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## CITY HALL TO TRANSFORM INTO WINTER WONDERLAND



Pico Rivera will mark the start of the Holiday season on Sunday, December 4 at the City's annual Holiday and Tree Lighting Festival.

The event will be held from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the grounds of Pico Rivera City Hall.

Be sure to bring your snow boots and mittens as the event site will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland complete with a snow play area. Other activities planned for the event include kids arts and crafts, food, live music and a visit from Santa Claus, complete with Santa's sleigh. Santa will be available to pose for pictures and collect letters from children.

Live entertainment for the evening will include the local Choraleer group from El Rancho High School and Mariachi Los Jaguares from the STEAM Academy at Burke. Headlining the evening's entertainment will be the Grammy Award winning Mariachi Divas. The lighting of the Civic Center Holiday Tree will take place in between the live entertainment.

Please note that **Passons Boulevard will be closed** between Haney and Wampler Streets to accommodate the stage and viewing area beginning at 8 a.m. that Sunday morning and will be opening at midnight. Event parking will be available at El Rancho High School.

For more information on the annual Holiday and Tree Lighting Festival, call 562.801.4430 or log onto the City's website at [pico-rivera.org](http://pico-rivera.org).

## Veterans Day Ceremony Scheduled



The public is invited to honor our local Veterans when the City of Pico Rivera hosts its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11.

The event, which begins at 10:00 a.m., will be held at the Veterans' Memorial and Eternal Flame on Mines Avenue between Rosemead Boulevard and Lindsey Avenue. Breakfast and entertainment will be provided before the ceremony from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. or while supplies last.

Those unable to attend the ceremony in person will be able to watch a recording of the event on the City's cable TV channel, CTV3 and the City's website. Check the City's website following the event for broadcast dates and times.

For more information, call the City's Department of Parks and Recreation at 562.801.4430.



## STUDENT COUNCIL

A group of third graders from South Ranchito Elementary School took time out of their school studies to take a walk to Pico Rivera City Hall to learn about local city government. During their visit, they learned about City policy and government, and how City Council meetings are organized. The field trip also included a stop at the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station where the students toured the station and learned about local law enforcement.

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# CITY WELCOMES BUSINESS

The City recently helped welcome new business, Bati Bionicos, with a Grand Opening celebration.



**BATI BIONICOS...** Co-owners Sergio Sanabria and Mario Villalobos stand with their wives in front of their new business venture located at 9425 Telegraph Road, Suite 101.

City officials continue to look forward to celebrating many more Grand Openings in 2016 as they continue their efforts to attract new businesses to the community.

## Save the Date- Monte Carlo Casino Night



The Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual Monte Carlo Casino Night on Thursday, February 23rd, 2017 at Pico Park from 5 to 9 p.m.

Cost is \$50 per person which includes an entrance into a drawing for \$5000. A limited amount of 250 tickets will be sold.

Regular admission will be \$25 which includes chips for playing the games. Participants winnings will be converted into tickets for random drawing prizes. A Texas Hold 'em Tournament will also be held during the event.

For more information, visit the Chamber's website at [picoriverachamber.org](http://picoriverachamber.org). For sponsorship opportunities, call the Chamber office at 562.949.2477.

# City Implements Mandatory Water Conservation Measures

## Water shortage plan limits outdoor water use

Residents who are customers of the Pico Rivera Water Authority are reminded that the State of California is still experiencing a drought and the City of Pico Rivera is still under a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage Plan.

Under the current plan, outdoor water use by Water Authority customers will be restricted throughout the week and customers must use their address to determine the days of the week they can use their water for outdoor use.

Beginning on Tuesday, November 1, residents will be asked to switch from watering twice a week to watering just once a week.

❖ **Customers with a street address ending in an Even Number:**  
1 Day per Week on Tuesday Only for November through March

❖ **Customers with a street address ending in an Odd Number:**  
1 Day per Week on Thursday Only for November through March

❖ Irrigation with potable water using sprinkler systems with spray heads would be prohibited on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This restriction does not apply to facilities using recycled water.

❖ Outdoor water use will also be restricted during and within 48 hours of a measureable rainfall.

The Level I Water Supply Shortage Plan will remain in effect until January 2017, at which time the City Council will review the water supply conditions to determine the need for continued mandatory conservation measures.

These restrictions are for residents who are customers of the **Pico Rivera Water Authority**. Residents who are customers of the Pico Water District will follow a similar plan as outlined by the Pico Water District Board. For more information on water restrictions for the Pico Water District or San Gabriel Valley Water Company, call the following phone numbers:

Pico Water District - 562.692.3756

San Gabriel Valley Water Company - 562.699.1041

For more information about the water restrictions for the Pico Rivera Water Authority, call 562.801.4330.

## Take Advantage of Water Saving Rebates

Pico Rivera residents and businesses can continue reducing their water consumption while saving money by participating in the Central Basin Municipal Water District's Rebate Program.

Devices that are available for residential rebates include: premium high-efficient toilets, high-efficient washers, rotating nozzles, weather based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensor systems, rain barrels and cisterns.

For businesses, various industrial rebates are also available such as: zero water urinals, laminar flow restrictors, connectionless food steamers, ice-making machines and more.

The purpose of the Central Basin Rebate Program is to provide residents and businesses with an opportunity to invest in water efficient devices at a low cost.

The Central Basin Rebate Program is made available through funding provided by the Metropolitan Water

District of Southern California. Interested persons and businesses are recommended to act fast, as the Rebate Program is available until June 30, 2017 or until funds are exhausted.

For more information on the Rebate Program and to calculate your savings, visit <https://www.centralbasin.org/water-conservation/rebates/residential-rebates>.

## Sheriff's Explorers Take Championship



Explorers from the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station took some time off from their Explorer schedule and participated in the Santa Fe Springs 3rd Annual Explorer Softball Tournament. The Explorer team from Pico Rivera played against explorers from the Norwalk Sheriff's Station, Lakewood Sheriff's Station, California Highway Patrol

and the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The Pico Rivera team emerged victorious and took the Tournament Championship this year.

The team was recognized for their hard work and dedication in winning the championship during a City Council meeting held last month.



**Deputy Recognized for Exemplary Service** - Deputy Brian Perez-Argueta of the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station, standing with Pico Rivera Station Captain Patrick Valdez, was recognized by the City Council last month for his display of professionalism while handling a call that involved a group of defiant juveniles.

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## CITY HALL CLOSED

Fri. Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18; Th.-Fri., Nov. 24 and 25

## UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council Meeting** Tu, Nov. 8 & 22, 6 p.m.  
at City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd.

**Planning Commission** M, Nov. 7 & 21, 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, Nov. 15, 6 p.m.  
at City Hall (Small Conference Room), 6615 Passons Blvd.

**Parks and Recreation Commission** Th, Nov. 10, 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 ZZZYX Road to CTV. Watch live coverage of the Pico Rivera City Council meetings on November 8 & 22 at 6:00 p.m. Also catch live coverage of ERUSD Board Meetings. Complete schedule at [pico-rivera.org](http://pico-rivera.org).

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## Bike Stop Now Open

The Bike Stop along the San Gabriel River Trail at the Pico Rivera Golf Course is now officially open. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held earlier this month to mark the completion of the Bike Stop.

Regular bicyclists who ride the San Gabriel River Trail can now use the Bike Stop to make minor adjustment to their bicycles or to take a break at the Pico Rivera Golf Course. The Bike Stop includes benches, a pump and tool station, and a bike rack. All amenities are free to use.

## Applications being accepted for commission vacancies

The City of Pico Rivera is seeking applications for possible upcoming vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The terms of the current Parks and Recreation commissioners are expiring this December and each of the five (5) commissioners may be reappointed for another full term by their current appointee (City Council Member). The City of Pico Rivera is taking applications to fill any prospective vacancies for the Parks & Recreation Commission so anyone wanting to be considered for appointment is encouraged to apply.

You must be a registered voter living in the City of Pico Rivera to be eligible. Applications must be received by Thursday, December 1 to be considered. Appointments will be made in January 2017.

For further information or to obtain an application, call the City Clerk's office at 562.801.4389 or download the application from the City's website at [pico-rivera.org](http://pico-rivera.org).

# SPOTLIGHT ON ADAPTIVE RECREATION

## AYSO VIP Program

On a Friday evening at Smith Park, you will hear the excitement of children, and the cheering of parents as AYSO soccer is taking place on one of the many soccer fields at the park. There is one soccer division playing on Friday evenings where the cheers may be a little louder. Those cheers are coming from the participants of the AYSO VIP Program.

The VIP Program follows the same fundamentals as the principle AYSO Soccer program. However, it is designed to bring a quality soccer experience for players whose physical or mental disabilities make it difficult for them to participate on mainstream soccer teams. Current VIP Teams include children and adults with Down



syndrome, mental or emotional challenges, autism, Cerebral Palsy, visual impairment or other conditions.

There are currently 23 players taking part in the VIP Soccer Program. For some, this is the first time participating in an organized sport. According to parents, this program has created a great experience for the participants and adults to enjoy.

A unique feature to the VIP Program is that no score is kept. Instead, the focus is on the participation and the enjoyment of the players. To that end, practices and game play are more flexible to accommodate the needs of the players.

Registrations for the 2017 season will begin in May. For more information about the VIP Program, email at [ayso603vip@gmail.com](mailto:ayso603vip@gmail.com).

## Kris Kringle Mingle Dance

The Department of Parks & Recreation is hosting Kris Kringle Mingle Dance at Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Blvd., for participants ages 17 and up with physical or intellectual disabilities on Friday, December 9.

From noon to 2:00 p.m., the dance will provide a great opportunity to kick off the holiday season with a festive afternoon of dancing and fun. Admission to the dance is \$3. Participants must be supervised by a caretaker, which will not be charged an admission fee. Everyone is encouraged to bring a sack lunch or a snack to eat before the dance. Holiday attire is encouraged to set the mood.

For more information about the dance, call the Department at 562.801.4430.



## 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:

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 form is Saturday, November 19. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562.801.4430.



## Letters to Santa

Hey kids, it's time to send a letter with your Holiday wish list to Santa.

You can drop off your letters beginning Monday, November 28 at special mailboxes set up by the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Mailbox locations include City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard; the Parks & Recreation Building, 6767 Passons Boulevard, and; all City park facilities. Letters may also be mailed to:

**City of Pico Rivera  
c/o North Pole  
P.O. Box 1016  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660**

Letters will be accepted until Friday, December 16.

So whether you've been naughty or nice, don't miss this opportunity to tell Santa what you'd like to see under your Holiday tree. You may even get a reply signed by Santa himself. Parents, be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your child's letter.

For details, call 562.801.4430.

## Winter Camp Registrations



The City's Parks and Recreation Department continues to accept registrations for the City's Winter Camp program 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.

Activities prepared by Recreation Staff include arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, and a Field Trip to the Discovery Cube in Santa Ana.

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 are available at the Department of Parks and Recreation, 6767 Passons Blvd., all park sites, and online at [pico-rivera.org](http://pico-rivera.org).

For more information on the Winter Camp, call 562.801.4430.

Connecting with Pico Rivera City Hall is easier than you think. Here's how to reach us:



call us @  
562.942.2000



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# Upcoming Library Events

The Pico Rivera Library located at 9001 Mines Avenue will be hosting a variety of free activities including STEAM activities for all ages during the month of November.

### Yarn, Hooks, and Books

Tu and Wed, 6:00 - 7:30PM  
For adults and teens ages 12 and up

Are you into knitting, crochet, or loom knitting? Do you like to talk about books and reading? We've got just the group for you! Join us for book chat, pattern sharing, needlework, and yarn swapping. This program is for crafters of all experiences. Basic supplies are provided, while supplies last.

### Young Explorers Club

Tu, November 15, 4:30 - 5:30PM  
For ages 5 - 12

Join the club and become explorers through science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)

activities! Explore new scientific concepts and work on fun science experiments. Check out great science reads for kids of all ages.

### Aerodynamics for Tweens and Teens

Wed, November 30, 4:00 - 5:00PM  
For ages 11 - 18

Teens and tweens will create flying machines to test in a wind tunnel. This hands-on demonstration will help them develop an understanding of aerodynamics, how objects move through the air. Don't forget to check out our book display on aerodynamics and aircraft! Please call the library to register for this program.

For more information on upcoming Pico Rivera Library events, check out the library website at [colapublib.org/libs/picorivera/](http://colapublib.org/libs/picorivera/) or the Facebook page at [facebook.com/PicoRiveraLibrary/](https://facebook.com/PicoRiveraLibrary/) or call 562.942.7394.

## Tips to Prepare for the Plastic Bag Ban

As of January 1, 2017, the City of Pico Rivera will join 145 other California communities in restricting the distribution of single-use plastic bags in grocery stores, large pharmacies and other retailers.

According to the CalRecycle reports, 19 billion single-use plastic bags are distributed throughout California annually. Of that, less than five percent are properly recycled.

Many people may find these facts startling but are still wondering how to cope with the new ban. The good news is there are plenty of options. While stores required to ban single-use plastic bags will still offer compostable or paper bags for a small fee, you can adapt by acquiring reusable canvas, nylon, polyester or natural fiber bags at most retail locations.

To help you prepare for the upcoming ban, the following tips will help you tackle the bag ban like an expert.

- ❖ Keep a large sum of various-sized reusable bags in your trunk. Once you park, immediately hit the 'open trunk' button. If you're completely new to bringing your own bags, it may help to begin by keeping a bag on the passenger seat or in plain sight as a reminder.

- ❖ After unloading groceries, bring the bags immediately back to the trunk or place them near your exit so you'll remember to grab them the next time you leave the house.

- ❖ Place additional reusable bags in locations you may pass on your way out of the house, such as the pantry, coat closet, etc.

- ❖ Most reusable bags are larger and can hold more than typical single-use plastic bags, making loading and unloading more convenient as you have less to carry and fewer trips from the car to the kitchen.

- ❖ Use a spray bottle mixed with equal parts rubbing alcohol to water and spray bags as needed to keep them germ free. Some bags can even be washed with laundry.

- ❖ When giving a gift to someone, use a reusable tote in place of a gift bag. This costs less than most gift wrap and will keep their collection growing.

The common concern for many people is remembering to bring bags into the store. The main trick is to care. If you have additional questions regarding the upcoming ban, call 562.801.4388.

Do you have "giant" mosquitoes flying around your home? Are you getting "swarms" stuck to your window or door? These insects may not be mosquitoes. There are many insects in Pico Rivera and some of them are harmless. Here are a few insects that are commonly mistaken for mosquitoes (to the right)

The local mosquitoes are small, but they do not swarm. They are frequently confused with other insects that are harmless and more of a nuisance. A good rule of thumb is if they're bigger than a quarter or swarming your home, they're probably not mosquitoes.

For more information about mosquitoes or other insects in the area or to report a Vector Control issue, log on to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control website at [glacvcd.org](http://glacvcd.org) or call 562.944.9656.

## To Swarm or Not to Swarm



### Midge Flies

Midge flies are about the same size as a mosquito. They don't bite and can swarm in areas with mud on bottoms of lakes, ponds, spreading basins, and flood control channels. They are typically most active from Spring to Fall and they are common complaint amongst residents living near rivers.



### Fungus Gnat

The Fungus Gnat is nearly the same size as a mosquito. It doesn't bite and it develops in fungus or moist decaying vegetation. The Fungus Gnat is typically active from Winter to Spring and is known to swarm.



### Common Crane Fly

The Common Crane Fly is much larger than a mosquito and despite its size, it doesn't bite. The Crane Fly develops in moist soil or water and is typically active from early Spring to Fall.

## City Seeks Residents Input on Urban Greening

The City of Pico Rivera is still accepting survey answers for 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.

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](http://surveymonkey.com/r/GreenPicoRivera) and let us know your thoughts.

## Rio Hondo College helping ITT Students

ITT Tech Students impacted by the recent closure are invited to explore the educational opportunities offered at Rio Hondo College (RHC). RHC is the only accredited community college that is offering a four-year bachelor's degree in automotive technology as well as offering 24 associate degrees for transfer, 50 associate degrees, and 60 certificates. RHC is located in Whittier near the intersection of the Pomona (60) and San Gabriel River (605) freeways. Tuition is only \$46 per unit for California residents, making RHC an accessible and affordable choice for vocational training and career success.

### What are my options?

Counselors are here to review your educational records and help you find the best options to complete your

goals. Transferrable credit for courses completed at ITT can be obtained by successful completion of Credit-by-Exam (CBE). Without earning transfer credit, the courses completed at ITT may still be used to meet prerequisite requirements for courses required at Rio Hondo.

### Can I get credit for my ITT classes?

CBE is a process by which course credit may be earned through demonstrating proficiency in specific subject matter covered in the course. The examination is administered and reviewed by designated personnel at RHC. When a student successfully passes the examination, course credit is obtained and noted on the student's transcript.

### What are the requirements for CBE?

RHC requires that a student be

currently enrolled at the college, having successfully completed 12 units at RHC, and in good standing. CBE can only be given for courses listed in the college catalog.

### Why should I meet with a counselor?

RHC Counselors can help you identify the best educational plan for you to obtain your goal quickly and efficiently. Counselors will guide you and find resources to help you become a successful student at RHC.

### How do I get started?

Visit [riohondo.edu/itt-students/](http://riohondo.edu/itt-students/) and click on the link titled "How do I get started." You will be prompted to enter your contact information and to complete a short questionnaire. After you submit the questionnaire, a member of our counseling team will contact you.