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MAKE YOUR HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR

Get ready for a ghoulish good time when Smith Park transforms into Halloween Headquarters during the City's annual Halloween Spooktacular on Saturday, October 29. The Halloween fun will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Included in this haunted evening will be amusements, food, carnival-type games and arts & craft activities for the entire family. As always, admission to the event is free with a small fee for games and food.

Throughout the evening, young

trick-or-treaters will be screaming with delight as they scramble through the Trick-or-Treat Village collecting devilish delights along the way. Halloween bags will be provided for children to collect their Halloween treats (while supplies last). Participants will also have the opportunity to take pictures at various character cutouts.

The Halloween costume contest gets underway at 5:00 p.m. with contestants



Costume Contest Times

5:00 p.m.	2 yrs & under
5:30 p.m.	3-5 yrs
6:00 p.m.	6-8 yrs
6:30 p.m.	9-11 yrs
7:00 p.m.	12-14 yrs
7:30 p.m.	15 & older



vying for the title of "Cutest", "Scariest" or "Most Creative" in the six age categories listed below. Winners will receive a medal.

The Halloween Spooktacular promptly vanishes at 8:00 p.m. For more information about the event, call 562.801.4430.



A Don and Donna Retire After Over Three Decades

Local sports community members said goodbye to two instrumental leaders of the Pico Rivera Dons and Donnas Football for Youth Organization.

Anna and Tony Gonzalez officially announced their retirement from the organization during the opening day ceremonies of the Pico Rivera Dons and Donnas.

Anna has been with the organization for 37 years and has been involved in every aspect of the organization. As a volunteer, Anna has served as Team Mom, Snack Manager, Athletic Director, Team Mom Coordinator, and Treasurer. Anna became the organization's president in 1988 and has served ever since.

Tony started with the Pico Rivera Dons in 1980. For the past 36 years, he has volunteered and served in virtually every administration position within the

organization, and also as a Head Coach for various age divisions over the years. For the past few years, Tony began serving as the Coaches Advisor. Under the direction and leadership of the Gonzalez's, the Dons Football team has had at least one age division championship in the Junior All-American Conference in the past three decades, and the Donnas have competed in the annual JAMZ Cheer Competitions for the past 10 years winning several 1st place trophies in the process.

Congratulations to Anna and Tony Gonzalez on all of their accomplishments with the Pico Rivera Dons and Donnas Football for Youth Organization, and congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Veterans Breakfast and Ceremony

Friday, November 11 • 10AM
Pico Rivera Veterans Memorial & Eternal Flame
9001 Mines Avenue

Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:45 a.m. For more information, call 562.801.4430



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Get Ready to Shake Out.



Shake Out

Register at www.ShakeOut.org

Be Aware, Be Prepared! City to participate in statewide earthquake drill

On Thursday, October 20, the City of Pico Rivera will be taking part in the Great California ShakeOut. This statewide event is an annual opportunity for cities, schools, organizations and individuals to learn and practice how to be safer during an earthquake.

At 10:20 a.m. that morning, City employees will practice how to “Drop, Cover and Hold On.” Practicing what to do during an earthquake helps you be ready to respond when the real shaking starts.

To help City employees get the most out of this earthquake drill, all City facilities will close briefly during the exercise.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate in the ShakeOut. Earthquakes can occur at any time and anywhere in the state. Whether you are at home, work, school or on vacation, knowing what to do during an earthquake and practicing the “Drop, Cover and Hold On” techniques is a good way to protect yourself and your loved ones during a real quake.

For more information on the Great California ShakeOut, instructions on how to Drop, Cover and Hold On, as well as earthquake preparedness tips, log on to www.shakeout.org/california.

Chamber of Commerce Business Expo Returns to Pico Park

The Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual Business Expo on Wednesday, October 12th, from 4 to 7 PM, at Pico Park.

The Annual Business Expo showcases Pico Rivera’s best businesses and restaurant and is the largest gathering of local business owners, community leaders, and professionals.

This year, the event aims to reach a wider audience of business owners, from home-based to large-sized multi-location corporations – all in an effort to develop joint ventures, partnerships, or simply increase business and foot-traffic locally.

Admission to the event is free. To RSVP log on to the Chamber Website at www.picoriverachamber.org. For more information on the Expo including how to participate, call 562.949.2477.

Bike Rest Area Ribbon Cutting

City Officials will hold an Open House and Bike Rest Area Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Fun Ride at the Pico Rivera Golf Club Banquet Hall on Saturday, November 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The ceremony will mark the completion of a Bike Rest Area along the San Gabriel River bike trail. The stop includes new landscaping, benches, pump and tool station, and a bike rack. Following the ceremony join us for a quick 1.5K Fun Ride loop along the San Gabriel River Trail.

Immediately after the ceremony, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the Pico Rivera Golf Course Banquet Hall. The recently renovated banquet facility boasts a new interior design with ceiling upgrades, chandeliers, bigger windows for better views, new carpeting, sliding glass



Upcoming Library Events

The Pico Rivera Library will be hosting a variety of free activities for all ages during the months of October and November.

1-2-3 Play With Me Parent-Child Workshop

Mon., Oct. 17, 24 & 31, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning of play and learning. Talk to early childhood resource specialists, meet other parents, and play and bond with your child. This is a 5-week workshop for children ages 0-4 and their parents/caregivers.

Forgotten Hollywood with Manny Pacheco

Tues., Oct. 11, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Forgotten Hollywood, Forgotten History is Manny Pacheco’s award-winning book and subject of discussion at this informative author talk. Learn about the history of Hollywood and the lesser-known character actors whose stories have yet been told. Book signing to follow.

Book Discussion: Maltese Falcon

Wed., Nov. 2, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a lively discussion of the Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett.

Pick up a copy of the book before the event. Free copies of the book will be available while supplies last.

This program is being presented in collaboration with Shakespeare at Play and the NEA Big Read. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. www.NEABigRead.org.

Vegan Cooking

Sat., Nov. 5, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

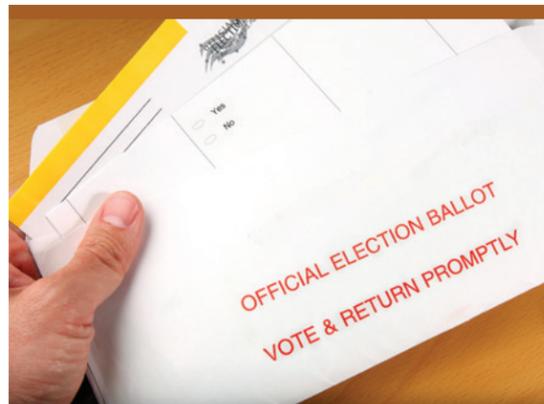
Gets hands-on experience preparing delicious vegan dishes with Zel and Reuben Allen. Get new and exciting recipes and try your hand at cooking vegan dishes sure to appeal to the whole family. Zel and Reuben Allen are popular authors of many vegan cookbooks and contributors to the Vegetarian Journal and other vegan publications.

The Pico Rivera Library is located at 9001 Mines Avenue.

For more information and a complete list of events at your local Pico Rivera Library, visit their respective websites at <http://www.colapublib.org/lib/picorivera/> and <http://www.colapublib.org/lib/rivera/>.

door for access to the patio area, and updated restroom facilities. After the ribbon cutting, the Banquet Hall will host an open house for guests to tour and ask questions.

For details about the event, call 562.801.4430. For information about renting the Banquet Hall, call 562.341.6487. The Golf Course is located at 3260 Fairway Drive.



Vote by Mail Drop-Off Program

The City of Pico Rivera, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Registrar Recorder’s Office/County Clerk, will be participating in the Vote by Mail Drop-Off Program which allows residents to drop off their Vote by Mail ballots at City Hall for the upcoming Presidential General Election in November.

Beginning Tuesday, **October 11, 2016 through November 7, 2016** the ballot box will be placed in an accessible location within City Hall for the public to drop off their Vote by Mail ballots. The ballot box will be available during regular business hours and stored and locked away at the close of business. The final pick-up of the ballot boxes will take place on Election Day November 8, 2016.

For more information, call the City’s Clerks Office at 562.801.4389.

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CITY HALL CLOSED

Friday, October 7 and Friday, October 21

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council Meeting Tu, Oct. 11 & 25, 6 p.m.
 at City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd.

Planning Commission M, Oct. 3 & 17, 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, Oct. 18, 6 p.m.
 at City Hall (Small Conference Room), 6615 Passons Blvd.

Parks and Recreation Commission Th, Oct. 13, 6 p.m.
 at Parks and Recreation Building, 6767 Passons Blvd.

This Month on CTV

October brings Little Shop of Horrors, Partners Episode 11 and Huell Howser ZZYX Road to CTV. Watch live coverage of the Pico Rivera City Council meetings on October 11 & 25 at 6:00 p.m. Also catch live coverage of ERUSD Board Meetings. Complete schedule at pico-rivera.org.

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Going to jail is really scary

Sheriff station hosts Haunted Jail and Open House

The Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station is joining in on the Halloween fun on Saturday, October 22 with a Haunted Jail and Open House from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Station is located at 6301 Passons Boulevard, right next to Pico Rivera City Hall.

Jail cells at the station will be decorated that day to provide visitors with some scary fun. Visitors might also run into some ghouls and goblins lurking in the jail's hallways.

There will also be a number of informative law enforcement displays and educational materials available as part of the Open House.

Entrance to the Haunted Jail is free. Snacks will be provided for kids.

For more information about the Haunted Jail and Open House, call the Station at 562.949.2421.

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS



Flu Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, October 18

All Ages - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

FREE - No appointment necessary - Available on a First-Come, First-Served Basis.

Annual Crafts Boutique

Saturday, November 5

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FREE - Live Music, Pictures with Santa, and over 35 vendors offering unique handcrafted items, jewelry, ceramics, dolls, quilts, and more. For details on these events, call 562.948.4844.



Tips for a Safe and Happy Halloween

For many families, Halloween traditions such as dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating are a must. In order to ensure Halloween is safe and fun for you and your child, the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station recommends you follow these basic safety tips:

Preparing for Halloween:

- ❖ Ensure costumes and accessories are flame-resistant. Keep costumes short enough to prevent tripping or entanglement.
- ❖ Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be uncomfortable, and may limit or block vision.
- ❖ Place reflective tape on costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- ❖ Plan and review with your children their trick-or-treating route. A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children.

Reminders for Trick-or-Treaters:

- ❖ Make your trick-or-treat stops only at familiar homes that have the outside light on.
- ❖ Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- ❖ Do not eat your treats until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.



Christmas Basket Registration

Families interested in receiving a Christmas Basket from the Pico Rivera Christmas Committee must pre-register at one of the registration events taking place next month. A list of the dates, locations and times is shown below.

To qualify for a basket, recipients must be residents of Pico Rivera and meet income requirements. Families with one to four persons must have a monthly income of less than \$2,000, while the income for families of five or more must be less than \$2,500.

Applicants must bring the following items when they register:

- ❖ Applicant's photo identification (California I.D., driver's license, etc.)
- ❖ Identification of all children in the household (social security card, birth certificate, school I.D., medical card, proof of guardianship, etc.)
- ❖ Proof of income (recent pay stub, general relief, social security, etc.)

Registration to receive a holiday basket will take place at the following locations:

W, Nov. 2 & Th, Nov. 3	St. Hilary Church, 5465 Citronell Ave.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
F, Nov. 4	St. Mariana Church, 7922 Passons Blvd.	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
M, Nov. 7	Rivera Park, 9530 Shade Lane	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
W, Nov. 9	Rio Hondo Park, 8421 San Luis Potosi Pl.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Th, Nov. 10 & Th, Nov 17	St. Francis Church, 4245 S. Acacia Ave.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
T, Nov. 15	Montebello Gardens Elem., 4700 Pine St.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
W, Nov. 16	Smith Park, 6016 Rosemead Blvd.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
F, Nov 18	Senior Center, 9200 Mines Ave.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Sa, Nov. 19	Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Blvd.	9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Last day to submit a registration is Saturday, November 19. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562.801.4430.

Trick-Or-Treat For Hunger

Halloween isn't until October 31, but one group of local trick-or-treaters can't wait until then.

On Saturday, October 15, volunteers from the Pico Rivera Christmas Basket Committee will be in Pico Rivera neighborhoods to Trick-or-Treat for Hunger. They'll be going door to door collecting non-perishable food items for distribution to qualifying Pico Rivera families during the holiday season.

Residents who would like to donate to the effort are asked to provide items such as cereal, peanut butter, pasta and canned food items. Simply put them in a bag or box and set them by your front door no later than 8:30 a.m. on the morning of October 15. Collection will continue until 12:30 p.m. that afternoon.

Volunteers are also needed to help collect the donations. They will meet at the Smith Park Pool Deck prior to 8:30 a.m. to receive an assigned route. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a wagon or similar type of cart to help with the collection.

For more information about donating items or volunteering for this campaign, call the Department of Parks and Recreation Office at 562.801.4430.

Winter Camp Registrations



Registration for the City's Winter Camp program will begin on Monday, November 7 at Pico Park and the Parks and Recreation Office.

The Winter Camp program is for kids who are in grade levels TK through 8th grade.

Camp will be held, Monday, December 19, 2016 through Friday, January 6, 2017. The camp operates from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Pico Park Community Center, 9528 Beverly Blvd.

Fee for the camp is \$99, \$89 for City residents, and includes morning and afternoon snacks. Campers must bring a sack lunch and wear a camp T-shirt daily. T-shirts may be purchased for \$8 each.

Registration packets will be available at the Department of Parks and Recreation, 6767 Passons Blvd., all park sites, and online at pico-rivera.org beginning on Monday, November 7.

For more information on the Winter Camp, call 562.801.4430.

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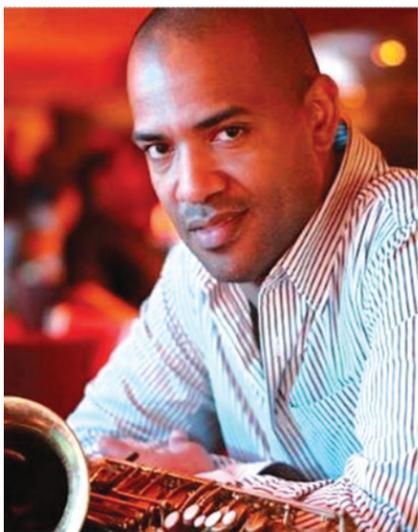
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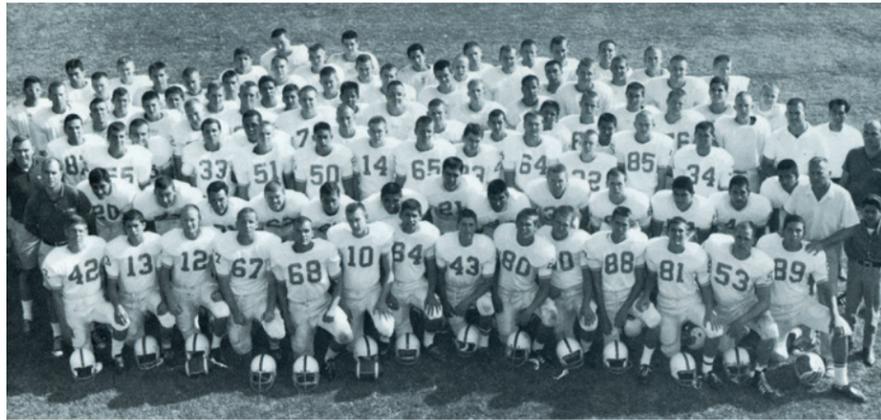
Valencia Academy of the Arts Welcomes Accomplished Jazz Musician

The El Rancho Unified School District has always made arts a priority for the students. To that end, Valencia Academy of the Arts has added a critical piece to its arts program.

The District is proud to welcome Mr. Frank Fontaine as the new full-time music teacher who has relocated back to his hometown of Pico Rivera. Mr. Fontaine is a Grammy nominated musician and an accomplished educator. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Jazz/Jazz Studies from the Manhattan School of Music, and his Master of Arts degree from Seton Hall University. Currently, Mr. Fontaine is working on earning a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Rutgers University.

The District as well as the Students of Valencia Academy of the Arts welcome Mr. Fontaine to the Lightning Bolt family.

El Rancho High School Celebrates the 50-Year Anniversary of the National Championship



During the pre-game ceremonies to be held at the El Rancho High School Homecoming game on Friday, October 7, the School will celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the 1966 El Rancho Dons who were awarded the National Championship and California State Championship. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

In the 1960s El Rancho High School football teams established themselves as one of the most respected high school football programs in California. The 1966 El Rancho team went 13-0 and outscored the opposition 516-68 while shutting out six opponents that year. The Dons were coached by the legendary Ernie Johnson. When the 22 member all-league team was announced in 1966, 17 of the players were Dons. It was, in many ways, the perfect team. The Dons never trailed in a game that season, and rarely played their first string after the first half. More than 40 years later, the legacy of "The Ranch" still lives.



The El Rancho Unified School District has a rich history of celebrating Fall/Harvest Festivals in our community. It is an opportunity to eat, have fun and raise funds for school field trips and activities.

Please join us at the following schools:

10/21	Durfee Elementary School	3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
10/21	Magee Academy of Arts and Sciences	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
10/21	Rivera Elementary School	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
10/26	North Ranchito Elementary School	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
10/28	Birney Tech Academy	4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
10/28	South Ranchito Dual Language Academy	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
10/28	Valencia Academy of the Arts (Dia De Los Muertos Carnival)	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Plastic Bag Ban Update: City Ban Continues Regardless of November Election Outcome

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), between 500 billion to a trillion plastic bags are used worldwide each year. The bags find their way into landfills, oceans, rivers, and parks. You can see plastic bags caught in the tops of trees and blowing around parking lots. Normal plastic bags do not decompose quickly. Whether they end up in a landfill, a park, or the ocean, the bags will be around for centuries. When they finally begin to break down minute toxic substances will seep into the ground and be washed into lakes, rivers, and the oceans.

In an attempt to mitigate an easily preventable form of plastic pollution, Senate Bill 270 was adopted by the Legislature and signed by Governor Jerry Brown establishing a statewide ban on the distribution of single-use plastic grocery bags at most stores

in 2014. It was the culmination of a 5 year effort that included the adoption of hundreds of local bag bans and the support of local governments, environmental groups, grocers, retailers and labor organizations.

Immediately after SB 270 was signed, out-of-state plastic bag manufacturers spent more than \$3 million on a paid signature gathering effort to qualify a referendum that is now on the November 2016 ballot as Proposition 67. The California voters will decide whether to support a single-use plastic bag ban or strike it down.

However, Pico Rivera residents should be aware that regardless of the outcome of this historic statewide veto referendum, the City of Pico Rivera is in a unique position, in that since, the City Council approved its Citywide ban prior to Governor's approval, the outcome of the

November election referendum will not have an impact on the City's proposed ban. In short, the City's ban will continue if the voters chose to lift the state ban.

As previously reported the new plastic bag ban will begin on **January 1, 2017** and will require shoppers to bring their own bags and prohibit grocery stores, drugstores and convenience stores from distributing single-use plastic bags and require a minimum 10-cent charge on recycled paper bags. Stores can also sell reusable bags, of course.

The City of Pico Rivera and numerous other local governments have modeled their ordinances on the state law, so there will be less confusion in the event the state law is upheld by voters. For further questions regarding the new plastic bag ban, please call 562.801.4388.

Rio Hondo College Opens Regional Educational Center in Pico Rivera

Rio Hondo College recently hosted a ribbon-cutting celebration for the Rio Hondo Educational Center in Pico Rivera.

The \$2.5 million Center is located at 9426 Marjorie St., across the street from El Rancho High School. Rio Hondo College partnered with the El Rancho Unified School District to create the 27,750-square-foot educational center in buildings formerly used for El Rancho's adult school.

Renovations added state-of-the-art technology to six classrooms. The Center features a computer lab, student study room, assessment and counseling offices, faculty and staff lounges and an administration building.

The Center, which currently accommodates nearly 600 enrolled students, is offering 23 fall classes and will add three more later this month. Examples of courses offered include English, math, introduction to cultural anthropology, public speaking, creative writing, history of rock 'n' roll, introduction to sociology, Spanish, and computers. Student services offered at the Center include career planning, assessment, counseling - including specialized counseling for adult learners. College officials selected the courses, which include evening classes, after El Rancho Unified School District conducted a survey of community members about their educational needs.

Priority registration to enroll in the Spring 2017 semester at Rio Hondo College - including the Educational Center at Pico Rivera - will begin in early November and continue through the month of December. Students will be able to begin the registration process online at www.riohondo.edu.

Financial Aid Workshop

The Pico Rivera Youth Center will be hosting a FREE FAFSA Workshop on Wednesday, October 26 from 6 to 7:00 p.m for teens who need financial assistance for college.

A FAFSA representative will inform future college students in attendance about what financial aid is and how it can help pay for school. The workshop will also cover how much money students can receive and how to file an application for student aid.

Applicants who are eligible for financial aid can get expenses covered such as tuition, room and board, books, and supplies.

For more information about the workshop, call 562.801.4931 or visit the Pico Rivera Youth Center located at 4632 Orange Street.