b> City Council Chambers / Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	7:00 p.m.
Mon. <b>27</b>	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> City Council Chambers / Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	7:00 p.m.

Agendas for all Montclair public meetings can be viewed on the City's website at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at [www.cityofmontclair.org/departments/public-meetings/](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/departments/public-meetings/).

More event details can be found on the City's website at [www.cityofmontclair.org/events/](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/events/) and [www.cityofmontclair.org/news/](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/news/)







