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CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022

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• President Biden Announces Pandemic Over

Last month, President Biden took the most definitive stance of his presidency on the state of COVID-19 by announcing the pandemic is over. While the announcement was unexpected, it was welcome by many Americans and public health officials.

Nationally, mask mandates are gone, businesses are thriving, restaurants are welcoming back customers, and Congress appears ready to move beyond approving a continuation of funding for free tests, vaccinations, and boosters by pointing to the virus' downward trajectory. Nevertheless, public health officials caution that Americans should still get the recently approved COVID-19 booster ahead of a potential fall surge. Vaccines are available through pharmacies, health clinics and doctor's offices.

Despite the President's pronouncement, the Country still averages more than <u>62,000 reported</u> <u>COVID-19 cases each day</u>,¹ a figure widely believed to be dramatic undercount due to home testing, alongside 32,000 daily hospitalizations and 465 daily deaths. At that rate, COVID-19 still amounts to one of the <u>biggest causes of death</u>² in the U.S. Doctor Ashish Jha, President Biden's COVID-19 coordinator has stated that most COVID deaths are now preventable through vaccination.

In Los Angeles County, however, more people died of COVID between May and July this year than during the same months last year. The virus claimed the lives of nearly 800 people in Los Angeles County in those months, compared with nearly 500 a year earlier. Elderly people bore the brunt of that increase, with a death rate that had tripled among people who had reached their 80th birthday. Across California, roughly half of COVID deaths this summer were

¹ https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html

² https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr70/nvsr70-09-508.pdf

among people who had reached age 80 or older, and nearly one-third were between 65 and 79, according to a Los Angeles Times analysis of state data.

According to the Los Angeles Times analysis, men were found more likely to die³ than women. In addition, the pandemic's toll has continued to follow longstanding patterns of racial inequality: Black Californians had the highest rates of death from COVID-19 across the state in recent months, a pattern that persisted in most age groups, the Los Angeles Times analysis found.

Health officials are uncertain about the pandemic with the remaining few months of 2022 will bring. The nation's collective immunity from vaccines and infection is waning, fewer people are asking for boosters, and vaccinating children is low. Public health officials have cautioned to expect a rise in cases as the weather gets colder but say if a virulent new strain doesn't appear, any spike will probably be more moderate than we've seen the last two winters.

According to a Gallup survey⁴ released last August, two-thirds of Americans expect a fall surge, and more than half of Americans report they are worried about new variants spreading.

Unfortunately, even if the pandemic is over, the 1.056 million people who died from COVID-19 in the U.S. (96,000 people in California and 6.6 million people globally) remain, and the millions more with long COVID, for whom the pandemic may remain for years to come.

California Limits Gasoline Powered Big Rigs

As reported in August 2022, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) introduced a new rule banning the sale of new gasoline-powered cars⁵ in California, starting in 2035. In September, CARB turned its regulatory attention to trucks, with the intention of phasing out fossil-fuel-burning medium- and heavy-duty trucks by 2040.⁶ The plan is expected to help meet California's climate and clean air goals.⁷

CARB has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed regulation for October 27, 2022. CARB's proposal would target all fossil-fuel-powered big rigs and is estimated to save 5,000 Californian lives between 2024 and 2050 by preventing premature deaths from pollutants and reducing health costs by \$57 billion.

CARB's decision does not identify the cost to fully transition to selling electric trucks after 2040. However, CARB says it will implement incentive spending, infrastructure installation, and land-use policies within the proposed Advanced Clean Fleets regulation or ACF.

³ https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2022/01/harvard-study-looks-at-covid-19-sex-disparities/

 ⁴ https://news.gallup.com/opinion/gallup/308126/roundup-gallup-covid-coverage.aspx
 ⁵ https://calmatters.org/environment/2022/08/electric-cars-california-to-phase-out-gas-cars/
 ⁶ https://calmatters.org/environment/2022/09/california-phase-out-diesel-trucks-zero-emissi

⁷ https://www.ktvu.com/tag/environment

The proposed ACF regulation will apply to companies with fleets of 50 or more medium and heavy-duty trucks. Emergency vehicles such as ambulances will be exempt. ACF will also apply to California's city, county, public utility, and other government agencies that operate diesel trucks.

The <u>CARB proposal</u>⁸ would further require that, by 2035, medium- and heavy-duty trucks entering ports and railyards be zero emission and that state and local government fleets be zero emission by 2027. In addition, large fleet operators like Amazon, Walmart, and other companies would convert all trucks operating in the state to zero-emission vehicles by 2042.

The new regulations would likely demand a radical buildup of electric charging infrastructure, placing new stresses on California's fragile power grid and forcing the trucking industry to reshape its business. CARB estimates that there are currently 1,900 medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles operating in California, most of which are transit buses.

Trucking industry representatives argue that even if California started to build up its charging infrastructure starting today, there is unlikely to be enough infrastructure to support the estimated 400,000 big rigs traveling up and down the state by the 2040 deadline.

Diesel trucks are inexpensive and durable and can carry heavy loads of cargo for thousands of miles. However, the cost of pollutants and health has often been high, particularly for communities near ports or warehouse districts where big rigs rumble at all hours, emitting toxic exhaust. CARB says that transportation is the state's <u>largest source</u>⁹ of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and trucks make up about a quarter of tailpipe emissions <u>nationwide</u>.¹⁰

GHG emissions from trucks are <u>disproportionately found in the air of low-income</u> <u>neighborhoods</u>¹¹ in California—these communities face disproportionate health impacts from diesel-produced pollutants, including increased risk for cancers and heart attacks, because these communities are often built around major freeways, warehouses, ports, railyards and other places where trucks travel.

The Inland Empire, for example, is the heart of the nation's distribution centers, where thousands of trucks come and go daily, often passing through or by residential areas and schools. Pollutants from these trucks enter people's homes and are breathed in by children playing on school campuses.

Public health officials have linked diesel engine particulates to asthma, cancer, chronic heart disease, heart attacks, and other respiratory elements. Trucks are also the <u>largest source of nitrogen oxide emissions in California</u>.¹²

⁸ https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/barcu/regact/2022/acf22/isor2.pdf

https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/ghg-descriptions-sources
 https://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/fast-facts-transportation-greenhouse-gas-emissions

¹¹ https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2019/02/cv-air-pollution-CA-web.pdf

¹² https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/nox-emissions-of-in-use-trucks

California is typically the first state in the nation to implement aggressive climate policies, and the phasing out of diesel-powered trucks is a worldwide first. As a result, other states and countries are expected to follow California's lead once again.

Under the federal Clean Air Act, California has a special treatment to set air pollution policies stricter than the federal government's—other states may follow California's lead. To date, 14 other states have followed California in addressing climate change by addressing vehicle emissions of GHGs. Together, participating states represent a third of the nation's vehicle market.

In 2019, the Trump Administration withdrew California's Clean Air Act waiver; however, the Biden Administration has since restored the state's permissions, including the ability to mandate zero-emission vehicles and enforce stringent limits on GHG emissions from vehicle tailpipes.

The Biden Administration has also embarked on other aggressive actions to combat climate change, including boosting requirements for fuel efficiency and GHG pollution, rejoining the Paris Climate Accords, promoting the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol calling for the phasing out of hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) production as a refrigerant for air conditioning and refrigerant systems, and passing major climate control legislation through the <u>Inflation</u> <u>Reduction Act</u>,¹³ signed into law in August 2022.

California's restored waiver empowered the state to transition to <u>zero-Emission lawn</u> equipment¹⁴ and vehicles and to resume enforcing auto standards it brokered with carmakers and the federal government in 2012 and again in 2019 when <u>California and major automakers</u> reached a groundbreaking framework agreement on clean emission standards.¹⁵

The 2012 regulations required automakers to boost the average fuel economy of their fleets by approximately 5% annually, with the fleetwide requirement targeting almost 50 mpg in 2025. However, some automakers preferred a less-aggressive alternative that would require 3.7% annual gains in fuel economy and moving toward a 50 mpg average a year in 2026.

The 2019 framework's¹⁶ terms reflect cooperation with automakers and include the following:

• Extend the current 2025 model year standard until 2026 and smooth out the interim years from 2022 through 2025 to provide additional lead time and slightly less aggressive year-over-year reductions. (That is, changing the original year-over-year 4.7 percent GHG reduction over four years to 3.7 percent over five years.)

¹³ <u>https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/-five-cash-benefits-democrats-climate-health-bill-rcna42315</u>

 ¹⁴ https://www.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/zero-emission-landscaping-equipment/zero-emission-lawn-equipment
 ¹⁵ https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/07/25/california-and-major-automakers-reach-groundbreaking-framework-agreement-on-clean-emission-standards/

 ¹⁶ https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-07/Auto%20Terms%20Signed.pdf

- Support the transition to electric vehicles by rewarding companies that sell more EVs with additional credits to meet the GHG standard for their entire fleet while ensuring that gas and diesel vehicles get progressively cleaner over time.
- Provide an incentive to car companies to install more GHG-reducing technologies (such as making the car more aerodynamic at highway speeds or improving the vehicle's internal temperature control) by modestly revising limitations on their usage and streamlining agency review and approval for new technologies.
- Simplify compliance by removing the requirement to consider upstream GHG emissions associated with the production of the electricity used by electric vehicles when calculating the GHG emissions for a car maker's fleet.

Participating auto manufacturers, including Ford, Honda, BMW of North America, and Volkswagen Group of America, pursued a voluntary agreement in which California accepted the revised terms as compliance rather than challenging California's GHG and zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) programs.

CARB's recent ZEV regulations required a waiver for its next-generation standards to achieve a phase-out of internal combustion engines and ban the sale of gasoline-fueled cars after 2035 and diesel-fueled trucks after 2040.

• Inflation Reduction Act Commits \$1.5 Billion for Trees Planting

The Inflation Reduction Act Commits <u>\$1.5 billion in grants</u>¹⁷ to plant trees nationwide, especially in low-income communities. Grants will be sent to states, local governments, and nonprofit organizations over the next decade.

Scientists predict that more of the nation will be suffering through 100-degree days 30 years from now, and the grants will provide a major boost to cities trying to deal with extreme heat by planting more trees and creating more shade. Working out to an average of \$150 million a year, the grants represent a five-fold increase for the U.S. Agriculture Department's Urban and Community Forestry Program over the \$32 million the program received in the Fiscal Year 2021-22. As a result, communities can expect to receive several hundred thousand to a few million dollars once the grants are distributed.

The Inflation Reduction Act also provides \$1.9 billion in neighborhood access and equity grants for many purposes, including improving walkability, safety, and affordable transportation in communities and identifying gaps in tree coverage.

¹⁷ <u>https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/inflation_reduction_act_of_2022.pdf</u>

The federal grants come as some states and localities have been planting more trees to respond to climate change, particularly in low-income neighborhoods that tend to be more tree-barren than other areas.

Trees provide coverage from the sun, but botanists also say they cool the air by releasing water from their leaves—a process called evapotranspiration. According to the Environmental <u>Protection Agency</u>¹⁸ (EPA), shaded surfaces can be 20 to 45 degrees cooler than unshaded areas, and evapotranspiration can help reduce peak summer temperatures by 2 to 9 degrees—a critical quality to communities as temperatures rise.

A <u>study by the First Street Foundation</u>¹⁹ found that over the next 30 years, the number of counties in the nation expected to reach a heat index of 125 degrees at least once a year will jump from 50 in 2023 to 1,023 in 2053. As a result, the number of people in the U.S. facing extreme heat would rise from 8.1 million to 107.6 million.

In addition to their cooling effects, trees keep stormwater systems from overflowing and polluting waterways because they absorb stormwater. Trees also provide excellent air filtration, and their leaves capture particulate matter in the air.

A particular focus of the Inflation Reduction Act is to undo the stark inequities in which some neighborhoods are heavily shaded, and others are exposed to sweltering heat. For example, <u>an American Forests study</u>²⁰ last year found that neighborhoods where most residents are people of color, have a third less tree canopy coverage than in other communities. In addition, neighborhoods, where most people live in poverty have 25% less tree canopy than other areas.

A <u>tree equity scorecard</u>²¹ for 150,000 U.S. neighborhoods in 486 urban municipalities ranks neighborhoods by the number of planted trees. According to the equity scorecard, Montclair has an overall tree equity score of 74, with a high of 84 and a low of 41.

The tree equity scorecard evaluates the following metrics: Existing tree canopy, Population density, Income, Employment, Surface Temperature, Race, Age, and Health.

These metrics are combined into a single score between 0 and 100. A score of 100 means that a neighborhood has achieved Tree Equity.

Some Montclair neighborhoods have significant tree canopy, while others are deficient. Federal funding could help to significantly improve conditions by funding tree plantings and other related programs throughout the City.

¹⁸ https://www.epa.gov/heatislands/using-trees-and-vegetation-reduce-heat-islands

https://firststreet.org/research-lab/published-research/article-highlights-from-hazardous-heat/
 https://www.americanforests.org/article/tree-equity-score-one-year-later/

²⁰ <u>https://www.americanforests.org/article/tree-equity-score-one-y</u> 21 <u>https://www.treeequityscore.org/</u>

²¹ https://www.treeequityscore.org/

• Delta Conveyance Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

In late July 2022, the state released the <u>Draft Environmental Impact Report</u>²² (EIR) for the Delta Conveyance Project—a project vital to the water needs of Southern Californians. As a result, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced extending the comment period to Friday, December 16, 2022.

What is Delta conveyance? <u>Delta conveyance</u>²³ refers to that portion of the California State Water Project (SWP) infrastructure in the vast network of waterways comprising the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) that collects and moves fresh, clean, and affordable water to homes, farms, and businesses throughout major regions of the state from the Bay Area to Southern California. The SWP is intended to protect and preserve a vital state water supply by guarding against disruptions caused by sea level rise, the hydrologic effects of climate change, and seismic threats.

The <u>Department of Water Resources</u>²⁴ (DWR) is the owner and operator of the SWP and is responsible for all associated upgrades and maintenance, including the proposed Delta Conveyance Project that will modernize this water transport infrastructure in the Delta.

The SWP is one of the world's largest public water and power utilities, providing drinking water for more than 27 million people and generating an average of 6,500 GWh of hydroelectricity annually. However, as it is the state's largest single power consumer, it has a net usage of 5,100 GWh.

The SWP collects water from rivers in Northern California and redistributes it to the state's water-scarce but populous cities through a network of aqueducts, pumping stations, and power plants. About 70% of the water provided by the project is used for urban areas, and industry in Southern California and the San Francisco Bay Area, and 30% is used for irrigation in the Central Valley.

To reach Southern California, the water must be pumped 2,882 feet over the Tehachapi Mountains, with 1,926 feet (587 m) at the <u>Edmonston Pumping Plant</u>²⁵—the plant pumps water 1,926 feet and is the highest single water lift in the world.

The SWP shares many facilities with the federal Central Valley Project (CVP), which primarily serves agricultural users. Water can be interchanged between SWP and CVP canals to meet peak requirements for project constituents.

The SWP provides estimated annual benefits of \$400 billion to California's economy.

²² https://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com/

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance
 https://water.ca.gov/

²⁵ <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edmonston Pumping Plant</u>

Since its inception in 1960, the SWP has required the construction of 21 dams and more than 700 miles of canals, pipelines, and tunnels—a fraction of the facilities proposed initially. The project delivers an average of 2.4 million acre-feet annually compared to total entitlements of 4.23 million acre-feet. Work continues to expand the SWP's water delivery capacity while finding solutions for the environmental impacts of water diversion.

View this <u>Story Map</u>²⁶ for more information on several critical aspects of the Project.

Why is Delta conveyance important? The Delta is at the center of California's vital water distribution system. An estimated two-thirds of California's water originates in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range as snowpack. As the snow melts, much of it flows through the Delta, where it is delivered to more than 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland. The infrastructure that enables conveyance for California's primary water supply is critical to the health of local communities and the success of California's economy.

Why is this project needed? Because the SWP relies on the Delta's natural channels to convey water, it is vulnerable to earthquakes and sea level rise. According to the DWR, upgrading SWP infrastructure will protect against these threats and secure the longevity of the SWP and the future reliability of SWP water supplies. The proposed Delta Conveyance Project would modernize the aging SWP infrastructure in the Delta to restore and protect the reliability of SWP water deliveries cost-effectively. Consistent with the State's Water Resilience Portfolio and allow the DWR to address sea level rise and climate change, minimize water supply disruption due to seismic risk, and provide operational flexibility to improve aquatic conditions in the Delta.

Where to submit public comment on the Delta Conveyance Project Draft EIR:

- Email: <u>deltaconveyancecomments@water.ca.gov</u>
- Online: <u>Comment Form</u>²⁷
- U.S. Mail: CA Department of Water Resources, Attn: Delta Conveyance Office, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
- Verbally at a Virtual Public Hearing: Wednesday, September 28, 2022, | 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Additional information <u>here</u>.²⁸

Where to Access the Draft EIR:

- Review Online: <u>www.deltaconveyanceproject.com</u>
- Review In-Person: A digital copy of the Draft EIR is available at the following locations:
 DWR Office: 3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 117, West Sacramento, CA 95691
 - **Libraries:** A full list of libraries across the state where the public can access the Draft EIR can be found <u>here</u>.²⁹

²⁶ https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/52dc0a1a3ded44c9b6d33a804fdd260f

https://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com/make-a-comment#comment-section
 https://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com/attend-a-meeting

²⁰ <u>https://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com/attend-a-m</u>
²⁹ <u>https://tinyurl.com/4inzj9nb</u>

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To help access, navigate and review the Draft EIR, DWR has prepared several accompanying informational resources on the specifics of the proposed project and the Draft EIR and public review process, including tips for how to make effective comments:

About the Draft EIR	About the Delta Conveyance Project
What is the Draft EIR Fact Sheet (English ³⁰ and Spanish ³¹) Tips for Commenting on an EIR Fact Sheet (English ³² and Spanish ³³) Draft EIR Explained ³⁴ "A Guide to the Draft EIR" ³⁵ video series Project Overview; Purpose and Objectives; EIR Contents; Resource Chapters; How to Comment "Resource Explainer" ³⁶ video series Description of the Proposed Project and Alternatives; Tribal Cultural Resources; Terrestrial Biological Resources; Fish and Aquatic Resources; Water Quality; Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases Draft EIR Flyer (English/Spanish) ³⁷ Poster: Bethany Reservoir Alignment (English ³⁸ and Spanish ³⁹) Poster: Intakes (English ⁴⁰ and Spanish ⁴¹) Poster: Tunneling (English ⁴² and Spanish) ⁴³	 DCP Overview and Update Fact Sheet⁴⁴ Quick Questions Video Series⁴⁵ Climate Realities Social Media Video Project Story Map²⁶ Deep Dive Video Series⁴⁶ Comparing the Delta Conveyance Project to Previous Conveyance Proposals Fact Sheet⁴⁷ Preliminary Design and Engineering Objectives Fact Sheet⁴⁸ Delta Conveyance: A Fresh Look Yields a New Project⁴⁹ Big Storms, Dry Spells, Demonstrate the Need for Improved Infrastructure and the Delta Conveyance Project⁵⁰

³⁰ https://uploads-ssl.webflow.com/627d556b0f4f5370e839b988/632cf586dd50633ef14fa998_DCP_DEIR_Info_Updated_ADA.pdf

³¹ https://uploads-ssl.webflow.com/627d556b0f4f5370e839b988/632cf1c65867f6a4fdcaed2f_DCP_DEIR_Info_Updated_SPA_ADA.pdf

³² https://tinyurl.com/yc72udv9

 ³³ <u>https://tinyurl.com/mrxab86a</u>
 ³⁴ <u>https://tinyurl.com/v62scjrz</u>

³⁵ https://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com/learn-more#how-to-read-videos

³⁶ https://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com/learn-more#explainer-videos

³⁷ https://uploads-ssl.webflow.com/627d556b0f4f5370e839b988/632cf663f95f1830990a1a33_DCP_DEIR_Flyer_Updated_ADA.pdf

³⁸ https://tinyurl.com/572xcjxn

 ³⁹ <u>https://tinyurl.com/2sj6k3h6</u>
 ⁴⁰ <u>https://tinyurl.com/4axfenzr</u>

⁴¹ <u>https://tinyurl.com/2s4j9xer</u>

⁴² https://tinyurl.com/2mu9mkcp

 ⁴³ <u>https://tinyurl.com/bdzd58uk</u>
 ⁴⁴ <u>https://tinyurl.com/2tz9ntya</u>

⁴⁵ <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeod6x87Tu6eJvX_f4qT0Re9-wRCTtQz2</u>

⁴⁶ https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeod6x87Tu6dDjEDXMgQYMLdUrUGHcQRG

⁴⁷ https://tinyurl.com/yckm3ynw

https://tinyurl.com/mrjfhek3
 https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2022/July-22/Delta-Conveyance-A-Fresh-Look-Yields-a-New-Project

https://water.ca.gov/News/Biog/2022/Juli/-22/Beia-Conveyance-A-Flesh-Look-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-New-Fleids-a-N

• House of Representative Pass Police Package Bills

In mid-September, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a package of policing and public safety bills. The bills — the Mental Health Justice Act of 2022, the Invest to Protect Act of 2022, the Break the Cycle of Violence Act, and the Victim Act of 2022 — would provide millions of dollars to local law enforcement with accountability measures attached.

- The Mental Health Justice Act of 2022 seeks to create a grant program for states and local governments to train and dispatch mental health professionals — instead of law enforcement officers — to respond to emergencies that involve people with behavioral health needs.
- The Invest to Protect Act of 2022 would award a grant to a local or tribal government that employs fewer than 125 law enforcement officers for equipment and programs, including body cameras, de-escalation training, and recruitment and retention improvement.
- The Break the Cycle of Violence Act would fund nonprofit, community, and faith-based organizations that work to reduce crime.
- The Victim Act of 2022 would help law enforcement agencies establish violent incident clearance and technological investigative methods.

The bills are now awaiting an uncertain fate in the Senate, where they may not meet the 60-vote threshold.

• U.S. Senate Approve Climate Treaty Kigali Amendment

The U.S. Senate approved a major climate treaty—the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol—with bipartisan and manufacturing industry support. The United States helped broker the Kigali Agreement in 2016.

The original Montreal Protocol, finalized in 1987, is a noteworthy success story. It countered a threat to the Earth's protective ozone layer by curbing the use of one class of air conditioning and refrigerant chemicals. However, the type of chemicals manufacturers used as a replacement—hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs—turned out to be potent greenhouse gases. The Kigali Amendment aims to phase out HFCs. However, American companies hold patents on the products that would replace the chemicals.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), eliminating HFCs could limit atmospheric warming by a half-degree Celsius. Presently, the world is on track to warm by more than 2 degrees Celsius (35.6 degrees Fahrenheit)—which scientists predict would lead to some catastrophic weather impacts. Therefore, reducing the increase by half a Celsius degree would make a significant difference.

More than <u>130 countries</u>⁵¹ signed on to the Kigali Amendment. The United States helped broker the agreement but never ratified it until this past month. Nonetheless, Congress did pass a law in 2020 that gave the EPA authority to phase out HFC production over 15 years.

China and India, the two countries responsible for a significant share of HFC emissions, also adopted ambitious plans to reduce the use of the compounds.

To date, the global commitment to dispense with HFCs has not necessarily translated into actual reductions. A 2020 study published in Nature Communications found that emissions have increased despite the Kigali Amendment. In 2018, they were higher than at any point in history, leading to the conclusion that there must be substantial unreported production.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• City of Montclair General Municipal Election on November 8, 2022

Candidates for Elective Offices in Montclair

Six candidates have qualified for the ballot on the upcoming General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The candidates are listed below in the order they will appear on the ballot with the designations that will appear below their names.

Two Candidates for Mayor (4-year Term) – 1 seat available

- Javier "John" Dutrey Mayor, City of Montclair
- Oscar Miranda Small Business Owner

Four Candidates for Council Member (4-year Term) – 2 seats available

- **Bill Ruh** Montclair Councilmember/Analyst
- Juliet Orozco Payroll/Benefits Coordinator
- Corysa Martinez Montclair Councilmember/Attorney
- Xavier Mendez Retired Maintenance Superintendent

Candidates' statements, contact information, campaign finances, and other election information can be viewed on the <u>City's website</u>.⁵²

⁵¹ <u>https://ozone.unep.org/all-ratifications</u>

⁵² https://www.cityofmontclair.org/2022-election/

Candidate Forum

The Montclair Community Activities Commission and Montclair Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in the Montclair City Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m., at which members of the public can ask candidates questions. Information about how to submit questions and where to watch the event remotely can be found on the flyer located on Page 34.

Montclair Ballot Measures R and II

On the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election ballot, Montclair residents will vote on two cannabis-related measures: *Measure R – the Montclair Cannabis Business License Tax Measure, and Measure II –* the Montclair Cannabis Legalization Advisory Measure.

Measure R seeks to generate locally controlled funds through a gross receipts tax of up to 7% on a variety of commercial cannabis businesses, including retail stores, delivery, testing, manufacturing, and cultivation.

If approved by a majority of Montclair voters, the estimated \$3.5 million per year in local revenue will generate additional funds for public safety and 911 emergency response, infrastructure and street maintenance, parks and recreation, and youth and senior programs. **All revenue raised by this measure would remain in Montclair** to benefit Montclair residents and businesses.

What does Measure R Mean for Montclair?

If approved by voters, Measure R would only apply to individuals or businesses engaging in cannabis businesses and does not increase other taxes on Montclair residents or businesses.

The funding from Measure R could help support:

- Public safety services including police, fire, and 911 emergency response
- Street and sidewalk maintenance
- Capital improvements
- Parks, recreation facilities, and open space
- Senior Center programs and services, including meals, transportation, and wellness
- City-funded after-school and summer recreational programs that serve children in the community
- Low-cost healthcare and education services
- Assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness

Montclair and Cannabis

The City of Montclair currently does not allow for cannabis-related businesses to operate within the City. However, the City is considering lifting the current ban and allowing for cannabis retail stores, as well as the delivery, testing, manufacturing, and cultivation of cannabis within City limits.

Cannabis businesses operating in neighboring cities are legally allowed to make deliveries into Montclair, but currently, Montclair receives no tax revenue in connection with these deliveries. Measure R would ensure that these businesses would be subject to a gross receipts tax for conducting business within Montclair.

Measure II - Montclair Cannabis Legalization Advisory Measure

The City Council also voted to place an advisory measure – **Measure II – the Montclair Cannabis Legalization Advisory Measure** – on the ballot to ask Montclair voters if they would support the legalization of commercial cannabis businesses in the City. The outcome of this measure will not result in a change in the legal status of commercial cannabis businesses in Montclair but serves to advise the City Council on the preference of Montclair residents.

In connection with the passage of Measure R and the potential legalization of commercial cannabis businesses, the City would be able to develop rules for cannabis storefront dispensaries and non-storefront delivery services that best serve the residents of Montclair, as well as develop further rules and regulations for other types of commercial cannabis businesses such as cultivation, manufacturing, and testing.

In addition, if legalized in the future, any cannabis operations in Montclair would be required to follow strict rules and regulations enacted by the City, including requirements from the State's Bureau of Cannabis Control. This includes prohibiting cannabis businesses within 600 feet of any K-12 school, daycare, youth center, public parks, libraries, and drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities.

Accountability and Local Control

The potential revenue raised by Measure R would be subject to strict accountability requirements providing that the funds are placed in the City's General Fund and that all spending will be disclosed to the public and available online.

How Measures R and II will Appear on the Ballot

City of Montclair	City of Montclair	
Measure R	Measure II	
Cannabis Business License Tax Measure	Montclair Cannabis Legalization Advisory Measure	
Shall the measure funding general Montclair services including supporting 911/police/fire response; preventing thefts/property crime; recruiting/retaining firefighters, paramedics; retaining local business/ jobs; repairing streets/potholes; addressing homelessness; by taxing cannabis retail, delivery, cultivation,	Shall the Montclair City Council consider approving ordinances legalizing and licensing medical and adult-use cannabis businesses in the City of Montclair?	
manufacturing/testing businesses at a rate of not more than 7% of gross receipts, raising about \$3,500,000 annually, until ended by voters, requiring audits, spending disclosure, funds used locally, cannabis businesses follow laws protecting public health/safety, be adopted?	NO / NO	
🔿 YES / SÍ		
O NO/NO		

Additional Documents and Background

- Measure R & II Fact Sheet⁵³ (Spanish)⁵⁴
- Measure R & II FAQ⁵⁵ (Spanish)⁵⁶
- Impartial Analysis of Measure R⁵⁷
- Argument in Favor of Measure R⁵⁸
- Impartial Analysis of Measure II⁵⁹

For other information on the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election, including an impartial analysis of Measure R and II, please visit the City Clerk's election page.⁶⁰

The City of Montclair continues to engage and educate community members about **Measures R and II** as the City seeks to obtain additional funding for the services and programs that Montclair provides.

https://www.cityofmontclair.org/documents/measures-r-ii-fact-sheet-english
 https://www.cityofmontclair.org/documents/measures-r-ii-fact-sheet-spanish/

⁵⁵ <u>https://www.cityofmontclair.org/documents/measures-r-ii-faq-english/</u>

https://www.cityofmontclair.org/documents/measures-r-ii-faq-spanish/
 https://www.cityofmontclair.org/documents/impartial-analysis-of-measure-r/

 ⁵⁸ <u>https://www.cityofmontclair.org/documents/argument-in-favor-of-measure-r/</u>

⁵⁹ https://www.cityofmontclair.org/documents/impartial-analysis-of-measure-ii/

⁶⁰ https://www.cityofmontclair.org/2022-election/

Voting in the Election

All California's registered voters will be mailed a ballot no later than October 10, 2022. 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/federal prison or on parole for 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.
- Make sure to <u>confirm your voter status</u>⁶¹ and check that all your information is up to date!

Voting In Person

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 your ID when you vote. Acceptable forms of identification include:
 - A copy of a recent utility bill,

⁶¹ <u>https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status</u>

- 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's 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 on 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 <u>www.sbcountyelections.com</u>.

The Registrar of Voters' Office accepts mail ballots and allows onsite in-person voting beginning Tuesday, October 11. San Bernardino County's other Early Vote Site locations will be open from Tuesday, November 1 through Monday, November 7 (closed Sunday).

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

Location	Address	Hours
San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Office	777 E. Rialto Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415	 <u>Tuesday, October 11 - Monday, November 7</u> Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, November 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Town of Apple Valley Recreation Center	14955 Dale Evans Parkway Apple Valley, CA 92307	Tuesday, November 1 - Monday, November 7 • Tuesday through Monday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Joshua Tree Community Center	6171 Sunburst Street Joshua Tree, CA 92252	 Closed Sunday, November 6. All Early Voting Sites (except for the
Ontario Convention Center	2000 E. Convention Center Way Ontario, CA 91764	Registrar of Voters Office) are Closed on Election Day (November 8)
Victorville City Hall	14343 Civic Drive Victorville, CA 92392	

Early Vote Site Locations

Voting at Your Polling Place

Any registered San Bernardino County voter can cast their ballot on Tuesday, November 8th at any polling place in the County. 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 <u>Polling Place Look-Up Tool</u>.⁶² All polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Location	Address	Hours
Waterwise Community Center	4594 San Bernardino Street Montclair, CA 91763	 All Polling Places are open: Election Day, Tuesday, September 14 from 7
Lehigh Elementary School	4825 Bandera Street Montclair, CA 91763	a.m. to 8 p.m.
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	

Local Polling Place Locations

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 <u>http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov</u>.

- 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 in a drop box, it must be delivered no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 8th.
- 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.

⁶² https://sbcountyelections.com/Voting/PPL/

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 Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 8:00 a.m Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. Boxes are locked, secured, and monitored by video surveillance. ROV employees retrieve ballots throughout the voting period. VBM Drop Boxes are located throughout San
Montclair Police Department Parking Lot	4870 Arrow Highway Montclair, CA 91763	Bernardino County, and voters registered in the County can use any box to return their ballot. Check the ROV website for <u>additional</u> <u>drop box locations</u> . ⁶³

Track Your VBM Ballot

Sign up at <u>http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov</u> 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: <u>http://www.cityofmontclair.org/elections/</u>
- Facebook Voting Information Center: <u>https://www.facebook.com/votinginfocenter/</u>
- California Voter Foundation: <u>http://www.calvoter.org</u>
- 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 <u>how to become a poll worker⁶⁴</u> on the County's website.

⁶³ <u>https://sbcountyelections.com/Voting/MailBallotDropOff/</u>

⁶⁴ https://sbcountyelections.com/election-workers/#whatis

• Welcome to New Employees

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

- Jorge Rodriguez, Learning Leader, Human Services (8/15/2022)
- Aaron Fierro, Maintenance Worker, Public Works (8/16/2022)
- Omar Mendez, Learning Leader, Human Services (8/25/2022)
- Jose Becerra, Learning Leader, Human Services (8/25/2022)
- Albert Ruiz, Irrigation Specialist, Public Works (8/29/2022)
- Jose Rodriguez, Maintenance Worker, Public Works (8/29/2022)
- Efrain Hernandez, Senior Police Dispatcher, Police Department (8/29/2022)
- Tommy Tran, Learning Leader, Human Services (9/7/2022)
- Lauren Del Campo, Senior Police Dispatcher (Relief), Police Department (9/7/2022)
- Esmeralda Becerra Garcia, Learning Leader, Human Services (9/7/2022)
- Jason Ycedo, Recreation Leader, Human Services (9/18/2022)
- Olga Guerrero, Recreation Leader, Human Services (9/19/2022)
- Leonardo Perez, Firefighter (Paramedic), Fire Department (9/26/2022)
- Joseph O'neil, Firefighter (Paramedic), Fire Department (9/26/2022)

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

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

- Josue Rosas, Learning Leader, Human Services (5/25/20222)
- Zully Gamez, Learning Leader, Human Services (6/13/2022)
- Carlos Mitjavila Urrutia, Learning Leader, Human Services (6/20/2022)
- Julieta Chavez, Learning Leader, Human Services (6/20/2022)
- Lesly Aguiluz Carpano, Learning Leader, Human Services (6/20/2022)

• Montclair Job Opportunities

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

Current	Continuous
 Code Enforcement Officer (closes 10/12) Leadworker, Maintenance (closes 10/12) Associate Engineer (closes 10/19) Deputy City Clerk (closes 10/30) 	 Fire Engineer Firefighter (Paramedic) (Entry-Level) Learning Leader Police Cadet Police Dispatcher (Entry-Level/Lateral) Police Officer (Entry-Level) Police Officer (Lateral) Reserve Police Officer Level II and I
Upcoming	Recreation Leader
 Community Services Supervisor Information Technology Specialist 	 Senior Learning Leader Senior Police Dispatcher 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: <u>https://www.cityofmontclair.org/employment-opportunities/</u>.

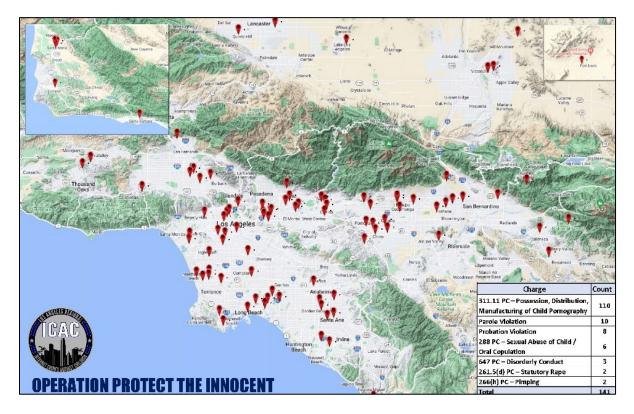
POLICE DEPARTMENT

• Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program Task Force

During the week of September 6th through September 12th, 2022, the LA ICAC Task Force conducted Operation Protect the Innocent. This Operation spanned five counties and involved 64 affiliate law enforcement agencies, including the Montclair Police Department. The goal of Operation Protect the Innocent was to conduct investigations and arrests by utilizing CyberTips (CT's) received, identifying suspects for arrest, and contacting individuals on probation and/or parole. During the Operation, the LAPD and affiliate law enforcement agencies also conducted compliance checks on 290 Penal Code (PC) – Requirement to Register as Sex Offender, with a nexus to internet crimes. In addition to arrest warrants, multiple residential search warrants were served throughout the five counties, focusing on child predators.

As a result of the collaborative efforts employed by the task force, the following statistics during the Operation Period were achieved:

- Targets Identified: 657
- Targets Contacted: 510
- Targets Arrested: 141



The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Program Task Force was developed in 1998 by the United States Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The goal is to assist local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies with investigating internet-related crimes against our youth.

The Los Angeles Regional ICAC Task Force (LA ICAC), led by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD ICAC) covers five Southern California Counties (Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and Ventura). As the lead agency, the LAPD ICAC unit is responsible for the Federal grant through OJJDP and a State grant through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES). The grants are designed to provide forensic equipment and training to the agencies that are members of the LA ICAC Task Force.

The LA ICAC Task Force receives CyberTips (CT's) from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) that involve the possession, distribution, and manufacturing of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and the sexual exploitation of children through the Internet.

SMART OR SCARY?

Smartphones are essentially little computers, so you might be a little worried when handing one over to your child. Take some time to understand the risks and implement a few safeguards so that you can help your child use smartphones safely.

THE RISKS

CYBERBULLYING

With the constant connectivity of smartphones, your child may be more susceptible to cyberbullying or have more opportunities to cyberbully others.

GEOLOCATION

A GPS-enabled smartphone can reveal your child's location through online posts and uploaded photos.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With smartphones, your child has mobile access to content you may consider inappropriate, such as pornography or violent videos.

SEXTING

Your child may use the Internet and social apps to send, receive, or forward revealing photos.

VIRUSES & MALWARE

Just like a computer, a smartphone is vulnerable to security attacks if your child accesses unsecured websites and apps.

5WAYS TO BE SMARTER THAN THE SMARTPHONE!

1. Be a parent and a resource. Establish clear guidelines, including time limits and consequences for inappropriate behavior, but be open so your child will come to you with any problems.

2. Set up smart security.

Smartphones today include a variety of security mechanisms including fingerprint scans, facial recognition and password locks. Enable these to protect access to the phone as well as apps with sensitive data.

3. Update the operating system. New versions often contain important security fixes.

- 4. Approve apps before they are downloaded. Make sure you understand their capabilities and approve their content.
- 5. Understand location services. GPS features are useful when using maps. but you'll want to disable location-tagging when your child posts anything online.









THINK **BEFORE YOU SEND**



of taking, sending, or

forwarding a sexual

picture of someone

else, even if it's of

you. You could face

school or home, and

police investigation.

in some cases, even a

embarrassment at

THINK ABOUT THE **NEVER TAKE CONSEQUENCES**

images of yourself that you wouldn't want everyone—your classmates, your teachers, your family, or your employer-to see.



BEFORE HITTING SEND

remember that you can't control where this image may travel. What you send to a boyfriend or girlfriend could easily end up with their friends, and their friends' friends, and so on...



IF YOU FORWARD

a sexual picture of someone without their consent, you are violating their trust and exposing them to potential ridicule. It's not up to you to decide who should see their body, so don't forward the image to anyone.



NetSmartz[°]

IF ANYONE PRESSURES

you to send a sexual picture, don't give in and talk to an adult you trust. Remember that anyone who tries to get you to do something you are uncomfortable with is probably not trustworthy.





If explicit content of you or someone you know is online, visit MissingKids.org/GetHelpNow to learn how to contact various online platforms about removing your content.

Report explicit online content to CyberTipline.org.

Congratulations Officers!

On September 8, 2022, Police Officer Trainees Josafhat Cardenas-Borboa, George Fonseca, and Isaac Mendez graduated from the 227th session of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at the Abundant Living Family Church in Rancho Cucamonga. Officers Cardenas-Borboa, Fonseca, and Mendez will undergo several months of field training before they qualify to go solo. Congratulations, and welcome to the Montclair family!



Thank you Sergeant Eric Rivera!

On Monday, September 26, Police Department personnel gathered to congratulate Sergeant Eric Rivera on his retirement.

Sergeant Rivera began his career in May of 2007 as a Police Officer. Over the years, Eric has served as a Police Officer, School Resource Officer, Narcotics Investigator, Field Training Officer, Explorer Advisor, and Police Sergeant. He has been recognized as the Officer of the Year, received the 10851 and Lifesaving awards, and has been honored with the Purple Heart award.

During his career, Eric has trained and mentored numerous officers. He has served this community and our Department with integrity and honor and has undoubtedly made a difference in all of our lives. Thank you, Sergeant Rivera, for your 15 years of dedication and service, and congratulations on your successful career! You will be missed.



Sergeant Eric Rivera



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

During October 2022, and in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Montclair Police Department will partner with Loma Linda University Medical Center to raise funds for breast cancer research. Those Department members participating in the fundraiser will be authorized to wear approved pink MPD uniform patches and/or pink undershirts throughout October. Anyone can donate by visiting the link in the attached flyer. Thank you in advance to all those that give toward this great cause.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

• Montclair Fire Department Strike Team

September 1, 2022, Office of Emergency Services (OES) 331, staffed with four Montclair firefighters, responded in support of the statewide mission as a preposition strike team. The State requests preposition assignments of California in anticipation of critical fire behavior or catastrophic weather events, both of which occurred during their deployment throughout the state.

OES 331 joined a strike team (S/T) made up of four other type 1 fire engines and two Battalion Chiefs from other agencies, collectively designated as S/T 6820A. During the first four days, S/T 6820A was centrally located in San Bernardino County and responded to small vegetation and fires threatening the Urban Interface. Then, on September 5, 2022, S/T 6820A was assigned to the Fairview Incident burning in Hemet, California. The S/T arrived and was assigned immediately to structure protection, where they protected a ranch along the western edge of the fire throughout the night. For the following six days, the S/T experienced very active fire behavior and critical rates of fire spread on many of their 24 hours shifts. The crew on OES 331 held fire at roads, defended homes, chased down spot fires, and improved containment lines on their assigned divisions to keep the fire from growing. Ultimately, a change in weather, creating sporadic but wetting rains, moved in over the incident and assisted firefighters in containing and extinguishing the fire.

S/T 6820A was released from the Fairview Incident on September 13, 2022. OES 331 returned to the City of Montclair, where some crewmembers remained on duty, stretching their time away from home to more than fourteen days. It is with great pride that the members of the Montclair Fire Department serve the community and support the State Mission.

Below: Firefighter/Paramedic Metzo, Captain Duewell, Firefighter/Paramedic Barron, and Engineer Vasquez



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Civic Center Painting Project

On June 20, 2022, City Council Meeting, a contract was awarded to Astro Painting Company for painting services of all Civic Center buildings, including City Hall, the Youth Center, Senior Center, Community Center, Recreation Center, Library, and ancillary structure at Alma Hofman Park. The scope of work also includes painting block walls, fencing, and gate surfaces.

The project started at the end of July and will be completed soon. As a result, the buildings, block walls, fencing, and gates at the Civic Center will have a new and pleasing look. For any questions regarding this project, please call Public Works Facilities/Maintenance Assistant Manager Mathew Paradis.





HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The City Council, Community Activities Commission, Planning Commission, staff, and members of the public participated in the first Stakeholder Meeting for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on Monday, September 26, 2022 at the Senior Center. During the meeting, participants provided their feedback on the City of Montclair's park assets and opportunities and their short- and long-term vision for Parks and Recreation.





The City of Montclair is excited to continue preparation for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This comprehensive park planning effort will provide the community with a modern vision for the parks and recreation system throughout the City.

Learn about the Montclair Parks and Recreation Master Plan and share how we can best meet your park needs by taking our survey! If you have any questions, please contact the Human Services Department at (909) 625-9479.



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MontclairParksMasterPlan

• Youth Basketball League Returns!

The Youth Basketball League is back this winter! Registrations are open and taken at the Montclair Recreation Center, Monday–Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The last day to register is Thursday, October 6, 2022, or until each Division is filled. A flyer is included on Page 35.

The league is open to boys and girls born in 2009–2016 or 1st–8th grades.

- Division A Children born 2009–2010
- Division B Children born 2011–2012
- Division C Children born 2013–2014
- Division D Children born 2015–2016

The league fee is \$45 for Division D and \$65 for Division A, B, and C, including a jersey, trophy, and pictures. A birth certificate is required to register. Register as soon as possible, and space is limited!

Games will be played at the Montclair Community Center Gymnasium starting Saturday, January 7, 2023. Volunteer coaches are needed for all Divisions. For more information, please call (909) 625-9496.

• Senior Center Activities

August Senior Birthday Party

On Wednesday, August 31, the Montclair Senior Center held its monthly senior birthday party, Luau-themed, during the senior nutrition program. Birthday honorees received certificates of recognition from the offices of Senator Connie Leyva, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor and Chairman of the Board, Curt Hagman. The Senior Center dining room was decorated to transport guests to a Hawaiian Luau. Seniors wore floral attire; some even brought their tropical-themed stemware for their lunch beverage. A special highlight of the party was our Tiki Scratchers, hand-made by our very talented staff.

Ice Cream Social in Memory of Council Member Emeritus Leonard Paulitz

On Friday, September 16, the Senior Center was honored to host an Ice Cream Social in memory of Council Member Emeritus Leonard Paulitz sponsored by his family. Several family members attended the social, and one of his sons spoke about his father's legacy and tremendous service to the City of Montclair. Council Member Emeritus Leonard Paulitz served on the Montclair City Council from March 1978 to December 2014 and was an active participant at the Senior Center until his passing on August 24, 2021.

Photos of the Senior Birthday Luau-themed party and Ice Cream Social in memory of Council Member Emeritus Leonard Paulitz are shared on page 36.

Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Center hosts lunch daily from 11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for socializing, with complimentary coffee and tea. In addition, special events are held on select Wednesdays of the month during the senior nutrition program. Funding for the Senior Center Activities, Golden Express, and Senior Nutrition Program has been provided by the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services through a grant award from the California Department of Aging.

Other Senior Center Programs

The Senior Center also hosts the Regional Council on Aging, Legal Services, Department of Aging, and Adult Services representatives, biweekly wellness presentations by West End Family Counseling staff, and a Senior Mobile Pantry Program by Feeding America on a monthly basis. The Senior Mobile Pantry Program takes place on the fourth Thursday of the month from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in parking lot B (behind the library). The dates of the next

Pantry distributions are Thursday, October 27, Monday, November 21, and Monday, December 19, 2022

All participants must bring their form of identification, application, and grocery push cart for quick loading. For questions, contact 951-359-4757.

For more information about the Montclair Senior Center, please call (909) 625-9483 or visit https://www.cityofmontclair.org/senior-center/

• Save the Date for the Following Upcoming Events!

Montclair After-School Program Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

The Montclair After-School Program (MAP) will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by participating in and showcasing a *Folklorico* dance performance by Kingsley and Mission Elementary School MAP students at the Montclair Place Center Court on October 8, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Also, Serrano Middle School MAP students will be hosting a Mexican tissue paper flower craft project. Other activities sponsored by Montclair Place include a Mariachi band and face painting.

Lights On After School

Lights On After School will take place on Thursday, October 20, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Montclair Community Center. The event will feature visual arts, dance, drama, and music created and performed by participants in all 10 Montclair's After-School Program (MAP) sites.

San Bernardino County Free Flu and Covid-19 Vaccination and Booster Event

San Bernardino County will offer free COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, and flu vaccines on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, and Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at the Montclair Community Center (5111 Benito Street, Montclair) from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. San Bernardino County residents ages 5 and older are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. A parent or guardian must be present for anyone under 18. No insurance is necessary.

- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations are available for residents ages 5 and older.
- Novavax vaccines are available for residents ages 18 and older.
- Flu vaccines are available for anyone three years and older.

Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. If you want to pre-register for an appointment, go to $\underline{MyTurn.ca.gov}^{65}$ and provide the requested information. You can also call the COVID-19 Hotline at (909) 387-3911, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

English and Spanish flyers are included on pages 37 and 38.

⁶⁵ https://myturn.ca.gov/

Holiday Food and Toy Basket Program

Food baskets will be available to families that live in Montclair and meet specific income guidelines. To be considered, applicants must complete an application. Applications will be accepted by appointment only. To schedule an appointment before Friday, October 21, or to donate to the Montclair Holiday Food and Toy Basket, please contact Administrative Analyst Adriana Navarrete at (909) 625-9454 or acampos@cityofmontclair.org.

Halloween Spooktacular

Come and enjoy a fun evening with family at the City of Montclair's Halloween Spooktacular! The event will take place on Saturday, October 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Montclair Place (5060 N. Montclair Plaza Lane). Costume contests, games, a DJ, selfie pic areas, and crafts and candy (while supplies last) will be located outside next to the Pumpkin Patch. Activities indoors include Trick or Treating at participating tenants, a sugar skull craft project, face painting, and balloon twisting. Bring your own bag to receive candy. Wear your favorite costume to enter the costume contest—categories include scariest, cutest, most unique, and family group (for two or more family members dressed in a theme).

This event is sponsored by the City of Montclair, Montclair Place, Burrtec Waste Industries, the Women's Club of Montclair, and West Coast Arborists.

For more information, contact the Recreation Center at (909) 625-9479 or see our flyer on page 39.

Hope to spook you there!

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OCTOBER 2022			
Day	Event & Location	Time	
Mon. 3	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. 5	Community Activities Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.	
Mon. 10	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.	
Weds. 12	Candidates' Forum City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.	
	Real Estate Committee Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	5:30 p.m.	
Mon. 17	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	6:00 p.m.	
	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.	
Tues. 18	Free Flu and Covid-19 Vaccination and Booster Event Montclair Community Center	9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	
Thurs.	Monthly Food Distribution Event Civic Center (City Hall)	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	
20	Public Works Committee Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	4:00 p.m.	
Mon. 24	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. 29	Halloween Spooktacular Event Montclair Place – 5060 N. Montclair Plaza Lane	7:00 p.m.	

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

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



Seating will be limited. A live broadcast will be available via the City's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. The event will also be broadcast on Montelair's Public Access Channel areas evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on

Montclair's Public Access Channel every evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, October 17, 2022, through Election Day (Tuesday, November 8, 2022). **2023 CITY OF MONTCLAIR YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

Registration will be accepted Saturday, Sept. 10 thru Oct. 6, 2022 from 8am - 12pm or until each Division is filled.

The league is open to boys and girls born 2009 - 2016 or in $1^{st} - 8^{th}$ grades.

Division A – Children born 2009 – 2010

Division B – Children born 2011 – 2012

Division C – Children born 2013 – 2014

Division D – Children born 2015 – 2016



Games will be played at the Montclair Community Center Gymnasium starting Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023.

> The league fee is \$45 for Div. D and \$65 for Div. A, B and C which includes a jersey, trophy and pictures.

First day of registration will be taken at the Youth Center.

Thereafter it will be taken at the Recreation Center, Monday - Thursday from 9am - 6pm at 5111 Benito Street, Montclair 91763 A birth certificate is required to register. Volunteer coaches are needed for all Divisions!

For more information call (909) 625-9496.

Senior Center Activities August-September 2022



Senior Birthday Party: "Luau" August 31, 2022







Ice Cream Social In Memory Of Council Member Emeritus Leonard Paulitz September 16, 2022







FREE COVID-19/ FLU VACCINATION EVENT

Montclair Community Center 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, CA 91763

October 18 | 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

APPOINTMENTS ENCOURAGED, WALK-INS WELCOME

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RESIDENTS AGES 5 AND OLDER ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A COVID-19 VACCINE. NO INSURANCE IS NECESSARY!

PFIZER VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS 5 AND OLDER *BOOSTERS RECOMMENDED FOR 5 AND OLDER NOVAVAX VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS AGE 18 AND OLDER.



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

If you would like to pre-register for an appointment, scan the QR code (use Chrome or Safari)* OR go to <u>MyTurn.ca.gov</u> and provide the requested information.

You can also call the COVID-19 Hotline at 909-387-3911 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.).

Parent or Guardian MUST be present for anyone under the age of 18





VACUNAS DE COVID-19/ FLU GRATIS

Montclair Community Center 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, CA 91763

18 de octubre | 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

SE RECOMIENDA HACER UNA CITA PERO NO ES REQUERIDO

LOS RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO DE SAN BERNARDINO DE 5 AÑOS O MÁS SON ELEGIBLES PARA RECIBIR UNA VACUNA DE COVID-19. ¡NO SE NECESITA SEGURO MEDICO!

VACUNAS PFIZER DISPONIBLES PARA PERSONAS MAYORES DE 5 AÑOS * REFUERZOS RECOMENDADOS PARA PERSONAS MAYORES DE 5 AÑOS VACUNAS NOVAVAX DISPONIBLES PARA RESIDENTES MAYORES DE 18 AÑOS



*Use la cámara de u teléfono para escanear el código de QR y hacer una cita

Para registrarse antes del evento y hacer una cita, escanee el código de QR (use Chrome or Safari)* o visite la página de internet <u>MyTurn.ca.gov.</u>

O llame a la línea directa de COVID-19 al 909-387-3911 (De lunes a viernes, de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m.).

El padre o guardián debe de estar presente para vacunar a un menor de 18 años de edad

