



# City of montebello view

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

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MONTEBELLO RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS

## Egg STRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 FROM 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.  
HENRY ACUÑA PARK, 1700 W. VICTORIA AVE.

Hop on down to Henry Acuña Park for an egg-citing experience you and your family won't want to miss! We promise good food, music, games, and prizes that will keep you entertained all afternoon. The Easter Bunny will also be hosting an Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. for children between the ages of 0-11 years. Special golden eggs with gift cards inside will also be hidden during the hunt!

For more information, please contact the Recreation Office at (323) 887-4540. Event is FREE to attend.

## FARMERS MARKET

RETURNS APRIL 7 ON THURSDAYS FROM 5 - 9 P.M.  
IN DOWNTOWN MONTEBELLO. FOLLOW US ON  
FACEBOOK @CITYOFMONTEBELLO FOR UPDATES!

## Low-cost Pet Vaccine Clinic & Fair

Saturday, April 2 at City Park, 1301 W. Whittier Blvd.  
Pet Fair | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Find helpful vendor resources for your furry friends while checking out the low-cost pet clinic available for walk-in care. The clinic will operate from 9 - 11 a.m. during the fair.



## CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

René Bobadilla  
City Manager

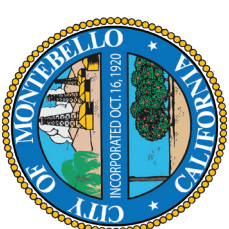
## CHANGE IS THE NEW NORMAL

It's the start of spring and it feels like we're facing all the same struggles of the previous two years. But my message to you all is be ready, be resilient, and let's work to face the new norms that are here and will remain in place for years to come as a result of this pandemic. Our City operations and services have had to repeatedly pivot and adjust as a result of shifting demands and changes brought by COVID-19, the Omicron variant and the societal changes and pressures we've all had to deal with. Our mission has always been to keep the City's vital services operational and safe – because more than 60,000 people depend on us to do so.

The thought we all need to take forward is that while change is permanent, we can adjust and adapt to our new way of living without losing hope or sacrificing the things that are important to us all. The crucial and most important of these new norms is personal health and safety. This pandemic has proven one thing - which is we are nothing without our health, and preserving and protecting it is one of the most important actions we can take for ourselves, our families and our loved ones. This includes the way we operate as a City and a society. We could not function effectively if we didn't take every step necessary to keep City employees healthy. We've felt COVID's impact on our Fire and Police personnel, Transit team and other important roles across the City. We've had to shift and adapt our operations in order to ensure vital public safety and services remain functional, and I'm proud that we've managed to accomplish this with little disruption.

In 2022, I encourage all residents of Montebello to look after yourselves and one another. This means pay attention to your mental and physical health needs, seek care and support when necessary, for yourself and those around you. Practice patience and gratitude with your neighbors, local merchants, restaurants, food servers, cashiers, grocery workers. Let's all remember this pandemic has taken a toll and changed the way we all live our lives, including those that help make them better by serving us. Things may take longer or work slower, but we'll be OK. To be resilient, we have to adapt to the way things are now. We here at City Hall have and will continue to do so, and my hope is that the entire community of Montebello will adapt and thrive under the new normals we must all deal with. Stay safe and healthy.

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## Got E-WASTE?

E-Waste, or electronic waste, is any consumer electronic equipment that has reached its "end-of-life" or "end-of-use," whether in full or non-working condition. This includes most electronics or appliances with a cord or circuit board like:

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Computer Monitors    | Fax Machines               |
| TV Sets              | Toner Cartridges           |
| PC Systems           | VCR/VCD/DVD Players        |
| Printers and Copiers | Home Entertainment Systems |
| Laptops              | Landline and Cell Phones   |
| Scanners             |                            |

### Why recycle E-Waste?

Electronic waste contains harmful elements such as lead, copper, steel, plastic, and more that can pollute the environment, contaminate our water supply, and have harmful effects on our landfills. Do your part and recycle old e-waste.

**Get rid of E-Waste safely at our next collection service** on Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Montebello City Hall, 1600 W. Beverly Blvd.

# PARKING ENFORCEMENT HAS CHANGED

On December 1, 2021, the City's Parking Enforcement Services transferred to the Community Development Code Enforcement Division. Originally managed and operated within the Montebello Police Department (MPD), this transition has relieved officers for emergency duties to improve parking enforcement services while increasing oversight. The Parking Enforcement Division enforces all parking laws in the California Vehicle Code and Montebello Municipal Code, including street sweeping enforcement.

### Who can you contact for parking enforcement needs?

Email: [parkingenforcement@cityofmontebello.com](mailto:parkingenforcement@cityofmontebello.com)  
 Phone: (323) 887-1200 ext. 399, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

\*Any after-hours or traffic control concerns will be handled by the Police Department at (323) 887-1313.

### CITATIONS FOR STREET SWEEPING WILL NOT BE ENFORCED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES IN 2022:

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| February 21 | September 5    |
| May 30      | November 21-25 |
| July 4      | December 22-30 |



## YOUR SUGGESTIONS HELPED SHAPE THE GENERAL PLAN'S HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The Housing Element within the General Plan includes policies and programs that express the City's collective vision and values for future housing in Montebello. After careful review of survey responses, we took into consideration the community's desire for more accessible and affordable housing options in the City. These suggestions were incorporated into the Housing Element update.

On Tuesday, January 18, the proposed Housing Element was reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended for approval to the City Council. The Housing Element was then sent to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for final review and certification. Once the State confirms the Housing Element complies with State requirements, the document will be presented to City Council for final approval.

As a resident and business owner of Montebello, here's what you can expect in the coming months. Once the Housing Element is approved by the state, the real work begins, starting with the implementation of accessible housing programs and zoning amendments. Montebello is well on its way to becoming a better place to live, work, and play with the update of the General Plan, the Housing Element, and new business developments. Again, thank you for your continued participation. To learn more about the General Plan process and the Housing Element update visit [www.PlanMontebello.com](http://www.PlanMontebello.com).

## A TRADITION OF GENEROSITY

During a ceremony at the steps of City Hall on January 28, the City's Fire Department donated two reserve fire engines to the Bomberos Degoyado, Jalisco and Tlajomulco de Zuniga, Jalisco, Mexico. These fire engines will help support training exercises for Jalisco's fire personnel while providing additional safety vehicles to serve its communities.

Did you know our Fire Department has been donating fire trucks, equipment, tools, and bunker gear to other cities and colleges since 1970? Fire Chief Fernando Peleaz is happy to help and promises "we will continue to support our friends, and family in Mexico and neighboring communities when we can."



## AVOID PHONE SCAMS

Are you receiving a large amount of calls from "unknown" phone numbers? These calls may often leave voicemails claiming to have bills past due from an anonymous company or that your Social Security number has been suspended. These types of calls or "robocall" scams will often lie and threaten you with false legal action in order to obtain your personal information over the phone.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid being a victim of robocall scams:

1. NEVER give out personal information over the phone.
2. DO NOT trust unknown numbers on your caller ID.
3. Hang up if you think it's a robocall.

If you want to find reliable information about your Social Security number, call the Social Security Administrations' office toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. Remember, the Social Security Administration will always send you a letter prior to their call with a specific date and time if they need to contact you.

Don't let yourself or others fall for this scheme. Share what you learned here with a family member, neighbor or friend to help spread awareness about robocall scams.





# RECREATION PROGRAMS

Session I: March 7 - April 2 • Session II: April 4 - 30 • Session III: May 2 - 28

All programs subject to change according to COVID-19 mandates. Program must have a minimum of 5 participants to start class.

## Indoor Classes

### Cheer Program

Students will learn cheers and incorporate different styles of choreography.

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
5 - 8 yrs.	M/W	6 - 7 p.m.	\$25	Cathy Hensel Youth Center
9 - 12 yrs.	M/W	7 - 8 p.m.	\$25	Cathy Hensel Youth Center

### Zumba

Join the party for a fun combination of dance moves.

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
16+	M - TH	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	\$45	Cathy Hensel Gymnasium
16+	M - TH	7 - 8 p.m.	\$45	Holifield Recreation Center

### Karate

Learn martial art skills in tumbling, kicking, ground self defense & more!

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
4 - 6 yrs.	M/W	5 - 6 p.m.	\$45	Senior Center South Wing
7 - 11 yrs.	M/W	6 - 7 p.m.	\$45	Senior Center South Wing

### Hip Hop Class

Step up and get down with high energy music and choreography.

April 7 - June 10 (10 week session)

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
5 - 8 yrs.	Thursdays	5:30 - 6:10 p.m.	\$88	Senior Center South Wing
9 - 15 yrs.	Thursdays	6:10 - 6:55 p.m.	\$88	Senior Center South Wing

### "Paint and Play" Painting Class

Explore your imagination through creative engagement. All supplies are provided. No experience necessary.

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
8 - 12 yrs.	1 Saturday a month	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	\$30	Henry Acuña Park
16+	1 Saturday a month	12 p.m. - 2 p.m.	\$35	Henry Acuña Park

### Parent Engagement Institute

How to support your child's academic, social, and emotional development.

	Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
<b>Technology Class</b>	18+	T/TH	4 p.m.	FREE	Zoom
<b>ESL Class</b>	18+	M/W	4 p.m.	FREE	Zoom

### Music Lessons

Learn the basic skills of piano or guitar. All skill levels welcome. (5 classes)

	Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
<b>Piano Keyboard</b>	5+	M	4 p.m.	\$65	Holifield Park
<b>Guitar</b>	5+	M	5 p.m.	\$65	Holifield Park

## Older Adult Classes

All programs are FREE for Seniors ages 55+ and located at the Senior Center, 115 S. Taylor Ave. Call (323) 887-4575 to register.

### Recreational Bingo & Loteria

Sponsored by: Natividad Insurance, AltaMed

**Mondays & Tuesdays | 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Free**

### Tai Chi

A low impact exercise to feel strong and energized. Located at the basketball courts.

**Tuesdays | 9:30 - 11 a.m. | Free**

### Yoga Class

Energize your body and improve your flexibility.

**Wednesdays | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Free**

### Zumba Gold

Modified Zumba class with Instructor Letty.

**Thursdays & Fridays | 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Free**

### Independent Art

Need a fun, creative outlet? This is the class for you.

**Fridays | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Free**

### Pickle Ball

A fun sport with a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong at Cathy Hensel Youth Center.

**Mondays & Wednesdays | 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Free**

Register at  
[cityofmontebello.cogran.com](http://cityofmontebello.cogran.com)

## Outdoor Classes

### Boot Camp Workout

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
16+	Saturdays	8 - 9 a.m.	\$25	City Park Bandshell

### Tennis

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
8 - 12 yrs.	Fridays	5 - 6:30 p.m.	\$65	City Park Tennis Courts
14 - 17	Saturdays	11:30 - 1 p.m.	\$65	City Park Tennis Courts
18+	Tuesdays	4 - 5:30 p.m.	\$65	City Park Tennis Courts

### Women's Self Defense

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
16+	Saturdays	9 - 10 a.m.	\$10	Henry Acuña Park

## Sports

### Youth Soccer

\$60 per participant | 3-17 years

Practice 2 Days a Week | Schedule determined by coach

9 Games from April - July | Various Parks

Boys and girls will learn the game of youth soccer while competing against other teams in this recreational sport league.

**Registration opens March 28**

**Program begins week of April 25**

### Adaptive Baseball

\$70 per participant | Ages 8 yrs. & up

Practice 2 Days a Week | Schedule determined by coach

9 Games from June - August | Reggie Rodriguez Park

For those with varying levels of ability, this program offers players a chance to practice the sport of baseball and participate in games.

**Registration opens March 28**

**Program begins week of April 25**

### T-Ball, Youth Baseball & Softball

\$70 per participant | Various Parks

Practice 2 Days a Week | Schedule determined by coach

9 Games from July - September

**CO-ED T-BALL DIVISIONS**

Tiny Tot Division: Born in 2018 \*Needs to be 3 years old\*

Rookie Division: Born 2017 - 2016

**BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL DIVISIONS**

D Division: Born 2015 - 2014

C Division: Born 2013 - 2012

B Division: Born 2011 - 2010

A Division: Born 2009 - 2008

Boys and girls will learn the game of youth baseball while competing against other teams in this recreational sport league. *Participants need to bring their own glove.*

**Registration opens May 30**

**Program begins week of July 11**

### Skate Park Competition March 26 from 3 - 6 p.m.

FREE | Ages 5 yrs. & up

Skate Park located in Montebello City Park

Skate with friends and compete for cool prizes like new boards, gift cards and more! All skill levels welcome.

**No Registration Required**



## VOLUNTEER WITH US

We're looking for volunteers to help out during City Service Saturdays. This monthly program offers community members a chance to perform beautification projects throughout Montebello. Volunteers must be 8 years or older to participate. Call the Recreation Office at (323) 887-4540 to sign up or visit [cityofmontebello.cogran.com](http://cityofmontebello.cogran.com).

Upcoming City Service Saturdays:

- March 19 - Location to be announced
- April 9 - Location to be announced
- May 14 - Location to be announced

All events run from 8 - 11 a.m.

## Spring CAMP

Monday, April 18 - Friday, April 22  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Ages 5 - 12 years  
\$100 per-participant  
\*\$25 additional fee for new childcare participants.

Campers will enjoy a week of fun arts and crafts, indoor & outdoor games, and activities that will foster friendships for life!

Registration begins Tuesday, March 1.  
Register at [cityofmontebello.cogran.com](http://cityofmontebello.cogran.com)  
Call (323) 887-4540. more information.



## Play School for Kids Ages 3-5



Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Cathey Hensel Youth Center  
\$275 per child, per-session + one-time \$65 material fee

The City's playschool program offers children a safe and caring atmosphere to grow and learn. Guided by trained City staff, playschool participants will enjoy daily crafts, educational activities, and playtime with new friends. This program follows Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health safety guidelines.

Sessions Available

March: 3/7 - 4/1 | April: 4/4 - 4/29 | May: 5/2 - 5/27

Register in person at the Recreation Office, 1700 W. Victoria Ave., Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call (323) 887-4540 for more information.



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### CITY COUNCIL

Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Mayor  
Angie Jimenez, Mayor Pro Tem  
Scarlet Peralta, Councilmember  
Salvador Melendez, Councilmember  
David N. Torres, Councilmember  
Christopher Jimenez, City Clerk  
Rafael Gutierrez, City Treasurer

City Council Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. Agendas, public documents and Live Stream link are posted on the City's website.

## Older Adult Events at the Senior Center

FREE for Seniors ages 55 years or older. Located at 115 S. Taylor Ave. Call (323) 887-4575 to register.

### Senior Birthday Celebrations

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month staff visits Montebello registered Seniors on their special day to celebrate with a banner in front of their home!  
Call (323) 887-4575 to sign up.

### Ice Cream Social

March 10, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Enjoy a cool treat and socialize with friends.  
Sponsored by Simpler Horizons Insurance Solutions.

### FREE Blood Pressure Screening

March 17, April 14, & May 12  
from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Sponsored by Garfield Hospital.

### Depression Talk

March 23, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Talk about important mental health concerns in a safe & open space. Sponsored by Natividad Insurance.

### Self-Care

March 29, from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Learn more about maintaining a healthy relationship with yourself. Sponsored by Your Choice Insurance Services.

### Spring Memory Trivia

April 6, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Exercise your brain and compete to win prizes.  
Sponsored by Aetna.

### FREE Bone Density Screening

April 19, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Sponsored by Your Choice Insurance Services.

### Mobility Balance Talk

April 27, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Learn to balance healthy eating and an active life.  
Sponsored by Natividad Insurance.

### Mother's Day Appreciation

May 5, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Mothers! Enjoy a nice spring lunch with friends.  
Sponsored by Simpler Horizons Insurance Solutions.

### Cooking Demo

May 11, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Cuisine to be announced.  
Sponsored by Aetna.

### Healthy Eating Talk

May 17, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Learn quick tips on how to improve healthy eating.  
Sponsored by Your Choice Insurance Services.



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