



# City of EL MONTE

SUMMER 2016

## City of El Monte Celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> of July with Firework Caution

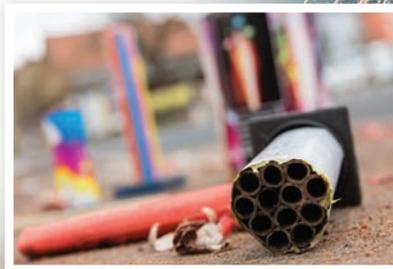
During the celebration of our nation's independence, the City of El Monte reminds all residents that using or possessing dangerous illegal fireworks will not be tolerated this Fourth of July and will result in fines, or possible arrest.

The City will continue strict enforcement of an ordinance passed by the City Council in 2013 that issues an immediate \$1,000 fine to those caught using illegal fireworks. The ordinance will also make property owners liable for illegal fireworks used on their property, as well as parents whose children are caught violating the new rules. Should offenders not pay their citations, a lien will be placed on their property and the City will receive payment at that time.

### El Monte will also be stepping up code enforcement of trash and debris violations after the 4th of July.

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

Anybody currently in possession of illegal fireworks can turn them in, no questions asked, at any local fire station.



## City Hosts Annual Free Job Fair on June 17

Looking for a job? Join the City at the annual El Monte Free Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, June 17 at the El Monte Community Center (3130 Tyler Ave.).

As one of the largest job fairs in the San Gabriel Valley, the El Monte Free Job Fair will be a one-stop venue with more than 50 employers ready to hire. Organizers estimate that there will be thousands of jobs ready to be filled and several Fortune 200 companies will be in attendance. Last year's successful event attracted more than 3,000 participants.

- ✓ Come prepared to apply for a position
- ✓ Dress appropriately
- ✓ Bring a resume

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

## Get Ready for Viva SGV! Open Streets June 12



Join neighbors and friends on five miles of open street activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Sunday, June 12** during the San Gabriel Valley Open Streets Community Event presented by Metro. Ride your bike, skate or walk as you enjoy food, entertainment and fun activities connecting along Valley Mall Blvd., Tyler Ave. and Rush St. For more information and to view detailed map, visit [vivasgv.org](http://vivasgv.org).



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## El Monte Hosts First Consumer Protection Town Hall and Resource Fair

The City of El Monte co-hosted a historical County of Los Angeles Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission meeting and Consumer Protection Town Hall in partnership with Supervisor Hilda Solis and the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) on Thursday, March 17.

The event marked the first time a county commission had gone out into the community to solicit input and increase public awareness on issues impacting local communities. Long-time El Monte resident Mike Gomez, a commissioner for the DCBA, was instrumental in bringing the commission to the City of El Monte.



## New Businesses Open in Santa Fe Trail Plaza

Opened in November of 2015, the Santa Fe Trail Plaza features over 110,000 square feet of new retail and commercial space within the City. Since the Grand Opening, the Center continues to deliver desirable new businesses to serve El Monte and our residents. The line-up of new businesses currently serving our community includes Ross Dress for Less, Superior Grocers, Petco, Menchie's, and Chipotle. Additionally, eateries planned for the near future include Wing Stop, The Flame Broiler, and Jersey Mike's Subs.



## El Monte Shines Light on Autism with Inaugural Conference and Resource Fair

The City of El Monte spearheaded its inaugural Autism Resource Conference on World Autism Awareness Day, Saturday, April 2, providing educational resources and support to affected families. Regional experts on autism discussed behavioral and clinical challenges associated with the developmental disorder and shared ways to overcome obstacles.

Keynote speaker Dominic Fucinari, 25, shared his personal story of growing up in Orange County and ultimately graduating from college with autism. "In many cases, including mine, autism doesn't have to be a very profound barrier. We can still achieve much more in the future than our wildest dreams today," Fucinari said to a standing ovation.

The conference included a series of informative presentations which offered valuable tips and advice to parents and families on what steps to take in order to address and manage daily challenges. Immediately following the conference presentation, a resource fair opened in the foyer featuring nearly two dozen health, wellness and educational organizations.



Dominic Fucinari, a 25-year-old college graduate with autism, delivers keynote address on his experience navigating the public school system during El Monte's Autism Resource Conference on Saturday, April 2.

## City Mandates Continuous Water Conservation



California is still in a drought. The State Water Board has extended the Emergency Water Conservation Regulation through October 2016. The City realizes that the current Stage IV of the Drought Response Conservation Plan, which limits use of automated irrigation systems to two days a week at a maximum of 15 minutes per station, may not provide enough water to keep trees healthy through a hot summer. Remember that watering by a hand held hose or container is not limited to the 15-minute watering window as long as water use does not run off into adjacent property, streets, alleys or storm drains. This provision may help your thirsty trees if needed.

## City Plans Pavement Rehabilitation

At the March 15, 2016 meeting, City Council approved the rehabilitation of Brockway Street from Santa Anita Avenue to Meeker Avenue and Asher Street from Santa Anita to Peck Road. The City is currently working with Caltrans to obtain a permit that would allow the City's contractors to close the on/off ramps for the pavement work. If budget allows, the City will also include rehabilitating the nearby residential streets such as Lexington Avenue, Washington Avenue, Nevada Avenue from Brockway to Ramona; California Avenue, and Utah Street from Brockway Street to Oak Street; and Walnut Street, Oak Street from Utah Avenue to Meeker Street. The project is anticipated to be advertised for construction in June 2016 and completed by September 2016.



## El Monte Partners with Longo Toyota to Host Earth Day Celebration

Residents had an opportunity to give back to the planet during the Earth Day Celebration hosted in partnership with Longo Toyota on Friday, April 22.

From useful energy saving giveaways from the San Gabriel Valley Water Company to planet-friendly recycling games, the community was treated to a day of sustainable fun, which included opportunities for them to donate personal and household items for a good cause.



## El Monte Sam's Club Named Club of the Year, Donates \$35k to Local organizations

Employees of El Monte's Sam's Club had reason to celebrate with the community on April 13 during an outdoor ceremony proclaiming them "Club of the Year" out of 652 locations nationwide.

The ceremony welcomed city officials, local business owners and members of the corporate office to join Sam's Club associates for being recognized for overall top performance, associate management, member experience reviews and community involvement. This is the first time in 25 years a California Sam's Club has won the company's top honor.

To help celebrate the club's commitment to the community, the company pledged \$35,000 in local giving grants to three El Monte-based nonprofits: the El Monte Promise Foundation (a non-profit that helps prepare students for college at an early age), AltaMed Health Services (California's largest non-profit federally-qualified health center), and the Greater El Monte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10218 (a veterans nonprofit).



## Fallen Soldiers Remembered and Honored at Memorial Day Ceremony

The men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our nation were honored at the City's Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30. Performances by Kranz Intermediate School Band and a keynote address by Sergeant Shane Buckhannon, who is also a Lieutenant for the United States Naval Reserve, made for a fitting tribute.

The ceremony, which included a 21-Gun Salute and a performance of "Taps", paid tribute to POWs and MIAs as well.

## Reopening and Dedication of Downtown Tot Lot Planned for June 16

The City of El Monte, in collaboration with the Downtown El Monte Business Association, is planning the Rededication of the Tot Lot located at the intersection of Valley Mall and Cleminson Street on Thursday, June 16, with festivities starting at 10:00 a.m. The reconstruction of the Downtown Tot Lot began on April 12, 2016, and features a state-of-the-art play structure and a new cushioned surface. Amenities include a shaded seating area for parents and children, new benches, new landscaping, and a new drinking fountain.

# El Monte Events

### El Monte Free Job Fair

**Date & Time:**

Friday, June 17  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Location:**

El Monte Community Center  
3130 N. Tyler Ave.  
El Monte, CA 91731

### City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

**Date & Time:**

Tuesday, June 21  
7 p.m.

**Location:**

Council Chambers  
11333 Valley Blvd.  
El Monte, CA 91731

### Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

**Date & Time:**

Monday, July 4  
8 - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:**

Grace T. Black Auditorium  
3130 Tyler Ave  
El Monte, CA 91731

### City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

**Date & Time:**

Tuesday, July 5  
7 p.m.

**Location:**

Council Chambers  
11333 Valley Blvd.  
El Monte, CA 91731

### Mobile Pet Clinic & Resource Fair

**Date & Time:**

Wednesday, July 6  
6 - 8 p.m.

**Location:**

Lambert Park  
11431 McGirk St.  
El Monte, CA 91732

### Red, White and Bounce!

**Date & Time:**

Saturday, July 9  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Location:**

Lambert Park  
11431 McGirk St.  
El Monte, CA 91732

### State of the City

**Date & Time:**

Wednesday, July 13  
Refreshments: 5:30 p.m.  
Program: 6:00 p.m.

**Location:**

Grace T. Black Auditorium  
3130 Tyler Ave  
El Monte, CA 91731

### City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

**Date & Time:**

Tuesday, July 19  
7 p.m.

**Location:**

Council Chambers  
11333 Valley Blvd.  
El Monte, CA 91731

### Chalk it Up

**Date & Time:**

Wednesday, July 20  
3:15 – 6:15 p.m.

**Location:**

Arceo Park  
3125 North Tyler Ave.  
El Monte, CA 91731

### City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

**Date & Time:**

Tuesday, August 2  
7 p.m.

**Location:**

Council Chambers  
11333 Valley Blvd.  
El Monte, CA 91731



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

Monday, June 13 Kicks off the summer 2016 Aquatic Program in El Monte. This year's program will feature many fun activities the whole family will enjoy!

## World's Largest Swim Lesson – Friday, June 24, 2016

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson was created to spread the message "Swimming Saves Lives!" The purpose of this event is to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children how to swim to prevent drowning. Join us for a FREE lesson. Help us set a record and Save a Life!

This year the Aquatic Center will be hosting three popular Dive-in Movies.

**Friday, June 24, 2016**  
Book of Life

**Friday, July 22, 2016**  
KUNG FU PANDA 3

**Friday, August 19, 2016**  
MINIONS

Fun starts at 7:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$4; or \$5 at the door. Tickets are expected to go fast!

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 be offered Monday - Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 – 3:30 p.m. through Aug. 27. Don't miss our family nights on Tuesday & Thursday nights from 7:30 – 9 p.m. through Sept. 1. All visitors must pay a \$2.50 entry fee (\$1.50 for those 17 and under).

Other aquatic activities include the Sharks Aquatics Club, Arrow Dive Club, Lap Swim, Senior Lap and Exercise program, Learn to Dive lessons, Senior Chair Yoga, Group Fitness and Exercise, & Water Fitness & Exercise. A Junior Lifeguard Program will also be offered for \$175 and will take place June 27 – July 21.

For more information, call (626) 580-2213.



## Don't Miss Summer Concerts in the Park and BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

Join the City of El Monte for the 13th Annual Rockin' Wednesdays Summer 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 – 8:30 p.m. at Arceo Park. An added feature to the Rockin' Wednesdays Summer Concert Series will be BATTLE OF THE BANDS! Local bands are welcomed to compete and vie for the coveted title.

- July 20, 2016** TIERRA Special Guest Steve Salas
- July 27, 2016** Steel Rod
- August 3, 2016** The Kelly Rae Band and El Monte Police National Night Out
- August 10, 2016** Battle of the Bands



**Back to School Resource Fair**  
August 20, 2016  
**Location:** Valley Mall Parking Lot  
**Time:** 8 - 12 p.m.

**5-week Summer Program**  
Children under the age of 18 can enjoy free lunch and activities Monday – Friday starting June 20 until July 22 at Arceo Park, Gibson Mariposa Park, Lambert Park, Mt. View, Zamora Park.

**4th of July Pancake Fundraiser**  
The El Monte Police Officers Association & Auxiliary will host their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake Breakfast fundraiser from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Grace T. Black Auditorium located at 3130 Tyler Ave. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds will support El Monte Explorers.

### City Council

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(Peck/Emerly) ..... (626) 443-3147  
Animal Control ..... (626) 962-3577