



City of EL MONTE

FALL 2016

El Monte's Kim Rhode Claims Victory at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio



El Monte congratulates Kim Rhode on winning the bronze medal in skeet shooting at the Rio 2016 Olympics, making her the first Olympian to win a medal on five different continents and the first Summer Olympian to win an individual medal at six consecutive summer games.

Rhode attended Cherrylee Elementary, Durfee Junior High and Arroyo High School in El Monte (Class of 1997). She began skeet shooting at 10 years old and went on to win the world championship at age 13. Rhode won her first gold medal in double trap at the 1996 Atlanta Games. To date she holds three gold, one silver and two bronze medals.



Come Join the Fun at the
22nd Annual Emily Ishigaki

CHILDREN'S DAY PARADE
and
Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Children's Day Parade starts at 10:15 AM

Join the residents of El Monte as we celebrate our children at the 22nd annual Children's Day Parade and Harvest Festival! Enjoy a community parade, rides, bouncers, a petting zoo, delicious food, pumpkin carving contest, giveaways and much more! The parade will begin at the intersection of Valley Mall and Tyler Ave at 10:15 a.m. and will travel south and end at Arceo Park, 3125 Tyler Ave. The Harvest Festival will commence at 10:30 a.m. and run until 1:30 p.m.



Mark Your Calendars



Trunk or Treat & Haunted Spooktacular

El Monte Community Center (in front)
3130 Tyler Ave.
Thursday, Oct. 27
5-8:30 p.m.



Veterans Day Celebration

Arceo Park
3125 N. Tyler Ave.
Friday, Nov. 11
9 a.m.



The Nutcracker Ballet

Ballet performance featuring 70 dancers from U.S., Mexico and Cuba
El Monte High School Auditorium
3048 Tyler Ave.
Sunday, Dec. 11
1 and 4 p.m.

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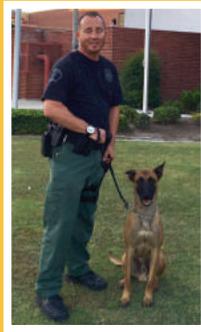


Introducing “Rico” the new Police Dog

The El Monte Police Department officially welcomed aboard its newest K-9 officer, Rico, to the police force on Aug. 16 during a presentation at the City Council meeting.

Rico, an 18-month-old Malinois from the Czech Republic, completed his training at Adlerhorst International, Inc. in Jurupa Valley. El Monte officers selected Rico for his skills and high ranking over other police service-trained dogs.

He will serve as an apprehension search dog under the supervision and handling of Officer Adam Girgle, with whom he lives and trains. Together, the pair will patrol and work 12-hour shifts three days per week and will be on call for emergency situations.



El Monte on the Move! New Transit Buses Offer Convenience, Comfort and Efficiency

El Monte demonstrated its commitment to community access at the debut of its seven new transit buses during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 23 at the El Monte Metrolink Station.

The clean-burning compressed natural gas transit buses began service Aug. 1 for a fare of 50 cents. They provide local transit service Monday – Saturday within El Monte’s five color-coded routes (Red, Blue, Yellow, Green and Orange). The new buses offer a more comfortable and eco-friendly ride and replace the previous buses, which were in service since 2004.

The 32 foot El Dorado National EZ Rider II transit buses seat 29 passengers, accommodate two wheelchairs and have room for additional passengers to stand. The City funded the \$2.78 million buses through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s 2013 Call for Projects and Prop A and C Local Return funds.



El Monte Celebrates Groundbreaking of Rowland Gardens, New 71 Unit Condos



After a decade of planning and development, officials from the City of El Monte and Shining Rowland Company, LLC joined together in a Sept. 15 ceremony to break ground on Rowland Gardens, a new 71-unit luxury residential complex that will feature a rooftop garden and children’s playgrounds.

Occupying a 3-acre lot on Rowland Avenue between Valley Boulevard and Bessie Avenue, Rowland Gardens will feature five two-story Spanish-style townhomes, 16 three-story contemporary-style townhomes and 50 contemporary-style three-story condos over a two-level basement garage.

The homes will range from the mid \$400,000s to the mid \$500,000s and are expected to be available beginning late 2017.

Free Job Fair Connects Community to Full-Time Employment Opportunities

Job seekers from far and near made their way through the doors of the Grace T. Black Auditorium on June 17 in search of employment from more than 50 companies at the City of El Monte’s annual Free Job Fair.

Men and women of diverse ages and backgrounds took advantage of full and part-time job openings from such companies as UPS, FedEx, Amtrak, Caltrans, San Gabriel Valley Water Co., U. S. Postal Service, California Highway Patrol and dozens more.

As one of the largest job fairs in the San Gabriel Valley, the event offered opportunities to work in customer service, sales, retail, manufacturing, administration, accounting, law enforcement and more. More than 50 job seekers landed jobs as a direct result of the fair.



Back to School Fair Provides 1,500 Children With Backpacks and Supplies for New School Year

Children preparing for the new school year got a head start with new backpacks, supplies and haircuts at El Monte’s fifth annual Back to School Resource Fair on Aug. 20 at the El Monte Valley Mall.

K-12 students were greeted at the entrance with their choice of blue, green, red or black backpacks that they strapped to their chests as they made their way down the Valley Mall. Children stuffed their backpacks with notebooks, pencils, crayons, rulers, erasers, books and water bottles offered by dozens of sponsors and volunteers.



City Plans First Major Sewer Improvement Project

The City of El Monte will undertake a sewer improvement project along Johnson Avenue, Valley Boulevard, and Ramona Boulevard to Tyler Avenue starting in October and ending in January 2017. The existing 8-inch sewer pipe will be replaced with a 12-inch pipe to increase its hydraulic capacity and prevent chronic pipe back-ups. Most of the construction will be done at night to minimize traffic disruption. During construction, there will be some detours and one lane of travel in certain sections. Questions can be directed to Richard Ruyle at 626-580-2034.

El Monte Police Department Implements Service Area Policing Model

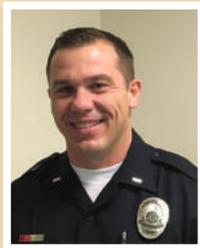
The El Monte Police Department is implementing a new community policing strategy that assigns patrol lieutenants to four geographical areas, affording neighborhoods the opportunity to engage closely with an assigned officer to address needs and concerns.

A map of the four service areas is posted at <http://www.ci.el-monte.ca.us/Government/Police.aspx>, allowing residents to identify whether they live in Area 1, 2, 3, or 4. Lieutenants, also known as service area commanders, will provide residents and business owners within each area a department email address so they can be held accountable to community inquiries.

The four service area commanders are: Lt. Richard Cassetta, Area 1; Lt. Ben Lowry, Area 2; Lt. Ernie Cramer, Area 3; and Lt. Peter Rasic, Area 4. Residents can email their respective Lieutenant at Area1@EMPD.org, Area2@EMPD.org, Area3@EMPD.org, or Area4@EMPD.org.



Lt. Richard Cassetta



Lt. Ben Lowry



Lt. Peter Rasic



Lt. Ernie Cramer

Bulky Item Disposals

City of El Monte reminds residents to properly dispose of their bulky items by calling Valley Vista Services at 626-336-5439 to schedule a pick-up. Avoid receiving a citation, as the first offense is \$200, second \$500 and third \$1,000. Bulky items include washers, dryers, refrigerators, furniture and other large household items. **The next opportunity to participate in a Bulky Item collection event is Nov. 5 at the City Yard, 3990 Arden Drive.**



Prevent West Nile Virus

The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) has listed El Monte as one of 11 cities in the San Gabriel Valley where samples of mosquitos infected with West Nile Virus have been collected. Please remove all standing water on your property to prevent mosquito production. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water such as neglected pools, buckets, puddles, and ponds. Mosquitos are most active between dusk and dawn. Remember to wear insect repellent.



El Monte Events

City Council and Successor Agency Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month

Time

7 p.m.

Location:

City Hall

11333 Valley Blvd.

Children's Day Parade & Harvest Festival

Date & Time:

Saturday, Oct. 15

10:15 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Location:

Arceo Park

3125 Tyler Ave.

Trunk or Treat/Spooktacular

Date & Time:

Thursday, Oct. 27

5–8:30 p.m.

Location:

El Monte Community Center

3130 N. Tyler Ave.

Bulky Item Collection

Date & Time:

Saturday, Nov. 5

8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Location:

City Yard

3990 Arden Drive

Community Presentations

Date & Time:

Wednesday, Nov. 9

6 p.m.

Location:

El Monte Community Center

3130 N. Tyler Ave.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Date & Time:

Friday, Nov. 11

9 a.m.

Location:

Tony Arceo Memorial Park

3125 N. Tyler Ave.

Holiday House

Date & Time:

Friday, Dec. 2 (Open House)

6–9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3

9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Location:

El Monte Community Center

3130 N. Tyler Ave.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Date & Time:

Sunday, Dec. 11

1 and 4 p.m.

Location:

El Monte High

School Auditorium

3048 Tyler Ave.



Santa Claus is Coming to El Monte

Santa Claus and his merry band of elves are coming to town for the City of El Monte’s annual Santa Float, Dec. 5–20. Santa and his cheerful helpers will tour numerous neighborhoods and stop at local parks to visit with neighborhood children and pose for photographs given as Christmas keepsakes. Routes, times, and stops will be announced soon. Check Facebook.com/cityofelmonte for updates.

Celebrate the Season at the 45th Annual Holiday House

The El Monte Community Center will be transformed into a Holiday Winter Wonderland as El Monte brings the community together to kick off the holiday season at the 45th annual Holiday House. The Grand Opening event takes place Friday, Dec. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. and the fun continues Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bring your children to “Santa’s Workshop,” which will feature Christmas carolers, contests, games, prizes and pictures with the one and only Santa Claus. Other day-of festivities include holiday craft and food vendors, free arts and crafts, Gingerbread House Contest and multiple food and boutique vendors. The Holiday House is free for the whole family.

34th Annual Christmas Basket & Toy Giveaway

El Monte’s 34th annual Christmas Basket and Toy Giveaway will again make the holidays a little brighter for families in need. Families are encouraged to sign up with a liaison at their child’s school. Those who would like to donate or volunteer to assemble the baskets should call 626-580-2186. Baskets will be assembled on Dec. 22 at Madrid Middle School, 3300 Gilman Rd.



Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Hosts Holiday Activities in the Park

Families are invited to join in a variety of fun holiday activities that will be held Dec. 26 to 29 and Jan. 2 to 6 at Gibson Mariposa Park, Lambert Park, Mt. View Park and Zamora Park. Activities will include games, a field trip, treasure hunt, arts & crafts, kickball, basketball, soccer and much more. Park supervision will be provided between 1 and 5 p.m. on activity dates and program offerings will be held between 1:15 and 4:45 p.m. Please call the Parks & Recreation Office for additional information at 626-580-2200.

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