Help Plan New Rec Complex

An exciting new project is in the works, and we’re looking for you to help make it a creation of your community! Plans are underway to build a new Palmdale Regional Recreational Complex (PRRC), a state-of-the-art complex that enhances the quality of life, provides economic development opportunities, and improves the health of residents.

Please join us for two community meetings to help develop the PRRC. They will take place on Jan. 31 at the Marie Kerr Park Recreation Center, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd, and Feb. 1 at the Palmdale Oasis Park Recreation Center, 3850 E. Ave. S. Both meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

The facility would provide a multi-generational place of entertainment for City residents and guests of the community, offering indoor, year-round opportunities for social interaction, learning, fun and fitness all in one location.

Some of the potential amenities include an indoor gymnasium, indoor synthetic turf fields, outdoor synthetic turf fields, indoor walking track, multi-purpose rooms, fitness rooms with lockers, rock wall, boxing ring, pump bicycle track, handball courts, racquetball courts, pickle ball courts, computer workstations, space for small informational seminars, or office/meeting space for local non-profits and schools to provide needed youth services, a playground geared towards those with cognitive or physical

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Applicants Sought for Measure AV Grant Funds

The City is taking applications from local non-profit organizations and businesses for Measure AV grant funding now through Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. Measure AV was a ¾ cent sales tax that was approved by Palmdale voters in Nov. 2020. For more information about the grant program including eligibility and requirements and to apply, visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/MeasureAVGrants.

“We’re fortunate that we have even more revenue coming in from Measure AV than we expected,” said Palmdale Mayor Steve Hofbauer. “These funds will have a very positive impact on our community.” said Palmdale Mayor Steve Hofbauer. “I encourage our local organizations to find out how they can apply and receive funding to help them in their various missions.”

“So many groups are doing great things in Palmdale,” said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. “From youth sports leagues to veterans, small business to those helping the homeless, and faith-based groups to mental health providers, these grants will help them improve the quality of life for our residents.”

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limitations, an indoor warm water therapy pool, an indoor cool water exercise pool, or exciting water activities such as a wave rider or wave pool, and outdoor tiered grass seating for small bands, neighborhood events or a drive-in movie set-up.

The actual amenities, services, and activities to be included in PRRC will be the result of community collaborations and staff recommendations.

For more information, visit www.CityofPalmdale.org/PRRC.
Final Redistricting Public Hearing

The City is in the final stages of its city council redistricting process which, upon completion, will determine the boundaries of City Council voting districts for the next 10 years.

The City’s demographer will present the final draft maps being considered and the City Council will select a map for adoption on Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Advisory Commission meeting held in the Palmdale Council Chamber.

Using public input on communities of interest and submitted maps from the public, City Council will adopt a new map in accordance with the FAIRMAPS Act, which states districts must be:

- **Geographically contiguous** (each district should share a common border with the next),
- **Respectful of the geographic integrity** of local neighborhoods or communities in a manner that minimizes its division,
- **Drawn with easily identifiable boundaries** that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and,
- **Drawn to encourage geographic compactness** with boundaries not drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

Based on a statutory deadline, a new City of Palmdale district map must be adopted no later than April 17, 2021. The new map and election sequencing would then go into effect for the city’s next election cycle.

For more information, visit www.DrawPalmdale.org.

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Volunteers Sought Season of Service Events on MLK Day

The City has announced the first series of events in its 2022 Season of Service to honor and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 17.

“Join your friends, family and neighbors on Monday, Jan. 17 and make it a day on, not a day off by being a part of the City’s eighth annual Season of Service,” said Community Programs Coordinator Patricia Morales. “We have three great opportunities for people of all ages to make a difference in their community.”

The events will take place at Legacy Commons for Active Seniors located at 930 E. Ave Q-9.

From 9 a.m. to noon, volunteers can help assemble gift bags for the upcoming Mommy & Me Valentine’s Day event happening on Feb. 11. It is open to all ages, but volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., dog lovers are encouraged to help put together treat bags and cards for the Tail of True Love event taking place on Feb. 19 at Yellen Dog Park. All ages are welcome, and volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Also happening from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be the Pitch In for Legacy Commons, an opportunity to help give a deep cleaning to the building that is enjoyed by local seniors. This event is recommended older teens and adults. Participants should wear closed-toe shoes for this activity.

Registration is required and available at signup.com/go/vtrZLSg. All participants will be required to fill out a release of liability prior to volunteering.

“As Dr. King said, ‘Everybody can be great because everybody can serve,’” noted Morales. “Join family and friends on Jan. 17 to honor Dr. King and give back to your community. And be sure to share your service on our social media with photos and the hashtag #PalmdaleCares.”

For more information, please visit www.CityofPalmdale.org/Engaged.

Rock Art for Kids

Celebrate Valentine’s Day at free Art for Kids events coming to the Marie Kerr Park Community Building, 39700 30th St. West, and Domenic Massari Park, 37716 55th St. East on Monday, Feb. 14 from 3 to 7 p.m. Staff will supply materials so kids can create love inspired rocks.

Popcorn Day

Join rec staff in celebration of Popcorn Day and enjoy fun popcorn crafts and a popcorn bar on Saturday, Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Marie Kerr Park Community Building, 39700 30th St. West, and Domenic Massari Park, 37716 55th St. East. Free admission.

Mommy & Me Valentines

Enjoy a fun, free Valentine’s dance and activities on Friday, Feb. 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Marie Kerr Recreation Center, 2723 Rancho Vista Blvd. Free treats, fun crafts, and a photo area will be available.
City Launches Visit Palmdale

Visit Palmdale, a new tourism improvement district (TID), is a partnership between the City and local hotels to create tourism opportunities that both visitors and residents can enjoy.

The benefits of the TID come in forms such as signature events, enhancing current tourism attractions, development of additional destinations, and infrastructure improvements. An increase in tourism and business travel would positively impact hotels, restaurants, and local businesses.

Visit Palmdale will also include regional marketing and tourism collaborations and opportunities with the County of Los Angeles and City of Lancaster to enhance tourism throughout the Antelope Valley.

For more information, please contact Economic Development at 267-5125.

Rancho Vista Park Work Continues

The concrete work is nearing completion for Rancho Vista Park, as the final retaining walls and concrete walkways are being poured. Look out for the shade structures and the playground area being constructed over the months ahead, including landscape planting when weather permits in the spring.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT

Frank Graves: Loving You

Saturday, February 26, 7 pm

Iconic and soulful Frank Graves returns to the Palmdale Playhouse to share his love of music. Join him for an evening of music and romance — he will give roses to the first 300 women at the concert to show his appreciation, his special way of Loving You. Graves is a Grammy artist, and his professional band features some of the talented musicians of the group ChemistrySounds. This is an elegant event, so step out looking and feeling your best.

Tickets: $25/adults, $20/seniors, students, military, 12 & under

PalmdalePlayhouse.com
Bullfrogg Blues Band in Concert

The Palmdale Playhouse, located at 38334 10th St. East, will present the Bullfrogg Blues band live in concert on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.

The Bullfrogg Blues Band (BBB) is a melting pot of some of the finest musicians on one stage. With an old soul feel and youthful energy, BBB touches on rock, country, and powerful original blues.

Band members include top notch seasoned players including Manny Cat on bass, Danny Gerrass on drums, Noel Deis on keys, Neil Werner on harmonica, and the supercharged trio of lead guitar players including Ric Ilejay, Mark Burgess, and Roby Duron.

Tickets are $22 for adults and $17 for seniors, students, military, and ages 12 and under, and are available at www.PalmdalePlayhouse.com. New this year is self-selection seating for all Playhouse events.

Tickets for all shows may be purchased online at www.PalmdalePlayhouse.com, or at the Box Office beginning two hours before each show. Please note that the Playhouse no longer accepts cash; Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are the only forms of payment accepted at the box office and concession stand.

For more information, please call 661/267-5684.
Performing Arts Classes for Youth

Calling all young thespians! The Palmdale Playhouse is offering two new performing arts classes for youth starting in January.

All About Theatre is designed for youth ages 9 to 11 with little or no theatre experience. It will teach basic acting skills in a fun and encouraging theatre environment and prepare students for a showcase of their talents at the end of the course. Classes will be held Monday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. starting Jan. 24 through April 18.

The Theatre Experience is geared for youth ages 12 to 17. Participants will discover and improve performance skills through fun, interactive lessons and games while learning acting and character techniques. The class showcase their talents at the end of the course in a production of Law & Order Fairy Tale Unit by Jonathan Rand. Beginners and those with theatre experience are welcome. Classes will be held Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting Jan. 24 through April 25.


For more information, please call 661/267-5684.

Finnegan Blue

Sunday, March 27, 6 pm

Call them a family band: sibling duo Anna Lee and Willie Fleming, joined by their dad Bill, take Americana clear off the rails! The band (with Malcolm Jones on sax, Kevin Higuchi on percussion, and bassist Oskar Beckmann) leapfrogs through a mix of their own toe-tapping originals and traditional Irish and Bluegrass covers—all hot-wired by Finnegan Blue’s high-energy.

Tickets: $15/adults, $10/seniors, students, military, 12 & under

PalmdalePlayhouse.com
Fun at Legacy Commons

Help keep your brain active and sharp while socializing with others by joining the new Legacy Commons book club. Reading is widely known to be a brain exerciser and getting together with others helps to maintain a social connection.

The book club will begin in Jan. 2022 and will meet on the third Wednesday of each month. Books by various fiction authors will be selected. Club members should come prepared to participate in group discussions for two hours.

In Feb., join friends at a Valentine’s Day Party on Monday, Feb. 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and a Black History Month Celebration on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 267-5904.

Unhidden Diary Exhibit at Legacy Commons

Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, located at 9:30 E. Ave Q-9, will host an opening reception for Unhidden Diary, the art of Chelsea Denise Williams, on Tuesday, Feb. 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Williams’ passion for creating art began in 2014 when she was 20 years old. She had been recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder and found it hard to express herself to others. She began creating art as an outlet to express her feelings when words weren’t enough. Her inspiration for creating art include her mental health journey, family, therapy, Black history in the U.S., current events, and her friendship with God. Mental health within the black community is often seen as a taboo subject. Williams hopes to help encourage conversations around black mental health through her artwork. The exhibit runs through Friday, March 4.
Tail-of-True-Love a Yellen Dog Park

The City will host a Tail-of-True-Love Yappy Hour on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Yellen Dog Park, 5100 E. Ave. S. Admission is free.

A kissing booth will be available for dogs and their families, as well as snacks and treats on a first come, first served basis.

“Our four-legged community members are invited to mingle and play,” said Recreation Coordinator Rachel Serrano. “Take a photo with your dog and share it with us on our Yellen Dog Park Facebook page with the hashtag #YellenDogPark.”

For more information, please call 661/267-5611.
What Is A Zoning Code?
The City’s Zoning Code (Title 17 of the Palmdale Municipal Code) regulates land uses within the boundaries of Palmdale. The Code establishes zoning districts (e.g., Residential, Commercial, and Industrial) that are applied to individual properties and are consistent with the General Plan land use designations. For each zone district, the Code identifies land uses that are permitted, conditionally permitted, and prohibited. It also establishes development standards such as minimum lot size, maximum building height, and the minimum distance a building must be set back from the street. Provisions for parking, landscaping, lighting, and other rules that guide the development of projects in the city are also included.

Zoning Code Overview
The City of Palmdale is undertaking a comprehensive update to its Zoning Code to help implement the vision for Palmdale 2045, the ongoing update of the City’s General Plan. This project will take about 12 months, with a Fall 2021 start date and expected adoption in Summer 2022.

The update of the Zoning Code is intended to support the city’s growth in an orderly manner and promote and protect public health, safety, peace, comfort, and the general welfare in conformance with the Palmdale 2045 General Plan. The following are objectives of the Code update:

• Comprehensively update the Zoning Code to implement the land use patterns and development framework established in the Palmdale 2045 General Plan update.

• Update the zoning map with zoning districts that implement and are consistent with the General Plan land use designations.

• Update the development regulations, processes, and procedures in the Zoning Code to be consistent with State law.

• Streamline the project approval processes to reduce the need for discretionary review.

• Incorporate and build upon significant ongoing and recently completed work on Specific Plans and multi-family design regulations.

• Create a highly illustrative Code that is easy to use and understand, is in line with best practices, and conveys the intent of the regulations.

• Re-structure the Code to be logically organized and in line with best practices.

Questions? Contact:
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www.Palmdale2045.org/zoning
¿Qué es un Código de Zonificación?

El Código de Zonificación de la Ciudad (Título 17 del Código Municipal de Palmdale) regula los usos de la tierra dentro de los límites de Palmdale. El Código establece distritos de zonificación (por ejemplo, residencial, comercial e industrial) que se aplican a propiedades individuales y son consistentes con las designaciones de uso de la tierra del Plan General. Para cada distrito de zona, el Código identifica los usos de la tierra que están permitidos, condicionalmente permitidos y prohibidos. También establece normas de desarrollo como el tamaño mínimo del lote, la altura máxima del edificio y la distancia mínima a la que un edificio debe alejarse de la calle. También se incluyen provisiones para estacionamiento, paisajismo, iluminación y otras reglas que guían el desarrollo de proyectos en la ciudad.

Resumen del Código de Zonificación

La Ciudad de Palmdale está llevando a cabo una actualización integral de su Código de Zonificación para ayudar a implementar la visión de Palmdale 2045, la actualización continua del Plan General de la Ciudad. Este proyecto tomará aproximadamente 12 meses, con una fecha de inicio de otoño de 2021 y una adopción anticipada para el verano de 2022.

La actualización del Código de Zonificación tiene como objetivo apoyar el crecimiento de la ciudad de manera ordenada y promover y proteger la salud pública, la seguridad, la paz, la comodidad y el bienestar general en conformidad con el Plan General de Palmdale 2045. Los siguientes son objetivos de la actualización del Código:

• Actualizar completamente el Código de Zonificación para implementar los patrones de uso de la tierra y el marco de desarrollo establecido en la actualización del Plan General de Palmdale 2045.

• Actualizar el mapa de zonificación con los distritos de zonificación que implementan y son consistentes con las designaciones de uso de la tierra del Plan General.

• Actualizar las regulaciones, procesos y procedimientos de desarrollo en el Código de Zonificación para que sean consistentes con la ley estatal.

• Optimizar los procesos de aprobación de proyectos para reducir la necesidad de revisiones discrecional.

• Incorporar y continuar el trabajo significativo en curso y recientemente completado sobre Planes Específicos y regulaciones de diseño multifamiliar.

• Crear un Código altamente ilustrativo que sea fácil de usar y comprender, esté en línea con las mejores prácticas y que transmita la intención de las regulaciones.

• Reestructurar el Código para que esté organizado lógicamente y en línea con las mejores prácticas.
E-cigarette and Tobacco Facts

Nicotine use before age 25 can harm brain development and lead to addiction.

- 7.2% of middle school and 27.1% of high school students have used a tobacco product.
- 19.5% of US high school youth currently use a tobacco product.
- E-cigarette aerosol can contain harmful substances.

- Secondhand smoke causes heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer.
- E-cigarette aerosol can have heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and cancer-causing agents.
- A single JUUL refill pod can contain as much nicotine as a pack of 20 cigarettes.
- Smokeless tobacco has at least 28 cancer-causing chemicals.
- Some e-cigs look like flash drives that kids can use unnoticed at home and in school.
- There is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure.
- A single JUUL refill pod can contain as much nicotine as a pack of 20 cigarettes.

For more info:

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