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SUMMER STREET FEST TO TAKE OVER MINES AVENUE

The popular Summer Street Fest will once again take over Mines Avenue for two Friday evenings from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. this coming August. Last year, over 19,000 people from all over Southern California were in attendance to see and hear the top acts that were performing. This year won't be a disappointment with a star-studded lineup this August to keep you on your feet all night long. Below is the schedule of performers:

August 16

- 5:15 p.m. **Santanaways**
- 7:15 p.m. **Wiseguys Big Band Machine**
- 8:30 p.m. **Tierra**

August 23

- 5:30 p.m. **Tapia Sisters and The Elements**
- 7:30 p.m. **Original Mary Jane Girls - Maxi & Cheri**
- 8:45 p.m. **Lisa Lisa**

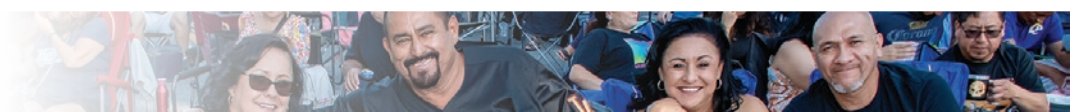
Along with the great music, unique food offerings by local food trucks and vendors will give attendees a variety of food to enjoy while at the Summer Street Fest. A market place offering a wide variety of local artisans will also be incorporated into the Summer Street Fest. The summer event will also feature a beer garden, various exhibitors, face painting, and jumpers.

Admission to the Summer Street Fest is FREE, with nominal fees for the food, beer garden, jumpers, and other activities. **Event location, scheduled band performance times or appearances are subject to change.** Follow us on social media for the latest information.



80s Hip Hop pioneer **Lisa Lisa** will headline the final night of this year's Summer Street Fest

Know Before You Go



Summer Street Fest Entrance/Exit - Pedestrian access to the event on Rosemead Boulevard will be limited to Dunlap Crossing Road and Rosemead Boulevard, as well as the Smith Park Walking Path entrance on Rosemead Boulevard just before the football stadium. Pedestrian access is also available on Mines Avenue from Lindsey Avenue to Passons Boulevard.

Parking - Public Parking is available specifically for the Summer Street Fest at the following APPROVED locations:

- » Salazar High School (Front and Rear Lots)
- » El Rancho High School (Rear Lot)
- » St. Hilary Church (Rear Lot)
- » Senior Center (Disabled Parking ONLY, must have placard or disabled license plate, enter at Mines and Passons for access)

Please note that public parking for the Summer Street Fest is NOT allowed at the shopping center on Rosemead and Mines. This parking lot is private property designated ONLY for businesses in that Center. Property management has the full authority to have vehicles towed if they are parked for Summer Street Fest.



Uber/Lyft - You can use Uber or Lyft to get to the event. A designated drop-off/pick-up zone will be available along Rosemead Boulevard before Mines Avenue.

MTA - MTA Bus Line 266 has a southbound and northbound drop off on Rosemead Boulevard and Mines Avenue. For route maps and transfer information, visit metro.net

Event Arrival Time - Due to the all-day set up of the event, for the safety of the attendees and set-up staff, attendees are asked to arrive at the event no earlier than 4:30 p.m. on the event day. Attendees are also advised not to leave any chairs or personal belongings to save seating areas for the Concerts. The City will not be responsible or liable for any items that are left behind, moved for the purpose of setting up, or that are stolen or damaged while unattended.

Guest Comfort - For the viewing convenience of others in attendance, no canopies, shade shelters or umbrellas are allowed along the Mines Avenue viewing area. Also, to maximize the enjoyment and the number of guests who wish to view the concert along Mines Avenue, roping off sections to save spots is prohibited. All seating areas along Mines Avenue are on a first-come first-serve basis. We want as many people to enjoy the sights and sounds along Mines Avenue as possible.

As always, we want everyone to have a fun and safe experience at the Summer Street Fest. City staff, including Deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, will be available throughout the event to answer any questions or concerns.

For more information about the Summer Street Fest, call 562.801.4430 or log on to the City's website at pico-rivera.org.

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Curbing Coyote Sightings in the City

Coyotes are smart, adaptable canines who have learned to live comfortably alongside people in residential neighborhoods. Lately, residents have been spotting coyotes roaming City streets at night. Coyotes, by nature, will avoid human contact; however, when people unknowingly feed them with open trash containers and pet food left outside, coyotes lose their natural fear. Once this occurs, sightings will become more frequent and often dangerous, especially for outdoor pets.

If coyotes have been roaming in your neighborhood, ensure all trash is secured in the trash containers, remove water sources, bring in pets at night, do not leave pet food outside, and clean up fallen fruit and cover compost piles. As a reminder, although coyotes are not aggressive towards human beings, they are wild animals and, if aggravated, can respond in a potentially dangerous manner. If you spot a coyote, do not approach or attempt to feed it; instead call the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at 858.467.4201.



FREE Mulch Distribution

The City, in collaboration with Whittier Fertilizer Co. will be distributing FREE garden mulch on Saturday, August 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Whittier Fertilizer Company, 9441 Kruse Road. Residents can receive one 33-gallon container of mulch free of charge. Additional containers can be filled for \$1 each.

Residents must bring their own containers, as there will be none available at the site.

The mulch distribution is part of the City's green waste recycling program. For more information about mulch distributions as well as the City's recycling program, call 562.801.4329.

Electrifying Addition to City Fleet

The City of Pico Rivera is committed to doing its part to reduce pollution, conserve energy, and reduce its carbon footprint. The City's current fleet has close to a dozen hybrid vehicles that are used for day-to-day business throughout the City. Last month, the City purchased its first fully electric vehicle for daily City use, a 2023 Ford F-150 Lightning.

In year's past, the City has made efforts to integrate electric vehicles into its fleet. In the early 2000s, the Parks and Recreation Department operated three GEM vehicles for department use within the Parks. However, the vehicles were for light-duty use and not meant for use as regular work trucks. The recently purchased electric vehicle will now be a part of the Public Works fleet and will be used daily, just like a regular Public Works vehicle. The F-150 is built the same way as a heavy duty truck and is meant for use in such a way. The only difference is instead of filling up at the local gas station, Public Works staff will instead plug in the vehicle at the end of the working day.

The benefits of fully electric vehicles include lower emissions production, maintenance cost savings, improved fuel efficiency, and improved vehicle performance.

As the City shifts its focus to a safer and more sustainable approach for its fleet, more fully electric vehicles are looking to be purchased in the future by City management. As more electric vehicle inventory becomes available, the City will continue seeking to purchase these vehicles to achieve a more environmentally friendly future.



City to Host Community Backpack Giveaway

Just in time for the new school year, the City will host a Community Backpack Giveaway on Thursday, August 1, at Rivera Park, 9530 Shade Lane starting at 12:00 p.m.

Students of all ages are welcome to grab a backpack that will be filled with school necessities such as a notebook, paper, pencils, and, for the younger students, crayons. The backpacks will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last.

To ensure you don't miss out, pre-registration is highly recommended. To register, call Pico Park at 562.801.4470 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday or visit Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Boulevard, in person between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There are no eligibility requirements, student must be present to receive a backpack.

For more information, call our Parks and Recreation Department at 562.801.4430.

Labor Day Holiday Reminder

Monday, September 2, is the Labor Day Holiday. City Hall along with all other City facilities will be closed. Trash collection services will be postponed by one day for the entire week. There will be no street sweeping or no street sweeping parking enforcement on September 2.

For more information, call City Hall at 562.942.2000

Get Paid to Unplug with PRIME and OhmConnect

PRIME has partnered with OhmConnect to offer a free energy-saving service that helps Pico Rivera residents conserve electricity and earn cash rewards. As the weather warms up, OhmConnect can help residents save money while staying cool!

How It Works:

1. Sign Up: Create an OhmConnect account in less than 2 minutes and get \$50 in cash or gift cards after connecting your utility. This special offer is just for PRIME members!

2. Connect Smart Devices: Link smart plugs, thermostats, or other devices to the OhmConnect app to automatically save energy.

3. Participate in OhmHours: Receive notifications about upcoming OhmHours. Simply power down devices during these events to save energy and earn rewards.

Why Join OhmConnect?

1. Earn Rewards: Participants get paid for every OhmHour they participate in.

2. Save Money: By reducing energy usage during peak times, residents can lower their energy bills.

3. Easy and Automatic: Connected smart devices manage energy savings automatically.

4. Family Time: OhmHours provide an opportunity to unplug and spend quality time with family and friends.

Sign Up Today:

Residents can join OhmConnect now and receive \$50 when they connect their utility. This limited-time offer allows participants to save energy, reduce bills, and earn extra cash!



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UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

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

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

Planning Commission
Visit pico-rivera.org for details.

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

This Month on CTV

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

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PACT - Claim Deadline is August 8, 2024

The PACT Act is a law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has launched an aggressive targeted outreach campaign - using e-mail, text messages, and phone calls - to reach approximately 300,000 Veterans and survivors who submitted Intent to File (ITF) claims between June 1 and August 14, 2023, reminding them of the need to complete their PACT Act claims no later than one year from the date they started a claim or filed an ITF. The outreach campaign began on May 23 of this year with 100,000 emails and continues through mid-August.

The ITF process is in place to give claimants more time to prepare and collect supporting evidence for their claims. It also protects the earliest potential effective date for any benefits resulting from claims based on PACT Act. This means any PACT Act related ITF received on or before August 14, 2023, is potentially eligible for the August 10, 2022, effective date, as long as a claim is received within a year of the ITF.

Claimants have up to one year from the date VA receives their ITF to submit a formal claim. As an example, if VA receives an ITF on August 8, 2023, the claimant will have to file their complete claim by August 8, 2024, to not forfeit the August 10, 2022, potential effective date for granted PACT Act claims.

Please make an appointment at the Pico Rivera Senior Center VRC for details.

City to Offer Summer Lunch Program

Children ages 18 and under can get free nutritional meals this summer thanks to a program offered by the California Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department continues to host the Summer Food Services Program at five locations through August. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. with lunch available from noon to 1:00 p.m. All meals are served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meals will be provided Monday through Friday at the following locations from now through August 9:

- » Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Blvd.
- » Rivera Park, 9530 Shade Lane
- » Rio Hondo Park, 8421 San Luis Potosi Place
- » Rio Vista Park, 8751 Coffman and Pico Road
- » Smith Park, 6016 Rosemead Blvd.

All meals must be eaten on-site. Monthly menus will be available at participating sites and on the City's website.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, meal distribution, site supervision and clean up. If you would like to volunteer or need more information about this program, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 562.801.4430.



Movies in the Park

Enjoy one last family-friendly movie on giant outdoor screen at Rivera Park as the series concludes with Kung Fu Panda IV, rated PG, on Friday, July 26.

Residents are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Free popcorn will be available while supplies last. Moviegoers will also have a chance to win cool prizes that will be raffled off before the movie begins. The movie will be shown at sundown (approximately 7:30 p.m.)

For more information, call 562.801.4430.



Popular Farmers Market Continues at Pico Park

The seasonal Certified Farmers Market continues through the summer months at Pico Park, 9528 Beverly Boulevard. The Farmers Market is held every Wednesday, now through September 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Certified Farmers Markets will continue to bring attendees the freshest, local fruits, vegetables, bakery items, eggs, nuts, honey, beef jerky, potted plants, and cut flowers, directly from California family farmers. Live entertainment will be featured weekly. Come and visit the Certified Farmers Market and stroll through an array of food vendors and exhibitors.

Admission to the Certified Farmers Market is free. For the safety and courtesy of others, no pets are allowed except for Service Animals.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 562.801.4430.

Save the Date for the Fiestas Patrias Festival

The Fiestas Patrias Festival, hosted by the Asociación de Jaliscienses Unidos en Acción (AJUA), will be held on Saturday, September 14, at Smith Park. The one-day event will feature specialty food vendors, artisan vendors, and musical groups performing on the main stage. More information will be released on the City's Social Media channels and the City's website at pico-rivera.org.

Award-Winning Photography

This past May, the City's Media and Communications Division received yet another award for the work done to market the City of Pico Rivera. Presented by the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO), the City won the Award of Distinction in the category of Photography.

During this year's call for entries, the City submitted an entry as a themed series: "Sunsets over Pico Rivera," in which the media team went to various locations in Pico Rivera to capture sunsets. The shots that were highlighted were of Pico Park just over the new Futsal court and of the Dal Rae Restaurant facing west looking down Washington Blvd.

Our City photographer shot the photographs using a DJI Phantom 4 Pro.



National Night Out Celebration

Pico Rivera residents are invited to meet with their neighbors, Sheriff's deputies, and local officials during the National Night Out on Friday, August 9, at the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station, 6631 Passons Boulevard.

The annual event begins at 5:30 p.m. and will include live music and entertainment, inflatable attractions, food, and the opportunity to see law enforcement and fire vehicles up close. In addition, special information will be provided by the Sheriff's Department on how residents can help prevent crime in their neighborhoods and around the City.

National Night Out is designed to fight crime by building community partnerships. Effective crime fighting requires that everyone in the community - from law enforcement to residents - take an active role in keeping neighborhoods safe.

Pico Rivera's National Night Out is free and organized by the City and the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station. For more information, call the Station at 562.949.2421.





Local School Selected for Prestigious Award

Montebello Gardens, in the City of Pico Rivera, selected as a Silver Award Recipient for the 2024 America's Best Schools Award by the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST)

Montebello Gardens Elementary, located at 4700 Pine Street in the City of Pico Rivera, is the only school in the City that belongs to the Montebello Unified School District. This school has been servicing the students that live near the Rio Hondo Park area for over 50 years. Last month, the Montebello Gardens Elementary community was given the exciting news that the neighborhood school was chosen as a Silver Award recipient for the 2024 America's Best Schools Award by the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST). This award acknowledges Montebello Gardens Elementary as a top school not just in the State of California, but in the Nation.

The 2024 America's Best Schools Silver Award is a highly respected accolade that honors schools for their outstanding accomplishments in delivering quality education and cultivating a supportive learning environment in urban schools. This award is presented annually to the nation's highest-performing schools. Some of the criteria analyzed include Non Selective Admissions, High Rates of Academic Proficiency for Every Racial/Ethnic Group, and High Attendance Rates, just to name a few.

Montebello Gardens Elementary, through its commitment to creating a transformational school culture that fosters and supports a supportive learning environment, has achieved this remarkable milestone. By prioritizing educational excellence, Montebello Gardens Elementary has established itself as a stellar learning institution, garnering recognition for its unwavering pursuit of providing a top-tier educational experience for all its students.

The City of Pico Rivera wishes to congratulate the students, parents, staff, teachers, and leadership for their invaluable contributions to the Montebello Gardens School community.

EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Important Dates for Upcoming 2024-2025 School Year

The 2024-2025 school year will kick off on Thursday, August 15 when schools will welcome students back from the summer break. Below are some important dates for the upcoming school year:

- Labor Day** - Monday, September 2, 2024
- Staff Development Day (No School)** - Friday, October 4, 2024
- Veterans' Day** - Monday, November 11, 2024
- Thanksgiving Break** - Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29, 2024
- Winter Recess** - Monday, December 23, 2024 - Friday, January 10, 2025
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** - Monday, January 20, 2025
- Lincoln's Day** - Monday, February 10, 2025
- President's Day** - Monday, February 17, 2025
- Staff Development Day (No School)** - Monday, March 10, 2025
- Spring Recess** - Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28, 2025
- Cesar Chavez Day** - Monday, March 31, 2025
- Memorial Day** - Monday, May 26, 2025

The final day of classes for the 2024-2025 school year is Tuesday, June 10. For more information, contact the school in which your child is enrolled at, or visit the District's website at erUSD.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO....The 460 students who graduated from *El Rancho High School*, the 115 students who graduated from *Salazar High School*, the 541 Middle School Students who have promoted to High School, and the 663 Fifth Graders moving on to Middle School. Congratulations on your academic success and good luck in all your future endeavors.

El Rancho Adult School Moving

The El Rancho Adult School, located off of Passons Boulevard and Haney Street will be moving to a bigger campus this Summer. The Adult School will now be located at 8110 Paramount Boulevard. The new location will enable the school to continue to grow to meet the needs of local students. Fall registration opens on Monday, July 29, and classes will begin on Monday, August 19.

Registrations are taken in-person or online at adulted.erUSD.org. For more information, call 562.801.7710 or visit the adult education website listed above.



Experience the hit Broadway Musical Peter Pan as the City's Trips and Tours program makes a stop at the Pantages Theatre for this high-flying musical. Space is still available for this mid-summer trip. Those that register for Peter Pan will receive a swag bag and have priority registration to see *Wicked* at the Pantages Theatre in December.

Peter Pan at the Pantages in Hollywood
 Saturday, July 27, 12:30PM - 8:30PM
 Showtime: 2:00 - 4:00PM
 Dinner and Exploring on your own:
 5:00 - 7:30PM
 \$107 (Ages 5 and older)
Registration Deadline: UNTIL FILLED

This trip departs from and returns to the Pico Rivera Senior Center, 9200 Mines Avenue. Registration is accepted online at picoriveraca.myrec.com and at all City park sites.

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



Summer Discovery and More at Your Local Library

The Summer Discovery Program (SDP) is LA County Library's summer celebration of reading and exploration. From NOW through August 11, customers of all ages can read and complete activities, earn badges, and be entered to win prizes. Customers can participate online via Beanstack (LACountyLibrary.org/Summer-Discovery) by creating an account and registering for the SDP Challenge or in person at all LA County Library locations.

Great programs are planned for all ages throughout the summer at the Pico Rivera Library and the Rivera Library, including animal shows, science programs, video gaming, LEGOs, book clubs, and much more! Visit <https://lacountylibrary.org/pico-rivera-library/> for a listing of upcoming programs at the Pico Rivera Library and <https://lacountylibrary.org/rivera-library/> for a listing of upcoming programs at the Rivera Library. All programs are free.

One Book, One County Program

This summer, join LA County Library, Los Angeles Public Library, and 16 other library systems for a community reading program of exceptional scope - one book for all of Los Angeles County. One Book, One County is a community reading program for Summer 2024 that celebrates collaboration, education, and conversation across our county and emphasizes the power of connected libraries to create connected communities. The 2024 selection for One Book, One County is *L.A. Weather* by María Amparo Escandón. Published in 2022, *L.A. Weather* is a New York Times bestseller that follows the Mexican-American Alvarado family during a year in Los Angeles "as they wrestle with impending evacuations, secrets, deception, and betrayal, and their toughest decision yet: whether to stick together or burn it all down." Copies of the book are available to check out at the Pico Rivera Library and the Rivera Library while supplies last. Help close out One Book, One County with a special event on Saturday, July 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Gloria Molina Grand Park, 200 N Grand Avenue in the City of Los Angeles, featuring a musical performance from Banda Las Angelinas, resources, activities, and a special author talk with María Amparo Escandón. For more information, visit <https://lacountylibrary.org/onebook/>



For more information about library services offered to Pico Rivera residents, please call the Pico Rivera Library at 562.942.7394 or the Rivera Library at 562.949.5485