



April 2026

"Welcome to the City Manager's Monthly Update, highlighting recent progress, community news, and what's ahead in Montebello."



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City Progress

Dear Montebello,

As we welcome the month of April, Montebello continues to build on the momentum of community pride, neighborhood improvements, and meaningful engagement. This month brings a variety of initiatives and events that reflect our ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

We are excited to share progress on bathroom renovation projects at City parks, an important investment aimed at improving cleanliness, accessibility, and overall visitor experience for families who enjoy our public spaces.

April is also a time to give back to our environment. I invite residents to participate in our Earth Day / Arbor Day Community Cleanup events on Saturday, April 25, as we come together to beautify our neighborhoods and reinforce our shared responsibility to care for our community.

Last month, on March 25, the City proudly unveiled the new "Mayors of Montebello" Wall inside City Hall. This permanent display honors the 49 individuals who have served as mayor and celebrates the leadership that has shaped Montebello's history. We encourage residents to stop by during regular business hours to view this meaningful addition.

We are also pleased to launch this year's Student Banner Program, which will showcase local high school graduates from Montebello. Applications are now being accepted. In addition to our Student Banners, the City's Military Banner Program is also open for applications, providing a special opportunity to honor and recognize Montebello residents who have served in our nation's armed forces.

Several exciting community events are taking place this month. The Montebello Fire Department Autism Awareness Event will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Fire Station 55, offering resources and activities that promote awareness and inclusion. Pet owners can also join us for the Montebello Dog Park Spring Celebration on Friday, April 10, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., a fun opportunity for residents and their furry companions to connect.

For those looking to enjoy the outdoors, Bella Verde Golf Course and Driving Range has expanded its hours for the season. The golf course is now open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., with night golf available from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The driving range is open Wednesday through Monday from sunrise to 10:30 p.m. (last basket at 9 p.m.) and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Thank you for staying engaged and involved in our community. I encourage you to take part in these events and programs as we continue working together to keep Montebello a vibrant place to live, work, and play.

Warm regards,



– Raul Alvarez

Community Updates



Park Restroom Renovation Project

As part of a broader effort to improve park amenities, the City has allocated approximately \$650,000 toward restoring restrooms across eight Montebello parks.

These upgrades aim to provide cleaner, safer, and more reliable facilities for residents and visitors.

Project updates include:



Celebrate Earth Day & Arbor Day – Saturday, April 25

Join the City of Montebello for a morning dedicated to giving back to our environment and keeping our community clean and beautiful. From **8 a.m. to 11 a.m.**, volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in park beautification and neighborhood cleanup efforts at:

- **Taylor Ranch Park**

- Completed improvements at Grant Rea Park and Reggie Rodriguez Park
- Construction currently underway at Chet Holifield Park and Ashiya Park
- Additional park locations will be upgraded in upcoming phases

These improvements are part of the City's continued commitment to enhancing public spaces and ensuring a better experience for all park users.

• Chet Holifield Park

This is a great opportunity to connect with neighbors, support local parks, and make a visible impact in your community.

In addition, residents can take advantage of several free disposal and sustainability services at **City Hall** from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, including:

- Free compost giveaway (while supplies last)
- E-waste disposal for safe recycling of electronics
- Bulky item collection, including mattresses, furniture, large play equipment, and other oversized items

These services make it easy to responsibly dispose of waste and reduce landfill impact.

For more information or to get involved, please call **(323) 887-4540** or email volunteer@montebelloca.gov.

Together, we can make Montebello shine!



2026 Military Banner Program

The City of Montebello is proud to continue its tradition of honoring local heroes through the **Military/Veteran Banner Program**. This meaningful initiative recognizes the service and sacrifice of active-duty military personnel and veterans with



Honoring Our Leadership: Mayors of Montebello

The City of Montebello proudly marked a historic milestone with the unveiling of the new "Mayors of Montebello" Wall on March 25th, a permanent tribute honoring the 49 individuals who have served as mayor throughout the City's history.

commemorative banners displayed on Whittier Boulevard.

Applications for the 2026 program are now open and will be accepted through June 1, 2026. Approved banners will be displayed from September 1, 2026, through September 1, 2028, serving as a visible tribute to those who have served our nation.

This year, eligibility has expanded to include not only Montebello residents, but also individuals with strong ties to the community, including City employees (past and present), registered City volunteers, and members of local non-profit service clubs. Priority will continue to be given to honorees who reside in Montebello.

The banner cost includes design, production, hardware, and installation. Each banner features a high-quality image of the honoree and will be installed along Whittier Boulevard between Montebello Boulevard and Garfield Avenue. At the conclusion of the display period, banners are returned to the honoree or their family as a keepsake.

Applicants must provide proof of residency or qualifying affiliation, verification of military service (active-duty status or DD-214), and an official military photograph.

Applications can be submitted online at **MontebelloRecreation.com** or in person at the Recreation & Community Services Office, located at 1700 W. Victoria Avenue.

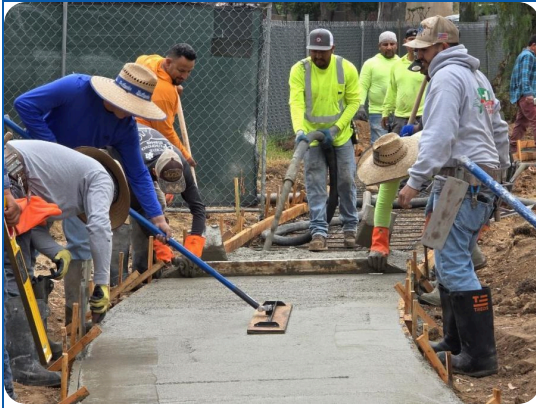
For more information, please contact the Recreation & Community Services Department at **(323) 887-4540**.

We encourage our community to take part in this special program as we proudly recognize and honor the individuals who have served and protected our country.

Held in the lobby of Montebello City Hall, the unveiling ceremony brought together community members, past and present City leaders, and local stakeholders to celebrate the legacy of leadership that has helped shape Montebello into the vibrant community it is today. The display serves as both a visual timeline and a symbol of civic pride, recognizing decades of public service and dedication.

The newly installed wall features each of Montebello's 49 mayors, highlighting the individuals who have guided the City through periods of growth, change, and progress. From the City's early years to the present day, the exhibit reflects the evolving story of Montebello and the leaders who have played a role in its development.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to stop by and view the "Mayors of Montebello" Wall, now on display in the City Hall lobby. The exhibit is accessible to the public during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday.



Sidewalk & ADA Accessibility Improvements

The City of Montebello continues to invest in infrastructure that enhances accessibility, safety, and overall quality of life for residents.

Ongoing ADA and sidewalk improvements are taking place across both city parks and residential neighborhoods, helping ensure pathways are safer and more accessible for all.

Recent and ongoing improvements include:

- Montebello City Park
- Reggie Rodriguez Park
- Grant Rea Park
- Chet Holifield Park
- Bella Verde Golf Course
- Topgolf
- Residential sidewalks throughout the community

These upgrades include improvements to sidewalks, concrete pathways, and accessibility features designed to better serve individuals of all abilities.

What to expect during construction:

- Temporary sidewalk closures or detours
- Limited access in certain park areas
- Temporary playground closures for safety

We appreciate your patience as we work to create a more accessible



2026 Student Banner Program

The City of Montebello is proud to celebrate the Class of 2026 through the annual Student Banner Program, recognizing graduating seniors with personalized banners displayed along Montebello Boulevard.

This program offers families a unique opportunity to honor student achievements and showcase community pride throughout the city.

Eligible Schools Include:

- Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary High School
- Applied Technology Center
- Montebello High School
- Schurr High School
- Vail High School

Program Details:

- Applications open through May 8, 2026
- Display Period: June 1 – December 31, 2026
- Cost: \$125 per banner (includes vinyl banner, installation, and hardware)
- One banner per honoree

Required Documents:

- Proof of student enrollment
- Completed application (available online or in person)
- Official school photo (8" x 10" or high-resolution digital image)

Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card, with an online

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payment option available.

For more information and to apply, visit **MontebelloRecreation.com**.

Celebrate the accomplishments of Montebello's graduating seniors and help recognize the Class of 2026 throughout the community.



Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day

Each year on April 24, we pause to honor the memory of the 1.5 million Armenians who lost their lives during the Armenian Genocide of 1915. Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day is a solemn occasion to reflect on the profound loss endured by the Armenian people and to recognize their enduring strength and resilience.

Here in Montebello, this day holds deep meaning. Our community is home to the Armenian Genocide Memorial—designated as a California Historical Landmark—serving as a lasting tribute to the victims and a powerful reminder of the importance of remembrance, education, and truth.

As we observe this day, we stand in solidarity with our Armenian community, our sister city of Stepanakert, and all those who continue to honor the legacy of those lost. May we reaffirm our collective commitment to human dignity, compassion, and ensuring that such tragedies are never forgotten.



New Golf Course and Driving Range Hours

With longer days and warmer weather upon us, the City of Montebello is pleased to share updated hours for the Bella Verde Golf Course and Driving Range, effective April 1, 2026. Whether you're an early riser looking to tee off at sunrise or prefer an evening round under the lights, Bella Verde offers flexible options for golfers of all skill levels.

The Bella Verde Golf Course is now open daily from **6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.**, giving players ample time to enjoy the course throughout the day. For those looking to experience a unique round, night golf is available nightly from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., providing a fun and exciting way to play after sunset.

The Driving Range also offers extended access to help you practice and refine your swing. From Wednesday through Monday, the range is open from sunrise until 10:30 p.m., with the last basket of balls sold at 9:00 p.m. On Tuesdays, the range opens a bit later at 10:00 a.m. and remains open until 10:30

Events Around Town

April
10

Montebello Dog Park Spring Celebration

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Montebello Dog Park

April
11

Montebello Fire Department Autism Awareness Event

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Montebello Fire Department Fire Station 55

April
25

Earth Day & Arbor Day

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Taylor Ranch Park and Chet Holifield Park

City Council Meetings



Watch City Council Meetings live on YouTube.

City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, unless rescheduled due to special circumstances.

- April 8
- 6 p.m.
- Montebello City Hall

- April 22
- 6 p.m.
- Montebello City Hall

City Council Meeting agendas and public documents are available at www.montebelloCA.gov.

Upcoming Public Meetings

A quick look at upcoming commission and community meetings open to the public.

Planning Commission

April 7, 6:30 p.m.
April 21, 6:30 p.m.
Montebello City Hall

Parks & Recreation Commission

April 16, 5:30 p.m.
Montebello City Hall

Traffic and Safety Commission

April 27, 6 p.m.
Montebello City Hall

Civil Service Commission

April 28, 6 p.m.
Montebello City Hall



Interested in becoming a commissioner?

Any resident interested in serving in an advisory body is invited to complete a Commissioner Application Form and submit it to the Office of the City Clerk.

[Commissions Webpage](#)

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SCE.com



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Athens Services Montebello
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Nationwide Environmental
Services
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NES-sweeping.com



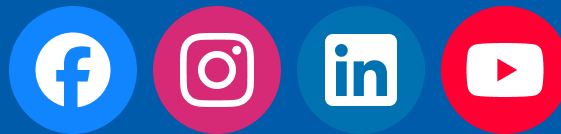
Business Licensing & Permits

HdL Business Support
(323) 248-8614
Montebello.hdlgov.com

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MontebelloCA.gov



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