



City Manager's Message



As many of you know, one of the City Council's main goals this year is to facilitate economic development, which includes job creation and business recruitment. The City Council and the City's creative and experienced Management Team has been instrumental in addressing such priorities. In addition to the successful Win Hyundai job recruitment event, City officials have also worked hard to develop current property into business prospects, which will translate into jobs for residents.

The City Council, City staff, and the Wayne C. Clayton Foundation have also recently undertaken creative measures to bring community services to the City. After more than a decade's absence, Dukes Baseball Clinic was revived in El Monte—a direct example of how committed community members are to our youth and our future. The City has also recently benefited from resourceful City housing program developments, such as the Bonwood Apartment Rehabilitation Project and the Foreclosure Prevention Workshop, co-sponsored by Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County.

As the year unfolds, and as we continue to progress, we encourage each of you stay involved and active in community events. Our website (www.elmonteca.gov) lists all upcoming events, including information about the two groundbreaking ceremonies we will be celebrating this month. The long-awaited Gibson Mariposa Park will begin construction this month, as will the Garvey Court Project.

Sincerely,

René Bobadilla, City Manager, P.E.

CITY COUNCIL

André Quintero
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Councilman

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Councilwoman

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**City of El Monte Community &
Senior Service Division &**

El Monte and the Rio Hondo Community Development Corporation Hold Bonwood Affordable Housing Dedication Ceremony



The City of El Monte and the Rio Hondo Community Development Corporation celebrated the completion of the Bonwood Affordable Rental Housing Project with a dedication ceremony of four newly renovated rental residences on January 11, 2011.

"The renovation of the apartment building will not only provide homes for eligible families today," said Mayor André Quintero, "but will continue to provide an affordable housing opportunity for many years to come. We are especially grateful for the efforts City staff has put into this project, as well as all the other agencies that have been instrumental in providing funding and support for this neighborhood stabilization initiative."

The Bonwood Project, located at 11154 Bonwood Road in El Monte, has involved the substantial rehabilitation of four apartment residences within a once abandoned and mortgage-f oreclosed apartment building. The rehabilitation included new roofing, new energy efficient windows, upgraded plumbing and electrical, asbestos removal, new central heating and air, as well as new appliances and fixtures throughout the units.

Three of the four residences are reserved for families at or below 60-percent of area median income and the fourth residence is reserved for a family at or below 80-percent of area median income. Two of the units are currently occupied by existing residents.

This important neighborhood stabilization project was made possible through funding provided by the City of El Monte, State of California Department of Housing and Communication Development, Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and Rio Hondo Community Development Corporation.

Congresswoman Judy Chu's Office Free Income Tax Assistance

Date & Time:

Thursday, February 3 –
Thursday, April 14
Every Thursday, by Appointment Only

Location:

Jack Crippen Multipurpose Senior
Center
3120 N. Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

Date & Time:

Tuesday, February 15
5:00 p.m.

Location:

Council Chambers, City Hall
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91731

City Council Meeting

Date & Time:

Tuesday, February 15
6:30 p.m.

Location:

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High Speed Train, Los Angeles- San Diego, City Council Briefing

Date & Time:

Tuesday, February 15
6:30 p.m.

Location:

City Hall, Council Chambers
11333 Valley Boulevard
El Monte, CA. 91731

For More Information, Please Contact
Genoveva L. Arellano at (909) 627-
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Groundbreaking Ceremony for Garvey Court Project

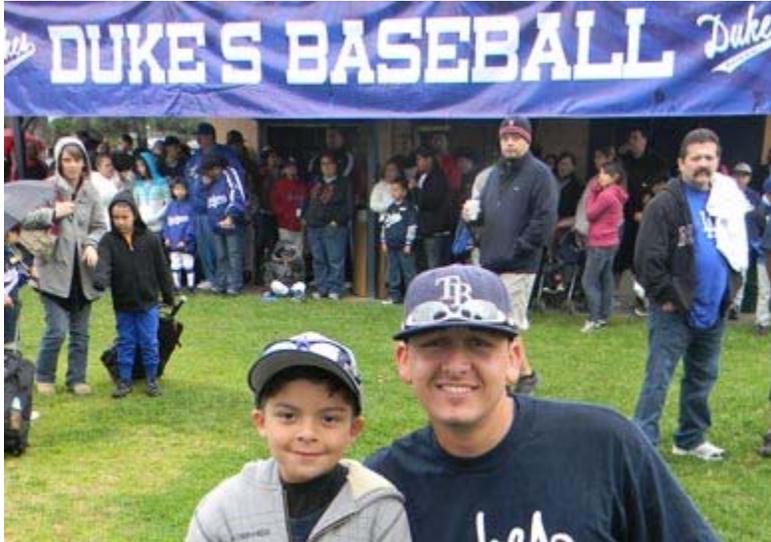
Date & Time:

Wednesday, February 16
10:00 a.m.

Location:

10117 E. Garvey Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

El Monte Teams Up with Local Organizations to Revive Dukes Baseball Clinic



A long time staple in the El Monte Community, the Dukes Baseball Clinic returned to the City of El Monte this year after an 11-year hiatus. Revived by sponsorships from the Wayne C. Clayton Foundation, the El Monte Kiwa nis Club, and Pama Managem nt, the Dukes Baseball Clinic was held on January 30, at New Temple Park in South El Monte for youths between the ages of 6 and 13 years old.

“Dukes Baseball has been a longstanding tradition in the City of El Monte and it is wonderful to see that tradition back, alive and well today, nurturing our newest generation of youngsters,” said Councilwoman and Treasurer of the Wayne C. Clayton Foundation Emily Ishigaki. “The children of our community have an abundance of potential and events like the Dukes Baseball Clinic will help them to reach that potential,” she continued.

Led by the President of the Wayne C. Clayton Foundation and former Chief of the El Monte Police Department, Ken Weldon, the one-day clinic provided instruction on hitting, pitching, fielding, speed and quickness. And as a special treat for participants this year, Fernando Valenzuela, former pitcher of the Los Angeles Dodgers wa s in attendance. The clinic wa s also attended by City Manager René Bobadilla, former Dukes player and coach, and El Monte Police Detective Larry Fry, former Dukes coach.

The clinic originated in 1990 and held a nually until 2000 when it was inactive due to budget constraints. This year’s clinic was attended by more than 300 youths, each of whom received lunch, a t-shirt, and an autograph from Fernand o Valenzuela.

Other special guests included: Richard



El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce Mixer Hosted by Hope House Children’s Facility

Date & Time:
Wednesday, February 16
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location:
Hope House Children’s Facility
4215 N. Peck Road
El Monte, CA 91731

El Monte Women’s Club Annual Scholarship Dinner

Date & Time:
Thursday, February 17
6:00 p.m.

Location:
Grace T. Black Auditorium
3130 N. Tyler Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Relay for Life of El Monte/ South El Monte

Date & Time:
Planning Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 22
6:00 p.m.

Location:
Moose Lodge
4249 N. Peck Road
El Monte, CA 91731

For More Information, Call Jeanette:
(562) 201-2642

Parkview Elementary 33rd Annual Americanism Parade

Date & Time:
Wednesday, February 23
1:00 p.m.

Location:
12044 Elliott Street
El Monte, CA 91731

Gibson Mariposa Groundbreaking Ceremony

Date & Time:
Thursday, February 24
10:00 a.m – Social
10:30 a.m – Ceremony

Location:
4140 Gibson Road
El Monte, CA 91731

Rodriguez, former MLB pitcher and owner of MVP Baseball Academy; Gabe Alvarez, former MLB-baseball player, All-American at USC, and current USC baseball coach; Keven Kempton, former Cal State Northridge pitcher and owner of Kempton Sports; Rick Magdaleno of the Cincinnati Reds; Ted Persell, former player at Cal State Fullerton and current head coach of Alta Loma High School; Jerry Urias of Temple University and owner of Urias Speed Camp; and Sergio Brown, former player and coach at Cal State Fullerton.

El Monte Mayor and City Council Join Residents to Walk for Health



The El Monte Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department hosted a "Walk for Health with the Mayor and City Council" on Saturday, January 22, at Fletcher Park. Mayor André Quintero, Councilman Juventino "J" Gomez, Councilwoman Emily Ishigaki, Commissioner Laura Arechiga, and Commissioner Richard Garner led the 2.5-mile walk from Fletcher Park to Lashbrook Park and back. Approximately 100 community residents were in attendance.

The event was made possible through the City's Health and Wellness Initiative, funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, a program which was launched in 2008 to provide healthy eating and active living opportunities for community residents. The Healthy El Monte Walking Club, which seeks to provide a safe and social environment at City parks where residents can obtain their daily physical activity, also helped facilitate the Walk for Health.

During the event, the Rails to Trails Conservancy promoted their Emerald Necklace Trails "Rx for Health" Program, which is funded by the California Community Foundation, and provided materials to encourage El Monte children to utilize the Emerald Necklace Park Network for regular exercise. The San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps also attended to help with event set-up, and collecting, as well as promoting of recycling. Water, fruit, and granola bars were provided courtesy of the Senior Presidents' Council.

To sign up for the El Monte Walking Club or to find out more information regarding the City's health programs, visit www.elmonteca.gov or www.healthyelmonte.com. Residents may also call the Community and Senior Services Division at (626) 580-2210 with any questions or for current event locations and times.

Baby Bros. Pizza Company Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Date & Time:

Monday, February 28
11:30 a.m.

Location:

11007 Lower Azusa Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

Date & Time:

Tuesday, March 1
5:00 pm.

Location:

Council Chambers, City Hall
11333 Valley Blvd.
El Monte, CA 91731

City Council Meeting

Date & Time:

Tuesday, March 1
6:30 p.m.

Location:

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Relay for Life of El Monte/ South El Monte

DATE & TIME:

Planning Committee Meeting
March 8, 6:00 p.m.

Team Meeting

March 8, 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Moose Lodge
4249 N. Peck Road
El Monte, CA 91731

For More Information, Call Jeanette:
(562) 201-2642

Chief Emeritus Wayne C. Clayton Foundation "Mardi Gras" Fundraiser Dinner

Date & Time:

Thursday, March 10
6:00 p.m.

Location:

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

El Monte Police Department and Professional Institute of Beauty Sponsor Women of Walden House Make-Over



For approximately five years, the El Monte Police Department (EMPD) has reached out to connect with a group of women who are often forgotten. These women are from the Walden House, located at 12423 Dahlia Avenue in El Monte. These women are paroled from prison, live at the facility, and most literally arrive with nothing more than what is on their backs and in their pockets. Claudia Macias, Director at the Walden House, does all possible to help assimilate these women back into society, and also coordinates the annual EMPD Christmas gift donation.

During the Christmas holiday, the men and women from the El Monte Police Department raised funds to pay for items for the women. This year, a 37" flat screen television, Claim Jumper "Mother-load" chocolate cake, various toys, and Starbucks and Walmart cards were donated to the Walden House. In addition to these gifts, the women of the Walden House also received a special New Year treat.

On Thursday, January 6, Maria Quiñonez, owner of the Professional Institute of Beauty, located at 10801 E. Valley Mall in El Monte, closed her business to the public and opened her doors to the women of the Walden House. Quiñonez had her students provide manicures, pedicures, and hair up-dos for approximately 55 women, most of which had never experienced such salon treatment. As such, the women felt very grateful and enjoyed their day of being pampered.

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Date & Time:

Tuesday, April 5
5:00 pm.

Location:

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City Council Meeting

Date & Time:

Tuesday, April 5
6:30 p.m.

Location:

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File Your Taxes for Free!

Date & Time:

Thursdays: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location:

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
9354 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, CA 91731

Appointment required. Please call:
(626) 307-3641 or (800) 433-6251

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

