



DATE: November 30, 2022
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT NOVEMBER 2022

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

- **Passing of Samuel J. Wells**

Samuel J. Wells, an employment law attorney whose services were enjoyed by the City of Montclair over the past thirty-five years, passed away on October 31, 2022.

Sam graduated from Stanford University in 1967 with a B.A. in Psychology and obtained his Juris Doctor at Kansas University. Sam began his legal career at Latham & Watkins in Downtown Los Angeles but soon found his calling as an employment lawyer, advocating for workers in private practice. He later transitioned to representing local government agencies in employment law. He was an active member of the California Employment Lawyers Association (CELA).

Sam experienced a series of health issues over the past decade but managed to overcome each battle and return to the practice of law, at which he was an intellectual giant. It was a great delight to watch Sam in action as he routinely spun his intricate web of questions and arguments at trial, in hearings, and before arbitrators—performances that would ultimately and routinely lead to decisions that would favor his respective clients.

Despite his declining health, Sam continued to manifest from within a special magic that remained vital to his being, personality, professional commitment, and love for life, family, and friends.

Sam was an achiever on all roads he treads—whether it was his love for surfing, his appreciation of fine wines, his dedication to deeply held principles, his commitment to family, or his love for the law he practiced.

Sam's professional service and friendship will be greatly missed.



Samuel J. Wells

January 28, 1945 ~ October 31, 2022

- **California on Verge of Fourth Largest Economy**

Based on the latest economic data, [Bloomberg](#)¹ reports that California, the world's fifth largest economy behind Germany (No. 4), Japan (No. 3), China (No. 2), and the United States (No. 1), is set to move ahead of Germany into the fourth spot. California became the fifth-largest economy in 2015 when it surpassed the United Kingdom.

One forecast outlined in Bloomberg shows California is already ahead of Germany by \$72 billion when considering the state's current growth rate. However, the final numbers to determine the ranking will not be available until 2023.

In the last three years, California's economic growth and job gains have fueled the nation's economy. According to Bloomberg, California's corporate revenues trajectory has risen 147%, while market capitalization has risen 117% compared to Germany's 41% and 34%, respectively. In 2021, Germany's nominal gross domestic product (GDP) of \$4.22 trillion compared favorably to California's \$3.357 trillion; however, Germany, which is Europe's largest economy, has barely grown in 2022 and is forecast to shrink in 2023.

While real GDP is up nationally, much of this growth may be partially attributable to post-COVID-19 recovery, particularly job recovery. Compared to Germany, California's recovery may be considered more robust—a factor that may play a role in the state's economic gains.

[Governor Gavin Newsom's office points to](#)² the booming renewable energy industry, job creation, falling unemployment rates, and growing market values for companies as factors driving California's economic growth.

¹ <https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2022-10-24/california-poised-to-overtake-germany-as-world-s-no-4-economy>

² <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/10/24/icymi-california-poised-to-become-worlds-4th-biggest-economy/>

In drawing its contrast, Bloomberg cites the difference between California's top three industries (technology, hardware, media, and software), which all saw significant sales boosts over the last three years, while Germany's top three (health care, consumer discretionary spending, and industrial products) saw either marginal gains or declining sales over the same period. California is effectively performing above nearly all other nations, with job creation a particularly strong area of growth for the state.

Unemployment in California fell to 3.9% in July 2022, rose to 4.1% in August, and declined again to 3.9% in September—the state's September 2021 unemployment rate was 6.4%. The U.S. national unemployment rate for September was 3.5%; however, the gap between the U.S. and California unemployment rates is at its narrowest since August 2021. California has also added jobs for the twelfth month and has recovered 99.1% of the estimated 2,759,000 jobs lost to the COVID-19-induced recession.

Critics argue that while California's GDP is exceptional, [Commerce Department | U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis \(BEA\)](#)³ data suggests that the state's competitiveness could be hampered by growing costs of housing, energy, food, and other essentials meaning the dollar in California does not go as far as it would elsewhere.

Critics also point to a migration of companies and residents to other states due to California's high costs. Nonetheless, California's business climate and economic strength continue to grow and outpace much of the world.

California is also home to the nation's most severe homeless crisis, with more than 160,000 people living unhoused. Critics attribute the size of the state's homeless population, at least partly, to California's high cost of housing.

For rent to be considered affordable, a person has to spend less than 30% of their income on housing costs. By that definition, none of the 1.09 million extremely low-income people in California, or those who earn less than 30% of the median income in their area, can afford to live anywhere in the state, according to a [new study by the California Housing Partnership](#)⁴. As a result, financially strapped households are finding it difficult to afford the state's [escalating rents](#)⁵ and are at risk of falling into homelessness.

According to the study, those who make at least 50% of the median income can afford rent in three of California's 58 counties, and those making at least 80% can afford rent in 42 of 58 counties. Only households with a median income and above can pick any county in which to live.

Weak housing production is also a factor that contributes to homelessness in the state. California's stock of "naturally occurring" affordable housing is dwindling as older apartments that used to house higher-income tenants increasingly take over lower-income families.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) estimates that building new housing for every low-income Californian who needs it would cost [\\$15 billion to \\$30 billion annually](#)⁶—

³ <https://www.bea.gov/data>

⁴ <https://chpc.net/resources/policy-brief-2021-who-can-afford-to-rent-in-ca/>

⁵ <https://www.rentcafe.com/blog/rental-market/market-snapshots/renting-america-housing-changed-past-decade/#pricegrowth>

⁶ <https://lao.ca.gov/publications/report/3345>

what the state currently spends on Medi-Cal, its massive program to provide health care to the poor, which covers a third of California residents.

In its [California's High Housing Costs: Causes and Consequences report](#),⁷ the LAO notes that the state lacks housing production, particularly in major coastal communities. In these areas, community resistance to housing, environmental policies, lack of fiscal incentives for local governments to approve housing, and limited land restrict new housing construction. A housing shortage along California's coast means households wishing to live there compete for limited housing. This competition bids up home prices and rents, and prospective tenants turn instead to California's inland communities, causing prices to rise there as well.

Confronted by high housing costs, many households make trade-offs to afford to live in the state; e.g., workers in California's coastal communities commute 10 percent further each day than commuters elsewhere, mainly because limited housing options exist near major job centers.

In recent years, the state has approached the problem of housing affordability for low-income Californians primarily by subsidizing the construction of affordable housing through bond funds, tax credits, and other resources. However, these programs account for only a small share of all new housing built each year.

The LAO recommends the State Legislature (i) consider how targeted programs that assist those with limited access to market-rate housing could supplement broader changes that facilitate more private housing construction; and (ii) to change policies to facilitate significantly more private home and apartment construction in California's coastal urban areas.

On top of the 100,000 to 140,000 housing units California is expected to build each year, the state probably would have to build as many as 100,000 additional units annually to seriously mitigate its problems with housing affordability.

Other factors besides housing also contribute to the state's homeless plight:

- Survivors of domestic violence are among those at high risk of homelessness. For example, one California study found that women reporting an episode of domestic violence were [four times more likely](#)⁸ to suffer housing instability than other women.
- The formerly incarcerated — ineligible for many public housing programs and frequently a target of discrimination in the rental housing market — often take refuge in emergency shelters or on the streets. While comprehensive California data is lacking, [one study](#)⁹ by a criminal justice reform advocacy group found that people who have been in jail or prison are ten times more likely to experience homelessness than the general public.
- Youth aging out of the foster care system likely constitutes a significant share of California's more than 11,000 homeless young adults. One study found [30% of former foster care](#)¹⁰ children in the Midwest were homeless at least once before age 24. Lacking

⁷ <https://lao.ca.gov/reports/2015/finance/housing-costs/housing-costs.aspx>

⁸ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17234488/>

⁹ <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/housing.html>

¹⁰ <https://www.chapinhall.org/wp-content/uploads/Midwest-Eval-Outcomes-at-Age-23-and-24.pdf>

family support networks and often victims of childhood traumas, [about 25%](#)¹¹ of California's foster youth transitioning into adulthood living in precarious housing situations.

- Mental health problems, addiction, childhood trauma, interaction with the criminal justice system, and poverty all play significant roles in whether someone becomes homeless. Recent data suggests these issues are more prevalent among people experiencing homelessness than previously reported, especially for those living on the street.

A [Los Angeles Times investigation](#)¹² found that two-thirds of L.A. County's residents living on the streets suffer from a psychological or substance abuse disorder or both, far more than what's been reported in official statistics.

- A California Policy Lab at UCLA points to a recent study finding that [20% of 37,000 people experiencing homelessness](#)¹³ in Los Angeles had a clinically diagnosed serious mental illness within the last 12 years.
- Drug addiction is particularly problematic for the homeless population. Methamphetamine (meth) use is [up across the West Coast](#).¹⁴ It is often attributed as a significant cause of homelessness, partly because physicians say addiction to meth is [difficult to treat](#).¹⁵ Unlike heroin addiction which can be treated with methadone, there is no replacement medication for meth addiction. Medical professionals also note that meth can exacerbate existing mental illnesses.

Together, addiction and psychological conditions are often inextricably intertwined and present a complex case for outreach workers or (more often) law enforcement to confront. A disconcerting number of California [board-and-care facilities](#)¹⁶, traditionally housed low-income patients with schizophrenia and other severe conditions, have shuttered in recent years.

California's [conservatorship laws](#)¹⁷ are also blamed for making it too challenging to compel treatment for people with mental illness or drug addiction. Civil libertarians and disability rights groups argue that [conservatorship](#)¹⁸—when a court-appointed official manages another person's life, including medical decisions—should be used as sparingly as possible because it risks violating civil liberties. Under the state's 1967 Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, Californians can be held for treatment against their will only if they are deemed a danger to themselves or others or are determined to be gravely disabled. Other states do not impose such strict requirements. California's new CARES COURT program is designed to reverse restrictions under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, making it possible for courts to involuntarily commit patients for treatment for up to one year, with the opportunity for extensions.

¹¹ <https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/california-fosteringyouthtransitions-2018.pdf>

¹² <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-07/homeless-population-mental-illness-disability>

¹³ <https://www.capolicylab.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Unsheltered-in-Los-Angeles.-Insights-from-Street-Outreach-Service-Data.pdf>

¹⁴ <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/05/01/716404677/as-meth-use-surges-first-responders-struggle-to-help-those-in-crisis>

¹⁵ <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Meth-devilishly-hard-to-kick-for-addicts-No-14563881.php>

¹⁶ <https://calmatters.org/projects/board-and-care-homes-closing-in-california-mental-health-crisis/>

¹⁷ <https://calmatters.org/explainers/breakdown-californias-mental-health-system-explained/>

¹⁸ <https://calmatters.org/projects/mentally-ill-forced-treatment-conservatorship-california-debate/>

The [United States Prosperity Index](#)¹⁹ is another tool used to question or measure California's prosperity. This index examines areas like education, living conditions, and the natural environment as key pillars of prosperity.

In looking at living conditions, the state's ongoing housing crisis is considered among the worst in the world, pushing home ownership and affordable rent out of reach for many Californians.

In terms of education, California ranks [below the national average](#)²⁰ in spending per student, and within the state, education levels vary dramatically, demonstrated in California Forward's own [California Dream Index](#).²¹ The U.S. Prosperity Index also assesses the prosperity of each of [California's 58 counties](#).²²

The Natural Environment pillar tracks air quality, forest health, and other preservation efforts. In that area, California ranks as one of the highest globally; alongside the natural environment, the state performs extraordinarily well in infrastructure, market access, and economic pillars.

When it comes to struggling Californians, Governor Newsom's office points to his Administration's [\\$52 billion financial assistance package](#)²³ to help state residents with rising inflation and costs, as demonstrated in the following graphic.



¹⁹ <https://www.americandreamprosperity.com/>

²⁰ <https://edpolicyinca.org/publications/californias-education-funding-crisis-explained-12-charts>

²¹ <https://www.cadreamindex.org/?start-year=2019&end-year=2019&variable=total&indicator=early-childhood-education&resolution=county>

²² <https://www.americandreamprosperity.com/rankings/us/overall-prosperity/map>

²³ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/10/04/california-distributed-1-4-billion-in-utility-bill-relief-for-2-2-million-households/>

The 2022 financial assistance package builds upon 2021’s “Golden State Stimulus,” which distributed \$9 billion to small businesses and millions of California families to help pay for rent and overdue utility bills. For utility relief, the Department of Community Services and Development assisted with electric and gas utility bills for more than 1.4 million households and commercial customers, distributing \$989 million throughout the pandemic. In addition, the State Water Resources Control Board covered unpaid water bills for more than 800,000 residential and commercial customers, distributing \$435 million in just 10 months for debt accrued during the pandemic.

The state’s relief assistance is designed to provide residents with the ability to the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic and address what critics claim are the state’s high costs.

California has a tremendous opportunity in the decade ahead to build on its strengths and improve its weaknesses by addressing un-evenness in the economy. California Forward recently released its 2022 [Roadmap for Shared Prosperity](#),²⁴ showcasing the opportunity to build a more equitable economy across the state by providing a more robust housing market to meet the demand for all residents, building climate resiliency, investing in broadband, and other vital areas.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Welcome to New Employees

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

- Aaron Eadie, Maintenance Worker, Public Works
- Alex Macias, Learning Leader, Human Services
- Daniel Venadero, Maintenance Worker, Public Works
- Emmanuel Hernandez, Learning Leader, Human Services
- Jayden Huey, Learning Leader, Human Services
- Julio Guzman, Customer Svc. Rep/Office Specialist, Human Services
- Karla Deras, Learning Leader, Human Services
- Krista Ortiz, Senior Police Dispatcher (Relief), Police Department
- Laura Rico, Senior Police Dispatcher, Police Department
- Lauren Del Campo, Senior Police Dispatcher, Police Department
- Lesly Cortez Rodriguez, Recreation Leader, Human Services
- Ramon Ramirez, Recreation Coordinator, Human Services
- Tiffany Ramos, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services
- Victoria Llamas, Recreation Leader, Human Services
- Yazmin Padilla, Learning Leader, Human Services

²⁴ <https://cafwd.org/resources/2022-roadmap-to-shared-prosperity/>

- **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:

- Hailey Cornelius, Learning Leader, Human Services
- Nathaniel Burciaga, I.T. Systems Technician, I.T. Department
- Robert Estrada, Fire Engineer, Fire Department
- Susan Jester, Accounting Specialist, Finance Department
- Yessenia Rubio, Senior Recreation Leader, Human Services

- **Montclair Job Opportunities**

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

Current	Continuous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Entry Clerk (closes 12/6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Engineer • Firefighter (Paramedic) (Entry-Level/Lateral) • Learning Leader • Police Cadet • Police Dispatcher (Entry-Level/Lateral) • Police Officer (Entry-Level/Lateral) • Reserve Police Officer (Level I and II) • Recreation Leader • Senior Learning Leader • Senior Police Dispatcher • Senior Recreation Leader • Substitute Learning Leader
Upcoming	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing and Promotions Coordinator • Customer Svc. Rep/Office Specialist 	

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/>.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Levine Affordable Housing Development Program (LAHDP)**

Earlier this month, Economic Services and Housing Manager Thailin Martin successfully completed the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Ziman Center for Real Estate-Levine Affordable Housing Development Program (LAHDP). The competitive training included 30 public, private and nonprofit attendees. The program, taught by UCLA professors and industry leaders, was designed to bring individuals from various backgrounds and perspectives together to solve complex real estate challenges. Participants were selected from diverse sectors to enrich the learning experience and foster meaningful networks.

The LAHDP was created for professionals seeking to enter the affordable housing field, entry-level affordable housing professionals, and professionals providing support services to develop affordable housing projects. With the ongoing challenges of limited affordable housing, the program helps bring knowledge, skills, and a network of wealth for all participants to put into practice.

The three-week accelerated university-level educational training program provided professionals with the knowledge and practical skills to develop and aid in the development of affordable housing. The training took place over a hybrid platform. A portion of the training was completed via Zoom and the other in person at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Affordable housing development is a highly specialized sector requiring specific knowledge and expertise in the areas of entitlement, public-private funding sources, tax credits, capital structures, design, and project management.

Drawing on the success of the Ziman Center's existing affordable housing curriculum, LAHDP lectures and simulation group case studies enhanced attendee participation. In addition, they created a better understanding of each segment of the development process. For example, the finance lectures focused on investment analysis and valuation, leases, financial modeling, real estate development financing, site selection, and distressed real estate. Other lectures included topics that reflect current market environments, such as affordable housing, workforce housing, and transit orient development (TOD).

Alongside her colleagues, Mrs. Martin looks forward to sharing the skills and knowledge she gained during the training to help bring more affordable housing development to the City of Montclair.



Pictured: Michael Ruane (Co-Director, UCLA Levine Affordable Housing Development Program; Executive Vice President, National CORE; Member, UCLA Ziman Affordable Housing Advisory Council) and Economic Services and Housing Manager Thailin Martin

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

This past month, Council Member Tenice Johnson, other local elected representatives, and Chamber of Commerce representatives welcomed a new business to our community.

The Self-Care Lab Boxing and Fitness Club

We are all thrilled to welcome The Self-Care Lab Boxing and Fitness Club. Located at 9672 Central Suite A, Montclair, CA 91763. The Self-Care Lab Boxing and Fitness Club offer a wide variety of fitness, boxing workshops, and a clinical boxing and wellness experience for youth and adults.



- **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. 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 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/>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Camulos Avenue Fire**

On November 7, 2022, at approximately 2 a.m., the Montclair Fire Department responded to a call for a residential fire on Camulos Avenue. Upon their arrival, firefighters found a fully involved structure fire. With assistance from Los Angeles County Fire Department, Ontario Fire Department, Chino Valley Fire, San Bernardino County Fire, and Rancho Cucamonga Fire District, crews were able to gain control of the fire with no injuries to any civilians or firefighters.



- **Lucas 3 Chest Compression System**

The Montclair Fire Department recently received training on the latest addition to the department, the Lucas 3 Chest Compression System. The Lucas 3 is a portable mechanical device that delivers guideline-consistent chest compressions to sudden cardiac arrest patients. Just last year, the Montclair Fire Department responded to 83 cardiac arrest incidents, many of which included the performance of CPR and Advanced Life Support.

The American Heart Association has identified the most critical factor influencing survival in cardiac arrest situations is high-quality chest compressions of less than three interruptions. In addition, AHA guidelines noted that the rotation of personnel performing manual chest compressions could only maintain high-quality compression every two minutes, and numerous interruptions can occur during an incident. Therefore, using the Lucas 3 Chest Compression System will help reduce interruptions by being an additional tool integrated into our normal Cardiac Arrest Algorithms.

As one of the three Fire departments in San Bernardino County currently utilizing this system, the Montclair Fire Department is excited to add it to our life-saving skills and tools!



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

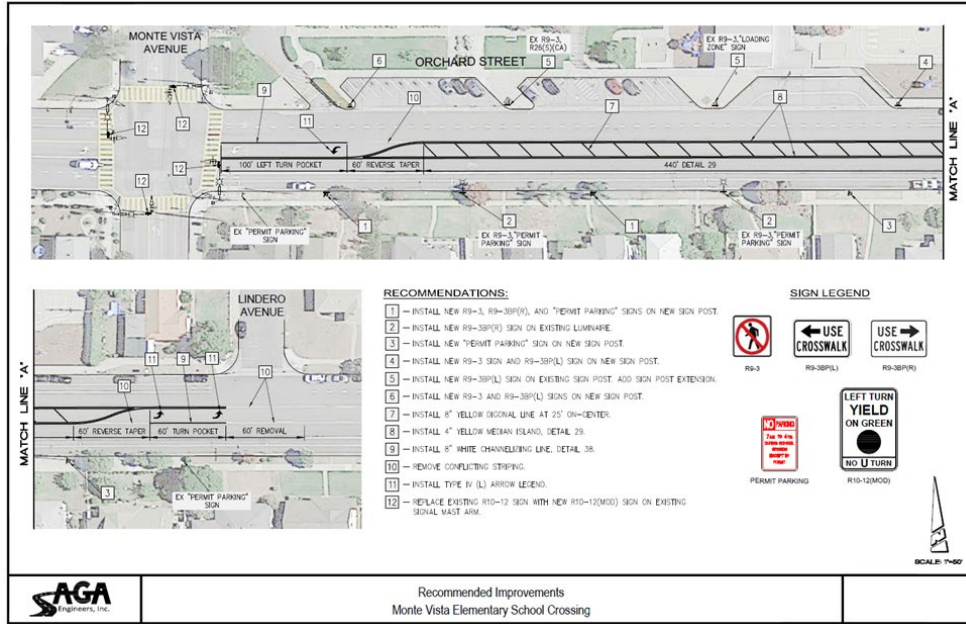
- **Safe Routes to School Improvements**

Monte Vista Elementary School

City crews have installed 42 signs along Orchard Street from Monte Vista Avenue to Lindero Avenue. Most signs are to direct students and parents to use the crosswalk at the signalized intersection of Orchard Street and Monte Vista Avenue. In addition, along Orchard Street, double-sided NO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING signs were installed to prevent students and parents from crossing Orchard Street unsafely. These signs allowed for enforcement by the Police Department.

A painted median with diagonal lines and left-turn pockets was also installed to prevent cars from making illegal turns and parking on the painted median to drop off and pick up students. Four NO U-TURN turn signs were also installed on the signal mast arms at the signalized

intersection of Monte Vista Avenue and Orchard Street. Additional NO PARKING SIGNS from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM DURING SCHOOL SESSIONS EXCEPT BY PERMIT were added on the south side of Orchard Street so that parents are forced to use the drop-off zone provided by the school district.



Montera Elementary School

The City's sign crew installed a pedestrian rapid flashing beacon warning sign adjacent to the crosswalk on Monte Vista Avenue and Bandera Street. The flashing, high-intensity LEDs alert motorists that pedestrians are using the crosswalk. Studies have shown that rapid flashing beacon signs significantly increase driver-yielding behavior. In addition, pedestrians can manually activate the new warning signs with a push button.



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Save the Date for the Following Upcoming Events!**

Holly Jolly Holiday

Join us as we kick off the holiday season during the City of Montclair's Holly Jolly Holiday! The event will take place on Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Montclair Youth Center (5111 Benito St., Montclair)*. Take a free photo with Santa (one per family), and enjoy complimentary refreshments provided by Santa's helpers while supplies last. Children are welcome to bring a letter addressed to Santa Claus or write one at the event and drop it in the specially marked mailbox. Santa may personally reply by mail to those who have included a complete mailing address and child's name. The address and name must be legible.

Residents are also invited to purchase a "gift light" for the community holiday tree in memory or honor of a loved one. Each light costs \$10 and includes a commemorative certificate. The person's name remembered or honored will also be displayed at City Hall during the holiday season. Proceeds from gift light sales will benefit youth programs in Montclair. Gift light applications are available online at <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/holly-jolly-holiday/>

*If there is inclement weather, the event may be cancelled.

The event is sponsored by the City of Montclair, the Community Activities Commission, and the Women's Club of Montclair.

Dashing Through Montclair

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their sleigh will be dashing through the streets of Montclair and spreading Christmas cheer on Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

While Santa wants to visit every street, he needs to reserve his energy for Christmas Eve deliveries. Santa changes his route every year to travel as many Montclair streets as possible. To view Santa's route for 2022, please visit <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/dashing-through-montclair/>

*If there is inclement weather, the event may be cancelled.

Holiday Home Decoration Contest

Decorate your home for the holidays early! Montclair residents are invited to submit their entries for the annual Holiday Home Decoration Contest. So light up the night and be the envy of your neighborhood by transforming your home into the ultimate winter wonderland! All entries are due by Friday, December 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

The Montclair Community Activities Commission will judge entries. Judging will take place on December 12, 2022 (please make sure your lights are on at 5:30 p.m.), and awards will be presented at a future City Council Meeting.

Please email entries to: MontclairEvents@cityofmontclair.org. Please type "Holiday Home Decoration Contest" in the email subject line. Contest entries may also be dropped off at the City of Montclair, Human Services Department (Recreation Center), 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, CA 91763, or completed via our online application:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MontclairHolidayHomeDecorationContest>

City employees, their families, City Council, Planning Commission, and CAC Members are not eligible. Previous winners are ineligible for three years. Mobile homes and apartments are not eligible. For more information, please call (909) 625-9479.

Montclair Holiday Food and Toy Basket Program

Join us in helping members of the Montclair community! Please consider donating non-perishable food items, including canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, soups, and cereal boxes. In addition, there is a need for gifts for children between the ages of 13-17. Suggested gift items include craft kits, jewelry kits, purses, backpacks, art supplies, Legos for teens/adults, a skateboard with a helmet and pads, board games, and gift cards to AMC, Target, Barnes & Noble, and restaurants such as In-N-Out Burger. Food donations and gifts will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until December 9th, at designated City office buildings. Donations bins are located at City Hall, Senior Center, Recreation Center, Fire Station 1, and the Police Department.

Residents and businesses are also encouraged to adopt a family. A \$75 donation will provide enough food to feed a parent and child, and a donation of \$125 will feed a family of four. Donations can be made any time prior to December 9th. Monetary contributions can be made online at [Montclaircf.org/Donate](https://www.Montclaircf.org/Donate).

For more information on donating, please contact Alyssa Colunga at (909) 625-9459 or acolunga@cityofmontclair.org.

- **Halloween Spooktacular**

The City of Montclair's annual Halloween Spooktacular was held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Montclair Place. I attended the event with Mayor Javier John Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh, Council Member Corysa Martinez, and approximately 6,000 guests.

Staff and volunteers entertained children of all ages with over 40 activities and game stations. The event also featured an arts and crafts area, a DJ, a scary maze, and costume contests for children 12 years old and under. Inside Montclair Place, activities included Trick-or-Treat at participating tenants, sugar skull craft projects, face painting, and balloon twisting.

A special thanks to the Human Services Department, especially Youth Recreation Coordinator Emily Gomez-Medina, for all her hard work preparing for this event. Special recognitions also go to the members of the Community Activities Commission for judging the costume contest, the Police Department and cadets for helping with traffic control and bringing extra lighting, the Public Works Department for keeping the event litter free, setting up the lights and inflatable decorations, and the Montclair High School Key Club volunteer for assisting at the event.

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

A collage is included on page 20.

- **Senior Center Activities**

Veterans Day Celebration

On Wednesday, November 9, 2022, the Human Services Department hosted a Veterans Day Celebration which was attended by Mayor Dutrey and his wife Anne, Council Member Corysa Martinez, and Nayda Bahena, a representative from State Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez's office. The Senior Center was adorned with patriotic decorations and included a photo booth. Each Veteran received certificates from the City of Montclair, State Senator Connie Leyva, State Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman. The day featured food, photos, and fellowship. Those in attendance were serenaded with a patriotic performance by Avast Entertainment.

A collage is included on page 21.

November Senior Birthday Party

On Wednesday, November 23, the Montclair Senior Center held the November Senior Birthday Party during their Lunch Program. At this Thanksgiving-themed party, the Senior Birthday Honorees received certificates of recognition from State Senator Connie Leyva, State Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman. Each birthday honoree also received a Caramel Apple Kit to enjoy along with their holiday feast.

Join Us at the Senior Center in December

December brings winter celebration events, complete with a guest pianist to kick off the holiday season starting on December 5th from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Fun Fridays on December 9th and December 16th, our very own Advent calendar, and of course, our Senior Birthday Party on December 14th.

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

Montclair Athletic Conference Kickoff Event

On Tuesday, November 15, 2022, the Montclair After-School Program (MAP) hosted its annual Montclair Athletic Conference Flag Football Kickoff event at Serrano Middle School. Approximately 120 students from 10 MAP school sites joined NFL alumni Sherman Cocroft, Marv Williams, Dokie Williams, Ron Brown, and LeRoy Irvin for a mini NFL-style combine. The combine began with students doing warmup exercises and stretches. Next, students participated in a series of strength and conditioning drills. The NFL alums also led flag football-specific drills to help the students improve their passing, receiving, and running skills. At the end of the event, the students gathered in the Wellness, Arts, and Technology (WAT) Center for a mentoring session with the NFL alums, who gave motivational speeches and shared advice on how to succeed as a student-athlete.

A collage is included on page 22.

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DECEMBER 2022

<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Thurs. 1	Holly Jolly Holiday Event Youth Center	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Sat. 3	Dashing Through Montclair Youth Center	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Mon. 5	Council Workshop — David Turch & Associates, Federal Legislative Advocate Presentation City Council Chambers	5:45 p.m.
	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 12	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 15	Monthly Food Distribution Event Civic Center (City Hall)	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
	Special City Council Meeting (Election Results) City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 19	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
	<u>City Hall Holiday Closure</u> Thursday, December 22, 2022, through Thursday, December 29, 2022	

JANUARY 2023

<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Mon. 2	New Years Day Observed – City Hall Closed	
Tues. 3	City Council Meeting — CANCELLED	
Mon. 9	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Weds. 11	Community Activities Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

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Thurs. 12	Joint City Council & Planning Commission Workshop (Tentative) General Plan Update Workshop # 1 City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
Mon. 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – City Hall Closed	
Tues. 17	Real Estate Committee Meeting Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	5:30 p.m.
	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	6:00 p.m.
	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 19	Senior Mobile Pantry by Feeding America City Hall Parking Lot B (behind library)	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
	Public Works Committee Meeting Zoom Webinar / Teleconference	4:00 p.m.
	Joint City Council & Planning Commission Workshop (Tentative) General Plan Update Workshop # 2 City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
Mon. 23	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	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 www.cityofmontclair.org/agendas/.

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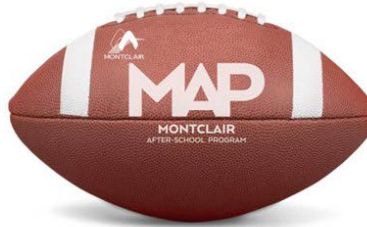


Honoring Our Veterans



Montclair Senior Center
November 9, 2022
*We thank our veterans for
their service.*





MONTCLAIR ATHLETIC CONFERENCE KICKOFF EVENT

November 15, 2022





SEASON'S GREETINGS!

CITY HALL CLOSURE

Thursday - December 22, 2022

(CLOSED FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY)

Monday - December 26, 2022

Tuesday - December 27, 2022

Wednesday - December 28, 2022

Thursday - December 29, 2022

(CLOSED FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY)

Monday - January 2, 2023

CITY HALL REOPENS

Tuesday - January 3, 2023