



# Independence Day Spectacular 2023

**1** SATURDAY  
**1ST OF JULY**  
2 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**GRANT REA PARK, 600 REA DRIVE**  
**FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 9 PM!**

**LIVE CONCERTS  
GAMES**

**FOOD  
FIREWORKS**

**VENDORS  
FREE SHUTTLE PARKING**



### Acting City Manager's Message

Arlene Salazar  
Acting City Manager

Dear Residents – if you follow us on social media or in the news you might notice that Montebello is making significant strides towards a brighter future. Recognizing the importance of a well-connected and efficient transportation system, Montebello Bus Lines is preparing to deploy new fuel-efficient buses to its fleet featuring the latest amenities for rider safety and information including new video screens, improved video surveillance and smoother ride and climate controls.

Montebello is keen on fostering economic growth and attracting businesses while also increasing housing opportunities to strengthen its local economy. In just the past few weeks we saw the “topping off” of the highest beam on the new Topgolf sports entertainment facility and the opening of a new curbside “parklet” in downtown area to promote dining and social community space.

Montebello acknowledges the importance of providing quality housing options for residents. The City has undertaken several initiatives to address the housing needs of its diverse population. By collaborating with developers like the Cesar Chavez Foundation, Montebello witnessed the groundbreaking for a new affordable housing community with 63 units for families, including supportive units for survivors of domestic violence named the “Vista de J.J. Rodriguez” for the dedicated veteran Chicano activist. These projects not only contribute to the aesthetic transformation of the City but also provide comfortable and sustainable living spaces for deserving families and special needs.

A thriving community is one that offers ample opportunities for recreation and communal interaction. Our new pickleball courts and outdoor athletic equipment at City Park have become very popular and are being enjoyed by residents from across the City. And as you see in this issue, we welcome back summer with another 4th of July celebration in the park and Summer Street Fest returns bigger and better.

All our current and future projects exemplify a commitment to creating...

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## A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF FERNANDO PELÁEZ

The Montebello Fire Department is excited to share that after approximately 30 years as a Class 3 ISO Rated City, our department recently participated in the Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey, and ISO completed its analysis of the structural fire suppression and operations delivery system provided in the community. The resulting classification indicated for this survey/audit was Public Protection Classification: 02/2X. This classification is dependent on the resource levels devoted to fire protection in existence at the time of survey.

ISO's Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies and has a huge impact on our local business, housing, and other types of properties. In fact, most U.S. insurers – including the largest ones – use PPC information as part of their decision making when deciding what business to write, coverages to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance. PPC is important to communities and fire departments as well. Communities whose PPC improves may get lower insurance prices. PPC also provides fire departments with a valuable benchmark and is used by many departments as a valuable tool when planning, budgeting, and justifying fire protection improvements.

How were we able to accomplish this result? This classification is a direct result of re-focusing our efforts on structural and organizational changes, tracking on

structural and organizational changes, tracking software program, data collection, reports, improving our apparatus tracking and record keeping, inspections, and many other factors that resulted in improving our overall classification in recent years. The score is made up of four sets of criteria that your fire department must meet to get a good score for our City which is made up of: 1) community risk reduction, 2) water supply availability and accessibility, 3) fire department personnel and training levels, and 4) emergency communication systems and response time.



Your area's ISO fire rating determines how well protected a community is by their fire department. The improvement in the score is a testament to the hard work, preparation, and determination of the Montebello Fire Department.

The ultimate goal of MFD is to become a Class 1 ISO rated City as we continue to provide efficient and effective life safety, property conservation and environment protection to the community through control of fire, rescue and emergency services, fire prevention, emergency preparedness, and mitigation of hazardous materials incidents. Our commitment to achieve this goal is part of our daily mission to safeguard the general economy, and welfare of you, the citizens of Montebello.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, Montebello.

*Fernando Peláez, Fire Chief*



### New Cal State LA Service



Montebello Bus Lines (MBL) is proud to announce that beginning July 23, 2023, our service coverage area will expand to Cal State LA! Stopping at the campus' multi-level Transit Center, MBL joins Foothill Transit, Metro and Metrolink in providing students a convenient and cost-effective transportation means of traveling to and from class.

For more information on bus stop times and fares, visit [www.ridembl.com](http://www.ridembl.com)

### Bus Route Updates

MBL will implement a schedule change effective Sunday, July 23, 2023. Changes made to MBL schedules are done to ensure that we are continuing to distribute an even service footprint across all our routes. For the latest information on schedule changes, rider alerts and other MBL news, visit our website at [www.ridembl.com](http://www.ridembl.com) or by calling our customer service staff at: **(323) 558-1625**.



### We Saved The Best Seat For You

A great career is just a bus ride away. MBL is looking for energetic, hardworking, customer service oriented individuals to join our team! For a limited time only, paid training is available to successful candidates as well as a \$2,000 sign-on bonus (terms and conditions apply).

Starting Monthly Salary:  
With Class A or Class B License - \$4,155.00  
With Class C License - \$3,589.00

#### Sign-On Bonus!

- \$1,000 upon Operator certification (successful completion of training)
- \$1,000 upon successful completion of probation period

#### More Reasons to Apply!

- Earn up to \$1,250 twice a year under our Incentive Program (after successfully passing probation)
- Training provided to obtain a commercial driver's license (Class B)
- Great Benefits and CalPERS pension membership

For more information on this and other positions offered by the City of Montebello, visit: [montebellca.gov/jobs](http://montebellca.gov/jobs)



## Montebello Police Department Welcomes Our Newest Staff

The Montebello Police Department welcomed 10 new employees at the May 24, 2023 City Council meeting. Kenneth Cabrera was sworn in as the department's Assistant Chief. Assistant Chief Cabrera brings almost 30 years of law enforcement experience and service to the community and is excited and honored to share his knowledge and experience with the Montebello Police Department and the community.

In addition to department leadership, MPD welcomed four new police Officers, two Police Dispatchers and three Police Records Technicians. Officer Duggan, Officer Gonzalez, Officer Lastra, Officer Shull, Dispatcher Langer, Dispatcher Ramirez, Records Tech Edwards, Records Tech Fuentes, and Records Tech Simental are looking forward to working with Montebello's resident community, and fellow officers, to help improve the safety and quality of life in Montebello.

Thank you for your continued support, Montebello.

*Paul Espinosa, Police Chief*



## Be Safe This July 4<sup>th</sup>



Each year more than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, children under 4 years old 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 4<sup>th</sup> holiday:

- Safe and Sane approved fireworks are ONLY allowed on July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 enforce firework laws during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Violators may face a \$1,000 fine or possible arrest. Fireworks are not allowed in the City before or after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

## General Plan and Bike Plan

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) commenced as of May 25, 2023. The Notice of Preparation has been posted with the Los Angeles County and CA Office of Planning and Research, State Clearing House and interested parties list. The EIR examines any potential impacts, broad policy alternatives and program wide mitigation measures. The environmental checklist examines Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Land Use, Public Services, Water Quality, and many other categories.

Due date for public comments is **July 13, 2023**.

Public documents of the Draft General Plan and Draft Downtown Specific Plan can be accessed on the city website at: [montebellocal.gov/departments/planning\\_community\\_development/planning\\_division/advanced\\_planning](http://montebellocal.gov/departments/planning_community_development/planning_division/advanced_planning)

The public can visit the Project website for more details on the process and access documents related to the project: [planmontebello.com/plan](http://planmontebello.com/plan)



### Bike Master Plan

The project kick-off meeting was held on April 25 to discuss the scope of work and consultant data needs. On Thursday, June 1 and Saturday, June 3, 2023, the Traffic Consultant (Kittelsohn & Associates) conducted bicycle counts. Temporary placement of equipment in the public right-of-way were placed on designated intersections of street segments.

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

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

### Youth Evolution Soccer

**Chet Holifield Park**

Level 1: 3.5 - 5 yrs.  
Thursday @ 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. **4 WEEK CLINIC CLASS**  
Level 2: 5 - 7 yrs.  
Thursday @ 4:15 - 5 p.m.  
Level 3: 8 - 11 yrs.  
Thursday @ 5 - 5:45 p.m. **\$68**

### Youth Evolution Flag Football

**Chet Holifield Park**

Level 2: 6 - 7 yrs.  
Thursday @ 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. **4 WEEK CLINIC CLASS**  
Level 3: 8 - 9 yrs.  
Thursday @ 4:15 - 5 p.m.  
Level 4: 10 - 11 yrs.  
Thursday @ 5 - 5:45 p.m. **\$68**

### Youth Evolution Basketball

**Chet Holifield Park**

Level 1: 3.5 - 4.5 yrs.  
Thursday @ 3:30 - 4 p.m. **4 WEEK CLINIC CLASS**  
Level 2: 5 - 7 yrs.  
Thursday @ 4:05 - 4:50 p.m.  
Level 3: 8 - 11 yrs.  
Thursday @ 4:50 - 5:35 p.m. **\$68**

### Zumba

**Montebello Senior Center**

16 years old & up!  
  
Monday thru Thursday  
@ 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. **\$45**

### Low-Impact Senior Zumba

**Chet Holifield Park**

50 years old & up!  
  
Mondays  
@ 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **\$25**

### Mat Pilates

**Location to-be-determined**

16 years old & up!  
  
Wednesdays, July 5 & August 9 Each day  
@ 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **\$25**

### Yoga

**Montebello Senior Center**

16 years old & up!  
  
Mondays  
@ 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **\$35**

### Paint & Play Painting Class

**Cathy Hensel Youth Center**

5 - 14 years old.  
  
July 8, August 12, September 9  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. **\$30**

### Guitar & Keyboard

**Chet Holifield Park**

5 years old & up!  
  
Guitar class  
Mondays @ 3:45 - 4:40 p.m.  
Keyboard Class  
Mondays @ 4:45 - 5:40 p.m. **\$65**

### Karate

**Montebello Senior Center**

Mondays & Wednesdays  
  
4 - 8 yrs. @ 5 - 6 p.m.  
9 yrs. & up @ 6 - 7 p.m. **\$45**

### Cheer Program

**Cathy Hensel Youth Center**

Monday + Wednesday  
  
5 - 8 yrs. @ 6 - 7 p.m.  
9 - 12 yrs. @ 7 - 8 p.m. **\$25**

### Tennis

**City Park Tennis Courts**

Advanced: 8 - 13 yrs.  
Saturday @ 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Beginners: 8 - 13 yrs.  
Saturday @ 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
Adult: 18 yrs. and up!  
Tuesday @ 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **\$65**



**VOLUNTEER COACHES WANTED!**

- Coach for our seasonal sports!
- 2 practices and 1 game each week

Call: (323) 887 - 4570

Email: [Volunteer@MontebelloCA.gov](mailto:Volunteer@MontebelloCA.gov)

## SPORTS

### Youth Baseball Co-Ed

236 George Hensel Dr. | (323) 887 - 4570  
Fee | \$60 per participant

Athletes will learn basic rules, strategies, and skills to enjoy the game.

Children's ID and birth certificate required to register.

Registration is open and ends July 18, 2023.

### Adult Softball - Friday

Reggie Rodriguez Park | (323) 887 - 4570  
Fee | \$320 per team

Registration for next season begins August 1!

### Adaptive Sports

Montebello Adaptive Recreation Program provides opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to ensure opportunities for all! (323) 887 - 4570

Fee | \$60 per athlete  
Registration is open!

## FREE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS!

AGES 18 YEARS AND YOUNGER

JUNE 12 - AUGUST 11, 2023

### Park Sites

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  
210 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.



\*Participants must eat meal at the Park Sites.

[CITYOFMONTEBELLOCA.GOV](http://CITYOFMONTEBELLOCA.GOV)  
(323) 887-4540

**FREE!** Senior Programs

Montebello Senior Center,  
115 S. Taylor Ave.

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

**Walking Club**

*Meets in front of Senior Center*  
Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

**Recreational Bingo**

*Upstairs Hall*  
Mondays & Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Pickleball**

*Pickleball Courts, Montebello City Park*  
Mondays, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Silver Years Senior Club**

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**Latin Dance Fitness**

*South Wing Hall*  
Tuesdays, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

**Tai Chi Classes**

*City Park Basketball Courts*  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
*Upstairs Hall*  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Yoga Class**

*Upstairs Hall*  
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Zumba Gold - Chair**

*Upstairs Hall*  
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Aqua-Zumba** (Must wear pool attire)

*George Hensel Aquatics Center*  
Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Mid-Day Movie Thursdays**

Thursdays, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

**Independent Art**

*Upstairs Hall*  
Fridays, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**Montebello Crochet Club**

\*beginner crochet\*  
*Upstairs Hall*  
Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

2023

# DOWNTOWN STREET FEST

July 29 • Saturday • 2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

LIVE BANDS • FOOD  
DANCING • BEER GARDEN  
ARTISAN & CRAFT VENDORS  
FREE PARKING & SHUTTLES  
KIDS ZONE & MORE!



FEATURING METALACHI  
AND TBA SPECIAL GUEST  
PERFORMERS!

LOCATED ALONG WHITTIER BLVD. (MONTEBELLO BLVD. TO 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET)

**Acting City Manager's Message - continued from front page**

...a better future for our residents and businesses.

From infrastructure improvements to economic growth initiatives, housing development to enhanced recreational spaces, and sustainable practices, Montebello is making great strides toward transforming into a thriving and vibrant community. With a forward-thinking approach, Montebello is poised to emerge as a shining example of successful development and community revitalization. Please read more about them in this edition of the City of Montebello View.



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Get City news sent right to your inbox by signing up for updates on our City website. We have a lot of important information coming your way.

- Newsletters
- Public Notices
- Event Reminders & more!



Visit **MontebelloCA.gov** or scan this QR code!



**NEED A CAREER CHANGE?**



**The City of Montebello is hiring in multiple departments!**

- Firefighter
- Firefighter/ Paramedic
- Fire Inspector
- Recreation Leader (PT)
- Lifeguard (PT)
- Bus Operator
- Transit Supervisor
- Police Cadet (PT)
- Police Dispatcher
- Police Officer
- Police Trainee
- Police Officer - Lateral

**Apply Now!** [montebellocal.gov/jobs](http://montebellocal.gov/jobs)



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**CITY COUNCIL**

- As of December 14, 2022
- David N. Torres, *Mayor District 4*
  - Scarlet Peralta, *Mayor Pro Tem District 2*
  - Angie M. Jimenez, *Councilmember District 5*
  - Salvador Melendez, *Councilmember District 3*
  - Georgina Tamayo, *Councilmember District 1*
  - Christopher Jimenez, *City Clerk*
  - David Matanga, *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. There will not be a City Council meeting on July 12, 2023.



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Council Meetings broadcast live on Spectrum Public Access Channel 3 & on the City Website.



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**Connect With Rec Is Coming Soon!**

The City of Montebello's Recreation Guide is coming this summer; featuring all the information you need to get signed up for a class, join a sports league, or attend city events. There's something for all ages and interests! Join us and Connect With Rec!