



City Manager's Message



Summer is such an exciting time. As you will learn in this newsletter, there has been a lot of activity in El Monte this past month. The City continues to work hard in making progress with its scheduled projects and we are doing so successfully.

The El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency is currently moving forward with redevelopment projects throughout the City. The Festival-Capri site is going through a major transformation. This project, which originally housed substandard single-family homes, is now able to accommodate a 10-acre development. Work done to date includes the demolishing of the existing vacant structures there, which are now safely being removed by a local contractor.

Also, the El Monte Gateway Project continues to be a highlight of the Agency, as it recently approved a selection process that attracted national developers to submit qualification proposals. The Agency has selected six of the 14 developers to interview and now is in the process of selecting the developer(s) to partner with the Agency to continue developing at the El Monte Gateway site. This project promises to provide our City with a mixture of affordable and market-based housing, condos and apartments, ground-level retail, offices and a small grocery store.

With all the excitement surrounding this year's World Cup, another exciting happening in our City is the free Chivas USA game for El Monte residents on Saturday, July 3. The game, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will see host Chivas USA take on Philadelphia Union in a regular-season match-up and will close out the night with fireworks. This game is one-of-three the City will be hosting - the other two events are scheduled to take place on July 31 and August 14.

To get the community involved, the City will also host a pre-game party before the July 3rd match for all attendees. The party will take place on the corner of Santa Anita and Brockway, north of the 10 freeway, from 2-4 p.m. and will feature live entertainment from Banda Limon, Mariachi Los Tequileros, and ChivaGirls. Transportation to the match from this location will be available on a first-come basis for families and individuals over the age of 16. All other vehicles are welcome to caravan.

I encourage everyone in our community to join us in participating in these fun-filled events that are designed to bring our communities together. For reserved tickets, residents can sign up at their local park or the El Monte Community Center, 3130 Tyler Avenue. Please note that all tickets must be picked up at the pre-game party between 2-4 p.m. For more information, please call Parks & Recreation at (626) 580-2200.

The City would like to thank the event sponsors - Chivas USA, Longo Toyota/Scion/Lexus, Primestor, Super Print Shop, and MBE Digital - and anyone who put forth the effort to make these events happen. It is only through such partnerships that such fun and exciting events are available to the residents of El Monte.

Thank you,
René Bobadilla, P.E., City Manager

El Monte's Annual Beach Bus 'Rides Again'

The El Monte Transportation Services is now picking up passengers at the El Monte Trolley Station, 3650 Center Avenue, and taking them to the Huntington Beach Pier. The \$3 round-trip service, dubbed the Beach Bus, is a bargain for beach lovers, teens

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chivas USA Pre-Game/Game

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, July 3

Pre-game party 2:00-4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Santa Anita & Brockway

4th of July Pancake Breakfast

DATE & TIME:

July 4, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

LOCATION:

Fire Station 166

3615 Santa Anita Ave.

El Monte, CA 91731

Monday, July 5 - City Hall Closed

Community Redevelopment Meeting

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, July 6, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20, 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

City Hall East

11333 Valley Blvd.

El Monte, CA 91731

City Council Meeting

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, July 6, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

City Hall East

11333 Valley Blvd.

on vacation, swimmers and sun worshippers of all ages looking for a convenient and stress-free way to the beach. The Beach Bus will run every Tuesday and Saturday throughout the summer.

"With the Beach Bus program, El Monte is offering an inexpensive recreational outlet for our community, and we hope families will take advantage of the service," said Transportation Services Manager Deborah Moraza.

Passengers can take a Tuesday round-trip bus leaving the Trolley Station at noon. Saturday trips leave an hour earlier, at 11 a.m. Both days the bus leaves the Huntington Beach Pier at 6 p.m. for an estimated one-hour ride (depending on traffic), and should return to El Monte by 7 p.m.



Carry-on items such as tote bags, small coolers and boogie boards are allowed on the bus but must fit within the passenger's seating space. Surfboards, large coolers and bikes are not permitted since there is no overhead or under-bus storage.

"This is really a great service that the Transportation Office is offering," said Councilwoman Norma Macias. "Many of us love the beach but it can be such a hassle, and financial strain due to gas prices, to drive one's own car and struggle to find parking. With the Beach Bus, El Monte residents will be able to enjoy the beach all summer long without any of the struggle."

Tickets for the Beach Bus are now available for purchase at the El Monte Trolley Station ticket office during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Trolley station is located one block west of Tyler Avenue on the corner of Valley Boulevard and Center Street, next to the Metrolink Train Station. The price of a round-trip ticket is \$3. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For additional information and specific Beach Bus dates and policies, please call the El Monte Trolley Station at (626) 580-2242 during regular business hours.

Local Edward's Steak House Celebrates its 64th Anniversary

Edward's Food Service, Inc., the parent company of popular El Monte Restaurant Edward's Steak House, is celebrating its 64th Anniversary in Southern California. In light of the momentous occasion, Edward's is offering a special sale on its famous, Original House Dressing, which will be sold for .64-cents a pint daily through July 11.

"The reason we have been in business for 64 years is due in large part to our loyal patrons and our hardworking staff," said company president Ken Rausch. "We take great pleasure and pride in celebrating our 64th year. Being in the restaurant business today requires you to stay close to your guests, deliver what they want and exceed their expectations. We do this while continuing to uphold the values that have remained constant for us over the past six decades; offering our customers consistently high quality, fresh food and never compromising on service."

Known for its cut-fresh-daily fine steaks, grilled fresh fish and super-lean ground beef, Edward's Steak House has been a long-time staple in El Monte. Edward's was even recognized by the California State Assembly, being awarded the Outstanding Small Business Award in the City of El Monte.

"Edward's is a really beloved establishment in El Monte and should be considered a model for other small businesses in our community," said Mayor Pro Tem, Patricia Wallach. "We would like to congratulate the Edward's owners and employees on this magnificent accomplishment and continue to wish them luck in their future endeavors."

For more information on Edward's Steak House and their 64th Anniversary special please visit www.edwards-steakhouse.com.

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El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Morning Networking Meeting

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, July 7, 7:30 a.m.

LOCATION:

Edward's Steak House

9600 Flair Dr.

El Monte, CA 91731

ADMISSION

\$10

Concerts in the Park Featuring "Lowrider Band"

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Arceo Park

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Super Summer Mixer

(Including Cities of Montebello, Santa Fe Springs and Rosemead)

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, July 14, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Double Tree Hotel

888 Montebello Blvd.

Rosemead, CA 91770

Concerts in the Park Featuring "Sangria"

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Arceo Park

El Monte Business & Professional Women Miniature Golf Scholarship Tournament

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, July 27, 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Golfland

1181 Durfee Ave.

South El Monte, CA 91733

ADMISSION: \$10

Concerts in the Park Featuring "La Internacional Sonora Show"

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Arceo Park

Concerts in the Park Featuring "Brenton Wood"

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Arceo Park

Chivas USA Pre-Game/Game

DATE & TIME:

El Monte Hosts 46th Annual Student Government Day for Local Schools

The City of El Monte recently hosted its 46th Annual Student Government Day. The event, which included participation from approximately 50 students from Durfee and Payne Elementary Schools, took place at the El Monte City Hall on June 10. It was the first year that the event included 50 students from two schools.

"This event is a great way for us to get El Monte's youth interested and involved in local government," said City Manager Rene Bobadilla, who is an alumnus of Payne Elementary School. "The event went very well and all the students seemed to enjoy the day. It was a great opportunity for our youth to learn more about how our City operates."



Coordinated by former Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation and El Monte Kiwanis Club member, Michael Shively, Student Government Day gave students the opportunity to spend time with El Monte elected officials and appointed City personnel. Students were also treated to a special luncheon hosted by the El Monte Kiwanis Club. The El Monte Kiwanis Club has hosted the Student luncheon for the entire 46-year history of Student/City Government Day.



Throughout the course of the day students were given tours of City Hall by Council Members, elected officials and City staff and taught about the various jobs and duties fulfilled by the many members of El Monte's city government. Students were also given a tour of the El Monte Police Department. At the special luncheon held at local restaurant Pino's Place, students were all given certificates of participation before returning to their respective schools.

"Student Government Day really allows students to learn about student government and how it works, as well as the importance of public service and service clubs, such as the Kiwanis Club," said El Monte Mayor André Quintero. "It was great to see so many young students learning and taking part in local government."

Jerry Ortiz Memorial Boxing and Youth Fitness Gym Hosts an Afternoon of Amateur Boxing

The Jerry Ortiz Memorial Boxing and Youth Fitness Gym in El Monte hosted an afternoon of amateur boxing on Saturday, June 26. ESPN was in attendance at the event to capture footage for an upcoming special to air on the sports network.

The Jerry Ortiz Memorial Boxing and Youth Fitness Gym honors the memory of Jerry Ortiz, a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy who was killed in the line of duty on June 24, 2005. Ortiz was an avid boxer. The gym, which was designed to convey Jerry's love of boxing and also assist troubled youth, has been a wonderful refuge for children in El Monte to learn about boxing, physical fitness and self-esteem.

At the event, hundreds of people watched dozens of boxers ages 8 to 17 showcase their skills learned at the gym at 3557 Lexington Avenue.

All donations collected from the event will benefit the Jerry Ortiz Memorial Boxing and Youth Fitness Gym and its programs. Those interested in making donations to the Jerry Ortiz gym, or for more information, please call (626) 401-3004 or visit www.jerryortizboxing.com.

Saturday, July 31,
Pre-game party 2:00-4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Santa Anita & Brockway

El Monte Public Library

3224 N. Tyler Ave.
El Monte, CA 91731

- Adult Programs
Amigo Book Club
DATE & TIME:
Wednesday, July 28
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Family Story Time
DATE & TIME:
Every Tuesday of the month,
3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
- Teen Program
DATE & TIME:
Every Wednesday of the month,
3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Bilingual Story Time
DATE & TIME:
Every Saturday of the month,
11:00-12:00 p.m.
- Summer Reading Program -
All ages
DATE & TIME:
June 15-July 31
(To sign up, please call the library at
(626) 444-9506)

How do I retrieve my property from the El Monte Police Department?

The El Monte Police Department Property Bureau is responsible for the storing, tracking, and disposing of all property and evidence booked at the police department. Property and evidence include items such as firearms, electronics, jewelry, bicycles, and personal items. Property is considered any item held for safekeeping and found property. Evidence includes items that were stolen and then recovered by the El Monte Police Department. If you were the victim of a crime and we recovered your property, please contact the Property Bureau regarding the release of your property.

Property is released by appointment only, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling (626) 580-2129. A valid driver's license or identification card is required for all property release.

Safekeeping property is held for 60 days. If the owner cannot pick up the property, he/she must submit in writing

New iPhone Application Assists El Monte Residents and City Officials

In an effort to further aid residents and better the City itself, the City of El Monte has launched the GORrequest mobile application for the iPhone. The "app" allows residents to take iPhone pictures of problems such as graffiti and potholes, and send them to the proper city authorities. The app also sends the exact location where the picture was taken, allowing City Officials to respond to the problem quickly and efficiently.

"This new application is a great way for the city of El Monte to better serve its residents," said Mayor André Quintero. "With the help of this new app, building a better El Monte is literally a click away."

With the new GORrequest app, iPhone users can simply download and open the app, select an issue, take a picture, and tap submit - the app knows the exact location and sends the issue directly to the staff member who can address it. Residents will know their issue went to the right person without ever having to go to an office or sitting down at a computer, and they can also receive status updates on their issues.

El Monte is receiving tremendous benefits from this new technology. The newfound efficiency of the GORrequest app allows El Monte officials to serve more requests with fewer people, and it saves the City time and money while improving service.

The iPhone app can be downloaded through iTunes or directly from the iPhone App Store by searching for "GORrequest." There is no charge to download the app. This new iPhone app is the latest enhancement to El Monte's citizen relationship management (CRM) solution from Government Outreach, Inc.

a request to hold property for an additional 10 months or authorize someone to pick up the property or it will be destroyed or auctioned.

Found property is held for 90 days. If no owner can be located, the property will be destroyed or auctioned, per department policy. If the finder wishes to claim ownership, and if no owner can be found, they must state so at the time the property is turned over to the police department.

Evidence is held until the investigating detective authorizes destruction or returns the property to its owner. If the owner cannot be located or does not claim the property, it will be destroyed or auctioned.

Firearms: Before any firearm is released, approval must be obtained from the investigating detective. Any person wishing to retrieve their firearm must submit a Law Enforcement Gun Release Application to the Department of Justice (DOJ). Once a DOJ clearance letter is received, you must make an appointment with the Property Bureau and pick up the firearm within 30 days of the date on the letter received from DOJ. Link to Law Enforcement Gun Release Application - <http://ag.ca.gov/firearms/forms/pdf/legr.pdf>

If you have any property-related questions, please call (626) 580-2129.

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