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COUNCIL ADOPTS 2016-17 BUDGET



The Pico Rivera City Council has adopted the City budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. The \$103.8 million spending plan provides funding for essential city services and supports the goals and priorities of our City Council. Funding is provided for public safety, park maintenance, community services programming, economic development efforts, street repair and maintenance, infrastructure upgrades, information technology services, housing support programs, special events, and a host of internal support services such as payroll, human resources and accounting.

The balanced budget for this fiscal year includes a surplus of \$340,000. The City's fiscal health has steadily improved in recent years, as evidenced by the budget surplus and increased reserves.

The adopted budget will provide essential services using \$38.1 million in expenditures, balanced against \$38.5 million in revenue.

The adopted budget was built upon improvement efforts that had begun last fiscal year. The Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget was developed utilizing "zero-based budgeting." This approach required each department to justify all of their requested expenditures. This "ground up" approach helped guarantee that each dollar requested, and eventually approved, was needed and served an essential purpose. The current Fiscal Year budget development process continued this "zero-based" approach, making improvements upon the prior year's efforts and producing a budget surplus.

In addition to the adopted budget surplus, the City will realize

additional General Fund savings due to a refinancing of its 2009 Lease Revenue Bonds. These bonds were issued in 2009 to provide citywide park upgrades as well as renovate the County library branch within our City. Taking advantage of low interest rates, the City refinanced these bonds and lowered the annual debt service payment; an effort very similar to refinancing a home mortgage loan.

The refinancing of the bonds will produce \$397,000 in additional General Fund annual savings because of the lower interest rates.

"Producing a balanced budget is a priority for everyone here in the City" said City Manager René Bobadilla. "This is just an example of how dedicated and engaged our City Staff is in ensuring we have the funds available to run the City effectively and

to provide our residents with services and programs they come to expect."

The ultimate goal of any budget process is to produce a sound and sustainable budget plan each fiscal year. The long-term goal is to ensure a financially secure future for the City of Pico Rivera and to focus on long-term financial security that will help the City weather any future recessions or possible economic downturns.

Pico Rivera Plastic Bag Ban to Begin Soon



Starting January 1, 2017, single-use plastic bags in Pico Rivera will be banned from grocery and convenience stores, large pharmacies, markets, as well as big box stores. Most retail stores will no longer provide single use plastic bags to shoppers. Paper bags will be provided at a minimum cost of 10 cents per bag. Customers will be encouraged to bring their own reusable bags, or may choose to pay for paper bags or buy reusable bags that will be available for sale at the point of purchase in many stores.

The problem with single-use bags is that they are lightweight and cause a unique threat to our environment. Single-use bags are not biodegradable, they pollute waterways, and cause costly damage to solid waste and recycling collection systems. As a result, 142 California cities and counties are taking the next step to eliminate these items from our waste stream. By passing Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinances, Cities have seen an average success rate of 90% or above in the reduction of single-use bags within one year. For more information, call 562.801.4388.



DANCIN' IN THE STREET

All we need is music.... and that's what we got during the City's inaugural Summer Street Fest. More than 14,000 guests packed Mines Avenue to experience the street festivals held every Friday night in August. The street festivals featured the sounds of Latin Music, Mariachis, Beatles Classics, and Salsa, Rhythm and Blues. The street festivals also included community performers, food from various vendors and food trucks, artisans, and family activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed, participated, and attended the Summer Street Fest and made it such a huge success. To view pictures of all the Summer Street Fest events, log on to [facebook.com/cityofpico Rivera](https://www.facebook.com/cityofpico Rivera).

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LIFE AT 100

Resident Jose Godinez was recently recognized by the City Council for celebrating his 100th birthday on June 27. Mr. Godinez was born in Jamay, Jalisco, Mexico in 1916 and was part of a Mariachi group, Mariachi Popular de Jalisco.

He came to the United States at the age of 22 crossing the border at El Paso, Texas. He then moved to East Los Angeles and graduated high school in 1934. At the age of 41, he was married to his wife Dolores for 57 years until her passing in 2014. Since then, Mr. Godinez has been a resident of the Pico Rivera Healthcare Center where he was previously a volunteer. Today, he spends his time keeping his mind sharp by playing dominoes and his voice strong by reliving his Mariachi days as a singer. At the meeting, Mr. Godinez showed off his talent by singing to the audience and City Staff, proving that even at 100 years old, he still has it.

City Seeks Residents Input on Urban Greening

The City of Pico Rivera is inviting residents to take part in an 11-question survey as part of the City's Urban Greening Plan.

The plan will help in the development of a safe and connected bicycle and pedestrian network, identify new green spaces, and create a unifying street tree canopy plan for more walkable and bikeable neighborhoods.

There are numerous environmental and community benefits of Urban Greening including the reduction of flooding and sewer overflow by absorbing large amounts of storm water. This provides wildlife habitat, helping to maintain air quality, and providing green space for neighborhood socializing and community building. Urban Greening can also help to create "Green Streets" that enable safe and attractive access throughout the city by foot, transit, bicycle and car.

This survey will help identify residents' thoughts on the existing street trees in Pico Rivera.

To take the survey, log on to [surveymonkey.com/r/GreenPicoRivera](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenPicoRivera).

Residents will also have the opportunity to follow the project on Twitter @GreenPicoRivera, and on Facebook #GreenPicoRivera.



Challenge Accepted...SCGA Junior Golf Program Members Joseph "Jojo" Gutierrez (8), Salvador Hinojosa (15), Nathan Sanchez (17) and Andy Garcia (13) are ready to tee off during the Mayor's Golf Challenge at the Pico Rivera Golf Course.

Four members of the Southern California Golf Association Junior Golf Program at the Pico Rivera Golf Course showed off their skills during the inaugural Mayor's Golf Challenge at the Pico Rivera Golf Course. The four youngsters teed off against a foursome comprised of regular adult golfers from the Pico Rivera Golf Course. The young team was comprised of golfers between the age of 8 to 17 with members who are top ranked locally, throughout the United States, and the World. After a 9-hole battle, the young golf team prevailed and finished 3 under par, just enough to beat the adult team.

The SCGA Junior Golf Program offers specialized golf instruction tailored to young golfers who are interested in the game and who want to develop their golf skills. Golf instruction is offered for golfers between the ages of 5 and 17. For more information, log onto the website at scgajunior.org/pico/ or call the Pico Rivera Golf Course at 562.692.9933.

Be Prepared

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month by the Department of Homeland Security. National Preparedness Month serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the various types of emergencies and natural disasters that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. During the month of September, a display with safety pamphlets will be available in the City Hall lobby. For tips on how to prepare your family for the next emergency or natural disaster, visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).

Football Player a part of Elite

It was an exciting summer for one young Pico Rivera athlete. Carlos Flores, Jr. was selected as one of two California youth football players to play in the Elite Prospect Scouting (EPS) All American Game held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Carlos plays football for the Nation Titans in South Los Angeles. This season, the team went undefeated and was ranked #1 in California and the #5 overall team in the nation. Carlos' play and effort on the team earned him a nomination from the team coaching staff to play in the EPS All American Bowl. The EPS All American Bowl Selection Committee recognized the hard work and commitment by Carlos and selected him to be on the All American team.

Dubbed the "Cali Boy" by All American Team coaches, Carlos played first string guard as well as first string defensive lineman. The team that Carlos played on lost in the final seconds of the game by a score of 18 to 12. Win or lose, it was an experience this young athlete will not soon forget. As a result of Carlos' skills on the field, he was invited to play in another football tournament in Missouri to be held in January.

The EPS All American Bowl provides an opportunity for players in different age levels to show off their football skills while under the watchful eye of college football scouts. Although he is only 9 years old, a couple of college football programs already have their eye on him and will be keeping tabs on his progression in the years to come.

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CITY HALL CLOSED

Mon., September 5; Fri., September 9 and Fri., September 23

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council Meeting Tu, Sept. 13 & 27, 6 p.m.
 at City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd.

Planning Commission Tu, Sept. 6* and M, Sept. 19, 6 p.m.
 at City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd.
 (*Date and location subject to change. Please call 562.801.4332 to confirm meeting dates)

Sister City Commission Tu, Sept. 20, 6 p.m.
 at City Hall (Small Conference Room), 6615 Passons Blvd.

Parks and Recreation Commission Th, Sept. 8, 6 p.m.
 at Parks and Recreation Building, 6767 Passons Blvd.

This Month on CTV

September highlights City events with Summer Street Fest Concerts from Britain's Finest and Tierra. Also the Mayor's Inaugural Youth Golf challenge. Watch live coverage of the Pico Rivera City Council meetings on September 13 & 27 at 6:00 p.m. Also catch live coverage of ERUSD Board Meetings. Complete schedule at pico-rivera.org.

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New Look for Pico Park



City Officials will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House on Saturday, September 10 beginning at 9:30 a.m. to mark the completion of the Pico Park Improvement Project.

Many residents who live near the park may remember the old Community Center that once stood on the grounds of Pico Park. During this past winter, the old Community Center building was demolished and

soon after City crews were working hard to clear the area so work could begin on bringing new amenities to the park.

With the project now completed, Pico Park now boasts new amenities such as a rubberized walking path that encircles the main park grounds, exercise stations placed at various locations, and an additional shade structure.

Funding for the project was made possible through the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund.

TRIPS and TOURS



This fall, indulge in fun and exciting events with friends and family, including a Day of Dead Festival at Hollywood Forever, or see the Los Angeles Lakers play at the Honda Center. No matter what you're into, there's something here for everyone!

October

Skirball Cultural Center

Sat., Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

\$16 (Ages 2-12)

\$20 (Ages 13+)

Registration Deadline: 9/23



Los Angeles Lakers vs. Phoenix Suns at the Honda Center

Fri., Oct. 21, 5:30 to 11 p.m.

\$51 All Ages

Registration Deadline: 9/30

Hollywood Forever

Sun., Oct. 29, 1 to 11 p.m.

\$15 (Ages 8 & under, and Ages 65+)

\$30 (Ages 9-64)

Registration Deadline: 10/14



November

Mamma Mia at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts

Sun., Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$63 (Ages 6+)

Registration Deadline: 11/3

December

Indio Tamale Festival

Fri., Dec. 3, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

\$20 All Ages

Registration Deadline: 11/17

Riverside Mission Inn "Festival of Lights"

Sat., Dec. 17, 2 to 10 p.m.

\$15 All Ages

Registration Deadline: 12/5

Dates and prices are subject to change. All trips depart from and return to the Pico Rivera Senior Center, 9200 Mines Ave., unless noted otherwise. Registration is accepted at all City park sites, the Parks and Recreation Department office, 6767 Passons Blvd., and online at pico-rivera.org. Register early to reserve your seat on one or all of these trips.

Pico Rivera Youth Center to Celebrate 10-Year Anniversary



The Pico Rivera Youth Center will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary on Saturday, September 24 with a special celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Youth Center was originally built in the 1950's and was formerly the Mexican-American Senior Center. In 2006, the building was re-dedicated as the Pico Rivera Youth Center and has been home to the Pico Rivera Teen Club ever since.

The Youth Center building includes a recently refurbished kitchen, and also offers recreational activities such as basketball, billiards, foosball, and video games. The center also offers internet access for teens for homework assignments, and sponsors

dances, movie nights, volunteer opportunities, and field trips specifically for teens. The Teen Club, which is free to join, meets at the Center every Monday at 5:00 p.m.

The Youth Center celebration will offer food, an arts & crafts table, a live D.J., game booths, inflatables, an art exhibit inside the Youth Center, and a video gaming truck.

Young teens between the ages of 10 to 18 are all welcome to join in on the fun and admission is FREE.

The Pico Rivera Youth Center is located at 4632 Orange Street.

For more information on the event, call Rio Hondo Park at 562.801.4932

Show Your Community Pride



Pico Rivera residents are invited to demonstrate their volunteer spirit by helping with beautification efforts at Rio Hondo Park during a Park Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 17.

Volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Rio Hondo Park and will be assigned to assist with planting, painting, and cleaning throughout the park.

Light refreshments will be served and the event will conclude at 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own work gloves, brooms, shovels or rakes. Volunteers age 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult for the cleanup.

For more information on how to volunteer or about the event, call 562.801.4430.



City takes on Go-Getters...The Pico Rivera Go-Getters and staff from Pico Rivera City Hall squared off during the annual Go-Getters vs. City Hall Softball Game. The game took place on Friday, July 29 at Smith Park and featured over a dozen staff who volunteered from various City Departments taking on various members of the Go-Getters five teams. In a 10-inning battle, City Hall emerged victorious against the talented Senior team with a score of 20 to 11. This annual softball game has been a tradition since 1998. The Pico Rivera Go Getters currently have 79 players spread out over five teams. For more information about the Go-Getters or to join the team, call 562.801.4430. *(Photo Courtesy of Ignacio Almaguer)*



The Winning Tradition continues in the City of Pico Rivera with the Pico Rivera Baseball Academy 12U Hitmen team. The baseball team traveled to Cooperstown, New York, determined to win the championship. After an impressive 6-0 record and the number one seed in Cooperstown, the team won the final game by a score 17-1 and became the 2016 12U Cooperstown Champions. The City Council recognized the team during a City Council Meeting held last month.

Save The Date

Calling all ghouls and goblins get ready to have a screaming good time at the City's annual Halloween Spooktacular at Smith Park on Saturday, October 29.

Keep an eye out on the City's website and the October edition of the Profile for more information.





EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

School Zone Safety Tips

School is back in session in Pico Rivera, so now is a good time to remind students walking to school and drivers in school zones to remain alert of their surroundings at all times.

Here are a few safety tips for students walking to and from school:

- ❖ Choose the safest and most direct route to school, with the fewest street crossings.
- ❖ Obey crossing guards, traffic signals and markings at all times. Walk, don't run, across streets.
- ❖ Do not cross in the middle of the street. Go to the nearest intersection or crosswalk.

❖ Do not enter the street from between parked cars, bushes or shrubs that could block the view of passing motorists.

Parents who drive students to school should drop them off and pick them up at a safe location, particularly one where they won't have to cross a street to get to school.

Drivers entering school zones must obey all posted traffic signs, watch out for students walking at crosswalks and obey all directions given by City Crossing Guards. Failure to comply with Crossing Guards' directions can result in a fine from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department of up to \$100 for a first-time offense.



For more information on safety tips or the City's Crossing Guard Program, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562.801.4430.

EL RANCHO Football Schedule

Friday night lights are back at El Rancho High School. Support the Dons football squad as they vie for a shot at this year's CIF Championship.

Friday, September 9
@Newport Harbor

Friday, September 16
Home Game vs. Bell Gardens

Saturday, September 24
@Cypress

Friday, October 07*
Home Game vs. California

Friday, October 14*
@Santa Fe

Friday, October 21*
Home Game vs. La Serna

Friday, October 28*
Home Game vs. Whittier

Friday, November 04*
@Pioneer

*denotes league game

All games start at 7:00 p.m. Go Dons!

Pico Rivera Students Represent G1DPR at White House Summit



Generation 1st Degree-Pico Rivera co-founders, Gilbert and Jacki Cisneros, had the honor of accompanying two students to Washington D.C. at the third annual "Beating the Odds" Summit at the White House.

The "Beating the Odds" Summit recognizes, supports, and empowers underrepresented youth throughout the nation who have overcome substantial obstacles to make it to college.

The summit, which was part of First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher initiative and Better Make Room campaign, allowed our El Rancho High School students, Karen Lopez and Biane Arias to join over 130 college-bound students at the White House.

Karen Lopez is a 2016 El Rancho High School graduate who will be attending George Washington University this fall to study Political Science.

"In addition to meeting Mrs. Obama, the highlight of the summit was being surrounded by great young leaders who have a passion for changing the world, just as I do. It was a very

powerful experience," said Karen.

Biane Arias, is also a 2016 El Rancho High School graduate who will be attending UC Riverside this fall, double majoring in Public Policy & Art History.

Biane stated, "For me, it was empowering to hear Michelle Obama's advice. She reminded us that the reason we're here is because we have perseverance. She encouraged us by saying that if she could do it, we can all do it."

According to the Cisneros', it is their deepest hope that by continuing to offer free college access programs through Generation 1st Degree-Pico Rivera, that many more generations of El Rancho High School, Pico Rivera students will experience exceptional opportunities such as this one.

ERUSD School Gates Open at 7:00 AM

All ERUSD schools will open gates in the morning by 7:00 AM. This time will provide ample time for students to eat a nutritious breakfast and play with their classmates in a safe and supervised environment. This will also provide extra time for parents to get to work on time. If you have any questions, please call your child's school or the district office at 562.942.1500.

Water Replenishment District - Advance Water Treatment Facility

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) was established by a vote of the people in 1959 for the purpose of protecting the groundwater resources of two of the nation's most utilized urban groundwater basins the Central Basin and West Coast Basin (Basins). The Basins provide nearly 50 percent of the drinking water for four million people (about 10% of California's population) within 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County.

WRD has developed a suite of projects through its Water Independence Now (WIN) initiative to develop local and sustainable sources of water for use in groundwater replenishment activities, thus helping to end our reliance on imported water. The cornerstone for WIN is the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP) Advanced Water Treatment Facility (AWTF). The purpose of the GRIP AWTF project is to fully eliminate the current demand for imported water by producing

21,000 acre feet annually from local alternative sources for groundwater replenishment in the Central Basin.

The GRIP AWTF will be constructed on a 5.2 acre site in the City of Pico Rivera, adjacent to the San Gabriel River, allowing for direct delivery of purified recycled water via an existing pipeline leading into the San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds where it will percolate in to the Central Basin. The GRIP AWTF will purify approximately 10,000 acre feet (3.25 billion gallons) of tertiary treated (recycled) water annually to near distilled levels. Together with another 11,000 acre feet (3.6 billion gallons) of recycled water, WRD will deliver 21,000 acre feet of water to the spreading grounds for groundwater recharge. Once the facility is constructed, the GRIP AWTF will include an approximately 25,000 square foot operations and learning center, a 48,000 square foot process building, and an 8,000 square foot chemical storage area. The entire facility was designed based on input

from local residents at a Community Event held on June 6, 2015.

Deconstruction of the existing structures on site was completed in May 2016 and associated projects, including supplemental recharge well and groundwater monitoring well construction, brine disposal pipeline construction, and street improvements commenced shortly thereafter. As of August 2016, two of the three groundwater monitoring wells have been constructed. The three supplemental recharge wells and the third groundwater monitoring well are expected to be installed by November 2016. Work on the

process building and operations and learning center will start following completion of the three supplemental recharge wells. Approximately 50% of the brine disposal pipeline has been installed along a portion of San Gabriel River Parkway and Manning Road. The brine disposal pipeline, traffic signal modification upgrades at Beverly Boulevard and San Gabriel River Parkway/Manning Road, and street improvements are expected to be completed by October 2016. The construction of the new treatment facility is anticipated to be fully operational by July 2018.

