



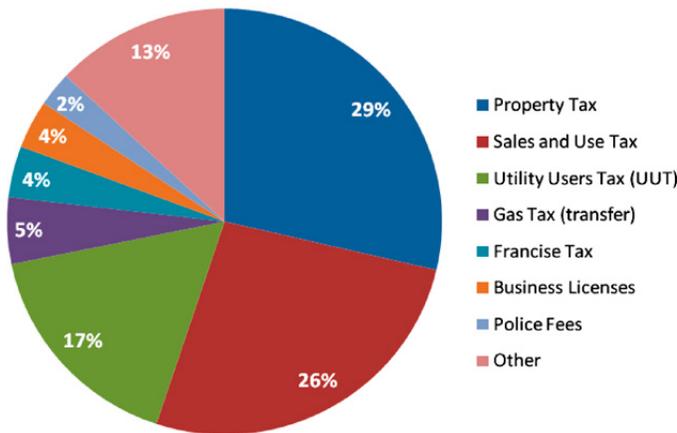
City Manager's Message



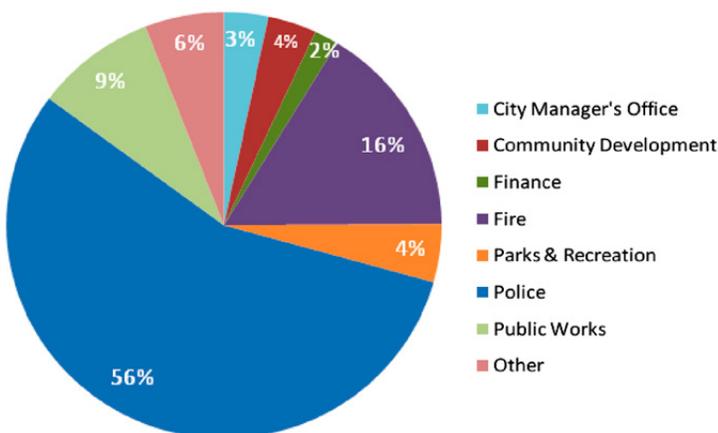
I am pleased to announce that on July 6th the City of El Monte City Council successfully approved a balanced annual budget for the current fiscal year (FY 2010-11). The approval of this year's budget was accomplished in large part with the understanding and cooperation of the City's represented employee bargaining units. Our employees have agreed to continue to accept furloughs and sacrifice other benefits in order to assist the City in maintaining the budget within projected revenues. By virtue of this contribution from City employees, El Monte's financial prospects in these very troubling economic times are more stable. I believe that the residents of this community, as well as the City Council recognize the sacrifice and contributions of our employees in this effort. It is the goal of the City in the coming months to continue to monitor revenues and expenditures diligently and enable management to make appropriate recommendations to the City Council for the restoration of the long-term financial well-being of the City.

I am also pleased to announce that City will continue to provide services at the current levels, while increasing funding for new major capital projects. The majority of funding for these capital projects has been derived from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). El Monte has benefited from \$5.9 million in funding for capital projects that began in July 2010, which includes street and sidewalk improvements throughout various sites within the City.

General Fund Revenues by Major Source



General Fund Expenditures by Department



As the accompanying charts illustrate, the City's General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 totals \$51.9 million. In addition, the City administers a number of additional special funds, enterprise funds, and grant programs, which bring the total budget (City General Fund plus all

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CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer
(Hosted by AltaMed Health Services)

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, August 18, 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

10418 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91731

Park Clean-Up Day at Lashbrook

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, August 21
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Corner of Lashbrook Ave.
and Brockway St., El Monte

Jack Crippen Multipurpose Senior Center 35th Anniversary

DATE & TIME:

Thursday, August 26, 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

3120 N. Tyler Ave.
El Monte, CA 91731

El Monte Public Library

3224 N. Tyler Ave.
El Monte, CA 91731

Adult/Teen Program

Dancing like the Stars

DATE & TIME:

Every Thursday of the month

other special and enterprise funds) to \$103 million. My staff and I continue to aggressively seek funding opportunities with Federal, State, and County grants that will directly benefit residents of El Monte.

Despite all the challenges, City staff will continue to deliver high-quality and cost-effective municipal services to our residents; and, continue to seeks ways to improve the efficiency of our operations. As an ongoing focus for management and the City Council, we remain dedicated to ensuring that El Monte has a diverse revenue base and adequate reserves in order to maintain fiscal solvency.

I welcome your questions and input as we all work to improve the quality of life for residents in the Friendly City of El Monte.

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

Rockin' Wednesdays Summer Comes to an End

The City of El Monte Community Services Department has wrapped up its "Rockin' Wednesdays," a free summer concert series for El Monte residents, family and friends. The series, which ran through August 4, was held every Wednesday since July 14, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Tony Arceo Memorial Park in El Monte. Along with featured musical acts, the series also featured arts & crafts, food booths, a farmer's market and information tables.

The series has featured acts such as "Sangria," "La Internacional Sonora Show," "Brenton Wood," best known for his 1967 hits "The Oogum Boogum Song" and "Gimme Little Sign." The last performance featured "Graciela Beltran," a Mexican singer, songwriter and actress, who performs a wide variety of Latin music including Tejano, Latin Pop and Banda.



During the final concert, the City also hosted a "Police National Night Out," and a rededication ceremony of the Tony Arceo Memorial Park. Finger printing, police department displays, mounted patrol, food and information booths were available for all attendees. All of the evening's events took place at Tony Arceo Park, located at 3125 Tyler Avenue.

"This year's summer concert series has been extremely successful, with thousands of residents attending each show," said El Monte Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Wallach. "The

City's Community Services Department has done an excellent job providing our community with great entertainment and we cannot wait to see the talents that will be performing in El Monte next year."



The City of El Monte Community Services Department would like to thank its sponsors for their generous contributions and for making these concerts possible: Councilwoman Emily Ishigaki and Community Services Commission Vice Chair Ron Ishigaki, Freeway Insurance, El Monte Police Department, Caballo Negro (Miguel Angel Rodriguez, "El Judicial"), Valley Vista Services, Wayne C. Clayton Foundation, El Monte Expo Center, Longo Toyota/Scion/Lexus, Marian Last, Rey De Oros Night Club, San Gabriel Valley Water Company and El Monte Community Credit Union.

City of El Monte Hosts Series of FREE Chivas USA Games for Residents

The City of El Monte recently hosted its third and final free Chivas USA game for El Monte, where more than 1,200 residents attended. All three games took place at the Home Depot in Carson and turned out to be a great success!

Before each game, the City hosted a pre-game party and concert for its residents. Entertainment for the parties included "Battle of the Djs," the ChivaGirls, a water slide, a

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Spanish Book Club

DATE & TIME:

August 25, 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

(To sign up, please call the library at (626) 444-9506)

If you would like to promote an upcoming event on our calendar, please email llopez@elmonteca.gov.

City to Host FREE Job Fair for Residents

In response to the current economic crisis and a tightening labor market, the City of El Monte will host a FREE job fair for its residents on Saturday, September 4, 2010 from 9-1 p.m. The event will take place at the City's Community Center, located at 3130 N. Tyler Ave.

Participating employers will seek to fill positions ranging from entry-level to management and will represent industries such as health care, customer service, hospitality, finance, sales, insurance, skilled trades, transportation, security and more.

"Here at the City of El Monte, we understand that the current economic downturn has deeply affected hundreds within our community and thousands around the world. For that reason, our focus is to provide as much support as we can through workforce development services to the community," said El Monte Councilman Juventino "J" Gomez.

The job fair will also offer all attendees the opportunity to participate in resume-building workshops, receive assistance in filling out applications and be given tips on how to have a successful interview.

"Interested applicants should come prepared with their resume, dressed for success, and be ready to be interviewed," said El Monte Councilwoman Norma Macias.

Participating employers include the City of El Monte, Sam's Club, Longo Toyota Scion Lexus, Walgreens, Radio Shack, East Los Angeles Vet Center, California Highway Patrol, Central San Gabriel Valley Worksource Center, LACOE, Kaiser Permanente, Lowe's Home Improvement and many more. If your company is interested

moon bounce, great food, interactive games and concerts featuring Band Limon (for the first game) and Sangria (for the second and third game). Transportation was available to residents on a first-come basis for families and individuals over the age of 16.



The City of El Monte is looking forward to having future collaborations with Chivas USA and would like to thank all of the event sponsors, which include Chivas USA, Longo Toyota/Scion/Lexus, Primestor, Super Print Shop, MBE Digital, El Monte Kiwanis Club, Valley Vista Services and Manuel Paredes.

participating in the job fair, please call El Monte City Hall at (626) 580-2001 or Chris Knight at (626) 258-0365.

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Participates in Annual 'Super Summer Mixer'

The El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce recently participated in a "Super Summer Mixer" together with the cities of Montebello, Santa Fe Springs and Rosemead. The mixer, which was well attended by local businesses and business owners from each of the four cities, was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Rosemead.



It Up Winners Announced!

The El Monte Community Services Department Parks and Recreation Division recently held its 8TH Annual Chalk It Up Art Contest at Lambert Park. The 140 eager participants from Arceo, Baldwin Mini, Lambert, Mt. View & Zamora Parks and Cogswell School were given sidewalk chalk and one hour to create a work of art. In addition to the participants, many enthusiasts were also present to observe the creation of the talented community children.

During the free three-hour event, participants had an opportunity to get their faces painted, make a sandy candy, jump in the free bouncer and play spontaneous games with Recreation Leaders while listening to music. The park also provided a great snack bar and was full of activities for children and adult spectators.

Community Services Commissioners Laura Arechiga, Joe Garcia and Vice Chair Ron Ishigaki were judges and assisted in the presentation of awards at this unique event.

Winners were awarded a trophy, a bucket of sidewalk chalk, a free pizza coupon donated by Shakey's Pizza Parlor and a Toys 'R Us gift card. All artists received a certificate of participation, a tub of colored chalk, a gift certificate for a free single pizza from Shakey's Pizza Parlor and a free snow cone. This was truly a marvelous event that showcased the talent of many young artists in the El Monte Community.



Winners for the Contest are:

7-to-9 -year-old Division

Best of Show: Mitzery Lindoro - Baldwin Mini Park (Rainbow); **1st Place Most Original: Alanis Silva** - Mt. View Park (Tinkerbell); **2nd Place Most Original: Carlos Ramirez** - Cogswell Recreation Program (Monster) and **3rd Place Most Original: Denise Valdez** - Mt. View Park (Bug).

10-to-12-year-old Division

Best of Show: Jazlyn Jacobo - Lambert Park (cat); **1st Place Most Creative: Rigoberto**

Chalk

"The event was a great way for all of these neighboring businesses and communities to interact with and get to know one another," said Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Wallach. "Through this mixer, local businesses have been given the opportunity to network and connect, which will go a long way toward increasing profitability in our cities and communities."

The event featured a great variety of food, drink and fun activities. The 50/50 raffle drawing was won by Jane Millett, wife of Tom Millett, who is on the Board of Directors for the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce. For more information on this and future Chamber events please call (626) 443-0180.

Medical Marijuana may be Connected to the Rise of Marijuana Grow Houses

From April 2010 through the early part of July 2010, the El Monte Police Department's Special Investigations Team investigated and served search warrants on five locations centered in El Monte and extending to La Puente. These search warrants resulted in the seizure of more than 1,800 marijuana plants and several pounds of processed marijuana.

A total of 10 people have been arrested for cultivating marijuana. The homes were rented from unsuspecting home owners and transformed into highly sophisticated indoor nurseries. Several of the detainees did have medical marijuana prescription cards from doctors and claimed they were under the false impression that they could cultivate and harvest marijuana for their own personal use, as well as sell to marijuana dispensaries throughout the Southland.

For more information on medical marijuana issues or to report suspected similar operations of marijuana grow houses taking place in your neighborhood, please call (626) 580-2171/Narcotics Division. Be assured if you request

Garcia - Lambert Park (Popeye); **2nd Place Most Creative: Pamela Moreno** - Lambert Park (BBQ) and **3rd Place Most Creative: Ciara Mrotek** - Lambert Park (Rose).

to remain anonymous, your request will be honored.

13-to-17-year-old Division

Best of Show: Gelzibeth Mancilla - Lambert Park (Snoopy & Woodstock); **1st Place Best Design: Mark Aguirre** - Baldwin Mini Park (Alien); **2nd Place Best Design: Jacky Ulloa** - Mt. View Park (Our Planet) and **3rd Place Best Design: Melissa Rocha** - Lambert Park (Girl).

MOST COLORFUL (open to all ages):

1st Place: Mark Aguirre - Baldwin Mini Park (Alien); **2nd Place: Jacky Ulloa** - Mt. View Park (Our Planet) and **3rd Place: Danny Lindoro** - Baldwin Mini Park (Monkey).



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