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Dine Alhambra Restaurant Week Returns with Delicious Lineup!

The fourth annual *Dine Alhambra Restaurant Week*, formerly called *Taste of Alhambra Restaurant Week*, returns with a delicious lineup from September 24 – October 1, 2021. This weeklong dining event, presented by the **Downtown Alhambra Business Association (DABA)**, aims to help stimulate tourism and patronage at local restaurants in the Downtown Alhambra area.

Foodies can expect flavourful food and prices that promise to delight the palate and wallet thanks to specials and prix-fixe menus. Select eateries in Downtown Alhambra are offering 2-3 course menus priced anywhere from \$15 - \$25 for lunch, and \$25 – \$50 for dinner. Diners simply need to call and make reservations - or visit the restaurants and ask for their "Dine Alhambra" prix-fixe menus.

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Alhambra Police Foundation Golf Tournament Sept. 23rd.

Don't miss the 27th Annual Alhambra Police Foundation Golf Tournament

The mission of the Alhambra Police Foundation is to work in partnership with citizens, businesses and philanthropic organizations to provide resources to the Alhambra Police Department in order to enhance the Department's ability to serve at its highest level in improving public safety, decreasing crime, and making Alhambra a safer place to live, work and visit. In practical terms this includes the need to raising money to purchase equipment beyond what the tax payer provides. It could be updated computers, body armor, communication equipment and any number of things that assist a modern police force in doing their job of serving the public. The Foundation also supports

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Dr. Ferrer + Dr. Duardo See Happy Repetto Students Following Protocols, Learning



During her visit to Repetto Elementary to learn how young students are doing in the first few days back at school after 17 months in pandemic distance learning, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, director of LA County Department of Public Health, talks with third grader Emma Taylor. On her fifth day of the new school year, Emma was busy working on a paper about her return to school on Aug 11. She said she was very excited about "seeing my friends in person a lot."

On the fifth day of school, into the midst of twinkling-eyed, masked Repetto Elementary students at breakfast outside, stepped two curious visitors. Dr. Barbara Ferrer, director of LA County Department of Public Health, and Dr. Debra Duardo, superintendent of the 80-district Los Angeles County Office of Education were there on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, to see for themselves how children were doing during in their first few days on campus after 17 months away.

As reported by Robert Morales in the *Pasadena Star News*, the first stop was a kindergarten class. "Ferrer immediately began to chat up a couple of little ones. All wore masks, so detecting the smiles was tough. But the eyes told the story: These kids were happy to be back after spending much of the previous 17 months distance learning because of the pandemic."

When asked by the reporter about the purpose of her visit, Ferrer told Morales, "Well, the first

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Mayor's Corner *By Mayor Katherine Lee*



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The Highs and Lows of Residential Developments in Alhambra

Thanks to Michael Lawrence, an Alhambra resident and my former city Arts and Cultural Events commissioner, for the permission to use this drawing. To me, a picture says a thousand words... Why do some Alhambra streets look like this? This is the result of Alhambra's land use designations of all the streets, residential and commercial, in the entire city.

There are three residential land use designations as defined in the current Alhambra General Plan: **Low Density Residential, Medium Density Residential, and High Density Residential.**

Even though your house could be one-story; however, your street might be designated as high density residential. To find out the designation of your neighborhood and street, please go to: <https://www.cityofalhambra.org/314/General-Plan> and select General Plan Land Use Map.

Land Use Designation	Allowed Uses	Maximum Height Allowed
Low Density Residential	Single-family housing units (1-5 units per acre)	2 stories, 25 feet; 15 feet for accessory structures
Medium Density Residential	Single-family detached units, duplexes, triplexes, and four-plexes (6-12 units per acre)	2 stories, 25 feet; 15 feet for accessory structures
High Density Residential	Multi-family housing, including town houses (13-24 units per acre); higher densities on larger lots	3 stories, 35 feet; 15 feet for accessory structures

The Future - Cities Could Lose More Local Control Over Housing Developments California Senate Bill (SB 9) - Changes Housing Developments on Low Density Residential (R-1 Single-Family)

If SB 9 passes, these are the changes to state law:

- Allows up to four (4) units on previously zoned single-family homes by splitting a single-family lot into two lots
- Requires the City to approve a duplex in a single-family zone
- Prohibits the City from requiring more than one parking space per unit



- The bill is currently at the Assembly Appropriations Committee for approval.
- The committee hearing date on SB 9 was scheduled on 8/19/21.
- The state general assembly will probably vote on SB 9 by the end of the second week of September or sooner.
- Contact your state Assemblymember Ed Chau at : <https://a49.asmdc.org> Let him know how you feel about SB 9 before he votes (by the end of the second week of September or sooner).

Alhambra's Housing Plan to Meet the State's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)- 6th Cycle

The State requires Alhambra to find land capacity in the city for **6,825 more housing units**. This is a 450% increase in RHNA over the 5th cycle (1,492 housing units).

In order to meet the state's regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) for Alhambra (6,825 more housing units), the Alhambra housing plan includes:

- ❑ No proposed changes to the R-1 Zone *unless* SB 9 passes.
- ❑ Most intensive housing developments on certain commercial streets (downtown and corridors).
- ❑ Strong accessory dwelling units (ADU) programs.
- ❑ East Main housing only in "Segment 1" (N. Chapel to N. Granada)
- ❑ Programs and incentives to support affordable housing.
- ❑ Add housing in new areas and make small increases in allowed density.
- ❑ Programs to monitor the City's opportunity to dispose city land and play a facilitation role in lot assemblage.

The Alhambra housing plan is ready for public review and a community meeting is scheduled for September 8th. The plan adoption is set for December 2021 - January 2022.

Cities/Orange County Challenged RHNA

★ Last year, the Alhambra City Council decided to appeal our RHNA of 6,825 new housing units. About 50 cities submitted their appeals; however, all were denied except one.

★ In June 2021, the board of the Orange County Council of Governments voted 15-0 to sue the state's Department of Housing and Community Development over its RHNA of about 183,000 new homes. Their main argument is that the state grossly overstated the number of housing needed.



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Exercise Programs
Reading Club
Ratio 1-15

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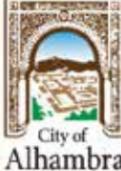


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DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT

View the document and provide feedback from August 26, 2021 to September 26, 2021 at: <https://www.alhambrahousingelement.com/public-review-draft>



HOUSING ELEMENT VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Register at: alhambrahousingelement.com

Draft Housing Element Released & Community Meeting Scheduled

The City of Alhambra is inviting the public to review and provide comment on the Draft Housing Element, beginning August 26, 2021. The document guides the City's plans for housing and outlines important aspects like future housing needs, different housing types, zoning, and policies that can make housing more affordable and more available. The City has been updating the Housing Element as part of its General Plan. The public can get involved and provide feedback on the Draft Housing Element until September 26, 2021. Be sure to watch for announcements on the project's webpage for information and public engagement here: <https://www.alhambrahousingelement.com/get-involved>.

The City will host a second community workshop to provide more information about the public comment period on September 8, 2021 at 6pm. The workshop will include an overview of the Draft Housing Element 2021-2029 update, instructions for how to provide feedback, and the next steps in the process. You can register for the

event on the project website: <https://www.alhambrahousingelement.com/>.

The Housing Element is NOT a mandate to build new housing – it is a requirement to plan for housing. The State told the City of Alhambra that it must zone capacity for 6,825 new housing units over these 8-years, and the City is in the process of figuring out how and where to put this housing capacity. This capacity must address both market rate and affordable housing need. The City is working on creating new programs and strategies to ensure that these new housing units meet the identified needs of all community members.

To inform and engage the community on this project, the City has hosted a community workshop, a community survey, a housing element town hall event, and a Planning Commission meeting that the community was invited to attend. If you missed any of these engagement opportunities, you can visit <https://www.alhambrahousingelement.com/> and click on the "Get Involved" tab to find meeting recordings and other information.



Night Out Against Crime

On August 3rd the Alhambra Police Department presented its annual Night Out Against Crime at police headquarters located at 211 S. First St. The yearly event is a fun-filled family friendly picnic and community gathering aimed at strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The goal of the evening is for all of us to work together to ensure that Alhambra is a safe community to live, work, and play.

On that evening all were invited and community guests were treated to a free picnic dinner, which included hot dogs with all the 'fixins', chips and refreshments. Also on site were Informational booths presented by city and other local agencies and businesses. Police officers demonstrated their gear including police cruisers and motorcycles while other officers gave tours of the station. There were games with prizes and a 'bouncy house' available for the kids.

One of the most interesting events of the evening was a demonstration of how police strive to end a car chase peacefully. A 'suspect's' car was pulled over on First Street and the officers got out of their cruisers and shouted commands to the driver.

It gave a sense of reality to the car chases that seem to be such a common occurrence on television these days.

The police were supported in their evening show case by their partners in First Responding - the Alhambra Fire Department. Besides showing off their own equipment and vehicles the AFD assumed the task of handing out hotdogs and snacks to people in attendance.

This year's Night Out event was well attended by the community, especially after it had to be cancelled last year because of the pandemic. We all hope it is a sign of things getting back to normal and all of us getting on with our lives.

For more information about the Police Department and the several programs available to community volunteers, email Crimeprevention@alhambrapd.org or call the station at 626-570-5177.

Application Deadline Extended for Program to Help Residents Pay for Delinquent Water Bill

Alhambra, CA — The City of Alhambra has extended the deadline for residents to apply for the Residential Utility Assistance Grant. The program provides financial assistance to low to moderate income residents who experienced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

They may be eligible to receive a one-time grant up to \$500 to pay delinquent water bills, on a first come first served basis. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2021.

Grant awards will only cover water charges for

accounts that are 90 days or more past due. Payments will be applied to the applicant's outstanding balance. Residents are not expected to pay back this assistance. Awards will be based on the availability of funding.

Residents will need to submit an application and documentation proving eligibility. To view the program guidelines and application, visit our website: <https://www.cityofalhambra.org/340/Residential-Utility-Assistance-Grant-Pro>.

The program is funded through a San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Grant.

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8th Annual Alhambra Pumpkin Run Halloween Festival set for Oct. 24 We're Back in Person This Year!

The City of Alhambra and the Downtown Alhambra Business Association will present the 8th Annual Alhambra Pumpkin Run Halloween Festival from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, on South Second Street between Commonwealth and Main in conjunction with the Alhambra Certified Farmers Market. This year's event will support The Alhambra Educational Foundation.

The annual Halloween costume contest and trick-or-treating, hosted by Downtown Alhambra, will again join the Pumpkin Run Festival. The costume contest is at noon, and trick-or-treating on Main Street will be from 1 p.m.



to 3 p.m. in Downtown Alhambra at participating local businesses.

Runs events include a 10K, a 5K, and a 1K for kids.

Additional activities include a Beer Garden, live entertainment, a kid's zone.

Registration for the Pumpkin Run begins in

early September, with a limited number of runner spots available.

Register to run at www.alhambrapumpkinrun.com.

Alhambra Beautiful is Water Wise

The Alhambra Beautiful Award program was started by Helen Wysong, a longtime Alhambra resident who urged Alhambra homeowners to be diligent in keeping up their properties and then recognize those who did so with the Alhambra Beautiful Award.

The Alhambra Chamber of Commerce has continued this tradition for many years. The Chamber encourage the beautification of our city by recognizing the efforts and results of home and business owners who go the extra mile to make their home or office gleam with curb appeal.

This year, despite the complications of social distancing and mask requirements, the tradition continued. Homes and businesses were nominated, and a team of judges was dispatched throughout Alhambra, with the goal of identifying those businesses and homes that are most deserving of an Alhambra Beautiful Award.

Beginning in 2019 the judges were looking for homes and businesses who adopted 'water wise' conservation into their yard displays. This is perhaps the most important year to be conscious of saving and using less water in our daily lives. The Alhambra Beautiful program recognizes and supports this goal in partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the City of Alhambra.

The winners are divided into three categories. First the commercial category for business buildings. These were judged on a city-wide basis. The second category is for multi-family residential buildings and the third category is for single-family homes, one for each of the five City Council Districts.

In July the winners were chosen and Awards were given out at a mixer in the lovely court yard at The Alhambra, located at 1000 S. Fremont. Mayor Katherine Lee, who represents the 1st Council District, and Council Member Ross Maza, who represents the 2nd District, were on hand to pass out the awards for their respective Council Districts and those of their absent colleagues. Ms. Lee presented the award to the winners in the 1st, 3rd and 5th Districts, while Mr. Maza presented the awards to the winners in the 2nd and 4th Districts.

Alhambra Chamber of commerce President, Suzi Dunkel-Soto, presented certificates on behalf of California Assembly member Ed Chau of the 49th District.

This year's winners were

District 1: Paula Litt, 900 Novelda Rd.

District 2: YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley,

Valarie Gomez, 401 E. Corto St.

Los Angeles County Development

Authority (LACDA), 700 W. Main St.

District 3: Lonnie Gallegos, 312 S. Marguerita Ave.

District 4: Chun Ng, 1530 S. Stoneman Ave.

Edwin Escueta, 1709 S. Date St.

District 5: Ada Brown, 3001 W. Norwood Place

Multi-Family Residential: 100 E. McLean St.

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For more information about the Chamber of Commerce and its service to the community, contact their office at 626-282-8481, visit the Chamber's website at alhambrachamber.org, or follow them on [Facebook.com/alhambrachamberofcommerce](https://www.facebook.com/alhambrachamberofcommerce).

City of Alhambra Redistricting Process

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. Assembly Bill 849 (2019) requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non-English-speaking communities.

What is redistricting?

Every ten years, districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially

equal in population. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each city councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. In the City of Alhambra, the City Council is responsible for drawing council districts. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which will be released in August, 2021.

Why does redistricting matter to me?

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of

electing a councilmember.

The City Council will seek input in selecting the next district map for our City Council. You have an opportunity to share with the City Council how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.

You can contact the City Clerk at 626-570-5090 or lmyles@cityofalhabra.org to find out more about how the process works, or visit our website <https://www.cityofalhabra.org/553/City-of-Alhambra-Redistricting-Process>.

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Left to right: Nicholas Quach, Jason Quach, Tatiana Hernandez and Mark Munson.

The youth commission serves Alhambra

One of the ways that democracy works at the local level is through a series of Commissions designed to give citizen input to their elected officials. The City of Alhambra takes advantage of the advice of several different Commissions which focus on different aspects of city services. These include Planning, Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Library Trustees, Civil Service and several others.

The newest Commission is the Youth Commission which 'acts as an advisory board to the City Council related to matters pertaining to the activities or needs of youth in the city'. Like the other Commissions in Alhambra, the members are appointed by and give advice to the elected members of our City Council from the point of view of young people. The Commission consists of 15

Alhambra residents ranging in age from 14 to 20.

Members of the Youth Commission have begun to take part in city events by setting up and manning booths to promote their activities and invite teens to participate. They have recently participated at the Arbor Day event and the Movie and Concert nights at Alhambra Park.

Council member Adele Andrade-Stadler put it this way, "Our youth commission is a vibrant group of young leaders appointed by council with the authority to plan, organize and offer guidance to the city council on issues affecting our youth."

Currently the youth commission president is Alhambra High School student Nicolas Quach. He has identified

Composting in the Kitchen

With new green carts delivered to all residents in Alhambra, kitchen compost collection is in full swing across the city. You can keep your kitchen tidy and your green cart smelling good by following some simple steps.

First, select a kitchen collection container for food scraps that works for you and your cooking and eating style. You might have a plastic or metal container with a lid that you can repurpose as your scrap bin. You may want something more decorative and decide to purchase a ceramic or stainless steel container, some of which are available with carbon filters to reduce odors. You may want to request a kitchen scrap pail from Republic Services. (We have these ordered and should be receiving them soon.)

Second, choose where you'll keep your scrap container. Some residents keep it on the kitchen counter or under the kitchen sink and empty it daily into their green waste cart. Others put the container in the refrigerator and empty it into the cart the night before collection.

Third, start collecting your food scraps and food-soiled paper. Food scraps include fruit, vegetables, bones, coffee grounds, dairy products, eggshells, fish, meat, poultry, pasta, bread, baked goods, spoiled food and uneaten leftovers. Food-soiled paper include items like pizza boxes, paper plates, paper

towels, napkins, coffee filters and tea bags.

Fourth, regularly rinse or wash your kitchen container after emptying it. This will reduce odors and keep pests away. You can also freshen the container by sprinkling baking soda into the bottom.

Fifth, line the bottom of your green cart with newspapers or place yard waste into the bottom of the cart before layering food scraps on top. This will keep your cart cleaner and also ensure that it empties completely on collection day.

Finally, please remember that the green cart is for yard debris, food scraps and food-soiled paper only. Do NOT place any plastic bags, dead animals, pet waste, kitty litter, diapers, palm fronds and other succulents, painted wood, ashes, recyclables or trash into the green cart.

Collected yard debris, food scraps and food-soiled paper are taken to a composting facility. There, they are ground up and turned into nutrient-rich compost. Help create high-quality compost for use by farmers and gardeners to create healthier and more productive soils by keeping contaminants out of your green cart.

To learn more about all commercial and residential waste programs in Alhambra, visit RepublicServices.com/municipality/alhambra-ca or email alhambra@republic-services.com.

areas of concern for young people including transportation, employment, social media, scholarships and more. He stated that the Commission is working to create a 'youth summit' which is tentatively scheduled for late this year or early next year. The summit will explore issues relevant to the young people of Alhambra.

Like all of the Commissions in the city,

meetings are open to the public. However for the duration they have changed from in-person meetings to Zoom to safeguard against COVID. Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

For all matters related to the Alhambra Youth Commission contact Vincent Hon at 626-570-3242 or vhon@cityofalhambra.org.



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Tax Tips Newlyweds

Updating your status from single to married may bring about some unanticipated changes, including changes relating to your taxes. While wedding planners don't typically use an IRS checklist, here are a few things to keep in mind when filing your first tax return as a married couple.

Notify The Social Security Administration – If one of you has taken on a new name report the change the SSA by filing Form SS-5. When e-filing a tax return your social security number must match the first 5 letters of your first and last name.

Notify The IRS If You Move – The IRS will automatically update your address upon filing your next tax return, but any notices the IRS send in the meantime may not get to you. The USPS does not forward certain types of federal mail.

Notify Your Employer – Report your name and/or address change to your employer(s) to make sure you receive all your tax forms after the end of the year.

Check Your Withholdings – If you both work, keep in mind that you and your spouse's combined income may move you into a higher tax bracket. You can use the IRS W-4 estimator to see if you need to change your withholdings.

Choose the Best Filing Status – Once you are married you can no longer use the Single filing status on your tax return. Your marital status on December 31 of each year determines where you are considered married for the entire year for tax purposes. Generally, the tax law allows married couples to file their federal income tax return either jointly or



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separately any given year.

- **Married Filing Separately** – Joint returns include income and deductions for both spouses. For most married couples, filing jointly will result in a lower tax liability.

- **Married Filing Separately** – If you are married you can choose to file separately. Since California is a community property state, if filing separately you must include half of your spouse's income on your tax return and half of your income must go on your spouse's return. If one spouse itemizes, then the other can't use the standard deduction and must also itemize.

To determine which filing status is best for you, consult your tax professional or go to IRS.gov. This information is from Tax Material, Inc.

New Member Spotlight - Eagles Nest Cycles, a family American dream

BY DENIS KERECHUK

The Chamber welcomes new member Eagles Nest Cycles (ENC), specializing in Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

ENC was founded in 2008 by Alhambra resident Lonnie Gallegos at 1340 W. Main St. In 2012, Jerry Ramirez, an Alhambra High School graduate and former football and baseball player, took over full business ownership, and he and mechanic Richard Duran have successfully grown the business, moving a few doors west to their present location at 1346 W. Main St.

ENC was featured in a documentary film in 2010, sponsored by Harley-Davidson, titled *Harlistas - An American Journey*, all about Latinos and the positive impact Harley-Davidsons have had on their lives. ENC was in the process of building a custom Harley-Davidson for a customer who was an avid fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers. They enlisted various Hispanic talent to complete the project. You can view this build on YouTube.com. Search *Harlistas - An American Journey*, clip 3.

The custom paint job reflects Dodger Stadium and features the famous Hispanic pitcher Fernando Valenzuela. Valenzuela was the winning pitcher of the 1981 World Championship between the Dodgers and the New York Yankees. When Fernando pitched a no hitter, announcer Vin Scully would say, "If you have a sombrero, throw it to the sky!"

It looks like the business will continue to thrive in Alhambra for years to come. So, if you have



Eagles Nest Cycles owner, Jerry Ramirez.



Left to right: Eagles Nest Cycles, Mechanic Richard Duran; customers Moises Castro, Russell LaMar.

a Harley-Davidson that needs some work, modifications, or just plain service, remember Eagles Nest Cycles for your go-to service establishment.

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community activities such as the West San Gabriel YMCA's idyllic summer camp called Ta Ta Pochon, nestled next to the San Geronio Wilderness area and refreshed by a year round mountain stream - a great place for kids to experience nature.

One of the big fund raisers for the year is a golf tournament held at the Almansor Golf Course every year in September. This fundraiser has run continuously for the past 26 years with the exception of the hibernation of the last years due to the COVID pandemic. Now the tournament is back and welcomes you to join in the fun.

The big day is September 23rd and there is still time to sign up and limber up the old golf swing. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. and Tee time is 8:00 a.m. The entry fee is only \$125 payable to the Alhambra Police Foundation. Be aware that space is limited (hint: sign up early). The entry fee covers green fees, golf cart, a tee gift, breakfast, lunch and an award ceremony. The award ceremony will be at 12:30 p.m. in the beautiful Lakeside Room.

The Police Department is grateful for the support of the Foundation and the Community. Police Chief Eric Parra recently remarked: "The Alhambra

Police Foundation is highly supportive of the Alhambra Police Department. We are grateful for the efforts of the Foundation and the support of the sponsors, donors, and participants of the golf tournament.

We look forward to a very successful event."

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Main Street neighbors gathered to reconnect and preview upcoming improvements to the block.

The Summer Pop-Up on Main

On August 11th the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce and the Alhambra Main Street Alliance teamed up to host a “Pop-up on Main” to begin to reconnect residents and area businesses in celebration of the diverse offerings in Alhambra. This first-time, free event welcomed over 100 neighbors, civic leaders, and businesses who came to sample tastes Jiang Nan Spring, Perfectly Sweet Bakery, and Ohana Brewing Company. Each brought out samples of their unique products.

They ‘popped up’ in the parking lot next door to Jiang Nan Spring at 910 E. Main Street to offer a taste from their menus. The long-established Alhambra bakery, Perfectly Sweet located at 126 W. Main Street, was on hand with fudge brownies (so tempting that some people had dessert first). Ohana Brewing company located just south of Main Street at

7 South 1st Street, offered a two-ounce sample of their refreshing summer time beer, while Jiang Nan Spring, a restaurant that has made the famous Michelin rating people sit up and take notice, provided tasty samples of their favorites including seaweed flavored fried fish, beef rolls and vegetable rolls to prove they are worthy of Michelin’s attention.

Attendees were able to connect with neighbors, sample great food and drink, and learn about the future projects that will be built to enhance the Main Street corridor. Mayor Lee and Councilman Maza both attended to connect with community members and help to celebrate the future of business in Alhambra. Look for more pop-ups from the Main Street Alliance and the Chamber in the coming months to continue to celebrate the businesses and community of Alhambra.



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The first fall meeting of the Alhambra Woman's Club will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Almansor Court, 700 S. Almansor St., Alhambra.

The club is a community of fun-loving women who network and socialize. The view is lovely, the food delicious, and the entertainment delightful.

Members and prospective members who reside in Alhambra and the surrounding area are invited to attend. The cost is \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. Please call 626-289-9307 for a reservation by Aug. 30.



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Recognition and Mixer was hosted by The Alhambra on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 Co-Sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Water District

2021 Alhambra Beautiful Awards
Waterwise Landscape
July 28, 2021



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District 2, Business Property Maintenance, YMCA of West San Gabriel Valley.



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District 4, Mr. Chun Ng, S. Stoneman Ave, Pictured with Mayor Katherine Lee, Chamber President, Suzi Dunkel-Soto.



District 3, Lonnie Gallegos and granddaughter Julianna Ramirez, S. Marguerita Ave, Pictured with Mayor Katherine Lee, Chamber President, Suzi Dunkel-Soto.



District 5, Mr. & Mrs. Brown, W. Norwood Place Pictured with Councilmember Ross Maza.



Alhambra Beautiful winners, Ambassadors, Councilmember Ross Maza, Mayor Katherine Lee



The award presentation was hosted by The Alhambra, Kevin Houser, VP Property Management.

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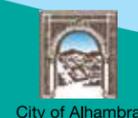
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Members of the San Gabriel Valley New Generation Rotary, along with AUSD board members and executive cabinet, spent the evening of August 5th filling 50 backpacks with school supplies. The District's Student Support Services division will use those backpacks to support in-need students to make sure they have the supplies they need to be successful in school.

Special Dreams Foundation Welcomes Edgar Garcia-Mora to Board of Directors

The Academy of Special Dreams Foundation is honored to welcome Edgar O Garcia-Mora as the chairman of the Academy's Fundraising Board.

On behalf of the Academy of Special Dreams Foundation and the artists we serve, the Special Dreams Foundation welcomes Edgar Garcia-Mora officially as part of the Academy of Special Dreams Board of Directors.

As a Group Employee Benefits Broker & Strategic Consultant with Bolton Insurance Services, Edgar helps clients develop and deliver robust employee benefits programs that align company culture with organizational needs and cost objectives.

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Edgar is a proud member of the California State University and the Los Angeles Alumni Association Board of Directors. Edgar is passionate about supporting local non-profits and sits on the board of a few close to his heart. Edgar is also a very proud Rotarian, having recently served as the 2019-2020 President of his local Alhambra Rotary Club and currently serving as an Area/Assistant Governor for District 5300.

His dedication and generosity is invaluable. Edgar, your support of the special needs community brings hope, courage and opportunities to many artists in our community. What's more, Edgar is helping to create a more accepting and inclusive world for all people, regardless of disabilities.

Thank you, Edgar, for your support, love and passion to help us to bring public awareness, recognition and appreciation to the special needs community for many years.

Sincerely, The Academy of Special Dreams Foundation.



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The Academy of Special Dreams Foundation believes that all persons, regardless of their disabilities, should have equal opportunities to express their talents and to be successful in the Arts. As a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the Special Academy's mission is to increase public awareness, appreciation and recognition of the creative talents of people with disabilities by providing opportunities that encourage, promote and showcase their artistic expressions.

Please visit us to learn more at www.specialacademy.org.

Congratulations artists

"The Academy of Special Dreams, ALHAMBRA Chamber of Commerce, The ALHAMBRA and The RATKOVICH COMPANY present, Uniting Borders "Empowering Artists" 2021-2022, featuring the newest original works of Art by a diverse group of more than 20 local and international artists who represent a wide spectrum of race, ethnicity, gender, age and abilities, truly reflective of the diversity of our society. Participating artists include Annie Young, a visually impaired painter whose colorful palettes simply inspire, Basilio Alonzo, a self-taught autistic artist whose goal is to become a professional photographer, and Rafael Moreno, an emerging visual artist who deftly manipulates his paint brush using only his mouth after losing the use of his arms and legs down following a severe motorcycle accident.

As our CEO Michael Dergar states, "Now that the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us, the Empowering Artists 2021 inclusive art exhibition will celebrate the creative talents of a diverse group of artists by showcasing their original works of Art to reinforce our view and educate mainstream society in the San Gabriel Valley that exhibitions of visual art can and must include people of all backgrounds without regard to disabilities."

OUR MISSION MISSION

Bringing Public Awareness, Recognition and Appreciation to our Artists with different abilities.

The Academy of Special Dreams Foundation believes its mission includes educating the larger society that disability is a natural part of the human experience and people with disabilities should not be excluded from participating in society due to discrimination or bias based on perceived disabilities. We strive for the day that having a physical, intellectual and other disability will in no way diminish the right of any individual to live independently and free of discrimination or bias, to enjoy self-determination, to pursue a meaningful career, to contribute to society, and to be part of a loving family.

EXHIBITION TIME LINE

September, 2021

The art exhibition will be held during the month of September 2021 at the Alhambra City Hall lobby, 111 S. 1st Street, Alhambra, California. We recognize our sponsor's support of the Academy of Special Dreams Foundation and our partnership and collaboration with The ALHAMBRA and THE RATKOVICH COMPANY.

October 2021 – April, 2022 The art exhibition will be held at The ALHAMBRA Galleries, Alhambra, California.

A virtual Art exhibition will be featured in our website: www.specialacademy.org and <http://www.thealhambra.net/>

SEPTEMBER 2022 Uniting Borders will be exhibited at the Los Angeles City Hall Bridge Gallery in our yearly Disability Art Show.

On behalf of the Academy we thanks our extended family The ALHAMBRA and THE RATKOVICH COMPANY and All of our Sponsors for your support and initiative to help us, but most of all to help us in our mission of making a more inclusive society.

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Students are excited that this next academic year expects to open fully with in-person classes to enrich friendships and positive relationships with their teachers. It is everyone's goal for our young leaders to move into a more "normal" school experience. As a community, we continue to work together to support and encourage strong

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Benefit Auction for Saint Therese Carmelite School on October 1st

Saint Therese Carmelite School (STCS), which has lovingly and proudly served the Alhambra community since 1926, will be holding its annual Little Way Dinner and Benefit Auction at the recently renovated Almansor Court, 700 S. Almansor St. on Friday, October 1st at 5:30 pm. The proceeds will benefit the Saint Therese Scholarship Fund, a need-based scholarship program for elementary students. This year's benefit auction will honor Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Tittmann, avid supporters of classical education and cherished benefactors of our school. Whether you are currently involved with our school or not, we invite you to join us for this unforgettable evening in support of our students and to perhaps grow new relationships in the Alhambra community.



As is tradition, it will truly be a night to remember. The night will begin in the beautiful Palm Court Terrace with happy hour and a chance to browse the highly coveted auction items. From hors d'oeuvres to photobooths and from drinks to music, our sunset cocktail hour is just the beginning. As we move into the Lakeview room, a live jazz band—the Modern Cocktail Society—will croon away while you enjoy your gourmet dinner. With a live auction, a silent auction, and a special raffle, you're bound to go home a winner.

Join the Carmelite Friars for this evening that is sure to be socially and spiritually charged, all while supporting our school. Tickets are \$100 per person before September 17 or \$130 after September 22. If you're looking to invite some friends, consider supporting the school through a table sponsorship. Our Little Flower table sponsorship includes a table for ten, and sponsor recognition.

To purchase sponsorships and tickets online, visit bidpal.net/stcsauction or purchase tickets in person by visiting the school at 1106 E Alhambra Rd.

Saint Therese Carmelite School was founded in 1926 and serves students in TK through eighth grade. The school educates students through the Catholic classical model to equip them with the logic, critical thinking, and language skills necessary to succeed throughout their lives. As an alternative to Common Core, this model is developmentally appropriate and aims to provide well-rounded education, including classic literature, mathematics up to Euclidean geometry, sciences, Catholic catechesis, Latin, music, art, and P.E. Recent graduates of STCS have been accepted to all area Catholic high schools. Above all, the school aims to form students in faith and virtue. For more information, please visit sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com and the school's Facebook page.

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DINE ALHAMBRA RESTAURANT WEEK From Page 1

Participating restaurants for Dine Alhambra reflect the area's multi-cultural dining scene with diverse options. This year's delicious lineup of restaurants include: **28 West Bar, 38 Degrees Ale House & Grill, Alondra's, Baja Cali Fish & Tacos, Big Catch Seafood, Bon Appetea Café, Charlie's Trio, Diner on Main, Mahan Indian Restaurant, Nabemono Shabu Shabu, La Chuperia Cantina, Limericks Tavern, Shin-Sen-Gumi, Skateshop Pizza, and Vino's Back Alley.**



Big Catch Seafood Alhambra's popular, fresh Oysters, may be on their Dine Alhambra Restaurant Week menu this year.

Dine Alhambra, in its fourth year of doing a restaurant week, has added some newbies on the roster. La Chuperia Cantina, 28 West Sports Bar, Nabemono Shabu Shabu, Shin-Sen-Gumi and Skateshop Pizza are all exciting additions bringing their best dishes!

Current DABA president, **Liza Rodriguez** commented, "This year's restaurant week is like no other before because it's coming back during a time that's still ambiguous due to the pandemic. But we are still going to honor and celebrate our restaurant community."

Monina Castillo, DABA's special events manager, added, "The message for this year's

event is more focused on supporting our local restaurants that are still standing. We are so thrilled to have these 15 amazing eateries participate this year; despite the recent challenges they've endured. So, if you want to satisfy your cravings, take a culinary tour through Dine Alhambra Restaurant Week, from September 24 – October 1, 2021!"

For updates and more information, visit the Dine Alhambra Restaurant Week website: <https://dinealhabrarestaurantweek.com/> or Downtown Alhambra's Instagram account: @downtownalhambra.

San Gabriel Valley Humane Society

To inquire about these adoptable animals, contact the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159, or visit at 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel. Adoption hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The shelter is closed on Mondays. Directions and photos of many more dogs and cats can be found online at www.sgvhumane.org.

The adoption fee for cats is \$99, which includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, de-worming, FIV/FELV/heartworm testing, and microchip. A \$130 - \$145 dog adoption fee includes microchip, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and

de-worming, as well as a free health check-up at a participating vet (some breeds slightly higher).

Save money with the Buddy Program. Adopt two pets at the same time for a reduced fee.

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Look at him smile! Hubba Bubba is a male American Bulldog mix who is about 1 and a half years old. He loves the outdoors and playing with different toys. Hubba Bubba likes to be petted and be part of the action. He has shown interest in other dogs with low energy level. His adoption fee is \$145, which includes neuter surgery, microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. If you are interested in adopting Hubba Bubba, inquire through our website at <https://www.sgvhumane.org/adopt> or call the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159.



Chihuahua Mix • Adult • Male • Small

Chavo is a really calm and sweet young Chihuahua mix. He is 2-years-old, dog friendly and loves to be with his canine and human friends at the shelter. He loves to really explore his surroundings on his walks and loves seeing new things. His adoption fee is \$135, which includes neuter surgery, microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. If you are interested in adopting Chavo, call the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159 to schedule a "Meet and Greet" appointment with this adorable boy. Or inquire through our website at <https://www.sgvhumane.org/adopt>.

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German Shepherd Mix • Adult • Male • Large

T'Challa is a handsome male black German Shepherd mix who is looking for his forever home. He is 5-years-old and still learning how to be a dog! He can be shy and prefers the company of his human friends. He likes to play, go for walks and is good on a leash! He can't wait to have people to call his own. His adoption fee is \$145, which includes neuter surgery, microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. If you think T'Challa would be a good addition to your family, call the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society at 626-286-1159 to schedule a "Meet and Greet" appointment. Or inquire online through our website at <https://www.sgvhumane.org/adopt>.



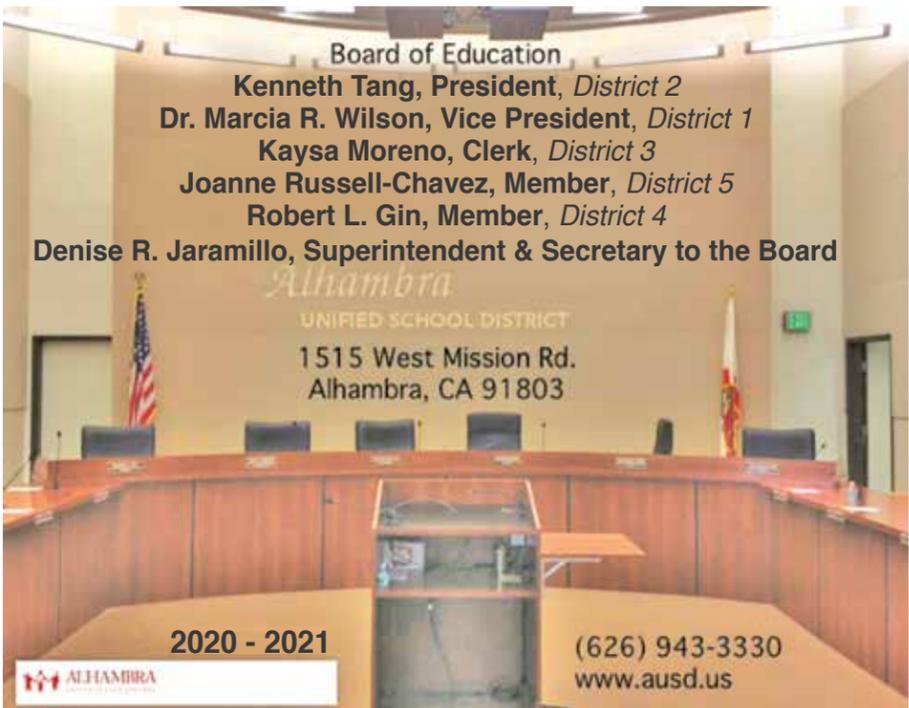
Pictured among a small portion of AUSD's recent acquisition of 10,000 Chromebooks, are Director of Technology and Information Services, Aston Potter, right, with Paul Hsieh, Micro Computer Analyst, who took the lead in preparing all the Chromebooks for distribution.



AUSD's One-to-One Student Device Initiative Ensures Equitable Access

All Alhambra Unified School District students will soon have a Chromebook assigned solely for their individual use. During the summer, the District's Technology Team purchased and prepared 10,000 Chromebooks as part of their One-to-One Student Device Initiative. They are ready for the sites to start assigning them to students, with a priority for those who do

not already have an AUSD device. Some of the Chromebooks will also be used to replace older devices that have been designated as EOL (End of Life). "It was a monumental task, but I am fortunate to have an incredible team who pulled it all together in a limited amount of time," says Ashton Potter, Director of Technology and Information Services.



AUSD Welcomes 14,000 Students to Campus for First Day of School

After 17 months of Distance Learning, more than 14,000 TK-12 grade students were hoisting backpacks and smiling under their masks as they arrived on August 11, 2021, for their first day on campus since March 2020.

Stringent safety precautions in place and Zoom-explained in multiple parent meetings and email messages, teachers and staff, socially distant and masked, shared their first day joy over seeing students. School yards across the district were filled with inflated arches, balloons bouquets, brightly colored banners and happy music

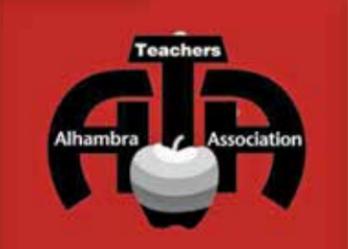
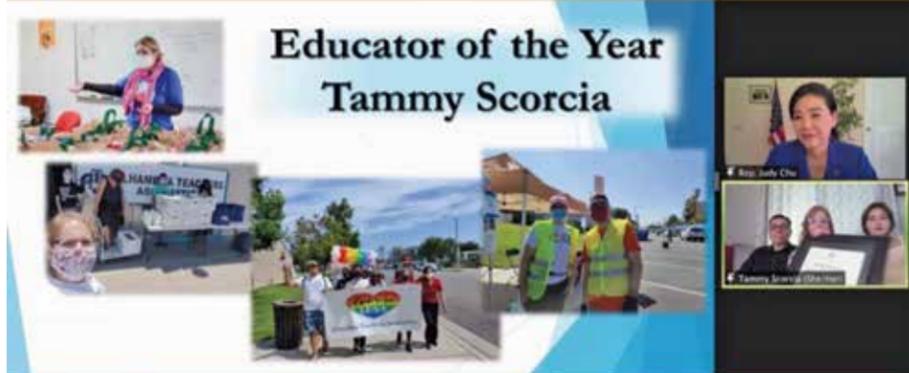
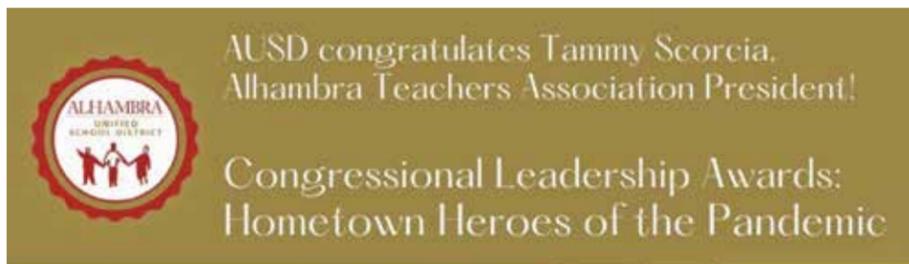
to welcome students back.

As a parallel track, approximately 1200 K-12 grade AUSD students opted instead to enroll in the newly launched Independent Study virtual learning program led by Dr. Marisa Palacios, Director of Alternative Education.

As an additional layer of safety, the AUSD Board voted on August 3, 2021, to initiate the process to test all students and staff weekly, regardless of vaccination status. This decision exceeds the state of California's new regulation that requires only school employees without vaccines be tested.



After the AUSD Board of Education unanimously voted on August 3, 2021, to approve David Keys as the new Principal of Alhambra High School, Principal Keys hit the ground running. He brings two decades as an educator, the last four years as Assistant Principal at Herbert Hoover High In Glendale USD. His particular focus is in fostering relationship-centered learning, building an inclusive, equitable school culture, and developing integrated technology solutions for the post-pandemic world. "I can immediately see the trademark dedication of Alhambra High teachers and can't wait for us to work together to help our students, families and one another thrive," says Keys.



REPETTO PROTOCOLS From Page 1

thing I'm looking to see is that the kids are back and that they're happy and that they're wearing their masks." She looked around and added, "This is a perfect sort of layout. The kids are engaged. Obviously, everybody's being careful. There's hand sanitizer everywhere. But the children are learning, and that's clear. So that's the most important thing we're looking for."

Ferrer told Morales, "I like the idea that Repetto, which serves breakfast and lunch, has the option of outdoor dining." School principal Steven Suttle said students can dine inside if they choose to, but parents favor outdoor dining for their children. According to the Pasadena Star News story, "The parents really like that," said Suttle, who added he has staggered meal times to have as few kids as possible eating at once. Kids eating breakfast outdoors Tuesday morning were spaced out on the benches.

Morales wrote that Duardo told Principal Suttle and AUSD Superin-

tendent Denise Jaramillo, also on hand, "I love it. You can see as soon as you walk onto the school's campus that everything is in order. They have good signage, all the children are wearing masks. This is kindergarten and none of the five year-olds have any issues with wearing a mask." "As Duardo looked around she noted, They're learning, they're having fun. The students's work is posted in the classrooms and this is Day 5."

Both Ferrer and Duardo could not emphasize enough the importance of following current protocols to the letter. Besides mask wearing, all staff must be vaccinated or submit to weekly coronavirus testing. The district is setting up more Vaccination Clinics in September.

Read more of Robert Morales' Pasadena Star News story: <https://www.pasadenastarnews.com/2021/08/17/la-countys-top-health-official-tours-monterey-park-school-checks-coronavirus-protocols>



Marguerita School asks for the public's assistance in identifying the photographs in these old albums and help in reuniting them with relatives of the original owners. Pictured here are principal Teresa Johnson and office manager Lilia Aguilar with the two photo albums (top left); students Kyler and Caden Berrio who tried to help solve the mystery by looking for clues in the photographs (bottom right), and two sets of photographs from the albums.

Marguerita Calls on Community to Solve Mystery Discovered in School Vault

Are you a local historian, amateur detective, or did you have family members who grew up in the Marguerita area in the 1920s and 1930s? If so, Marguerita Elementary School would love your assistance.

During the summer, Marguerita office manager Lilia Aguilar was cleaning out an old vault while packing up the office due to upcoming construction. Inside, she discovered a mysterious hidden treasure: two family photo albums and newspapers from 1918 and 1923! Marguerita School opened in 1930, but the newspapers were from a decade earlier. No one who is currently at Marguerita has any idea how these items made their way into the school vault.

Principal Teresa Johnson would like to find the relatives of the family who originally owned the photo album and reunite them with these pieces of their family history. She also wants to find out more about

the connection between the people depicted in the photographs and Marguerita School. "Looking through them has been a little snapshot from 100 years ago. There are some beautiful photos in the albums and somewhere in our community must be someone who can identify the people in the photos," says Principal Johnson. "I know it would mean so much to a family to have photographs of their relatives from long ago. I hope the community will help us find them."

Do you have any clues? Additional photos from the albums will be posted on the Alhambra Unified School District's social media platforms (@AlhambraUSD on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter), to request help from the virtual community. You can reply through our social media or by sending an email to social@ausd.us to help Marguerita solve this mystery.

On August 9, 2021, the AUSD Board and Superintendent Denise R. Jaramillo hosted an outdoor Welcome Back Breakfast at San Gabriel High to thank a thousand employees for their inspiring efforts over the last 17 months and to express gratitude for their special preparations to launch the 2021-22 academic year.

At the first in-person staff event since 2019, the masked, socially distanced colleagues enjoyed seeing one another over breakfast burritos and cheered the AUSD 2021 Employees for the Year who were chosen from the vast field of exceptional employees.

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Front row, left to right: Lindsey Ma, Director of Student Support Services, Manager of the Year; Roxanne Venegas, Cafeteria Manager, San Gabriel High, Classified Employee of the Year; Virginia Vasquez, English teacher, San Gabriel High, Teacher of the Year.

Back row, left to right: Craig Profitt, President of California School Employees Association CSEA-95; Tammy Scorcia, President of Alhambra Teachers Association; Bob Gin, AUSD Board Member; Ken Tang, AUSD Board President; Denise R. Jaramillo, AUSD Superintendent.

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The Tzu Chi August 7, 2021, Backpack Giveaway for pre-qualified AUSD students, captures the power of community partnerships. Tzu Chi volunteers, AUSD Board Members and the Student Support Services leadership team, an Alhambra City Councilmember and Alhambra Police officer join together to showcase the the donated backpacks filled with school supplies for TK-12 students.

Tzu Chi USA Fills Backpacks with School Supplies for AUSD Students

Thanks to the generosity of Alhambra USD's longtime community partner, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, more than 200 specially invited, AUSD TK-12 students from across the district were invited to a Back to School Backpack Giveaway on August 7, 2021, at Alhambra High School.

The pre-qualified students received backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies, shoes, and a prepaid debit for their back to school needs.

"When communities come together to help our most vulnerable children and families, the whole community flourishes," said AUSD Superintendent Denise R. Jaramillo. "Tzu Chi inspires us all to do more

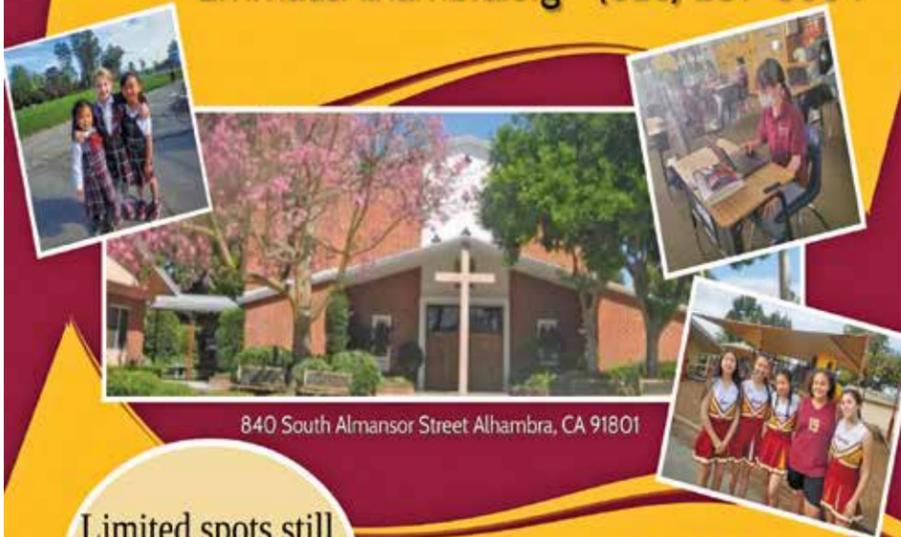
to help one another. We are enormously grateful for their longtime partnership that makes such a difference to our children."

Among those on hand were Tzu Chi Foundation USA's James Chen, Director Tzu Chi San Gabriel Valley Service Center, Sabrina Ho, Program Manager, Flora Yeh, Operations Manager and Tzu Chi youth volunteers. AUSD was presented by Board President Ken Tang and Board member Bob Gin, Patricia Mahony, Assistant Superintendent Student Support Services, and Directors Jim Schofield and Lindsey Ma. City Councilmember Adele Andrade-Stadler represented the city of Alhambra.

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Beginning Again

By Rev. Craig Statton, CEO, Atherton
214 S. Atlantic Blvd. Alhambra

A couple of weeks ago I was meeting with a group of residents, and I said, "As difficult as it was to stop services and activities at the beginning of the pandemic, it is equally as difficult to also begin again." And that challenge is even greater now as we face both more freedoms and activities and yet still have the concerns about new variants of the virus. The vaccine roll out this spring has made a remarkable difference in our safety from the virus. It has resulted in our community, county, and state allowing larger gatherings, modifying mask mandates, and enjoying indoor activities as well as larger gathering. It has also allowed many of us to enjoy family gatherings without the same kind of fear of the virus. Even though I write this article in the middle of another virus surge, I have much greater confidence for myself and our community that a positive test result will not mean a difficult and dangerous illness for the vaccinated. The vaccines have been remarkably effective and are able to prevent serious disease and hospitalization with minimal side effects. The vaccines have not eliminated the virus but have created another layer of safety for those who are vaccinated. We are so thankful for this wonderful tool to fight this pandemic.

Having said this, opening has been a slow process of trials and experimentation so that we are able to keep everyone as safe as possible. At Atherton, we are now allowing indoor and outdoor dining, gathering of up to 75 residents in our chapel, exercise and swimming classes and the opening of Atherton venues for Atherton residents and staff. We are still following LA Department of Public Health guidelines related to wearing masks with indoor activities even though we have over 98%

of our residents fully vaccinated and 90% of our staff is vaccinated. Even though we are encouraging visitors to visit friends and loved ones on campus, our activities are still limited to our residents. Like many senior living communities, we are in the process of developing guidelines to allow for more activities with outside groups and individuals, but we are still limiting their participation on our campus.

The pandemic has been a life altering event on all of us. It has changed the habits of our daily lives, upended our travel plans, and made us appreciate the presence and hugs of friends and family members even more. But the pandemic has also shown us at Atherton that we can provide essential services to seniors in the most difficult of environments. Whether it is your daily meals, our home and personal care, our resources have helped our residents through this time. And we have also once again realized that the men and women who work in our community are truly "heroes." Their dedication and willingness to personally sacrifice their time and plans to keep Atherton residents safe has been truly inspirational. So many things are "beginning again" around Atherton and Alhambra but so many of our values like kindness, joy, faith, dedication, and gratitude have been seen in abundance during this difficult season. In spite of the fact that the virus is still with us, we are beginning again. It is good to be back.



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Is a chipped tooth really that big of a deal?

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Risk Factors

There are many external factors: from the Frisbees in the face to using our teeth as tools.

But there are also a number of internal, dental risk factors that can make chipping a tooth more likely to happen. Consider uneven bite, premature bite points, missing teeth, grinding and clenching teeth.

So, do you have to fix a chipped tooth?"

The answer is: Yes, most of the time. Small or big the missing tooth structure is best to be replaced. Chipping a tooth means you have lost tooth structure and tooth is more susceptible for further damage. The chipped area is an open gate for the bacteria and acids that penetrate deeper and closer to the nerve. It only takes a tiny amount

of nerve to be exposed to the infections to cause a substantial pain. This is why it is so critical to see your dentist quickly after the chip occurs. The good news are that the modern dental technology now days offer a wide range of different restorative options.

How is chipped tooth repaired?

Bonding

For the simplest and smallest chips in the teeth, bonding is most likely the treatment your dentist will offer. Bonding or also known as composite resin is a tooth colored material that is can be bonded to the remaining enamel and healthy tooth structure through microscopic locks. That allows the tooth and composite resin to function and look like one piece. Bonding is a great option because is affordable with relatively simple application and great natural look outcome.



Porcelain Veneers or Crowns

If the chip is bigger and more of the tooth is lost, porcelain veneers and crowns are an excellent solution. Crowns and veneers are very similar as they're all made up of porcelain. While veneers go over the front of your chipped tooth, a crown covers the entire tooth.

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teeth, they do so in different ways. A sports guard or mouth guard protects your teeth while playing contact sports. A night guard protects teeth from the impact of grinding while you sleep. While there is not a cure for the bruxism a night guard can significantly minimize the damage of grinding and clenching and associated consequences.

A chipped tooth is not always emergency. However, prompt attention is real important to avoid complications and spare yourself from the pain.



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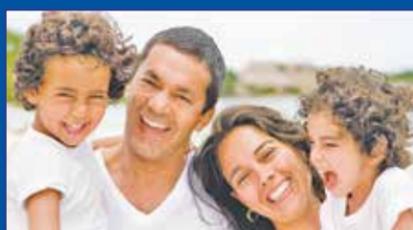
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BY SHEILA YONEMOTO, P.T.

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Diaphragmatic Breathing: The diaphragm, a large muscle located below the lungs, separates the chest cavity from the abdominal cavity. It is the major muscle responsible for bringing air into the lungs. With diaphragmatic breathing, the stomach goes in and out instead of the shoulders going up and down and the chest going in and out. This type of breathing sends a signal to the autonomic nervous system to go into rest mode.

To learn diaphragmatic breathing, lie down and place your hands on your stomach or lower ribs. Fill your lungs with air with a relaxed breath and notice your stomach rising and/or ribs expanding. Keep your shoulders and neck muscles relaxed. Continue to breathe easily for 15 minutes and allow your body to sink into the bed or floor.

If you become tense doing this type of breathing, stop. The purpose is to calm the body, not increase tension. Effort causes the autonomic nervous system to shut off the resting/restorative mode and turn on the "fight or flight" mode, making your body ready for action. Diaphragmatic breathing should be effortless. Continue to practice this effortless deep breathing in more upright positions and with more



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potential distractions such as light, noise and movement.

The benefits of regularly doing diaphragmatic breathing include having a calmer nervous system and more relaxed muscles allowing for better blood flow into the muscles while also lowering your blood pressure and warming your hands. Isn't it time for you to get off the edge of your seat and take a nice long breath of air?

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Wingstop on Main has New Kicking Flavors and Items Landing on the Menu

By JEWELYN CO

Wingstop, located at 100 East Main St. Ste 150, at the prime location of Downtown Alhambra has been serving their famous seasoned and flavored chicken wings since 2016. This fast-casual restaurant chain has over 1,500 restaurants opened across the nation and internationally. Wingstop on Main Street remained open and operated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic closures with take-out and delivery services. "We were the first to practice health and safety protocols because we want to keep everyone safe. We made sure to keep everyone following social distancing, keeping facemasks on, and our staff are very good in sanitizing and keeping our facility clean. It has been a challenge with the adjustments and keeping supplies in stock. I am glad that we were able to stay open and operat-

ing, and were busy during the pandemic," owner Nikki Marcos expressed.

Wingstop offers delicious items in the menu including the traditional bone-in and boneless chicken wings, crispy tenders, seasoned fries, and sides. Kick off the spice levels from no spice at Hawaiian flavor to the super hot Atomic Flavor. Some favorites include the lemon pepper, garlic parmesan, and the original hot. Every item is freshly made-to-order with no conventional microwaves used. With varieties of flavors to kick up the taste and spice, these mouth-watering sauced chicken wings and thighs are sauced and hand-tossed for even flavorful taste of the seasonings in every bite. Mix flavors up and request to try different flavors into one. Wingstop is now offering chicken thighs in all flavors including the spicy yet sweet Jamaican Jerk

BBQ flavor exclusively for the thighs only. The Louisiana Rub chicken thighs are crispy and filled with spiced flavoring to savor the pallets. All-In Bundle special is a great deal with 16 boneless wings and 6 crispy tenders with up to 4 flavors, and including large fries and 3 dips. There are many options to choose from the wing combos, group

packs, or by pieces. Make it a better deal with side orders of seasoned fries, cajun fried corn, veggie sticks, and fresh baked rolls. Special item served all day on Mondays and Tuesdays is the Boneless chicken for \$0.70. Group and party packs are available for any occasion. "The hot wings are freshly made to order and they are not sitting under a map like chicken nuggets," customer Linna Lam shared.

Unavailable for indoor and outdoor dining at this time, Wingstop customers can order for take-out and 3rd party delivery services via Grubhub. Call-in for orders or order online and via Wingstop app for a quicker and convenient service. Join the Wingstop E-Club online to receive special offers, perks, birthday freebies, and updated news on Wingstop. Look for Wingstop on Main Street offers and coupons in the Around Alhambra newspapers every month. Visit their website at www.wingstop.com, or follow them on their social medias @ wingstop. Wingstop is hiring and is looking for staff to join their team. Open from 10:30 am to midnight.

Guillermo Marquez, Assistant Manager, said "Our wings have unique flavors and you will not find the same taste of wings anywhere else but here in our Wingstop. Our customers are important to us and

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Michelin stars in Alhambra? It could be soon!

The world famous Michelin Restaurant Guide is known for awarding 'Stars' to the finest restaurants. But there is more to it than that. There are other ratings that Michelin uses to recommend restaurants. One of these is the 'Plate Michelin' which honors restaurants that 'simply serve good food'. Another rating designation is 'The Bib Gourmand' signifies a restaurant that has "good cuisine at reasonable prices". The ratings suggest the first step toward a Michelin Star.

In the most recent Michelin Guide: California there are five Alhambra restaurants that have been named 'Plate Michelin' or 'Bib Gourmand'. They are Lunasia Dim Sum House, Borneo Kalimantan Cuisine, Chengdu Taste, Jiang Nan Spring and Sichuan Impression. Here is what Michelin had to say about these Alhambra eateries.

Lunasia Dim Sum House located at 500 W. Main St. has earned a Bib Gourmand rating. Michelin noted that, "Few kitchens can prepare a noodle roll quite like this local Alhambra favorite... this kitchen puts a fine edge on the area's dim sum scene. Rice wrappers filled with gently cooked lobster meat and finished with a subtly sweet soy sauce arrive on a platter set with the lobster shell itself for a presentation that draws attention from all corners."

Borneo Kalimantan Cuisine is an Indonesian restaurant located at 19 S. Garfield Ave. also is a Bib Gourmand restaurant. Michelin says of them, "the best dish here is the smallest—namely, the roti prata, which

is a wheat flour-based pancake griddled until puff pastry-like perfection and served with a subtly sweet and spicy curry. It's the kind of dish you'll want to begin and even seal a meal with."

Chengdu Taste located at 828 W. Valley Blvd. is also a Bib Gourmand rated establishment. Says Michelin, "...it is a favorite of critics and foodies alike... if you have a spice-loving pack of friends, round them up, as the sharing-minded food caters to groups"

Jiang Nan Spring located at 910 E. Main St. has a Plate Michelin rating. Michelin notes that, "Finding regional highlights can be tricky since the menu lists upwards of 150 dishes, but gracious servers are more than happy to assist. With hardwood floors and large white walls, the airy, sun-kissed space is a fitting setting for such elegant cuisine."

Sichuan Impression located at 1900 W. Valley Blvd. is another Bib Gourmand restaurant offering good food at reasonable prices. Michelin says of them, "Paradise for diners seeking a culinary adventure, this dining room flaunts a pleasing aura. It's no wonder that crowds are the norm at peak hour, as meals have been known to render palates smitten, thanks to the likes of fiery oils, funky offal and numbing chilies. Yet there is restraint, with ingredients enhanced by a none-too-over smoky heat."

These are all busy restaurants filled with people who already knew what Michelin has discovered. Step up and try these local favorites with international recognition.

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The overlooked figures in the eviction moratorium news: landlords

Heavy recent media coverage of the latest eviction moratorium has largely ignored the group at the center of it all: landlords. We've met tenants in danger of being evicted and heard lots about President Biden's decision to authorize the moratorium, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's opinion last month requiring Congressional action to extend the moratorium past July, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's decision not to press hard for a bill. But landlords, the moratorium's target, have been only a vague and distant presence.

A closer look at landlords may upend some stereotypes. The word "landlord" rarely sparks warm and fuzzy feelings. In popular culture landlords are often evil, portrayed as heartless plutocrats or giant, unfeeling corporations. Yet getting a realistic picture based on data turns out to be surprisingly difficult.

"There is very little research on landlords," Department of Housing and Urban Development researcher Todd M. Richardson wrote in a 2018 note. "The lack of available research on landlords has created a policy blind spot.... In an interesting data shortfall, researchers don't know the precise number of landlords in the United States." Assembling multi-dimensional data on them, he explained, requires combing through various reports found in the nooks and crannies of federal departments.

The vast majority of landlords are individuals, not businesses. About 10.3 million individuals reported rental income to the IRS in 2018 (the most recent year with available data). Some landlords with very little rental income may not have filed, but it's a safe bet that between 10 million and 11 million individuals are landlords. It's harder to estimate the number of business entities (such as corporations and limited liability companies) that own rental properties,

but evidence from Census Bureau surveys, plus Richardson's estimate based on 2015 data, suggest that the number is less than a million. So among landlords, individuals outnumber businesses by at least 10 to one.

Most individual landlords own very few units. The majority own just one or two rental units; the average is 1.9. Business-entity landlords own well over 20 units on average, with some owning hundreds or thousands.

Individual landlords don't make much money, on average. They reported receiving rent averaging \$34,217 in 2018, the IRS reports. Deductible expenses, not including depreciation, averaged \$23,679. No source provides comprehensive income and expense data beyond the averages, so we don't know the data's statistical distribution. But it seems likely that most of America's total landlords don't net much money.

Eviction moratoriums, which have been in effect for almost the entire pandemic, allow millions of tenants to stay in their units even if they don't pay the rent. The moratoriums weren't supposed to harm landlords. Congress authorized \$46.5 billion to help tenants pay their rent, but administration of the program was left to local authorities, which have mostly botched the job; through June, only \$3 billion had been disbursed. Landlords were owed \$27.5 billion of unpaid rent as of June.

Landlord-vs.-tenant conflicts are often imagined as titans vs. the little guy, and sometimes that's what they are; most U.S. residential rental units are owned by businesses. But in considering who's suffering financially, it's worth remembering that most landlords, millions of them, are mom-and-pop operations—not the billionaires and corporations we too easily imagine.

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In the 1990's the railroad tracks at San Clemente State Beach were separated from the ocean by a beautiful beach.



Currently on August 18, 2021 portions of San Clemente State Beach no longer exist in part to the suspension of sand replenishment projects over the last decade.

The Shifting Sands of Beach Real Estate

Some of Southern California's most expensive real estate is located at the beach. And some of this expensive real estate is disappearing.

Beaches at Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, and San Clemente are noticeably suffering from sand erosion. And the pace of this erosion has been increasing over the last decade.

One of my favorite beaches is San Clemente State Beach. The beach is adjacent to imposing cliffs and has the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad track running along at the base of the cliffs. Up to a few years ago a pleasant walk was follow the beach south for about a mile to Cottons Point. This was where President Nixon's home used to be. But that walk is no longer available. Sand erosion forces a beach walker to either wade through knee deep water or climb up the railroad tracks as they approach Cottons Point.

California is losing some of its most precious real estate. You can see the beach discernably shrinking each year at many beaches. But more is going on beside the common explanation of global warming leading to elevated sea levels and serious storm activity washing away the beach sand.

Beyond global warming, there are other significant causes for beach erosion. And by confronting these additional causes, sand erosion at the beaches can be impacted in a positive manner.

First, one needs to realize that many of the Southern California beaches were not naturally as broad and large as we fondly remember them in our lifetimes. Brett Sanders, professor of civil and environmental engineering at UC Irvine was interviewed by The Mercury News and said that in the 1920's, beaches along the Southern California coast were naturally narrow. "Some of the leaders realized the beaches were too small to meet the demand for tourism," he said.

Between the 1920's and 1960's a coalition composed of government officials, engineers, and private sector tourism investors formed the beach lobby which transformed

Southern California beaches into their more recent configuration. Some beaches were increased to three times their original size through depositing additional sand on the beaches.

During the 1920's sand was added to beaches to increase their size to encourage tourism. Another motive for increasing beach size was to create greater accessibility for the general public to beaches.

By the 1930's the Army Corp of Engineers became involved with adding sand to beaches as a response to rivers such as the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, and Santa Ana River being cemented over and having flood control barriers built which prevented the natural transportation of sediment and sand down the rivers to replenish beach sand.

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of sand was deposited by various programs on Southern California beaches to preserve their width.

Congress passed the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1962 to address the negative impacts of the flood control structures on natural sand deposits. An example of a project resulting from this act was the Surfside-Sunset Beach Nourishment Project which deposited 1.5 million cubic yards of sand on local beaches approximately every three to four years.

But all of this has been dramatically reduced due to recent federal budget cutbacks. Often, two-thirds the cost for replenishing

sand has been covered by federal money and the remainder by local municipalities. But over the last decade the federal grants have been drying up. The most recent stage of the Surfside-Sunset Beach Nourishment Project has been indefinitely suspended due to lack of federal funds.

The current trend of beach erosion needs to be confronted. And much of the local beach erosion resulting from flood control structures and the cementing over of rivers that flow to the ocean can be reversed if programs which have been recently curtailed are reinstated.

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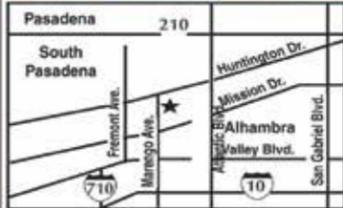
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illuminate. This of course means you will need to correct the problem before you will pass your next emissions inspection.

Manufacturer service intervals usually vary from 15,000 to 45,000 miles or 12 to 24 months. Your owners manual will tell you what is recommend for your vehicle. Driving conditions should be taken in to consideration as well. If you normally operate your vehicle in dusty conditions it may need replacement more frequently.

On most cars inspection of the air filter will require opening up the housing. Some vehicles are equipped with a filter condition indicator. When inspecting the filter be cautious of housing clips or fasteners that like to jump away and hide. There may be hoses or electrical sensors attached to your housing or connecting hoses, be careful around these as well. A new air filter will be

bright white or off white. Your filter should be free of large debris and dirt build up. If it has turned gray or brown or no longer lets light pass though it I recommend you replace it.

If you purchased your car with an aftermarket serviceable filter or installed one make sure it is CARB approved and street legal. When servicing these filters time is important. After washing you want to allow the filter to air dry. Compressed air drying can ruin the element. When oiling you want to allow time for the oil to wick in to the filter material. Rushed over oiling can cause problems that defeat the purpose of spending on the performance filter to begin with.

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