



# ***El Monte NEWS***

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**ANNOUNCING THE  
GRAND OPENING CEREMONY OF THE  
EL MONTE AQUATIC CENTER  
Saturday, July 19, 2003  
9:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

EL MONTE, Calif. – The Mayor and Members of the El Monte City Council invite the Community to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new El Monte Aquatic Center. This festive occasion, to be held at the new Aquatics Center, (11001 Mildred, El Monte California 91731, the corner of Tyler and Mildred) will offer live band music, free swim sessions, scuba and aerobics demonstrations, Hawaiian Carnival and more.

The Center is dedicated to Lance Larson and Sandy Neilson, both El Monte residents at the time they won Olympic Medals in various swimming events. The Grand Opening culminates 5 years of planning and orchestrating a complicated series of land acquisitions, grant funding and citizen participation in the design and construction of this project. Funding sources include Federal and State grants, as well as Los Angeles County Parks Bond funds.

The Grand Opening begins at 9:30a.m, and will include:

- Presentations by the El Monte City Council and elected officials or legislators
- Guest speakers to include Congresswoman Hilda Solis and Martin Gallegos
- Invited guests include Olympians Lance Larson, Sandy Neilson, Kim Rhode and Janet Dykman (All El Monte Olympians)
- Ohana Band and Hawaiian Dancers, Latin Sounds of Suave, Classic Rock & Surf music by the Ravelers
- Poster Contest, Opportunity drawing for an Electric Scooter, DVD player, Remote Controlled Truck, free swim pass (drawings benefit Recreation Programs)
- Carnival includes Food Booths, 25c Game Booths, Moon Bounce and Giant Slide
- Static Public Safety Displays, including El Monte Police and L.A. County Fire
- Arts and crafts vendors
- El Monte Parks, Recreation and Transportation information tables

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*[For more information on the event and to schedule a private press tour of the facility (**for media representatives only**), contact Gonzalo Montalvo, Assistant Director for Community Services or Carl Brown, Recreation Services Manager at (626) 580-2200.]*

El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and comprising over 116,000 population, is a full service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway close to all of Los Angeles, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota.

El Monte can also be visited on the web at [www.elmonte.org](http://www.elmonte.org)

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