



City Manager's Message



With the holidays and end-of-the-year festivities quickly approaching, the City of El Monte is working hard to ensure we continue to move forward - not only individually, but together as a community. By keeping each of you informed about the City's current and future plans, and by continuing to work together, I have no doubt the City of El Monte will continue to thrive as a peaceful and successful community.

As the City Council and City staff continue to keep you informed about City developments, the City initiated its first Quarterly Town Hall Meeting on October 21st at Potrero Elementary School. All City departments and key City officials gathered to meet and answer any questions or concerns from residents. City departments staffed tables, handed out literature, and informed residents about upcoming respective programs and events.

The meeting also included a presentation regarding the current state of our City. We discussed our existing City assets, our proposed plan based on the Vision El Monte, and updates on projects such as the El Monte Gateway and the El Monte MTA Transit Center. We provided specifics and details regarding ways in which we are improving our community and neighborhoods, encouraging business development, and incorporating effective changes to various City departments.

By articulating our strengths as a City, and identifying areas in which we are improving, we ultimately seek to increase accountability and transparency at all levels of City government. We truly believe that the City of El Monte will continue to thrive if all City employees, departments, and residents can build a foundation of mutual trust and cooperation. We hope that last month's town hall meeting, and our future meetings and events, will facilitate this foundation.

Our next Town Hall Meeting will be on Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and will be held at Cherrylee Elementary School (5025 Buffington Road) in the City of El Monte.

We are very excited to celebrate the holidays through various events highlighted here and on our City's website (www.elmonteca.gov) and look forward to seeing you at these events!

Thank you,
René Bobadilla, P.E., City Manager

City of El Monte and Local Agencies Call for An End to State Takeaways at Regional Press Conference

City, County, and State officials gathered at Los Angeles County Fire Station No. 166 on Thursday, October 14, 2010, to send a unifying message to Sacramento: "No more State raids!" State budget takeaways have begun to jeopardize public safety, emergency response, transportation, transit, economic development, jobs, and the general quality of life throughout the San Gabriel Valley, including El Monte.

Eight speakers from various City, County, and State agencies, spoke out regarding the impacts and reductions the State raids have had on the City of El Monte and on other local government entities. The speakers in attendance included Patricia A. Wallach, El Monte Mayor Pro Tem; Lee Baca, Sheriff of Los Angeles County; Michael Bryant, Deputy Fire Chief of Los Angeles County; Tom Armstrong, Police Chief of El Monte Police Department; John Fasana, Metro Board Member; Kevin McDonald, Deputy Director of Foothill Transit; Cynthia Kurtz, President/CEO of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; and Jeff Seymour, Superintendent of the El Monte City School District.

In May of 2010, El Monte's Community Redevelopment Agency was forced to turn over \$2 million to comply with provisions of ABX4-26, a bill passed last year as a part of the state budget.



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CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

Sam's Club Veterans' Day Breakfast

DATE & TIME:
Thursday, November 11
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:
Sam's Club
4901 Santa Anita Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Veterans Day Holiday Celebration

DATE & TIME:
Thursday, November 11
11:00 a.m.

LOCATION:
Front of City Hall East

Rummage Sale to Benefit Emergency Resource Association

DATE & TIME:
Friday, November 12 and
Saturday, November 13
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Home of Laura Arechiga
3210 Merced
El Monte, CA 91731
For more information, please contact Laura Arechiga, Community Services Commissioner, at (626) 422-8017.

Season Flu Vaccine

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, November 16
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
Jack Crippen Multipurpose Senior Center

The bill allowed the State of California to take \$1.7 billion in local redevelopment funding statewide, which pays for local job creation, economic development projects, as well as street improvement projects. The funds were used to help offset state obligations in the 2009-2010 California state budget. An additional \$350 million could be taken from this year's budget as well.

Fire Station No. 167 Reopens After Year of Closed Doors

Los Angeles County Fire Station No. 167 celebrated its re-opening on October 27, 2010, in the City of El Monte. The fire station was re-opened due, in part, to a federal stimulus grant provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Several City officials were in attendance, including Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman.



The fire station was shut-down in August of last year in an effort to close the City's budget deficit. The \$3.6 million grant, approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in August of this year, will pay for the salaries of nine firefighters who will man the station for a period of two years. The remaining operational costs will be covered by the City.

Although the three other El Monte fire stations have been able to respond to medical emergencies and fires within acceptable times, the reopening of Fire Station No. 167 will improve emergency response times.



3120 N. Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731
For more information, call (626) 580-2210

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber Mixer

DATE & TIME:
Wednesday, November 17
5:30 p.m.
LOCATION:
Citizens Business Bank
9754 East Rush Street
South El Monte, CA 91733

City of El Monte Community Services Department 39th Annual Holiday House

DATE & TIME:
Saturday, December 4
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION:
El Monte Community Center
3130 N. Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council

DATE & TIME:
Monday, December 13
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION:
El Monte City Hall Council Chambers
For more information: visit website at metro.net

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Annual Teddy Bear Mixer

DATE & TIME:
Wednesday, December 15
5:30 p.m.
LOCATION:
El Monte Community Center
3130 N. Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

56th Annual Miss Friendly El Monte/South El Monte "I Love the 80's" Pageant

DATE & TIME:
Saturday, December 18
5:00 p.m.
LOCATION:
South El Monte Senior Center
1556 Central Avenue
South El Monte, CA 91733

City of El Monte Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

DATE & TIME:
Thursday, January 20, 2011
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION:
Cherrylee Elementary School
5025 Buffington Road
El Monte, CA 91731

2011 El Monte Homeless Count

DATE & TIME:
Tuesday, January 25, 2011
8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
LOCATION:
Jack Crippen Multipurpose Senior Center
3120 Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731
Looking for Volunteers! If interested, please call (626) 580-2001

El Monte Foreclosure Prevention Workshop

DATE & TIME:
Saturday, January 29, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION:

El Monte Hosts 17th Annual Children's Day Parade

The City of El Monte celebrated its 17th Annual Children's Day Parade titled, "We are the Children" and ended the Parade with a Festival on Saturday, October 16, 2010.. After a year hiatus, this year's parade and festivities were marshaled by Councilwoman Emily Ishigaki and El Monte City School District Superintendent Jeff Seymour.



"Our children are the most important residents in our community because they represent our future," said Superintendent Seymour. "When we take moments like these, on days like today, to cherish our children, to celebrate them, and to have fun with

them, we remind ourselves that their well-being is our number one priority. Their happiness, safety, and achievements today are our successes tomorrow."

The parade began at Valley Mall and traveled south on Tyler Avenue, ending at Arceo Park, where the festival activities took place. Festival activities began at 11a.m. and ran until 2 p.m. The parade's special guests included Grand Marshal Ronald McDonald, Smokey Bear, and Chinese Lions & Dragon. The Distinguished Schools Grand Marshals included: New Temple with Principal John Gannon, and Dean L. Shively with Principal Lynn Bulgin. Grand Marshals also included Dean L. Shively Pep Squad with Director Rosio Flores, and the El Monte American Junior Western Region Champions Baseball Team with Directors Teresa Farfan, Sergio Juarez, Antonio Ruiz, and Armando Verdugo. Many of the City's local school bands, cheerleaders, drill teams, and folkloric dancers were a part of the parade and festival as well.

There was a ferris wheel, an obstacle course, a giant slide, airplane and train rides, as well as food, arts and craft vendors, and informational booths. The festival also included a DJ, puppet show, and a scooter and pumpkin give-away.



Grace T. Black Auditorium
3130 Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731
For more information, please call (626) 580-2001

If you would like to promote an upcoming event on our calendar, please email llopez@elmonteca.gov.

City of El Monte Holds Patient Empowering Workshop

The City of El Monte, in partnership with the California Commission on Aging, Center for Civic Partnerships and the Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services, held a one-day patient empowerment advocacy workshop entitled *2010: A New Year for Defining the Pitfalls and Overcoming the Hurdles in Senior Health Care* on October 22, 2010, at the El Monte Community Center.

The purpose of the workshop was to familiarize caregivers, health care providers, and social service advocates with the network of programs with an advocacy component meant to help patients navigate through a complicated system in accessing healthcare.

Congresswoman Judy Chu, 32nd District, U.S. House of Representatives for California, Assemblyman Mike Eng, 49th District, Member of the California State Assembly Committees on Health, and David Sayen, Regional Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services, were keynote speakers.

The workshop also included two panels in which attendees were able to hear issues and solutions specific to each agency's mission toward patient empowerment. The first panel included representatives from California Association for Health Plans, Direct Care Private Practice Internal and Geriatric Medicine, and Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Family Caregiver Project. The second panel included representatives from the Center for Health Care Rights, St. Barnabas Senior Services, and the Office of the Patient Advocate.

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