



City of EL MONTE

WINTER 2014

City to Celebrate Opening of State-of-the-Art Veterans Village on March 12

As a community dedicated to veteran advocacy, the City is proud to announce a very special grand opening event for its Veterans Village development on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 10 a.m.

This not-to-be-missed ceremony will also include a flyover by the Condor Squadron and a performance by the Marine Corps Band, along with several special surprises. To RSVP for this exciting event, please contact Theresa Mendez at (626) 580-2001 or tmendez@elmonteca.gov.

In an effort to honor all veterans, the City, in partnership with Mercy Housing and New Directions, made it a priority to build the Veterans Village, a \$12 million, 40-unit comprehensive affordable housing development for veterans – the first of its kind in the San Gabriel Valley.

The three-story facility, located at Stewart Street and Ramona Boulevard, features 40 studio apartments, each with a bathroom and a kitchen, and various community gathering spaces. This unique project also includes leading sustainable design features, including solar panels, a neighborhood garden and fruit trees interlaced throughout the property.

The Veterans Village will also seek to collaboratively address long-standing veteran issues. Case management, health and wellness programs, job training, family reunification and legal services, transportation support, among other services, will be available on-site for residents. Adjacent to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Downtown El Monte, the Veterans Village was designed to provide veterans with access to services and transportation in the greater San Gabriel Valley area.

The El Monte Veterans Village, the first of its kind in the San Gabriel Valley, features 40-units of affordable housing for homeless veterans. We hope you will join us for the grand opening ceremony on Wednesday, March 12!



Construction to Start Immediately on Transit-Oriented Gateway Development



In late January 2014, the City Council approved plans to build the Gateway Project, a transit-oriented, multi-phase, mixed-use project near Metro's new El Monte Station. This step allows the City and its development partners, including Grapevine Advisors, LLC and Jamboree Housing Corporation, to start construction immediately.

The development will include 485 units of housing, 132 of which will be affordable, and 25,000 square feet of retail spread throughout the 14.31 acre site. The apartments will range from one to three bedrooms and from 550 to 1,050 square feet. The project will also include improvements to the surrounding area. A \$15 million grant will help fund significant infrastructure upgrades to surrounding streets.

The entire project site is located adjacent to Metro's new El Monte Bus Station, which opened in late 2012 and has direct access to major Southern California destinations. The development will offer some of the best and most convenient access to Southern California's mass transit system.

The development utilizes state and federal grants to make this exciting project a reality. El Monte is responsible for providing matching funds to finance the affordable housing component of the project, with funds coming from a variety of non-general fund sources.

Construction on the project's first of three phases is expected to start immediately, with a grand opening for the first phase to take place Fall 2015.



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Residents Encouraged to Become Civically Engaged by Applying for City Commissions

The City Council encourages all residents to become civically engaged in the community and there is no better way to do that than to serve as a City Commissioner! Applications are now available for interested El Monte residents to apply for City Commission positions. Current Commissioners are encouraged to re-apply.

If interested, residents should fill out an application, which can be found online at www.ci.el-monte.ca.us, at City Hall, or by contacting the City Manager's Office for an application.

The first review of applications will be Monday, March 31, 2014. For more information or to request an application, call (626) 580-2001.

A Bike-Friendly El Monte is in the Works

The San Gabriel Valley Bicycle Coalition (BikeSGV) and Day One, a Pasadena-based public health non-profit organization, have partnered with five cities – El Monte, San Gabriel, Monterey Park, Baldwin Park and South El Monte – to develop the San Gabriel Valley Regional Bicycle Master Plan (SGV Bike Plan). The SGV Bike Plan aims to encourage healthy and more active lifestyles by creating an interconnected bicycle network that is safe and easily accessible for people of all ages and abilities. The plan will guide the development of bicycle infrastructure projects, programs and policies for each partner city.

Additionally, Metro has recently constructed direct access from the Emerald Necklace bike path to its state-of-the-art El Monte Bus Station.

El Monte has partnered with BikeSGV and Day One to develop an interconnected bicycle network with surrounding cities to encourage residents to adopt more active lifestyles.



In-House Animal Control at Your Service

New Services to Enhance City's Response to Animal-Related Inquiries

The City began offering its in-house animal control services in January 2014 in order to better address the needs of the community. City-provided animal control services are now available to residents Monday through Saturday. El Monte residents can call (626) 580-2080 directly to request animal control services.

This new service is part of the City's customized City/County approach to animal control service. By using in-house animal control services staffed by El Monte employees, coupled with after-hours and Sunday service from the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (LACDACC), the City will be able to provide a more comprehensive and efficient response to residents' animal control needs in El Monte at a reduced cost.

The City recently hired two part-time animal control officers and purchased a CNG clean-air vehicle and the equipment necessary to deliver animal control services within the City. El Monte Animal Control officers will respond to calls for service from residents, conduct field services, monitor short-term animal housing and transport animals to emergency animal care facilities.

LACDACC will remain under contract to assist and respond to after-hours service requests and emergencies, as well as long-term shelter and care of animals. For after-hour emergencies, or if your animal has been impounded, call the LACDACC Baldwin Park Shelter at (626) 962-3577.

Additional information on the responsibilities of pet owners, including licensing, spay/neuter services and vaccines, are available on the City's website at www.elmonteca.gov.



City's Newest Senior Housing Development Tyler Court Celebrates Grand Opening

The City, in partnership with the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Domus Development, is proud to announce the grand opening of Tyler Court, the second LEED (Leadership in Energy Environmental Design) Senior Apartment Development centrally-located in the City with a special grand opening held on Thursday, February 20, 2014.

The \$5.7 million development, located at 3348 Tyler Avenue, includes 20 affordable senior apartments in a three-story building. Lower-level units are accessible to persons with disabilities. The contemporary craftsman style building includes an on-site property manager, a community room, and is in close proximity to the City's community, senior, and aquatic centers.

The City's Community Services Department will also provide Tyler Court residents with health and wellness services, and ease of access to recreational and educational classes at the community and senior centers.



The City celebrated the grand opening of Tyler Court with a ceremony on February 20. The development features 20 affordable senior apartments and opportunities for health and wellness services for residents.

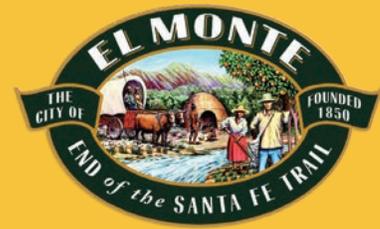
City Establishes Business Advisory Council to Strengthen Local Business Community

The City recognizes that more must be done to attract and retain quality retail shops, restaurants and services. Building a business-friendly environment begins with the local government, and City officials have made this a top priority. To do this, the City wants to develop closer partnerships with our local entrepreneurs to make El Monte a vibrant destination for the private sector to create and grow a thriving business.

Recognizing that quality businesses are crucial to the health and prosperity of a community, the City has rolled out a new initiative called the Business Advisory Council (BAC) to support efforts to strengthen the local business community.

The BAC will be 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 the BAC, please contact Sheila Crippen at scrippen@elmonteca.gov.



City at Your Service

Did you know that all single family homes in El Monte are entitled to free pick-up and disposal of 20 bulky items each year? Help keep El Monte clean by using bulky item pickup!

Bulky items include: couches, tables, chairs, desks, mattresses, appliances, electronic equipment, bundled tree branches, rolled and tied carpet, and tires. For single-family homes, bulky waste pickups take place on trash day, and must be scheduled at least one day in advance. Simply contact Valley Vista Services at (626) 336-5439 to schedule a free pick-up.

Apartments and businesses also have bulky item pick-ups available through their waste hauler, though a nominal fee may apply. Apartment residents should contact their property manager to make arrangements for pick up.

It is a violation of the El Monte Municipal Code to abandon bulky items in any public street, sidewalk, alley or other public right-of-way. If you are caught violating this policy, you may be subject to citation and fines.

Help Keep El Monte Clean

El Monte Events

City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

Date & Time:
Tuesday, March 11
7 p.m.

Location:
Council Chambers
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA

Big and Little National League Opening Day

Date & Time:
Saturday, March 15
10:30 a.m.

Location:
Lambert Park
11431 McGirk Avenue
El Monte, CA

Arbor Day Celebration

Date & Time:
Friday, March 21
10 a.m.

Location:
El Monte Community Center
3130 Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA

City Council and Successor Agency Meeting

Date & Time:
Tuesday, March 25
7 p.m.

Location:
Council Chambers
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA

Veterans Village Grand Opening

Date & Time:
Wednesday, March 12
10:00 a.m.
Location:
11254 Ramona Boulevard
El Monte, CA

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Date & Time:
Wednesday, March 19
5:30 p.m.
Location:
Hope House
4215 Peck Road
El Monte, CA

Eastern Little League Opening Day

Date & Time:
Friday, March 21
6 p.m.
Location:
Mountain View Park
12127 Elliott Avenue
El Monte, CA

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club "Taste and Sounds of El Monte"

Date & Time:
Thursday, March 27
5 p.m.
Location:
Grace Black Auditorium
3130 N. Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA

Hope to See You There!

El Monte's Children Sprint to the Finish Line on April 18!

The City of El Monte, in partnership with the El Monte Union High School District, will host its fourth annual Community Track and Field Meet. This event will take place at Mountain View High School on Friday, April 18, 2014 with check-in to begin at 8:30 a.m.

All boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 that reside within the boundaries of the El Monte Union High School District are invited to participate in this fun-filled event. Last year, there were more than 300 children who participated in the track and field meet.

Participants will be able to participate in three of six events, including the long jump, high jump, softball throw, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash or 200-meter dash. All participants will receive a free T-shirt along with a voucher for a free lunch.

Registration is only \$1 per athlete. If you would like more information on the Community Track and Field Meet, or how you can volunteer, please call the Parks and Recreation office at (626) 580-2200.

The annual Community Track and Field Meet is a highlight for many students in El Monte. This year's meet will take place Friday, April 18, 2014 at Mountain View High School.



El Monte to Host March Movement for Health at Arceo Park

To promote health and wellness among its residents, the City of El Monte invites the community to take up the challenge and exercise for better health. The City is hosting the March Movement for Health, a series of events throughout the month of March aimed at highlighting physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

Residents are encouraged to get moving starting March 8, when fitness instructors will be on hand to host a variety of morning exercise sessions.

The schedule includes:

Saturday, March 8 – Yoga with Ruby Rose Sanchez (8 a.m.); Empowerment and Self Protection with Master Monique Boore of USA Taekwondo (9 a.m.); Kickboxing with Master Monique Boore (9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, March 15 – Yoga with Ruby Rose Sanchez (8 a.m.); Running with Steve Ureña (9:15 a.m.)

Saturday, March 22 – Yoga with Ruby Rose Sanchez (8 a.m.); Zumba with Felicia Perez (9:15 a.m.)

Saturday, March 29 – Yoga with Ruby Rose Sanchez (8 a.m.); Power Walking with City of El Monte staff (9:15 a.m.)

All activities listed will take place at Arceo Park, 3125 N. Tyler Avenue.

Healthy snacks and wellness information will be provided. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or a body-sized towel. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. For more information, call (626) 580-2210. We hope to see you there!

MAKE A SPLASH AND REGISTER FOR SPRING AQUATIC PROGRAMS
REGISTRATION BEGINS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014!

CALL (626) 580-2213 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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