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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2023

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

- **Gold Line Track Completion Ceremony for Glendora to Pomona, and Update on Future Extension to Montclair**



Artist's rendering of Montclair Gold Line station.

On Saturday, June 24, 2023, Mayor John Dutrey, Mayor Pro-Tem Tenice Johnson, Council Members Bill Ruh and Corysa Martinez, and I attended the Foothill Gold Line Track Completion Ceremony in the City of La Verne. At the event, dignitaries drove in the Project Segment's (from Glendora to Pomona) final 230,630th rail clip to complete the new light rail track system. The countdown now begins to complete construction of the four-station (Glendora, La Verne, San Dimas, and Pomona) extension to Pomona before the end of 2024. The next phase of the Gold Line extension includes developing funding to complete the project from Pomona to Claremont and Montclair.

In addition to representation from the Montclair City Council and City Mayors and Council Members from throughout the San Gabriel Valley, a notable list of federal, state, and local elected officials and transportation agency representatives spoke on the Gold Line Project and extending it to Montclair, and ultimately to Ontario International Airport, including the following:

- U.S. Representative Grace Napolitano, 31st Congressional District
- U.S. Representative Judy Chu, 28th Congressional District
- California State Senator Susan Rubio, 22nd Senate District
- California State Assembly Member Chris Holden, 41st Assembly District
- California State Assembly Member Blanca Rubio, 48th Assembly District
- Metro Board Member, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, 1st Supervisorial District
- Metro Board Member, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th Supervisorial District
- Metro Board Member, Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board Member, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval
- Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board Chair, Claremont Mayor Ed Reece
- Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board Member, La Verne Mayor Tim Hepburn
- Foothill Gold Line CEO Habib F. Balian
- Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins



Mayor Dutrey and Council Member Bill Ruh (on the right side, second row)



From left to right, Council Member Corysa Martinez (and her son, Roman), Mayor John Dutrey, Mayor Pro-tem Tenice Johnson, and Montclair resident Bruce Culp

Will funding be available in California's Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget for the extension of the Gold Line to Montclair?

Earlier this year, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency (LA Metro) Board of Directors affirmed their commitment to complete the Foothill Gold Line to Claremont and Montclair as their first priority for any current or future state funding opportunities, including state greenhouse gas reduction grant funding and state funds that will be made available in the next two budget cycles as a result of [Senate Bill 198](#)¹ passing last year.

- What is [SB-198](#)¹? Existing law vests the California Transportation Commission with various powers and duties relative to the programming of transportation capital projects and allocating funds to those projects according to the state transportation improvement program and various other transportation funding programs. SB-198 establishes the Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaptation Strategy Grant Program as a competitive grant program to be awarded and administered by the department to provide funding to local agencies to identify transportation-related climate vulnerabilities through the development of climate adaptation plans and to identify ways to incorporate transportation-related climate adaptation needs into existing transportation plans. The law establishes the Local Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaptation Project Program, to be administered by the commission, to develop and implement projects adapting local transportation infrastructure to climate change.

¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB198&showamends=false

The Gold Line Extension to Montclair qualifies as an eligible program because of the positive impacts it would produce for the State's climate adaptation plans, including the following:

- Add an estimated 7,700+ passenger boarding each weekday to the LA Metro transit system in the opening year, representing more than half of the six-station's (Glendora to Montclair) total ridership projections. Gold Line ridership growth is projected to increase in succeeding years steadily.
- Eliminate an estimated 14,900 car trips each day in the opening year, representing 53% of the six-station's total projected reductions in car trips.
- Eliminate 84,500 vehicle miles traveled (VMT) daily, or 46.4 million VMT annually. The Claremont and Montclair Gold Line stations, are projected to account for nearly 60% of the total VMT reduction estimated for the six stations.
- Based on the share of VMT reduction realized by completing the Claremont and Montclair Gold Line stations, the two stations will account for a projected reduction of 1.75 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e) over the life of the project — eliminating 77,000 lbs. of reactive organic gas (ROG), 357,000 lbs. of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), 12,000 lbs. of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and 23,000 lbs. of diesel in one of the smoggiest regions in the United States.
- Provide a sustainable, zero-emission alternative to the 2.8 million vehicle trips every day that start, end, or travel between the Foothill Gold Line cities and Western San Bernardino County — **only 3 percent of those trips are currently made by transit.**

The Metro Board's prioritization decision follows the Gold Line extension project's unsuccessful application for a \$798 million Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant request, submitted in December 2022 to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA).

In prioritizing the Gold Line extension to Claremont and Montclair, the LA Metro board directed the Agency's staff to advocate for full funding of SB-198 and seek other opportunities to help fill the project's funding gap in Los Angeles County. The portion of the project in San Bernardino County (from the Los Angeles County-San Bernardino County border to the Montclair Transcenter) is at or near full funding—the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) controls approximately \$80 million for Gold Line construction; any additional funding for the San Bernardino County side of the project would come through a state grant.

Funding to complete the Gold Line Extension to Claremont and Montclair again became a focus of deliberation by State Legislators planning the final version of California's Fiscal Year 2023-24 state budget—with a projected \$32 billion shortfall in revenue. It was widely presumed that a number of programs and projects would be eliminated during the final stages of budget negotiations between the Governor and Legislative leaders.

State Legislators supporting the Gold Line and other transit projects managed to include \$4 billion in transit funding, including potential funding for the Gold Line extension to Claremont

and Montclair through SB 198 sources. However, with a June 28, 2023 deadline looming, Governor Newsom and Legislative negotiators appeared to be in a stalemate over streamlining language related to the Delta Conveyance Project and other infrastructure projects—a stalemate that threatened to eliminate transit funding from the budget.

Governor Newsom had asked legislators to streamline the approval process for various infrastructure projects, including removing potential challenges related to the [California Environmental Quality Act](#)² (CEQA). However, a bipartisan group of 10 lawmakers from the Assembly and the Senate signed on to a June 20, 2023 [letter](#)³ urging Governor Newsom and legislative leaders to stall the Administration’s package of infrastructure bills “for as long as [the Delta Conveyance Project](#)⁴ remains part of the proposal.” The legislators argued that the Governor’s proposal to streamline permitting and litigation for expansive projects, including the controversial Delta tunnel plan to send more water to Southern California, could cause environmental harm.

In May 2023, Governor Newsom unveiled his executive order and package of wide-ranging proposals to streamline state approval of major infrastructure projects, [such as bridges, reservoirs, semiconductor plants, and the Delta tunnel](#)⁵—the executive order aimed to keep transportation, energy, and water projects from stalling under legal challenges related to CEQA. Governor Newsom argued the changes are urgent because California needs to rapidly build water, energy, and other projects to prepare for climate change and that California would still have the same nation-leading environmental protections despite eliminating red tape that has stalled key climate projects for years. Water providers, business interests, and several labor unions have voiced support for Newsom’s policy package.

Opponents to the Governor’s plan, including environmental groups and legislators from the Delta counties, argue that bypassing CEQA would raise unanswered water and air quality concerns in the Delta region and that the Governor should not use the budget process to fast-track legislation over the objections of residents within the Delta Counties Coalition—Sacramento, Solano, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, and Yolo.

The Delta Conveyance Project would take water from the Sacramento River and bypass the vast [Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta](#)⁶, funneling the flows directly to south Delta pumps or to Bethany Reservoir at the northern end of the California Aqueduct. The current rendition of the Delta Conveyance proposal, a scaled-down iteration of the [contentious twin tunnels project](#),⁷ remains in the early stages of environmental review—Governor Newsom scrapped the twin tunnels project in 2019 in favor of the single Delta Conveyance tunnel.

The Delta Conveyance Project aims to make the [State Water Project](#),⁸ which provides water to 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland, less vulnerable to rising seas, earthquakes, extreme droughts, and precipitation shifts of climate change. The massive tunnel system would transport water through the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to

² <https://calmatters.org/environment/2023/05/gavin-newsom-ceqa-reform/>

³ <https://twitter.com/AsmVillapudua/status/1671286825888129027?s=20>

⁴ <https://calmatters.org/environment/2022/06/california-water-delta-tunnel/>

⁵ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2023/05/19/governor-newsom-unveils-new-proposals-to-build-californias-clean-future-faster/>

⁶ <https://water.ca.gov/water-basics/the-delta>

⁷ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfix/

⁸ <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project>

agencies and irrigation districts in the San Joaquin Valley, Southern California, the Central Coast, and the Bay Area.

The estimated price tag, last updated in 2020, is around \$16 billion, which would eventually be paid back by water agencies receiving water from the Delta Conveyance Project. [A 2022 draft state environmental report](#)⁹ warned that the tunnel project would harm endangered and threatened species, damage 2,300 acres of farmland, and disrupt cultural and historic sites.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 State Budget Compromise Deal

On Monday, June 26, Governor Newsom and Legislative leaders agreed to a \$310.8 billion Budget spending plan that reflects a compromise on the Governor's infrastructure projects. Specifics of the Budget deal include the following:

- Preserves transit funding—including funding for Senate Bill 198, but removes the delta tunnel project from the package while retaining measures to reduce delays to other major projects due to legal challenges under CEQA. The deal also grows the state budget reserves to a record \$38 billion while preserving historic investments in public education, healthcare, climate, and public safety.
- Delays nearly \$8 billion in spending, including allocating \$550 million to construct facilities for transitional and full-day kindergarten programs. Lawmakers and the Governor agreed to another \$8 billion in reductions, such as a \$750 million payment to the federal government for COVID-related unemployment insurance debts. The current deal seeks to preserve funding for expanding Medi-Cal eligibility to all immigrants regardless of legal status while tucking away \$37.8 billion in reserves.
- Retools CEQA by reducing the opportunity for lengthy legal challenges to major infrastructure projects. CEQA requires a review of potential environmental effects before a project receives approval, but it has also been used strategically by environmental organizations, project opponents, and others to scuttle or alter construction projects.
- Reduces the state's planned \$54 billion investment in climate programs to \$51.4 billion. The deal allocates more than \$1 billion for coastal resilience and clean energy programs and restores nearly \$300 million for the State Coastal Conservancy.
- Renews a tax on managed healthcare organizations, known as the MCO Tax, to fund Medi-Cal when the state is expanding the eligibility pool. The tax is expected to generate \$19.4 billion in state revenue from 2023 through 2027. Lawmakers and the Governor set aside \$2.7 billion annually from 2025 through 2029 for rate increases and other investments, including \$1.65 billion for primary and specialty care rate increases. The deal also provides \$555 million for emergency and inpatient services and \$300 million for behavioral health beds.

⁹ <https://calmatters.org/environment/2022/07/delta-tunnel-water-report/>

- The deal is significant to Montclair, including \$5.1 billion for transit over four years. Legislative leaders also introduced a separate plan to increase tolls on seven state-owned bridges in the Bay Area by \$1.50 to generate about \$180 million annually from 2024 through 2028.
- Includes roughly \$380 million to reconstruct certain parts of San Quentin prison—the plan will completely revamp San Quentin prison to focus on the job training and other programming to better prepare individuals for reentry in a way that reduces recidivism rates. San Quentin’s transformation builds on Newsom’s multiyear initiative to overhaul the state’s criminal justice system, which he began with an [executive order in 2019 that temporarily halted the death penalty and shut down the prison’s execution chamber](#).¹⁰
- It gives the state’s police training and standards board more time to comply with part of a law passed in 2021 that [established a decertification process for misconduct officers](#).¹¹
- Includes a major win for low-income families who receive state assistance to pay for child care. Families earning more than 40% of the state median income have to chip in a monthly fee toward their child’s care on a sliding scale, ranging from \$36 to nearly \$600—up to 10% of their income. For example, a family of four making \$6,950 a month would pay \$518 in family fees a month. Those fees were waived during the pandemic but were scheduled to restart on October 1, 2023. The budget deal would waive fees for all families earning less than 75% of the state median income and caps all fees at 1% of monthly income for families earning more.

The final budget deal is promising for the Gold Line extension to Claremont and Montclair. The funding is available for construction of the project. LA Metro and the Foothill Gold Line Extension Construction Authority must submit for funding through the TIRCP or SB-198 competitive grant process. If LA Metro does receive transit funding, the Gold Line extension to Claremont and Montclair remains the priority project for available state funding.



Gold Line tracks heading east out of La Verne toward San Dimas and Pomona and ultimately to Claremont and Montclair

¹⁰ <https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-governor-gavin-newsom-death-penalty-moratorium-20190312-story.html>

¹¹ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-30/newsom-approves-sweeping-changes-to-californias-criminal-justice-system>

- Montclair Receives Department of Cannabis Control Grant**

To provide improved access to licensed retail cannabis for the state's existing cannabis users, the [California Department of Cannabis Control](#)¹², in mid-June, announced \$4 million in funding to 18 local jurisdictions to expand access to licensed cannabis retail in a first-of-its-kind program nationwide.

The awarded grants will support issuing cannabis retail licenses at the local level, an important component of California's dual licensing structure. Expanded access to legal retail cannabis supports the legal market while discouraging the illegal cannabis marketplace.

Of the \$4 million issued thru the [Local Jurisdiction Retail Access Grant \(LJRAG\)](#),¹³ \$870,000 has been awarded to 14 jurisdictions that are proposing to assist and issue licenses to equity applicants within their retail licensing programs. Montclair received a \$195,000 LJRAG, including \$150,000 as a base amount and \$45,000 toward an equity assistance program.

In Phase 2 of the LJRAG grant, eligible local jurisdictions can apply for additional funding based on the number of cannabis retail licenses they issue—Montclair will be eligible for additional funding.

The following jurisdictions received grant awards in Phase 1 of the LJRAG Program:

Jurisdiction	Base Award	Equity Bonus	Total Phase 1
<i>City of Riverside</i>	\$325,000	\$150,000	\$475,000
<i>Los Angeles County</i>	\$325,000	\$150,000	\$475,000
<i>City of Huntington Beach</i>	\$325,000	NA	\$325,000
<i>City of Buena Park</i>	\$225,000	\$90,000	\$315,000
<i>City of Hawthorne</i>	\$225,000	\$90,000	\$315,000
<i>City of Lodi</i>	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$275,000
<i>Nevada County</i>	\$200,000	\$75,000	\$275,000
<i>City of West Sacramento</i>	\$175,000	\$60,000	\$235,000
<i>City of Claremont</i>	\$150,000	\$45,000	\$195,000
<i>City of Montclair</i>	\$150,000	\$45,000	\$195,000
<i>City of Covina</i>	\$175,000	N/A	\$175,000
<i>City of Corcoran</i>	\$125,000	\$30,000	\$155,000
<i>City of Bell Gardens</i>	\$150,000	N/A	\$150,000
<i>City of Calabasas</i>	\$125,000	N/A	\$125,000
<i>City of Avenal</i>	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$115,000
<i>City of Sand City</i>	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$115,000
<i>City of Winters</i>	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$115,000
<i>City of Yreka</i>	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$115,000
Total	\$3,275,000	\$870,000	\$4,145,000

Phase 1 funding was prioritized for areas where national surveys find high cannabis consumption but where there is little to no access to legal cannabis retail. By supporting local government in establishing cannabis retail licensing programs, the [LJRAG](#)¹³ seeks to meet existing consumer demand in low-availability areas.

¹² <https://tinyurl.com/y2yadafa>

¹³ <https://cannabis.ca.gov/about-us/grant-funding/local-jurisdiction-retail-access-grant/>

Grant recipients can use their grant money to develop retailer licensing programs to assist in issuing retail cannabis licenses, including drafting and adopting ordinances, hiring staff and contractors, conducting economic studies and environmental reviews, developing application forms or online application portals, and processing and issuing cannabis retail licenses.

LJRAG funding is distributed in two phases:

- Phase 1 provides funding to support local jurisdictions in developing and implementing a local cannabis retailer licensing program.
- Phase 2 awards additional funding after the local jurisdiction issues cannabis retailer permits. Over \$15 million in total funding is available, with awards made for each cannabis retailer permit issued by an eligible local jurisdiction beginning on or after June 30, 2023.

- **CalPERS Breach of Personal Data**

The California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) reports that hackers stole social security numbers, birth dates, and additional information on 769,000 CalPERS retirees and beneficiaries earlier this month—hackers took advantage of a vulnerability in a contracted vendor’s cybersecurity system. CalPERS states that all affected members are eligible to receive two years of free credit monitoring and identity restoration services through Experian.

Retirees and beneficiaries with impacted personal information are being notified by mail with details on how to take additional steps to protect their information. CalPERS also provides information on its website and through its customer contact center.

The hackers also may have retrieved information on CalPERS members’ former or current employers, spouses or domestic partners, and children. All types of retirees are affected, whether they have worked for the state, public agencies, school districts, courts, or the California legislature.

The third-party vendor, PBI Research Services+Berwyn Group, informed CalPERS of the June 6, 2023, breach. PBI helps CalPERS to identify any members who have died, helping the agency to prevent overpayments or other errors. PBI also validates information on inactive members, helping CalPERS to assess who may be eligible for benefits. PBI reported the matter to federal law enforcement and told CalPERS it had resolved the vulnerability while adding additional security measures.

CalPERS moved swiftly to protect the security of its member accounts by rolling out new security protocols. However, it took CalPERS two weeks to notify victims of the breach. CalPERS states that they needed to make sure of all the facts and that its system was secure before alerting retirees.

CalPERS said that PBI was using a data transfer application called *MoveIt Transfer* that organizations around the nation use to share data securely. The application boasts encryption, tracking, and access controls for secure collaboration and automated transfers.

The hacker community apparently discovered a critical vulnerability in the *MoveIt Transfer* software, and one group exploited it before a patch was deployed, apparently by using malicious software code to gain unauthorized access to data not intended to be displayed. Because the *MoveIt Transfer* app is used by multiple hospitals, clinics, and health insurance groups to share sensitive information such as medical records, bank records, and social security numbers, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has kept tabs on vulnerabilities that could leave health care companies open to having data stolen or held for ransom.

HHS reported earlier in June that local, state, and federal agencies had been the target of cyber threat hackers leveraging the *MoveIt Transfer* vulnerabilities. Two Department of Energy entities were among the impacted federal agencies. The education sector was also targeted—Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and the university's renowned health system reported that sensitive personal and financial information, including health billing records, may have been stolen in the hack.

CalPERS officials stress that the Fund's systems were not threatened or breached in the cyber-attack and that retirees' money is secure. CalPERS recommends that, in addition to enrolling in credit monitoring services, retirees and beneficiaries regularly review and monitor their accounts and credit reports to detect theft or fraud and contact the local police department to report any such incidents.

CalPERS is setting up a dedicated page on its website for members who might have additional questions or suspect they are victims. Members can visit calpers.ca.gov/PBI or send questions by email to PBIquestions@calpers.ca.gov. They can also call 833-919-4735, Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. PT, and Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PT (excluding major holidays).

- **Retail Sales Goes Up**

According to the Commerce Department, Americans increased their spending at retailers in May, with sales increasing by 0.3% from April to May 2023, boosted by stronger sales by auto dealers. Retail figures released in mid-June showed that lower gas and food prices might free up shoppers' spending budgets on other items. Sales at car and auto parts dealers rose 1.4% and increased 0.3% at online retailers and 0.4% at restaurants and bars. In addition, some of the discretionary areas, including electronic and furniture stores, which have been stagnant for several months, showed some modest gains. Sales were unchanged, though, at clothing retailers.

Forecasters expected a substantial increase of around 20% in U.S. auto sales in May 2023 vs. May 2022—thanks to strong consumer demand and a larger supply of new vehicles despite record-high new-vehicle prices and rising interest rates. The May 2023 increase was also expected because sales in May 2022 were down by 29% compared to May 2021.

According to a joint forecast from LMC Automotive and J.D. Power, new-vehicle sales in May 2023 totaled around 1.3 million to 1.4 million units. What's changed from May 2022 to May 2023 is a 48% increase in the supply of new vehicles. What hasn't changed—at least, hasn't changed very much—is that despite the increase in supply, the average new-vehicle

transaction price is still at a record high for the month. The average vehicle transaction price for May 2023 was \$45,838—a record for May, but up only 0.7% from a year ago. The average transaction price in May is also down from the all-time highest average transaction price for any month of \$47,362 in December 2022.

May's retail sales increase points to a still-resilient economy, despite a bumpy retail environment since January 2023 when prices were up by 3 percent, followed by declines in February and March, and then an uptick in April.

May's closely watched Consumer Price Index showed that inflation had been cut by more than half from last year's peak. On an annual basis, prices rose by 4% compared to a year ago; however, that is still above the Fed's target of 2%. Fed officials did, however, up their forecast of how high core inflation would be at the end of 2023—core inflation strips out food and fuel and focus on purchases such as health and dental care, personal services, education, and car insurance—they now see core inflation pushing the CPI to 3.9%.

While the steepest price increases appear to be over for consumers, Fed policymakers continue to believe that central bankers might need to do more to cool growth and rein in demand to prevent unusually elevated price increases from becoming permanent. The nation is making progress, but the progress remains slower than expected.

While they are still spending, consumers remain cautious as lingering inflation and the Federal Reserve's rate hikes take their toll. Nonetheless, Americans have remained resilient in spending despite signs of weakness elsewhere in the economy. A solid job market has also helped support spending. However, the latest Labor Department report on unemployment claims, issued Thursday, showed that the number of Americans applying for these benefits remained elevated—a possible sign that the Fed's rate hikes over the past year might be slowing the job market, as intended.

HdL, Montclair's sales tax consultant, projects that economic forecasts for Fiscal Year 2023-24 indicate a negative trend in California for the first two quarters (-2.5% and -1.5%, respectively), followed by slight improvement (0.4% and 0.9%, respectively) into the third and fourth quarters of the fiscal year. Together, data from the Commerce Department and HdL's data for California point to a U.S. economy that has probably escaped a recessionary cycle for the following year. The saving habits of Americans further support this perspective: During the pandemic years, Americans were putting away more of their disposable income (up to 19.9%) into savings. In the first quarter of 2023, the personal savings rate declined to 4.3%, indicating consumers are willing to spend more on goods, services, health care, and other living expenses.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Internal Appointments / Promotions**

Congratulations to the following current employees who have been internally promoted or appointed to new positions:

- **Elizabeth Escalante**, Accounting Specialist, Finance Department

- **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:

- **Julliana Aceituno**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Manuel Blackbucket**, Leadworker Maintenance, Public Works
- **Araceli Cruz**, Park Leader, Human Services
- **George Fonseca**, Police Officer, Police Department

- **Employees Retiring from the City**

Congratulations to the following employees who are retiring after many years of service to the City of Montclair:

- **Regina Davis**, Police Services Specialist, Police Department (22 years)

- **Montclair Job Opportunities**

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

Current Recruitments

- Plans Examiner — Community Development
- Senior Citizens Supervisor — Human Services
- Leadworker, Maintenance — Public Works

Continuous Recruitments

Applications are continuously accepted and reviewed for the following positions on an ongoing basis:

Fire Department

- Fire Engineer
- Firefighter (Paramedic) (Entry-Level/Lateral)

Police Department

- Senior Police Dispatcher (Lateral)
- Police Dispatcher (Entry-Level)
- Police Officer (Entry-Level/Lateral)
- Reserve Police Officer Level II and I (Voluntary Part-Time, Stipend)
- Police Cadet (Part-Time)

Human Services Department

- Recreation Leader (Part-Time)
- Senior Recreation Leader (Part-Time)
- Learning Leader (Part-Time)
- Senior Learning Leader (Part-Time)
- Substitute Learning Leader (Part-Time)

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 at <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/employment-opportunities/>.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

• New Development Projects

We are excited to announce some development projects and businesses that are coming to our community.

Kalaveras Mexican Restaurant

On Monday, June 26, 2023, the Montclair Planning Commission approved a new Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Variance, and Precise Plan of Design to allow for the expansion and remodel of the existing restaurant building (formerly the Fu Lin Chinese Restaurant) to accommodate a new eating place known as Kalaveras Mexican Restaurant. Kalaveras Mexican Restaurant is a family-owned restaurant chain founded in 2016. It features the time-honored tradition of "El Dia de Los Muertos" or the "Day of the Dead" in its interior and exterior decor. Kalaveras' menú features barbacoa, carnitas, enchiladas verdes, and shrimp tacos gobernador entrees. The restaurant remodels, and expansion will include a new 16-foot tall entry tower and a 1,280 SF covered outdoor patio facing Central Avenue. These elements will offer a bold change to the existing building and streetscape. Though not yet designed, the proposed color murals facing the street and parking area will add a pop of bold coloring to the project and streetscape. Kalaveras will feature a desert landscaping design theme with varied trees, shrubs, and cacti.



Front façade colored elevation and renderings of the proposed interior décor.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **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/>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Volunteer Recognition Dinner**

On June 21st, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and her husband Warren, Council Members Martinez and Ruh, and I attended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Sycamore Inn. The remarkable event was dedicated to honoring our reserve officers and chaplains' invaluable contributions. The evening was filled with gratitude, appreciation, and camaraderie as we celebrated their selfless service and commitment to the organization. Reserve Officer David Conrad and Chaplain Vicki Brobeck were named Reserve and Chaplain of the Year, respectively. The event provided a well-deserved platform to acknowledge their unwavering dedication, highlight their remarkable achievements, and express our heartfelt thanks for their tireless efforts in supporting our mission.



Reserve Officer David Conrad



Chaplain Vicki Brobeck

- **Explorers Academy Class 9-23 Success!**

On June 17, the Montclair Police Department Explorers successfully completed the Chino Explorer Police Academy Class 9-23. We are incredibly proud of their success and commitment to our Explorer Post 3605. Congratulations to Explorer Diego Garcia, who earned the Marksmanship Award! Awesome work!



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- **Sunset Park Beautification Project**

Creating a Vital and Sustainable Community Park

The Sunset Park Beautification project is being designed to provide various new and rehabilitated existing park amenity areas. These park amenities include the construction of a concrete walking trail along the perimeter of the park and interconnected pathways, an outside theater area near the north parking lot with a playground area in close proximity, refurbished community fruit park, new automated self-cleaning bathrooms near playgrounds, drinking fountains, benches, several exercise stations, and fun river and creek themed south playground area for the kids with adjacent aesthetically unique covered picnic bench clusters where parents can comfortably watch their children play activities. These improvements are intended to enhance the park and provide a unique recreational experience.

In addition to the beautiful new and enhanced park amenities, the park will serve as the pilot leg for the future San Antonio Creek Trail build-out. It will include interesting pavement art and artistic fence features to add to the recreational interest of people enjoying a safe creek walk, run, or bicycle ride.

When the entirety of the trail is completed, the trail will run along the San Antonio Creek Channel through Montclair, near the City's western boundary. The trail will provide alternative non-motorized commuter and recreational connections to schools and colleges, parks, local transit connections, shopping centers, dining, entertainment, housing, and the regional Pacific Electric Trail. Using the trail to get to destinations provides a healthy and fun alternative to the typical drive and enhances the quality of life in our neighborhoods. The San Antonio Creek channel feasibility study funded by the 2019 Caltrans Sustainable Community Planning Grant provided a preliminary trail design and estimated costs.

The park improvements at Sunset Park are designed to be sustainable, climate-friendly, and low-impact development strategies. Planting includes low water use, drought-tolerant native trees, shrubs, and ground cover uniquely adapted to the local environment. Irrigation will be upgraded to meet all State of California water use efficiency mandates. On-site water retention is achieved using a bioswale/rain garden with native water-saving plants and permeable parking lot paving to increase rain capture resource features. The Sunset Park trail segment will be lit for safety.

This substantial park is located near two major schools, Lehigh Elementary School and Montclair High School, and in a neighborhood composed of multifamily and single-family homes affording a convenient and multi-faceted recreational area for residents to play, relax, exercise, and enjoy the outdoor environment and beautiful scenic vistas.

Funding for these community-requested improvements comes from California Park & Recreation Grants, Clean California Grant, and the City's local bond money. Construction of the park improvements is expected to begin in Fall 2023, with a completion date around June 2024. Sunset Park Beautification Project will renovate and offer substantial community benefits for all ages and will be a treasured asset for years to come.

FEATURE LEGEND:

- 1 EXISTING COURT AREA TO REMAIN.
- 2 EXISTING PARKING LOT W/ NEW PERMEABLE PAVING.
- 3 NEW PLAYGROUND AREA WITH SENSORY PLAY COMPONENTS.
- 4 DECOMPOSED GRANITE PAVING AT "HEAD-IN" PORTION OF PARKING WITH BOULDER PLACEMENT TO ELIMINATE VEHICULAR ACCESS.
- 5 NEW MESH FENCING ALONG CHANNEL W/ ARTISTIC PANELS SET AT REOCCURRING DISTANCES.
- 6 ENHANCED 12' WIDE MAINTENANCE ROAD/BIKE TRAIL W/ DECORATIVE PAVING SET AT REOCCURRING DISTANCES.
- 7 NEW PARK MONUMENT SIGNAGE.
- 8 NEW OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER SEATING AREA BUILT INTO EXISTING SLOPE.
- 9 REALIGNED WALKWAY TO PROVIDE A.D.A. PATH OF TRAVEL FROM CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.
- 10 BENCH SEATING AT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND. (TOTAL OF 4)
- 11 NEW A.D.A. PARKING STALLS W/ VAN ACCESSIBLE UNLOADING ZONE.
- 12 OPEN TURF PLAY AREA.
- 13 NEW RESTROOM BUILDING AT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND W/ DRINKING FOUNTAIN.
- 14 NEW 5' WIDE CONCRETE EXERCISE TRAIL W/ DUAL 5' WIDE DECOMPOSED RUNNING PATH/DUAL MAINTENANCE ROAD. (OUTSIDE LOOP TRAIL .75 MILE)
- 15 EXISTING FRUIT PARK ORCHARD W/ NEW TREES TO REPLACE DEAD / MISSING AT GAPS / SPACES.
- 16 EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN, PROTECT IN PLACE.
- 17 OPEN TURF PLAY AREA. (OPTIONAL LOCATION FOR DISC GOLF BASKETS/TEES (3-4 HOLES))
- 18 BIKE RACK AND DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT PLAYGROUND ENTRANCE.
- 19 "RAIN GARDEN" BIO-RETENTION BASIN FOR ON-SITE STORM WATER CAPTURE.
- 20 NEW MEANDERING WALKWAY TO CONNECT TO CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.
- 21 BENCH SEATING AREAS AT CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND. (TOTAL OF 4)
- 22 NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND W/ SEPARATED AGED PLAY AREAS. (2-5 YR. AND 5-12 YR.)
- 23 PARK PICNIC SHELTERS (TOTAL OF 4) WITH MULTIPLE PICNIC TABLES AND TRASH RECEPTACLES.
- 24 EXERCISE STATIONS ALONG BIKE TRAIL SET APPROX. EVERY 300'
- 25 OPTIONAL NEW RESTROOM BUILDING TO MATCH RESTROOM AT NORTH PLAYGROUND.
- 26 ENHANCED TRAILHEAD W/ SEATING AREA AND ENHANCED PAVING / WAY-FINDING / WATER BOTTLE FILL STATION AND OPTIONAL BIKE REPAIR STATION.
- 27 NEW 5' WIDE EXERCISE TRAIL / MEANDERING TO AVOID EXISTING UTILITIES AND GUY WIRES / CABLES.
- 28 DECOMPOSED GRANITE PAVING AT UTILITY CONFLICT ZONES.



SUNSET PARK RENOVATION

CITY OF MONTCLAIR - CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

4351 ORCHARD STREET, MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

SCALE: 1" = 40'



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

Summer Concert and Movie Series

The 62nd Annual Summer Concerts and Movies Series kicked off on Tuesday, June 13, with a screening of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. The Series this year has included musical acts, including Cold Duck (Latin and R&B) on June 20 and In The Mixx (Old School and Top 40) on June 27.

Many people attended, including Mayor Pro Tem Tenice Johnson and Council Member Corysa Martinez, have enjoyed the concert and movie series, including free arts and crafts for children and delicious treats from **The Groovy Ice Shack** and **Monkey's Munchies** food trucks.

Photos are shared on Page 25.

Join us for more concerts and movies in the park! The schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, July 6, 2023 – 8:00 p.m.
Movie in the Park – *Toy Story* (G)
- Tuesday, July 11, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Concert in the Park – Melodia Versatil (Latin Variety Band)
- Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Concert in the Park – Queen of Hearts (Country)
- Tuesday, July 25, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Concert in the Park – Mariachi Aguilas de Mexico (Mariachi)
- Tuesday, August 1, 2023 — 8:00 p.m.
National Night Out / Movie in the Park – *Jungle Cruise* (PG-13)

All concerts and movies will be held at Alma Hofman Park and are presented to the public free of charge.

Bring friends and family, blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic dinner for delightful summer evenings in the park. Food trucks will be selling your favorite food and snacks. Free children's activities will be offered.

For more information, contact the Human Services Department at (909) 625-9479 or visit www.cityofmontclair.org. We hope to see you there!

- **City of Hope 2023 Healthy Living Grant Conference and Awards**

On Friday, June 2, Assistant Director of Human Services & Grants Manager Alyssa Colunga and Administrative Analyst Adriana Navarrete represented the Montclair Community Foundation (MCF) at the City of Hope 2023 Healthy Living Grant Conference and Awards at the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in Duarte.

In collaboration with the City of Montclair's Healthy Montclair initiative, MCF received a 2023 Healthy Living – Bigger Ask Grant award from the City of Hope to cultivate wellness in Montclair. MCF will cultivate wellness in Montclair by assisting the efforts of Healthy Montclair's promotoras and expanding the Montclair Community Garden as a resource for increasing access to organic fruits and vegetables, improving physical activity through gardening, and educating the community on the risk factors of chronic diseases.

The Healthy Living Grant Program includes \$5,000 awards to support community-led efforts of addressing prevention strategies that promote health equity and healthy living. The Healthy Living - Bigger Ask Grants of \$10,000 or \$25,000 is an opportunity to improve current programming and elevate program impact and are awarded to more established programs with experience with the City of Hope. Assistant Director of Human Services & Grants Manager Alyssa Colunga also serves on City of Hope's Community Advisory Board for Community Outreach and Engagement.

We are pleased to share that MCF was one of only three organizations in the City of Hope's service area awarded a Bigger Ask Grant for \$10,000.

Please join us in thanking City of Hope for this amazing opportunity!



To read more about City of Hope's Healthy Living Grant program and the other grantees, visit <https://www.cityofhope.org/about-city-of-hope/community-outreach/community-benefit/healthy-living-grant-program>

For more information about the Montclair Community Foundation, please visit <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/montclair-community-foundation-homepage/>

- **Country Fair Jamboree**

The City's 9th Annual Country Fair Jamboree was held on Saturday, June 3, at Alma Hofman Park, with an estimated 4,000 people in attendance. Guests enjoyed carnival rides, games, a petting zoo, pony rides, music from our event DJ, musical performances by Suave the Band, and delicious food from **Ricos Tacos La Tortillera**, **Monkey's Munchies**, **Churros El Sabroso**, **Sweet 'N Snowie**, **Osos Smokehouse**, and **Keith's Kettle Corn** food trucks.

There were also special contests, such as pie-eating, hula-hooping, water balloon toss, and watermelon eating, all of which were crowd favorites. Congratulations to Mayor Dutrey and Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez for winning the 18 and over balloon toss contest!

We sincerely appreciate everyone who volunteered their time and resources at the Jamboree. There were over 25 volunteers, including many City employees.

Our appreciation also goes out to Mayor Javier “John” Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Tenice Johnson, Council Members Bill Ruh and Corysa Martinez, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez and Congresswoman Norma Torres for their attendance; the Montclair Chamber of Commerce for overseeing event sponsors and the vendor area, which included over 39 vendors and nonprofit organizations; those who worked the event; and the Country Fair Jamboree Committee (Public Works Operations Assistant Manager Alex Cardona, NPDES Environmental Compliance Inspector Samantha Contreras, Police Lieutenant Jim Michel, Administrative Aide Marci Butler, Senior Information Technology Specialist Edmund Garcia, Montclair Chamber of Commerce Board Member Tenice Johnson, Recreation Coordinators Angela Franco, Emily G. Medina, and Ramon Ramirez, and Recreation Manager Fernando Saltos), the Montclair After-School Program, and Montclair Recreation staff who were involved in behind-the-scenes work before and after the event. Many thanks to all of you!

As always, the success of this annual event is attributed to the collaboration between our Administrative Services, Community Development, Fire, Human Services, Police, and Public Works Departments.

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- **Adult Sports**

- **Adult Volleyball League (AVL) – Spring 2023**

The City of Montclair held its first Adult Volleyball Spring Season in over three years. Six teams fought hard for the chance to call themselves champions! Ultimately, at the AVL Championship on Tuesday, June 20, the winner was “Volley Heist” for the second consecutive season! For more information about the City of Montclair’s Summer Volleyball League, please feel free to reach us at 909-625-9479.



Adult Basketball League (ABL) – Spring 2023

In the past eleven (11) weeks, eight (8) teams were battling it out on the basketball court to be named The City of Montclair's first spring season champions since the pandemic. At the ABL Championship, held on Thursday, June 22, the winner was "Primetime"! For more information about the City of Montclair's Summer Adult Basketball League, please feel free to reach us at 909-625-9479.



- **Summer Day Camp**

The Summer Day Camp began on Tuesday, May 30, and the participants are having a blast so far! The participants have enjoyed a popcorn social/movie day in the Community Center, a **Knott's Berry Farm** field trip, a themed *Harry Potter* ice cream social, and a fun Halloween Party for the week of the Holidays.

Recreation Leaders and program participants will visit the pool at Anthony Munoz Community Center in Ontario on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, the Summer Day Camp Recreation Leaders lead club sessions, where participants can create art, food crafts, play sports, or relax during a kid-friendly yoga class. Also, fun and easy "paint and follow" sessions are led by Recreation staff leaders twice a week. Last Thursday, Halloween was celebrated with a costume contest, games on the patio, a spooky maze, pizza, snow cones, caramel apple slices, and a dance floor.

Registrations are still accepted at the Montclair Recreation Center. Space is limited. For more information, please call (909) 625-9479.

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- **Youth Sports**

The City of Montclair's Youth Basketball League has returned on Monday, June 12, for the summer! For the next six weeks, 16 teams of over 144 players from 1st-8th grade and 22 volunteer coaches will be on the court inside the Montclair Community Center! Please feel welcome to stop by Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. to cheer on our youth basketball players.

For more information, please contact Recreation Coordinator Ramon Ramirez at (909) 625-481 or rramirez@cityofmontclair.org

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- **Senior Center Activities**

The **Cinco De Mayo-themed Senior Birthday Party** was held on May 24, 2023, in the Community Center with 116 attendees. Those in attendance enjoyed *Folklorico* dancing while eating soft-shelled chicken tacos for lunch. Representatives from the offices of Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and County Supervisor Curt Hagman presented certificates of recognition to the Senior Birthday Honorees.

On June 8, the seniors celebrated the beginning of summer with a Summer Kick-Off Dance. Over 125 seniors enjoyed a DJ, desserts, light refreshments, and a photo booth.

Seniors also enjoyed two art events in June. On June 15, the Senior Center hosted a free Art Workshop where seniors created their own wind chimes, and on June 20, the Senior Center hosted a Paint and Fun event, a free painting class instructed by **Memo's Canvas**. Seniors were guided step-by-step in creating their own beach-themed canvas painting while also enjoying light refreshments.

Upcoming July events at the Senior Center will include an Ice Cream Social, an Afternoon at the Movies, karaoke, and another Art Workshop. For more information, please see the Senior Newsletter at: <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/senior-newsletter/>

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JULY 2023

Day	Event & Location	Time
Mon. 3	City Council Meeting — CANCELLED	
	Independence Day City Hall Closure (City Hall reopens Wednesday, July 5, 2023)	
Tues. 4	Independence Day City Hall Closure (City Hall reopens Wednesday, July 5, 2023)	
Thurs. 6	Movie in the Park — Toy Story (G) Alma Hofman Park	8:00 p.m.
Mon. 10	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tues. 11	Concert in the Park — Melodia Versatil (Latin) Alma Hofman Park	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 17	Real Estate/Public Safety Committee Theater Conference Room	5:30 p.m.
	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Theater Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tues. 18	Concert in the Park — Queen of Hearts (Country) Alma Hofman Park	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 20	Monthly Food Distribution Event Community Center	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
	Public Works Committee Theater Conference Room	4:00 p.m.
Sat. - Sun. 22 – 23	Free E-Waste Weekend Montclair Chamber of Commerce, 8880 Benson Ave.	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Mon. 24	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Tues. 25	Concert in the Park — Mariachi Aguilas De Mexico (Latin) Alma Hofman Park	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/.

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

MONTCLAIR'S 62ND ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT AND MOVIE SERIES

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs June 13, 2023



Cold Duck June 20, 2023





SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer 2023 Youth Basketball League



Senior Center



Senior Birthday Party May 24, 2023



Summer Kick-Off Dance June 8, 2023



Art Workshop June 15, 2023



Paint and Fun June 20, 2023