

NEWSLETTER

The City of Montebello invites you to the...

-2023-

WINTER *Wonderland*



December 2, 2023, 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Montebello City Hall, 1600 W Beverly Blvd

**Tree Lighting | Food & Artisan Vendors
| Live Entertainment | Snow Slides |
A Visit From Santa And More!**

Free parking and shuttle service provided!

**Visit tinyurl.com/2023wonderland
for updates!**

Dear Montebello Community – It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Winter 2023 edition of our quarterly newsletter!

This season is a special time of year when we come together to celebrate the magic of the holidays, embrace the warmth of our community, and reflect on our collective achievements. In this issue, we've curated articles and updates from our City Departments that capture the spirit of the season, showcasing the unity, peace, and togetherness that define Montebello.

Kicking off the winter edition is a front-page feature on our Winter Wonderland event. The vibrant festivities and holiday spirit that fill the Civic Center are testaments to our unity.

Our dedicated Fire and Police Departments care deeply about your safety. In this issue, they share reminders to ensure your holidays are filled with joy and security. Their commitment to our community's well-being is a shining example of the unity we share in Montebello.

Our downtown area is undergoing exciting developments in our General Plan review. Read on for specifics about projects that are shaping the future of Montebello.

Let's continue to keep Montebello green this holiday season - learn about our Christmas Tree Recycling Program, which not only promotes environmental sustainability but also strengthens our sense of shared responsibility.

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Montebello, CA 90640





Holiday Safety Reminders From Montebello Fire Department



Tree Safety

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched
- Make sure the tree always has enough water
- Keep trees away from any heat source including candles, radiators, stoves, fireplaces, and open flames
- Always turn off decorative tree lights before bed or when leaving your home
- Trees are a fire danger and should be removed from the home once dry

Cooking Safety

- Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stove
- Stay home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently
- Keep children away from the stove and from hot food and liquids
- Be sure electric cords, knives, and matches are out of reach from children
- Make sure smoke alarms are working!

Montebello Fire Department Is Hiring!



Firefighter/Paramedic

Job Summary:

Under general supervision, to perform a wide variety of firefighting and emergency service duties; to perform fire inspections and prevention work; to perform station and equipment maintenance; to undergo continued training in firefighting and emergency service work; to perform special assignments as delegated; and to perform related work as required.

Salary range: \$77,054.00 - \$96,230.00 annually

- 56-hour work week
- This salary range includes a 15% Paramedic Bonus
- Plus \$250 /month Firefighter I Certificate or AA/AS Degree or 60 units
- Or \$400/month Firefighter II Certificate or BA/BS Degree of 120 units
- Prior Lateral Sworn Fire Service will be credited towards Longevity Pay

This recruitment is continuous. All applicants are encouraged to apply promptly as this recruitment may close at any time without notice. Apply at montebelloCA.gov/jobs



Winter/Spring Schedule

Montebello Bus Lines (MBL) will be adjusting its schedule across all of its routes effective Sunday, February 11, 2024. 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 or by calling our customer service staff: (323) 558-1625



Upcoming Free Fare Days

MBL will offer **FREE** bus fare to all riders on the following dates:

- December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve)
- December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day)
- December 31, 2023 (New Year's Eve)
- January 1, 2024 (New Year's Day)
- February 4, 2024 (Transit Equity Day)
- April 22, 2024 (Earth Day)

Street Sweeping Reminders And 2024 Non-enforcement Dates



Street Sweeping is conducted by Nationwide Environmental Services. If you have any questions regarding the street sweeping schedule, please contact Nationwide at **(800) 222-5637**.

If street sweeping falls on a holiday, it will not be made up that week. Streets are always swept on the posted day; this means streets will not be swept until the following week.

Citations for street sweeping will not be enforced on the following **2024** dates:

- January 1 and January 15
- February 19
- May 27
- June 19
- July 4
- September 2
- October 14
- November 11 and November 25 - 29
- December 23 - 31





Holiday Safety Reminders From Montebello Police Department's District Lieutenants



Lieutenant Sharpe - District 1

After the holidays, safeguard your home by discreetly disposing of packaging for new electronics and valuables. Burglars target homes

with visible boxes, so break them down, place them in garbage bags, and conceal everything inside trash cans until the night before recycling pickup. Consider storing important boxes for future use. Some burglars look inside garbage/recycling cans for evidence of holiday gifts. And, of course, if you see someone suspicious casing your street or alley, call 9-1-1.



Lieutenant Zabala - District 2

Navigate holiday shopping safely with these tips: Choose well-lit parking, lock valuables in your trunk, and memorize your parking spot.

Keep your purse or wallet secure, use one credit card for purchases, and establish a meeting point if shopping with kids. Stay vigilant when returning to your car; have keys ready and scan your surroundings. For online shopping, stick to familiar retailers, avoid public Wi-Fi, and prefer credit over debit cards for enhanced fraud protection. Stay secure and enjoy a worry-free holiday shopping experience!



Lieutenant Marty - District 3

Ensure a safe holiday shopping experience with these tips: Supervise children closely in public facilities, always accompany them to the restroom, and

emphasize staying together. Teach older kids to meet in pre-designated spots if they get separated, and younger children should seek help from identifiable figures within the store. Teach children to practice safe shopping skills, such as accessing public phones and how to check in with parents. Discourage displaying children's names on clothing. If older children go out, encourage them to take a friend and establish check-in plans. Prioritize these tips for a safe holiday shopping season!



Lieutenant Kim - District 4

Here are some quick tips on how to prevent Package Thefts, Alcohol Awareness, and Home Safety: Lock doors and windows, activate house

alarms, and avoid electrical overloads. Ensure smoke alarms are functional. With increased holiday drinking, never drive under the influence. Have a designated driver, use Uber or a Taxi to prioritize family safety. DUI consequences are severe. Combat the rise in theft by providing a secure delivery area. Utilize security cameras like "Ring" and coordinate with neighbors for package acceptance. Wishing you a joyful and secure holiday. For queries, reach out to the police department. Thank you!



Lieutenant Camuy - District 5

Prepare for a secure holiday absence with these tips: Install cameras and motion lights to deter theft. Use quality locks and reinforce windows with bars or sticks.

Keep gifts away from your windows - crooks can easily pry or break a window to get your Christmas gifts. Install timers on your home lighting - this can deter burglars who look for homes that appear unoccupied. Ask a trusted neighbor to collect mail and keep an eye on your home. For added peace of mind, you can request a House Check from MPD by visting Montebelloca.gov/departments/police.

General Plan Updates

The General Plan is an integrated plan which includes a community-driven vision, direction, and policy guidance on the physical structure of the City: the places we preserve, the things we build, and how and where we build them. It also establishes the City's long-range vision and these purposes:

- Recasts the 1973 General Plan to incrementally generate a place that fulfills the City's vision by 2045
- Sets forth the principles, goals, policies, and actions to help achieve the community vision, and establishing the basis for evaluating choices and decisions
- Defines integrated strategies for environmental stewardship, economic development, land use and community design, housing, transportation, resilience, health, safety, recreation, and culture to fulfill the community's vision
- Prioritizes actions to advance on-going implementation



The **Downtown Specific Plan** implements the vision, direction, and policy guidance set in the General Plan, and includes details for:

- A vibrant downtown core, with a proposed distinctive square for gatherings and events, and people-friendly streetscape
- Montebello City Park as the center of a variety of recreation with playgrounds, senior center, gymnasium and youth center, an outdoor pool, tennis courts, skate park & amphitheater
- The Rio Hondo Channel links neighborhoods in Montebello and is part of the Emerald Necklace – a 17-mile loop of river-adjacent bikeways and greenways
- Redevelopment of key parcels along Whittier Blvd and streetscape improvements will create a signature entry to downtown and the City

The General Plan is designed to be implemented over 20 years by residents, business and property owners, non-profit organizations, community groups, city and county agencies, and elected and appointed officials.



Recreation PROGRAMS

Register at cityofmontebello.cogran.com

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

Zumba



Location:
Montebello Senior Center

16 years old & up!

Monday thru Thursday
@ 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

\$45

Tennis

Location: City Park Tennis Courts

Advanced: 8 - 13 yrs.
Saturday @ 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Beginners: 8 - 13 yrs.
Saturday @ 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Beginners:
Sundays @ 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



\$75

Karate-Nippon Kenpo



Location:
Montebello Senior Center

Mondays & Wednesdays

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

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

\$34

Recreation Cheer



Location:
Cathy Hensel Youth Center

Monday + Wednesday

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

\$25

Winter Camp

December 18 - January 5

We're getting ready for Winter Camp!

Winter Camp is for kids aged 5 - 14!

Join us from December 18 to January 5 at the **Cathy Hensel Youth Center** for a winter wonderland of fun and learning.
Camp hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Choose from 3 awesome sessions:

- Session 1 (Dec 18 - 22)
- Session 2 (Dec 26 - 29)
- Session 3 (Jan 2 - 5)



Please pack lunches, but snacks are provided!

Registration is just \$100 per session, plus a one-time \$25 registration fee. If you have siblings joining, there's a \$10 discount per session for each additional child. We accept MAOF and other subsidized programs.

Register in person at **1700 W. Victoria Ave**

Have questions? Call us at **(323) 887-4540**.

YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM

REGISTRATION BEGINS 11/6/23

PARENT MEETING/EVALUATION: 1/5 & 1/6

PRACTICES BEGIN ON JANUARY 15TH/16TH
PRACTICES WILL BE TWICE A WEEK:
M/W OR T/TH BETWEEN 5PM-9PM

CHILD'S ID AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED

DIVISIONS

TINY TOT DIVISION: 2020
(MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD)
ROOKIE DIVISION: 2019-2018
D DIVISION: 2017-2016
C DIVISION: 2015-2014
B DIVISION: 2013-2012
A DIVISION: 2011-2010
AA DIVISION: 2009-2008

NOW PARTNERED WITH:



PRACTICES AND GAMES CAN BE SCHEDULED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- CATHY HENSEL YOUTH CENTER
- TAYLOR RANCH PARK
- REGGIE RODRIGUEZ PARK
- CHET HOLIFIELD PARK

REGISTRATION FEE: \$60

REGISTER ONLINE:
CITYOFMONTEBELLO.COGRAN.COM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (323)887-4570
MONTEBELLOSPORTS@MONTEBELLOCA.GOV

Adaptive & Inclusive Recreation

Free!

December 13, 2023

SWEETEN YOUR DAY WITH MILK & COOKIES, HOLIDAY CRAFTS, AND MORE!

HOLIFIELD RECREATION CENTER

Doors open - 6 p.m.

Activities begin 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For additional information contact:
(323) 887-4540



Space is limited! Must be registered to participate: www.cityofmontebello.cogran.com

FREE! Senior Events & Senior Clubs

Montebello Senior Center,
115 S. Taylor Ave.

Closed:
December 25

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



Posada
(Call to register)
December 6, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Alzheimer's LA

Beating the Holiday Blues
(Call to register)
December 11, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Scan @ Home

Christmas Ornament Decor Party
(Call to register)
December 12, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Olympic Pharmacy

YWCA Congregate Meals - Southwing
Monday through Friday,
Registration at 11:00 a.m.
Meals given on a first-come, first-serve basis

Festival of Lights at Mission Inn
(Call to register)
December 14, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Senior Birthday Celebration
(Call to register)
December 18, 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Blood Pressure Screening
December 15, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by Adventist Health White Memorial-Montebello

Senior Clubs

SILVER YEARS CLUB
Tuesdays
Meetings - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

CLUB LATINO
December 7th & 21st
Meetings - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Dance 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

GAD-A-BOUITS SENIOR CLUB
Wednesdays
Meetings - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

VIP SENIOR CLUB
Fridays
Meetings - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dance - 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
No meeting 12/15 - Christmas party at Luminarias



Montebello
OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE PROGRAM

ADVENTURE IS WAITING!

- 1/13: Los Angeles County Arboretum
- 2/17: Puente Hills Preserve
- 3/16: Los Angeles County Arboretum
- 4/13: Puente Hills Preserve

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

This program is funded by the Outdoor Equity Grants Program, created through AB 209 and administered by California State Parks, Office of Grants and Local Services.

Help our community and the environment
by recycling your Christmas trees!

TREE RECYCLING
& GREEN WASTE
DROP-OFF

Remove all ornaments, lights, and other
decorations from trees before dropping off.

Grant Rea Park, 600 Rea Drive
December 18 - January 15
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Residents can also call
Athens Services for tree pickup:
(626) 336-6100



**Front page message
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The Recreation & Community Services Department continues to provide a wide range of programs and activities for residents of all ages. Learn about the latest updates and discover the ways we are bringing people together through various recreational and senior programs.

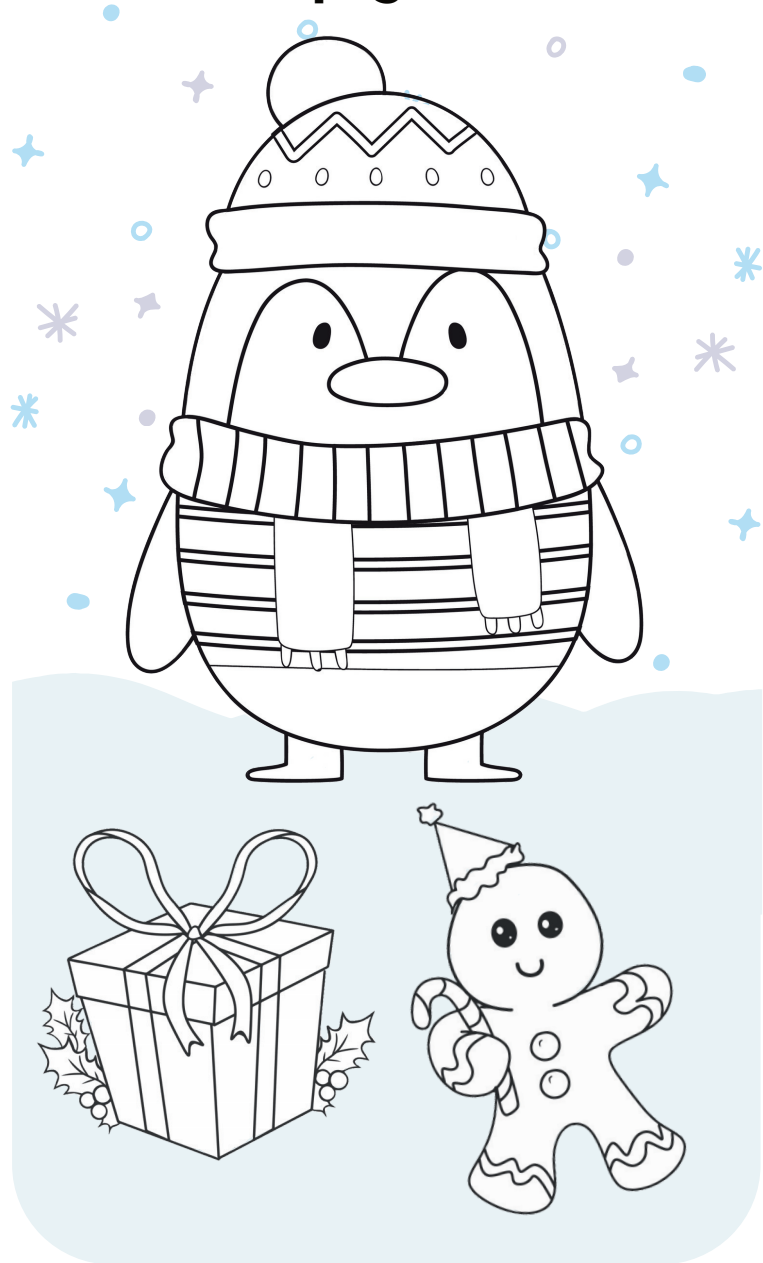
This winter edition of the newsletter reflects the unity, peace, and sense of community that define Montebello. Together, we will celebrate the season, ensure our safety, and plan for our future. Montebello is more than just a city; it's a home we all share, and we are proud of the bonds that tie us together.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful winter season. Let's embrace this time of unity and come together as one community.

Happy Holidays!



Winter-themed coloring page!



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City Council as of December 13

- 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 MontebelloCA.gov. There will not be a City Council meeting on December 27, 2023.

Download the FREE "My Montebello" app!

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

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City Hall Closures 2023-2024

City Hall and other facilities will be closed on the following holiday dates:

2023

- Monday, December 25

2024

- Monday, January 1
- Monday, January 15
- Monday, February 19
- Monday, May 27
- Wednesday, June 19
- Thursday, July 4
- Monday, September 2
- Monday, October 14
- Monday, November 11
- Thursday, November 28
- Friday, November 29
- Wednesday, December 25

Fire, Police, and Transit services will remain available.

