



City Manager's Message



First and foremost, on behalf of the City of El Monte City Council and staff, I extend very happy and prosperous New Year wishes to each of you!

2011 will be a very exciting and promising year for the City of El Monte, even in the face of what our new Governor considers to be one of sacrifice and difficulty. We are working hard to ensure that the City continues to grow as a safe and healthy community regardless. Specifically, our Vision El Monte highlights some of the goals we strive to achieve throughout the new year.

One major goal is to focus on aggressive economic development and redevelopment, even in this tough economy. This includes attracting new business to the City, which will create new jobs for residents, as well as the recent hire of a new Manager for Economic Redevelopment, Damien Arrula. Damien's hire has completed the El Monte management team that will be instrumental in carrying out our Vision El Monte, and has already proved essential as he was key in facilitating Win Hyundai's, El Monte's newest dealership, move to El Monte over a neighboring city.

Other goals include strengthening City infrastructure, increasing community participation, and maintaining transparency and accountability. These goals, as well as other new City developments and projects, will be discussed in further detail at our Quarterly Town Hall Meetings throughout the year. We welcome your ongoing participation. Come join us!

Again, as the economy continues its slow path to recover, we trust our City will continue to thrive as the strong community it is, and look forward to moving forward, together.

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

City of El Monte Holds Job Recruitment Event at Win Hyundai in Partnership with Central San Gabriel Valley WorkSource Center

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CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

**Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshop,
Sponsored by the City of El Monte and
Neighborhood Legal Services**

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, January 29
9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Jack Crippen Senior Center
3120 N. Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

**Dukes Baseball Clinic
For Youths 6 to 13 Years**

DATE & TIME:

Sunday, January 30
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

New Temple Park
1450 Lidcombe
South El Monte, CA 91733

Sign Ups

Limited to First 400 Youths

DATE & TIME:

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

El Monte Police Sub Station/Community Relations
Center
11204 Asher St.
El Monte, CA 91731

For more information, call (626) 705-1893



The City

of El Monte hosted a job recruitment event on Thursday, January 13, at the City's newest dealership, Win Hyundai, located at 3462 Peck Road in El Monte. The event was held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and was presented in partnership with the Central San Gabriel Valley WorkSource Center (managed by Goodwill Southern California)

Win Hyundai, which will open its doors for business sometime during the month of January, saw more than 1,500 people in attendance. The car dealership sought to hire 40 new employees for the following positions: Sales Consultants, Internet Sales, Technicians, Receptionists, Clerical, Lot Attendants, Parts Counterperson, Finance Manager, and Service and Parts Director.

On-site interviews were conducted at the dealership. Interested applicants were encouraged to bring a current resume and to dress for success. Continental breakfast was also provided for applicants.

Senator Ed Hernandez Sworn in as New Senator of 24th District

California State Senator Ed Hernandez held his District Inauguration Ceremony at El Monte's Grace Black Auditorium on December 18, 2010, where he was sworn in as the new State Senator for California's 24th District. Hernandez was joined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, the Honorable Hilda Solis, who administered the oath of office.

"I am honored and humbled to have Secretary Solis here today to swear me in" said Hernandez. "She exemplifies what it means to be a public servant."

Congresswoman Judy Chu, as well as Assemblymembers Mike Eng and Roger Hernandez also attended the event and took several minutes to share their insights about the new Senator and the hopes they have for the future of the San Gabriel Valley.

"With this team in place we have the unique opportunity for close collaboration on issues that are critical to the communities here in the San Gabriel Valley" remarked Hernandez. "We will be able to speak with one voice at the state and national level on issues of concern to our region."



Despite the stormy weather outside, the event was attended by well over 150 people, including many elected

City Council/Community Redevelopment Agency Joint Public Hearing

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, February 1
5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Council Chambers, City Hall
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91731

Relay for Life of El Monte/South El Monte

DATE & TIME:
Planning Committee Meeting
February 8, 6:00 p.m.
Team Meeting
February 8, 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
4249 N. Peck Road
El Monte, CA 91731
For More Information,
Call Jeanette: (562) 201-2642

Free Bicycle Workshop

DATE & TIME:
Saturday, February 12
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION:
Lambert Park Auditorium
11431 McGirk Street
El Monte, CA 91732
For more information and to reserve your seat,
please call (626) 580-2217

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, February 15
5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Council Chambers, City Hall
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91731

City Council Meeting

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, February 15
6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:
Council Chambers, City Hall
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Groundbreaking Ceremony for Garvey Court Project

DATE & TIME:
Wednesday, February 16
10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:
10117 E. Garvey Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Parkview Elementary 33rd Annual Americanism Parade

DATE & TIME:
Wednesday, February 23
1:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
12044 Elliott Street
El Monte, CA 91731

Gibson Mariposa Groundbreaking Ceremony

DATE & TIME:
Thursday, February 24
10:00 a.m. - Social
10:30 a.m. - Ceremony

LOCATION:

Senator Ed Hernandez, Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, Congresswoman Judy Chu, Assemblymember Mike Eng, and Assemblymember Roger Hernandez

officials and community partners from the cities of

4140 Gibson Road
El Monte, CA 91731

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, March 1
5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Council Chambers, City Hall
11333 Valley Blvd.
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6:30 p.m.

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Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, April 5
5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Council Chambers, City Hall
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City Council Meeting

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, April 5
6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:
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Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council

DATE & TIME:
Second Monday of Every Month
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Council Chambers, City Hall
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91731
For more information: metro.net

Parent Support Group, Hope House for the Multiple-Handicapped

DATE & TIME:
Second Tuesday of Every Month
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Hope House
4215 N. Peck Road
El Monte, CA 91732

Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Monterey Park, Rosemead, South El Monte, and West Covina. The event was held in conjunction with Hernandez' Annual Holiday Toy Drive, benefiting Trinity Youth Services and the San Gabriel Children's Center, who serve hundreds of foster children throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Senator Hernandez represents the 24th Senate District, which includes parts of the City of Los Angeles, including East Los Angeles, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, City Terrace, Montecito Heights, and the Cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and West Covina. The district also includes the communities of Avocado Heights, Citrus, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, South San Gabriel, Valinda and Vincent.

Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant Association Holds 56th Annual Scholarship Pageant

This year's 56th Annual Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Scholarship Pageant was held at South El Monte Senior Center on Saturday, December 18, 2010. Twelve charming contestants representing the cities of El Monte and South El Monte respectfully competed for the title of Miss Friendly 2011. And after an eleven-week process, as well as a day and night of competition in front of three judges, five lovely young ladies were chosen as this year's new reigning court.

The 2011 Royal Court included Queen Vanessa Rosas, an El Monte High School senior; Princess Paige Hutsell, an Arroyo High School senior and 1st Runner Up; Princess Angela Aguiñaga, a South El Monte High School senior and 2nd Runner Up; Princess Taylor Knight, an Arroyo High School senior and 3rd Runner Up; and Princess Stefannie Gamboa, City of El Monte Employee with Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, a student at San Joaquin Valley College and 4th Runner Up.

A total of \$8,410 in scholarships and pageant awards were presented to the contestants. South El Monte High School received the pageant's "Perpetual Award," the second consecutive year, having most students participate in this pageant. Princess Stefannie Gamboa received "Miss Congeniality" award.



Left to Right: Princess Taylor Knight, Princess Paige Hutsell, Queen Vanessa Rosas, Princess Angela Aguiñaga and Princess Stefannie Gamboa

by the contestants, and Viridiana Mendoza, a South El Monte senior, received the "Miss Photogenic" award.

The Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte Pageant Association also presented Don Gale from Photography by Don the first annual "Best Friend" award for his continuous outstanding support and devotion to the Pageant Association. And on behalf of all the beautiful girls who had the opportunity to have their portrait taken by Don, the Pageant Association wishes to extend a special, heartfelt thank you to Mr. Gale for his dedication and for the wonderful photo shoot experience.

For more information contact Jamie Ruiz (626) 443-1313 or jruiz@hopehouse.org

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

El Monte Police Department Holds 28th Annual Police Basket Giveaway

The City of El Monte Police Department once again made Christmas wishes come true for thousands of local residents this holiday season at its annual Christmas Basket and Toy Giveaway. The event, which was held on December 23, took place at the El Monte City School District offices.



Now in its 28th year, the project that once provided baskets to 30 local needy families now provides more than 1,000 Christmas baskets filled with food and toys that reach more

than 4,500 people. This year's event was coordinated by Officer Larry Fry, who has been in charge of the project for five years.

"I have participated in the coordination of this project for over 20 years - even before I was an officer, I used to volunteer," said Fry. "I do this because I used to be the kid who received the baskets. This was my Christmas."

Fry's job with this project consists of more than just delivering the baskets; he and his partner, Ed Legarreta, spent hundreds of hours picking up donations and, with the help of other officers, college interns and volunteers, separating all of the toys by age groups and making sure all food was distributed evenly among families.

With more than 250 volunteers, this year's giveaway lasted only about four hours. Fire fighters, police officers, city council, city staff, school personnel and community members gathered bright and early to team up, assemble and deliver the baskets.

Families receiving baskets were chosen by school nurses, school resource officers and school personnel, through sign-ups at the police department, and through radio calls received by police officers. All families on the list to receive baskets were also cross-referenced to make sure no one was left out.

If you are interested in donating food or toys for next year's Christmas baskets, please contact Officer Larry Fry at 626-580-2186.




