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PICO RIVERA RESIDENTS BRING BACK LA FONDA RESTAURANT



Restaurant partners pictured from top to bottom: Jesus "Chuy" Guzman, Annette Guzman, Juanita Barbosa, John Hinojosa and Sergio Barbosa

Two Pico Rivera residents, Jesus "Chuy" Guzman and his wife Annette in partnership with John Hinojosa, Sergio Barbosa, and Juanita Barbosa have re-opened the historic La Fonda restaurant in Los Angeles.

La Fonda restaurant was home to Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano. The mariachi group was originally founded by Natividad "Nati" Cano in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico in 1950. The mariachi group relocated to Los Angeles in 1957 and Nati Cano opened La Fonda Restaurant on Wilshire Boulevard in 1969 to become

the home of Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano and the first ever mariachi dinner-theater restaurant in the world. From 1969 till the closure of the restaurant in 2007, Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano would perform to a packed house nightly and played to the likes of fellow musicians such as Linda Ronstadt who used the mariachi group in her albums "Canciones de mi Padre" and "Mas Canciones."

With the closure of the restaurant in late 2007, the group concentrated on their music, even winning a Grammy in 2008 for Best Regional Mexican Album.

In October of 2014, seven years after the restaurant's closure, the band's founder and longtime leader Nati Cano passed away. Nati Cano was never able to realize his dream of bringing back La Fonda Restaurant to Los Angeles.

Just two years after Nati Cano's passing, the doors to La Fonda Restaurant would re-open and be restored back to its former glory with the familiar sounds and food that made the original restaurant legendary.

Many of the elements of the former restaurant can still be found inside, along with a few modern upgrades such as the stage and sound equipment. The staple feature of the restaurant, Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, led by Band Director Jesus "Chuy" Guzman, performs in the same fashion they did when the restaurant originally opened in 1969. Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano perform three nightly shows Thursday through Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday's.

La Fonda Restaurant is located at 2501 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. For information on upcoming shows or reservations, log on to the restaurants website at lafondadeloscamperos.com.



Whittier Boulevard Rehabilitation Complete

Construction work along Whittier Boulevard from the west city limits to Paramount Boulevard has come to an end as the Whittier Boulevard Street Rehabilitation Project has been completed.

Since the project began in late 2015, many improvements have been made to Whittier Boulevard to improve the overall look of the western city limit entrance.

The Project features a unique "gateway to the city" concept which includes an entrance monument, roadway medians with drought tolerant landscaping, safety lighting, pavement rehabilitation and various artistic enhancements. Included in the enhancements was the painting of the Union Pacific Railroad grade separation bridge and the concrete wing walls.

The project also addressed traffic and pedestrian safety issues along Whittier Boulevard from Van Norman Road to Paramount Boulevard.

"It's projects like these that enhance the overall look and feel of the City" said City Manager René Bobadilla. "We continue to look toward the future in how we can improve our City's infrastructure with improvement projects such as this one."

This project is the latest in a series of street improvements intended to improve the look of the community, better define the City's borders and welcome everyone to Pico Rivera with a more modern look.

The rehabilitation project was funded with Federal and State money.



IN HONOR OF...

The City of Pico Rivera will honor fallen members of our nation's military forces at our traditional Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Mines Avenue Veterans Monument. This year, City officials will be making a special recognition to all those who served during the Korean War era. If you or someone you know served during the Korean War era or for more information about the event, call 562.801.4430.

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CITY WELCOMES BUSINESS



City Officials recently celebrated the opening of Excellence RE Real Estate Services with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony held last month. Pictured above from left to right is Real Estate Agent Gloria Aguirre, Broker Mike Oyoque, Owner/Realtor Genaro Moreno, Realtor Bobby Arteaga and Real Estate Agent Aseret Salazar. Excellence RE Real Estate Services is located at 9516 E. Whittier Boulevard.

The City looks forward to more businesses opening this year and joining the business family in Pico Rivera. Be sure to check future editions of the Profile newsletter for information on new business openings in the community.

Upcoming National Public Works Week

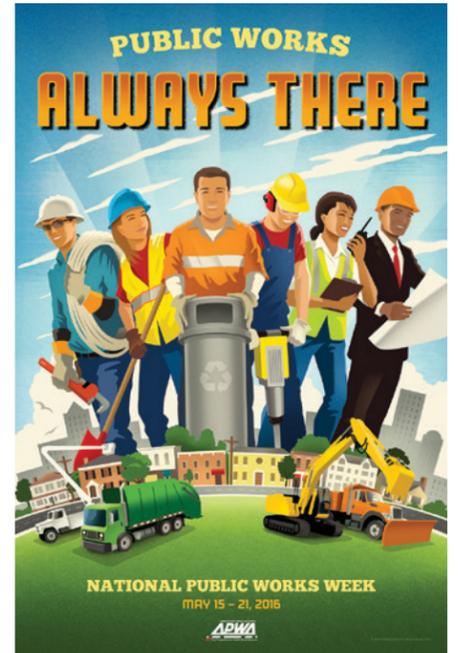
The City's Public Works Department is getting ready to join their counterparts across the country in recognizing National Public Works Week from May 15 to May 21.

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has raised awareness about the importance of the role of Public Works in maintaining and improving the systems and services that support healthy, safe and comfortable communities.

This year's theme "Public Works Always There" focuses on the important role of Public Works. Communities large and small depend on the men and women of this dynamic profession to always be there and always be ready to serve.

To ensure that the quality of life meets the high expectations of the City's residents, the Public Works Department oversees several aspects of the City's infrastructure, including the engineering, maintenance and operation of streets, parks, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, parkways, medians, alleys, public parking lots, traffic signals, and traffic markings. This Department also manages facility maintenance, street sweeping, trash and recycling services, and water system maintenance.

Pico Rivera's Public Works Department will commemorate the week with a display in the City Hall lobby, featuring Public Works materials and promotional giveaways.



Sidewalk Improvements Continue

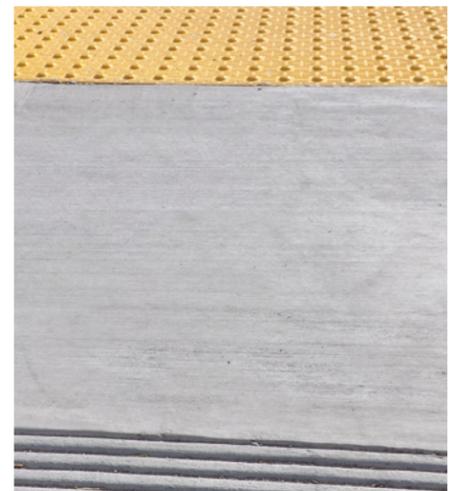
The city continues improving roadways and sidewalks with the Roadway Improvements City Wide Project.

The project includes the addition of a new sidewalk on Hasty Avenue between Sunglow and Florpark Street. Other improvements included new curb and gutter, and sidewalk repair

along Stephens Street, and new ADA ramps, curb and gutter, and sidewalk repair on Banta Road between Sandoval Avenue and Woodford Street.

In total, the project includes the construction of 10,700 square feet of new sidewalk, 4 new access ramps, and 1,100 feet of new curb and gutter.

The Roadway Improvements project was funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).



Volunteer Drivers Needed for State Pilot Program



Roads are a critical component not only to a City's infrastructure, but the State's as well. Funding for road maintenance is provided by taxes collected when drivers purchase fuel. However, due to declining sales of fuel as a result of vehicles with improved fuel economy and the sales of hybrid and electric vehicles, the State's income from motor fuel taxes has been impacted. State officials estimate that by 2030, as much as half of the revenue that could have been collected will be lost as fuel economy continues to rise.

In response to the decline in fuel tax revenues, the State of California has created a Road Charging Pilot Program. Road charging is a funding source where drivers pay to maintain the roads based on the miles they drive, rather than the amount of gasoline they consume.

The pilot program, created by the Technical Advisory Committee under the California Transportation Commission, will illustrate firsthand the advantages, disadvantages, challenges, and opportunities of road charging.

In order for this program to provide the necessary results, the State is recruiting 5,000 volunteers to participate in this nine-month pilot program. Participation is free and participants will be given a variety of manual and technological choices for reporting the miles they travel, as well as a choice for submitting simulated payments.

The pilot program is set to begin in Summer 2016. To sign up for the program or for more information, log on to the website at californiaroadchargepilot.com.



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Due to the ongoing construction at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Rosemead/Lakewood Boulevard in the Cities of Pico Rivera and Downey, lanes available in both directions will be reduced to a single lane of travel.

Traffic delays are expected in the vicinity of this intersection, drivers are advised to seek alternate routes during construction. All businesses that are near the area will remain open.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by June 2016.

For more details, call the Public Works Department at 562.801.4330.

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CITY HALL CLOSED

Friday, May 6; Friday, May 20 and Monday, May 30

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council Meeting Tu, May 10 & 24, 6 p.m.
 at City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd.

Planning Commission M, May 2, 6 p.m.
 at City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd. (Please call 562.801.4332 to confirm meeting dates)

Sister City Commission Tu, May 17, 6 p.m.
 at City Hall (Small Conference Room), 6615 Passons Blvd.

Parks and Recreation Commission Th, May 12, 6 p.m.
 at Parks and Recreation Building, 6767 Passons Blvd.

This Month on CTV

May's schedule brings a new edition of CTV3 News. Also catch California Bountiful and California's Gold. Watch live coverage of the Pico Rivera City Council meetings on May 10 & 24 at 6:00 p.m. Also catch live coverage of ERUSD Board Meetings. Complete schedule at pico-rivera.org.

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Register now for Summer Camp

Registration for the City's popular Summer Camp Program for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade is now underway.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is offering three different camps: Kids Camp for kindergarteners through second graders; Camp Alotafun for children in the third through fifth grades, and; Teen Camp for sixth through eighth graders.

Camp Alotafun and Kids Camp be held at Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Boulevard, and Teen Camp will be held at the Youth Center, 4632 Orange Street. All three camps will run Monday through Friday from Monday, June 13 through Friday, August 18 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Each of the camps offers fun, exciting activities such as arts and crafts, outdoor play, science projects, cooking, sports, a weekly field trip and much more. In addition to morning and afternoon snacks, campers will be provided a free lunch through the Summer Lunch Program.

Fees are \$99 per participant per week. There is a \$10 discount for City residents. Campers are required to wear camp T-shirts every day, which are available for \$6 each.

Registration and payments are now only being accepted at the Parks and Recreation Office, 6767 Passons Boulevard, and Pico Park.

Registrations will be accepted until all spots are filled. Registration packets can be picked up at any City park site, the Parks and Recreation Office, or online at pico-rivera.org.

Online and mail-in registration is not available for Summer Camp. For more information about the camps, call the Department at 562.801.4430.



Smith Park Pool Ready for Summer

With the summer months quickly approaching, Smith Park Pool will be opening soon after undergoing a renovation to its critical infrastructure.

The renovation included the installation of a modern and efficient filtration system and will also incorporate automatic chemical pumps

that will maintain acceptable chemical levels in the pool at all times.

While the renovations are not noticeable to everyday swimmers, the upgrades are a significant improvement and will require less maintenance by city crews.

Senior Volunteers Recognized

"Volunteers Drive Fore A Hole-In-One!" was the theme for this year's annual Senior Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held last month at the Pico Rivera Golf Course.

The annual ceremony recognized the Center's volunteers for their continuing commitment and contributions to the community. Senior Volunteers were presented with a certificate and small gift in recognition of their ongoing support to the Center. This dedicated team of individuals are involved in a variety of programs, from the daily nutrition and homebound meals program to special events, and organizing and instructing classes. Overall, the volunteers at the Senior Center have volunteered more than 10,500 hours at the Center.

This year, the Center honored Lawrence Vega as Pico Rivera Senior Center's Volunteer of the Year for 2015. Lawrence has been volunteering at the Center for the past 4 years and has devoted his time in the daily nutrition program as a greeter, check-in



facilitator and with the setup and break down of the auditorium. During special events, Lawrence assists in selling raffle tickets, at the check-in table or arrives in costume (Santa Claus/Clown) to take pictures with guests and is always the last volunteer to leave the event with staff.

Also at the event, long-time resident Amadita Sanchez was recognized by the Senior Center as the Older American of the Year. Mrs. Amadita Sanchez was nominated by the City of Pico Rivera for her volunteerism and dedication with the Pico Rivera Christmas Basket Committee. Amadita will be presented with a special award during the annual Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Older Americans Recognition Event to be held in May.

The City of Pico Rivera is grateful to Lawrence Vega, Amadita Sanchez and all the Volunteers at the Pico Rivera Senior Center who volunteer countless hours to assist in programs that benefit their peers.

For more information on volunteering at the Senior Center, call the Center at 562.948.4844.



Senior Center Hosts Health Day Event



The Pico Rivera Senior Center is hosting the 4th Annual Senior Health & Fitness Day on Thursday, May 26 from 8 a.m. to noon. The event promotes active, healthy lifestyles through physical fitness, good nutrition and preventive care.

The Senior Health & Fitness Day is a great opportunity for seniors in Pico Rivera to make, renew or revitalize their commitment to living healthier lives.

Activities begin with a brisk walk around Smith Park at 8 a.m. The first 50 walkers will receive a free giveaway item. Participants are asked to check-in at the Senior Center patio area starting at 7:30 a.m.

Other activities include fitness and dance demonstrations by class instructors, health screenings and vendor booths providing health-related information, tips and resources.

A free healthy continental breakfast will also be available for everyone in attendance.

The Pico Rivera Senior Center is located at 9200 Mines Avenue. For more information about the celebration, contact the Center at 562.948.4844.

WATER BILL PAYMENT AND BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE NOTICE

Valued Customers, the City of Pico Rivera Water Department has recently made changes to its mailing address. Effective July 1, 2016, the new address will be:

City of Pico Rivera - P.O. BOX 36588 - Los Angeles, CA 90036

Please update your records and ensure all mail and bill payments are sent to this new address. Thank you!

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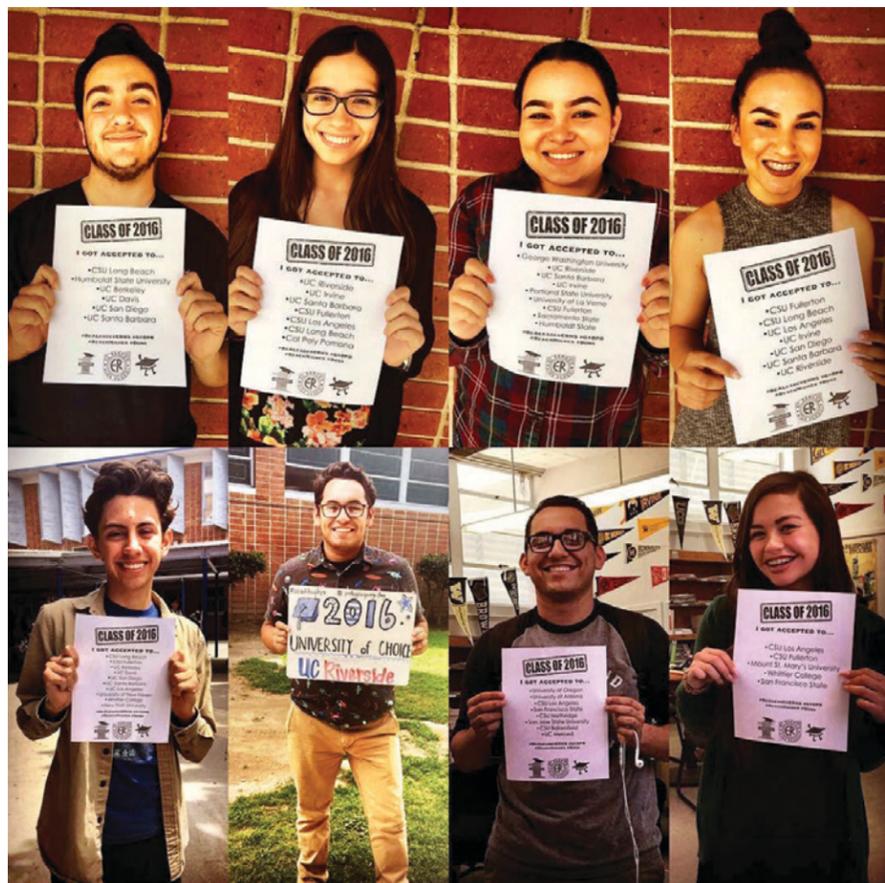


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EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

"Be A Leader" Program a Success



El Rancho Students pictured from left to right, top to bottom:

Justin Uribe, Adriana Carchipulla, Karen Lopez, Crystal Sanchez, Manny Cruz, Luis Garcia, Francisco Garcia, Valerie Viray

Generation 1st Degree Pico Rivera is thrilled to congratulate our students in the "Be A Leader" Foundation program at El Rancho High School. They've recently received their college acceptance letters and we couldn't be prouder.

Under Generation 1st Degree's leadership, the "Be A Leader" program at El Rancho High School provides students with an easy to navigate support system, giving them guidance through the college application process. This includes test preparation for the ACT and SAT, personal statement and college essay guidance, and help with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in college exploration by taking field trips to visit multiple colleges.

We are pleased to announce some of the schools where students have been accepted for fall of 2016. Among the colleges and universities, included are: George Washington University, New York University, University of Oregon, Portland State University, University of Arizona, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Santa Barbara, Mount St. Mary's University, University of Laverne, Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Fullerton, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, CSU Bakersfield, San Jose State University, San Francisco State University, Sacramento State, Humboldt State University, Whittier College and many more.

Congratulations to our "Be A Leader" students and their families. Thanks to their perseverance, hard work and commitment to their studies, each year we get closer to the mission goal of Generation 1st Degree Pico Rivera to have a college degree in every Pico Rivera home.



Ruben Salazar Recognized as Model Continuation School

Ruben Salazar High School was recently designated as one of 37 Model Continuation High Schools for 2016 by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson.

Schools receiving this designation are being recognized for their innovative teaching approaches that enable students with diverse needs to complete their high school education.

Continuation high schools meet the needs of students aged 16 years or older who have not graduated from high school, are at risk of not graduating, and are not exempt from compulsory school attendance. The minimum attendance is 15 hours per week or 180 minutes daily.

Students benefit from the additional programs and services offered,

such as independent study courses, career counseling, job placement, apprenticeships, and concurrent enrollment in community college.

The Model Continuation High School Recognition Program is a partnership between the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Continuation Education Association (CCEA).

A benefit of this joint effort is the establishment of a resource list of quality programs, which can serve as models for other continuation high schools.

The selected schools, which retain their title for three years, will be recognized at the upcoming 2016 CCEA State Conference in Riverside.



Rivera Elementary Earns State Recognition

Rivera Elementary has earned recognition by the California Department of Education as a 2016 Gold Ribbon School.

The State Department of Education recognized Rivera Elementary with the Gold Ribbon Award for making tremendous gains for the implementation of the state's academic content and performance standards.

The focus for Rivera Elementary was their work in implementing Accelerated Reader and increasing literacy achievement across the different grade levels.

The state will be recognizing Rivera Elementary at a recognition ceremony to be held later this month.

The City Seeks Community Input on Future Restaurants and Retailers

If you could pick any five restaurants and retailers to come to Pico Rivera, what would they be? The City of Pico Rivera wants to know the types and chains of businesses most desired by our residents and we invite you to participate in a short online survey to assess these preferences. Beginning Wednesday, May 4th until Wednesday, May 19th, the City will make available a

brief online survey designed to provide additional insight into specific citizen dining and shopping preferences and patterns. The information collected from the survey will be used to help the City develop restaurant and retailer attraction strategies.

To participate in this survey, please visit: <http://goo.gl/doX5LV>. You may also access the survey via a link on the City's website at pico-rivera.org or via the City's Facebook page at [facebook.com/CityOfPicoRivera](https://www.facebook.com/CityOfPicoRivera). If you do not have computer access, you can visit your local public library or come to City Hall and utilize our public kiosk in the lobby area.

For more details, contact Mrs. Guille Nuñez, Senior Planner, at 562.801.4335 or gnuñez@pico-rivera.org.



Rio Hondo College Dedicates New Soccer Field

Local officials from the State and the City joined administrators from Rio Hondo College to dedicate the newly renovated soccer field at the college during a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The renovations included the installation of a National Collegiate Athletic Association regulation synthetic turf field, a six lane synthetic track, bleachers that are able to accommodate 132 spectators, a new scoreboard, and a restroom facility. In addition, lights have been added to the field to allow for night games, practices and night time walking. The new field will be the home of the nationally ranked men's and women's Rio Hondo soccer teams.

The \$4 million dollar project was funded through the Measure A bond and is part of the School's plan to improve the overall infrastructure of the over 50-year old facility. More than 20,000 students, many from the City of Pico Rivera, enroll at the college each semester.