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ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON TELEGRAPH ROAD

Drivers may notice more orange cones as they drive through the City with more roadway improvements continuing in the City. Beginning this month, the City, in collaboration with the City of Downey, will start work on a Roadway Improvement Project along Telegraph Road from the west City limit to Rosemead Boulevard and from Parsons Boulevard to the east City limit.

The project's overall plan for both Cities is to rehabilitate and beautify the corridor, streamline traffic flows, reduce conflicting vehicle movements, and enhance safety. The project will include the construction of a raised landscaped median, pavement reconstruction, ADA curb ramps, replacement of damaged sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. There will also be modifications to Telegraph Road and Birchbark Avenue's existing traffic signals, and at Telegraph Road and True Avenue.

"Our City's roads are heavily used since they are parallel to the 605 and 5 freeways," said City Manager Steve Carmona. "We are always looking for opportunities to rehabilitate our roads to keep them safe, and when we partner with other Cities such as the City of Downey, it creates



a partnership and assurance to residents on both sides that we are all committed to keeping our roadways as safe as possible for residents and for those that drive through our Cities on a daily basis."

The lead agency for the project is the City of Downey. The project is anticipated to be in construction through August 2021. Motorists are to expect delays and encouraged to take alternate routes during construction.

For more information on this project or future roadway projects, contact our Public Works Department at 562.801.4421.

Drive-Thru Easter Event to be Held



The City's Parks and Recreation Department continues its efforts to put on Special Events despite current Health Order restrictions. Last Spring, the annual Easter Eggstravaganza was cancelled, but this year, it's back, with Public Health considerations.

This year, the annual event will be held at the Pico Rivera Sports Arena for a safe drive-thru experience on Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The FREE Drive-Thru Easter Eggstravaganza will feature a variety of inflatable props, roaming characters, and the Easter Bunny himself as you traverse the small Easter Village. Children 16 years and younger will receive a FREE goodie bag containing candy, plastic eggs, and other surprises. The goodie bags will be distributed while supplies last. Several golden tickets will be randomly inserted into goodie bags. Lucky winners can redeem their goldent ticket for an Easter basket.

To enhance the experience, a soundtrack will be broadcasted to your car radio through a shortwave FM station. 98.5 FM, as you traverse through the Easter Village.

No pre-registration or City residency is required to attend. This event is strictly drive-thru, no walk ups will be allowed. For your safety and the safety of our Staff, facemasks are required so that we can safely distribute the Easter goodies to each vehicle driving through.

The Pico Rivera Sports Arena is located at 11003 Sports Arena Drive. For more information, call 562.801.4430.

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Returning to PRIME

If you opted-out upon enrollment but changed your mind, it's easy to return to PRIME! Simply give us a call at 1.800.GOPRIME and staff is happy to help ensure that you receive all of the benefits from being a part of the program.

Opt-up to PRIME Future

If you are already a PRIME customer and want to do your part to be a more sustainable member of the community or even help reach statewide energy goals, you have the power to choose PRIME Future for 100% renewable energy - our most environmentally friendly plan at just 1¢ more per kWh. For the average residential customer that amounts to only \$5 more each month.

If you have any questions, PRIME staff is available to assist you with your energy needs by calling 1.800.GOPRIME or visit poweredbyprime.org.

CITY HALL AND FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED

on Wednesday, March 31
in observance of
CESAR CHAVEZ DAY



Don't forget to change your clocks and set them **AHEAD ONE HOUR** on Sunday, March 14 as Daylight Saving Time begins.

FREE Senior Vaccination Transportation Offered

The City of Pico Rivera, in collaboration with Fiesta Taxi, is offering Pico Rivera residents age 65 years and older FREE transportation to the Los Angeles County COVID-19 Vaccination site in the City of Downey, and NOW extending to additional approved medical facilities that are offering the vaccine. You do not have to be registered for the Dial-A-Ride program.

With vaccines now available for residents who are 65 years of age and older, City Officials cited the importance of our senior residents to get vaccinated as soon as possible. With the City's Dial-A-Ride program already in place, the program allowed for seniors to make transportation for medical appointments within a six-mile radius of the City. City Officials decided to use the current service and create a dedicated program for seniors who wanted to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, but had transportation issues.

"COVID-19 vaccinations are vital right now for those that are eligible and to those that will become eligible in the near future", said City Manager Steve Carmona. "This program will allow for our most vulnerable population to receive the COVID-19



vaccine in a timely manner without having to worry about transportation.

Eligible residents who have made an appointment at the Downey location or approved medical facility are able to book transportation at least 24 hours in advance by calling 866.908.7289 and using account number 12616. Each qualified resident will be offered only one free roundtrip for each vaccination trip. Please note, if medical facility is a walk-up location, the taxi will wait on site for you till your appointment is over.

If your location is not listed, please call to verify or if you would like additional information on the City's Dial-A-Ride program, please call the Transit Analyst at 562.801.5551.

Approved Medical Facility Locations:

- LA County Office of Education- Downey
- Kaiser Downey
- Beverly Hospital - Montebello
- Caremore Care Center - Montebello and Downey



COVID-19 Vaccinations Continue

Over the past month, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health vaccinated residents and workers who were under the Phase 1A category, including residents who were 65 years of age and older. County Health Officials are now ready to extend the vaccination distribution to those who work in education and childcare, emergency services, and law enforcement.

Appointments can be booked online at VaccinateLACounty.com. Visit the website as well for the full list of eligibility and additional information.

Residents may also call 833.540.0473 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. for additional assistance.

PICO RIVERA SENIOR CENTER

Case Worker Services

Case Worker Services continue to be available to Pico Rivera Seniors ages 50+ who need assistance with community resources and programs.

Case Worker Services available in the following areas:

- Medi-Cal
- CalFresh
- DMV
- Transportation
- Utility Assistance
- Caregiver Services
- Social Security
- Medicare
- Housing
- COVID-19 Resources

Services are provided via phone Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8am to 5pm. For assistance, call **562-801-4435**.
In-person services are suspended until further notice.
Pico-Rivera.org • Recreation@Pico-Rivera.org

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UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 6615 Passons Blvd., unless otherwise noted.

City Council Meeting
Visit pico-rivera.org for details.

Planning Commission
Visit pico-rivera.org for details.

Parks & Recreation Commission
Visit pico-rivera.org for details.

This Month on CTV

We're on the air... CTV3 has added some new shows to the line-up. Catch more episodes of The Garage with Steve Butler, Smart Movie Show, Car Guy Channel, and Space Quest. Additionally, catch local favorites like Huell Howser's California's Gold and live coverage of the City Council meetings. CTV3 can be streamed online at pico-rivera.org.

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Parks and Recreation Department Announces New Registration System

The City's Parks and Recreation Department has made registering for Parks and Recreation Programs more effortless with a new Online Registration System.

The City's new system hosted by MyRec, will provide our users with a more straightforward platform to register for programs, reserve facilities and fields, senior program registrations, and so much more.

Residents can now register for the new Online Registration at picoriveraca.myrec.com and will be able to sign up for current online and future recreation programs. For more information, call 562.801.4430.

...and New Virtual Classes

The City's Parks and Recreation Department continues to engage residents of all ages by offering classes virtually while our Community Centers remain closed per current Health Orders. Below are just a few classes that are being offered during the Spring session.

Private Piano (6 & Up)/ Guitar Lessons (10 & Up) - \$100

Private guitar or piano lessons are available for youth and adults via zoom. You will receive (4) 30-minute lessons. Students must have a piano or keyboard at home to practice on. You will receive a link to purchase your piano book and the Zoom link for your lessons. Days and Times.

Art Fun for Kids - Fridays - \$24

Join our online community! Each week you will learn to draw a new art project. Students will learn how to break down drawings into small steps that come together to create a cool drawing. Students become more confident in their drawing abilities every step of the way. You do not need to have a zoom account to participate.

April 9 - April 30 and May 7 - May 28

Kinder through 1st grade, 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2nd through 5th grade, 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.



Watercolors, Chalk, and Oil Pastels - Wednesdays - \$24

Join our online community! Students will learn about different artists while incorporating their styles in unique art projects. Learn how to create beautiful works of art using watercolor paint, chalk, and oil pastels. Students are encouraged to create beyond what they are being taught, using their imagination to do their own individual artwork.

You do not need to have a Zoom account to participate. The Zoom link is provided by the instructor.

Materials needed: watercolor paper, pencil, and eraser, watercolor paint, brush, chalk, and oil pastels. Instructor will email Amazon links to registrants.

April 7 - April 28 and May 5 - May 26

Ages 7 to 13 years old, 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Art Class for Kids on Your Schedule - 4-week (28 days) access - \$32



Created specifically for students whose schedule is always changing, this online art school is just for you. Log in to your library of art lessons and have access to pre-recorded art lessons. These lessons will teach you the elements of art in a fun way and are perfect for students in grades 1-6. Every month we introduce a new element of art, with each month building on the previous month's lesson. We look forward to seeing you soon! Access begins the day of registration.

To register and for additional programs, visit picoriveraca.myrec.com. For more information about these classes, call 562.801.4430.

Senior Easter Drive-Thru Car Parade



The Pico Rivera Senior Center will be hosting a special Senior Eggstravaganza Drive-Thru Car Parade, specifically for Seniors.

The Drive-Thru event will be held on Thursday, March 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Pico Rivera Senior Center. Seniors will have the opportunity to decorate their vehicles and have them judged by Senior Center Staff.

Entering is simple. Entries must be submitted by calling the Center at 562.948.4844 by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18. You will then be given your Parade Entry Number and additional details. All vehicles must be safe to drive, and the driver must wear a face covering at all times.

Judging by staff will be based on the following criteria: Decoration Construction, Easter Spirit, Colorfulness, Originality, and Overall appearance.

For more information about the Senior Eggstravaganza Drive-Thru Car Parade, call the Center at 562.948.4844.



Park Reopens

Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary Park just received a facelift. This past January, the park playground was temporarily closed, and construction crews were hard at demolishing the old one and replacing it with a brand new one.

The park playground was installed a little over 17 years ago when the Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary parked opened on the north side of the City. Since then, the usual wear and tear has shown on the playground equipment, making it unsightly, and for the kids, less fun to play on.

Citing these reasons and more, City officials were able to secure a Grant through the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation to replace the aging playground.

Last month, construction was completed, and City Officials held a grand re-opening of the playground, allowing neighborhood children to once again play in the park.

For more information about future park upgrades, call our Department of Parks and Recreation Office at 562.801.4430.

We Heard You....

We would like to thank our residents, our park patrons, who came out to the Community Meetings last year and provided a wish list for Rio Hondo Park as part of a grant application to refurbish the park.

As a result of the feedback received, our Staff has come up with a final design that was presented to residents at a Community Meeting held in late January. With positive feedback and a great turnout of over 100 area residents, the final design will be submitted to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for Prop 68 Grant Funding consideration.

The final application will be submitted later this month. Stay tuned to the City's Social Media and future editions of the Profile for updates on the proposed Rio Hondo Park project. For further details, call 562.801.4430.





Residents are encouraged to Shop and Dine Pico Rivera to help local restaurants in the City. Many restaurants County and Statewide were affected by the orders to have restaurants shut down their dining rooms and relegated them to take out or delivery only. Locally, that has had some negative impact on our restaurants; however, some were able to stay open with modified hours to offer take out or delivery service.

Several restaurants in Pico Rivera were already available for delivery through popular restaurant delivery apps due to the original Health Orders dating back to last Summer. Local restaurants adapted to the current conditions and have made ordering simple by offering it online or over the phone.

With the latest Health Order revised, restaurants are now able to offer outdoor dining once again. Many restaurants in Pico Rivera are taking advantage of offering service outdoors while continuing to provide pickup and delivery options. Support our local restaurants and EXPERIENCE OUTDOOR DINING in Pico Rivera.

For a list of restaurants open in Pico Rivera offering outdoor dining, take out or delivery, visit the Shop and Dine Pico Rivera page located on the City's website at pico-rivera.org.

Contact your favorite Pico Rivera restaurant today and support them as we continue to work through the COVID-19 public health crisis.



It's Time for Spring Cleaning and NASA Services Can Help

The City of Pico Rivera, in collaboration with NASA Services, will host a Spring Bulky Item Collection on five consecutive Saturdays, April 10 through May 8, based on your regular trash pick up days. (Please see schedule below)

This free, large-item curbside pick up is specifically for residential customers who need to dispose of large items that cannot be picked up as part of regular collection.

Eligible items for curbside bulk item pick up include:

- » Furniture such as chairs, sofas, and mattresses
- » Appliances such as refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers, water heaters, dishwashers, and similar plumbing and small appliances
- » E-waste such as computers, telephones, televisions, stereo equipment, and other electronic devices. Yard waste such as tree branches, scrap wood, or bundles up to 4 ft. long
- » Clothing
- » Other non-hazardous items

All items must be able to be moved by two-person crews or they will NOT be collected

NOT acceptable items include:

- » All hazardous wastes or materials such as oil, solvents, or paints
- » Construction debris such as concrete, asphalt, lumber, or drywall
- » Equipment or vehicles
- » Truck or automobile tires

All items must be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection

Please consider donating all reusable or repairable items to your local thrift stores and non-profit organizations, as these items can help benefit those in need in our local community.

For additional information regarding the Spring Bulky Item Collection, call NASA Services at 888.888.0388.

Spring Bulky Item Collection Schedule:



If your Trash Pick Up Day is on:

Monday - Bulky Item Pick Up is on Saturday, April 10

Tuesday - Bulky Item Pick Up is on Saturday, April 17

Wednesday - Bulky Item Pick Up is on Saturday, April 24

Thursday - Bulky Item Pick Up is on Saturday, May 1

Friday - Bulky Item Pick Up is on Saturday, May 8

Did you miss the Bulky Item Pick Up date or have more items? Call NASA Services at 888.888.0388 for a Bulky Item Pick Up request.

RIO HONDO COLLEGE

Announces Late Start Classes

Residents who wish to attend Rio Hondo College during the Spring session still have time to register and attend.

The College will be offering Late Start Classes beginning March 15 through May 17. Registrations for these classes are currently being accepted.

For class descriptions, visit <http://bit.ly/RHC-Spring2021-SH>

For registration information, visit the College's website at riohondo.edu