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- **California's Water Restrictions: What to Know**

The first quarter of the 2022 calendar year (January, February, and March) is now the longest stretch of dry weather in California since state officials started keeping records. However, despite pleas from Governor Newsom, the State Water Resources Control Board, and local water agencies to reduce water consumption, Californians increased their water use by nearly 19% in March compared to the same month in 2020, when the current drought began. The increase in water consumption has shrunk conservation gains made since last summer (July 2021 to March 2022), according to data released by the [State Water Resources Control Board](#),¹ when Californians used 3.7% less water compared to the same stretch a year earlier.

The largest March 2022 increase, nearly 27%, came in the Los Angeles basin and San Diego County, and the desert regions of southeast California that include Palm Springs and the Imperial Valley. Residents and businesses in southern Sierra Nevada communities used about 23% more water than in 2020, and the Central Coast followed close behind with a 20% rise. The San Francisco Bay Area had a 2.5% increase. The only savings came in the North Coast region, which used 4.3% less water.

While the data reflects water used by residents and industries statewide, it does not include agriculture, which accounts for [roughly 40% of the total water used in the state](#).²

In July 2021, Governor Newsom asked that Californians voluntarily [cut back their water use by 15%](#).³ However, by the end of March 2022, Governor Newsom ordered water systems to [step up their drought responses statewide](#),⁴ leaving the details to local water agencies.

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/conservation_reporting.html

² <https://www.ppic.org/publication/water-use-in-california/>

³ <https://calmatters.org/environment/2021/07/california-water-use-drought/>

⁴ <https://calmatters.org/environment/2022/03/newsom-imposes-new-california-water-restrictions-leaves-details-to-locals/>

In response, the Metropolitan Water District has now issued unprecedented restrictions. An estimated 6 million customers receiving water from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) will be required to follow a restriction that limits residents to outdoor watering once a week or reduce total water use below a certain target beginning next month.

At the end of May, the State Water Resources Control Board will consider rules to ban irrigation of non-functional, decorative turf at businesses and other institutions. The Water Board will also vote on regulations implementing Governor Newsom's executive order requiring water systems to escalate their drought responses. According to state data released last week, nearly 230 water systems have yet to reach the level of drought response the governor ordered.

The Monte Vista Water District (MVWD) currently has water use restrictions that limit outdoor watering to 3 days per week (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday) and prohibit daytime watering. MVWD customers are now urged to significantly cut back outdoor watering to one day per week and hand water trees to maintain the natural urban canopy. Failure to comply may result in further restrictions on water use. MVWD is not enforcing one day per week watering restrictions, but customers are encouraged to do so where possible.

Montclair residents are reminded that on December 15, 2021, the Monte Vista Water District's Board of Directors declared a Significant Water Supply Shortage, implementing the following restrictions:

- Outdoor watering is only allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. (with exceptions such as hand watering).
- No excess runoff from outdoor watering.
- No hosing down driveways, sidewalks, buildings, or parking lots.
- No washing vehicles without a shut-off nozzle.
- No using water in fountains or other water features without recirculation.
- No watering during rain and in the 24 hours following.
- Fix leaks within seven (7) days of discovery.

The above restrictions remain in place, and violators are subject to fines up to \$200. Enhanced water use restrictions are set to expire on December 15, 2022, unless rescinded or amended by the MVWD Board of Directors.

MVWD recommends the following water conservation practices:

- Hand-watering landscaping is the most efficient way to water.
- Install weather-based sprinkler timers and program them according to MVWD's recommended watering schedule.

- Identify leaks and repair them within seven (7) days of discovery.
- Retrofit old sprinkler nozzles with new, efficient ones.

Upgrade old water-using appliances to new, efficient ones by using local rebates. MVWD has a variety of rebates and programs to help customers use water wisely. Visit the [Programs & Rebates](#)⁵ page for more details.

• **Governor Newsom’s May Budget Revise**

On May 13, 2022, Governor Newsom revealed his May Budget Revise to the State Legislature and California residents, which projects a state budget surplus of approximately \$97.5 billion next fiscal year.

Governor Newsom unveiled his [record spending proposal](#)⁶ that draws on a superheated economy, with a surplus bigger than any state, including California, has ever had.

Roughly half of the surplus is required by law to be spent on education, leaving approximately \$49 billion in discretionary money, of which Governor Newsom proposes using for one-time spending, including the following: \$18.1 billion [to provide financial relief](#)⁷ for Californians buffeted by inflation; \$37 billion for infrastructure investments, including \$5.6 billion for education facility upgrades; and an extra \$2.3 billion for the ongoing fight against COVID-19.

The May Budget Revise now goes to the State Legislature, where lawmakers will decide which priorities they want to fund before the June 15 deadline to pass a final, balanced budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

Each year, the governor sets the negotiations in motion in January with a [preliminary budget proposal](#).⁸ In January 2022, Governor Newsom [unveiled a \\$286.4 billion budget proposal](#),⁹ 9% larger than last year’s record state spending plan. The Newsom Administration [projected a \\$21 billion discretionary surplus](#)¹⁰ for 2022-23, plus tens of billions more in extra cash for schools, pension payments, and reserve accounts. In addition, the January Budget plan included: a record surge in K-12 education spending, along with multi-billion dollar proposals to ramp up the state’s wildfire prevention projects, convert more vacant hotels into housing for the homeless, and open up Medi-Cal, the state’s health insurance program for the poor and to all undocumented immigrants.

The May Revise is a retake on this January budget blueprint, but freshened up with new estimates of the state’s fiscal future for a new record-high budget total of \$300.7 billion.

⁵ <https://www.mvwd.org/186/Rebates-Programs>

⁶ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/05/13/governor-newsom-presents-300-7-billion-blueprint-paving-the-california-way-forward/>

⁷ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/05/12/governor-newsom-proposes-18-1-billion-inflation-relief-package/>

⁸ <https://calmatters.org/politics/2022/01/california-budget-newsom/>

⁹ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Governors-California-Blueprint-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://www.ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf>

In May 2020, with the state still weathering the first surge of COVID-19, the Department of Finance projected a [\\$54 billion deficit and a year of Great Depression-level unemployment rates](#).¹¹ Instead, boosted by rosy [economic conditions for the state's highest earners](#)¹² and a massive influx of cash from the federal government, [state coffers have been overflowing](#)¹³ for the last two years.

Highlights of [The May Budget Revise](#)¹⁴ include the following:

- \$128.3 billion in education spending, from transitional kindergarten through high school, a record-breaking sum that works out to \$22,850 per student.
- \$23 billion will be parked into the state's rainy day fund, to be drawn upon the next time the economy slows.
- \$2.5 billion for housing, including \$500 million to fund the conversion of vacant malls and storefronts into homes.
- \$3.4 billion to pay down state employee retirement debt.
- \$400 to most of the state's car owners to help with elevated gas prices, limited to drivers whose cars are worth under an as-yet-unspecified cap. In contrast, State Legislators [want to send cash rebates to Californians](#)¹⁵ making less than \$250,000, car owners or not.
- \$750 million to entice transit agencies to make bus and rail travel free for three months — the proposal is limited to drivers whose cars are worth under an as-yet-unspecified cap.
- \$2.7 billion to pay rental assistance to residents who had applied before March 31 (covering claims that the original federal funding did not), and \$1.4 billion in utility assistance.
- The state's business relocation tax credit program is revised to provide "additional consideration" for businesses relocating from states with anti-abortion and "anti-LGBTQ+" laws. Governor Newsom encourages Sunbelt companies to relocate to California, where the "social values" they reportedly express in corporate documents are reflected in California's laws and social systems.
- [\\$57 million to expand access to abortions](#)¹⁶ and fund research into reproductive health. A majority of that funding — \$40 million — would be used over the next six years to help clinics offset the cost of uncompensated procedures for women who cannot afford the service. In addition, the funds could be used to pay for abortions for women who

¹¹ <https://calmatters.org/economy/2020/05/newsom-economic-forecast-criticism-california-model-recession-budget/>

¹² <https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2021/01/california-budget-depends-on-staggering-wealth-gap/>

¹³ <https://calmatters.org/politics/2021/01/newsoms-record-breaking-budget-proposal/>

¹⁴ <https://www.ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-18/california-senate-assembly-weigh-refund-possibilities-amid-rising-gas-costs>

¹⁶ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/05/11/governor-newsom-proposes-reproductive-health-package-to-strengthen-protections-expand-access-and-welcome-businesses-from-anti-abortion-states/>

come from out of state — notably, the proposal does not deposit money into a proposed fund that would offset travel and other expenses.

- \$50 million in wellness grants for police by creating a one-time program for counties and cities to improve officers' health and well-being.
- \$8 billion to increase the reliability of the state's power grid and hasten the development of clean energy projects.
- \$100 million towards carbon removal technologies — trapping carbon dioxide emitted by smokestacks and injecting it into the ground for long-term storage.
- \$233 million to bolster Cal Fire. The proposed budget adds an additional \$104 million to add 270 positions over four years.
- \$1.3 billion in drought and water resilience spending, up from \$750 million in his January plan. The total would add to last year's water and drought budget of \$5.2 billion over three years.
- \$44 million to modernize California's [byzantine water rights system](#)¹⁷ and bolster enforcement. Funding for water resiliency and drought relief for urban and small water systems more than doubled in the latest budget proposal, a sign of the dry, difficult conditions the administration anticipates in the summer ahead.
- \$9.5 billion in climate investments over the January 2022 budget blueprint, bringing the total to \$32 billion.
- Under the May Revise, school districts will have the option of being funded based on a combination of current enrollment and pre-pandemic attendance rates — a change in policy from the January 2022 budget plan, which proposed allowing districts to use a three-year daily attendance average. District officials statewide feared that the high number of absences this year would have skewed that average and less funding.
- Boosts education funding across the board. Overall, the funding went from \$119 billion in January to \$128.3 billion, with a \$2.1 billion boost specifically for schools and districts with more low-income students, English learners, and foster children. In addition, districts will receive \$22,850 per student, a historic high. About \$16,991 of that per-pupil funding will come from Proposition 98, a state constitutional amendment that requires the state to set a certain amount of its discretionary funding aside for education.
- The May Revise adds more than \$800 million for teacher training and recruitment efforts to the \$54.4 million proposed in the January 2022 budget plan.

¹⁷ <https://calmatters.org/environment/drought-2021/2021/08/california-water-shortage-delta-pumping/>

- The May Revise proposes [spending \\$1.6 billion more](#)¹⁸ on higher education than the January 2022 budget plan. However, almost all of that — \$1.5 billion — is flowing to community colleges [to help them reach new “roadmap” goals](#).¹⁹
- Sticking with the January 2022 budget plan, the May Revise blueprint offers five years of 5% ongoing growth in state funding for the state college/university system — a departure from the past year-by-year allocations. In exchange, Governor Newsom is demanding a range of commitments from the two systems, such as expanded enrollment of Californians, closing graduation rate gaps among racial and social groups, and an “aspirational goal of offering every UC undergraduate a pathway for the debt-free education by 2029-30.” That compact was panned by the Legislative Analyst’s Office, saying it “has the fundamental problem of [sidestepping the legislative branch of government](#).”²⁰ That is not the only area of possible disagreement with the Legislature: Governor Newsom agreed last year to a three-year, \$2 billion grant to build student housing; however, legislators want more. One Assembly bill seeks [\\$5 billion in zero-interest loans for public campuses](#)²¹ to build more student and faculty housing. Another proposal from the Senate wants an [added \\$1.5 billion for the housing grant](#).²² The Senate also sought \$400 million more in ongoing support for the Cal State system and \$200 million more for the UC system — which is not reflected in the May Revise. Nor does the May Revise put aside the extra hundreds of millions of dollars needed to [further the Cal Grant to 150,000 students](#),²³ leading lawmakers seek — Governor Newsom vetoed a similar proposal last year. The May Revise does include support for a down payment on a debt-free grant, [but not at the level the State Senate](#)²⁴ wants.
- \$304 million to offset COVID-era federal premium cost increases for middle-income families under Covered California, the state’s Obamacare health insurance exchange. That total falls short of what Senate leaders proposed by \$238 million. Without any action, [approximately 220,000 California residents](#)²⁵ would lose health insurance under the state’s individual marketplace, according to the Berkeley Labor Center.
- \$819 million next year and \$2.7 billion annually to support [expanding Medi-Cal for undocumented adults](#)²⁶ ages 26 to 49. The Senate budget plan proposed an additional \$1 billion next year and would move the timeline up six months. Medi-Cal expansion is a pivot from Governor Newsom’s earlier support of a state-run, single-payer health system, which [died without a vote](#)²⁷ earlier this year.

¹⁸ <https://ebudget.ca.gov/budget/2022-23MR/#/Agency/6013>

¹⁹ <https://dof.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/Programs/Education/CCC-Roadmap-May-2022.pdf>

²⁰ https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sbud.senate.ca.gov/files/May%2010-%20Student%20Housing%20Compacts%20%20Roadmap%20Senate%27s%20Putting%20Wealth%20to%20Work_Final.pdf#page=23

²¹ <https://calmatters.org/education/2022/01/student-housing-2/>

²² https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sbud.senate.ca.gov/files/May%2010-%20Student%20Housing%20Compacts%20%20Roadmap%20Senate%27s%20Putting%20Wealth%20to%20Work_Final.pdf#page=19

²³ <https://calmatters.org/education/2022/04/uc-cal-state-middle-class-scholarship/>

²⁴ https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sbud.senate.ca.gov/files/May%2010-%20Student%20Housing%20Compacts%20%20Roadmap%20Senate%27s%20Putting%20Wealth%20to%20Work_Final.pdf#page=30

²⁵ <https://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/the-threat-to-coverage-and-affordability-gains-in-covered-california/>

²⁶ <https://calmatters.org/health/2022/02/medi-cal-expansion-immigrants/>

²⁷ <https://calmatters.org/politics/2022/02/california-single-payer-legislature/>

- \$2 billion to fund the state’s COVID-19 strategy known as the [SMARTER plan](#).²⁸ That includes \$530 million for testing and laboratory costs, \$158 million to implement the federal program for COVID-19 drugs, and \$468 million to support services for migrants at the Mexico border.
- \$933 million for one-time retention bonuses for health care workers. The state would provide \$1,000 checks to 600,000 hospital and nursing facility workers, with an additional \$500 matched by employers. [Previous attempts](#)²⁹ to allocate money for health care worker hazard pay stalled in the Legislature even as hospitals warned they were relying on [COVID-positive workers](#)³⁰ to meet surge demands.
- To address California’s homelessness crisis, the May Revise adds \$700 million atop the [\\$2 billion](#)³¹ in the January 2022 budget plan — and the whopping \$12 billion announced last year — to fund mainly interim solutions, such as tiny homes and encampment cleanups. Absent, however, was a long-term extension of the [flexible grants included in last year’s budget](#)³² that [local governments have been seeking](#).³³
- \$65 million to administer [CARE Court](#).³⁴ Governor Newsom’s proposal to compel people with severe disabilities into treatment is now winding its way through the Legislature.
- \$500 million on top of the previously proposed \$2 billion housing budget to mainly fund the conversion of vacant malls and storefronts into homes.
- Statutory changes to reform cannabis taxes, simplify the tax structure, remove unnecessary administrative burdens and costs, temporarily reduce the tax rate to support shifting consumers to the legal market, and stabilize the cannabis market with more transparent policies and can better adjust to market changes. Major changes include:
 - Setting the cultivation tax rate at zero beginning July 1, 2022.
 - Shifting the point of collection and remittance for excise tax from distribution to retail on January 1, 2023, maintaining a 15 percent excise tax rate.
 - Setting Allocation 3 funding for youth education/intervention/treatment, environmental restoration, and state and local law enforcement programs at a baseline of \$670 million annually for three years.
 - Up to \$150 million through 2025-26 to backfill Allocation 3 funding, along with authority to increase the excise tax rate through 2024-25 if tax revenues fall below the baseline for Allocation 3.

²⁸ <https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2022/02/california-covid-plans/>

²⁹ <https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2021/10/california-hospital-strikes/>

³⁰ <https://calmatters.org/health/2022/01/omicron-nursing-home-worker-shortage/?series=california-workers-covid>

³¹ <https://calmatters.org/housing/homeless/2022/01/california-homelessness-camps-newsom/>

³² <https://calmatters.org/housing/homeless/2021/05/newsom-end-homelessness-pandemic-lessons/>

³³ <https://www.sfchronicle.com/eastbay/article/East-Bay-leaders-urge-Gov-Newsom-to-keep-funds-17120599.php>

³⁴ <https://calmatters.org/health/2022/03/newsom-california-mental-illness-treatment/>

- Strengthening tax enforcement policies to increase tax compliance and collection and reduce unfair competition.
- Proposition 64 specifies the allocation of cannabis tax revenue in the Cannabis Tax Fund, which is continuously appropriated. Expenditures are prioritized for the regulatory and administrative workload necessary to implement, administer, and enforce the Cannabis Act, followed by research and activities related to the legalization of cannabis and the past effects of its criminalization. Once these priorities have been met, the remaining funds are allocated to youth education, prevention, early intervention, treatment; environmental protection; and public safety-related activities. The May Revision estimates that \$670 million will be available for these purposes in 2022-23, and the structure of these allocations is unchanged from 2021-22:
 - Education, prevention, and treatment of youth substance use disorders and school retention—60 percent (\$401.8 million).
 - Clean up, remediation, and enforcement of environmental impacts created by illegal cannabis cultivation—20 percent (\$133.9 million).
 - Public safety-related activities—20 percent (\$133.9 million).

These figures reflect a total increase of \$74.7 million compared to the January 2022 budget plan. These estimates also reflect the proposed statutory changes to restructure the cannabis tax framework and maintain a baseline level of funding for this allocation.

- \$20.5 million to establish a cannabis local jurisdiction retail access grant program to aid localities in developing and implementing local retail licensing programs and supporting consumers in gaining access to regulated and tested products through an expansion of California’s legal marketplace.
 - Awards funding to eligible local jurisdictions proportionally based on the population size served to support developing and implementing a local jurisdiction retail program.
 - Awards funding to eligible local jurisdictions based on the number of permits issued pursuant to the local jurisdiction retail-licensing program.
 - Awards additional funding to eligible local jurisdictions that issue permits to equity applicants pursuant to the local jurisdiction retail-licensing program.
- \$170 million one-time over two years for the Strategic Growth Council to provide grants to communities seeking to build or upgrade existing facilities to serve as community resilience centers that mitigate the public health impacts of extreme heat and other emergencies exacerbated by climate change. This funding will build upon the \$100 million provided for resilience centers in the 2021 Budget Act.
- \$110 million over three years for the Department of Social Services to administer a multi-year grant program to support services for victims and survivors of hate crimes and their families and facilitate hate crime prevention measures.

- In 2021, Chapter 712, Statutes of 2021 (AB 1126) established the Commission on the State of Hate. The May Revision proposes a \$1.8 million General Fund for DFEH resources related to the bill's provisions. Further, the May Revision proposes statutory changes renaming DFEH to the California Civil Rights Department better to reflect the department's existing roles and responsibilities.
- \$600 million in 2023-24 and \$500 million in 2024-25 to support the completion of the Broadband Middle-Mile Initiative. The 2021 Budget Act provided \$3.25 billion for building an open-access middle-mile broadband network.
- \$500 million for the Active Transportation Program. This funding increases the proposed investments in the transportation infrastructure package to \$9.6 billion. In addition, the early broad-based relief package also offered to accelerate \$1.75 billion to implement zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure.
- The May Revision includes an additional \$41.8 million in Opioid Settlements Funds for 2022-23 — resulting from additional projected settlement proceeds. The May Revision allocates the additional funding as follows:
 - Workforce Training—\$29.1 million for workforce training at the Department of Health Care Services, for a total of \$51.1 million for this program.
 - Naloxone Distribution—\$10 million for the naloxone distribution project targeting unhoused populations, for a total of \$15 million for this program.
 - Public Awareness Campaign—\$2.7 million for a public awareness campaign targeted towards youth opioid education and awareness and fentanyl risk education at the California Department of Public Health, for a total of \$40.8 million for this program.
- An additional \$120 million from Cap and Trade auction proceeds to two programs, including:
 - Methane Satellites—\$100 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund on a one-time basis for expanding the number of satellites launched for methane observations, which would provide a weekly measurement of significant methane emissions in the state and enhance enforcement capabilities. This data will allow California to identify the source of these emissions, work with programs to hold emitters accountable for violations, and further reduce short-lived climate pollutants in the atmosphere.
 - AB 617 Community Air Protection Program—\$20 million Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund on a one-time basis for the Community Air Protection Program, which reduces emissions in communities with disproportionate exposure to air pollution through targeted air monitoring and community emissions reduction programs. The Governor's Budget included \$240 million to support AB 617 investments. This latter allocation will bring the total proposed investment to \$260 million
- \$750 million, focusing on drought relief and promoting water conservation.

- An additional \$1.3 billion for drought resilience and response is designed to help communities and the state’s fish and wildlife avoid immediate negative impacts of extreme drought while continuing to advance projects and programs that prepare the state to be more resilient to future droughts.
- \$530 million to support water recycling and groundwater cleanup; advance drinking water and clean water projects that leverage significant federal infrastructure funds; and continue solar aqueduct pilots.
- \$553 million to provide grants to urban water districts and smaller community water suppliers for drought-relief projects; support data, research, and public education campaigns; support local technical assistance emergency drinking water response, including the purchase and pre-positioning of water storage tanks; enhance water rights enforcement and modernization tools; and support food assistance programs for farmworkers impacted by drought.
- \$280 million to address fish and wildlife impacts associated with drought and climate change and build aquatic habitat and water resilience projects to support the implementation of voluntary agreements with water suppliers.
- \$187 million to support agricultural water conservation practices; incentivize farmers to install more efficient irrigation equipment; provide on-farm technical assistance; provide direct relief to small farm operators; and support additional water conservation projects.
- \$500 million to serve as a multi-year commitment to promoting strategic water storage projects in the state that benefit water supply reliability and the environment. California’s variable precipitation makes above and below-ground water storage crucial, and aquifers and off-stream reservoirs are among the most feasible places to store additional water as a resilience measure in the future.
- \$2.7 billion was provided in Proposition 1 under the Water Storage Investment Program to accelerate critical projects as part of a comprehensive and coordinated approach to water resiliency as outlined in the California Water Resilience Portfolio.
- \$75 million to support the California Small Agricultural Business Drought Relief Grant Program to provide direct assistance to eligible agriculture-related businesses that have been impacted by severe drought conditions.

- **Supreme Court Rules on Austin Sign Ordinance**

The U.S. Supreme Court recently handed down a decision in [*City of Austin, Texas v. Reagan National Advertising of Austin*](#),³⁵ which revisited the Court’s holding in [*Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona*](#)³⁶ (“*Reed*”). In *Reed*, the Court struck down portions of Gilbert, Arizona’s sign code that subjected ideological, political, and directional signs to different rules with respect to size,

³⁵ https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-1029_i42k.pdf

³⁶ https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/13-502_90lb.pdf

location, and length of display time. [The Court characterized Gilbert's regulatory scheme](#)³⁷ as “content-based” on its face because it subjected signs to different rules depending upon the message conveyed—whether ideological, political, or directional.

Under the Court’s First Amendment precedents, content-based restrictions are subject to “strict scrutiny” as well as “presumptively unconstitutional ... [unless] the government proves they are narrowly tailored to serve a compelling government interest.” In issuing its decision in *Reed*, the Court determined that Gilbert failed to meet this standard.

In *City of Austin, Texas v. Reagan National Advertising of Austin (“Austin”)*, the Court focused on provisions in Austin’s sign code that allowed on-premises signs—but *not* off-premises signs—to be digitized. Off-premises signs are those that “advertise things that are not located on the same premises as the sign, as well as signs that direct people to offsite locations.”

The plaintiff owns billboards throughout Austin. In his petition to the Court, the plaintiff argued that Austin’s separate rules for off-premises and on-premises signs violated the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment. The District Court sided with Austin, finding that the on/off-premises distinction giving wider latitude to on-site advertising was content-neutral under *Reed*. The distinction did not impose greater restrictions on political messages, religious messages, or any other subject matter, but only required city decision-makers, property owners, advertisers, and the public to determine whether the subject matter was located on the same property as the sign. The Fifth Circuit reversed the lower court, holding that “the fact that a government official has to read a sign’s message to determine the sign’s purpose is enough to render a regulation content-based and subject to strict scrutiny.” This holding by the Fifth Circuit would require that a code allowing on-premises advertising should also allow any advertising message on that premises.

The Supreme Court reversed the Fifth Circuit’s decision, reasoning that content-based restrictions subject to heightened scrutiny are those that “discriminate based on the topic discussed or the idea or message expressed.” The Court found that Austin’s on/off-premises sign standards did none of these; they were “location-based and content-agnostic” standards that “did not single out a specific subject matter for differential treatment.”

Accordingly, the Court held that the on/off-premises sign standards were content-neutral and subject to “intermediate scrutiny”—a standard of review requiring Austin to show that its on/off-premises sign distinction is “narrowly tailored to serve a significant government interest.”

The decision under *Austin* aligns the Court’s guidance more closely with Justice Kagan’s concurring opinion in *Reed*, where the argument was made that the purpose of the sign (e.g., litter prevention or to show that “George Washington Slept Here”) could serve to justify some disparate messaging opportunities in the absence of any official message suppression. Justice Kagan had reasoned—and the Court now held—that intermediate scrutiny is

³⁷ <https://www.bbklaw.com/News-Events/Insights/2015/Legal-Alerts/07/Arizona-Towns-Content-Based-Sign-Rules-Struck-Dow>

appropriate in these cases. Accordingly, the Court sent the case back to the lower court to determine whether Austin’s code could satisfy this requirement.

Municipalities can comply with *Austin* by reviewing their respective sign codes to ensure that any distinctions between on-premises and off-premises signs are “location-based and content-agnostic” and do not single out a specific subject matter for different treatment.

- **COVID-19 Update**

The California Department of Public Health is reporting that California’s seven-day COVID test positivity rate has reached 5% for the first time since February 2022, at the tail end of the omicron surge [that sickened wide swaths of the workforce](#).³⁸ However, other health experts suggest that the actual positivity rate is much higher, given that many Californians self-test at home and do not report the results, while other infected residents may not test at all.

In addition, the [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center](#)³⁹ (CRC) announced that the United States has officially surpassed 1 million reported COVID-19 deaths — although the university noted that “the number of fatalities is likely much higher. The U.S. death toll is considered a morbid milestone for a disease that first emerged in China in late 2019. COVID-19 claimed its first American lives in early 2020. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that COVID-19 had become the third leading cause of U.S. deaths after heart disease and cancer in 2020 and 2021 and served to lower life expectancy in both years.

Not surprisingly, the nation’s three largest states — California, Texas, and Florida — recorded the highest death tolls, according to the CRC. However, on a per capita basis, Mississippi, Arizona, and Oklahoma experienced the most deaths per 100,000, while Hawaii, Vermont, and Puerto Rico reported the lowest per capita.

The deadliest month of the pandemic in the United States was January 2021, when nearly 98,000 people perished—about 3,200 daily. The CRC recorded just under 13,000 deaths in April 2022, about 425 per day. A [recent analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation](#)⁴⁰ estimates that 60% of all adult COVID-19 deaths in the United States since June 2021 could have been prevented through vaccination, with just the primary series alone preventing an estimated 234,000 deaths. [According to state data](#),⁴¹ more than 90,000 Californians have died of COVID, — though the State’s death rate has remained relatively stable and low in recent months. And while the [CalMatter tracker shows](#)⁴² that statewide hospitalization rates are beginning to tick back up, just 1,527 COVID-positive patients were in the hospital on Monday — a far cry from the nearly 12,900 in late January at the peak of the omicron wave.

³⁸ <https://calmatters.org/series/california-workers-covid/>

³⁹ <https://hub.jhu.edu/2022/05/17/one-million-covid-19-deaths/>

⁴⁰ <https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/covid-19-continues-to-be-a-leading-cause-of-death-in-the-u-s/>

⁴¹ <https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/>

⁴² <https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2020/04/california-coronavirus-covid-patient-hospitalization-data-icu/>

Nevertheless, a growing group of local public health officials is urging residents to mask up in public places and avoid nonessential indoor gatherings or move them outdoors. They argue that infections lead to more cases, [prolonged COVID hospitalizations](#),⁴³ deaths, and new variants. Public health officials say the new cases appear to be driven by highly contagious omicron sub-variants, increased testing, relaxed restrictions, and waning immunity from vaccinations, boosters, or prior infection.

Economically, many sections of the state continue to struggle with a persistent worker shortage related to the pandemic; for example, in San Francisco, many restaurants have again closed their doors due to a lack of available workers. In addition, California is also grappling with a widespread [teacher](#)⁴⁴ and [substitute teacher shortage](#).⁴⁵

Last Monday, California had **8,757,871** confirmed coronavirus cases and **90,219** deaths (**+0.1% from the previous day**). In addition, San Bernardino County has seen 7,455-recorded deaths. Approximately 6.3 million people globally have died of COVID-19; however, a recent World Health Organization review estimates the total could be nearly three times higher, at or around 15 million people, including a110,000 more in the United States.

California [has administered](#)⁴⁶ **75,489,752 vaccine doses**, and **75.2%** of eligible Californians are [fully vaccinated](#).⁴⁷ However, according to CRC data, just two-thirds of the total U.S. population has been fully vaccinated, and 40% of the global population — approximately 3 billion people — remain unvaccinated.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Welcome to New Employees!

The City is excited to announce the hiring of the following employee:

- Josue Barrios, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services (5/9/2022)

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

The City would like to thank the following individuals whose service to the people of the City of Montclair recently ended:

- Jeffrey Wheeler, Maintenance Worker, Public Works (4/5/2022)
- Quaresha Fields, Senior Recreation Specialist, Human Services (4/27/2022)
- Richard Casados, Irrigation Specialist, Public Works (5/12/2022)

⁴³ <https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2022/03/long-covid-inequities-california/>

⁴⁴ <https://calmatters.org/education/k-12-education/2022/03/california-teacher-shortage/>

⁴⁵ <https://calmatters.org/education/2022/05/substitute-teacher-shortage-california/>

⁴⁶ <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

⁴⁷ <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccination-progress-data/>

- **Current Job Opportunities**

The City is looking for qualified individuals to fill the following positions, for which the application period closes 6/1/2022:

- Community Compliance Specialist
- Park Leader

The City is hiring qualified individuals to fill the following positions, for which the application period is continuous:

- Fire Engineer
- Firefighter (Paramedic) (Entry-Level)
- Learning Leader
- Police Cadet
- Police Dispatcher (Entry-Level)
- Police Dispatcher (Lateral)
- Police Officer (Entry-Level)
- Police Officer (Lateral)
- Reserve Police Officer Level III and II
- Recreation Leader
- Senior Learning Leader
- Senior Recreation Leader
- Substitute Learning Leader

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **New Metro Motorplex Freeway Sign Under Construction**

This is the sign we have been waiting for!

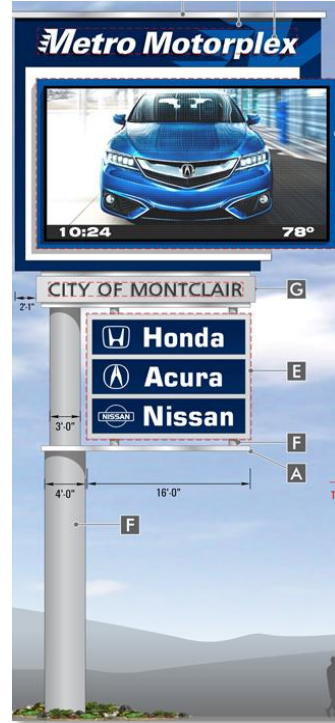
After 20 years of continuous service, **Metro Motorplex** is in the process of replacing its venerable freeway-oriented identification sign with a new state-of-the-art electronic message center (EMC) sign. When completed, the new EMC will be 68' high by 37'8" at its widest point. The new EMC sign will identify the Acura, Honda, and Nissan dealerships located at the **Metro Motorplex** auto center.

The following photos show the new sign base adjacent to the existing sign, and the forthcoming new sign design.

CURRENT SIGN



PROPOSED SIGN



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **Local Economic Development Training Conference in Long Beach**

Last week, Director of Economic Development and Housing Mikey Fuentes and Economic Services and Housing Manager Thailin Martin attended the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) Annual Training Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach. Over 300 participants attended from various California municipalities, Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), Small Business Administration (SBA), U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), real estate brokers, and higher education and non-profit agencies.

The three-day conference allowed all participants to share their economic development challenges before the COVID-19 pandemic (COVID-19), during the early stages of COVID-19, and now in the recovery and resiliency stage.

The first day of the conference focused on the City of Long Beach (LB). Deputy Director Nick Shultz shared how LB faced the pandemic, supported their businesses, and emerged as leaders in health safety. The day ended with a message from California State University, LB Professor and Chair of Economics Dr. Seiji Steimetz, Ph. D. reviewing the state of the economy and what to expect moving- forward.

The theme of day two was *Looking Forward – Recovery and Resiliency Opportunities*. The day kicked off with a future-focused discussion led by West Sacramento City Manager Aaron Laurel, California’s top economic developer; GO-Biz Senior Advisor to the Governor and Director Dee Dee Myers; and workforce expert Stewart Knox. All three panelists highlighted state tools and resources to further municipalities’ economic development efforts. After the panelist presentation, participants broke into back-to-back micro-sessions.

The first micro-session allowed attendees to participate in one of three discussion groups: Rural Communities, Urban Communities, and Non-profits, to discuss the unprecedented disruptions their communities faced over the last two years.

The second micro-session allowed attendees to participate in one of four peer-to-peer groups: Leveling Up in Leadership, Retail Reimagined, Accelerating Entrepreneurship, and Using TIF Tools in your Community.

Attendees participated in an interactive Economic Development Shark Tank experience to close the second day. A similar concept to the popular television show *Shark Tank*, attendees watched entrepreneurs pitch their economic development solutions and services for cities, government agencies, and non-profits. Then, the audience used their own mobile devices to cast their vote on Easy Polls to decide the winner.



Economic Development *Shark Tank* experience

The final day started with a general session focusing on Recovery Resources. A facilitated conversation between three panelists touched on their role in response and recovery, what they see moving forward, resources to help, and answered questions from the audience.

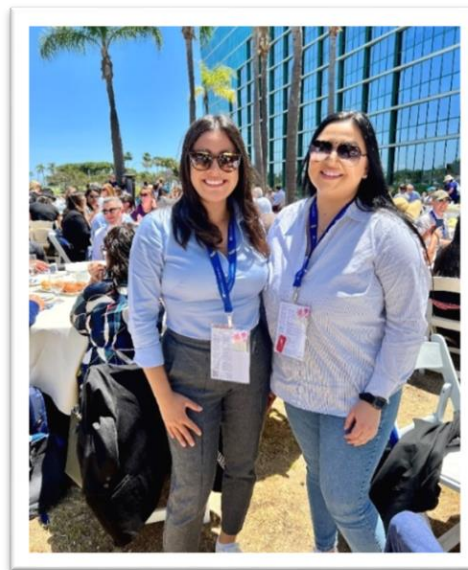
After, attendees gathered for a lunch discussion on equity and making goals a reality in one’s community. The lunch began with a message from sponsor Peter Grabell of Dividend Finance and followed by a conversation with three panelist about how equity conversations are shaping how local government thinks about economic development and key points for operationalizing cities’ equity objectives. After the panelist presentation, participants broke into a final micro-session.



Los Angeles SBA District Director Ben Raju

The final micro-session allowed attendees to participate in one of four peer-to-peer groups: Small Business Support, Infrastructure Financing, Workforce Solutions, and Achieving Success in Grant Writing.

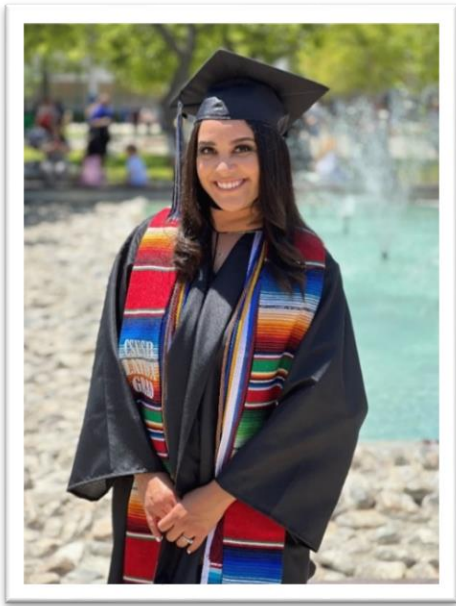
The conference ended with a closing session on the topics shaping and impacting economic development tools and resources. The closing session- Engaging with Current Legislation was led by CALED's Legislative Action Committee (Committee). The committee briefed attendees on current bills to watch, implementations of the Surplus Lands Act, California's Competitiveness, and economic development financing tools (e.g., Tax Increment Financing.)



Montclair Economic Services & Housing Manager Thailin Martin (left)
and City of Anaheim Management Assistant II

City of Montclair Economic Development staff is thankful for the opportunity to hear, learn, and share with other local agencies. But, most importantly, the City staff is enthusiastic about implementing focused next steps to continue improving our economic resiliency efforts.

- **Congratulations Economic Services and Housing Manager Martin!**



This past Saturday, Economic Services and Housing Manager Thailin Martin celebrated completing her Master of Business Administration (MBA) Executive Program with a concentration in Management from California State University, San Bernardino.

Mrs. Martin looks forward to sharing her academic experience with City colleagues and the business community.

Congratulations on your achievement, Mrs. Martin!

- **New Businesses — Welcome to Montclair!**

This past month, Council Member Tenice Johnson, other local elected representatives, and Chamber of Commerce representatives had the honor of welcoming several new businesses to our community.

Advance Auto Parts

We are all thrilled to welcome Advance Auto Parts. Located at 5152 Arrow Highway, Advance Auto Parts offers a wide-variety of automotive parts and accessories, like batteries and oil filters.



Advance Auto Parts ribbon-cutting hosted by Montclair Chamber of Commerce

- **Economic Development Monthly Business Newsletter**

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

The E-Newsletter shares business resources and free training offered through our resource partners.

To sign up for the newsletter, go to <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/newsletter/>, and view past editions at <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/economicdevelopmentnewsletter/>

- **Free E-Waste Event**

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free e-waste event on Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Chamber office parking lot, located at 8880 Benson Avenue. This is a drive-through event.

What is E-Waste?

E-waste is any consumer electronic equipment that has reached its 'end-of-life' or 'end-of-usage,' whether in full or non-working condition. It includes most electronics and electric appliances with a cord or a circuit board such as Computer monitors, television sets, PC systems, printers, laptops, copiers, scanners, fax machines, toner cartridges, UPS & PDA's, power supplies, mainframe units, networking equipment, motherboard systems, VCR/VCD/DVD players, home entertainment systems, landline and cellular phones, and small portable devices. Car and forklift batteries will also be accepted.

There is a service charge for major appliances, including cooling units and microwaves. Fluorescent light bulbs & household batteries will not be accepted. An event flyer is located on page 29. If you have any questions, please email exec@montclairchamber.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Police Training in Session**

The Montclair Police Department Explorer Program POST 3605 will have 11 explorers attend the explorer academy from June 6th to June 11th from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Chino Police Department will host and conduct the explorer academy. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program was temporarily suspended and many explorers didn't have the opportunity to attend the training. This year the explorers attending include five current explorers and six new ones.

The explorers will be learning various law enforcement tactics including radio traffic, building searches, defensive tactics, and traffic stops. Although this year's academy will not be a live-in academy, the explorers are excited and eager to attend.



Explorer in training

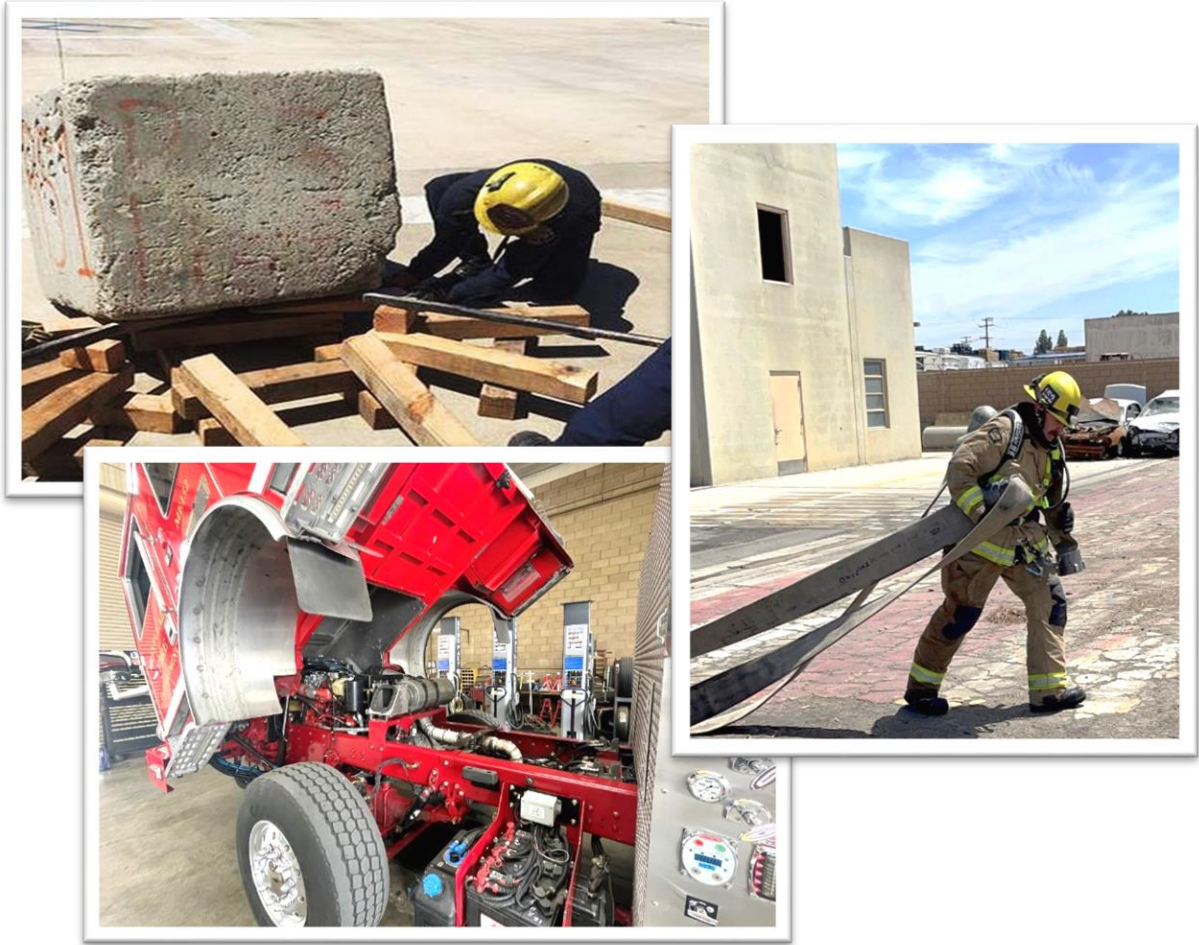
FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Fire Training Activities**

It's been a busy spring for the Montclair Fire Department with training, station inspections, and probationary testing.

This past month, the Montclair Fire Department sent four Firefighter Paramedics to Rescue Systems 1 training. This training helps them meet their Office of Emergency Services training obligation and brings expert training to the department and the citizens of Montclair. It focuses on specialized training used during large-scale disasters like earthquakes or complicated rescues of victims, which consists of rope rescue systems, shoring, and lifting of heavy objects and debris. In addition, the department also sent four Montclair Fire Engineers to Emergency Services Driver training that is put on by the San Bernadino County Sheriff's Department. This training focuses on safe driving techniques utilized by first responders.

Along with training, both Montclair Fire Stations had their annual station inspections. This is an opportunity for the department to recognize efforts and identify issues that need addressing. Personal protective equipment, fire apparatus, and stations are inspected, and deficiencies are noted and corrected. Many hours were spent cleaning in preparation for the inspections.



The Fire Department has also been busy with probationary testing. Two firefighter/paramedics are in the middle of their six-month Engine tests. They will be done in the next few weeks and will be transitioning to their six-months of ladder truck training.

- **Congratulations Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Gross**



Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Jarrod Gross for successfully completing his end-of-probation testing. Firefighter/Paramedic Gross has worked hard learning the fundamentals of his job, and we expect great things from him.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- **The Pacific Electric Trail Bridge Update**

The Pacific Electric Trail bridge that was damaged due to a fire last year is now temporarily open. Contech Engineered Solutions manufactured the prefabricated steel truss bridge in Greeley, Colorado. The prefabricated steel truss bridge traveled over 1,000 miles from northern Colorado and crossed the states of Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada. The bridge was installed at the end of March, and the concrete deck was poured on April 15, 2022. The bridge will be closed intermittently when the contractor installs railings and the electrical conduit along the north side of the bridge that was also damaged due to the fire.

The Pacific Electric Trail bridge connects to the Montclair Transcenter and is part of the 21-mile Pacific Electric (PE) multi-use trail. The PE trail links cities from Claremont to Rialto. It is a vital component of our Active Transportation and Healthy Montclair program, providing recreational and alternative transportation opportunities for cyclists, pedestrians, runners, and equestrian riding. In addition, it links our residents and the commuting public to schools, jobs, and our regional transportation hub.

The City of Montclair is a healthier and more equitable City due to safer and more connected roadways through active transportation options. **San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)** recognizes the value and importance of the PE trail. To that end, **SBCTA** has shown good faith and leadership by graciously offering \$100,000 to replace the bridge through their TDA Grant Program. Additionally, the City applied for a grant through the TDA Article 3 Call for Projects for bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects and was awarded an additional \$227,544 for the project. These funds will cover the total cost of the project.





The bridge was carefully placed across the San Antonio Creek Channel with the assistance of Biggs Cardosa Associates, the bridge engineering consultant. After the concrete deck was poured, the pedestrian bridge was accessible to the public.



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Montclair to College Graduation Ceremony**

The annual Montclair to College Program (MTC) graduation ceremony for Montclair High School graduating seniors took place on Wednesday, April 27, at The Canyon. Students who complete the program and graduate from Montclair High School (MHS) are awarded two years of admission with tuition, books, parking, and other fees paid to Chaffey College. This year, 230 people attended to honor 65 graduates at a dinner with funding provided by the Montclair Community Foundation and the Kaiser Permanente Hospital Foundation.

Mayor John Dutrey and his wife Anne, Council Members Tenice Johnson and Corysa Martinez, and I attended the event. Dignitaries included MHS Principal Joshua Cho, CJUHSD Superintendent Dr. Mat Holton, Board Member Sue Ovitt, Chaffey College Superintendent/President Dr. Henry Shannon, Chaffey College Governing Board President Gary Ovitt, and Board Member Deana Olivares-Lambert.

Montclair After-School Program Learning Leader and MTC alumni Alex Pelaez delivered an inspirational speech to graduating seniors, families, and friends. Alex spoke about his experience in the MTC program, working for the City of Montclair, and future career goals.

The students received their certificates from Congresswoman Norma J. Torres, California State Senator Connie Leyva, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman, and representatives from Chaffey Joint Union High School District, Chaffey College, and the City of Montclair.

Congratulations to the class of 2022! Photos of the event are shared on Page 30.

- **Senior Lunch Drive-Thru Celebration of April Birthdays**

On Wednesday, April 27, the Montclair Senior Center held its monthly birthday party during the Senior Lunch Drive-Thru. Council Member Tenice Johnson distributed lunches and monthly newsletters along with Senior Center staff.

The celebration theme was “Hollywood Red Carpet,” and decorations included paparazzi, a red carpet, cardboard cut-outs of Dale Evans and Andy Garcia, famous Hollywood street signs, banners reading “LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION,” and a canopy full of gold stars. Senior lunch participants with birthdays in April received special certificates and cards from the offices of Congresswoman Norma Torres, California State Senator Connie Leyva, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman. The birthday honorees also received a star-designed “swag” birthday bag containing Starburst candies, a microwave popcorn bag, and a clapboard key chain that revealed a hidden magnifying glass.

Photos of the birthday lunch are shared on Page 31.

- **Senior Center Reopens for In-Person Dining**

After being closed for more than two years, we are excited to announce the Montclair Senior Center reopened for in-person dining on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Floral-draped letters on the reception desk on our lobby fireplace greeted seniors with “We Love Our Seniors.” Our dining room was decorated with giant “Welcome Back” balloons and table centerpieces, including “we missed you” placards, mason jars of party blowers, and a lovely green plant. A slideshow of beloved events played in the background and some instrumental music.

Mayor John Dutrey was present and welcomed seniors back. Senior Center Supervisor Celeste Dunlap introduced herself and also welcomed seniors back.

Curbside service and home deliveries were phased out on Friday, April 29, 2022. For those who prefer their meal “to-go” we will be providing a walk-in/pick-up option only through June 30, 2022, by reservation. “To-go” meals must be picked up between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. To place an order, please call (909) 625-9483 the day before pick-up.

Meals on Wheels will try to accommodate those seniors who need a meal delivered, but the program is in need of drivers for Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Please contact Sue Yoakum at (909) 986-5522 if you are available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (approximately) and would like to volunteer.

Additional activities and programming will be expanding, and for updates, please visit the Senior Center webpage at www.cityofmontclair.org/senior-center or call the Senior Center front desk at (909) 625-9483.

The Senior Center is looking for fully vaccinated volunteers to help with the food distribution events and senior lunches. We cannot run our in-person programming without your help! If you are interested, please contact Celeste Dunlap at (909) 625-9462.

Photos are shared on Page 32.

- **Senior Center Cinco De Mayo Celebration**

On Thursday, May 5, the Montclair Senior Center celebrated Cinco de Mayo during the Senior Lunch Program.

The dining room was decorated with piñatas, bright balloons, bouquets of tissue paper flowers, and traditional serape table runners. A live Mariachi quartet played throughout the lunch hour while guests danced and sang along to the music.

This marks the first in-person special event at the Montclair Senior Center since its closure in March 2020. We look forward to the many more events to come.

Photos are shared on Page 33.

- **Splash Pad Re-Opening for Summer**

We are excited to announce that on Saturday, May 28, at noon, the Splash Pad will reopen after being closed for the last two seasons. As the hot summer days approach, we are happy this will be available for our community every day from noon to 6:00 pm. through Labor Day, Monday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m.

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



- **Senior Center Mother’s Day Celebration**

On Wednesday, May 11, the Senior Center celebrated Mother’s Day during the Senior Lunch Program. Guests were greeted by a floral theme, starting with a garland at the front desk at the Senior Center, a fireplace, and information table located in the lobby. The theme continued into our dining room where guests were greeted by wall garlands, lovely centerpiece bouquets, a pink floral backdrop ideal for a photo op, and special Mother’s Day theme napkins on the tables. In addition, Senior Citizens Supervisor Celeste Dunlap had invited guests to a Mother’s day theme trivia game that day.

Every mom received a rose-designed pen in honor of Mother’s Day.

Photos are shared on Page 34.

- **Save the Date — Memorial Day Program on May 30, 2022**

Join us on Monday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. for the Community Activities Commission’s 22nd Annual Memorial Day Program. The Program will be held in the Memorial Garden, adjacent to City Hall, and will include the dedication of six new plaques to our Veterans’ Memorial Wall. The Memorial Wall pays tribute to deceased Montclair residents from all service branches.

The Program will feature a presentation of colors by the Montclair High School JROTC, patriotic songs performed by The Band of the California Battalion, the pledge of allegiance led by Montclair resident and US Army Veteran Oscar Pedroza, refreshments, and a poetry reading.

- **Save the Date — Country Fair Jamboree on June 4, 2022**

The 8th Annual Country Fair Jamboree will be held on Saturday, June 4, from noon to 6 p.m. at Alma Hofman Park.

Attractions will include games, food trucks, a petting zoo, carnival rides, pie-eating, pony rides, live music by In The Mixx, craft vendors, fun contests for all ages, and much more. In addition, the Splash Pad will be open for this event.

Guests can save \$5 per wristband with the Early Bird Sale! Pre-sale wristbands will be sold at City Hall beginning Monday, May 23 to Thursday, June 2 (Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.). The following two wristbands are available:

- Unlimited Rides & Games: \$10 pre-sale, \$15 day of event.
- Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Unlimited Rides & Games: \$15 pre-sale, \$20 day of event.

An event flyer is included on Page 35, and an early bird ticket flyer is on Page 36.

City employees will receive a \$10 coupon attached to their paycheck on May 26, and it is good for use at any of the food trucks at the Jamboree. Coupons can be redeemed for Montclair bucks at the City Manager’s booth.

Event parking will be available at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and a shuttle service will be provided. Any employees interested in volunteering at the Jamboree should contact Recreation Coordinator Emily Gomez-Medina at Ext. 482.

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MAY 2022		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Mon. 23	Planning Commission Meeting — CANCELLED	
Sat. 28	Drive-Thru E-Waste Recycling Event Montclair Chamber of Commerce, 8880 Benson Avenue	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sun. 29		9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Mon. 30	Memorial Day City Hall Closure (City Hall reopens Tuesday, May 31, 2022)	
	Memorial Day Ceremony Memorial Garden (located adjacent to City Hall)	6:00 p.m.

JUNE 2022

<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sat. 4	8th Annual Country Fair Jamboree Alma Hofman Park, 5201 Benito Street	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Mon. 6	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 8	Community Activities Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 13	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 16	Monthly Food Distribution Event Civic Center (City Hall)	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
	Public Works Committee Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	4:00 p.m.
Mon. 20	Real Estate Committee Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	6:00 p.m.
	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	6:30 p.m.
	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 22	Council Workshop — FY 2022-23 Preliminary Budget Review City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
Mon. 27	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tues. 28	Council Workshop — San Antonio Creek Trail Conceptual Plan (cont'd) City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
	Council Workshop — FY 2022-23 Budget Adoption City Council Chambers	6:30 p.m.

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

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



ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

WITH MONTCLAIR

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

9 AM – 2 PM

May 28 & 29

8880 Benson Avenue



INVEST IN OUR PLANET.



GRADUATION APRIL 27, 2022



Senior Drive-Thru Birthday Party April 2022 “Hollywood Red Carpet”





Senior Center Reopening

May 2, 2022







8th Annual

COUNTRY FAIR

JAMBOREE

FAMILY FUN!

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

12 - 6 PM

ALMA HOFMAN PARK
 5201 BENITO ST., MONTCLAIR

*Event parking available at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
 (Shuttle service will be provided).*

IN THE MIXX
 Top 40, Latin Soul,
 Dance & more
 12:30 & 4 PM

FUN CONTESTS FOR ALL AGES
 PRESALE CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS
 AVAILABLE AT SELECT LOCATIONS.
 VISIT WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION.

Full event information at: www.cityofmontclair.org/countryfairjamboree

FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION CALL **(909) 625-9479** ★ FOR VENDOR AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION CALL THE MONTCLAIR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **(909) 985-5104**

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SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022
 ALMA HOFMAN PARK, 5201 BENITO ST., MONTCLAIR • 12-6 PM

EARLY BIRD SALE!

SOLD AT CITY HALL
 (5111 Benito St., Montclair)
 May 23-June 2 • Mon - Thu, 7am- 6pm

\$10 WRISTBANDS - Unlimited rides & games.
\$15 WRISTBANDS - Unlimited rides & games, pony rides & petting zoo.

Save \$5 per wristband (\$15 and \$20 the day of event).

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