

# NEWSLETTER

**FREE!**

# 2023 Heritage Festival

**Montebello City Park, 1301 W. Whittier Blvd.**



**Friday, October 6**



**Saturday, October 7**



**Sunday, October 8**

Live music, beer garden, carnival rides, food, games, cultural performances, artisan & craft vendors, and more! Visit [tinyurl.com/2023HeritageFest](https://tinyurl.com/2023HeritageFest) for up-to-date info!

City of Montebello  
1600 W. Beverly Blvd.  
Montebello, CA 90640



### A Message From Acting City Manager Arlene Salazar

Dear Residents – I would first like to reflect on the great summer we all shared. Over 10,000 visitors came out to our second annual Fourth of July Spectacular at Grant Rea Park, we served over 15,000 meals at our Summer Food Service Program, conducted over 750 swim lessons at our aquatics center and capped the summer with another successful Downtown Street Fest on July 29th.

As the cooler temperatures and iconic orange and gold leaves of fall approach, the allure of creative decorations, family gatherings and other exciting activities, like trick-or-treating, are what make this one of the best times of the year in Montebello. During the fall, it is also essential to prioritize safety while participating in these exciting activities. Here are some of our tips on how you and your loved ones can enjoy this year's season of giving while prioritizing safety...

Trick-or-treating, a beloved Halloween tradition, thrives when safety is prioritized. Best practices include planning routes in well-lit areas, staying in familiar neighborhoods, and always accompanying children. You are also encouraged to unleash your creativity with...

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**A Message From  
Fire Chief Fernando Pelaez**

“ In the midst of gearing up for transformative changes to enhance service for Montebello residents, let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey of the Montebello Fire Department. Commissioned on June 20, 1922, the department's initial mission was to serve a population of 3,000. Fast forward to 1965, the population had surged to over 40,000, requiring 54 dedicated fire personnel to respond to 400 fire calls and over 400 rescues that year alone.



ABOVE LEFT: Montebello Fire Department's first Paramedic Rescue Team in 1972.



ABOVE RIGHT: The present day Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP) team.

Stepping into the 1970s, a pivotal advancement was the establishment of the first Paramedic Rescue Team in 1972. This pioneering step introduced advanced life-saving treatment even before patients reached hospitals, making a profound difference in life-or-death situations.

The early 2000s saw the inception of the "Medic Engines" model, streamlining operations by employing Firefighter/Paramedics and eliminating Fire Rescue Squads.

While this model proved efficient, changing fire service dynamics presented challenges such as recruiting specialized medical staff, handling diverse fire categories, and managing increased medical service calls.

Today, operating from three fire stations across 8.33 square miles, the Montebello Fire Department is an "All-Risk" agency offering a comprehensive array of services including fire suppression, advanced life support, rescue operations, and hazardous materials response. In the previous year, the department handled 9,432 response calls, with approximately 76% attributed to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the remaining 24% to fire suppression.

With the evolving landscape, the department faces new hurdles, including increased demand for specialty care, transitioning hospital resources, and societal challenges. To address these, the department presented strategic changes on June 28, 2023, aiming to bolster its capabilities, personnel safety, and technology integration. As we look ahead, fire and emergency services will undergo substantial transformation. The department is poised to tackle these shifts head-on, working closely with city leadership and stakeholders to embrace change and ensure adaptability. The path forward involves a focus on diversity, community needs, and harnessing cutting-edge technologies.

In the face of uncertainties, one thing remains constant: the Montebello Fire Department's unwavering commitment to serving its community. With each change and challenge, the department's dedication to providing top-tier fire and emergency services stands strong, ensuring that Montebello residents receive the highest level of care and protection.”



**M** MONTEBELLO  
BUS LINES

**New Cal State LA Service**

Montebello Bus Lines (MBL) is proud to announce that beginning November 5, 2023, Line 10 service will expand to Cal State LA! Stopping at the conveniently located campus multi-level Transit Center, MBL joins Foothill Transit, Metro and Metrolink in providing students a convenient and cost-effective means of traveling to and from class.



**Additional Service Improvements**

In addition to Line 10's new service to Cal State LA, MBL is also excited to announce other service enhancements that will initiate November 5, 2023. Some of these include adding buses to Line 20 to increase frequency and adjusting Line 60 and Line 70 run times to better align with the start and end times of local schools. For more information on bus stop times and fares, visit: [www.rideMBL.com](http://www.rideMBL.com)

**Montebello Golf Course:  
Clubhouse Sneak Peak**



Montebello Municipal Golf Course is thrilled to provide a sneak peak of the clubhouse, a central feature of the ongoing project.

This state-of-the-art facility will offer an array of exciting features, including:

- Outdoor Event Lawn
- Pro Shop
- Cart Garage
- Bar & Grill

Phase 2 of the project is set to complete in December this year, with Phase 3, including the clubhouse, expected to be completed in June 2024. We thank you for your patience and support as we work to make Montebello Golf Course the best it can be. We can't wait to welcome you to the clubhouse soon!





**Messages From Montebello Police Department's District Lieutenants**

Recently, the City of Montebello approved districting with Montebello Police Department. Montebello is split into five districts and patrol beats, aiding officers in engaging with residents, understanding local issues, and preventing crimes. Each district now has Montebello police lieutenants assigned as follows with brief introductions:



**Lieutenant Sharpe - District 1**

My name is Lt. Steve Sharpe, and I have worked for the Montebello Police Department for 27 years. During that time, I have been a

school resource officer, detective, narcotics investigator, and canine handler. I look forward to working with the community members and businesses in District 1 to help make Montebello a better and safer place to live, work, and shop.



**Lieutenant Zabala - District 2**

Hello, I am Lt. Ruben Zabala, and I have been with the Montebello Police Department for over 24 years. I have worked on a variety of assignments,

but my favorite position was working as a detective. My current assignment is as a Patrol Lieutenant. A large part of working to resolve District 2's issues is meeting with the stakeholders within the community, and there have already been meetings with neighborhood groups to discuss problems in their respective neighborhoods.



**Lieutenant Marty - District 3**

I am Lt. Marc Marty, and I have the distinct honor and responsibility of serving as the District Commander for District 3. As someone deeply invested in the safety and

well-being of our community, I am eager to foster a transparent and cooperative relationship with each and every one of you. Together, we can ensure that Montebello remains a safe and vibrant place for all its residents. Let's make Montebello an even better place together!



**Lieutenant Kim - District 4**

My name is Lt. David Kim, and I've been with the Montebello Police Department for approximately 26 years. I'm currently managing our Detective Bureau. As your

district commander, I am dedicated to addressing the concerns of community members within my district. My objective is to invest my time and effort into collaborating with community stakeholders and residents to successfully tackle and resolve various quality-of-life issues.



**Lieutenant Camuy - District 5**

My name is Lt. Ray Camuy. I have 29 years in law enforcement, and although I started my career at LAPD, I have been a member of the Montebello family for 23

years. My partners and I are dedicated to the safety and quality of life of our citizens and visitors to our city. I look forward to engaging and working with the public to continue providing a safe and thriving environment for our families and businesses.

Districting enables police officers to develop a strong familiarity with their specific neighborhoods. This strategy enhances effectiveness by tailoring services to community needs, building partnerships, and boosting safety throughout Montebello.

**Get Ready to ShakeOut.**

**October 19, 2023**

Register now at [ShakeOut.org](https://www.ShakeOut.org)



If the ground began to shake right now, would you know what to do to be safe? Would your family, neighbors, or co-workers? Are you prepared to survive and recover quickly? Everyone, everywhere, should know how to protect themselves during earthquakes - at home, at work, at school, or even while traveling.

Join us on October 19, 2023, at 10:19 a.m. for this year's Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill! Everyone who is able is encouraged to, "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" as part of the drill and learn about other earthquake safety tips at: [www.shakeout.org](https://www.shakeout.org).

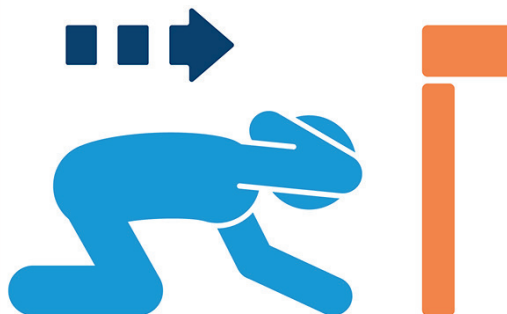
Plan on joining the millions of people in schools, businesses, government agencies, organizations, and homes across the state by registering your family or organization to be included in the world's largest earthquake drill.

Registration is free, and most drills only take a few minutes. The website has instructions for how to plan your drill, get prepared for earthquakes, and much more.

We're all in this together, so be sure to invite everyone you know to also participate. Then "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" on 10/19!



**DROP!**



**COVER!**



**HOLD ON!**



# Recreation PROGRAMS

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

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

## Karate-Nippon Kenpo



Montebello Senior Center

Mondays & Wednesdays

4 - 8 yrs. @ 5 - 6 p.m.

9 yrs. & up @ 6 - 7 p.m.

**\$45**

## Youth Evolution Soccer



Chet Holifield Park

Level 1: 3.5 - 4.5 yrs.  
Wednesday @ 3:30 - 4 p.m.

Level 2: 5 - 7 yrs.  
Wednesday @ 4:05 - 4:50 p.m.

Level 3: 8 - 11 yrs.  
Wednesday @ 4:50 - 5:35 p.m.

4 WEEK  
CLINIC  
CLASS

**\$68**

## 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.

Beginners:  
Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**\$75**

## Youth Evolution Basketball



Taylor Ranch Park

Level 1: 3.5 - 4.5 yrs.  
Friday @ 3:30 - 4 p.m.

Level 2: 5 - 7 yrs.  
Friday @ 4:05 - 4:50 p.m.

Level 3: 8 - 11 yrs.  
Friday @ 4:50 - 5:35 p.m.

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## 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**

## Zumba Workout



Montebello City Park

16 years old & up!

Saturday  
@ 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

EACH  
CLASS  
DAY

**\$5**

## Yoga/Pilates



Montebello Senior Center

16 years old & up!

10/23, 10/30

Monday  
@ 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**\$35**

## Recreation Cheer



Cathy Hensel Youth Center

Monday + Wednesday

5 - 8 yrs. @ 6 - 7 p.m.  
9 - 12 yrs. @ 7 - 8 p.m.

**\$25**

## Guitar & Keyboard



Chet Holifield Park

5 years old & up!

9/25, 10/4, 10/16, 10/23

Guitar class

Mondays @ 3:45 - 4:40 p.m.

Keyboard Class

Mondays @ 4:45 - 5:40 p.m.

**\$65**

FREE EVENT!

# HALLOWEEN FEST 2023

**Haunted Train Ride!**  
October 27 & 28, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Registration required!  
Registration opens October 3  
Call (323) 887-4540  
Suggested for ages 8 & up.

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**Costume Parade & Contest**  
October 28 @ 6 p.m.  
Prizes across age groups for scariest costumes, groups, most creative, and pet costumes!  
Pets must be leashed.

**OCTOBER**  
**5 P.M. - 9 P.M.**  
**Grant Rea Park**  
**600 Rea Drive**



# 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, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Pickleball

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

### Guitar Class

Upstairs Hall  
Mondays, 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
(9/11 - 10/23)

*\*No class on October 9\**

### Silver Years Senior Club

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

### Line Dancing

Southwing Hall  
Tuesdays, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

### Tai Chi Classes

Cathy Hensel Youth Center, 236 S Taylor Ave  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Senior Center, Downstairs 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

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Cathy Hensel Youth Center, 236 S Taylor Ave  
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### Mid-Day Movie Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

### Independent Art

Southwing Hall  
Fridays, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

### Montebello Crochet Club

\*Beginner Crochet\*  
Southwing Hall  
Fridays, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.



**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS**

**COMMUNITY ALTAR DISPLAY**

JOIN OUR DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

**NOVEMBER 2, 2023**  
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**JUAN MATIAS SANCHEZ ADOBE MUSEUM, 946 N ADOBE AVE**

**MARIACHI LOS PASAJEROS**  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
FREE CONCHAS & CHAMPURRADO  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

FOR MORE INFO CALL (323) 887-4540



**Acting City Manager's Message  
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...Halloween decorations and participate in our annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

Some brief reminders: Keep the decorations spooky and safe. Choose flame-resistant materials for both indoor and outdoor displays. This precaution minimizes the risk of accidental fires caused by decorations coming into contact with heat sources. When placing decorations outdoors, ensure they are secure and won't obstruct walkways, preventing potential tripping hazards for trick-or-treaters, your family, and guests.

Whether it's trick-or-treating, decorating your home, or cooking for Thanksgiving, fall is a wonderful time of year here in Montebello and we look forward to celebrating these festivities with you this fall. ”



**Fall-themed coloring page!**



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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 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. Agendas, public documents and Live Stream link are posted on the City's website.

Download the FREE "My Montebello" app!

Council meetings broadcast live on Spectrum Public Access Channel 3 and on YouTube.

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**Care Solace Services Partnership**

Finding mental health care can add stress to an already stressful situation. That's why we've partnered with Care Solace, a new central hub of care for all of your mental health needs.

With a network of over 350,000 licensed mental health providers and substance use treatment services, Care Solace will help you find the right help at the right time, regardless of insurance coverage. No matter what you're experiencing, there is hope and help.

Care Solace's coordination services are **free**, confidential, and accessible via:

- Scanning the **QR code** on this page:
- Phone. Call **888-515-7881** at any time. Support is available in 200+ languages.
- Website. Search anonymously by answering just a few questions at **caresolace.com/site/ca-montebello**



In addition, we understand that the conditions in which we live deeply affects our mental health. If you need food, housing, or affordable medical and dental care, and are eligible for social services support, Care Solace can help you access resources. Use the contacts above to get started.

