



City of EL MONTE

SPRING 2014

El Monte Takes a Zero Tolerance Approach to Illegal Fireworks by Issuing \$1,000 Fine to Offenders



All Legal Fireworks will Contain this seal from the State Fire Marshal

In order to continue to protect City residents from dangerous and illegal fireworks, the El Monte City Council will continue to crack down on the sale and usage of illegal fireworks for the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. **As in 2013, there will be a zero tolerance for illegal fireworks. During the holiday, there will be an armada of police officers patrolling the streets issuing \$1,000 citations for those caught using illegal fireworks.**

Last year, a task force comprised of the El Monte Police Department and Los Angeles County Fire Department Arson unit seized more than 92,000 lbs. of illegal fireworks during sting operations in several area cities, resulting in 45 felony arrests. Approximately 74 individuals were cited for using illegal fireworks by the El Monte Police Department.

A small sample of the 92,000 lbs. of illegal fireworks collected through last year's crackdown.



The City encourages residents to support local nonprofits by purchasing safe and sane fireworks at the firework stands throughout El Monte. Many local nonprofits count on the stands to serve as a major fundraiser for their organizations.

Legal fireworks will all contain a "safe and sane" seal from the State Fire Marshal. Legal fireworks may only be used on July 3rd and July 4th between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m.

To report illegal fireworks, please call (626) 580-2171 or email fireworks@elmontepd.org. All reports will be kept confidential. For more information, visit the City's website, EMPD's Facebook and Twitter page, and El Monte Channel 3.

City to Host Annual Job Fair to Put El Monte Residents Back to Work

Calling all job seekers! Join the City of El Monte at the annual Free Job Fair on Friday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grace Black Auditorium, 3130 Tyler Avenue, El Monte.

The El Monte Job Fair will be a one-stop venue to meet with more than 50 employers ready to hire. Human resource representatives will be in attendance to offer resume critiques and the event will offer access to online job applications.

For more information, please contact the City of El Monte Administration Office at (626) 580-2001.



Job seekers are encouraged to attend the upcoming Annual Job Fair on June 20 to meet with businesses ready to hire.

Join Us for the **2014 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRACE BLACK AUDITORIUM
3130 N. TYLER AVENUE, EL MONTE

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U.S. POSTAGE
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El Monte, CA
PERMIT #442

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El Monte CITY HALL
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91731



Tree Pruning to Take Place Throughout City Neighborhoods

As part of new ordinances to protect the community's trees, the City has begun pruning approximately 1,500 publicly-owned trees per year to achieve environmental sustainability efforts.

Trees will be pruned by trained certified arborists and certified tree workers with contractor Trimming Land Co. using a grid pruning system, which divides the City into six neighborhoods.

Affected residents and business owners will be notified via a door hanger. There will also be "No Parking" signs posted due to the danger of falling limbs and to provide trimming access to the trees.



City Kicks Off New Business Advisory Council to Strengthen Local Business Community

The City kicked off its Business Advisory Council (BAC) with a meeting of its steering committee on May 16. Comprised of committed business and civic leaders, the organization provided a list of priorities for the BAC.

The BAC is a new initiative for the City to support efforts to strengthen the local business community. The BAC was formed after recognizing the need to develop a close partnership with local businesses in order to make El Monte a great place to create and grow a thriving business.

The BAC is comprised of local business owners, residents, City officials, real estate experts, prospective/potential business interests, the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce and others committed to helping transform El Monte into a flourishing economic center.

If you are interested in learning more about joining the BAC, please contact Sheila Crippen at scrippen@elmonteca.gov.

Don't Miss Summer Concerts in the Park

Join the City of El Monte for the **11th Annual Rockin' Wednesdays** concert series. We have a great line up this year to help keep music alive in El Monte. Each concert takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Arceo Park.

July 16

Ray Carrion & Thee Latin Allstars

July 23

Neon Nation- The Ultimate 80's Experience

July 30

Los Pistoleros

August 7

Tease & El Monte Police National Night Out



City Celebrates Arbor Day with Special Tree Planting Ceremony



As part of the Green El Monte (GEM) initiative, the City of El Monte celebrated Arbor Day on Friday, March 21 with a special tree planting ceremony. The event also commemorated the second year El Monte has achieved a Tree City USA designation by the Arbor Day Foundation and National Association of State Foresters. Joined by a crowd of residents,

community volunteers and school children, the El Monte City Council led the audience in planting trees around the Grace Black Auditorium.

As part of the event, El Monte residents and attendees were able to take home one of approximately 250 free 15-gallon ornamental trees to plant at their homes. The event also served as the kick-off for the City's free mulch program. Every Saturday, residents can pick up free mulch at the Public Works Maintenance Facility (3990 Arden Drive) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

El Monte students receive information on how to conserve water and energy at the City's Arbor Day celebration on Friday, March 21. Students joined City officials to plant trees around the Grace Black Auditorium.



City Seeks Community Feedback on Budget



A preliminary draft of the Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget was recently presented to the City Council and we need your input!

The City hosted community meetings in early June to inform residents on what is being proposed and discuss the City's vision moving forward.

The budget is anticipated to be adopted at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 24—we hope you will join us to provide feedback!

El Monte Reinstates Coordinating Council to Work Collaboratively with Local Organizations

Seeing an opportunity to work together with the nonprofit sector, the City has reinstated the community's Coordinating Council, an organization formed of representatives from local organizations to discuss upcoming activities. The purpose of the Coordinating Council is to work collaboratively to keep the public informed of local events in an effort to make El Monte a better place in which to live, work and raise a family.

Organizations interested in participating in the Coordinating Council are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting. Meetings take place monthly at El Monte City Hall East; please contact Sheila Crippen at scrippen@elmonteca.gov if you are interested in attending.

Summer Beach Bus Begins June 21

Grab your sunblock, put on your flip-flops and climb aboard the Summer Beach Bus, with express transit service from El Monte to Huntington Beach. This \$6 round-trip service is a bargain for beach lovers, teens on vacation, swimmers and sun worshippers of all ages looking for a convenient and stress-free way to travel to the beach.

The special bus will run on Saturdays until Aug. 17 and will pick up passengers at 11 a.m. From June 24 through Aug. 12, passengers can also take a Tuesday Beach Bus that picks up passengers at 12 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and will be available for purchase at the Trolley Station Office during normal business hours. Children must be at least 2 years of age, and children under 12 are to be accompanied by an adult. Large items, such as surfboards and bicycles, are not permitted on board due to storage limitations.

For additional information and specific Beach Bus dates and policies, please call (626) 580-2242.



Your City at Your Service

The City is dedicated to providing first rate service to all residents.

The City is committed to respond to any graffiti removal requests within 24 hours of notification to keep our City safe and clean. To report graffiti, please call the hotline at (626) 454-4091.

Summer months are best spent outdoors and we hope this summer will find you at one of the City's 10 community parks. To report a necessary repair at any city park in El Monte, please call (626) 580-2250.

Crime in El Monte is decreasing thanks in part to a team of dedicated citizen volunteers. We need your help to keep El Monte safe and crime down. To report any suspicious activities, call (626) 580-2100.

El Monte Events

City Council Study Session- Present Proposed Budget for Adoption

Date & Time:
Tuesday, June 17
6 p.m.
Location:
Council Chambers
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA

Measure GG Committee Meeting

Date & Time:
Wednesday, June 18
6:30 p.m.
Location:
City Hall-Administrative Conference Room
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA

Annual City of El Monte Job Fair

Date & Time:
Friday, June 20
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location:
Grace Black Auditorium
3130 N. Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA

City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

Date & Time:
Tuesday, June 24
7:00 p.m.
Location:
Council Chambers
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation and Awards Dinner

Date & Time:
Thursday, June 26
5:30 p.m.
Location:
Doubletree Rosemead Hotel
888 Montebello Boulevard
Rosemead, CA

4th of July Pancake Breakfast

Date & Time:
Friday, July 4
8 a.m.
Location:
City Hall Parking Lot
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA

City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

Date & Time:
Tuesday, July 8
7:00 p.m.
Location:
Council Chambers
11333 Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA

State of the City

Date & Time:
Wednesday, July 9
5:30 p.m.
Location:
Grace Black Auditorium
3130 N. Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA

Rockin' Wednesday Concert in the Park

Date & Time:
Wednesday, July 16, 23, 30 and August 6
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Location:
Arceo Park
3125 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, CA

Make a SPLASH this Summer with El Monte's Aquatic Programs!

Monday, June 16 kicks off the Summer 2014 Aquatic Program in El Monte. This year's program will feature many fun activities the whole family will enjoy!

The popular **Learn-to-Swim Program** features classes for ages 6 months and up and are great for all swimming levels. Class space is limited and pre-registration is strongly advised.

Summer recreation swim in the outdoor pool will take place June 16 through Aug. 22. Recreation swim will be offered Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Don't miss our family nights on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All visitors must pay a \$2.50 entry fee (\$1.50 for those 17 and under).

For more information on any of the aquatic center programs, call **(626) 580-2213**.



Annual Memorial Day Ceremony Honors Fallen Soldiers

The City of El Monte hosted a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26 to honor the men, women and families of those who served our nation and made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our freedom.

The event featured keynote remarks by US Army Sergeant Joe Leal, founder of Vet Hunters. The ceremony included a tribute to POWs and MIAs, the presentation of a Memorial Day wreath, a 21-Gun Salute and a performance of "Taps."

Also participating in the program were the Kranz Intermediate School Band, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10218, and the American Legion Post 261.

CITY OPENS COOLING CENTER IN ANTICIPATION OF RECORD-BREAKING TEMPERATURES

Beat the heat at the City of El Monte's Jack Crippen Senior Center, which serves as a cooling center from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

If local temperatures reach 100 degrees, the cooling center, located at 3120 N. Tyler Ave., will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, please call the senior center at **(626) 580-2210**.

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Administration (626) 580-2090
Code Enforcement..... (626) 580-2080
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Department (626) 580-2249
Valley Vista Services (800) 442-6454

Finance

Administration (626) 580-2023
Business License..... (626) 580-2031
Water (626) 580-2024

Human Resources

Administration (626) 580-2040

Parks & Recreation

Administration (626) 580-2200
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Museums

El Monte Historical Society (626) 580-2232
La Historia (626) 279-1954

Public Safety

Administration (626) 580-2101
Emergency Fire/Police..... 911
Fire Department
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Information/Patrol (626) 580-2110
Community Relations..... (626) 580-2186

Public Works

Administration (626) 580-2058
Transportation
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MTA Bus Passes (626) 580-2242
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MTA Bus Information (800) 266-6883

El Monte Library
(Tyler/Asher) Closed for Renovations
Norwood Library
(Peck/Emery) (626) 443-3147
Animal Control (626) 962-3577