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Antelope Valley Hospital is the region's only full service healthcare facility.

This flu season, with COVID-19 still among us, remember to keep yourself and your loved ones safe by:

- Get the Flu shot
- Wash your hands
- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing

Here to provide you with top quality care!



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HOSPITAL**

A facility of Antelope Valley Healthcare District



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On the Cover:

The Palmdale Healing & Honor Field will be on display at Pelona Vista Park from Nov. 1 through 11. It will feature 2,020 flags on 7½ foot tall poles in ordered rows, creating a massive vista of red, white and blue that is an experience hard to describe, but not to be forgotten. Each flag tells a story and honors all those who, by their dedicated service, have become our heroes. Details at www.CityofPalmdale.org/HealingField.



MESSAGE FROM THE PALMDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a time of unprecedented challenge for the City of Palmdale. It has caused everyone to adapt to new ways of living, from how we shop and go to school, to how we socialize and find entertainment. It has been devastating to our local businesses. That is something this Council is not only well aware of, but also is doing many things to help.

The City of Palmdale has been actively working collaboratively with our neighboring North County cities and the County of Los Angeles to keep our residents healthy while reopening our economy in a sensible, safe and responsible way. As part of the Palmdale Cares initiative, the City created and unveiled several innovative programs to help boost our local economy (see page 7).

Despite COVID-19, the essential functions of the City must go on. We're seeing progress made on several public works projects such as Pearblossom Highway and Rancho Vista Boulevard. The Council is focused on bringing new businesses and development. New construction is popping up all over town (see page 10). The Council is also committed to bringing industries, businesses and developments that come with well-paid jobs to our community, including the Palmdale Airport and other transportation projects.

The Council is working tirelessly to bring many important projects to put Palmdale on the national and international maps. The United States Air Force is formally evaluating the City of Palmdale to host the future permanent headquarters for the United States Space Command. Palmdale has received strong support in this effort from local and regional officials, all expressing excitement that Palmdale is now among the top communities in the running.

The City's Courson Arts Colony (CAC) has recently received another award for its innovation. The League of California Cities has awarded CAC the 2020 Helen Putnam Award for excellence in the category of Housing Programs and Innovations. This award came just months after winning the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2020 Sustainability Award in the Housing Innovation category (see page 8).

Lastly, the City Council voted to put Measure AV on the ballot to let our residents decide whether or not to implement a ¾ cent sales tax in the City where 100 percent of the funds stay in Palmdale. Educational information is available at www.CityofPalmdale.org/MeasureAV.

Stay safe, and remember that Palmdale Cares about you!

City Meetings

Palmdale City Council, Planning Commission, and Library Board of Trustees meetings are now open for in-person attendance under special social distancing guidelines.

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting 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 Los Angeles County Health orders, members of the public will enter the Chamber one at a time to provide public comment.

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

How to Submit Public Comments through eComments

For City Council and Planning Commission go to www.cityofpalmdale.org/AgendasMinutes and find the meeting you wish to comment on under "Upcoming Events." Click on the eComment link of your selected meeting. On mobile devices, you may need to swipe left to see the eComment link. Scroll through the agenda to find the item for which you would like to provide a comment, and select that item to input your comments. You may comment as a guest, or as yourself through your SpeakUp Palmdale account. eComments can be submitted up until one hour before the meeting starts. To sign up for an account, please visit palmdale.granicusideas.com/users/sign_up, and follow the onscreen instructions. If you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please call the City Clerk's Office at 267-5151 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

For the Library Board, visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/LibraryBoard and go to the link for public comment.

City Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, with optional workshops held on the third Tuesday. Both meetings begin at 7 pm. The Planning Commission meets on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm. The Board of Library Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 27 and livestreamed at www.cityofpalmdale.org/agendas.



LETTER FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Dear Resident:

It's been seven months since the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of life as we know it, changing, cancelling, and transforming just about everything in our lives.

But COVID-19 hasn't stopped the City of Palmdale from doing the business of the people and moving forward. Our innovative #PalmdaleCares initiative has been a multifaceted response to helping our community with everything from economic recovery programs for businesses to providing food service, offering virtual mental health town halls, and making mortgage assistance loans available to qualified individuals. I highly recommend that you check out our website, www.PalmdaleCares.com, to see all that we offer.

We're also moving forward on business attraction and retention projects. You can see construction for new development going up all over town. For me to hear from businesses like Amazon, who went from start to open in less than a year, that our staff is amazing to work with is a testament to our "find a way to yes" attitude. One of the most exciting projects of all is the U.S. Space Command, which is seeking a location for its new headquarters. Palmdale has made it to the evaluation stage, and I truly believe we are the right and best location for them. The Aerospace Valley has a storied past of seeing the development of the best air and space technology over our blue skies daily. Engineers are currently designing the next generation of air superiority. As we look to the future, we believe the U.S. Space Command belongs in the Aerospace Valley.

In closing, there's no question that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought our world, our country, and our community tremendous loss. What better way to heal and be thankful for our blessings than the Palmdale Healing & Honor Field, which is coming to Pelona Vista Park from Nov. 1 through Nov. 11. 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 better location than Pelona Vista 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. Each of the 2,020 American flags you will see will honor a veteran, first responder or medical provider. I encourage everyone to show their support and gratitude by sponsoring a flag or donating. Details are available at www.CityofPalmdale.org/HealingField. Please remember, Palmdale truly cares about you!

Sincerely,

J.J. Murphy, ICMA-CM
City Manager



AFTER HOURS
Emergency Contact:
267-5338

To 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.



Palmdale Moves to Evaluation Phase for US Space Command Headquarters

The United States Air Force is formally evaluating the City of Palmdale to host the future permanent headquarters for the United States Space Command (USSPACECOM).

Palmdale has received strong support in this effort from local and regional officials, all expressing excitement that Palmdale is among the top communities in the running.

“Edwards Air Force Base and Air Force Plant 42 are indescribably pleased to be a partner with the City of Palmdale and all of our communities in the larger Aerospace Valley,” said Brigadier General Matthew W. Higer, Commander, 412th Test Wing, Edwards Air Force Base. “This community — built on the spirit of innovation — makes “The Center of the Aerospace Testing Universe” possible. Our region, located in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Kern Counties, is home to the best and brightest air and space leaders on the planet. Air Force Plant 42, already a vital part of our nation’s critical defense industrial base, is a natural fit for Headquarters U.S. Space Command.”

The City is actively working with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), state elected representatives, County of Los Angeles, Kern County, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC), Edwards Air Force Base, Air Force Plant 42, and local businesses and organizations to help bring USSPACECOM headquarters to the Antelope Valley. The new headquarters would bring approximately 1,400 high paying jobs and roughly \$2 billion in direct federal investment to the region.

The next phase of the evaluation process will score communities based on how they relate to the mission, infrastructure capacity, community support, and overall costs to the Air Force.



About USSPACECOM

United States Space Command (USSPACECOM) is the newest of the eleven unified commands in the Department of Defense (DoD). USSPACECOM increases the ability of the Joint Force to project power and influence, reduces decision timelines for space operations, and brings focused attention to defending U.S. interests in space. Establishing USSPACECOM is a critical step in accelerating the ability of the Joint Force to defend vital national interests and deter adversaries.

USSPACECOM is temporarily headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with personnel and functions at Peterson Air Force Base and Schriever AFB, Colorado, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, and Vandenberg AFB, California. Lieutenant General James H. Dickinson is the commander of U.S. Space Command, serving as the senior commander of all space unified military forces. USSPACECOM is distinct from and complementary to the U.S. Space Force. As an Armed Force, the U.S. Space Force will organize, train, and equip space forces. As a Combatant Command, USSPACECOM actively employs assigned forces from each of the military services to accomplish directed missions in the space domain.



PWD Lobby Open by Appointment

The Palmdale Water District (PWD) lobby is open twice a week for in-person appointments to assist customers who are having difficulty taking care of certain business online or on the phone.

The appointments are specifically for individuals wanting to start a new service, requesting a variance for increased water use allocation, and applying for the Rate Assistance Program. No bill payments are being accepted at the appointments.

The lobby, which has been closed since March 23 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is only open on Mondays and Thursdays for 30-minute appointments. To make an appointment, go online to bit.ly/2BPXWHA, or call the Customer Care department at 947-4111.

Only those with appointments are allowed inside the lobby at their assigned time. Precautions have been taken to ensure the lobby is safe for everyone: customers and staff are required to wear face coverings, and service windows are cleaned and sanitized after every appointment.

Customers are asked to continue paying their bills online, by phone, by mail, by dropbox and at 7-Eleven and Family Dollar stores during the lobby closure. Those paying by cash are encouraged to take their bills to a 7-Eleven or Family Dollar store where they can get a receipt for their payment.

"We want to thank our customers for understanding our need to close and for using other options to pay," said General Manager Dennis D. LaMoreaux. "We have followed all safety guidelines and are happy our employees are healthy and able to serve the public."

The lobby has been closed, but PWD employees continue to do their jobs each day. They are considered essential infrastructure workers who are needed to keep providing clean, safe, reliable water daily to more than 117,000 people in Palmdale. Customers are encouraged to continue paying their bills to fund water purchases, storage, treatment, and distribution to 27,000 homes and businesses in the district.

Technology Drive Improvement Project Complete

Road resurfacing and landscape improvements were recently made on Technology Drive adjacent to the Palmdale Auto Mall.

The project, completed by Granite Construction Co., included resurfacing Technology Drive from 10th Street West to Sierra Highway (approximately 640,000 square feet of pavement), and renovating the landscaping on the south side of Technology Drive between 5th Street West and the SR-14 overpass.

The new landscaping includes drought-tolerant plantings and bubbler irrigation, making it more water-efficient and appropriate for the desert climate. The xeriscape landscape design compliments the Technology Drive corridor, which is a crucial corridor for many businesses that generate substantial sales tax revenue for the City.

Additional landscaping improvements included the construction of two monument entry signs to the Palmdale Auto Mall, located on the southeast and southwest corners of the Technology Drive and Carriage Way intersection.

The total project costs to date are \$2,961,600, under the original budget of \$3.4 million. Funding was provided by multiple funding sources including landscape maintenance district funds, Article 8, Measure R, and Measure M funds.

"This project dramatically improves the visual for customers coming to the auto mall, as well as those who travel on Technology Drive," said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. "I'm proud of how staff worked to make this a reality, producing top-quality results while working in collaboration with our partners at the Palmdale Auto Mall."



Providing Economic Aid During COVID—19

As part of the Palmdale Cares initiative, the City's Economic and Community Development department created and unveiled several innovative programs to help boost the local economy during the pandemic. Some of those programs include:

- **Palmdale: Take Me Home Tonight** — Provides restaurants with the tools to comply with local health orders and promote their outdoor dining, takeout, and food delivery options. The program highlights restaurants in Antelope Valley on a convenient interactive map and gives customers the information needed to get their favorite bites while they stay safely home.
- **Operation Jump Start** — A collaboration with the City of Lancaster where customers were offered a \$500 or \$250 gift card for any new or used vehicle purchase from the Palmdale or Lancaster Auto Mall. To date, over 1,800 gift cards have been distributed. The program ended in September, and a second round is scheduled to begin around the winter holidays.
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** — The City offered hard-to-find PPE for sale at cost to local businesses and organizations. This program has successfully sold hundreds of PPE units throughout Palmdale and the greater Antelope Valley during a time when these items were hard to acquire.
- **Al Fresco Part I** — To allow for outdoor dining, the City temporarily suspended certain operational conditions for food



and beverage businesses and allowed them to expand their operations into off-street parking lots to comply with state and County of Los Angeles public health orders. This program successfully reemployed numerous employees who were furloughed due to the pandemic, and assisted many of our restaurants to remain open during this difficult time.

- **Al Fresco Part II** — The City worked in partnership with LA County Fire to allow hair salons, barbershops, personal care service businesses, and gyms and fitness centers to expand their operations into off-street parking lots in compliance with revised state and county public health orders.
- **Business Assistance Program** — Through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, the City offered a one-time grant up to \$10,000 to help small businesses in Palmdale. Another round is scheduled to begin this fall.
- **Small Business Marketing** — The City launched a marketing campaign for local small businesses to receive free radio, print, and digital billboard advertising. So far, more than a dozen local businesses have been highlighted as part of the program, which will continue through the end of the year. To nominate a business, email EconomicDevelopment@cityofpalmdale.org.

"Our location has improved revenue significantly and returned 25 team members to work thanks to the program."

David Akers, Gen. Mgr.
Olive Garden



Courson Arts Colony Wins Putnam Award

The City's Courson Arts Colony (CAC) has received another award for its innovative design. The League of California Cities has awarded CAC the 2020 Helen Putnam Award for excellence in the Housing Programs and Innovations category. This award comes just months after the City and CAC won the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2020 Sustainability Award, also in the Housing Innovation category.

CAC is a project 20 years in the making that required strong commitment from City staff, City Council, and the community to revitalize the heart of Palmdale. The completion of Courson Arts Colony is the latest piece of city center revitalization and housing innovation that includes Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, two dedicated senior housing complexes, and the newly renovated Courson Park and Pool, Palmdale's first park and pool considered to be the heart of the neighborhood.

"With the completion of the CAC, the city center now has two modern three-story affordable housing complexes providing 160 units for families and individuals earning 50 percent or less of the area median income," said

City Manager J.J. Murphy. "60 of these units are permanent supportive housing apartments that will serve medically complex veteran and nonveteran households experiencing homelessness."

The City began to revitalize the area in 1999, starting with construction of Legacy Commons and affordable housing for seniors, and acquiring and revitalizing 291 affordable housing units surrounding Courson Park to provide more affordable housing.

"City staff met with community members, groups and partners," said Director of Neighborhood Services Mike Miller. "Our community overwhelmingly agreed that not only did we need to house our homeless veterans and other homeless individuals, but also provide





greater quality of life. The CAC is designed as an arts-oriented community, with amenities meant to provide spaces to inspire a healthy, healing, and creative lifestyle.”

Some of the amenities include a community clubhouse, game rooms, homework rooms, art studios, dance studio, computer and learning spaces, fitness center, bicycle repair and storage space, an art walk, and a fully functioning nonprofit art gallery. It also has many outdoor amenities, including an amphitheatre, picnic areas, toddler playground, and community gardening areas.

Other outdoor amenities are located directly across the street and are available to the whole community: completed just in time for summer 2020, the newly renovated Courson pool. Even the surrounding streets were redesigned to increase safety and mobility for CAC residents, with pedestrian and cyclist friendly street improvements including designated bike lanes, and two pedestrian crosswalks with lighted crossing signals for families and patrons who use the park, pool, art gallery and other community assets.

The arts component of the project not only serves and provides an environment for those who are artists or who wish to live in an artistic environment, but also serves as a healing element for veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Classes and support staff are available to work with and encourage tenants to use the amenities and



explore their artistic spirit.

“With the completion of CAC, we have been able to create a beautiful place to live and a destination for visitors seeking a place to learn about and appreciate the visual and performing arts,” Miller noted.

Courson Arts Colony is home to the people and families it was planned and designed to serve, and the entire neighborhood and City has felt the positive impact.

“It has been amazing to see the goals of the project achieved and to watch these three blocks and this neighborhood transform,” shared Housing Manager Sophia Reyes. “We have worked hard to restore this neighborhood. Today, it is a place that residents are proud to call home.”



Palmdale Under Construction

One thing that COVID-19 has not adversely affected is all the construction work happening in Palmdale. Here are some updates of major projects still going on and nearing completion:

Edwards Federal Credit Union, 10th St. West and Avenue O-8

Lockheed Martin, Aeronautics Advanced Development Program Building, Plant 42

Medical spec building, 5th St. West

US Tool Group, 650 St. Andrews Way

Beazer Cottages, Fairway/Rancho Vista Blvd.

AV College, 22nd St. East and Palmdale Blvd.

Circle K, Palmdale Boulevard/40th St. East

Fairfield Inn, Avenue O-8

Joshua Ranch, Avenue P-12/Joshua Ranch Road

Legacy Lane tilt-up, Legacy Lane and Avenue O

Pacific Creekside, 25th St. East and Avenue P-8

Richmond American Seasons, 65th St. East and Avenue R



City Presents Balanced 20/21 Budget

The City of Palmdale is entering Fiscal Year 2020-21 with a balanced annual operating and capital improvement budget totaling \$225.9 million, despite the many challenges facing cities across the nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

General Fund revenues in the 2020-2021 budget are projected at \$71.6 million, which is 12 percent less than the previous year. Expenditures total \$77 million, an \$11 million drop from the previous fiscal year. To balance the budget, \$5.4 million in reserve funds will be used.

“Since March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency has created significant challenges for our residents, businesses, and visitors,” said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. “The impact and severity of this public health emergency has yet to be quantified and remains unresolved. The City has not been spared from this severe economic downturn. As it continues to navigate these uncharted waters with the direction of the City Council, staff has taken a strategic and conservative approach to ensure financial stability while realizing that frequent adjustments and updates will be needed throughout this budget year.”

To balance the budget, staff reevaluated programs and services, and focused on essentials that would boost the economy, including \$450,000 for small business assistance grants and \$450,000 for mortgage and rental assistance.

In preparation for unprecedented economic disruption and civil and political unrest, the City pivoted in budget planning and development efforts to address those concerns. The budget approach encompassed the following principles:

- Create equitable and sustainable programs to support our diverse community
- Focus investment in housing, jobs, education, youth development, community centers and open spaces that we believe will contribute to public safety and community policing
- Public employee commitments to the future of the City — employees made concessions resulting in over \$275,000 in savings
- Discipline and responsible spending decisions using data and considering return on investments where applicable

“Addressing a global pandemic is a unique and once-in-a-lifetime experience, but with the leadership of the City Council and the commitment of our Palmdale team, we will continue to be a high performing organization,” Murphy said. “I am confident that Palmdale will emerge from this more imaginative, innovative, and advanced for the future.”

To view a copy of the budget, visit www.CityofPalmdale.org/Budget.

RENAISSANCE PLAN

To energize and reinvigorate Palmdale through cutting-edge forward thinking that unleashes the innovative and imaginative potential of the community to produce positive lasting results

Goal I:

Continued delivery of services that ensure safety and security of the community.

Goal II:

Restore the long-term fiscal health of the City and local businesses.

Goal III:

Ensure appropriate allocation of resources for continued services.

Goal IV:

Promote a positive spirit to establish a stronger sense of community pride.



#Palmdale CARES



#PalmdaleCares represents the City's ongoing commitment to our residents to provide creative and resourceful leadership through the COVID-19 crisis and into a better tomorrow. It is our pledge to support all residents, organizations, and businesses in this community and provide them all available resources to help us recover from the short and long term impacts of the COVID-19 health orders.

The spirit of the program demonstrates the spirit of our community: neighbors helping neighbors, business helping business, and people coming together to support one another.

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 rebate program, and housing assistance.





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
1

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.



Maintaining Essential Palmdale City Services

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

- 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.

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 3/4-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?”



Mantenimiento de los Servicios Esenciales de la Ciudad de Palmdale

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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
- Actualiza 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

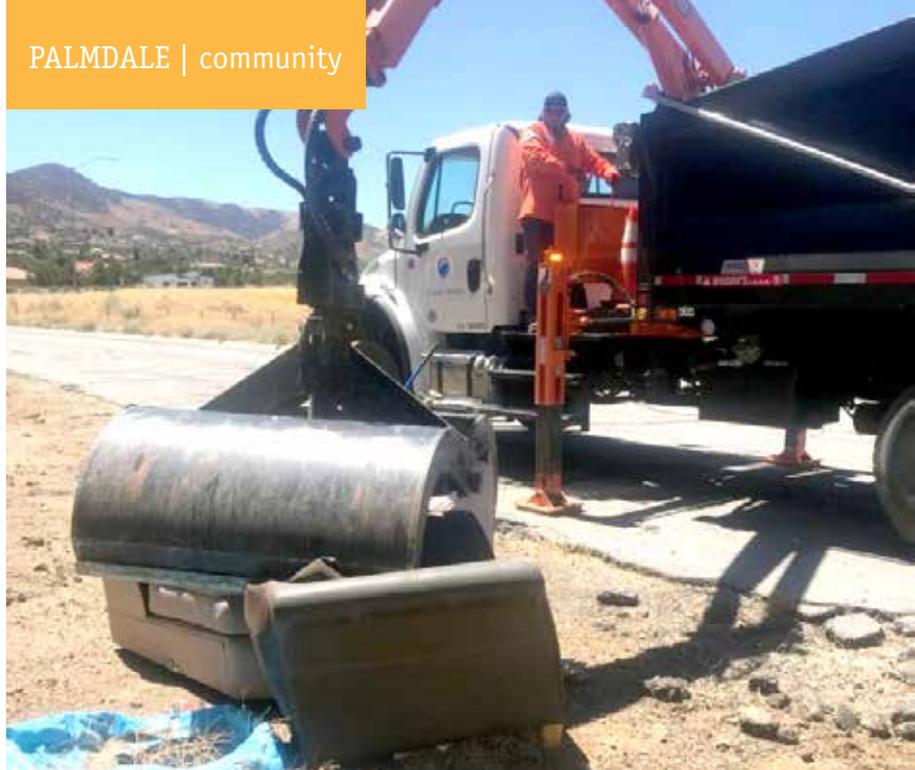
Las compras esenciales como comestibles, medicamentos recetados, alquiler y servicios públicos están exentos del impuesto sobre las ventas.

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.

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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?"



Keeping the Flow

Although underground and out of sight, Palmdale's sewer system is an important part of our urban infrastructure, transporting used water for safe treatment. It is a very important part of public health and safety as it helps prevent the spread of diseases.

The City's sewer collection system consists of 396 miles of sewers, 8,441 manholes, two pump stations, and 2,790 feet of force sewer main. That's a lot of area to maintain and keep operational, but the City's sewer maintenance team is up to the task.

Crews employ a comprehensive maintenance program consisting of hydro-jetting sewer lines with a GapVax combo unit, removing tree roots, performing video inspections with Rovver X, a sewer inspection crawler, and other preventative maintenance. Since 2014, there have only been two sewer overflows in the City, which is an impressive feat given the size and population of Palmdale.

Residents can do their part to keep our sewer system in peak condition by limiting what they flush down the toilet. Toilets are not trash cans. They are designed to handle the Three Ps — pee, poo, and (toilet) paper. Flushable wipes, paper towels, baby wipes, and facial tissue all should be disposed of in the regular trash, not in the toilet. Expired medication should be taken to the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center on the first and third Saturday of every month from 9 am to 3 pm.

Recently, staff has found a wide variety of items that do not belong in the sewer system, such as straws, toys, rags, and spoons. Remember, unless it is one of the Three P's, it should go in the trash and not in the toilet.

Everyone plays an important role in keeping our sewers operational. If you see sewer related problems and overflowing manholes, let us know by using the Recycle Coach app, reporting online at cityofpalmdale.org, or calling 267-5272.

Illegal Dumping: Everyone's Responsibility

Thanks to the reporting of our residents, City crews properly disposed of 782 tons (1,564,000 pounds) of illegally dumped waste over the past year! This is equivalent to the weight of seven blue whales, the largest animal on Earth.

If you see illegal dumping, report it! You can do so by calling 1-888-8DUMPING, using the free Recycle Coach app, or by visiting www.cityofpalmdale.org.

As a reminder, all Palmdale residents with paid Waste Management service receive the following services FREE:

- Two annual landfill visits for disposal of up to one ton of waste each visit.
- Four overage pickups of material/trash annually. If you have trash that doesn't fit in your container, you may place up to three large bags curbside on your regular service day twice a year. Simply call Waste Management prior to your regular service day. Overage pickups are also available for one week in April during the City's Environmental Pride Week, and for three weeks after December 26.
- Up to four bulky items can be collected curbside, four times a year. To schedule a curbside collection of bulky items, visit home.wm.com/Palmdale or call 947-7197.
- Residents may also safely dispose of household hazardous waste at the AVECC at the Palmdale landfill located at 1200 West City Ranch Road. It is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 am to 3 pm. For information about what is accepted at the facility, visit www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/perm_centers.



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.





New Look for PSOs

City public security officers have a new look to help our residents identify them while they are out in the field. They work at City parks, Palmdale Transportation Center, Joe Davies Heritage Air Park, Library, and Park & Rides interacting with the community, providing information about City sponsored events and programs, and encouraging safe activities by informing visitors of City rules and regulations.



Did You Know...

...that the City of Palmdale's Public Works department helps care for 21,421 City maintained trees?

Trees are everywhere — parks, green spaces, landscape assessment districts, park & rides, the Palmdale Transportation Center and Fairway Business Park, to name a few.

Trees on publicly owned properties are beneficial to residents, businesses and visitors alike. They provide shade and beauty, uplift property values, and are important to the ecosystem.

Thanks to the care and expertise of our Public Works crews, when it comes to trees in Palmdale, we've got it made in the shade!



Take-Back Required for All New Mattress Deliveries

All retailers that deliver a new mattress to a consumer in California, regardless of sales format or delivery method, must offer to pick up a used mattress at no additional cost to the consumer effective Jan. 1, 2021. The important change to the legal obligations of mattress manufacturers, distributors, and retailers was signed into law in Oct. 2019 as part of AB 187, and amends California's Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act (SB 254). Prior to this amendment, retailers delivering by common carrier were exempt from having to offer take back of old mattresses.

Starting Jan. 1, if a retailer sells a mattress delivered by common carrier, the retailer must offer to arrange to pick up a used mattress for recycling from that consumer within 30 days after delivering the new mattress. A retailer has no obligation to pick up a consumer's used mattress if that unit is contaminated and poses a risk to personnel, new products or equipment.

For more information, email info@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org or call 1-855-229-1691.

Smoking, Vaping & COVID-19

Tobacco smokers are at higher risk for infections in the lungs such as the flu, tuberculosis, and pneumonia than nonsmokers. Tobacco smoking can also lead to long-term lung illnesses such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, and lung cancer. Vaping and marijuana use can lead to some similar harmful health effects.

Although there is currently limited research on the effects of smoking or vaping on COVID-19, smokers and vapers could be at higher risk of COVID-19-related complications.



FOG Free Holidays

With holidays just around the corner, families will soon gather to celebrate with fun, gift giving and lots of delicious food. Nothing can ruin a holiday celebration faster than a sewer overflow in the neighborhood, due to FOG — Fats, Oils and Grease — dumped down kitchen sinks. That's why the City is reminding all residents and businesses to keep FOG out of household sinks and drains.

"We sometimes see sewer blockages around Thanksgiving and Christmas due to the buildup of fats, oils and grease from cooking oils, salad dressings, sandwich spreads, meat drippings/juices/fat, and other similar products used to prepare delicious holiday meals, that are dumped down the sink," said Palmdale's Director of Public Works Chuck Heffernan. "Deep-frying a turkey is a very popular Thanksgiving meal, but sometimes people don't properly dispose of the used oil. It should never go down the sink — ever! The best place to dispose of used cooking oil is to take it to the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC) on the first and third Saturday of every month."

"Over time, when people dump FOG down the sink, it results in sewer backups that can overflow onto the streets and even into the home, damaging both property and the environment," Heffernan said.

The City recommends the following when handling FOG materials:

- Never pour fats, oils and grease down the sink or garbage disposal.
- After they have cooled, pour fats, oils and grease into a sturdy container, such as an empty glass jar or coffee can. Once the container is full, close the lid securely and place it in the trash.
- Prior to washing, scrape and dry wipe pots, pans and dishes with paper towels and dispose of those materials in the trash.
- Use sink strainers to catch bits of food, and empty the strainer into the trash.
- To recycle large amounts of leftover oil from deep-frying a turkey, call AVECC at 1-888-CLEAN LA (1-888-449-7587).
- For businesses or households with larger volumes of FOG, call 267-5272 for recycling options.

"By helping to prevent sewer blockages, you are protecting your home, saving your money and helping the environment," said Heffernan. "All of us play an important role in preventing neighborhood sewer blockages."

For more information about Palmdale's FOG prevention program, please call 267-5300.



Stay Connected Through Social Media

Social media is a fast and easy way to keep up on what's happening in Palmdale. We post all the latest news and happenings on our main Facebook page, City of Palmdale-Government, but we also have pages for your particular interests, such as:

- Best of the West Softball Complex – Palmdale
- DryTown Water Park
- Legacy Commons for Active Seniors
- Palmdale Neighborhood Houses
- Palmdale Community Gardens
- Joe Davies Heritage Airpark
- Palmdale Amphitheater
- Palmdale Aquatics
- Palmdale City Library
- Palmdale Parks & Recreation
- Palmdale Playhouse
- Palmdale Public Art
- Palmdale Public Safety
- Palmdale Take Me Home Tonight
- Palmdale Engaged
- South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES)
- Yellen Dog Park

We're also on Twitter at PalmdaleCity and Instagram at CityofPalmdale.

Get Palmdale Connections via Email Free

It's easy to join our mailing list! Just text PALMDALE to 22828 and reply by sending your email address. Message and data rates may apply.





Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

With the holidays upon us, shopping is in the air. Unfortunately, crime is too. Criminals prey upon unsuspecting people rushing about, distracted by the never-ending list of things to do and buy. Here are some suggestions to help you avoid becoming a victim of crime:

While shopping

- Be prepared — always be alert and aware of people around you. Be aware of locations and situations which make you vulnerable to crime.
- Whenever possible, shop with a friend.
- Do not carry cash as it cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.
- Carry only the credit cards you will be using.
- Keep your purse on you at all times. Do not leave it unsecured in a shopping cart. Men should carry their wallet in a front pocket.
- Do not overload yourself with packages.

In the parking lot

- Stay in well-lighted areas.
- Walk close to the curb. Avoid doorways and bushes where someone could hide.
- Walk confidently and at a steady pace.
- Make eye contact with people when walking.
- Do not respond to conversation from strangers on the street; continue walking.
- If you carry a purse, hold it securely between your arm and body.
- Always lock your car doors after entering or leaving your car.
- Park carefully in well-lit areas around other vehicles — your personal safety is more important than the paint on your car.
- Have your car keys in your hand so you don't have to linger before entering your car.
- Check the backseat before entering your car.
- If you think you are being followed, drive or walk to a public place with a lot of people around.
- Put gifts, bags and packages in the trunk and out of sight or cover them with a blanket so they are not visible.
- Move your vehicle to another location in the parking lot after putting packages inside. Anyone that may have been watching will assume you have left the shopping center.
- Use anti-theft devices on your vehicle.

- If someone is threatening you with a weapon, give up your car, purse or other valuables — it's not worth your life.
- If you leave a store or work late, try to find another worker or security guard to walk out with you.
- Report all suspicious people and activities to the proper authorities.

At home

- Gifts should not be visible from a window.
- Tear down boxes of electronics and other valuable gifts before putting them in the trash. You don't want to advertise what's available in your home should someone break-in.
- Remember basic home security measures such as keeping doors and windows locked.
- Brightly light all entrances, preferably with vandal-proof fixtures.
- Give the illusion of being home by using timers and leaving a radio on when you're away.

When leaving home for several days

- Leave a key with a friend or neighbor; ask that the house be checked periodically.
 - Have the drapes periodically opened and closed; and have different lights turned on and off so the house appears occupied.
 - Have a neighbor pick up your mail or newspaper if you choose not to stop service.
 - Leave a car in the driveway or ask neighbors to park in it.
- If a crime occurs — report it!





SAVES Ramps Up

South Antelope Valley Emergency Service (SAVES) has been on the forefront of local food distribution for 37 years. Working with a variety of local partners, SAVES is a reassuring presence to families experiencing food insecurity.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, SAVES has expanded its distribution to assist those severely impacted by job loss, reduction in hours, and illness. Days after the emergency declarations were imposed, SAVES opened its doors with a drive-through model designed to reduce physical contact. From March 16 through July 31, SAVES distributed 1,867,971 pounds of food, giving out 14,639 food orders directly and another 17,452 through partners including Legacy Commons, St. Vincent de Paul, SALVA, Mayflower Gardens, and Four Square Church.

SAVES also developed key partnerships to help meet the growing need for food distribution. It acquires food through the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, local retailers and most recently the USDA. Operational partnerships to support the expanding distribution model have included Blue Shield of California, L.A. Care and Northrop Grumman. SAVES has also partnered with CalRecycle to rescue 400,491 pounds of food from local vendors that would otherwise have gone to waste.

If you would like to donate time or dollars to SAVES, please visit www.CityofPalmdale.org/SAVES.

Do Business with the City from Home

Most business with the City of Palmdale can be done over the phone, by 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 our website at cityofpalmdale.org/HowDoI to see all that you can do online. Of course, you can always call us at 267-5100 or email info@cityofpalmdale.org.



503 E. Ave. Q3 | 1012 E. Ave. Q5
Free Garden Plots Available!

Open with social distancing guidelines in place.



Neighborhood Houses

Yucca, 503 E. Ave. Q-3
Tumbleweed, 1129 E. Ave. R-4
Manzanita, 38627 32nd St. East
Hammack, 1012 E. Ave. Q-5

Closed until further notice due to coronavirus restrictions.

Adults: Zumba, citizenship, English, embellish your beauty, painting, healthy cooking, sewing, handcrafts, dance classes, parenting classes, support groups, special workshops, coffee & coloring, and much more.

Families: Health and wellness, parent and child art groups, Parent Café, folklorico dance, art classes for kids and at-risk youth support groups.

For more information about these programs, call AVPH at 942-4719.





Free legal assistance on a variety of civil law topics. Nlsa.org has information about its services during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as COVID-19 legal changes.

General help line: 1-800-433-6251, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.



Legal Aid Foundation

Free legal advice on a variety of civil law topics
Income requirements to qualify. Se habla Español.
For information, call 800-399-4529.

Housing Rights Center Landlords & Tenants

The Housing Rights Center (HRC) offers free legal information for landlords and tenants over the phone, by virtual appointment, and through educational webinars. These free services are open to residents with questions about rent increases, evictions, repairs, security deposits, housing discrimination, disability rights, harassment, and more.

Staff are available to provide one-on-one counseling regarding landlord/tenant rights. The HRC's mission is to actively support and promote fair housing through education, advocacy and litigation, to ensure that all persons have the opportunity to secure the housing they desire and can afford without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, genetic information, ancestry, age, source of income, or other characteristics as protected by law.

For more information, call 800-477-5977 or visit www.housingrightscenter.org.



Palmdale Partners Academy

Recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA) as a model practice program, Palmdale Partners Academy offers participants the opportunity to go behind the curtain and learn what it takes to run a city.

Now in its fourteenth year, the program presents insight into all City departments, their successes and challenges. Participants not only gain valuable knowledge about the city they call home, but also make new friends and connections.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 related restrictions on public meetings, the fall 2020 session has been rescheduled to Spring 2021.

Spring 2021 Session

March 14–April 28, 2021, Tuesday evenings

Dinner April 30, 2021

To register, visit at www.cityofpalmdale.org/Community.

Registration closes February 28, 2021.



Are you a graduate of the Palmdale Partners Academy?

If so, mark your calendar for Thursday, April 30, 2021 for the third annual Alumni Dinner.

For details call 267-5473.



Volunteer Spotlight: James Krull

For the past four years, James Krull has been volunteering at SAVES. He initially began with the Positive Behavioral Management Center, an agency that was coming to SAVES to do volunteer work with a group of adults who are developmentally disabled.

When the program was no longer in place, James reached out to SAVES and asked if he could continue to come and volunteer on his own. The rest, as they say, is history.

James comes to SAVES by bus almost daily, arriving with a positive attitude and a willingness to help in any way he can. He has a fun and playful personality, an excellent work ethic, and loves interacting with all the clients and staff. James has become a large part of the SAVES family, and everyone is grateful for his time, energy and helping hand.

Family Volunteer Day

Help make your City an even better place to live! Join us for the fifth annual Family Volunteer Day on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Family Volunteer Day, "powered" internationally by generationOn, is a global day of service celebrating the power of families who work together to support their communities and neighborhoods.

Volunteering as a family amplifies the impact of your service, demonstrates to children the importance of giving back to the community and provides valuable family memories.

For event details and registration, visit www.CityofPalmdale.org/Community. COVID-19 protocols, including social distancing and wearing face coverings, will be enforced.

COVID-19 Information

Here are some trusted sources for the latest, accurate information about coronavirus:

- Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health
www.publichealth.lacounty.gov and
covid19.lacounty.gov
- California Department of Public Health
www.cdph.ca.gov/
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, National) www.cdc.gov
- City of Palmdale
www.CityofPalmdale.org/coronavirus
- White House/FEMA/CDC
www.coronavirus.gov

COVID-19 Health Tips

The City is reminding everyone to keep these health tips in mind:

- Stay home if you feel ill.
- Wash your hands often with soap and hot water.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- 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).
- Maintain social distancing.
- Wear a face covering in public.
- 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.
- Get tested!



Palmdale Magazine Survey

As the City looks for ways to reduce costs, we are considering no longer printing and mailing the *Palmdale News, Activities, and Entertainment* magazine, instead making it available only in digital form. Readers will be able to read it on our website or by email as a PDF.

What do you think?

We've put together a brief survey to let us know how you feel. You may take the survey online at www.CityofPalmdale.org/MagazineSurvey, or by filling out the survey below and mailing or delivering it to City of Palmdale, Communications, 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite A, Palmdale, CA 93550. Thank you for participating!

Do you read the print version of *Palmdale News, Activities, and Entertainment* magazine?

- Always
- Most of the time
- Some of the time
- Never

Would you read Palmdale News if it were only available online?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Would you like to be notified by email when Palmdale News becomes available online?

- Yes. My email address is _____

- No

What is your primary way of receiving information?

- Print
- TV
- Radio
- Internet



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Parks & Recreation

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661/267-5611
www.PlayPalmdale.com
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-6 pm

Registration

To register for an activity or reserve a facility, simply visit www.PlayPalmdale.com using your computer, tablet or smartphone. While you're there, be sure to sign up to receive our e-newsletters so you'll always know about upcoming classes and programs. Program and league information is subject to change, find current information online. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

General Classes and Workshops

We offer a wide selection of hobby, arts, fitness, and sports classes. **These classes are currently on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.** As classes become available, they will be made viewable on our website. To search our live database of classes, workshops, and leagues, visit www.PlayPalmdale.com. You will be able to easily find activities that are best for you — simply search by location, age, or area of interest.

We will also email updates to our subscribers as programs become available. To receive these updates and stay connected, subscribe online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/StayingConnected, and follow us at @PalmdalePR on Facebook.

Virtual Recreation

As part of our #PalmdaleCares initiative, Parks and Recreation staff have curated a variety of virtual recreation opportunities designed to help our residents through the current situation. Do not let the fun stop while we all do our part to maintain social distance! The whole family can stay productive and engaged during the current Safer at Home order with virtual activities. Links to these activities can be found at www.cityofpalmdale.org/virtualrecreation. Bookmark this page and check back often, we will post new content as new opportunities are available (be sure to refresh your browser). If you have a suggestion for virtual classes you would like to see, please email us at parcsrec@cityofpalmdale.org.

A sampling of what you can discover by visiting our virtual recreation page include:

- Holiday Activities
- Virtual museum tours
- DryTown activity book
- Children's museums with activities
- Monterey Bay Aquarium live web cams
- Art lessons for kids
- Instructional videos
- 100 Things to Do While Stuck Inside
- Story time for kids and adults
- Zoo cams
- Disney Moments

Scholarships Available

Parks & Recreation has a limited number of partial scholarships for children to participate in select recreation programs. Any resident of the City of Palmdale is eligible to apply for a child 17 years of age and younger who is in their immediate family with qualified proof of hardship. Scholarships are limited to one per session (winter/spring, summer or fall) per child. The maximum amount of any scholarship award is 50% of the total registration fee. For details and to apply, please visit www.PlayPalmdale.com.

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activities



Happening This Season

Aquatics

Lifeguard Academy

Lifeguard Academy participants who successfully complete class requirements will receive American Red Cross Lifeguarding certification, and are guaranteed an interview to become a City of Palmdale lifeguard upon completion of an employment application and a prescreening test during recruitment period. Course fee includes textbook, supplies, facial covering, face shield, pocket mask, hip pack, and Red Cross Certification fee. Participants must be able to swim 300 yards continuously prior to the first day of the course. Participants unable to pass the swim test will be withdrawn and the class fee fully refunded. All lifeguard candidates who wish to apply for a job must be 17 years of age by July 1, 2021. Participants must bring swimming attire to every class meeting including the first class meeting.

AGE	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOC	FEE
15+	Oct 9-Oct 24	F	4-8 PM	CP	\$140R/\$175NR
		Sa, S	9 AM-5 PM		

Testimonial

Growing up, I was on the City summer swim team from age 7-17 and I also participated in theatre.

I decided to join the Lifeguard Academy because I loved swimming ever since I began the sport. My older brother was a lifeguard for the City of Palmdale. Watching him and his lifeguard friends at work always looked really fun; I saw what a great bond they had, and I knew from a young age I wanted to try to be a lifeguard the moment I was able to. I also felt how much my swim coaches poured into me and what a positive impact they had on my life then, which I still carry to this day. I knew I wanted to impact someone in the same way I was, becoming a guard and teaching others was my first goal.

Guarding has changed my life in such a positive way. From the first summer I worked, I knew I wanted to continue guarding as long as I could. The relationships I have built with my coworkers are that of a family bond and I know they will last forever. My brother is 10 years older than me and all the friends he has now are from the years he spent lifeguarding. I just know that will be the same for me. Lifeguarding has taught me responsibility, and the importance of teamwork and community. I know what a great impact we have on our patrons; it is so awesome to think that a small group of people can reach an entire city. The fact that I could incorporate my favorite sport along with saving a life is pretty incredible. Now as a manager, I've learned how to lead in ways I never imagined. Learning to lead with a sense of humility and dedication, I feel guarding has had a huge impact on molding me into who I am today. And it is constantly teaching me something new every day.

I think lifeguarding has prepared me for the future by teaching me humility and community, and responsibility and dedication as a leader. All while teaching me how to enjoy my job no matter what. I am very thankful for my job, my community, and my COP family.

—Kassidy Gerome, Sr. Lifeguard at Courson Pool 2020
(3 yrs. guard, 2 yrs. senior guard)

Adult Lap Swim

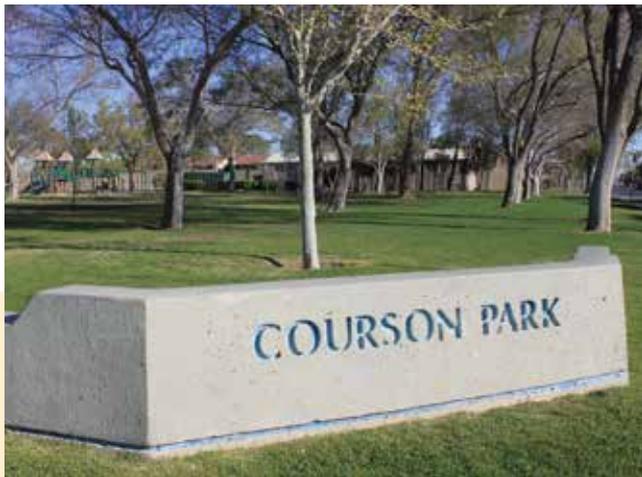
AGE	DATE	DAY	LOCATION	TIME	FEE
65+	Sep 8-Oct 30	M-F	MKP/POP/CP	11-12 PM	Aqua Pass*
14+	Sep 8-Dec 4	M-F	MKP/POP/CP	12:15-1:15 PM	Aqua Pass*
14+	Sep 8-Dec 4	M, W, F	MKP	1:30-2:30 PM	Aqua Pass*
14+	Sep 8-Dec 4	Tu, Th	POP/CP	1:30-2:30 PM	Aqua Pass*
14+	Sep 8-Dec 4	M, Th	CP	6-7:30 PM	Aqua Pass*
14+	Sep 8-Dec 4	T, Th	MKP	6-7:30 PM	Aqua Pass*
14+	Sep 8-Dec 4	M, W	POP	6-7:30 PM	Aqua Pass*



An Aqua Pass is required to attend lap swim.

Aqua passes are available as a 10 or 20-pack of swims and are renewable online at www.PlayPalmdale.com.

First time purchasers must email parksrec@cityofpalmdale.org to finalize pass.



Your Input Wanted!

Community park design meetings will be coming soon to discuss Melville J. Courson Park. This is a great opportunity to give your input on the future of this park. To learn more and subscribe to our mailing list, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/ParkDesign.

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To inquire, email our Sports division at parksrec@cityofpalmdale.org.

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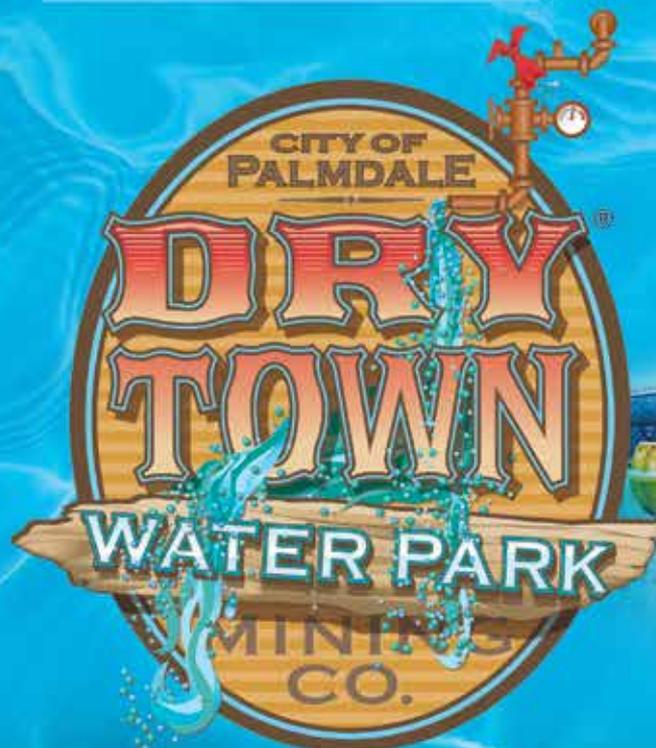
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Welcome to Your Palmdale City Library!

Palmdale City Library continues to offer pick-up by appointment services for items from its collection, as well as reference and readers advisory service over the phone. Just give the Library a call and staff will be glad to help. Many patrons have continued to use the multitude of services and programs available through your Palmdale City Library, with many happy faces being the result. We invite you to join them!

Help spread the word about all that is available from your Palmdale City Library and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for exciting announcements about other programs and services.

Apply for a Library Card Online

Don't have a Palmdale City Library card yet? No problem, simply visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/Library and follow the instructions to get one — and start taking advantage of the multitude of resources available to you with your library card!

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Whether you're looking for the latest best-sellers, DVDs, eBooks, story times or programs for all ages — the Palmdale City Library has it all! With access to over one million items through the Inland Library Network, Library patrons have access to a wealth of materials for enrichment and entertainment including vibrant programs for all ages.

Downloadable eBooks

Did you know Palmdale City Library offers free downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks? All you need to access these collections is a valid Palmdale City Library card. Download the CloudLibrary app on your electronic device to get started. It's easy and free!

Database Spotlight

Palmdale City Library's collection includes access to online databases including HelpNow Online Tutoring, EBSCO, and Mango languages.

Mango Languages

Bonjour! Hola! Ciao! Is learning a new language one of your goals? We can help! Mango Languages digital resources can help you learn over 70 languages, including English, and is available for free from home (or anywhere!) with your Palmdale City Library card.

Celebrate Halloween at Your Palmdale City Library

Friday, October 30, 2 pm

Come join the fun as Palmdale City Library celebrates Halloween and Día de los Muertos with grab & go activity and prize kits for all ages, and the opportunity for some spooky selfies and photo ops with our live and virtual creepy characters.

Patron Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 16, 1 pm

The holidays will be celebrated in grand style at your Palmdale City Library with festive music, light refreshments, grab & go prize bags, and a visit (perhaps virtual) by Santa.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn about all the fun events going on at the Library.



Chimbole Cultural Center

The Chimbole Cultural Center is taking wait-list requests for reservations online at www.PlayPalmdale.com. Our friendly staff will contact you regarding your request once the LA County Department of Public Health allows for the reopening of the Center. Please note that all reservations must adhere to social distancing guidelines as required by LA County. The availability of room reservations will be limited due to reduced capacity. Please also keep in mind that a wait-list request is not a reservation.

The Chimbole Cultural Center, located next to Palmdale City Library, is a one-of-a-kind facility serving the Antelope Valley. It

offers large and small rooms at an affordable rate for different needs.

*Free nonprofit reservations: Meeting rooms are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 12-6 pm; Wednesdays, 8 am-10 pm; and Thursday, 8 am-6 pm. Once every six months, the ballroom is available during the same hours, except Fridays. Current 501(c)(3)(4)(5)(6) status is required.

The Center is in high demand, inquire early. For additional information and to submit a facility reservation request, please visit www.PlayPalmdale.com.

The Manzanita Ballroom is an elegant and spacious room with a seating capacity

of 300 people that can accommodate seminars, receptions, meetings, weddings, quinceañeras, celebrations, and holiday parties. Its amenities include a dance floor, kitchen, stage, and audiovisual equipment. A variety of catering options are available including select your own caterer and do-it-yourself catering. Tables include round or banquet style with chairs to accommodate different room layouts.

The Manzanita Ballroom's hardwired audiovisual system includes Wi-Fi. The room offers two large projectors and screens for slideshows and presentations with conveniently located laptop input locations.



Legacy Commons For Active Seniors

Operated by the City of Palmdale, Legacy Commons for Active Seniors is a community recreational facility for those 55 years and older. **Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 this facility is temporarily closed.** However, residents may still enjoy Legacy Park while practicing current social distancing guidelines. The park features walking paths, picnic tables, bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, and a croquet lawn.



Did you know?

Legacy Commons has distributed supplemental groceries to over 4,000 senior households in the South Antelope Valley area to mitigate food insecurities.



Halloween-themed Food Bank

Thursday, October 29 | 1-3 pm

Join us for this specially themed drive-through food bank and enjoy spooky music, Halloween candy, decorations and a ghostly good time. Please call 267-5904 to schedule your pick-up time.

Thanksgiving Holiday Food Bank

Tuesday November 17 | 1-3 pm

Join us for this specially themed drive-through food bank and enjoy 'thankful' decorations, music, and a grateful basket raffle. Please call 267-5904 to schedule your pick-up time

Free! Outdoor Tai Chi

Monday and Wednesday 8-9 am on the outdoor lawn.

Learn basic tai chi movements with our volunteer instructor Aber. Registration is required. Register online at www.PlayPalmdale.com.

Virtual Basic Spanish Workshop

October 26 & 28, November 10 & 12

Learn the Spanish alphabet, numbers and basic conversational Spanish phrases in this two-day virtual zoom workshop. Registration is required, call 267-5904 to reserve your spot.

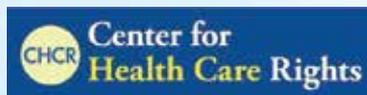
FREE! Outdoor Power Walking

Monday and Wednesday, 9:15-10:15 am.

Walk in place under our outdoor covered patio; walk varies in intensity based on your ability. Led by volunteer instructors Annette or Sheila. Register online at www.PlayPalmdale.com.

Need Help with Medicare or Medi-Cal?

Call Legacy Commons to schedule an appointment for a virtual meeting with a health insurance counseling and advocacy program (HICAP) counselor. HICAP provides free and unbiased information, counseling, and assistance with Medicare, Medi-Cal and related health insurance through the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program of the nonprofit Center for Health Care Rights (CHCR).



Do you have a class or program that you would like to share with seniors in the Palmdale community?

We are looking for instructors that can adhere to all COVID-19 regulations and provide either outdoor or virtual content to participants 55 and older. Please call Legacy Commons at 267-5904.

Legacy Commons Volunteer Highlight



Elaine McConnell is a Legacy Commons volunteer who has been coming throughout the entire pandemic to tend to our planters in the courtyard. She spends countless hours watering, pruning, fertilizing, and tending to them — 150 volunteer service hours since the beginning of the pandemic! That area brings happiness to those walking by and living in the surrounding senior living facilities. We always get compliments on how good that area looks, thanks to Elaine!

facebook comments

"Thanks for all that you do." —Cece Mendez

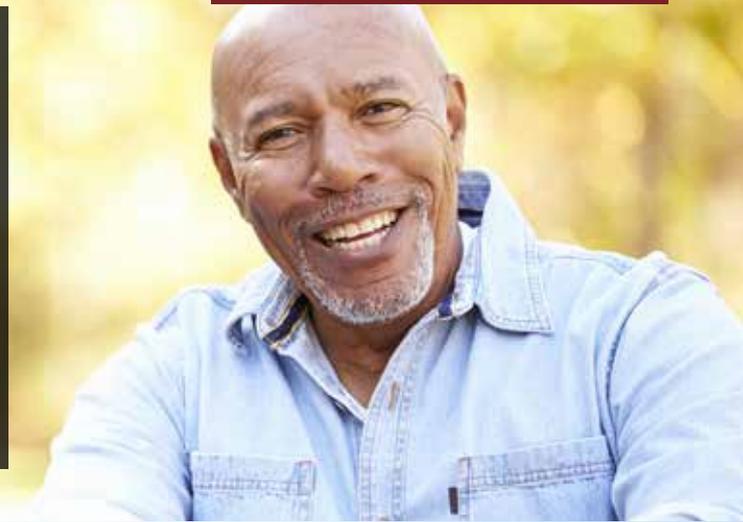
"Thank you, ladies of Legacy Commons, for your support, for your commitment in keeping us up-to-date on the happenings, resources, senior packages, and for just being your sun loving selves! Hats off to you all!" —Denise Elaine

"Hello folks! I hope you are keeping safe. Looking forward to your reopening." —Renato de Guia



Legacy Commons is dedicated to meeting the needs of all seniors and their families by helping them to live an enriched, active and independent life.

Our residents' health and wellness has never been more important to us than during this time, so we curated a list of resources that may assist you.



Los Angeles County Community Resources

- Confronting COVID-19, LA County Responds: lacounty.gov/covid19/
- COVID-19 Testing: covid19.lacounty.gov/testing
- 211 LA County, Help Starts Here: www.211la.org
- Adult Protective Services Program and Planning: Call 213/123-7548 or visit www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/adult-protective-services

Meals & Delivery Services for Seniors 60+

- SCV Senior Services is providing a lunch pickup program on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Legacy Commons, 661/948-2320. Home-delivered meals, 661/259-9444.
- San Gabriel YWCA: 626/214-9465
- CalFresh: Food EBT cards can be used to purchase groceries online, call 1-887-847-3663 or visit www.CalFresh.org for the current list.
- Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services is temporarily providing critical delivery service for groceries, household items and vital necessities for older and dependent adults. Call 888-863-7411. It is also providing an Elder Nutrition Program, call 1-800-510-2020 or email Info@wdacs.lacounty.gov.
- Food Bank Resources, call Legacy Commons, 267-5904.

Medicare Open Enrollment Assistance

- Center for Health Care Rights, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, 1-800-824-0780, www.healthcarerights.org

Senior Fitness

- Silver Sneakers: tools.silversneakers.com
- National Institute on Aging. Go 4 Life exercise series: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ev6yE55kYGw
- National Council on Aging: www.ncoa.org/center-for-healthy-aging/basics-of-evidence-based-programs/physical-activity-programs-for-older-adults
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Care: Online caregiver resources, www.alz.org

Senior Support Services

- Foundation for Senior Services: www.foundationforseniorservices.org or call 1-855-836-0807.
- State of California Department of Aging: www.aging.ca.gov/ or call 1-800-510-2020
- California Medicare Patrol: Empowering seniors to prevent fraud, www.cahealthadvocate.org, or call 1-855-613-7080
- LA County Temporary Eviction Moratorium: rent.lacounty.gov
- Social Bridging Project, Friendship Line California: 1-888-670-1360. Support for lonely and isolated older Californians. Friendship Line California is toll-free.
- GoldenTalk: 888-604-6533, www.idsgtfoudation.org. A chat and crisis line for adults who are 60+. Volunteers also needed, call 1-888-491-0054 for more information.

Veteran and Military Resources

- Help and Crisis Lines: 1-800-273-8255 (press 1), www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/military-crisis-line, text 838255, or chat at www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat to connect with a responder. Call 1-800-799-4889 for support for deaf and hard of hearing. This support is free, confidential, and available 24/7.
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
- CalVet District Office: 213-620-2755
- LA County Military & Veterans Affairs (MVA): mva.lacounty.gov, 1-877-4LA-VETS, 213-765-9680. The local office is located at 777 Jackman St., Lancaster, 723-7838, outreach@mva.lacounty.gov.

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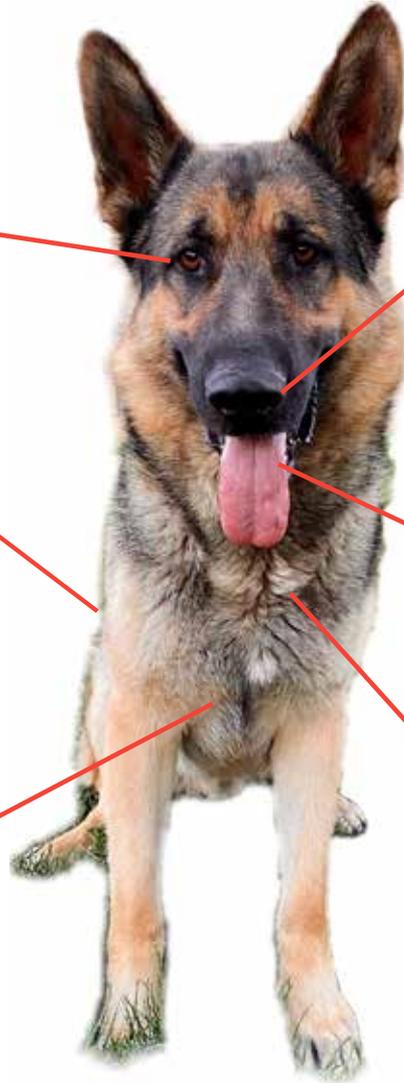


It can cause **allergies** and **eye infections**.¹

Atopic Dermatitis, an allergic skin disease which causes itching, scratching, and secondary skin infections.²



Dogs with short snouts are more likely to contract **lung cancer**.¹



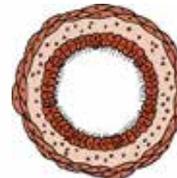
Dogs exposed to secondhand smoke are **2X** more likely to develop **nasal cancer**.¹



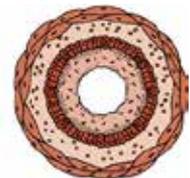
Pets that ingest cigarettes can suffer from **stomach** and **nerve** problems.²



Respiratory illnesses such as **chronic asthma** and **bronchitis**.²



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3. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDCDP/DCDC/DR/DRB/DRB10014.pdf>

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Outdoor Fitness Classes

Coming soon, tennis, fitness and many more outdoor fitness classes will be offered beginning in October at our local parks. Please visit www.PlayPalmdale.com for information.

National Women's Health & Fitness Day

Wednesday, September 30

Free for women of all ages! Join us virtually and be part of the nation's largest annual health event promoting the importance of regular physical activity and health awareness for women. Check our Facebook page for resources, programs, and many other helpful tips for better health.

Virtual Pumpkin Search/ Pumpkin Hunt

Saturday, October 17, 1-3 pm, Marie Kerr Park
Saturday, October 24, 1-3 pm, Domenic Massari Park

Can you find our pumpkins at your park? Follow us on Facebook for clues and look for our tiny pumpkins hidden at Marie Kerr and Domenic Massari parks! Stroll around the park for healthy exercise while you try to find them, then post your pictures to our Facebook page — find them all and win a prize!

Virtual Howl-O-Ween Doggy Costume Contest

Come join our virtual contest on the Yellen Dog Park Facebook page. The deadline for costume picture entries is October 16, winners will be announced on Halloween.

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.

Holiday Family Craft!

Pick up a free DIY holiday family to go craft for you and your family!

Pick up your kit at the Marie Kerr Park Community building on Saturday, December 12 from 1-3pm & Domenic Massari Park near the playground on Saturday, December 19 from 1-3pm. Supplies are limited.

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Poolside Fantasy Mural at Courson Park Pool

A new mural now graces the wall at the Courson Park Pool. The city's Public Art Committee selected local artist Sophia Mavrolas' Poolside Fantasy mural from 23 submissions as the winner of the Courson Park Pool Mural Competition. The mural depicts a mermaid with her eyes closed and relaxing in Courson Pool, her face breaching the surface. Around her are a handful of pool toys, from a donut raft to a rubber ducky.

"My piece is meant to reflect a sense of calmness and peacefulness that people want when they visit a public area," Mavrolas said. "My work always incorporates themes of fantasy as well, and I thought a mermaid spending time in the public pool would be just the right touch for families visiting the Courson Park Pool."

The mural is the icing on the cake of the refurbished pool

area and the revitalized Courson Park, the City's oldest, located at 10th Street East and Avenue Q-12.

"The contest was a huge success with a variety of design styles and approaches, which made the judging extremely difficult," Palmdale's Public Art Coordinator George Davis said. "It came down to three outstanding finalists — Nuri Amanatullah, Douglas Strom, and Sophia Mavrolas — whose submissions were each well designed and executed and made a specific impression that would positively impact the pool grounds if selected."

"There's a critical need to have these spots in the City where you feel like you're in this niche space that has this unique dimension to it because of the art and because of the environment that's created by the art," Davis said.

Randy Bass is "Walk on Words" Poetry Contest Winner

The City of Palmdale's Public Art Committee has selected a poem by Palmdale resident Randy Bass as the winning entry in the City's "Walk on Words" poetry contest. The unveiling ceremony was held on Saturday, Aug. 15 at Yellen Park.

As part of City's Public Art program, entrants were asked to submit original compositions with the theme "Census 2020: Everyone Counts" that were no more than 8 lines long, including title, with a maximum of 25 characters per line, including spaces.

The winning poem:

*Everyone Counts
Shaping our future
Begins with Census 2020
Impacts our community
Embraces opportunity
Celebrates diversity
Brighter tomorrows
When everyone is counted*

Honorable mention winners were Starla Knutson, Byron Pearce, Keyona Reznikova, George Roberts, Kristina Salazar, Alisha Semchuck, and Princess Virrey.

Previous "Walk on Words" winners are:

2013 – "What Beauty Holds Us Captive Here" by Mary Denning, Poncitlán Square

2014 – "One Day" by Steven Brito, Palmdale Playhouse

2015 – "Summer Fun" by Ed Robinson, DryTown Water Park

2015 – "Everyone Has A Story to Tell" by Joan Enguita Willingham, Legacy Commons for Active Seniors

2016 – "Guardians Brave Let Palmdale Play" by Louis Denning, Joe Davies Heritage Airpark

2016 – "Generations of Pioneers" by Mary Denning, Joe Davies Heritage Airpark

2016 – "Life is Better at the Park" by Mitchell Seyfer, Marie Kerr Park

2017 – "Untitled" by Tyler Farrell, Domenic Massari Park

2018 – "Palmdale My Palmenthal" by Dana Schroer, Palmdale City Library

2019 – "My Neighborhood" by Mike Adams, Courson Park

Antelopes on Parade

Pronghorn antelopes have been spotted returning to the valley! We are excited to continue a tradition initiated locally ten years ago with this collaborative Public Art initiative between the City of Palmdale and the Lancaster Museum of Art and History (MOAH). Artists from the Antelope Valley and surrounding mountain and desert communities were invited to submit their designs to be considered for the next iteration of Antelopes on Parade! A total of thirty-one submissions were received, which were reviewed by an Artist Selection Panel to narrow down entries to the most prominent pieces. From there the Public Art Committee voted to categorize the top entries to be produced by local artists. Through a draft selection process four artists were chosen for the City of Palmdale and four for the City of Lancaster.

The custom fiberglass antelopes are fabricated with community art projects in mind, with an attention to scale and detail that brings them to life. The artists selected to represent the City of Palmdale are Kierstyn Swann, Lori Antoinette, Debbie Haeberle and Xochilt Garcia. Their antelopes are scheduled to make their debut on Saturday, October 3 in the window displays at Antelope Valley Art Gallery at Courson Arts Colony located at 38199 10th St. East. The display is organized in collaboration with We Are Community Arts, also known as WAC*ARTS.



Antelopes on Parade Coloring Contest

We miss seeing our littlest community members around town at events and in our programs, so we are asking for help with an important project – we want to collect as many colorful pronghorn antelopes as we can to

brighten up our offices and facilities. The contest is currently underway! To view rules and regulations, download the coloring sheet, and complete the submission, visit us at www.cityofpalmdale.org/ParksRec.

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City Clerk	267-5151	Palmdale Playhouse	267-5684
City Council	267-5115	Palmdale Pride (94-PRIDE)	947-7433
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Human Resources	267-5400	Traffic/Transportation	267-5353

Non-City Services Directory

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Animal Care & Control	575-2888	Fire (Emergency 911)	949-6319
Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA)	945-9445	Housing Rights Center	800/477-5977
AV Environmental Collection Center (888/CLEAN LA)	888/253-2652	Meal Services by YWCA	948-2320
AV Mosquito & Vector Control District	942-2917	Metrolink	800/266-6883
		Sheriff (Emergency 911)	272-2400
		Trash Service	947-7197
		Used Oil Recycling	800/449-7587

Business Organizations

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Youth & Adult Non-Profit Organizations

American Indian Little League	538-1990	Green Thumb	
American Red Cross	267-0650	AV Youth Program	878-8240
Aces & Deuces Square		Highland Bulldogs	
Dance Club	256-7650	Youth Football	305-7472
Adorable Baby's Jump Start	272-9416	Innovation Education	718-3699
Antelope Adult Futbol League	406-0869	Lions Club	947-7909
AV Gold Prospectors Club	547-0359	Palmdale Boys & Girls Club	274-2582
AV Sea Cadets	942-1353	Palmdale Bullets Track Club	317-4575
AV Special Olympics	945-6210	Palmdale Little League	285-2166
AV Track Club	209-6525	Palmdale Pony Youth	
AV Youth Build	266-8900	Baseball, Inc.	947-7676
AYSO Palmdale	aysopalmdale.org	Palmdale Universal Futbol – Soccer & Lightning Soccer Club	998-3428
AYSO Quartz Hill	943-7008	Palmdale Youth Football	262-8605
Boy Scouts of America	942-0582	Palmdale Youth Soccer League	533-2255
Canyon Aquatics	362-3210	SoCal Supersonic	
Coach Leonard's		Youth Track Club	323/309-4601
Tennis Instruction	818/800-7802	Youngblood	
Frog Aquatics	406-3849	Wrestling Club	400-2211
Girl Scouts	213/213-0123		



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