

NEWSLETTER

2024 EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

**Free
Event!**

Saturday, March 30, 2024
Henry Acuña Park
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Free Egg Hunt
- Bubble Show
- Crafts & Activities
- Face Painting
- Jumpers
- Petting Zoo
- Photo Booth
- Vendor Booths
- Food Trucks and more!

Food and Artisan Crafts are available for minimal fees.



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



A Message From City Manager Raul Alvarez

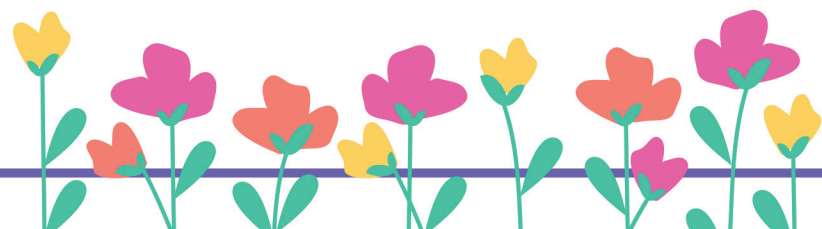
Dear Montebello Residents,

I am honored to address you as the City Manager of Montebello, a community with a special place in my heart. Having joined the City in 2023, my connection to Montebello runs deep, having attended Montebello Intermediate and graduated from Montebello High School. With a background in Political Science and Public Administration and over 15 years of experience in state and local government, I am committed to steering Montebello toward growth and positive changes.

My top goals include municipal service efficiency, emphasizing safety and cleanliness, and developing green spaces, all while ensuring taxpayer dollars are used responsibly. Transparency and honesty are the cornerstones of my approach, fostering positive relationships with the City Council, staff, residents and business owners.

A few current developments include the Adventist Health White Memorial Montebello transition, where an ad hoc committee informs the public on hospital operations progress. In addition, I've taken a hands-on...

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**A Message From
Fire Chief
Fernando Peláez**

Welcome to a new year of success, health, and safety! Your Montebello Fire Department is developing exciting initiatives that will empower the men and women of our department and provide you, the residents of Montebello, a chance to become more involved.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

This year marks the relaunch of the Community Emergency Response Team program. The CERT program educates local volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, such as:

- Fire safety
- Light search and rescue
- Team organization
- Disaster medical operations

The CERT program prepares volunteers to support public safety personnel during large-scale emergencies. For information about upcoming CERT classes, check montebelloca.gov and our social media.

Recent Grant Awards

The Montebello Fire Department has made great strides in grant writing for the past two years. We've successfully obtained \$9,607,126 of funding for community efforts, updating fire station equipment, increasing training, and addressing firefighter shortages.

Through some hard work, we were awarded grant funding by the following grants:

- California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Encampment Resolution Funding ERF-2-L)
- Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PHLA)
- CDBG Community Development Block Grant Program (HUD)
- CCOGIHS LA County Interim Housing Agreement Grant
- Cal Fire Grant - CA Wildfire Fuel Reduction and Public Education Grant
- SGVRHT Operation Stay Safe Project (Interim Housing)
- FY23 EOC- Montebello EOC Communications Upgrade Project
- 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grants
- Montebello Prop. 64: Operation Shield
- 2020 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S)
- CA Fire Foundation (Wildland)
- SGVCOG Landlord Incentive & Crisis Shelter Grant
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant



New Fire Rescue Squad
Our department continues to see increasing medical, mental health, fire, and other emergency responses. The deployment of additional resources is the best way to meet these needs. The Montebello Fire Department will deploy our

new Fire Rescue Squad primarily to respond to medical emergencies, allowing our fire suppression apparatus to respond to large-scale emergencies.

The Montebello Fire Department must be prepared to face new challenges. With the support of our City Council, residents, and the dedication of our fire personnel, we will forge a collective response, action plan, and partnerships to make our community one of the safest in the region.

My unwavering commitment is to continue expanding our fire services and provide the most reliable and professional services to the people of Montebello. ”



New Bus Schedule

Montebello Bus Lines (MBL) published our new schedule in February 2024.

For more information on bus stop times and fares, visit rideMBL.com.

2024 Free Fare Days

On select holidays and special occasions, riders can go anywhere in the MBL system for **FREE!** We are excited to include these seven free fare dates this year:

- April 22, 2024 (Earth Day)
- October 2, 2024 (Clean Air Day)
- November 5, 2024 (General Election)
- November 28, 2024 (Thanksgiving)
- December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve)
- December 25, 2024 (Christmas Day)
- December 31, 2024 (New Year's Eve)

Mark your calendar, and don't miss these free opportunities to ride Montebello Bus Lines!

On the Horizon: Hydrogen

MBL is planning to purchase three fuel-cell electric buses. It will take two years from the date of line entry to receive the buses. As this process continues, the MBL team will host training sessions for all staff involved in the operation of these new buses.

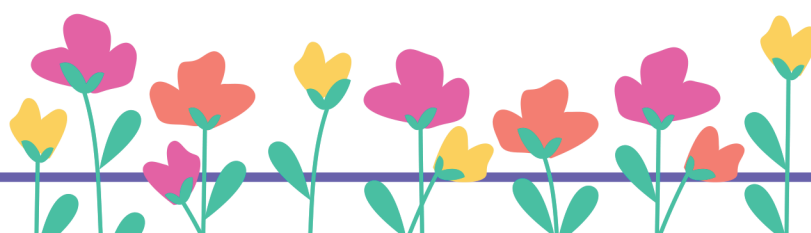
This brings MBL closer to zero emissions-compliant vehicles in its fleet and aligns with the State of California's mandate that new vehicles must have zero emissions by 2030.



Bus Stop Improvement Project

The Bus Stop Improvement Project (BSIP) aims to enhance the efficiency and convenience of Montebello's transit system by analyzing our bus shelters. The project will evaluate the structural needs of the diverse customer base in our community. BSIP's consulting service will create a detailed report with recommendations and guidelines for future construction. This project aims to make necessary bus shelter improvements across the city.

Stay tuned for a more efficient and user-friendly bus experience in Montebello! Let's embark on this journey toward a better-connected and more accessible transit system!





**A Message From
Police Chief
Paul Espinosa**

Working for the City of Montebello and serving its community has been fantastic! As we grow, my focus remains on supporting our officers with the tools, training, and education to deliver effective and professional police services of the highest quality to the residents of Montebello. I eagerly anticipate the events and programs our department is working on and to continue collaborating with the Montebello community.

In the past year, the Montebello Police Department has assigned Lieutenants to spearhead neighborhood watch meetings within their districts. Each Lieutenant has engaged with different neighborhood watch groups to discuss various topics, including tips on improving quality of life, insights into crime trends, safety reminders, and addressing concerns. Our district Lieutenants are always ready to help with your needs.

If you're interested in initiating a neighborhood watch committee in your area, please get in touch with the assigned District commanders or the Community Relations Unit. Below are the Commanders for each district, along with their email addresses:

- District 1 - Lt. Sharpe: Ssharpe@montebelloca.gov
- District 2 - Lt. Zabala: Rzabala@montebelloca.gov
- District 3 - Lt. Marty: Mmarty@montebelloca.gov
- District 4 - Lt. Kim: Dkim@montebelloca.gov
- District 5 - Lt. Camuy: Jcamuy@montebelloca.gov
- Community Relations: Fgaytan@montebelloca.gov

The Montebello Police Department is committed to providing our officers with cutting-edge tools and equipment, ensuring they are well-equipped to respond to and manage critical incidents. Here are some recent improvements and how they help our department and make our community safer:



Ballistic Doors

- Patrol vehicle doors upgraded
- Additional protection for officers
- Withstands ballistic threats



Faro 3D Scanner

- Generates 3D crime scene models
- Aids car crash investigations
- Provides court presentation visuals



Black Cat II Traffic Radar Recorder

- Collects traffic flow and speed data
- Records time, speed, and vehicles
- Empowers speed enforcement



New Mobile Digital Computers (MDCs)

- Refines operations and improves dispatch workload
- Seamless officers and dispatchers communication
- Enables mobile crime reports

Your involvement is crucial, and we look forward to continued communication with Montebello residents and businesses.

Together, we can ensure a safe and secure city for everyone.



As always, thank you for your unwavering support! ”

Community Planning In Action!



The General Plan Update is almost finished, with final approval expected this year. The General Plan aims to preserve and improve residential areas while revitalizing Downtown and commercial corridors. Additionally, it promotes community resilience and social equity and addresses traffic, open space, noise, and safety concerns. Implementation involves residents, businesses, community organizations, and city officials over the next 20 years.

Bicycle Master Plan



The City is also developing a comprehensive **Bicycle Master Plan** that guides the development of bicycle infrastructure projects, programs, and policies. This Master Plan will create safer streets for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists. The plan will also identify potential funding sources for a bikeway network and improve safety for residents and visitors. Input from recent workshops where community members expressed their concerns

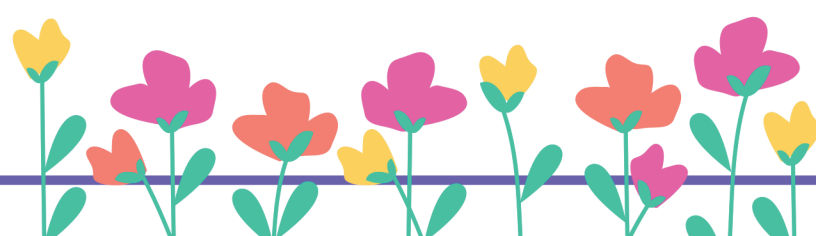
and expectations is also part of the Master Plan. Key safety elements that arose during the workshops included speed limit enforcement, alignment of existing bike lanes with community amenities, and a purpose-based network including links to key public transit nodes around the City. The Bicycle Master Plan is anticipated to be completed this year.

You can get updates and more by visiting planmontebello.com.

Grade Separation Project

Phase 1A of the Montebello Corridor Grade Separation Project by San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments contractors has begun. This includes Greenwood Avenue and Vail Avenue construction. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction on Greenwood Avenue from Olympic Blvd. to the south of Truck Way, with a hard closure south of Truck Way to Montebello Way. Vail Avenue traffic will also be limited. Street parking will be impacted, and construction equipment will be on-site. Pre-construction activities are expected to last three months, subject to change depending on progress and weather. Work primarily occurs on weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information, visit theACEproject.org.



Recreation PROGRAMS

Schedules, prices, and registration at cityofmontebello.cogran.com

Youth Evolution Soccer

Goal-Getters Wanted! Bring your little kickers to Chet Holifield for Evolution Soccer. Ages 3.5 to 7 are invited to join the soccer excitement. The price is \$68 per month. Secure your spot for fun-filled afternoons!



Youth Evolution Basketball

Score Big on Fun! Join us for Youth Evolution Basketball at Taylor Ranch. Unleash the superstar in your child, aged 2 to 7. The price is \$68 per month. Let's make it a slam dunk!

Guitar & Keyboard

Strum & Play! Let the music flow at Chet Holifield Park! The price is \$65 per month. Ages 5 and up can register for classes – don't miss out on this harmonious experience!

Zumba

Dance & Sweat! Shake off the stress with Zumba! Open for ages 16 and up. The price is \$45 per month. Join the fitness party and sign up for Zumba today!



Yoga

Find Your Zen! Ages 16 and up can relax, rejuvenate, and discover inner peace. The price is \$35 per month. Embrace tranquility!

Recreation Cheer

We Got Spirit - Yes, We Do! Learn the spirit of Recreation Cheer for ages 5 to 12. The price is \$25 per month. Enroll your child in a world of energy and smiles today!

Tennis

Ace Your Game! Tennis for ages 8–13 at City Park Tennis Courts. Beginner or advanced, we've got a court for you! The price is \$75 per month. Secure your spot for a smashing time!



NEW! Canvas Creations

Brush, Blend, and Blossom! Our beginner painting class is for ages 8 and up. The price is \$30 per session. The next session is on April 13 at Chet Holifield Park!

Karate-Nippon Kenpo

Unleash Inner-Discipline! Age-specific classes for 4 to 8-year-olds and 9 and up. The price is \$45 per month. Strengthen mind and body!

New classes coming soon! For more information: (323) 887-4540

All programs subject to change. Program must have a minimum of 5 participants to start.

SPRING CAMP

APRIL 1 – 5
7:30 A.M. – 6 P.M.

CATHY HENSEL YOUTH CENTER
236 GEORGE HENSEL DR.

AGES
5–12

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ADAPTIVE INCLUSIVE RECREATION PROGRAM

Resource Fair

Saturday, March 23, 2024
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Chet Holifield Community Center
1060 S Greenwood Ave

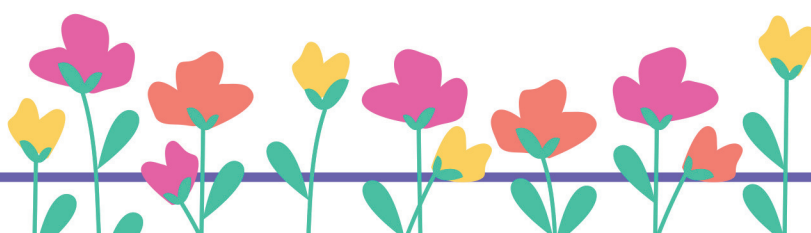
FREE!

Games, Food, Raffle Prizes,
Fun, and Resources!



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FREE! Health Programs & Special Events

Montebello Senior Center,
115 S. Taylor Ave

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



SPECIAL EVENTS

YWCA Congregate Meals

Monday through Friday
Registration at 10:30 a.m.
Lunch served 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Meals are given on a first-come, first-served basis

St. Patrick's Day Senior Dance

Monday, March 18, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Glamour Day

Tuesday, March 26, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Sponsored by Olympic Pharmacy

Senior Egg-stravaganza!

Thursday, March 28, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Senior Resource Fair

Wednesday, April 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sip, Sip, Hooray It's Teatime!

Tuesday, April 30, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Olympic Pharmacy



HEALTH PROGRAMS

CalFresh

Monday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Call (323) 887-4575 to register

Sponsored by the Department of Public Social Services

Aging And Vision Loss

Monday, March 25, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Sponsored by Independence at Home - Scan

Understanding Neurodevelopment Disorder

Wednesday, April 3, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Department of Mental Health

Stress Management (Series 1)

Monday, April 8, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the Public Health Department

Communication and Dementia

Wednesday, April 10, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles

NIGHT Market

Night Market returns on Thursdays starting April 11! Located in the parking lot behind Wells Fargo bank.

Join us for a certified farmers market, handmade goods, arts & craft vendors, music, food booths and food trucks, kids' entertainment, and more!

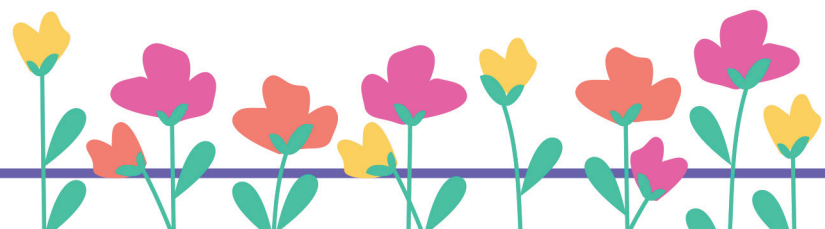
2024 Senior Center Prom

Friday, April 5, 2024
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Montebello Senior Center, 115 S. Taylor Ave

The Theme is Chinese New Year, The Year of the Dragon!

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

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...approach inviting new retailers to Montebello, drawing on my successful track record of bringing significant brands to other cities. We are also eagerly looking forward to the grand opening of Topgolf this season, and the reopening of the renovated golf course and new clubhouse facility.



This spring 2024 newsletter is packed with updates and big changes in our community: construction projects, public safety messages, exciting recreation activities, development updates, and more! Also, I invite you to connect with our City's social media accounts for regular posts. City Council Meetings are broadcast live on YouTube for a firsthand look at critical decisions shaping our community. Also, you can visit the City website for official information and resources. Let's connect and collaborate to make our City the best it can be.

Your involvement is vital, and I am confident our collective efforts will create a prosperous Montebello. Please share your thoughts, attend community meetings, and join online surveys and discussions about our City's future. We are guiding Montebello in a positive direction, and I am eager to work with you.

Warm regards, ”

Raul Alvarez

Spring-themed coloring page!



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City Council as of December 13, 2023

- Scarlet Peralta, **Mayor District 2**
- Salvador Melendez, **Mayor Pro Tem District 3**
- David N. Torres, **Councilmember District 4**
- Angie M. Jimenez, **Councilmember District 5**
- 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 a live stream link are available on the City's **MontebelloCA.gov** 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



It's okay to ask for help. The City of Montebello's partnership with Care Solace will help you find the right help at the right time, regardless of your insurance coverage. No matter what you're going through, there is hope and help.

Care Solace's coordination services are **free** and **confidential**.

In addition, we understand that the conditions in which we live profoundly affect 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 below to get started:

- Scan the **QR code** on this page.
- Call **888-515-7881** at any time. Support is available in 200+ languages.
- Visit **caresolace.com/site/ca-montebello**

