



City of montebello view

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

SUMMER 2022 ISSUE



Independence Day Spectacular! July 2nd

GRANT REA PARK | 2 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Making its highly anticipated return, the Recreation and Community Services Department proudly presents its Independence Day Spectacular! Back and better than ever, residents will enjoy a variety of food, vendor shoppes, and a kid zone with games and activities for children of all ages. Don't forget to bring blankets and chairs for comfortable viewing during the 15-minute Firework Spectacular at 9 p.m.

Featuring



For more information about the event, or vendor inquiries, please contact the Recreation Office at (323) 887-4540. Event is FREE to attend with select items for purchase.



City Manager's Message

René Bobadilla
City Manager

As your City Manager and Chief Negotiator, I am proud to announce we've reached an enormous first time accomplishment in the City's 101 year history. On April 27 your City Council accepted and approved employee Memorandums of Understanding for the first time. Montebello has long suffered from a culture of entitlement and lack of fairness that left many new and long-term employees feeling disenfranchised and marginalized. For many decades, generations of Montebello employees worked for—or served—the City honorably and selflessly, but unfortunately, without the benefit of having comprehensive Memorandums of Understanding (referred to as MOUs) in place. Establishing these MOUs is a hallmark of effective leadership and support in creating and sustaining a healthy work environment and a critical milestone in establishing employee equity.

Montebello's very poor financial standing and combative workplace culture were well known to our peers across the County of Los Angeles. Related to this, City employees historically requested a class and compensation study for decades. In late 2021, we provided them one for the first time ever in the City's history. The MOUs formally approved by City Council represent countless hours, weeks and months of honest and open negotiations between City staff and our represented employee groups, using this first ever class and compensation study as a baseline.

It's important all residents understand MOUs are a universally standardized platform used by countless American cities, states and federal government agencies to fairly and uniformly negotiate with their employees. The MOUs approved by Council will address long standing disparities that include:

1. Discrepancies in paid holidays and standard accrual leave (sick, vacation, holiday paid time);
2. Recognition of employee educational achievements in their compensation;
3. Correction of many disparities across our workforce agreements – in other words standardizing items for fairness.

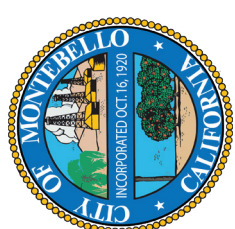
We have generated tremendous progress and momentum in our relationship with employees through things like:

- Improved communications through regular all-employee meetings;
- Restructuring our workers compensation program to more efficiently manage injured employees and return them to work successfully;
- Increased access to information by providing employees online tools for pay stubs and W-2s;
- A better quality work environment with improvements to City buildings and offices;
- Progressive computer system upgrades City-wide.

We've been learning, listening and growing together – all while keeping Montebello functional during the challenges of an unprecedented world pandemic where we had to learn to adjust to employee and workplace needs during extended stay-at-home orders. Today, as opposed to just two years ago, we are even more committed to investing in the City's most important asset: its employees. It's the men and women of all ranks and positions that are responsible for keeping Montebello up and running and responsive to resident needs everyday – all day. It's our duty as leaders to engage with all of them openly and honestly through processes such as labor negotiations that demonstrate the honor, trust and respect they deserve.

If we achieve this and continue to move positively in this direction, Montebello will be stronger than it's ever been and will regain the respect and admiration of those watching us.

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Welcome New Chief of Police

Paul M. Espinosa was appointed as Montebello's eleventh Chief of Police on April 11, 2022.

Chief Espinosa has served 28 years with the LAPD and brings a wealth of knowledge and insight having operated among 11 different LAPD stations and within many of their specialized divisions including training, community policing, gang impact and narcotic enforcement.

Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, Chief Espinosa attended California State University, Northridge, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science with an emphasis in Urban Studies.

In 1994, he started his career as a police officer for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), working in patrol, bicycle detail, prostitution enforcement detail, vice, narcotics, and staff research.

His dedication and knowledge within the department promoted him to the rank of sergeant in 2002, where he supervised community relations and acted as an Investigator for a Special Operations Division. Chief Espinosa also held the rank of detective, where he investigated major assaults, crimes, and burglaries.

From 2012 to 2019, Chief Espinosa gradually moved up the ranks of the LAPD and was eventually assigned as the Commanding Officer for the entire West Valley Area.

Now joining the Montebello team, Chief Espinosa is looking forward to working with Montebello's resident community and officers to help improve the safety and quality of life in the City for all residents. "I am honored to accept this important and vital position serving Montebello," said Chief Espinosa. "I look forward to working with each and every member of the Police Department, the City Council and City leaders to ensure we find meaningful ways to enhance policing and public safety. I want to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to create a culture of protection and service that focuses on improving the quality of life here in Montebello."

In addition to dedicating time to LAPD and his family, Chief Espinosa enjoys running, cycling, swimming, and almost all outdoor athletic activities. Family, faith, public service, and fitness are his priorities in life. He is an active member of several external law enforcement groups including the Latin American and Asian and Pacific Islanders Law Associations. He is currently pursuing a master of law enforcement at the University of San Diego.



100 Years of Excellence

The Montebello Fire Department is proud to be celebrating a century of service to the City of Montebello and its residents. Commissioned on June 20, 1922, the Montebello Fire Department's core values of courage, commitment, and community remain as true today as the day it was founded.

Under the watchful eye of the first Fire Chief, Edward M. Schaak, the Fire Department was made up of volunteers known as "Call Men". They handled fires, other emergencies, and were paid \$1.50 to \$5.00 per run depending on their job, their experience, and the time involved.

The Department's current roster of 52 firefighter/paramedics responded to 6,000 calls in fiscal year 2020/2021, a far cry from the four fire calls the Department received back in 1922. However, its dedication to providing the best service possible, exhibiting professionalism and compassion, remains as steadfast today as it did 100 years ago.

Under the current leadership of Chief Fernando Pelaez, the Department looks forward to serving the Montebello community well into the next 100 years.

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Public Hearing Notices COVID-19 Protocols

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Brand New City Website Coming August 2022

www.montebello.gov

The City is bringing residents a new, user-friendly website with improved functionality and services. Follow @cityofmontebello on social media for progress announcements & updates.

WELCOME TO MONTEBELLO

Business License Online See more

See more 1500 W BEVERLY BLVD

Be Safe This July 4th

Did you know more than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually? According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, children under 4 years experience the highest number of injuries due to firework accidents. The Montebello Fire Department encourages everyone and their families to be aware of the following firework safety tips this July 4th holiday:

- Safe and Sane approved fireworks are ONLY allowed on July 4th from noon - 10 p.m.
- Always have an adult present.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Never use near dry grass or other flammable materials.
- Keep a safe distance & light only one at a time.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Never experiment with or "fix" fireworks.
- Have a bucket of water and a hose handy.

Montebello Police will be enforcing firework laws during the 4th of July. Violators may face a \$1,000 fine or possible arrest. Fireworks are not allowed in the City before or after the 4th of July.



Great Careers Are On The Bus

Be the driver of a great career! Montebello Bus Lines (MBL) is excited to be hiring bus operators.

Becoming a MBL Bus Operator is your pathway to a life-long career. With excellent pay, benefits, and room to grow, joining our team could be your road to success as you play a crucial role in keeping people on the move. Eligible candidates qualify for a sign-on bonus, paid training, rich benefits package and so much more!

Make Montebello Bus Lines your next stop & apply today: ridembla.com/careers

2022 DOWNTOWN Street Fest

Are you ready for the second annual Downtown Street Festival? Stroll down Whittier Boulevard with family and friends as you shop, dine, and dance the night away among local businesses in the Downtown area. Enjoy:

- Live music
- Interactive Inflatables
- Kids Center
- Beer Garden
- Food Booths
- Artisan and Craft Vendors
- Car Show and more!

When: July 30 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Whittier Blvd. from Montebello Blvd. to 4th St. (Closed to all traffic)

Do you have something to sell? Contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (323) 887-4540.

Montebello Now Votes by Districts

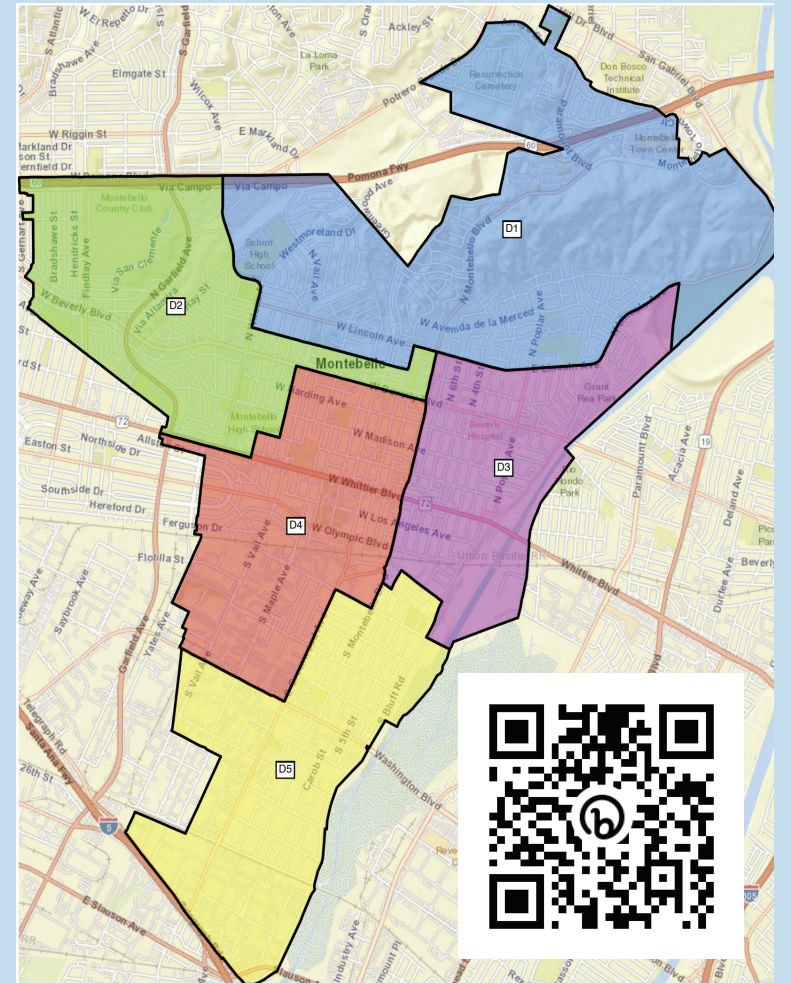
The City Council adopted a final district boundary map (below) by Resolution 22-34 on May 11, which establishes district voting lines for the next 10 years. This map will be used for all future elections until the next national Census update is complete in 2030. Residents vote exclusively for future council members who reside within a respective district beginning this November.

Want to find out what district you live in?

Visit: <https://bit.ly/mtbDistrictElections> or call the City Clerk's office at (323) 887-1363, Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Interested in Running for Office?

The *Filing Period for Nomination Papers and Candidate's Statements* is from July 18 – August 12, 2022. Information will be posted on our website.



市议会于5月11日通过决议，通过了最终的地区投票地图（如下），确定了未来10年的地区投票线。该地图将用于未来的所有选举，直到2030年完成下一次全国人口普查的更新。从今年11月开始，居民只对居住在各自选区内的未来议会成员投票。想知道你住在哪个区？

请访问：<https://bit.ly/mtbDistrictElections>，或在周一至周四上午8:00-下午5:00致电市书记办公室（323）887-1216。

有兴趣参加竞选吗？

提名文件和候选人声明的提交时间为2022年7月18日至8月12日。有关信息将在我们网站的市书记网页上公布。

Stride for Pride 5k



JUNE 25, 2022

STARTS AT CITY HALL

TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

Follow us on social media for updates @cityofmontebello or contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (323) 887-4540.



RECREATION PROGRAMS

Session I: June 6 - July 1 • Session II: July 5 - July 29 • Session III: August 1 - August 26

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

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

Boot Camp Workout

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

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 Upstairs Hall
7 - 11 yrs.	M/W	6 - 7 p.m.	\$45	Senior Center Upstairs Hall

Music Lessons

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

	Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
Guitar	5+	M	3:45-4:40 p.m.	\$65	Holifield Park
Piano Keyboard	5+	M	4:45-5:40 p.m.	\$65	Holifield Park

"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.	6/4, 7/9, & 8/13	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	\$30	Henry Acuña Park
16+	6/18, 7/30, & 8/27	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	\$35	Henry Acuña Park

Parent Engagement Institute

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

	Age	Days	Time	Location
Technology & ESL	18+	W	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Holifield Park

Tennis

Age	Days	Time	Fee	Location
8 - 12 yrs.	Fridays	5 - 6:30 p.m.	\$65	City Park Tennis Courts
8 - 12 yrs.	Saturdays	9:30 - 11 a.m.	\$65	City Park Tennis Courts
14 - 17 yrs.	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.	\$25	Henry Acuña Park

Youth Evolution Basketball

Learn the basic skills and techniques of basketball!

Four Week Class | Taylor Ranch Park

Level	Age	Days	Time	Fee
1	3.5 - 4 yrs.	W	4:30 - 5 p.m.	\$56
2	5 - 7 yrs.	W	5:05 - 5:50 p.m.	\$56
3	8 - 11 yrs.	W	5:55 - 6:40 p.m.	\$56

Youth Evolution Soccer

Learn the basic skills and techniques of soccer!

Four Week Class | Chet Holifield Park

Level	Age	Days	Time	Fee
1	3.5 - 4 yrs.	M	4:30 - 5 p.m.	\$56
2	5 - 7 yrs.	M	5:05 - 5:50 p.m.	\$56
3	8 - 11 yrs.	M	5:55 - 6:40 p.m.	\$56

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	Senior Center

Register at
bit.ly/mtbRecRegistration

Sports

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

Youth Flag Football

236 George Hensel Dr. | (323) 887 - 4570

Fee | \$60 per participant

Huddle up for flag football! Fun for boys and girls, flag football teaches basic rules, strategies, and skills to enjoy the game.

Children's ID and birth certificate required to register.

Divisions

- AA Division - Born in 2007/2008
- A Division - Born in 2009/2010
- B Division - Born in 2011/2012
- C Division - Born in 2013/2014
- D Division - Born in 2015/2016
- Rookie - Born in 2017/2018
- Tiny Tots - Born in 2019 (Must be 3 years old)

Practices

- M/W or T/Th
- 1 hour duration
- 5 p.m., 6 p.m., or 7 p.m.

Registration opens July 25

Skate Park Competition July 22 from 3 - 6 p.m.

FREE | Age 5 - 17 years

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

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.

Beginner Crochet

Learn to crochet with step-by-step instructions and weave together your very own keepsake.

Fridays | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Free

Independent Art

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

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

Introduction to Guitar Class

Want to explore your musical side and learn to play an instrument? Now's your chance with an Introduction to Guitar class.

Wednesdays

Intermediate Level | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Free

Beginner Level | 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. | Free

Older Adult Classes (continued)

Line Dancing

Come and experience country line dancing with friends as we learn easy steps to get your moving around the dance floor.

Tuesdays | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. | Free

Pickle Ball

A fun sport with a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong at the Tennis Courts.

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

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.

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 11 a.m. | Free
Thursdays | 10:30 - 11:30 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

Aquatics Program Opens July 5

George Hensel Aquatics Center
1300 W. Olympic Blvd.
(323) 877-4580

Chet Holifield Pool 1060 S.
Greenwood
(323) 887-4585

Recreation Swim Opens June 10

Monday – Saturday, from 1 - 4 p.m.
\$1.00 – Youth & Seniors 55+
\$3.00 – Adults 18 Yrs & Up

Lap Swim Hours

Monday – Thursday
6 - 9 a.m. | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
\$3.00 per day or \$35.00 per month

Swim Lessons

2 Week Sessions | Monday – Thursday
\$40.00 – Youth & Seniors 55+
\$45.00 – Adults 18 Yrs & Up

Registration Opens

Session 1: June 17
Session 2: July 1
Session 3: July 15
Session 4: July 29
Session 5: August 12
Session 5: August 26

Session Begins

June 20
July 4
July 18
August 1
August 15
August 29

Morning Sessions

9 - 9:30 a.m.
9:35 - 10:05 a.m.
10:10 - 10:40 a.m.
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.
11:20 - 11:50 a.m.

Evening Sessions

4:30 - 5 p.m.
5:05 - 5:35 p.m.
5:40 - 6:10 p.m.
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.



Senior Activities All Summer

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



Senior Birthday Celebrations

Every 4th 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.

Thursday Mid-day Movie

Every Thursday, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

YWCA Grab 'N' Go Lunch

Monday - Friday, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Free weekly lunches and frozen meals. Lunch is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tentative indoor program to begin June 27.

Senior Dance

June 8, from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Music by The Bobby D Dance Band.

Eye Health Talk

June 15, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by Natividad Insurance.

FREE Blood Pressure Screening

June 21 & July 26, time to be announced. Call (323) 887-4575 to receive updates. Sponsored by Garfield Health Center.

Life After COVID-19 Talk

June 21, from 1-2 p.m.
Sponsored by Allied Health Solutions.

Doctor Talk

June 23, time to be announced. Call (323) 887-4575 to receive updates. Sponsored by Optum.

Blood Pressure Pulse Oximetry

July 7, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sponsored by Primary Care Medical Group.

Health Talk

July 15, from 10 - 11 a.m.
Presentation sponsored by Angie Saveedra.

What Challenges Come with Arthritis?

July 18, time to be announced. Call (323) 887-4575 to receive updates. Sponsored by Natividad Insurance

Body Composition (BMI) Screening

August 9, from 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Sponsored by Primary Care Medical Group.

Health Talk

August 16, time to be announced. Call (323) 887-4575 to receive updates. Presentation sponsored by AltaMed.

Senior Appreciation Day "Western Theme"

August 18, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sponsored by Natividad Insurance.



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Volunteers needed for every City Service Saturday. This monthly program offers community members a chance to perform beautification projects throughout Montebello. Must be 8 years or older to participate. Call (323) 887-4540 to sign up or visit cityofmontebello.cogran.com.

Upcoming City Service Saturdays:

- June 18 - Reggie Rodriguez Park
- July 16 - Grant Rea Park
- August 13 - Chet Holifield Park

All events run from 8 - 11 a.m.

SUMMER CAMP QUEST

June 20 - August 5 | Weekly sessions
Monday thru Friday | 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Age 4 - 13 years
\$100 per-week + One time \$25 sign up fee

Campers will enjoy fun arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games and activities that will foster friendships for a lifetime! USDA free lunch & snack provided daily.

Registration is now open and must be done at the Recreation Office, 1700 W. Victoria Avenue, Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call (323) 887-4540 for more information.



FREE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS

June 20 - August 12 | Age 18 years and under | Monday - Friday

The City of Montebello is serving free lunch to children at the parks. Distribution will be in a drive-thru pickup at a first-come, first-serve basis. No registration required. All meals are "grab 'n' go"; no group congregating is permitted.



Chet Holifield Park | 1060 S. Greenwood Ave.

Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Snack 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

City Park | 201 S. Taylor Ave.

Lunch 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Snack 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Grant Rea Park | 600 N. Rea Dr.

Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Reggie Rodriguez Park | 200 W. Mines Ave.

Lunch 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information, call (323) 887-4575.

Movies Under the Stars

Enjoy a movie favorite under the open sky with family and friends at your local park. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks! Free popcorn and cotton candy is available while supplies last.

"Shark Tale" (2004, Animation)
Friday, June 10 | Seating opens at 7 p.m.
George Hensel Aquatics Center
Film begins after sunset
Enjoy a dip in the pool and a movie!

"Soul" (2020, Animation)
Friday, July 8 | Seating opens at 7 p.m.
City Park Baseball Field
Film begins after sunset

"Encanto" (2021, Animation)
Friday, August 12 | Seating opens at 7 p.m.
City Park Baseball Field
Film begins after sunset

**FREE to attend, seating is limited
No registration required**

For more information, call (323) 887-4540.



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