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Palmdale Named Among Safest Cities in California by Safety.com

The City of Palmdale was named in the top 10 percent (#33) of the safest cities in California for 2020 by Safety.com, a leading home security and safety advocacy website.

Analysts from Safety.com assessed data provided by the FBI Crime Report, Gun Violence Archive, US Census Bureau, Insurance Journal and America Health Rankings to create its list of safest cities in California. In all, 482 cities were studied.

"Our team diligently identified the safest cities beyond just looking at crime rates. We wanted to get the full picture and have our data extend beyond what people would originally look at for the safety of a city, especially in these tough economic times. We took a step further by looking at factors that measure socioeconomic, health and natural disaster safety in addition to public safety in this study," says Antonio Lopez Jr, analyst for Safety.com.

Cities were analyzed on public safety, financial safety, state-level natural disaster and health metrics. The criteria for public safety include property crime, violent crime, aggravated assaults, hate crime, and mass shootings. Criteria for financial and socioeconomic factors include unemployment rate, cost of living, poverty rate, uninsured residents, and internet access.



**After Hours
Emergencies
267-5338**

Report emergencies

Residents may call 267-5338 after 6 pm and before 7:30 am Monday through Thursday and all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Emergencies include sewer overflows, roadway/right of way hazards, downed tree limbs, downed signs, potholes, or broken sprinkler lines in City parks or landscaped areas.

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City Council Meetings Reopened for Public Attendance

Palmdale City Council meetings will be open for in-person attendance under social distancing guidelines.

Members of the public will be able to wait outside the Council Chamber until the designated public comment period. Seating will be provided, and the meeting audio will be broadcast. Attendees should wear face coverings and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Upon being called to speak, attendees will have their temperature taken prior to entering the Chamber. A speaker's slip will be requested to be completed. A three-minute time limit will be imposed on all speakers other than staff members. To comply with LA County Health orders, members of the public will enter the Chamber one at a time to provide public comment.

After addressing the Council, speakers will return to the designated seating area. Anyone who is sick or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the meeting and will not be allowed inside.

Residents who wish to comment on agenda items without attending the meeting in person may do so using the eComment feature. To comment, click on the "Agendas and Meetings" button found at the bottom of the City web page at cityofpalmdale.org.



Palmdale Healing & Honor Field Coming to Palmdale in November

The inaugural Palmdale Healing & Honor Field, a colorful display of American flags honoring heroes, will be on display to the public for free from Nov. 1 through Nov. 11 at Pelona Vista Park, 37800 Tierra Subida Ave. in Palmdale.

Presented by the Palmdale Auto Mall Association and the City of Palmdale, the Palmdale Healing & Honor Field will feature 2,020 flags on 7½ foot tall poles in ordered rows. The flags are available for purchase to honor a veteran or member of the military, law enforcement, fire/EMS, or any medical personnel. A tag with the name of the person being honored will be placed on each flag. On Nov. 11 at the conclusion of the Veterans Day Ceremony, flag purchasers may pick up their flag to keep or present to the person they honored.

Flags are \$30 each and may be purchased online at www.CityofPalmdale.org/HealingField. All proceeds from the flag sales will benefit local veterans groups including Vets 4 Veterans, Coffee 4 Vets, Point Man AV, American Legion 348, and VFW 3000.

The Palmdale Healing & Honor Field will be open 24 hours daily, concluding at 5 pm on Nov. 11. An information booth will be staffed with volunteers and City personnel each day from 9 am to 5 pm. An opening ceremony will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 pm. The City's annual Veterans Day

Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 am. Details on both events will be announced as the dates get closer. The City will continue to monitor updated COVID-19 regulations.

Volunteer opportunities are available. To learn more about volunteering, call 267-5453 or email healingfield@cityofpalmdale.org.

"The Palmdale Auto Mall Association is proud to be the presenting sponsor for this magnificent and powerful display of our nation's red, white, and blue," said Association President Gus Camacho. "What makes it even more significant is the names that will be associated with each flag — our family, friends, and neighbors — who have all contributed in their own unique way for the betterment of us all."

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our community," said Palmdale Mayor Steve Hofbauer. "Each flag represents an individual and tells a story, and this is a perfect occasion to honor the brave men and women who have served and who continue to serve in the military, as well as all the heroes who work each day to keep us safe and protected from harm."

"This year's COVID-19 pandemic has brought our world, our country, and our community tremendous loss," said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. "What better way to heal and be thankful for our blessings than this Healing & Honor Field. This truly is a gift to the community made possible through sponsorships, the efforts of City staff, and many dedicated volunteers. I can't think of a more suitable location than Pelona Vista Park to showcase thousands of American flags in magnificent formation. Whether you see it in person or driving by on the 14 freeway, you will have equally spectacular views. I encourage everyone to show their support and gratitude by sponsoring a flag or donating."

For more information, please visit www.CityofPalmdale.org/HealingField or call 267-5611.

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State-level natural disaster and health safety scoring factors involve calculating the state's natural disaster risk and health score based on access to health insurance, air pollution ratings, number of drug deaths and number of mental health providers.

The full report and methodology can be found online at www.safety.com/public/places/safest-cities-in-california.

"The Palmdale City Council has made public safety our top priority for many years, and we have seen tremendous results," said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. "We have invested significant money in public safety but more importantly we have invested in relationship building with our sheriff's department and community partners. This recognition by Safety.com proves that our collaborative efforts are making a positive difference. These great partnerships between City staff, law enforcement, and our residents will help us continue to raise the bar."

"The City of Palmdale has worked tirelessly to improve public safety and enhance economic development," said Palmdale Sheriff's Captain Ron Shafer. "Palmdale Station and the Sheriff's Department is proud to be a part of that effort. All that work is coming to fruition with a top 10 percent ranking for public safety and organizations seeking to move their operations to Palmdale. Palmdale indeed cares and is a wonderful place to call home."



Mental Health Resources Available

Mental illness is a medical condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others, and daily functioning. It can affect people of any race, age, income, or religion. The good news about mental illness is that help is available.

The City has compiled a list of resources available on its website, www.cityofpalmdale.org/MentalHealth. The City will host a virtual Mental Health Town Hall on Monday, Sept. 21 at 4 pm. To register, email info@cityofpalmdale.org and put "Mental Health" in the subject line.

If you or someone you care about is experiencing anxiety, depression, or needs to talk to someone immediately, call the LA County Department of Mental Health 24-hour hotline at 800/854-7771, or text LA to 741741.



Palmdale Healing & Honor Field Seeks Volunteers



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The City of Palmdale Healing & Honor Field 2020, a colorful display of American flags honoring heroes, is seeking adult volunteers to help set up and assist throughout the duration of the display, which will be featured at Pelona Vista Park, 37800 Tierra Subida Ave., from Nov.1 through Nov. 11.

Interested adults may sign up to volunteer at www.cityofpalmdale.org/HealingField. Volunteer positions include flag installer, ceremony greeter, information booth, flag finder, evening ambassador and overnight security. Most shifts are two hours, except overnight security. Volunteers need to be able to work independently, be approachable, and provide correct information to guests in a friendly manner. Current COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing will be required of all volunteers. An orientation and training will be available two weeks before the display opens.

“Volunteering to be part of this project is a very meaningful way to honor our heroes leading up to Veterans Day,” said Palmdale’s Recreation Supervisor and Program Chair Annie Pagliaro. “This massive vista of red, white and blue is an experience hard to describe, but not to be forgotten. It will be a highly emotional event taking on a life of its own, representing a field of cherished individuals.”

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“This year has been rather trying for everyone,” said Volunteer Coordinator Chair Stacia Nemeth. “It is a privilege to participate in an uplifting community event that will honor our heroes and provide a bit of healing. This effort will require many volunteer hours. If you are able, please consider donating your time and talent. I promise it will be worth it!”

For more event details or to sign up please visit www.CityofPalmdale.org/HealingField.

Exercise Opportunities for Seniors

With COVID-19 preventing indoor options, Legacy Commons for Active Seniors is now offering outdoor exercise opportunities for seniors. These classes are held on the patio with adherence to all COVID safety guidelines. The classes are free, but registration is required by calling 267-5904.

Current classes are:

Tai Chi: Mondays (ages 55-64) and Wednesdays (age 65+) from 8 to 9 am.

Power Walking: Mondays (ages 55-64) and Wednesdays (age 65+) from 9:15-10:15 am.

The classes are led by City of Palmdale volunteers.



City Awarded \$250,000 for Ave. Q Corridor Study

The City of Palmdale has been awarded \$250,000 from Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the Avenue Q Corridor study, a plan that will provide guidelines for multimodal access on Avenue Q from 20th Street East to Sierra Highway.

The funding is provided through SCAG’s Sustainable Communities Program for Regional Corridors. City staff will work with consultants from Toole Design to gather input from the community to draft the plan, which is anticipated to be completed in early 2022.

“This grant will help us greatly as we plan and prepare for the modes of transportation that are coming to Palmdale,” said Mayor Steve Hofbauer. “Public input will be key in helping us build a future for this corridor that works best for our community.”

“We truly have an exciting future in Palmdale, especially in the area of transportation,” said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. “A new airport, high speed rail, High Desert Corridor and light rail are all part of what’s coming to our region. I commend our staff for all their hard work in securing this funding which will be used to improve transportation in our City.”

For more information, please call 267-5200.



Legacy’s Food Hoe Down

Food distribution at Legacy Commons turned into a scene from the wild west, as volunteers provided over 150 residents with food items as part of the weekly distribution. Western decorations and music filled the air, and the Kona Ice truck was on hand to provide special treats. “We had a rootin’ tootin’ good ol’ time,” said Palmdale’s Recreation Supervisor Laura Rice. “Many of our volunteers came by to see one another and say howdy to the staff they miss so much.”

Virtual Pumpkin Hunt

The City will host Virtual Pumpkin Hunt events on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 1 to 3 pm at Marie Kerr Park, 39700 30th St. West and Saturday, Oct. 24 from 1 to 3 pm at Domenic Massari Park, 37716 55th St. East. All ages are welcome.

To find the pumpkins, follow Palmdale Parks and Recreation on Facebook for clues. Then visit the park and post your pictures to our Facebook page for a chance to win a prize! Info: 267-5611.



City Staff Volunteers at WeBuild

A group of City employees joined local volunteers in the Homes4Families Women's Empowerment Build (WeBuild) event held in the Veteran's Enrichment Neighborhood on Sept. 17. Staff helped install wooden benches around the playground.

"WeBuild provides a unique opportunity for volunteers to work side by side eligible veterans who have to fulfill sweat equity requirements to be able to move into their home," said Palmdale Management Analyst Terrie Zayas. "We were honored to help install the benches that will provide the perfect place to let mom, dad, grandma or grandpa sit and keep an eye on their little ones while they play."

Staff members included City Manager, JJ Murphy; Housing Manager, Sophia Reyes; Sr. Housing Coordinator, Vicky Razo; Management Analyst, Terrie Zayas; Public Safety Supervisor, Kery German, and Community Compliance Supervisor, Sarah Gallagher.



Maintaining Essential Palm

The top priority for the City of Palmdale is the health and safety of our residents. The City is committed to strong community partnerships, safe neighborhoods and parks, quality services to support residents, and respectful and responsive city employees, all of which make Palmdale a strong, caring and safe community for all residents.

Like every city across the nation, Palmdale is facing serious fiscal challenges due to the quarantine and economic downturn. The City has taken proactive measures to protect essential services and public health as we plan for a strong economic recovery.

Working with Local Employers for a Strong Economic Recovery

In close partnership with local employers, we have developed a comprehensive stimulus plan to help all local businesses reopen safely and quickly to avoid any further economic damage to our City. Details on this plan can be found at www.CityofPalmdale.org/MeasureAV.

Measure AV: Locally Controlled Funding for Essential City Services

To maintain essential city services, the Palmdale City Council has placed a local funding measure on the November 2020 ballot in which all the revenue would remain in Palmdale. If approved by voters, Measure AV would authorize a 3/4-cent sales tax, generating about \$12 million in annual funding to:

- Maintain 911 emergency response times
- Keep public parks open, clean, and safe for all
- Support services for local military veterans
- Protect local water resources
- Repair streets and potholes
- Offer programs and activities for at-risk youth and support mental health programs
- Address homelessness
- Support food, shelter, and other services to those who need a helping hand
- Upgrade emergency communications and improve emergency preparedness



Palmdale City Services

- Support community-based policing, and crime prevention programs
- Partner with faith communities, nonprofits, and local youth sports programs

Essential purchases such as groceries, prescription medicine, rent, and utilities are exempt from sales tax.

Transparency and Public Oversight

Measure AV would require strict fiscal accountability. 100% of Measure AV funds would stay here in Palmdale and could not be taken by the State or County. A Community Oversight Committee would be required with public reports to assure full transparency.

Palmdale Cares

As a response to COVID-19, the City of Palmdale has been working hard to keep residents healthy and safe, and to support our local economic recovery by launching the Palmdale Cares campaign. This campaign will provide resources and assistance to our community through this crisis.

Please visit www.PalmdaleCares.com for information about community assistance such as:

- COVID-19 Testing
- Small Business Grant Program
- PPE for Businesses and Organizations
- Operation Jump Start Auto Purchase Rebate Program
- Housing Assistance

City of Palmdale Measure AV

“Shall an ordinance protecting Palmdale’s long-term financial stability; maintaining essential city services; repairing streets/potholes; addressing homelessness; maintaining 911 emergency response; keeping public areas safe/clean for all; retaining local businesses; protecting local water sources; maintaining veterans, senior, mental health, community programs; by establishing a ¾-cent sales tax, providing approximately \$12,000,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring citizen oversight, public spending disclosures; all funds used locally in Palmdale, be adopted?”

Do Business with the City from Home

Most business with the City of Palmdale can be done by phone, email, or online. You can apply for or renew a business license, pay a citation, order library books, apply for building and solar permits, report code violations, and much more.

Visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/How to see all that you can do online.

Of course, you can always call us at 267-5100 or email info@cityofpalmdale.org.

Wear a Cloth Face Covering to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

By County order, wearing a cloth face covering is required until further notice in public where social distancing is difficult to maintain.



Cloth face coverings should:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape



Virtual Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest

The City will host a Virtual Howl-O-Ween Costume Contest on the Yellen Dog Park Facebook page from Oct. 5 to Oct. 16. This event is free and open to the public.

Participants are encouraged to submit photos of their costumed four-legged friends on the Yellen Dog Park Facebook page.

Categories for this year's costume contest include Most Pawsome (awesome), Most Creative, Funniest, Most Spooktacular (scary), Best Superhero, and Best Disney Character. One winner will be selected for each category. Winners will receive a Halloween-themed goodie basket filled with toys and treats for their dog.

The deadline for costume picture entries is Oct. 16.

Approved submissions will be presented in a virtual parade on Halloween.

"Take lots of photos and share them on our Yellen Dog Park Facebook with the hashtags #YellenDogPark #Howloween2020 and #CityofPalmdale," said Senior Program Leader Joi Christy.

For more information, please call 267-5611.



Mantenimiento de los Servicios Esenciales

La máxima prioridad para la ciudad de Palmdale es la salud y la seguridad de nuestros residentes. La ciudad está comprometida con asociaciones comunitarias sólidas, vecindarios y parques seguros, servicios de calidad para apoyar a los residentes y empleados respetuosos y receptivos, todo lo cual hace de Palmdale una comunidad sólida, solidaria y segura para todos los residentes.

Como todas las ciudades del país, Palmdale enfrenta serios desafíos fiscales debido a la cuarentena y la recesión económica. La Ciudad ha tomado medidas proactivas para proteger los servicios esenciales y la salud pública mientras planeamos una fuerte recuperación económica.

Trabajar con Empleadores Locales para una Fuerte Recuperación Económica

En estrecha colaboración con los empleadores locales, hemos desarrollado un plan de estímulo integral para ayudar a todas las empresas locales a reabrir de manera segura y rápida para evitar más daños económicos a nuestra Ciudad. Los detalles sobre este plan se pueden encontrar en www.CityofPalmdale.org/MeasureAV.

Medida AV: Financiamiento Controlado Localmente para Servicios Municipales Esenciales

Para mantener los servicios esenciales de la ciudad, el Ayuntamiento de Palmdale ha colocado una medida de financiación local en la boleta electoral de noviembre del 2020 en la que todos los ingresos permanecerían en Palmdale. Si los votantes la aprueban, la Medida AV autorizaría un impuesto a las ventas de 3/4 de centavo, lo que generaría aproximadamente \$12 millones en fondos anuales para:

- Mantener los tiempos de respuesta de emergencia del 911
- Mantener los parques públicos abiertos, limpios y seguros para todos.
- Servicios de apoyo para veteranos militares locales
- Proteger los recursos hídricos locales
- Reparar calles y baches
- Ofrecer programas y actividades para jóvenes en riesgo y apoyar programas de salud mental.
- Abordar la falta de vivienda
- Apoyar alimentos, albergue y otros servicios para aquellos que necesitan ayuda.



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- Actualizar los sistemas de comunicación para emergencia y mejorar la preparación para emergencias
- Apoyar la vigilancia policial comunitaria y los programas de prevención del delito.
- Asociarse con comunidades religiosas, organizaciones sin fines de lucro y programas deportivos juveniles locales

Las compras esenciales como comestibles, medicamentos recetados, alquiler y servicios públicos están exentos del impuesto sobre las ventas.

Transparencia y Supervisión Pública

La Medida AV requeriría una estricta responsabilidad fiscal. El 100% de los fondos de la Medida AV permanecerían aquí en Palmdale y no podrían ser tomados por el estado o el condado. Se requeriría un Comité de Supervisión Comunitaria con informes públicos para asegurar total transparencia.

Palmdale Cares

Como respuesta al COVID-19, la Ciudad de Palmdale ha estado trabajando arduamente para mantener a los residentes saludables y seguros, y apoyando nuestra recuperación económica local al lanzar la campaña Palmdale Cares. Esta campaña proporcionará recursos y asistencia a nuestra comunidad durante esta crisis.

Visite www.PalmdaleCares.com para obtener información sobre asistencia comunitaria, como:

- Prueba COVID-19
- Programa de becas para pequeñas empresas
- EPI para empresas y organizaciones
- Programa de reembolso de compra de auto, Operación Jump Start
- Asistencia para la vivienda

Ciudad de Palmdale Medida AV

¿"Será adoptada una ley que protegería la estabilidad económica a largo plazo de la Ciudad de Palmdale; preservando los servicios municipales esenciales; reparando carreteras/baches; abordando el tema de indigencia; manteniendo la respuesta ante emergencias 911; manteniendo las áreas públicas seguras/limpias para todos; conservando negocios locales; protegiendo fuentes locales de agua; manteniendo a excombatientes, ancianos, salud mental, programas comunitarios; al establecer un impuesto de venta de ¼ de centavo, que proveería aproximadamente \$12,000,000 anuales hasta ser terminado por los votantes; que requeriría supervisión ciudadana, revelación de gastos públicos; y que todos los fondos se usarían localmente en la ciudad de Palmdale?"

Health Tips

The City strongly advises the following practices to help maintain good health:

- Stay home if you feel ill.
- Wash your hands often with soap and hot water.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water is unavailable.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Get a flu shot.

94-PRIDE

94-PRIDE (947-7433) allows you to report graffiti, anonymous crime tips, stray shopping carts, traffic signal or maintenance issues and park watch concerns.

The hotline phone number is available 24/7.



Covid-19 Test Site at Hammack Center

The LA County Department of Public Health coronavirus test site continues at the Hammack Center parking lot. Located at 815 E. Ave. Q-6, it is just a few blocks away from Palmdale City Hall.

Testing is done by appointment only. You can make an appointment at www.covid19.lacounty.gov/testing, or by calling 211.

COVID-19 Trusted Sources

The City advises residents to consult trusted sources for the latest, accurate information about novel coronavirus. Helpful sites include:

- [LA County Department of Public Health](#)
- [California Dept. of Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

The City also has helpful information and links on its website at www.CityofPalmdale.org/coronavirus.



General Plan Update— Palmdale 2045

The City's General Plan is a document that looks out 25 years into the future and serves as the primary guide for land use and development decisions. It is a key tool for influencing and improving the quality of life in Palmdale.

Updating the General Plan is a three-year process broken up into six steps: Those steps include: Discovery, Visioning, Alternatives, Policy Development, Plan Development and Review and Adoption. Year one consisted primarily of analyzing the issues (Discovery) and establishing principles to guide the decision-making process (Visioning). Year two, which we are currently in, consists of preparing various alternative land use visions for consideration (Alternatives) and later this year selection of preferred alternatives (Policy Development). The final year will consist of drafting the document (Plan Development), and finalization and approval of the plan (Review and Adopt).

"Community input is welcome and encouraged at all stages of plan development," said Palmdale's Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development Carlene Saxton. Email us at GeneralPlan@cityofpalmdale.org or visit our website Palmdale2045.org."



Election Info

A general municipal election will be held in the City of Palmdale on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the voting process will be new this year. All Palmdale voters will receive a ballot in the mail in early October.

Vote by Mail

Beginning with the November 3, 2020 General Election, all registered voters will be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot to ensure a safe and accessible voting option during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mailing of Vote by Mail ballots in all elections begins 29 days prior to Election Day.

How to Return your Ballot

There are multiple options for returning your ballot:

- By mail, no postage is necessary
- In person at any Vote by Mail drop box location
- At any Vote Center in L.A. County. A list of all vote centers is available at www.lavote.net.

Your ballot must be postmarked no later than Nov. 3 to be counted.

Voting Centers

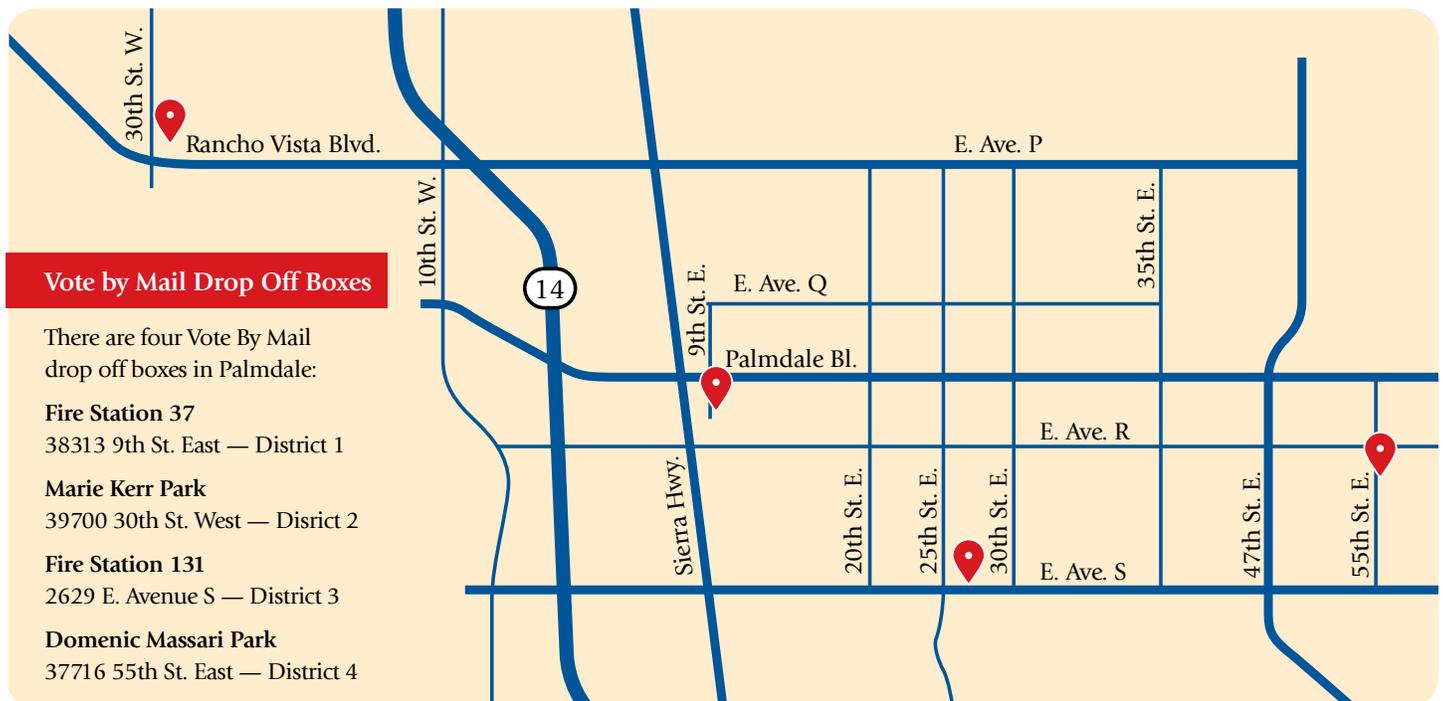
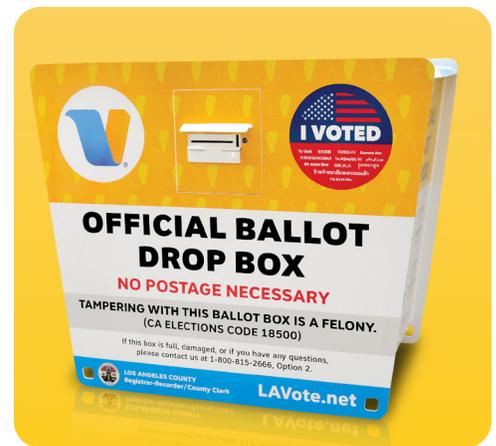
Voting Centers provide a safe, in-person option to cast your vote. You may vote at any Vote Center in LA County. A list of vote centers is available at www.lavote.net.

Track Your Vote

You may track your vote at these websites:

- california.ballottrax.net/voter
- isb.lavote.net

For more information about voting in general or the City's municipal election, please call the City Clerk's office at 267-5151 or visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/Elections.





Duck Race a Success

DryTown Water Park was the site of the 15th Annual Antelope Valley \$1 Million Dollar Rubber Duck Race, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Palmdale West on Friday, Sept. 19. Broadcast virtually due to COVID-19, over 8,300 ducks were adopted this year with proceeds going directly to support education and other youth programs at local schools.



DryTown Ice Cream Social

To show appreciation to loyal season pass holders, DryTown Water Park held a free drive-thru ice cream social on Saturday, Sept. 19. With the park closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was a fun way to say 'hi' and enjoy a treat with everyone hoping for a 2021 opening!



Spay/Neuter and Microchipping Mandatory in Palmdale; Free Service on Nov. 7

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control and local rescues are overwhelmed with unwanted animals and unplanned litters contribute to these numbers. Despite strong efforts to place these animals into new homes and reunite lost pets with their owners, there are still not enough homes for those in need. It is imperative that we reduce the number of homeless animals, and the best way to do that is ensure all pets are spayed or neutered.

In addition to helping cut down on the number of unwanted animals, spaying and neutering presents many health benefits for pets. Certain types of cancers are eliminated by spaying or neutering. Sterilized animals are also less likely to roam and therefore less likely to be lost, hit by a car, injured in a fight, or abused.

For these reasons, the City of Palmdale requires all cats and dogs over four months of age to be spayed or neutered. Additionally, dogs and cats over four months of age are required to be implanted with an identifying microchip. Microchips are the best method to ensure lost pets return home as soon as possible.

If you have a dog that needs to be spayed/neutered, Karma Rescue is offering this service free of charge on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Palmdale Veterinary Hospital, located at 38568 6th St. East. You must have an appointment which can be made at spayneuter@karmarescue.org or by calling 310/512-7833.

For additional information on spay/neuter please visit: animalcare.lacounty.gov/Spay-and-neuter.



ANTELOPES ON PARADE

PRONGHORN ANTELOPES ARE BACK IN THE VALLEY!

We are excited to continue a tradition initiated locally 10 years ago with this collaborative Public Art initiative between the City of Palmdale and Lancaster Museum of Art and History (MOAH).

Beautifully completed antelope sculptures are now in window displays at the Antelope Valley Art Gallery in Palmdale and Museum of Art and History in Lancaster beginning Saturday, October 3.

Artists representing the City of Palmdale:

Lori Antoinette
Xochilt Garcia
Debbie Haeberle
Kierstyn Swann

Artists representing the City of Lancaster:

Nuri Amanatullah
Xochilt Garcia
David Koeth
Fernando Nunez



On display at the Antelope Valley Art Gallery at Courson Arts Colony.

Little Antelopes on Parade Kids Coloring Contest

The City's public art program is hosting a Little Antelopes on Parade Kids Coloring Contest in conjunction with the Antelopes on Parade art displays.

"We miss seeing our littlest community members around town at events and in our programs, so we are asking for their help with an important project," said Palmdale's Public Art Coordinator George Davis. "We want to collect as many colorful pronghorn antelopes as we can to brighten up our offices and facilities."

Participants need to download the City-approved coloring sheet at www.cityofpalmdale.org/Contest. The suggested theme is fall, but other themes and options are acceptable. There are four age categories: 3 and under, ages 4 to 6, ages 7 to 9, and ages 10 to 12. Winners in each category will receive a recreation surprise bag.

Entries are due by Thursday, Oct. 22 at 5 pm. Submit entries online using the "Submit Your Entry" link on the website, in-person or by mail to the City's Parks and Recreation office, 38260 10th St. East, Palmdale, CA 93550. Limit one entry per person. Winners will be announced on Facebook @Palmdale Parks & Recreation on Monday, Oct. 26.

For more information, please call 267-5611.



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SAVES Assists 4-Legged and Feathered Evacuees

When SAVES staff heard that A to Z Equestrians, a local ranch, needed produce after taking in hundreds of animals that were evacuated from the Bobcat fire, they took immediate action. They pulled together all the produce that would typically be considered waste due to being overripe or otherwise damaged and boxed it up for pick up for twice weekly deliveries.

Along with helping the animals, SAVES provided boxes of food for those volunteers who couldn't make it the grocery store due to their time being focused on helping the animals and their owners.

A to Z Equestrians, which usually operates as boarding, training, breeding and showing ranch, took in more than 300 animals ranging from cows to ducks and everything in-between. They anticipate that many of the animals will remain there over the next few months as their owners struggle with returning to homes that have been damaged or destroyed. To learn more or to help, visit A to Z Equestrians Quality Quarter Horses and Paints on Facebook.



SAVES Receives Meat Donation from Kids Feeding Kids

The City's South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES) received a substantial meat donation — 4,400 pounds of pork — on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from the Kids Feeding Kids, a program dedicated to helping the hungry in the Antelope Valley by providing healthy sources of farm to table protein to two of the area's largest food banks, SAVES and Grace Resource Center.

Kids Feeding Kids is comprised of Antelope Valley youth who participate in 4-H, Grange, FFA, and Independent Livestock, who raise and then sell quality animals at the Antelope Valley Fair and Alfalfa Festival Kiwanis Jr. Livestock Auction which typically takes place during the week of the fair. Due to the continued COVID-19 event restrictions, for the first time in 65 years the Annual Kiwanis Jr. Livestock Auction was held as a virtual event over seven days with add-on donations running for a total of 10 days.

Representatives from the Barnyard Belles, a group of the buyers who make the donation possible, also came out to see the product loaded into the freezer at SAVES. They were responsible for more than half of the 30 pigs that were purchased for this donation.

"We appreciate the generosity and hard work of Kids Feeding Kids for making a real difference in the lives of those in need in our community," said SAVES Coordinator Patricia Morales. "This food will help countless families over the coming winter months."



PEARBLOSSOM HIGHWAY REBUILD PROJECT COMPLETION



Started: Sept. 2019
Completed: Feb. 2020

SEGMENT
2

Started: Feb. 2020
Completed: June 2020

SEGMENT
3

Started: June 2020
Completed: Nov. 2020

SEGMENT
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85% Completed and under budget as of September 2020

Pearblossom Highway By the Numbers

16 Lane Miles of Long-Lasting Sustainable Roadway

2,000 ft.

Safety Barrier in the median (25th St/Barrel Springs)

5 Signal Safety and Operational Improvements

1,000 ft.

Safety Barrier for Barrel Springs Elementary

The project team partnered with the County of Los Angeles and Caltrans to complete their own separate projects within the closure and reduce the impact to our residents and commuters.

Funding and Thank You

These improvements were made possible by the funding sources from SB-1, Gas Tax, Measure R, Measure M and County of Los Angeles.

Thank you to the residents and businesses of Palmdale and Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, CHP, the Palmdale School District and all of our project partners.

Visit Pearblossomrebuild.com to view project videos and aerial photos.
Call 855-222-9112 for project questions.