



City of EL MONTE

SPRING 2016

City Hosts Free Autism Resource Conference



The City is spearheading a regional effort to provide resources and support to families affected by autism. A free Autism Resource Conference will be held Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Grace T. Black Auditorium.

The Autism Resource Conference will feature inspiring speakers who will share the impact autism has had on their lives and the steps they have taken to overcome challenges associated with the disorder. The event will also include a resource fair featuring approximately 15 health, wellness and education professionals who will provide information helpful to families with a loved one with autism.

With diagnosed cases of broad-spectrum autism more than tripling in the past fifteen years among San Gabriel Valley children, the City is working closely with 14 surrounding school districts, including four located within El Monte, to ensure local families know about free community resources.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call the City Manager's Office at (626) 580-2001.

El Monte Community Leaders INSPIRE with Annual Youth Leadership Conferences

Continuing in the tradition of supporting young people by presenting positive role models for success, the City recently hosted INSPIRE: A Young Women's Leadership Day. The day-long conference is designed to establish mentoring relationships and to provide resources and tools for personal development in finances, confidence and relationships.

The INSPIRE conference featured three "break-out" sessions that focused on the themes of "Healthy Finances," "Healthy Minds," and "Healthy Relationships." After the trio of workshops, participants took part in small group discussions as part of the "Mentor's Lunch."

Across the street, the El Monte Union High School District also hosted INSPIRE: A Young Men's Leadership Conference. Approximately 100 young men between the ages of 14-18 took part in three workshops designed to strengthen their financial acumen, develop and hone professional etiquette, and improve their overall health and wellness.

Immediately following the events, the City partnered with the GramMARCH Challenge to experience the GramMARCH Extravaganza across the street at Arceo Park. The GramMARCH Challenge is a month-long initiative in which participants are encouraged to employ proper grammar in all of their written communication.



Take Advantage of the City's Free Mulch and Hazardous Waste Collection Programs



Residents have an opportunity to make Earth-friendly adjustments to their lawns and gardens through the City's Free Mulch Program! Every first Saturday of the month, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Maintenance Yard on 3990 Arden Drive, residents can obtain free mulch to help conserve water on their property, deter weed growth and erosion, and improve soil nutrients as the mulch naturally breaks down over time. The program is open to all residents of El Monte with proof of residency, and they are free to take as much mulch as they need and can safely transport. Those utilizing the program will need to bring their own containers, and use their own vehicles to transport the mulch.

In keeping with eco-friendly measures and resources, the City is encouraging residents to take advantage of the new Hazardous Waste Collection Center, also on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Center can be accessed via the Valley Circle entrance on Valley Blvd. The facility accepts unwanted hazardous waste and obsolete electronics, free of charge. Items accepted include – paint, auto fluids, oil filters, cleaning products, pool and garden chemicals, expired medicine sharps, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, computers and appliances.

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City Plants the Future with Annual Arbor Day Celebration



The City of El Monte hosted the 4th annual Arbor Day Celebration at Mountain View Park on Thursday, March 10. El Monte is proud to be recognized as a Tree City USA for the fourth straight year.

Attendees received a free tree seedling as a gift to commemorate the event. Students representing each of the City's three school districts assisted in the planting of six – 48" box Camphor and Coast Live Oak trees.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. For more information, call (626) 258-8624.

City Takes Part in County-wide Parks Assessment Program

El Monte recently asked residents to bring their best ideas to a Parks Needs Assessment Meeting, held on January 23 at the El Monte Community Center. Over 150 stakeholders were in attendance, and participants were encouraged to help the City identify priority park projects for future development and improvement.

The goal of the Parks Needs Assessment, initiated by the County of Los Angeles, is to create a collaborative effort within the community to gather input for future decision-making on parks and recreation. The assessment will also assist the city in future park planning, and the results could be used to leverage federal and state, as well as guiding local funding decisions.

El Monte Police Department Sponsors Citizens' Academy



A Citizen Academy participant examines El Monte Police Department equipment. Signups for the next Citizens' Academy are now underway!

The men and women of the El Monte Police Department are the instructors for all presentations. Interesting lectures are supplemented by hands-on demonstrations and exciting scenarios. The Academy covers various areas of the department that include: Aero Bureau; SWAT Team; Police K-9; Narcotics; Detective Bureau; Community Relations Office; Dispatch; Traffic Safety Bureau; Mounted Unit; Use of Force; Patrol Operations; Gang Investigations; Shooting Range and Simulator.

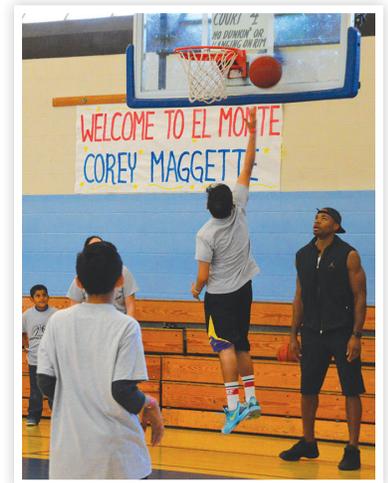
The next Citizens' Academy is from April 21- June 2. This free program will be held on seven consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the El Monte Police Department. For more information or to request an application, please call the Academy's Coordinator Sergeant Martinez at (626) 580-2184 or email citizenacademy@elmontepd.org.

El Monte Gets in the Game with City Basketball Tournament and Clinic

The El Monte Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department held the Co-Ed Youth and Teen Sports Club Tournament at Lambert Park on Monday, February 22 for 5/6th grade teams and Tuesday, February 23 for 7/8th grade teams. Teams consisted of participants from the Cogswell Afterschool Recreational Program, Gibson Mariposa, Lambert Park, Mt View Park and Zamora Park. Winners from those two days matched up and played a championship game on Thursday, February 25.

Following the tournament, the El Monte Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department hosted a Co-Ed Basketball Clinic on Saturday, February 27 at Lambert Park. Registration was opened to children ages 8 – 14. The clinic aimed to improve the basketball knowledge and ability regardless of the child's skill level, and covered many fundamentals of the sport that will make them into a better player for competition or just for having fun. Topics included nutrition, passing, shooting, rebounding, offense, defense, ball handling and dribbling.

The clinic's special guest was Corey Maggette, former NBA player for the Los Angeles Clippers and a current FOX Sports analyst. Maggette not only taught the kids how to play the game, but gave out autographs and took photos with those in attendance.



Locals Enjoy a Night of Dancing at the Jack Crippen Center

Senior citizens throughout the community enjoyed an evening featuring complimentary refreshments, entertainment and mingling while learning more about the services of the Jack Crippen Multipurpose Senior Center during an Open House event.

The event was sponsored by the City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the El Monte Senior Presidents' Council, a nonprofit organization comprised of advocates of the Senior Center who seek to improve the quality of life for older adults residing in the community. The group organizes activities and raises funding to support the Jack Crippen Multipurpose Senior Center. Seniors can sign up to join the El Monte Senior President's Council at the Jack Crippen Multipurpose Senior Center.

Organizers of the event had a chance to showcase new and exciting programs and activities, while those in attendance were given the opportunity to provide ideas and feedback.

The Jack Crippen Multipurpose Senior Center has long been a highly visible and accessible facility where everyone can obtain information and have access to a variety of services ranging from leisure programs, health care, nutrition, legal advice, social services and consumer advocacy. For families, the Center serves as a focal point and resource that supports their efforts in caring for an aging relative or friend.



Pet Health Hits the Road with the El Monte Mobile Pet Clinic

The City will host a low-cost mobile pet clinic for all dog and cat owners who wish to obtain vaccinations, microchips, dental cleaning, lab work and other pet services on April 6, July 6, and October 5 from 6-8 p.m. The clinic will also carry heartworm and flea medication, as well as take requests to perform low-cost spay or neuter surgery at a later date with a scheduled appointment.

The City aims to host additional mobile pet clinics throughout the coming year to help make pet care as convenient as possible, especially for those who may not be able to take their pets to a full-cost veterinary hospital, where preventative pet care services can sometimes cost hundreds of dollars. The low-cost mobile pet clinic provides the community with another option.

Pet owners are encouraged to visit this month's scheduled mobile pet clinic and take advantage of the low-cost, preventative pet care in order to continue to protect their pets.

For additional information, call the City's Animal Control Division at (626) 580-2080 or e-mail animalcontrol@elmonteca.gov.

El Monte Events

Autism Resource Conference

Date & Time

Saturday, Apr. 2
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Location

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

City of El Monte Family Fitness Session

Date & Time

Saturday, Apr. 2 & May 7
8 a.m.

Location

Arceo Park
3125 N. Tyler Ave., El Monte

Mobile Pet Clinic

Date & Time

Wednesday, Apr. 6
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Location

Lambert Park
11431 McGirk St., El Monte

31st Annual Cheerleaders' Jamboree

Date & Time

Saturday, Apr. 16
11 a.m.

Location

Bernie Boomer Gymnasium
Lambert Park
11431 McGirk St., El Monte

City of El Monte/Longo Toyota Joint Earth Day Celebration

Date & Time

Friday, Apr. 22
9 a.m.

Location

Arceo Park
3125 N. Tyler Ave., El Monte

33rd Annual Fiesta of Books

Date & Time

Saturday, May 7
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location

El Monte Community Center
3130 Tyler Ave., El Monte

Memorial Day Ceremony

Date & Time

Monday, May 30
9 a.m.

Location

Arceo Park
3125 N. Tyler Ave., El Monte

El Monte City Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at El Monte City Hall (11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte), unless otherwise noticed.

Is Your Property Code Compliant?



Residents and business owners throughout El Monte are being asked to help maintain and preserve the quality of the city's neighborhoods through compliance of city code standards.

Each week, Neighborhood Services (Code Enforcement) scan for "nuisance violations" that are immediately visible from the streets. When a violation is detected, a red and white sign marked "VIOLATION NOTICE" is placed on the property to help signify a condition that needs to be addressed.

City inspectors are proactively inspecting properties for overgrown vegetation, trash, debris, unused items, inoperable vehicles, graffiti, deteriorated building exteriors, broken fences and other visually offensive violations of the El Monte Municipal Code. Help keep the City of El Monte clean and avoid penalties. To review more common code violations, please visit www.ci.el-monte.ca.us.

To report a violation, please contact Code Enforcement directly at (626) 580-2080 or codeenforcement@elmonteca.gov. Residents may also report online via the City's ELMO system (available on the City's website) or on the "GORrequest" app by Government Outreach.

Join us at the 31st Annual Cheerleaders' Jamboree!

The City, with the help of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, will be hosting its 31st Annual Cheerleader Jamboree on Saturday, April 16 in the Bernie Boomer Gymnasium at Lambert Park at 11 a.m.

The Jamboree will welcome participants from Gibson Mariposa Park, Lambert Park, Mountain View Park, and Zamora Park. Each group will be judged in overall cheerleading ability and in performing a freestyle dance routine. Prizes will include the Sweepstakes Trophy as well as 1st and 2nd Place in Cheer and Freestyle Dance Performances.

The event begins at 11 a.m., and all attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Doors will open at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 580-2200.

The El Monte Pee Wee Cheerleaders recently took part in the Temple City Camelia Parade on Saturday, Feb 27. Join us at the Cheerleader Jamboree on April 16!



El Monte Honors Those Who Served

El Monte will pay tribute to the men, women and families of those who have served our nation and made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom at a Memorial Day Ceremony, held Monday, May 30 at 9 a.m. at Tony Arceo Memorial Park.

At the event, the City Council will present a Memorial Day wreath, an El Monte tradition. The ceremony will also include a tribute to POWs and MIAs, a 21-Gun Salute and a performance of "Taps" as they honor local servicemen and servicewomen of El Monte who have given their lives for our country.



Preview: 33rd Annual Fiesta of Books

El Monte invites all local families to celebrate literacy on Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the 33rd Annual Fiesta of Books, where thousands of books will be given to children. Each child in grades preschool to six will be allowed to choose two new books to take home. Free reading and educational books will be given to teens and adults. Children can also take part in engaging story-telling sessions.

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