



City Manager's Message



As we wrap up our summer fun, and embrace the fall season, I want to take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we have been over the past month in the City of El Monte. As we all know, the economy has brought hardships on many in our community; residents have lost jobs and many are struggling to make ends meet during these difficult financial times. In order to combat these struggles, City officials and volunteers teamed up to host El Monte's first job fair on September 4. With more than 3,000 participants and 42 employers in attendance, the job fair proved to be a successful event for our City. Not only were residents able to submit resumes and applications, and meet potential employers, they were also able to attend resume-building workshops and receive feedback on how to conduct themselves in interviews. There is still much more to be done for our unemployed, but I am very pleased with the effort our City has undertaken to find active solutions in this unforgiving economy.

Our City also hosted two "groundbreaking" ceremonies in the month of September. The first being the Metro Transit Station - the \$45 million, two-level transit center that will provide a direct connection to the I-10 El Monte Busway into Downtown Los Angeles. The facility will use state-of-the-art energy efficient and sustainable building methods, and will generate more than 350 construction-related jobs. The California Department of Motor Vehicles also broke ground this month for their energy-efficient LEED Silver Status office building. Both projects not only bring jobs and business to our City, but are in line with our vision of environmentally-friendly and responsible growth.

We are also pleased to announce that Thursday, October 21st, marks the start of our City of El Monte Quarterly Town Hall Meetings, with this first meeting held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The location of the first Town Hall Meeting will be posted on our website. At these meetings, residents will be able to hear presentations from myself, as well as from various City departments, and will be able to participate in question-and-answer sessions following such presentations. We are very excited about these meetings because it allows us to hear feedback directly from you, our residents. This feedback is vital to ensure that we not only hear your voices, but can work with each of you to continue to make the City of El Monte a safe and enjoyable place to live.

It is these wonderfully promising opportunities, as well as the many others that our City has encountered over the past month, that truly highlight the dedication and commitment we have to keep our City thriving. Whether it is through providing new jobs, our Red Cross-sponsored blood drive, or the back-to-school shopping spree sponsored by Staples and the Dodgers Dream Foundation, we are working hard to continue to provide opportunities for each of you, and will continue to do so.

I believe our fall season, and upcoming holiday season, will be just as fruitful as these past few weeks have been, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events, dates and times of which will be posted on our website.

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

State Controller John Chiang hosts seminars for El Monte seniors

In August, State Controller John Chiang visited the City of El Monte and sponsored a series of seminars to offer free financial assistance to El Monte seniors. With the help of AltaMed Adult Day Health Center, the City of El Monte, Congresswoman Judy Chu, and a large group of volunteer and community non-profit associations, the seminars provided seniors with tips on how to avoid fraud and financial scams. The seminars also sought to help seniors locate unclaimed property, and understand recent developments in medical care and social security.

Historically, in tough economic climates, the tendency to defraud and take advantage of seniors increases. These financial assistance programs work to keep El Monte seniors informed about how to protect themselves and their assets.

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CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

First 5 LA Regional Informational Meeting

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, October 12

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Grace Black Auditorium

3130 N. Tyler Avenue

El Monte, CA 91731

San Gabriel Valley State of the Region Press Conference

DATE & TIME:

Thursday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Los Angeles County Fire Station
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3615 Santa Anita Avenue

El Monte, CA 91731

Five Points Rotary Club of El Monte Annual Spaghetti Dinner

DATE & TIME:

Thursday, October 14

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Grace Black Auditorium

3130 N. Tyler Avenue

El Monte, CA 91731

Children's Day Parade



As the State's chief fiscal officer, Controller Chiang has fought to make the State's finances more transparent and accountable to the public, and to weed out waste, fraud and abuse of public funds. As a result, Controller Chiang offers free tax assistance and seminars to help small businesses and families plan their financial futures throughout California. These programs and seminars are part of his goal to ensure that our financially healthy State includes financially healthy and informed residents.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can coordinate a seminar, please contact the State Controller's office at 213-833-6010.

City Manager

gives keynote speech

City Manager René Bobadilla recently presented his Vision of El Monte speech on Sunday, September 19, as keynote speaker of the El Monte Historical Society's bi-monthly meeting. His address highlighted the city's goal to improve the community by providing jobs and capitalizing on State and federal funds to promote a thriving and innovative city of which residents can be proud.

Bobadilla stressed the importance of making residents aware of all the resources El Monte, the third largest city in the San Gabriel Valley, has to offer. He also addressed the development and improvement of public transportation in El Monte by way of the El Monte Gateway, the new Metro Station, and various other projects. These developments, he noted, are not only going to create jobs and opportunities for El Monte residents, but will further the City's vision in creating green jobs.

Bobadilla also discussed the City's dedication to improving and maintaining educational goals. One such goal is to continue consolidating efforts between the City and the El Monte Unified School District (EMUSD). This cooperation will increase opportunities for City youth to receive a high-quality education, as well as resident awareness of such opportunities. The El Monte Union Pledge Compact - a partnership between EMUSD, Rio Hondo Community College and the University of California, Irvine - highlights the efforts the City has participated in to create a seamless pipeline from high school to college and university for local students.

Also discussed were the City's current infrastructure improvements, which are being made possible from federal grants designated to fix sewer lines, storm drains, city streets, and create more park space. Such improvements will enhance the City's general appearance. Bobadilla also addressed the goal of the Finance Department to maintain transparency, as well as accountability, by making City employee salaries and benefits available to the public.

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, October 16, 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION:

Parade kickoff is at the corner of Valley Mall and Tyler and travels south to Arceo Park. Festival begins at Arceo Park (3125 Tyler Avenue) at 2 p.m.

El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Monthly Mixer (Halloween theme - join the fun, wear a costume!)

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

11900 Ramona Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91732
\$5.00 per member
\$10 per non-member

City of El Monte Town Hall Meeting

DATE & TIME:

Thursday, October 21
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Will be posted on City website

2010: A New Year of Defining the Pitfalls and Overcoming the Hurdles in Senior Health Care Workshop

DATE & TIME:

Friday, October 22
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

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

Los Angeles County Fire Station 167 Reopening

DATE & TIME:

Wednesday, October 27, 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION:

11567 Bryant Road
El Monte, CA 91732

El Monte Public Library

3224 N. Tyler Ave.
El Monte, CA 91731

Family Story

DATE & TIME:

Tuesdays, Now through
December 14, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Teen Wednesdays

(Ages 12-18)

DATE & TIME:

Now through December 15,
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

For more information call
(626) 444-9506

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

Lieutenant Santos Hernandez is recognized by El Monte Councilmembers



Front row, from left to right: James Enriquez (Director, Public Works Dept.), René Bobadilla (City Manager), Julio Morales (Director, Finance Dept.), Steve Shuster (Assistant Chief of Police), Minh Thai (Interim Director, Community Development Dept.)

During the last City Council meeting on October 5, 2010, the City Manager's Office together with the entire City Council recognized Lieutenant Santos Hernandez of the El Monte Police Department for the tremendous impact that his work has had in our community.



Lieutenant Santos Hernandez is in charge of the El Monte Investigative Services Division

and throughout the years has volunteered countless hours to help underprivileged members of our community. His outstanding performance is a testimony to the commitment that the El Monte Police Department has to all the residents of our city.

Assemblymember

Mike Eng celebrates Latino Heritage Month

On Thursday, September 30, 2010, Assemblymember Mike Eng of the 49th Assembly District recognized outstanding Latino business community members in honor of Latino Heritage Month at the Garvey Community Center in the City of Rosemead. Assemblymember Eng recognized exceptional Latinos/Latinas who exemplify, portray leadership and are actively involved within their community. Those that were honored reside, work, or provide service to the residents of the 49th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Alhambra, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, and South El Monte.



The honorees for the "Friendly City of El Monte" were Enrique Gomez and Joe Perez, owners of El Patio Bar and Grill Restaurant. This exceptional restaurant gives back to its community by donating food and resources to El Monte.

City of El Monte Extends Walmart Development

The City of El Monte further extended its contract with developer Festival-Capri in hopes of reaching an agreement regarding a property considered for a Walmart store. The property, a 10-acre site located at the northeast corner of Valley Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue, is owned by both the City and the Festival-Capri. Though the City Council, acting as the City's redevelopment agency, has voted to extend negotiations to develop the site previously this year, the City feels they are closer than before to reaching an agreement.

Rideshare Week

in City of El Monte

Residents of the City of El Monte recently helped relieve congested streets, improve air quality and save energy thanks to their participation in the City's Annual Rideshare Week. Throughout the week, residents arranged rideshare modes to and from work, saving significant energy and road space throughout El Monte.

Once an agreement has been reached, public hearings will be held for public comment and review. That process could begin by late October. If the project does get Council approval, it would take approximately two years to complete and open the store.



Winner Rich Williams won a roadside emergency assistance kit

As an added incentive to residents, those who pledged to skip the solo commute at least one day during Rideshare Week, and fulfilled that pledge, received a \$5 gift certificate.

A kickoff event to celebrate Rideshare Week was held September 29 at City Hall. Close to 100 city employees, as well as other city residents, were invited to enjoy free Nachos, cold beverages and to learn about El Monte's many rideshare program options and incentives available to them. The event also featured a raffle. Prizes included two Dodger tickets, a roadside emergency assistance kit, and additional raffle winners received gift cards for In-N-Out, Subway, Jamba Juice and El Pollo Loco.

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