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- **Governor Newsom's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Proposal**



Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiling his revised budget proposal for 2023-2024

Governor Gavin Newsom's January 2024 proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget reports California is facing a budget shortfall of an estimated \$37.9 billion. However, his Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Proposal continues to expand access to high-quality education, healthcare, and opportunities for innovation and growth, while maintaining the state's fiscal stability by reducing some programs, deferring funding for others, and using some of the money saved in historic budget reserves to close the shortfall and produce a balanced budget.

Governor Newsom painted the budget proposal as a return to a more normal budget after a period of tremendous spikes in revenue. The Governor's revenue projection is far less dire than the December 2023 announcement by the nonpartisan

Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), which projected the state was facing a [\\$68 billion deficit for the 2024-25 fiscal year](#).¹ Governor Newsom's administration is assuming \$15 billion more in revenues than the Legislative Analyst's Office, explaining much of the difference in forecasts.

Governor Newsom is proposing a total state budget of \$291.5 billion—about \$19 billion less than what he and lawmakers approved last June for 2023-24. January budget plans are however, often revised considerably when the May revise is introduced. For example, last year Newsom proposed spending \$297 billion—the final total in June was upped to \$310 billion.

¹ <https://calmatters.org/politics/2023/12/budget-deficit-california/>

An estimated [70 percent of California's total state spending](#)² would go toward public schools, colleges and health and social services—a trend that has held steady since the 1970s, according to a CalMatters review of state budget data.

Unlike the federal government, most state governments, including California, must approve balanced budgets—running a deficit is not an option. California is not alone facing a shortfall—about half of Americans live in states now grappling with budget gaps, ongoing deficits, or both, according to an analysis by [The Pew Charitable Trusts](#)³.

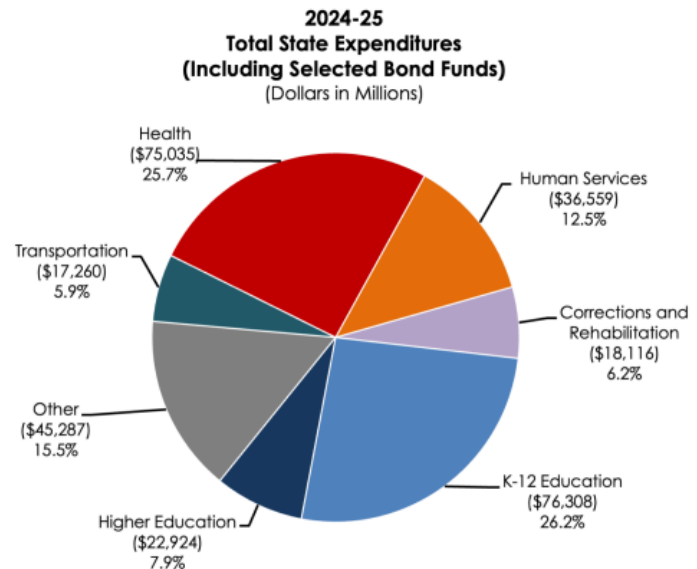
While the deficit projected by the governor's office is about 20% higher than what California faced last year ([\\$32 billion](#))⁴, state officials discount that the state is facing a crisis. California is, in fact, in a better position now to deal with the downturn compared to past deficits during the Great Recession because the Legislature [put billions of dollars in reserves](#)⁵. Even after Governor Newsom's plan to pull from the state's reserves, the state would have \$18.4 billion remaining.

The state could also push for more savings through mid-year cuts in the current budget—a process Governor Newsom deferred to the Legislature.

The budget shortfall facing the California legislature in 2024—estimated at \$37.9 billion—is rooted in two separate but related developments during the past two years:

1. *The substantial decline in the stock market that drove down revenues in 2022.* Revenues showed unprecedented strength in the two fiscal years following the COVID-19 Recession, as stock market growth outpaced the slower overall economic recovery. Fueling this growth were capital gains realizations, which have a sizable impact on California revenues, increasing to a record-high \$349 billion in 2021—a 72 percent increase from 2020—representing a record 11.6 percent share of personal income, following a 40 percent increase from 2019 to 2020.

As the markets grew, so did state revenues. Over two fiscal years, from 2019-20 to 2021-22, the state's "Big Three" General Fund revenue sources—personal income, sales, and corporation taxes—grew by 55 percent. By comparison, the other two recent periods of comparable growth were the two years before the 2000-01 revenue peak, which saw growth of 31 percent prior to the Dot-Com Bust, and 31 percent from 2003-04 to 2005-06 before the Great Recession.



² <https://ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf#page=19>

³ <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2024/01/09/state-budget-problems-spread>

⁴ https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sbud.senate.ca.gov/files/2024_25_Budget_Implementation_Updates_Report.pdf#page=5

⁵ <https://ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf#page=12>

The stock market run-up through the end of 2021 led to the tax revenue surge that ended in 2022. The S&P 500 Index, which tracks the country's 500 leading companies, declined by 19 percent in 2022. Over the same period, the NASDAQ Composite Index, which measures more than 2,500 stocks concentrated in technology companies that are a California mainstay—declined by 33 percent. These represent the most substantial annual declines in these key indices since the onset of the Great Recession in 2008, and a correction from strong prior market performance, a tightened monetary policy by the Federal Reserve Board that drove interest rates upward, and the expectation of a recession that never materialized.

Despite the downward revision in 2022, 2022-23 revenues are estimated to still be 23 percent higher than pre-pandemic levels in 2018-19. Furthermore, the Big Three revenues are projected to revert to levels consistent with a normal revenue growth trajectory, absent the COVID-19 surge and subsequent correction.

The 2022 market decline had an outsized impact on state revenues, since an extremely small share of California taxpayers are responsible for a large share of state revenues. Personal income tax represents roughly two-thirds of all General Fund revenues, and just one percent of California's total tax returns (180,000) were responsible for half of all personal income tax paid by residents in 2021—or \$62.9 billion. This small share of Californians earns a significant proportion of their income from stock-based compensation and capital gains, making their income, and the tax revenue it generates, significantly more volatile and subject to swings in the financial markets as opposed to changes in the overall economy.

The stock market rose throughout 2023 and made up most of its losses from 2022, with the S&P 500 increasing by 24 percent in 2023, and the NASDAQ increasing by 43 percent. California's GDP has also remained strong in 2023, averaging 3.9 percent annualized growth through the first three quarters compared to a contraction of 2.2 percent over the same period in 2022. The stock market recovery and improved economic growth support the budget forecast assumptions that revenue growth will resume in 2023-24 following the steep correction in 2022-23, with potential upside through 2024-25 if the markets continue to outperform the forecast. In addition, the Federal Reserve has indicated it intends to cut interest rates throughout 2024, which may stimulate real estate transactions and other sectors of California's economy.

2. The second contributing development is the unprecedented delay in income tax collections due to a series of atmospheric river storms that struck California in 2022-23. Normally, the bulk of cash data relating to the prior tax year is available by April, leading to a revised May budget reflecting actual cash collections. Last year, however, due to federal tax deadline delays and California's subsequent conformity to those delays, the majority of the state's revenues did not arrive until October and November 2023. Therefore, the correction that would have come as part of last year's May Revision is instead being made in Governor Newsom's January 2024 proposed budget. The January and May 2023 proposed budgets warned of this likelihood, and in June, the state passed a budget that planned accordingly, setting aside record reserves of just under \$38 billion. Now, the state faces a budget that must solve for last year's shortfall while adjusting state spending to ensure continued fiscal stability for years to come.

With reliable tax filing deadlines, the degree of the revenue drop associated with the 2022 market declines would have become evident as tax receipts were received in the spring. However, due to federal disaster declarations resulting from severe winter storms, the Internal Revenue Service announced that taxpayers in declared counties could delay filing their federal tax returns—first until October 16, and subsequently to November 16. This delay occurred in 55 of the state’s 58 counties, comprising 99 percent of all California taxpayers, and affected tax collections that were due as early as January 2023. While past filing delays of several weeks have been manageable, never before had the state’s revenue forecasters been confronted with a delay of up to 10 months in receiving critical tax and revenue data—a challenge compounded by the fact that the past several years have also included global financial and economic instability. The COVID-19 Pandemic led to unprecedented economic impacts through 2022. Global supply chains were disrupted, inflation reached record highs, and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted at levels unseen since the Great Depression. Beginning in 2023, economic and financial conditions have started to normalize.

Based on the limited data available in the spring of 2023, the enacted 2023-24 budget reflected a decline in the revenue forecast from January. However, because of the unprecedented tax filing and payment delay, the full scope of the estimated revenue decline was unclear until all the delayed tax returns and payments were received by the extended November 16 deadline—only two months before the 2024 budget must be proposed to the Legislature. Once processed, personal income tax and corporation tax receipts through November were \$25.7 billion—22 percent— lower than projected. This factor alone is a significant reason why the budget forecasts of the Big Three General Fund revenue sources through 2024-25 have decreased by approximately \$42.9 billion as compared to the 2023 Budget Act, before accounting for budget solutions.

Had the filing delay not been in place, most of the revenue drop would have been reflected in lower tax receipts before the May Revision and incorporated into the 2023 Budget Act projections. This would have resulted in a larger budget gap in 2023, additional solutions to close it, and a smaller shortfall for 2024 than what is now faced.

California has also seen tremendous budget growth in recent years due to the introduction of a number of first-in-the-nation programs, a tremendous commitment to transportation and infrastructure, and unparalleled funding for climate change and homelessness programs—all driven by significant revenue gains during the post-Covid economic environment. These revenues gains are now stabilizing, requiring recalibration of expenditures to revenues.

Several risk factors could negatively impact the state’s economy going forward. For instance, a significant financial shock from tightening financial conditions, stock market and asset price volatility and declines, and geopolitical turmoil are all issues that pose a risk to ongoing economic and revenue growth.

Using Budget Reserves. While closing a shortfall of \$37.9 billion poses a substantial challenge for lawmakers, it is more manageable because of the state’s foresight in building the combined budgetary reserves to a record level in 2023. A withdrawal from the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) is a significant and appropriate component of the budget’s balanced solutions. A withdrawal from the BSA will help the state maintain fiscal stability, continue its ongoing efforts to address priority issues, such as homelessness and combatting the effects of climate change, and avoid harmful cuts in programs that are essential to the well-being of Californians throughout the state.

Even after the proposed withdrawals, total budget reserves in the coming fiscal year will remain substantial at \$18.4 billion. This includes \$11.1 billion in the BSA, \$3.9 billion in the Public School System Stabilization Account (PSSSA), and \$3.4 billion in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties.

Governor Newsom's proposed budget incorporates the following combination of measures to close the shortfall in the budget year:

- Reserves—\$13.1 billion. The budget draws upon funds from the state's reserves, including the following:
 - Withdrawal from Mandatory BSA Balance and Transfer Suspension (\$10.4 billion) account.
 - Withdrawal from Discretionary BSA Balance (\$1.8 billion) account.
 - Withdrawal from the Safety Net Reserve (\$900 million) account.
- Reductions—\$8.5 billion. The budget reduces funding for various programs, including the following:
 - Various Climate Reductions (\$2.9 billion). California is, however, advancing a \$48.3 billion multi-year commitment, alongside over \$10 billion from the Biden-Harris Administration in federal climate funding, to implement its nation-leading initiatives to slash pollution and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045, protect communities from harmful climate impacts, and deliver 90% clean electricity by 2035.
 - Various Housing Program Reductions (\$1.2 billion).
 - State Vacant Position Funding Sweep (\$762.5 million).
 - School Facilities Aid Program (\$500 million—down from \$875 million to \$375 million)—Governor Newsom indicated, however, that he would support a bond measure on the November ballot that would potentially bring in billions for school districts to repair and upgrade aging buildings. The current school facilities fund is nearly empty, and the Legislature has been working for months to craft a borrowing plan.
 - Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program (\$494 million)—that sum would affect 2024-25, but the Governor wants [to totally do away with \\$1.8 billion](#)⁶ for the loan program through 2028-29. Doing so would harm the state's aspirations to lower the cost of student housing. Still, Governor Newsom and lawmakers have approved [\\$2.2 billion](#)⁷ in the past few years to support the construction of subsidized residence halls for low-income students.

⁶<https://ebudget.ca.gov/2024-25/pdf/BudgetSummary/HigherEducation.pdf#page=6>

⁷<https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2023/09/student-housing-3/>

- Legislative Requests (\$350 million).
- University of California Los Angeles Institute of Immunology and Immunotherapy (\$300 million)—wealthy philanthropists have pledged more than \$200 million to UCLA, and the school purchased a [shuttered shopping mall rather than building a new site](#)⁸.
- Middle Class Scholarship Program (\$289 million), choosing instead to maintain it at its base level of more than \$600 million annually. The scholarship has given an average of nearly \$2,000 to more than 300,000 students when [it debuted in the 2022-23 academic year](#)⁹.
- Revenue/Internal Borrowing—\$5.7 billion. The budget includes support from revenue sources and borrows internally from special funds, including the following:
 - Increasing the Managed Care Organization Tax Support for Medi-Cal (\$3.8 billion) and
 - Conforming to Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Net Operating Loss Limitation (\$300 million).
- Delays—\$5.1 billion. The budget delays funding for multiple items and spreads it across a three-year period, beginning in 2025-26, without reducing the total amount of funding through the proposed budget period. Significant solutions in this category include the following:
 - Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) (\$1 billion)—funding remains intact for the Gold Line extension from Pomona to Montclair, both through the TIRCP and the [Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure](#)¹⁰ (CAPTI). In which the state commits to investing billions of discretionary transportation dollars annually to aggressively combat and adapt to climate change, while supporting public health, safety and equity. CAPTI builds on executive orders signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in 2019¹¹ and 2020¹² targeted at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in transportation—which account for more than 40 percent of all emissions—to reach the state’s ambitious climate goals. The budget will provide approximately \$400 million for the project this year with the balance deferred over the following years.
 - Full Implementation of DDS Service Provider Rate Reform (\$613 million).
 - Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (\$550 million).

⁸<https://calmatters.org/newsletter/california-legislature-first-day/>

⁹<https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2023/07/middle-class-scholarship-california/>

¹⁰<https://calsta.ca.gov/-/media/calsta-media/documents/capti-july-2021-a11y.pdf>

¹¹<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/9.20.19-Climate-EO-N-19-19.pdf>

¹²<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/9.23.20-EO-N-79-20-Climate.pdf>

- Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan (\$400 million).
- Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program (\$235 million).
- Vulnerable Community Toxic Clean Up (\$175 million).
- Fund Shifts—\$3.4 billion. The budget shifts certain expenditures from the General Fund to other funds. Significant solutions in this category include:
 - Various shifts to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (\$1.8 billion).
 - State plans retirement contribution reductions using Prop 2 Debt Repayment Funding (\$1.3 billion).
 - Unemployment Insurance Interest Payment (\$100 million).
- Deferrals—\$2.1 billion. The budget defers specific obligations to the 2025-26 fiscal year. Significant solutions in this category include:
 - June to July Payroll Deferral (\$1.6 billion).
 - University of California and California State University Deferrals (\$499 million).

The January budget proposal continues to maintain investments in several priority issues, including the following:

- Homelessness. Governor Newsom has advanced a multi-year \$15.3 billion plan to address homelessness—more than ever before in state history. The budget proposal maintains billions of dollars for homelessness, including \$400 million for encampment resolution grants and \$1 billion for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program grants. The budget proposal does not, however, include an ongoing source of homelessness funding, making it difficult for local communities to know how much funding will be coming from the state. Governor Newsom also warned that cities and counties could face heightened scrutiny this year as they apply for and spend state dollars on homeless programs.
- Public Safety. The budget invests \$1.1 billion over four years to increase the safety and security of California communities, including \$373.5 million to combat organized retail theft; over \$230 million for opioid and fentanyl interdiction and enforcement, naloxone distribution, and recovery and support services; \$302 million to enhance community public safety through nonprofit security grants, and officer training; and \$197 million to tackle gun violence.
- Education. The budget maintains investments that are critical to improving support programs for students, including funding for community schools, universal school meals, expanded learning opportunities, education workforce, and continued implementation of universal transitional kindergarten. Proposition 98 funding for K-12 schools and community colleges is estimated to be \$109.1 billion in 2024-25 and per-pupil funding totals \$23,519 per pupil when accounting for all funding sources.

- **Mental Health Reform.** California has advanced a major transformation of the state's behavioral health services system. The budget includes funding to make wellness coaches available to support children and youth behavioral health and maintains \$7.6 billion from various funds to implement the Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) demonstration.

Legislative Analyst's Initial Review. Since release of the Governor's budget proposal, the LAO has referred to the Governor's revenue estimates as "plausible, but optimistic. The LAO has, however, updated its own revenue projections, placing the state's budget shortfall at \$58 billion for fiscal year 2024-25, instead of its [\\$68 billion estimate in December](#)¹³.

In [its initial review](#)¹⁴, the LAO questions the amount of tax revenues the state can collect without raising taxes, noting that halfway through the current year California has yet to see clear signs of a strong rebound. The [LAO also recommends](#)¹⁵ that Governor Newsom and the Legislature make more cuts to existing short-term programs that aren't part of the state's core, ongoing educational or social service commitments. Doing so may mean pulling less money from reserves to have more emergency cash on hand for future deficits. The LAO is also predicting \$30 billion deficits annually through 2027-28. The Governor's office responded that LAO's outlook is one perspective, and that the Governor refuses to raise taxes, including on the state's wealthiest residents.

Interestingly, even though the Governor said his budget plan solves a \$38 billion budget shortfall for the coming year, the LAO said the Governor's proposal actually covers closer to \$58 billion in shortfalls; i.e., the Governor's budget plan does not account for approximately \$15 billion in funding reductions to K-12 education and community colleges as actual reductions in his \$37.9 billion total.

• U.S. Supreme Court To Consider Homeless Encampments

On January, 12, 2024, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear a challenge to cities using local ordinances to enforce bans on public camping, a case that could reshape policy on homelessness for years to come. The case stems from a lawsuit challenging local laws in Oregon that restrict sleeping and camping in public spaces, including sidewalks, streets and city parks. A ruling could have broad implications, particularly for Western states grappling with how to address a burgeoning homelessness crisis.

The Court will review [Johnson v. Grants Pass](#)¹⁶, a case that reaffirmed the rights of homeless people to sleep outside in public spaces. The decision to take up the case follows lobbying by Governor Gavin Newsom and other local California advocates who [urged the Court](#)¹⁷ to clarify the tangle of laws governing how cities can respond to homeless encampments. In a [statement responding to the Court's decision to review Grants Pass](#)¹⁸, Governor Newsom said, "California

¹³ <https://calmatters.org/politics/2023/12/budget-deficit-california>

¹⁴ <https://calmatters.org/politics/2024/01/california-budget-lao-review-newsom>

¹⁵ <https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4825>

¹⁶ <https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2023/07/05/20-35752.pdf>

¹⁷ <https://sfstandard.com/2023/10/05/san-francisco-supreme-court-homeless-ruling/>

¹⁸ <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2024/01/12/governor-newsom-statement-on-u-s-supreme-court-agreeing-to-hear-case-on-homelessness/>

has invested billions to address homelessness, but rulings from the bench have tied the hands of state and local governments to address this issue.”

The case could have significant implications for cities throughout California struggling to manage unsheltered homelessness alongside a federal injunction that restricts encampment sweeps. On the day prior to the Supreme Court agreeing to hear the case, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld its injunction against removal of encampments. The Supreme Court can now add clarity to the Ninth Circuit’s decision, or may elect to end delays that have plagued state and local efforts to clear encampments and deliver services to those in need.



In *Grants Pass*, a Ninth Circuit panel ruled that the Oregon city of Grants Pass could not enforce local ordinances that prohibit homeless people “from using a blanket, pillow, or cardboard box [in public spaces] for protection from the elements.” The Ninth Circuit found that punishing people for sleeping on streets and other public places when no alternative shelter is available amounts to “cruel and unusual punishment” in violation of the Constitution. The decision applies across nine western states, including Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

The *Johnson v. Grants Pass* ruling builds on an earlier Idaho case, [*Martin v. Boise*¹⁹](#). In *Boise*, the Ninth Circuit held that cities cannot enforce anti-camping ordinances if they do not have enough homeless shelter beds available for their homeless population. The Ninth Circuit’s decision in *Boise* did not necessarily mean a city cannot enforce *any* restrictions on camping on public property.

In urging the Supreme Court to take up *Grants Pass*, California officials argued that *Grants Pass* and *Boise* complicate efforts to clear tent encampments, which have long existed in West Coast cities, but have more recently become common across the U.S. According to federal officials, [the U.S. homeless count reached 580,000 last year²⁰](#), driven by a lack of affordable housing, a pandemic that economically wrecked households, and a lack of access to mental health and addiction treatment program. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that as of January 2023, approximately 181,399 people were experiencing homelessness in California.

Cities from Los Angeles to New York have stepped up efforts to clear encampments, as public pressure is growing to address what some say are dangerous and unsanitary living conditions. But despite hundreds of millions of dollars spent in recent years, particularly in California, there appears to be little reduction in the number of homeless and their tents on city sidewalks, in parks, and along freeways.

¹⁹<https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2018/09/04/15-35845.pdf>

²⁰ <https://apnews.com/article/health-california-covid-sacramento-292b0379752d1a226a741a70411eb0a9>

The Supreme Court's willingness to take up *Grants Pass* suggests that some justices may have concerns about the Ninth Circuit's decision finding that the Eighth Amendment's ban on "cruel and unusual punishment" applies against cities seeking to prohibit or restrict public camping. *Grants Pass* also represents the first time the Court will take up what limits the U.S. Constitution places on how cities and states can address homeless issues.

Advocates for homeless argue the sweeps are cruel and a waste of taxpayer money, and that the answer is more housing, not enforcement.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Andrea Myrick earns 'Master Municipal Clerk' Designation**



Montclair's City Clerk/Human Resources Manager Andrea Myrick recently earned the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation, which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). The IIMC only grants the MMC designation to Municipal Clerks who have completed the rigorous education requirements, and have made notable contributions to the local government, community, and state.

Andrea has worked at the City of Montclair since 2006 when she was hired as a Junior Intern. She was appointed to City Clerk in 2017, and into her current position as City Clerk/Human Resources Manager in 2023.

The MMC program prepares participants to perform complex municipal duties. As City Clerk, Andrea is the Chief Election Official, responsible for conducting the City's General Municipal Election, and is the compliance officer for federal, state, and local statutes. The City Clerk is also responsible for the managing of the City's records, as well as the preparation and distribution of official agendas and minutes for the City Council, along with other various agencies, authorities, and commissions.

I would like to congratulate City Clerk/Human Resources Manager Andrea Myrick for her achievement of the Master Municipal Clerk designation, her pursuit of professional excellence, and the dedicated public service she provides to the City of Montclair. We are proud of your accomplishment!



- **New Employees**

Welcome to the following new employees:

- **Leslie Caballero**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Alyza Camacho**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Brandie Diaz**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Melinda Chavez**, Customer Service Representative/Office Specialist, Human Services
- **Rick Dominguez**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Kaylee Lopez-Catuar**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Anthony Maldonado**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **George Moronez**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Kyle Romero**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Angelique Rosales**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Steven Silos**, Police Officer, Police Department
- **Christian Stevenson**, Associate Engineer, Public Works
- **Nickolas Suarez**, Maintenance Worker, Public Works
- **Lucas Timm**, Firefighter (Paramedic), Fire Department
- **Jillian Ubaldo**, Deputy City Clerk, Administrative Services
- **Joel Wood**, Police Officer Trainee, Police Department

- **Internal Appointments / Promotions**

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

- **Edmund Garcia**, Information Technology Supervisor, Information Technology
- **Christopher Gonzalez**, Maintenance Worker, Public Works
- **Deborah Maldonado**, Administrative Coordinator, Police Department
- **Alexis Mancinas**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Philip Mendez**, Leadworker, Maintenance, Public Works
- **Joseph Metzo**, Fire Engineer, Fire Department
- **Denise Ortiz**, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, Community Development
- **Jason Reed**, Police Chief, Police 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:

- **Adriana Huerta Garcia**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Thailin Martin**, Economic Services & Housing Manager, Economic Development Agency
- **Edward Padilla**, Maintenance Worker, Public Works
- **Mathew Perales**, Police Dispatcher, Police Department
- **Ramon Ramirez**, Recreation Coordinator-Sports, Human Services
- **Alegria Rodriguez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Andrea Urias**, Senior Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Juliagema Valdez**, Learning Leader, Human Services
- **Carlos Vasquez G**, Learning Leader, Human Services

- **Employees Retiring from the City**

Congratulations to the following employee who retired after many years of service to the City of Montclair:

- **Robert Avels**, Executive Director, Office of Public Safety/Police Chief, Police Department (27 years)

- **Montclair Job Opportunities**

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

Current Recruitments

- Associate Planner – Community Development
- Code Enforcement Officer – Community Development
- Fire Engineer – Fire Department

In-House Recruitments

This opportunity is open to current employees of the City of Montclair only.

- Police Lieutenant – Police Department (Internal)

Upcoming Recruitments

- Building Official – Community Development
- Plans Examiner – Community Development

Continuous Recruitments

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

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- **Shop Local Montclair**

In recognition of Small Business Saturday, the City of Montclair and the Montclair Chamber of Commerce introduced “Shop Local Montclair,” a campaign aimed at supporting our small and local businesses and thanking those who choose to shop local.

When you shop local, you're not just making a purchase—you're investing in your neighbors, friends, and local entrepreneurs. In addition, every time you shop local, you ensure that your sales tax dollars are being reinvested in your community. Together, let's keep Montclair strong by shopping local.



SHOP LOCAL, WIN LOCAL!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE!

We're making shopping local even more rewarding! For every purchase you make at a local Montclair business, snap a photo of your receipt, and submit it for a chance to win exciting prizes. Each valid receipt is an entry into our quarterly raffle, where you could score a \$75 gift card to a local Montclair business!

- 1. MAKE A LOCAL PURCHASE**
Support Montclair's local businesses by making a purchase at your favorite local business.
- 2. SNAP A PHOTO**
Capture the moment! Snap a photo of your receipt.
- 3. ENTER THE RAFFLE**
Send your first and last name, phone number, and a photo of your receipt to info@montclairchamber.com to enter into the raffle.

- **Economic Development Monthly Business Newsletter**

The Economic Development Department is pleased to share its monthly business newsletter promoting current and future Montclair businesses and entrepreneurs with resources for growth and expansion.

From its strategic location, Montclair is at the core of Southern California's economic revival and boasts diverse business sectors, quality housing, and ample recreational amenities that offer residents and businesses alike a high quality of life.

The E-Newsletter shares business resources and free training offered through our resource partners. Go to <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/newsletter/> to sign up for the newsletter or to view past editions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- In Loving Memory of Building Official Michael Dorsey

Michael Dorsey

July 9, 1971 – Jan. 26, 2024



This past week, the City experienced the sudden and unimaginable loss of a dedicated and beloved City employee, Building Official Michael Dorsey.

Mike's work ethic was exceptional, and he brought a high level of joy and energy to the workplace.

Mike began working for the City of Montclair's Community Development Department in April of 2013 as a Building Inspector. Over the years, he promoted to Senior Building Inspector in March of 2019, Plans Examiner in December 2020, and Building Official just last year in July of 2023. Upon his promotion, Mike immediately immersed himself into the many development projects currently under review, eager to develop in his new job.

Mike was also a skilled electrician and deployed this talent on behalf of the organization, and by offering assistance to fellow employees during their respective, off-work time.



Community Development Department during an outing to Dodger Stadium in 2015

From left to right: Dennis McGehee (retired), Steve Lustro (retired), Michael Diaz, Michael Dorsey, Silvia Gutierrez, and Merry Westerlin (retired).

Mike was actively involved in a number of extreme sports including rock climbing, and could frequently be found hiking trails at Mt. Baldy. He was also an adventurous foodie—always willing to try new and exotic foods.

Mike lived in Chino with his wife, Kristen, and daughter, Meghan. His son Gavin and his family recently moved back to California from Texas to be closer to his parents.

This news has been hard on all employees who worked closely with Mike and enjoyed his camaraderie, sense of humor, and professionalism.

On behalf of the City Council and all City employees, I extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mike's family and friends.



Department outing to Newport Harbor in July, 2023

Mike Dorsey and Rudy Arensdorff

If you need to talk to someone, counseling services are available to all City Employees as part of the Employee Assistance Program from The Counseling Team International. Brochures are available in the Personnel Division. Please call (909) 625-9416 if you would like one.

- **Los Portales**

Los Portales Mexican Grill Restaurant is in the final stages of completing its patio expansion. The expansion was initiated in part as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The patio expansion adds 1,440 square feet to the north side of the restaurant and accommodates 56 more diners. Anticipated opening of the patio is in Spring 2024.

- **Yard Sale Weekend Delayed — February ~~2, 3, and 4~~ 9, 10, and 11**

The first full weekend in February was scheduled to be the first Yard Sale weekend of 2024. Due to rain, Yard Sale Weekend is delayed to February 9, 10, and 11. No permits or fees are required for yard sales for 2024.

Residents are allowed no more than two signs, no larger than 2 ft. x 2 ft., displayed at your property, or a neighbor's property (with their permission); no attaching the signs to any City property (stop sign, traffic signal, in the median, etc.). Yard sales may only be conducted Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 9, 10, and 11, 2024, from sunrise until sunset. Code Enforcement personnel will be canvassing the city during the event and removing signs posted in violation. Violators may be subject to citation and fine.

If you have any further questions, please call (909) 625-9477.

A colorful poster for the 2024 City of Montclair Yard Sale Events. The top features the year '2024' in large orange letters, followed by the city logo and 'CITY OF MONTCLAIR' in blue. Below this, 'YARD SALE EVENTS' is written in large orange letters. The dates '9, 10, 11' are in blue, followed by 'February ~~2, 3, 4~~ • May 3, 4, 5' and 'August 2, 3, 4 • November 1, 2, 3' in blue. A yellow banner states 'NO PERMIT OR FEE FOR 2024 YARD SALE EVENTS'. Below this, a section titled 'There is no need to come to City Hall to register your yard sale event.' lists 'Yard Sale Sign Rules' in blue. The rules include: 'No more than (2) per address and no larger than 2ft x 2ft', 'No posting of signs on streetlights, traffic signal poles, trees, or within street medians', and 'Only conduct the yard sale on the approved Friday, Saturday, and Sunday'. A section titled 'Code Enforcement' states that personnel will be canvassing the city during the event and removing signs posted in violation of Yard Sales rules. Violators may be subject to citation and fine. At the bottom left, a phone icon is next to the text 'Questions? Please call (909) 625-9477 (M-Th 7:00 am to 6:00 pm)'. The bottom right features an illustration of a person sitting under a large umbrella next to a table displaying various items for sale, including a television, a bookshelf, and a small table with a lamp.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- **New Equipment at the Public Works City Yard**

In the Public Works Department's Fiscal Year 2022–23 Budget, the City Council approved funding to purchase a new combination sewer and storm-drain cleaning truck. This unit will assist with cleaning storm drain facilities and vacuuming raw sewage in case of a sanitary sewer overflow. Crews will also use this equipment around underground utilities and other maintenance activities.

On August 15, 2022, the City Council approved the purchase of a Vactor CNG 2110 Plus Sewer Combo Truck. Staff placed the order immediately and waited almost 18 months before receiving the Vactor truck. This new Vactor truck replaced a 2004 International combo sewer truck that was no longer compliant with emission requirements by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD). The cost of this equipment was \$564,560. Additionally, staff received training to operate this new piece of equipment.



City Employees, Justin Bjornberg, Mike Braun, Alex Cardona, Mike Lawrence and Alex Perez inspecting the new sewer Vactor truck.

In the Public Works Department's Fiscal Year 2023–24 Budget, the City Council approved funding to purchase a new towable asphalt trailer and a dump trailer. Before the Fiscal Year 2023-24 ended, staff ordered a new towable asphalt trailer for \$59,543 and a dump trailer for \$18,061 through a Sourcewell Contract. The current asphalt and dump trucks were declared as surplus since neither equipment complies with AQMD emission requirements.

On October 2, 2023, the City Council approved the purchase of a JLG towable electric boom lift. The new JLG towable electric boom lift will assist staff in changing ball field lighting, trimming trees, and repairing city-owned facilities up to 50 feet tall. The cost of this equipment was \$60,592.



On January 16, 2024, the equipment was on display at the Civic Center parking lot prior to the City Council meeting:

- CNG Combo Vector Truck
- Hot Box Asphalt Trailer
- Dump Trailer
- Towable Electric Boom Lift

An investment of \$702,756 by the City Council resulted in four pieces of equipment that will assist Public Works crews in their day-to-day maintenance activities. Additionally, the City is now in compliance with AQMD.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **Congratulations to 2023 Firefighter of the Year, Joseph Metzo**

On Thursday, January 11, 2024, the Montclair Chamber of Commerce hosted the Fire Department to announce and celebrate the Montclair Firefighter of the Year, an annual award to celebrate the dedication and positive impact our fire personnel have, not only on our department, but also on our community as a whole.

This event was attended by over 100 community members to celebrate this achievement. Fire Engineer Joseph Metzo was nominated by the Fire Department to be the recipient for Firefighter of the Year for 2023.

Fire Engineer Metzo has played an active role throughout the Fire Department by serving as a representative on the West End Agencies Continuous Quality Improvement Committee for emergency medical services, serving as a department instructor for Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and serving as the preceptor for three paramedic students through their field internships.



Please join me and the City Council in congratulating Fire Engineer Metzo on his unwavering dedication and hard work to both our Fire Department and the City of Montclair community. Congratulations, Fire Engineer Metzo, on your selection as 2023 Firefighter of the Year!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Dashing Through Montclair**

Dashing through Montclair took place on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Santa and Mrs. Claus along with several of Santa's helpers; came together for the annual holiday sleigh ride throughout the streets of Montclair.

About 40 City employees and volunteers, including their friends and families, participated in the event. Santa and Mrs. Claus were escorted by Montclair PD and the Fire Department, along a parade route that took the Clauses throughout many of the City's residential streets; covering a distance of approximately 26 miles.

The holiday spirit could be felt through the streets of Montclair as many families gathered to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Children and adults alike joined in on the fun by gathering in their driveways in anticipation of Santa's arrival. A special thank you to all those who participated!



- **Holiday Food and Toy Drive at Costco**

On December 1 and December 8, 2023, members of the Fire and Police Department, along with the Human Services Department, held a Food and Toy Drive at the Montclair Costco. Many wonderful donations were collected to benefit the City's Holiday Toy and Food Basket Program.





- **2023 Police Department Annual Award Recipients**

On December 13, 2023, Command Staff honored the recipients of the Police Department's 2023 awards. Please join us in congratulating:

Officer of the Year
Detective Salvador Herrera



Annual Achievement Award – Sergeant Javier Aguilar



Top Shooter 1st Place – Officer Chris Vera



**Top Shooter 2nd Place
Sergeant Miguel Huerta**



**Top Shooter 3rd Place
Investigator Jerad Burns**

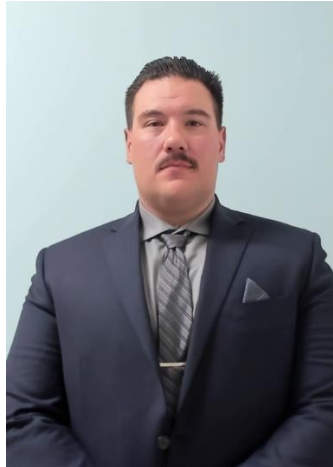


- **Newly Hired Montclair Police Officers**

In November 2023, Rick Dominguez, George Morones and Steven Silos began their new position as Police Officers with our Department. Officer Rick Dominguez joins us from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department where he has 16 years of experience in law enforcement. Officer George Morones comes to Montclair from the Brawley Police Department with three years of experience in the field. Officer Silos joins us with over six years of experience with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Buena Park Police Department.



Officer Rick Dominguez

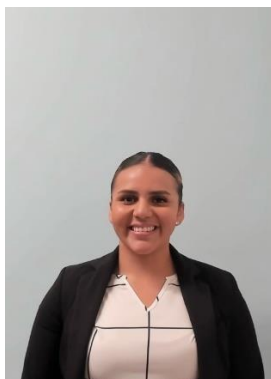


Officer George Morones



Officer Steven Silos

On Monday, January 22, 2024, Brandie Diaz, Francisco Soberanes, Anthony Maldonado, and Angel Gutierrez began their new position as Police Officers with the Montclair Police Department. Officer Brandie Diaz joins us from the Alhambra Police Department, where she has five years of experience in law enforcement. Officer Francisco Soberanes comes to Montclair from the Westmorland Police Department with three years of experience in the field. Officer Anthony Maldonado joins us from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department where he has over a year of experience in law enforcement. Lastly, Officer Angel Gutierrez comes to the Montclair Police Department from the Blythe Police Department with four years of experience in the field.



Left to Right: Officers Brandie Diaz, Francisco Soberanes, Anthony Maldonado, and Angel Gutierrez

Please join us in welcoming our new officers to the Montclair City family!

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- **Lights on After-School Event**

On Thursday October 26, 2023, approximately 400 hundred families and community members gathered together with the Montclair After-School Program to celebrate our annual Lights on After-School Event. This year's theme was "Booktropolis." For the past two months, students worked on various curriculum projects centered around beloved novels such as, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Charlotte's Web*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and more. A showcase of the projects were on display that night for all to see. Events for the evening included the trimester awards presentation, dance performances by our very own MAP students, interactive exhibits, and an opportunity drawing.

Photos are shared on Page 31.

- **Holly Jolly Holiday Event**

On Thursday, November 30, 2023, at the Montclair Youth Center, children of all ages were delighted with the annual lighting of the City Christmas Tree and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Holly Jolly Holiday event sponsored by the Montclair Community Activities Commission. Music from the Montclair High School Jazz Band led by Director Anthony Caro and Christmas carolers had everyone in the Christmas spirit. The community enjoyed free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, complimentary refreshments, multiple family photo opportunities, holiday theme jumpers, and an area to write letters to Santa.

This annual community favorite event brings hundreds of people out each year to celebrate the joy and magic of the season as approximately 900 guests attended, including Mayor Pro Tem Tenice Johnson, City Council Members Bill Ruh and Corysa Martinez, representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Norma Torres, Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, County Supervisor Curt Hagman, and many City employees.

Special thanks go to the Montclair Community Activities Commission (CAC), the Public Works and IT Departments, Montclair Police Reserve Officer Ron Foss and CAC Commissioner Rosa Rangel for serving as Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Montclair Police Department, Montclair High School Key Club volunteers, the Women's Club of Montclair, and Human Services Department staff for decorating and creating a memorable event for the community.

Photos are shared on page 32.

- **Holiday Home Decoration Contest**

At the December 18, 2023 City Council meeting, the Community Activities Commission (CAC) recognized the winners of the 25th Annual Holiday Home Decoration Contest. Twenty homes were judged at the December 6, 2023 CAC meeting, and three winners were selected:

9743 Lehigh Avenue - Sounds and Sights of Christmas

Owned by the Bryant Family

10158 Tudor Avenue - Candy Cane Corner

Owned by the Ferreyra Family

4570 Moreno Street - Merry and Bright

Owned by the Rodriguez Family

Photos are shared on Page 33.

- **Montclair Holiday Food and Toy Basket Program**

On Monday, December 18, 2023, many City staff members and volunteers participated in the City's annual sorting of food and toys.

On Tuesday, December 19, 2023, Montclair families in need received generous baskets of donated toys and food. Donations from City staff members, businesses, and members of the community helped provide baskets for 129 families. We also received a special donation of turkeys and hams from San Bernardino County Supervisor Curt Hagman's office, TopGolf Ontario, and Los Portales.

As always, it was wonderful to see the appreciation from the families that received the baskets. Special acknowledgement goes to the volunteers from the Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments, Montclair Place, as well as staff from OMSD Health and Wellness Services, Best Buy, Topgolf Ontario, and business and community members, for giving their time and energy to make the holidays so much brighter for the less fortunate families in our community.

Photos are shared on page 34.

- **Military Banner Presentation**

On Tuesday, January 16, at the City Council meeting, three military banners were presented to recently discharged Montclair veterans who had their banners displayed throughout the City of Montclair. Banners are displayed in the spring through November; and the banners of those still in active duty are again displayed, along with new banners, the following spring. The banners of those veterans who have been discharged are presented to the veterans and/or their families every January.

The honorees are:

Melanie Feliciano	Navy	2018-2023
Monique Fodor	Navy	2003-2023
Matthew Murawski	Marines	2002-2023

Our sincere appreciation goes out to these and all veterans for their service to the United States of America!

Photos are shared on page 35.

- **Montclair After-School Program Annual Arts Workshop**

On Thursday, January 18, the Montclair After-School Program (MAP) hosted its annual arts workshop for staff. The goal of the workshop was to equip staff with the tools needed to successfully present art curriculum to program participants. Staff learned about various artists, their masterpieces, and the innovative techniques the artists used to create their works of art. MAP staff will present art curriculum to program participants during the months of January and February.

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

- Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast**

The City's Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast are scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 30, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Alma Hofman Park.

The Eggstravaganza will include games, activities, Easter eggs, and candy for children 12 years and younger. Children are invited to bring their own baskets from home to win candy-filled eggs as game prizes.

The Easter Bunny will arrive and will pose for socially distanced photos (\$3 per photo or \$1 to take your own photo). The to-go pancake breakfast, offered for \$5 per plate, will include 2 pancakes, 2 sausages, and orange juice, while supplies last.

The event is sponsored by the City of Montclair, Ontario-Montclair Kiwanis Club, Women's Club of Montclair, Montclair Police Officers Association and Montclair Firefighters Association.

For more event details please contact Jordi Ubaldo, Community Services Supervisor at (909) 625-9489.

- Memorial Day Program**

Join us on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the Community Activities Commission's 24th Annual Memorial Day Program. The Program will be held in the Memorial Garden, adjacent to City Hall. More event details will be announced soon.

To honor Montclair Veterans, the Community Activities Commission is now accepting new submissions for plaques on the Veteran's Memorial Wall. Each plaque pays tribute to deceased Montclair veterans from all service branches.

If you would like to purchase a veteran's bronze plaque, please submit a complete application and payment to Jordi Ubaldo at the Recreation Center by Monday, February 27, 2023. The cost is \$425 per plaque. Please make checks payable to "The City of Montclair." Payment can

also be made by credit card; please call (909) 625-9457 to make arrangements. For an application form, please visit <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/memorial-day-program/>

New plaques will be dedicated on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 and will remain on the Veteran's Memorial Wall as an ongoing dedication to those who served our country during any war or peacetime.

Country Fair Jamboree

The 10th Annual Country Fair Jamboree, on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from noon to 6 p.m. at Alma Hofman Park. More event details will be announced soon. For information please contact Jordi Ubaldo, Community Services Supervisor at (909) 625-9489.

- **Youth and Adult Sports Leagues**

Youth Basketball League – Winter 2024

The City of Montclair's Youth Basketball League is back! On Saturday, January 6, 2024 sixteen teams consisting of 164 players from grades 1-8 and 21 volunteer coaches took the court inside the Montclair Community Center. Game days are every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. through March 2. All are welcome to attend the free games and support the players.

Photos are shared on Page 36.

Youth Volleyball League – Spring 2023 *Registration Open!*

The Youth Volleyball League is back this spring! Registration is from January 22 through March 1 at the Recreation Center Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The league is open to youth born between 2010 and 2013 or in 5th through 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. The league fee is \$30 which includes a jersey and medal.

All players are required to attend a mandatory skills assessment at the Montclair Community Center on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Practices begin the week of March 25 and are held in the Montclair Community Center. Games are played on Saturdays for six weeks beginning the week of April 13 and finishing Saturday, May 18, 2024 in the Montclair Community Center.

Volunteer coaches are needed for all divisions. All volunteer coaches are required to be fingerprinted by the Montclair Police Department.

For more information, please call 909) 625-9479 for information.

Men's Basketball League – Winter 2024

Adult Sports league games started the week of January 11, 2024. Men's Adult Basketball plays on Thursday nights in the Montclair Community Center from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. through March 28. Please feel free to stop by and cheer on the players!

- **Senior Center Activities**

Veteran's Day Dance

On Wednesday, November 8, the Montclair Senior Center hosted a Veteran's Day Dance, which was attended by over 100+ guests, including Mayor Dutrey, Representatives Sophia Siquieros from the office of Congresswoman Norma Torres, and Nadya Bahena from the office of State Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, along with representatives from the offices of Senator Susan Rubio, and San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman's office.

The Community Center was adorned with patriotic decorations and included a photobooth. Each Veteran received certificates from the City of Montclair, Congresswoman Norma Torres, Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman. They also received a challenge coin that was inscribed with "Thank you for your service." The day featured food, photos, and fellowship. Those in attendance danced to live music performed by rock n roll band, US 99.

Photos are shared on Page 37.

Senior Health Presentations

The Senior Center hosted several informative presentations during November. On Wednesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 16, Health Education Specialist Leticia Gavilanes facilitated Spanish and English presentations on the topic of Diabetes Awareness in honor of Diabetes Awareness Month. Seniors were provided tips on managing diabetes. On Tuesday, November 28, City of Hope presented on Lung Cancer Prevention and Screening. The presentation focused on the risks of lung cancer as well as the significance of lung cancer screening and cigarette cessation.

Senior Birthday Celebrations

The November Senior Birthday Party was held on November 22 in the Community Center. At this Friendsgiving themed party, the Senior Birthday Honorees received certificates of recognition from Congresswoman Norma Torres, Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman. Birthday honorees enjoyed a holiday feast including pumpkin pie.

On Wednesday, December 13, the Senior Center celebrated December birthdays with a Gingerbread House themed party at the Community Center. Birthday Honorees received certificates of recognition from Congresswoman Norma Torres, Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, and San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman. Attendees enjoyed a gingerbread house decoration contest, an ugly sweater contest, hot cocoa, and a photo opportunity with Santa Claus.

Photos are shared on Page 38.

New! Exercise Class

Starting December 5, 2023, the Senior Center is offering a new Senior Exercise Class every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 -11 AM. This class is free and sponsored by West End Family Counseling. Seniors can join at any time however, space is limited, registration required. Classes will end on March 21, 2024 so make sure to try it out before it is gone! For more information and to sign-up, please call (909) 625-9483.

Tax Prep Services

The Montclair Senior Center will host two providers for free tax assistance. The deadline to file taxes is April 15. More details on each provider can be found below:

- **AARP Tax Services**

Volunteers from AARP will be assisting with filing income taxes at the Montclair Senior Center every Tuesday from February 6 through April 9 from 1 - 4 p.m. Assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis. A sign-up sheet will be available as soon as the Senior Center opens at 8 a.m. on the day of each session. Sign-up must be made in person and you must be present at the time you are called. No advanced registration will be taken.

- **San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department (TAD)**

TAD Tax preparation services will be available by APPOINTMENT ONLY at the Montclair Senior Center from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on February 14, March 20, March 29 and April 4. To schedule an appointment, please call (909) 421-4091 (909) 421-4093, or (877) 410-8829.

Upcoming special events at the Senior Center include:

- February 14: Valentine's Day Dance.
RSVP by February 1 in person or call (909) 625-9483

For a complete list of upcoming senior activities and more information, please see the Senior Newsletter at <https://www.cityofmontclair.org/senior-newsletter/>

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FEBRUARY 2024

Day	Event & Location	Time
Fri. - Sun. 2 – 4	Yard Sale Weekend — Delayed due to rain.	
Mon. 5	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 7	Community Activities Commission Meeting City Council Chamber	7:00 p.m.
Fri. - Sun. 9 – 11	Yard Sale Weekend No permit and no fee for yard sales for 2024	Sunrise – Sunset
Mon. 12	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. 15	Monthly Food Distribution Event Community Center	9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	4:00 p.m.
Tue. 20	Real Estate Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	5:30 p.m.
	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
	City Council Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Weds. 21	Special City Council Meeting – Midyear Budget Review City Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
Mon. 26	Planning Commission Meeting City Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 28	Senior Mobile Pantry by Feeding America Recreation Center	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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/](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/community-programs/), and .../[news/](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/news/).



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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



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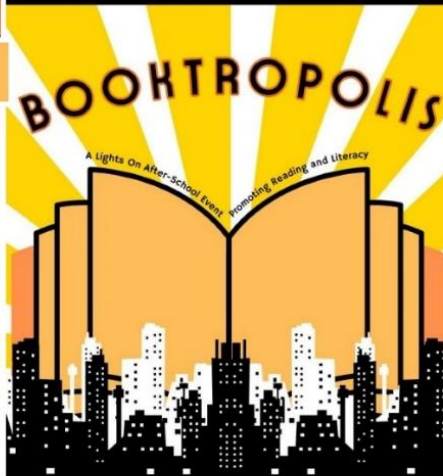


AWARDS



MAP

MONTCLAIR
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
The City of Montclair After-School Program
presents



Thursday, October 26, 2023
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Montclair Community Center
5111 Benito Street, Montclair



STUDENT PROJECTS



JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH



PRIZES



QUICK CRAFTS



WILLY WONKA



PETE THE CAT



Tree Lighting Ceremony

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023



2023 Holiday Home Decoration Contest Winners



Sounds and Sights of Christmas
9743 Lehigh Avenue



Candy Cane Corner
10158 Tudor Avenue



Merry and Bright
4570 Moreno Street

2023 Holiday Food and Toy Basket Program

**Sorting/Boxing Day
December 18, 2023**



**Distribution Day
December 19, 2023**



MILITARY BANNER PRESENTATION

JANUARY 16, 2024





YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Winter 2023





Veteran's Day Dance

November 8, 2023



Senior Birthday Party November 22, 2023 “Friendsgiving”



Senior Birthday Party December 13, 2023 “Gingerbread House Party”

