

Israel Alacio, Commissioner
George Anguiano, Commissioner
Robert Becerra, Commissioner
Cindy Nguyen, Commissioner
Denise Silva, Commissioner
Hortencia Vasquez, Commissioner



Ariana De La Cruz,
Commission Secretary

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

AGENDA

March 11, 2025, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

PUBLIC COMMENT

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MEETINGS

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Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager/Commission Secretary
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1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Alacio, Anguiano, Becerra, Nguyen, Silva, and Vasquez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Alacio

3. PRESENTATIONS – None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of the Community Services Commission, this is the time to notify the public of any changes to the agenda, remove items from consent calendar for individual consideration and/or rearrange the order of the agenda.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers may provide public comments on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Community Services Commission, including items on the agenda. Each speaker may speak up to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Community Services Commission objects, the Chair may provide speakers more or less time to speak. All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Commission as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the Commission shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and customary and are enacted by a single motion with the exception of items previously removed by a member of the Community Services Commission during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

6a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the November 5, 2024, Regular Community Services Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the November 5, 2024, Regular Community Services Commission meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Community Services Commission will nominate and select the Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on January 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission nominate and select Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on January 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

7b. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION INPUT TO ENHANCE UPCOMING CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

The 2025 Special Events Calendar offers an opportunity for the Community Services Commission to take a more active role in the planning of community events and promote awareness in all matters pertaining to the City's recreation programs, senior services, and special events.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss the engagement opportunities at upcoming city events and provide recommendations to staff to enhance each respective event.

7c. FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

The City of South El Monte will be hosting Flags of Valor, a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen military personnel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback to enhance the event.

7d. COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Staff will provide an update on Community Services Programming.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission receive and file the report.

8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

AB 1234 requires that commission members must briefly report, orally or in writing, on meetings/events attended at City expense (for example, luncheons, city special

events, conferences, etc.) at the Community Services Commission meeting following the meeting/event.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

I Ariana De La Cruz hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted not less than 72 hours at the following locations: City of South El Monte City Hall, Senior Center and Community Center and made available at www.cityofsouthelmonte.org on this 6th day of March 2025.


Secretary



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6.a.

DATE: March 11, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Community Services Commission

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for November 5, 2024, Regular Community Services Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the November 5, 2024, Regular Community Services Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT November 5, 2024 Minutes

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California 91733

Chair Alacio called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Diaz, Vasquez, and Chair Alacio
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Aguilar

STAFF PRESENT: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGGIACE

Chair Alacio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATION – None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez to approve the agenda. Motion passed **3-0-1**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Diaz, Vasquez, and Chair Alacio
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Aguilar

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Alacio opened public comments, there being none Chair Alacio closed public comment.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed **3-0-1**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Diaz, Vasquez, and Chair Alacio
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Aguilar

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Perez provided the September and October Community Services report.

7b. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DARK COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR HOLIDAYS

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Chair Alacio go dark for the upcoming holidays. Motion passed 3-0-1, by the following Vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Diaz, Vasquez, and Chair Alacio
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Aguilar

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Commissioner Vasquez reported her attendance at the Night Market and the Harvest Festival.

Commissioner Diaz reported his attendance at the Night Market and the Harvest Festival.

Chair Alacio reported his attendance at the Night Market and the Harvest Festival.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None

10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10a. COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ

1. Discussion and consideration to start a teen club at the South El Monte Community Center to offer a H.E.A.T Club – (High Energy Activities for Teens).

Commissioner Vasquez would like the city to consider having a teen club that could keep the teens occupied after school. Staff could have activities such as field trips to colleges, sports games, fishing. She also suggested having teen dances. Commissioner Vasquez also volunteered to help if needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Diaz to recommend having a teen club at the Community Center. Motion passed 3-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Diaz, Vasquez, and Chair Alacio
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Aguilar

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 p.m. Chair Alacio adjourned the meeting to a regular Community Services Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

Israel Alacio, Chair



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.a.

DATE: March 11, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Community Services Commission

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

SUMMARY: The Community Services Commission will nominate and select the Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on January 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission nominate and select Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on January 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S): None.



Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7.b.

DATE: March 11, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Community Services Commission

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION INPUT TO ENHANCE UPCOMING CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

SUMMARY: The 2025 Special Events Calendar offers an opportunity for the Community Services Commission to take a more active role in the planning of community events and promote awareness in all matters pertaining to the City's recreation programs, senior services, and special events.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss the engagement opportunities at upcoming city events and provide recommendations to staff to enhance each respective event.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION: On November 12, 2024, the City Council approved the 2025 Special Events Calendar. There are specific events on this calendar that offer a great opportunity for the Community Services Commission to engage with the community:

- Community Bike Rides
- Baby Pageant
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- 2025 Night Markets
- National Day of Prayer
- Skate Contest

By providing valuable input and participating in these events, the Community Services Commission can educate residents on the commission's mission and initiatives and help create meaningful experiences that reflect the diverse needs and interests of our residents.

Community Bike Rides

The monthly Community Bike Ride is a family-friendly event designed to promote active living, sustainability, and community engagement. Open to riders of all skill levels, the event offers a safe and scenic route through the city, encouraging residents to explore local neighborhoods, parks, and bike-friendly infrastructure. The Community Bike Rides take place the first Saturday of every month from March – October.

Little Mr. and Miss South El Monte Baby Pageant

The Baby Pageant is a fun and adorable community event celebrating the youngest members of our community. Open to infants and toddlers, the pageant provides a memorable experience with themed categories, prizes, and photo opportunities, making it a cherished tradition for parents and loved ones. Staff is seeking commissioner volunteers to assist in judging the pageant.

Easter Eggstravaganza

The Easter Eggstravaganza is a festive community event filled with family-friendly activities to celebrate the Easter season. Featuring a complimentary pancake breakfast, exciting egg hunts, inflatables, petting zoo, balloon artist, and photo opportunities with the Peter Contontail, this event brings joy to children and families of all ages. This event has been relocated to Dean L. Shively Park due to increased popularity.

2025 Night Markets

The Night Market is a vibrant community event that brings together local vendors, artisans, and food trucks for an evening of shopping, entertainment, and cultural experiences. Featuring live music, delicious cuisine, handcrafted goods, and interactive activities, the market creates a lively atmosphere for residents to explore and support small businesses.

National Day of Prayer Breakfast

The National Day of Prayer Breakfast is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May to encourage the nation to pray. The event features a complimentary breakfast and prayers by faith leaders, City officials, and community members.

Skate Contest

The Skate Contest is an exciting community event that showcases the skills and creativity of local skateboarders. Open to riders of all ages and skill levels, the competition features various categories, including best trick, highest air, and freestyle runs. Participants have the chance to win prizes while displaying their talent in a fun and supportive environment.

Recently, the City Council approved the list of band performances for the Night Markets, Firework Festival, and Fourth of July Celebration. Attachment B includes the list of bands approved.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. City of South El Monte 2025 Special Events Calendar
- B. List of Approved Bands for the Night Markets, Firework Festival, and Fourth of July Celebration.

ATTACHMENT A



City of South El Monte 2025 Special Events Calendar

Date	Day	Special Event	Location	Time
First Saturday of the month between March and October	Saturday	Community Bike Rides	Community Center	Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m. Departure: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Dates: March 8th, July 12th and September 13th 				
January 29, 2025	Wednesday	Chinese New Year Luncheon	Senior Center	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
February 12, 2025	Wednesday	Valentine's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
March 15, 2025	Saturday	Baby Pageant	Community Center	10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
March 17, 2025	Monday	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
April 3, 2025	Thursday	April Night Market	Kruse Property	6:00p.m. to 9:30p.m.
April 16, 2025	Wednesday	Easier Luncheon	Senior Center	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
April 19, 2025	Saturday	Easter Pancake Breakfast	Shively Park	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
April 30, 2025	Wednesday	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	Senior Center	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
May 1, 2025	Thursday	National Day of Prayer	Community Center	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
May 1, 2025	Thursday	Cinco De Mayo Night Market	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
May 5, 2025	Monday	Cinco De Mayo Luncheon	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
May 7, 2025	Wednesday	Mother's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
May 26, 2025	Monday	Memorial Day Ceremony	City Hall Front Lawn	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
June 11, 2025	Wednesday	Father's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	10:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
June 12, 2025	Thursday	1 st Summer Night Market	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
June 19, 2025	Thursday	1 st Movie in the Park	Mary Van Dyke Park	7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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June 26, 2025	Thursday	2 nd Summer Night Market	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
July 2, 2025	Wednesday	Fourth of July Luncheon	Senior Center	11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
July 3, 2025	Thursday	Firework Festival	SEMHS	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
July 4, 2025	Friday	Fourth of July Festival	New Temple Park	2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
July 17, 2025	Thursday	3 rd Summer Night Market Concert	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
July 23, 2025	Wednesday	City's Anniversary Luncheon	Senior Center	11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
July 24, 2025	Thursday	2 nd Movie in the Park	Mary Van Dyke Park	7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
July 31, 2025	Thursday	4 th Summer Night Market Concert City Anniversary Celebration	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
August 7, 2025	Thursday	National Night Out & 3 rd Movie in the Park	Mary Van Dyke Park	NNO 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Movie: 8:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.
August 14, 2025	Thursday	5 th Summer Night Market Concert	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
August 20, 2025	Wednesday	Senior Prom	Senior Center	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
August 28, 2025	Thursday	6 th Summer Night Market Concert	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
September 3, 2025	Wednesday	Grandparent's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
September 11, 2025	Thursday	Night Market / Fire Station Appreciation Day	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
September 11, 2025	Thursday	9/11 Memorial Ceremony	Community Center Gym	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
September 15, 2025	Monday	Mexican Independence Day Luncheon	Senior Center	10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
October 2, 2025	Thursday	Night Market	Kruse Property	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
October 16, 2025	Thursday	Walk to End Domestic Violence	City Hall Front Lawn	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
October 23, 2025	Thursday	Harvard Day Academy	Community Center	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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October 29, 2025	Wednesday	Halloween Luncheon	Senior Center	10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
October 31, 2025	Friday	Harvest Festival	City Hall Front Lawn	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
November 10, 2025	Wednesday	Veterans Day Luncheon	City Hall Front Lawn	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
November 11, 2025	Tuesday	Veterans Day Ceremony	City Hall Front Lawn	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
November 22, 2025	Saturday	Turkey Dash 5k and 1k Trot	City Hall Front Lawn	8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
November 24, 2025	Monday	Thanksgiving Day Luncheon	Senior Center	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
November 25, 2025	Tuesday	Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution Drive thru	Community Center Parking Lot	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
December 4, 2025	Thursday	Tree Lighting Ceremony	City Hall Front Lawn	6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
December 13, 2025	Saturday	Christmas Wish Toy Giveaway	Community Center	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
December 15 th - 17 th	M/T/W	Santa Coming to Town	Around City	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
December 22, 2025	Monday	Christmas Luncheon	Senior Center	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
December 29, 2025	Monday	New Year's Day Luncheon	Senior Center	11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Countdown at 1:00p.m.

ATTACHMENT B

2025 City Special Events Approved Band List

Event	Band Name
April Night Market (Thursday, April 3 rd)	Chico Band
May Night Market (Thursday, May 1 st)	Melodia Versatil
1 st Summer Night Market (Thursday, June 12 th)	Impulse Band
2 nd Summer Night Market (Thursday, June 26 th)	The Band Smooth Touch
Firework Festival (Thursday, July 3 rd)	FlashBax
Fourth of July Celebration (Friday, July 4 th) 1. 3 PM – 5 PM 2. 6 PM – 8 PM	1. Jolly Corks 2. Leather & Lace
3 rd Summer Night Market (Thursday, July 17 th)	Cold Duck
4 th Summer Night Market (Thursday, July 31 st)	Suave
5 th Summer Night Market (Thursday, August 14 th)	Pulp Vixen
6 th Summer Night Market (Thursday, August 28 th)	Soto
September Night Market (Thursday, September 11 th)	Bump Town
October Night Market (Thursday, October 2 nd)	DW3



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.c.

DATE: March 11, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Community Services Commission

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: FLAGS OF VALOR

SUMMARY: The City of South El Monte will be hosting Flags of Valor, a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen military personnel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback to enhance the event.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION: The Flags of Valor is a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen Military personnel. Proceeds from the \$25 per flag will be designated to support local veterans needs such as hotel vouchers, unhoused assistance, mental health services, assist with food insecurities, and more.

An opening ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Dean L. Shively School Front Lawn where the public will have an opportunity to purchase flags. The opening ceremony will feature presentations from City officials, boys Scouts leading the flag salute, and a performance by the Dean L. Shively Band. Complimentary hot dogs will be served to all in attendance.

On Wednesday, May 21st City staff will be accepting damaged flags to be properly disposed through a flag retirement booth set up at Dean L. Shively School at 5:30 p.m.

A closing ceremony for the Flags of Valor will be incorporated at the City's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall Front Lawn.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Flags of Valor Flyer

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CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



FLAGS OF VALOR



REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, AND HONOR



MAY 19-26, 2025

**DEAN L. SHIVELY MIDDLE SCHOOL FRONT LAWN
1431 CENTRAL AVE. SOUTH EL MONTE**

**A WEEKLONG EVENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO HONOR
ACTIVE, VETERAN, AND FALLEN MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

**SPONSORSHIP IS \$25 PER FLAG. PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL GO TO SUPPORT
LOCAL VETERANS NEEDS SUCH AS HOTEL VOUCHERS, UNHOUSED ASSISTANCE,
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ASSIST WITH FOOD INSECURITIES, AND MORE.**

TO SPONSOR A FLAG
SCAN THE QR CODE



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<https://bit.ly/3XuAhDp>



OPENING CEREMONY

MAY 19TH | 5:30 PM

FLAGS MAY BE
PURCHASED ON THIS DAY.

FREE HOT DOGS WILL BE
AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

FLAG RETIREMENT

MAY, 21ST | 5:30 PM

BRING YOUR DAMAGED FLAGS TO
BE PROPERLY DISPOSED

CLOSING CEREMONY

MAY 26TH | 11:00 AM

FREE HAMBURGERS AND
BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL REC@SOELMONTE.ORG OR CALL 626-579-2043.



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.c.

DATE: March 11, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Community Services Commission

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

SUMMARY: Staff presents status account regarding programming and events as part of the Community Services Department and recommends the commission collectively receive and file this update report.

Recreation and Senior Services team members will attend the annual California Parks and Recreation Society Conference in Sacramento from March 17-21, 2025. This conference concentrates on providing the latest information and services for the park, recreation and leisure services profession.

PARK AND RECREATION

Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots is an infant/toddler-based program designed to support growth, build self-esteem, and encourage communication skills with classes that build strength through play. It also teaches children the skills needed to start Preschool and Kindergarten with dedicated time for play and creativity. Classes are offered Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

After School Program

The Division offers 3 after school program for participants attending the local schools in the City. The Programs provide homework assistance, enrichment crafts, and sport activities Monday - Friday from normally scheduled dismissal time to 5:30 p.m. The programs are as follows:

- New Temple Park After School Program
- Mini Center After School Program
- Community Center After School Program

Recreation Classes

Recreation Classes are held every month at the Community Center. Please find below a list of the recreation classes and details for the last months.

- **February Recreation Classes**

- Class: Paint & Sip
- Day & Time: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Class: DIY Ribbon Roses
- Day & Time: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Class: Candle Decorating
- Day & Time: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Youth Basketball League

The Co-Ed Youth Basketball league continues successfully. In the month of February, the league held playoff games which led to competitive championship games in each division.

Aquatic Programming

Aquatic programming is scheduled to begin on May 7th with Senior Water Aerobics and Lap Swim. Full aquatic programming is scheduled to open in early June. Additionally, one of our staff is in the process of being accredited to train and certify lifeguard recruits.

Merced Avenue Greenway Phase 1 - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Saturday, March 1, 2025 Active SGV, Climate Resolve, and SGV Conservation Corps collaborated to host a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the completion of the Merced Avenue Greenway Project Phase 1.

Monthly Themed Newsletter

The Recreation Division continues to use the monthly newsletter to help keep the community engaged. The newsletter also serves as a medium to keep residents informed about upcoming City sponsored events, recreation programs, and sports leagues.

Recreation Services Webpage & Instagram

The City's Recreation webpage continues to be utilized as a reliable tool to communicate with the South El Monte community all the programming available and upcoming community events. The Recreation Instagram showcases any contests and winners, sport clinics, program highlights and any special events hosted by the department.

Improvement Projects in Recreation

- New Temple Park Multi-Purpose Community Room, Snack Bar, and Restrooms Rehabilitation Project – the planning, designing, and managing engineers continue to work through the systems of the building.
- Outdoor Basketball Courts – Completed the blacktop resurface project.
- Aquatic Center Replaster Project – Project duration approximately 4 months. Completion of replastering both pools in January 2025.

Upcoming Events

- March Bike Ride
- Baby Pageant
- April Night Market
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Spring Resource and Career Fair

Facility Reservations

- Montebello Brewers
- South El Monte Veterans Baseball Team
- South El Monte/El Monte Little League

SENIOR SERVICES

The South El Monte Senior Center offers a variety of services and activities designed to actively engage seniors, promoting their physical and mental well-being. With the objective of providing programs that empower seniors to manage their health effectively and postpone the onset of chronic conditions, the center provides programs for seniors to enrich their overall well-being, around physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and economic well-being.

- Nutrition Programs (Congregate and Homebound)
- Health, Fitness, and Wellness Programs
- Transportation Services
- Volunteer and Civic Engagement Opportunities
- Social and Recreational Activities
- Music and Arts Programs

Through programming, elderly individuals can engage in social interactions with peers, converse over current events, exchange stories, and maintain the strength of their minds and bodies.

Monthly Craft Class:

Each month seniors gather to create a seasonal craft inspired by the season or a holiday. For the month of February seniors created a decorative garland.

Rio Hondo Classes:

Rio Hondo College began the spring semester on Monday, February 3rd. The classes offered include Painting for Older Adults and Strength & Balance (Zumba). Due to high demand, the college added a second session for the Zumba class and reached registration capacity for the Painting for Older Adults class.

Valentine's Day Luncheon:

The division celebrated their annual Valentine's Day luncheon on Wednesday, February 12th, featuring entertainment by Baltazar, candy grams a fresh meal and the opportunity to win raffles.



Senior Excursion- Medieval Times:

On Friday, February 7th, 52 participated in an excursion to Medieval Times where seniors enjoyed a delicious dinner and an exciting show.



Red Hat Ladies Social:

Senior Services hosted their first Red Hat social. The social offered an interactive approach to make new friends and take part in enriching activities.



Karaoke Friday:

On Friday, February 21st, participants came together for a fun day of singing. The social event had over 40 participants to enjoy the performances and light refreshments were offered.

Technology 101:

Technology 101 class is designed to help seniors ages 55+ to better understand the usage of cellphones, laptops, tablets, etc. This month, the class focused on teaching seniors the basics of mobile applications.

February Birthday Social:

On Friday, February 28th seniors gathered to commemorate February birthdays with a delicious cake and enjoy an hour of dancing.

Program Number Stats for February 2025

Category	Duplicated
Classes/Workshops	215
Fitness/Exercise	711
Nutrition	4200
Recreation/Entertainment	534
Socializing	773
Special Groups	515
Volunteers	143
Total Event Signings	5424

Senior Nutrition Programs

The city offers nutritious meals to individuals aged 60 and above through the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP). The ENP provides meals for both the Congregate Meals Site and to the Home-Delivered Meals Program. In the month of February, the Congregate meals site served more than **3800** meals to senior participants, while the Home-Delivered program provided **400** meals.

Staff Meetings:

Staff attended the following meetings for information gathering, training, and networking:

- A Nutritional Q&A was held with CNS Dietician Joya Melissa on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Senior Center Clubs and Facility Reservations

- **Club Latino de Sur El Monte** – The club hosted bingo on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Every Thursday's bingo event, the club also holds its regular club meetings. Bingo followed the meeting. The club held its annual Valentin's Day dance on Saturday, February 15th, featuring delicious food and lively entertainment.

- **3L Club** – The club hosted bingo on the first and third Thursday of the month. Every Thursday's bingo event, the club also holds its regular club meetings. Bingo followed the meeting.

February Screening / Informational Health Presentations

PRESENTORS	DATE	TIME	TOPICS
Cal Fresh	February 4 th	10am – 11am	Wiser Dining
Alignment Health Plan	February 6 th	10am – 11am	Health Benefit Info Booth
Welcome Health	February 11 th	10am – 11am	Happy Heart Presentation & Info Booth
Representative from Susan Rubio's Office	February 13 th	10am – 11am	Informational Booth
Caption Call by Sorenson	February 18 th	10am – 11am	Info. Booth on Phones for Seniors
LAC+USC Medical Center Foundation	February 20 th	10am – 11am	Health Risk Associated w/ Tobacco Use
Cal Fresh	February 25 th	10am – 11am	Wiser Dining
American Heart Association	February 27 th	10am – 11am	Presentation on Heart Failure

TRANSPORTATION MONTHLY REPORT

Transportation Services: City drivers provided transportation services to residents who are eligible and do not have access to transportation. Transportation services were provided to medical appointments, grocery shopping, personal trips and to the South El Monte Senior Center. Trips are also provided to students who participate in the city-sponsored after-school program.

FEBRUARY 2025						
Trip Purpose	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
Excursion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical	20	15	16	10	0	61
Nutrition	78	68	56	41	0	243
Personal	0	0	0	0	0	0
School	112	97	90	70	0	369
Senior Center	18	20	15	6	0	59
Shopping	0	2	4	1	0	7
Work	2	3	2	0	0	7
Total for period	230	205	183	128	0	746

Improvement Projects in Senior Services & Transportation

- **New Vehicles Purchased** - Purchased two vehicles to add to our transportation fleet using Proposition A and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA):
 - One Chrysler Minivan
 - One Tesla Model Y EV
- **Conversion of the multi-purpose room** – Completed the conversion of the existing library into a new multi-purpose room.
- **Dining Room Upgrades** – Installed tv monitors to displays daily news and the menu and new chandeliers.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends Community Services Commissioners receive and file the Community Services Department report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION: Staff is available for any questions or feedback on programs and events.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Community Bike Rides Flyer
- B. Baby Pageant Flyer
- C. April Night Market Flyer
- D. Easter Eggstravaganza Flyer

ATTACHMENT A



CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



COMMUNITY BIKE RIDES 2025

SATURDAYS

MARCH 8
APRIL 5
MAY 3

JUNE 7
JULY 12
AUGUST 2

SEPT. 6
OCT. 4

MEET AT 8:30 AM & DEPART AT 9:00 AM

STARTING POINT: SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1530 CENTRAL AVE.

Bring your bike and helmet and join the city council in an eight-mile bike ride around the city. Bike rides are recommended for ages 10 and older.

*In the event of rain, the bike ride will be cancelled.

BIKE RAFFLE AT THE CONCLUSION OF EVERY RIDE!

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ATTACHMENT B

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Little Mr. and Miss South El Monte
BABY PAGEANT

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025
SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY CENTER
1530 CENTRAL AVE. SOUTH EL MONTE

CHECK-IN TIME AT 10:30 AM
PAGEANT BEGINS AT 11:00 AM

Age Divisions

UNDER 1 YEAR
UNDER 2 YEARS
UNDER 3 YEARS
UNDER 4 YEARS



Registration Information

Residents: Beginning February 10th
Non-Residents: Beginning February 24th

Register at the South El Monte Community Center,
Monday - Friday from 1:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/semcaparks>
or scan the QR code.



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**APRIL
NIGHT
MARKET**



THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

1459 SANTA ANITA AVE. SOUTH EL MONTE

LOCAL VENDORS - BEER GARDEN - KIDS FUN ZONE - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

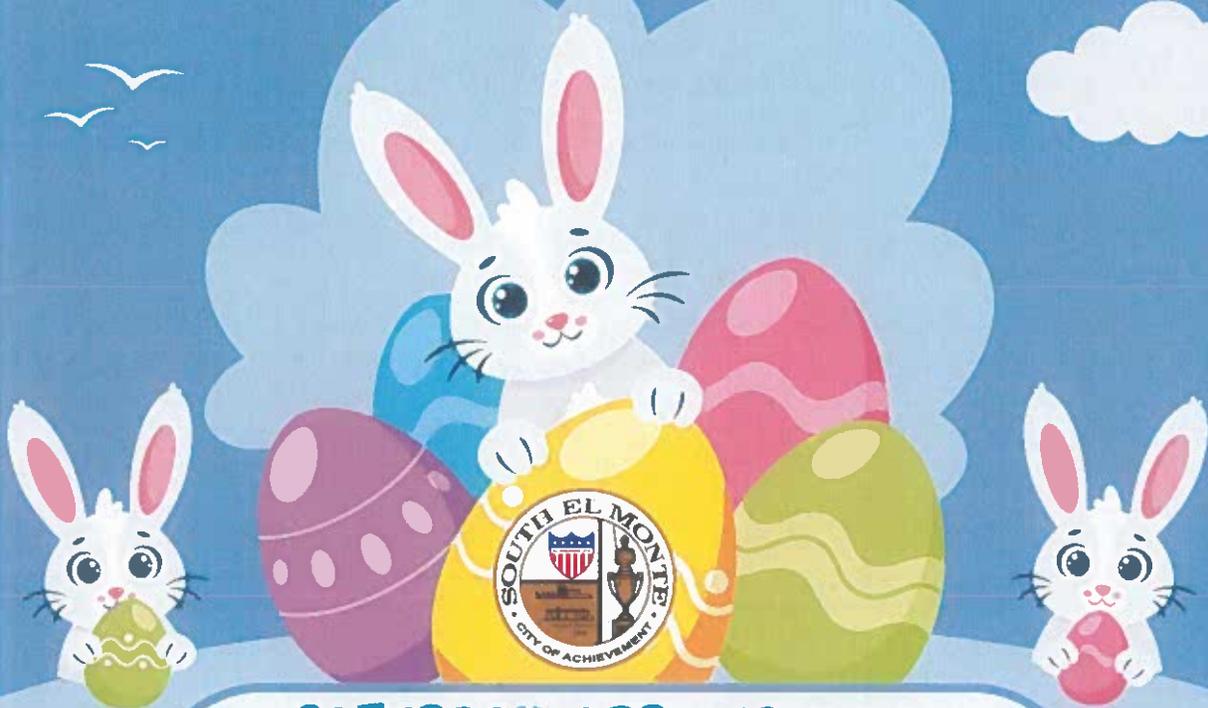
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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

FREE BREAKFAST SERVED UNTIL 11:30 AM
PHOTO BOOTH WITH PETER COTTONTAIL

INFLATABLES - BALLOON ARTIST - PETTING ZOO
EGG HUNT FOR AGES 1-10



SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

10 AM - 1 PM

Dean L. Shively Park
1300 Lerma Rd. South El Monte, CA 91733

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