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The 2024 Guide to Dining in Alhambra

By Nancy Liu, Editor

Whether you're a local resident or just passing through, the 2024 Restaurant Guide is here to help you navigate the rich culinary landscape in Alhambra. From cozy family-owned eateries to trendy new spots and Michelin-recognized meals, Alhambra's dining scene has something for every occasion.

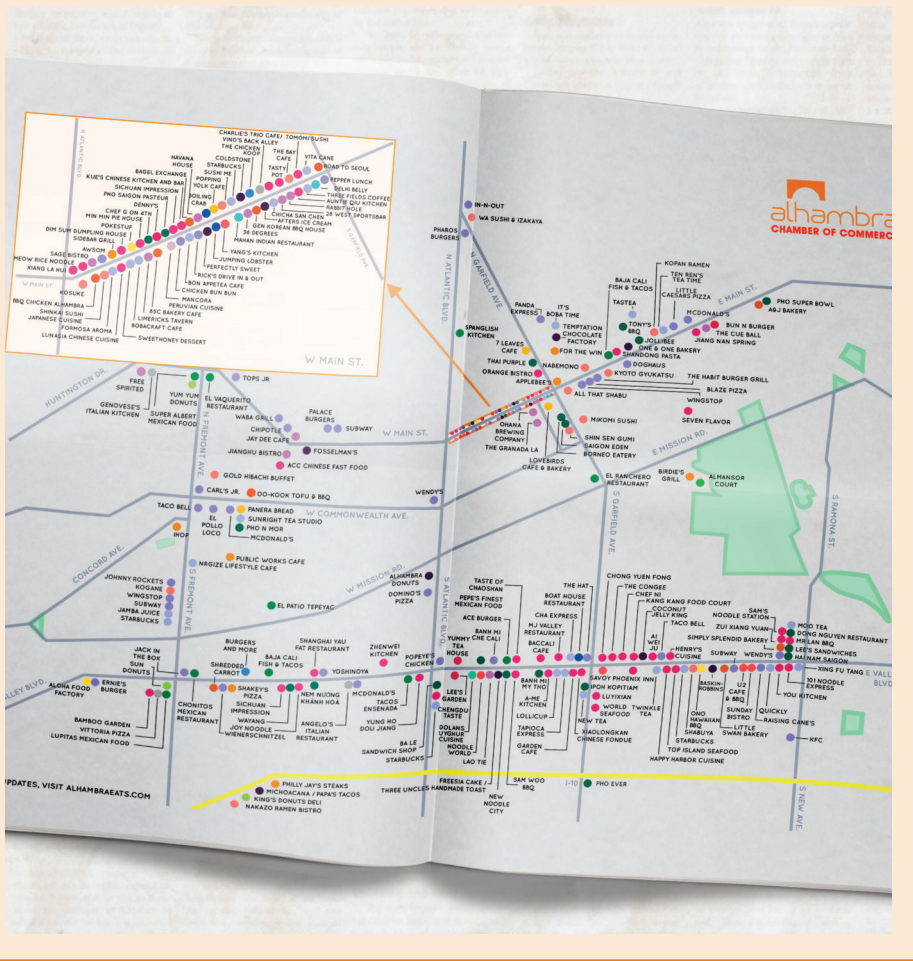
Alhambra's restaurant ecosystem is a mosaic of flavors, reflecting its multicultural charm. Explore the diverse array of restaurants scattered throughout the city, each promising a unique and flavorful experience. Alhambra is home to many hidden gems and local favorites as a melting pot of cultures, as immigrants from all around the world put down roots in the city.

With over 200 restaurants, there's guaranteed to be something for everyone. Just a quick stroll along

Main Street downtown will bring you past a Southeast Asian eatery, Italian cafe, Korean barbecue, Peruvian fare, Michelin Bib Gourmand dim sum, and a stock exchange-themed bagel shop.

Being in the San Gabriel Valley, Alhambra is one of the most well-known destinations for Asian cuisine, and it certainly delivers. All six of the Alhambra restaurants recognized on the 2024 Michelin Guide offer Asian specialties. But just about every kind of restaurant can be found in Alhambra, including one of the original McDonald's franchises, to satisfy your every craving.

Dive in, discover your new favorite spot, and savor the best that Alhambra has to offer. **View the complete map of restaurants in Alhambra on pages 14 and 15. Bon appétit!**



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Celebrating the First Day of School in AUSD

Our campuses were full of excitement and anticipation as over 14,000 Alhambra Unified School District students returned to school on August 13 to begin the 2024-2025 school year. They were greeted by music, balloons, decorations, and of course, smiling staff members and volunteers. The day marked the beginning of another academic year, but also the start of new adventures, friendships, and opportunities for growth.

Despite an unexpected earthquake the day before school resumed, our facilities were in great shape, thanks to the dedication and hard work of the district's facilities, custodial, and maintenance crew. Additionally, our teachers, administrators, and support staff worked tirelessly to ensure classrooms were ready, schedules were set, and every detail was in place to welcome students back for a

successful start to the school year.

We are excited to have three schools with new principals at the helm: Mr. Isaac Alvarado at Garfield School, Mrs. Alejandra "Alex" Perez at Mark Keppel High School, and Ms. Jocelyn Castro at San Gabriel High School. Another exciting addition for this school year is the expansion of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classes to all 13 elementary schools, including TK classes for both the Spanish and Mandarin Dual Immersion programs. Early learning experiences like TK provide important foundational academic and social skills, and the addition of these young learners brings added joy to each campus.

AUSD continued its tradition of encouraging members of the AUSD family to capture a... >>**First Day of School in AUSD, p 20**

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Mayor's Corner

Celebrating Alhambra's Culinary Charm

By Sasha Renée Pérez

Hello fellow Alhambrans and friends, As your Mayor, there are countless reasons I'm proud to represent our vibrant city. But today, I want to shine a spotlight on one of our greatest treasures: the incredible array of restaurants that make Alhambra a true culinary haven.

Walking through our city, it's clear that Alhambra is a melting pot of cultures, and our dining scene reflects that beautiful diversity. From charming family-run eateries like Charlie's Trio to upscale dining establishments like Henry's Cuisine, each restaurant tells a unique story, adding flavor and character to our community.

Let's start with our beloved local favorites. The aroma of freshly baked bread from A&J Bakery, or the comforting warmth of a hearty bowl of ramen from Kosuke, brings a sense of home to so many of us. It's not just about the food; it's about the familiar faces and the comforting environment that make these places special.

And who could forget the rich, savory delights of our authentic Mexican cuisine? Restaurants like Baja Cali Fish & Tacos and El Rancho offer a taste of Mexico that is both genuine and unforgettable.

Their dedication to quality and tradition is something we can all appreciate and celebrate.

Our dining scene wouldn't be complete without mentioning the vibrant Asian cuisine that has become a hallmark of Alhambra. From the dim sum at Lunasia Dim Sum House to the spicy Szechuan dishes at Sichuan Impression, these eateries offer a window into the diverse culinary traditions that thrive here. They're not just restaurants; they're cultural experiences, providing a taste of far-off lands right in our backyard.

Let's also acknowledge the innovative spirit of our newer establishments. Free Spirited's alcohol-free craft cocktails and Yang's Kitchen's fusion menu serve as reminders of how Alhambra continues to evolve, blending modern trends with our rich culinary heritage. Their creativity and dedication add a fresh, exciting dimension to our dining landscape.

In celebrating our local restaurants, we're also celebrating the people behind them—chefs, servers, and entrepreneurs who pour their heart and soul into their work. Their commitment to excellence and community enriches our city in countless



Mayor Sasha Renée Pérez
City of Alhambra

ways. They're not just feeding us; they're contributing to the fabric of our shared experiences and memories.

So, next time you're looking for a place to eat, remember that Alhambra has a treasure trove of options waiting to be explored. Whether you're a lifelong resident or just passing through, our city's dining scene offers something for everyone. Let's continue to support these local gems and appreciate the role they play in making Alhambra such a dynamic and delightful place to live.

Bon appétit, Alhambra!

NEWS & NOTES

> Historical Francis Q. Story House saved by anonymous donor

The historic Story House, located at 502 North Story Place, was anonymously purchased and gifted to the Alhambra Historical Society for preservation as a historic site in Alhambra. The Story House is a Victorian residence that was built in 1883 for Francis Quarles Story, who is credited with founding the national advertising campaign that made the Sunkist Orange famous. Story was instrumental in the development of the City of Alhambra throughout the late 1800s and early 1900s, and donated a portion of his land to the city for what is now Story Park!

> Alhambra resident writes "fun" cancer book

Long time Alhambra resident Scott Halversen has written a "fun" cancer book titled "Suddenly My Zodiac Sign Changed from Gemini to Cancer." Through a humorous style and illustrated cartoons drawn by his son-in-law, Ben Andersen, the book describes Halversen's battle with stage 4 lymphoma and a secondary brain tumor.

> The Alhambra's sustainability efforts recognized for 13th year

The Alhambra's eco-friendly innovations have earned it an Energy Star score of 87, marking the 13th year of certification. The score means that The Alhambra is more energy efficient than 87 percent of similar properties nationwide. It has also been certified LEED Gold by the U.S. Green Building Council since 2012, which identifies the Alhambra Community as a standout example of sustainability and demonstrates its commitment to building a healthy, sustainable future.

> Alhambra resident becomes Cal State LA's first three-time Academic All-American

For the third straight year, Cal State LA's Morgan Sjoerdsma has received a big academic achievement, and this one is the biggest of them all. The Alhambra resident became Cal State LA's first three-time Academic All-American on Tuesday when she was named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Women's At Large first team. Her first-team recognition is only the third in Cal State LA history and the first since 2018.

> Alhambra Latino Association Celebrates 30 Years

The Alhambra Latino Association, a nonprofit organization committed to supporting educational and cultural growth of children and parents in our community, kicked off its 30th year in August. The ALA will be hosting events and celebrations coming soon, you can subscribe to their newsletter at alhambralatinoassociation.com to learn more.

> Street Parking Closures for the Pumpkin Run

The eleventh annual Alhambra Pumpkin Run will take place on Sunday, October 27. From October 26 at 7 pm to October 27 at 12 pm, all of the streets within the race zone will be closed to traffic. The following streets will be closed during the race:

- Main St: Atlantic Ave to Vega St (No Cross traffic will be permitted)
- Garfield Ave: Commonwealth Ave to Woodward Ave

Overnight parking restrictions will be relaxed from October 26 through October 27, from Granada to El Molino, and from Main St. to Commonwealth. If you have questions, please call Public Works at 626-570-5067, or view the map and information on the City's website at cityofalhambra.org or on @AlhambraPumpkinRun on Instagram.



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Who's Running For City Council District Four?

Current Mayor and Councilperson of the Fourth District Sasha Renée Pérez will not be running for reelection in the upcoming Municipal Election on November 5, as she is instead running for State Senate in District 25. Here are the candidates for the open seat in District Four:



KATIE CHAN

Director/Caseworker/Environmentalist

Katie Chan is a caseworker for the City of Los Angeles for Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez and is President and Commissioner of the Environmental & Sustainability Commission for the City of Alhambra District 4.

Key Issues: push for rent stabilization, improve public transportation, establish a Climate Action Plan.

Learn more about Katie at katiechanforalhambra.com



KARSEN LUTHI

Businessman

Karsen Luthi is a businessman and advisor to companies like Ohana Brewing Company and other breweries. He owns and manages commercial and residential properties and also volunteers his time with local business organizations like DABA.

Key Issues: housing access, recruiting talent for fire and police departments, small business development.

Learn more about Karsen at working4alhambra.com



NAN "NOYA" WANG

Engineer/City Director

Nan "Noya" Wang is a civil engineer and the Public Works Director for the City of Rosemead. She currently serves as a committee member on the Safe Clean Water Program and was previously Chair of the Alhambra City Planning Commission.

Key Issues: improve public safety, keep our city clean and beautiful, use taxpayer dollars efficiently.

Learn more about Noya at noyawang4alhambra.com



JE-SHOW YANG

Commissioner/Nonprofit Manager

Je-Show is a program manager at Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement and also serves on the Alhambra Environmental Sustainability Commission and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Key Issues: create safe streets, promote green spaces, support small businesses.

Learn more about Je-Show at yangforalhambra.com

These summaries are based on information from the official filings of the candidates with the city. Visit AroundAlhambra.org in October to read full profiles of each candidate.

The Chamber View

By Maria Gao

As the brand new board chair of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, I now have been given the honor of taking up words in this publication and in turn, your precious time. I thank you for allowing me to use these lines to make an introduction.

The Chamber was essential in helping to relocate my work into the city in 2012. We were welcomed into the community and quickly felt right at home.

Over the years, our business

benefited from the many connections the Chamber helped us forge and I met people to whom I could look up and from whom I would learn. I learned from experts, professionals, public servants, and folks from various walks of life. As the company grew and I alongside it, I realized that at the end of the interactions we had with our Chamber and community was always someone who was being of service. As a result of their services, a bond that connected our community was built.

With the honor of serving as the president of the Chamber, I hope to continue building our community and the bond that connects us to each other and our communities. I hope to leave the organization and this community better than when I found it and I know I won't be alone. I will be supported by those that have come before and more that will arrive after. If you would like to be a part of a cause, I hope you will join our community. Hope to see you around Alhambra!



Maria Gao
President
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce

Alhambra Events Calendar

September - October 2024

MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL CRAFT WORKSHOP

Reese Hall, Alhambra Library, 101 S 1st St
Visit alhambralibrary.org for more information.

SEP 7

11 AM TO 1 PM

LEMONADE STAND

Silverado The Huntington, 1118 N. Stoneman Ave
Visit silverado.com for more information.

SEP 12

2 PM TO 4 PM

FIESTA ALHAMBRA!

Farmers Market, 100 S. 2nd Street
Visit cityofalhambra.org for more information.

SEP 15

10 AM TO 1 PM

ALHAMBRA RECYCLES EVENT

Granada Park, 2000 W Hellman Avenue
Visit cityofalhambra.org for more information.

SEP 28

8 AM TO 12 PM

ALHAMBRA DAY OF SERVICE

Various Locations
Visit bit.ly/adosep24 for more information.

SEP 28

8 AM TO 11 AM

NOTEWORTHY PUPPETS HOLIDAY HIJINKS

Reese Hall, Alhambra Library, 101 S 1st St
Visit alhambralibrary.org for more information.

OCT 26

2:30 PM TO 3:30 PM

ALHAMBRA PUMPKIN RUN AND HALLOWSCREAM FESTIVAL

Downtown Alhambra, 132 West Main Street
Visit alhambrapumpkinrun.com for more information.

OCT 27

7:45 AM TO 1:00 PM

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Boost Water Efficiency and Save with Free Smart Irrigation Retrofits This Fall

By Mark Paulson, President, Board of Directors and Steve Placido, Vice President, Board of Directors; San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

As the hot weather sticks around this summer, water conservation becomes more critical than ever. With rising temperatures and extended daylight hours, water usage in households and commercial properties tends to increase significantly, particularly for outdoor irrigation. However, there are effective strategies to manage water consumption while maintaining lush, healthy landscapes. One such solution is the use of irrigation smart controllers.

Smart irrigation controllers are designed to optimize the watering schedule of your landscaping. Unlike traditional timers that run on a fixed schedule, smart controllers adjust watering based on real-time weather data, soil moisture levels, plant types, and landscape conditions. This means your garden receives the right amount of water it needs precisely when it needs it, reducing water waste and promoting healthier plants. By tailoring the irrigation schedule to the actual needs of your plants and the local weather conditions, these devices can reduce water usage by up to 30%.

Reducing water consumption not only benefits the environment but also lowers your water bills. Over time, the investment in a smart controller can pay for itself through the savings achieved on your utility bills.

The San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District is excited to reveal an updated initiative aimed at enhancing water efficiency and conservation in the community. The updated Smart Irrigation Retrofit Program builds upon the District's commitment to sustainable water management by offering residents a comprehensive upgrade for their irrigation system, completely free of charge.

Managed in partnership with WaterWise Consulting, Inc., the program begins with a thorough irrigation inspection conducted by a certified professional. This inspection includes identifying and repairing leaks, replacing inefficient spray nozzles, and optimizing the system layout for improved water distribution. Qualified participants of the program will also receive a state-of-the-art weather-based smart irrigation controller at no cost.



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The District encourages residents to take advantage of this opportunity to upgrade their irrigation systems. The Smart Irrigation Retrofit Program not only helps conserve water but also promotes healthier landscapes and reduces water bills for residents. Funding is limited. For more information on eligibility and how to participate, go to www.sgvmwd.com or contact WaterWise Consulting, Inc., directly at 1 (888) 987-9473.



Alhambra Farmers Market Celebrates 40 Years

By Nancy Liu, Editor

Watermelons, bok choy, orchids, honey. These are just a few of the fresh farm goods you can find at the Alhambra Farmers Market on 2nd St between Main and Commonwealth every Sunday. The Alhambra Farmers Market celebrated its 40th anniversary on August 18 in style, with live bands, food stalls serving everything from fresh fruit juices to wontons, and the produce booths that have stocked fridges in Alhambra for the past four decades.

The Farmers Market started in 1984 as a traditional style of market that connected small farms directly with the people making the food, starting out with just 15 vendors and growing to 45-55 vendors each week now. While most other farmers markets today have expanded to become bigger productions, with other non-produce booths like handmade goods, the Alhambra Farmers Market maintains the spirit of a traditional market serving both farmers and the community.

It's one of the things both vendors and residents love about the Alhambra Farmers Market. Eileen Wang, a longtime resident, says, "I just love the vibe of the farmers market - you know why? Because it's community-oriented. You've got people who are growing food, they're down-to-earth. People talk, people converse, people connect. It feels really like the old human way, before social media."

Wang visits the market often with her partner, John Kwong. The two are eager to support local farmers and small businesses, especially as Kwong has personal ties to the market — he used to perform here with his band, and has a fondness for the food stalls in particular. While he eats, Wang shops for Asian vegetables.

Cary Harris of Harris Family Apiaries is one of two farmers that has been at the Farmers Market since it opened. His dad, he says, started their beekeeping business decades ago in a natural progression from a side job removing bees from people's properties. He's spent his whole life at farmers markets, but the Alhambra market is his favorite and he comes every week to sell honey.



Cary Harris at the Harris Family Apiaries booth, where he sells honey jars, bee pollen, honey sticks, and beeswax.

"In the 80's, there weren't a lot of people doing markets. When the City was putting this market together they sent a letter to my dad inviting us to come out. He said yes, we came, and we've been doing this ever since," Harris sums up.

The Alhambra Farmers Market isn't like any other market that's still around. Harry Wong, the Farmers Market Manager, is proud to maintain the focus on only offering fresh produce and farm goods at the market. That doesn't mean the farmers market is small or limited by any means, it actually has more variety than other markets around Los Angeles. Wong says that it is rated third among farmers markets in Southern California.

"It's not like other markets because oth-

er markets have arts & crafts, this one has more greens. If you take a walk like twenty feet that way, you can see some nice stuff, like Asian produce," said Edgar Ornelas, who's been selling his vegetables from Ornelas Produce at the Alhambra Farmers Market for five years. "For me it's a good thing, because there's variety."



Customers browsing the greens at Ornelas Produce

"There's fresh seafood usually, there's beef and lamb and chicken that they cut up and bring here. There's more here than at most markets because people demand that they can do most of their grocery shopping here. The diversity of this market is drastically different, the choices in vegetables — there's sugarcane here, and bitter melon," Harris explains, gesturing to each booth as he points it out.

He shares Wong's vision for the ideal farmers market and believes it's better for both the farmers, who can sell their goods at reasonable prices, and the community who can access fresh greens and meet the growers themselves, a connection that's not possible at a grocery store. "The reason this exists is because the small family farmers were being driven out of business so farmers had no places to sell their stuff, and then the community wasn't able to buy with their hard-earned money what they deserved. The solution was to create farmers markets so the public would have a way to have accessibility to whoever was growing it, you could ask questions 'was this sprayed, how was it grown?' You can find out about the food you're eating."

Wang agrees that this is a huge draw for her. "It's also important to support local growers," she says. "Isn't it amazing, you get food in season, you know where it's coming from. It's so beautiful. Sometimes we take it for granted, you know, but it's way better than the quality you get at the supermarkets."

While the 40th anniversary celebration made the market feel a little more festive than usual, with the live music and more non-produce stalls, the weekly market is a steadfast, positive community space. It accepts food assistance programs like EBT to uphold the concept of making produce more accessible.

Josephine Zazueta, who was at the celebration with her son, moved to Alhambra eight years ago for precisely that reason. "I really liked that it was a small community. We like this market since we're used to everything, we like the special shops we go to. Chavez Farm has the best strawberries. We're just so used to the community here, every time we come we run into people and we know our neighbors."

The Alhambra Farmers Market is on every Sunday, rain or shine, except on Easter and on the occasion that Christmas or New Years Day falls on a Sunday. Ornelas recommends stopping by, "It's a good time, just come out and walk and you'll always find something new here."

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World of Music Invites Students to Enjoy Learning and Performing

By Nancy Liu, Editor

Opening its doors in August, World of Music pays homage to Pedrini Music, a beloved music school in Alhambra that founder Ernesto Molina frequented in his youth. Today, the new retail and learning space on Main Street offers a variety of lessons, including one-on-one instruction in piano, keyboard, guitar, electric bass, drums, voice, congas, and DJing. The store also features a curated selection of instruments and accessories from renowned brands, catering to musicians of all levels.

Born and raised in Ramona Gardens, Molina has been immersed in music since he was born because his older brother already played piano and began teaching him early on. Throughout his school years, he would go on to pick up every musical instrument he could. “I was in orchestra, I was in mariachi, I was in jazz band, I was in marching band, I was in every concert, everything you could imagine,” he said. “Just playing a lot every day in junior high and high school.” By junior high, he picked up bass with the dream that one day he would play in a band with his brother. Around the same time, he also started playing the guitar in mariachi, attributed his love of that iconic cultural music to his father and uncles.

From his mastery of salsa to Afro-Peruvian music to Carlos Santana, Molina says that World of Music is named after his studies of world music from his experience traveling and touring in various bands,

including his own band, East L.A. Sabor Factory. “I really got to learn cultures from their own neighborhoods,” he said. “L.A. is lucky that we have the whole world here.”

Before opening World of Music, Molina was playing shows seven nights a week and offering music lessons on the side. After the pandemic shut down his gigs, he decided to focus more on his teaching work. “I always loved to teach,” Molina explained. However, because he didn’t have a college degree, it was difficult to get a job. One of his first paying educational jobs was teaching short term music programs at LAUSD schools. He would lug around 20 keyboards and teach a group of students for three weeks at a time, culminating in a final recital.

“Music has always been there for me throughout my life, in a positive way emotionally and mentally. I see how it helps my students come out of their shells, from hiding behind the curtains to playing recitals.”

When word of mouth of his private music lessons began to spread among his kids’ classmates, he began looking into starting his own business. Eventually, he brought World of Music to Alhambra in honor of Pedrini, the original music school in Alhambra he used to visit often when he was younger.

Keep an eye out for more information on its student recitals, which are held twice a year.



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them start this small business while he was recovering.

Cricket Party Services started in 2020, in the midst of the pandemic. Julio, the younger brother who was let go from his job at Planet Fitness when the pandemic shut it down, saw a new opportunity in renting out waterslides.

“He noticed everything was closed for kids, there was no playgrounds in McDonalds, there was no Disneyland,” Juan explained. In this vacuum of children’s activities, with everyone cooped up together indoors, there was a new demand for engaging, quarantine-friendly entertainment. As everyone else was baking sourdough or watching “Tiger King,” Julio got to work.

“We bought the water slide, one turned into two, turned into three,” Julio said. Then, they brought in other rentals. Chairs, tents, decor. It got to the point where they could do this full-time.

Juan left his job as a general manager for McDonalds after two decades with the corporation, having worked his way up since he was 16 years old, when Cricket Party Services started picking up. His operations experience was the perfect combination with Julio’s marketing experience at Planet Fitness, and the two were a great team.

“When we started, I told him, ‘You do what you do good, let me do what I do good, and the company will work perfectly fine.’ That’s how we work really well,” Juan said.

The brothers grew up in Alhambra and decided to buy a warehouse for Cricket Party Services in the area half from practicality and half from sentimentality.

Juan, who manages the operations, said, “In Alhambra, we’re in the middle of a really good area. Alhambra, we don’t have a lot of events, but we’re in the middle of the San Gabriel Valley, close to Downtown LA, we can go anywhere. Wherever the customers are.”

For Julio, it’s more about the community here. “I was born and raised in Alhambra, so it’s always been sentimental to us. We like doing the big parties, but we also love giving back to the community. We do events, like the other day we were at the Ronald McDonald House of Charity and we’re doing the National Night Out for Alhambra. It’s a give and take, both sides of the coin.”

Recently, Cricket Party Services has been gaining traction on social media, which has made people view the company as a bigger corporation. It’s still the same small, family-owned business, but Juan and Julio are always looking ahead to the future.

“Our goals are bigger than just rentals,” Juan shared. “We’re a family-owned business. Since Instagram took off, people are looking at Cricket as a bigger company, and think you’re a corporation, but we would not treat our customers like we’re a corporation. I don’t want to move into the corporate world.”

Still, they’ve got big ideas they’re already getting started on. First up is to open a venue that can hold at least 150 people for bigger events like weddings. Whether you’re planning a party or want to splash around on some waterslides in the Southern California heat, visit cricketpartyservices.com for more information.



Julio's favorite restaurants: Raising Cane's, Baja Cali Fish & Tacos, and In-N-Out
Juan's favorite restaurant: Gen Korean BBQ

Cricket Party Services Brings the Party to You

By Nancy Liu, Editor

When Juan and Julio Colis were young, their father had a stroke. His left side was paralyzed and he would get tremors that would only calm down when

he heard the sound of a cricket chirping. The name “Cricket Party Services” is their way of paying homage to their dad, who still had the heart to get up and help

Reach Media Says: Go Big on Social Media

By Nancy Liu, Editor

Move over, Yelp. Instagram is where younger generations are finding new businesses and deciding where to eat, shop, and hang out today. Vertical video has taken over the screens of young adults. From TikTok to Instagram Reels to Youtube Shorts, the short-form videos — which usually start with a panned shot of the business interior, followed by close ups of the products and a voice-over saying, “This is the best dim sum in Southern California” — are the best way to reach new customers and their friends.

It’s not just for sit-down restaurants, stylish coffee shops, or special pop-ups either. Social media is where people get most of their information these days. According to Pew Research Center, 85% of adults say they often or sometimes get news digitally. As younger generations get older, it’s up to businesses to meet them where they are in order to attract new customers and stay in business.

Older members of Gen Z are now reaching their mid-20s. They’re entering the workforce and have more money to spend than they did a few years ago, when social media was just emerging. While Gen Z has grown up on social media, it’s not as easy for older business owners who aren’t as used to all the new technologies and apps that have come out in the past few years.

That’s a problem, according to Alex Lin, Founder of Reach Media. “A lot of businesses don’t realize, especially if you have a younger demographic you’re trying to serve, if we look up your business and see no social media, we’re not gonna come.”

Lin was born and raised in Alhambra and loves the city. He left to attend college at UCLA, but now that he’s back, he wants to help the businesses here get on the map, especially for the youths.

“That was one of the biggest things I noticed when I came back here,” Lin said. “Some of the businesses don’t have the social media presence needed to attract young people and bring in more attention.”

“We have a lot of amazing food and awesome businesses,” he added. The roadblock is making sure people know about those businesses, which means that for



Alex's favorite restaurants: Aloha Food Factory & Banh Mi My Tho

most businesses, social media isn’t optional anymore.

“Now, the way that social media is, it’s very saturated and there’s a ton of people on it, there’s a ton of content being posted every day. You have to be very intentional about what you’re posting and you have to be intentional about who you’re trying to reach.” It’s precisely that expertise and attention to detail that Reach Media offers to businesses who are trying to build a presence on social media.

Reach Media started as a one-person side project in college, but over time, more people reached out to Lin for help getting started on social media. Lin now works with a small team of videographers and video editors that were all raised in Alhambra, too. He wanted to make Reach Media a platform and outlet for local creatives to build a career. The fact that his team are all Alhambra natives is purposeful, and a boon.

“Since we’re young and born and raised here, we have a good idea of what people are interested in, what they like, the kind of demographics that are here. We’re part of the youth so we have a good idea of the content that would make it around here,” he said. “We’re really focused on taking our insights about the community and transferring it onto a social media platform and helping businesses build and grow.”

Lin is planning for the long term. He’s invested in the neighborhood and in staying here. “There’s a disconnect in the community — everyone lives pretty private lives around here, there’s not a lot of places to socialize in the first place so getting some of these activities and events on the map for these businesses to bring a closer-knit community is very important to me. It helps me live in my city that I love, it helps businesses bring attention to their business, and it helps gather people, so it’s a win-win for everybody.”

Want help with your social media strategy? Connect with Reach Media on Instagram: @reachmedia626 or visit their website reachmedia.com.

All Around the Town

Alhambra High School Alum Keeps on Making Good

By Glenn Barnett



Glenn Barnett

Glenn's favorite local restaurant: Sage Bistro



Ke Huy Quan at the White House

In the May issue of *Around Alhambra*, mention was made of actor Ke Huy Quan as a ‘Distinguished Alumnae’ of Alhambra High School for winning an Academy Award. Even before his family moved to Alhambra, Quan was a child actor and at 12 years old he landed the part of Short Round co-starring with Harrison Ford in the Steven Spielberg movie, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* (1984). Soon after that he would also star in another Spielberg movie, *The Goonies* (1985).

Quan began life in 1971 in Saigon, Vietnam. His family is ethnic Chinese, who were an unloved minority in Vietnam. In 1978, his family joined the ‘boat people’ fleeing the restrictive new government in the country. He, his father, and five brothers spent a year at a refugee camp in Hong Kong with hundreds of others fleeing Vietnam. The family remained there until receiving visas to the United States where they were reunited with Quan’s mother and three other siblings.

After graduation from Alhambra High School, Quan went to USC and studied in the school of Cinematic Arts. Unfortunately, after his promising start in acting he found that the parts available to Asian actors dried up for almost 20

years. He spent his time behind the camera, choreographing martial arts fight scenes in the U.S. and Hong Kong and serving as an assistant director. When he watched the success of the movie *Crazy Rich Asians*, he knew it was time to return to the big screen.

His agent gave him the script of *Everything, Everywhere, All at Once* and he loved it. He was cast to play the part of Waymond Wang opposite Michelle Yeoh, who he describes as, “The Queen of Martial Arts.” At the 2023 Academy Awards event, Yeoh took home the Oscar for Best Actress, while Quan accepted the Best Supporting Actor Award and a standing ovation that included his first mentor, Steven Spielberg. That year, he also won a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award. He had come a long way from that refugee camp in Hong Kong and he is not done yet.

Quan signed on to the Disney + project, *American Born Chinese*, which was screened at the White House for President Biden. At the event, Quan introduced the President himself. He was next cast in the second season of the Marvel Universe project *Loki* for Disney + in which he portrays a quirky character who can fix anything. His performance earned him a Critics Choice Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama Series. In June of 2023, Quan was invited to join The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as a voting member and in December of last year, signed on as a voice actor for the movie *Kung Fu Panda 4*.

To paraphrase an old Hollywood saying, “It has taken a long time for this Alhambra High School Alumnae to become an overnight success.”



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Local Sports News from AUSD High Schools

Submitted by Mike Koski, President
Alhambra High School Sports Hall of Fame Committee

2024 Varsity Football

If you don't have anything to do on a Friday evening, go out and support your favorite local high school football team. Games began on August 23 for the three AUSD high schools. Of the three, San Gabriel has been the most successful in the last few years having made it all the way to the State Championship Game in 2022.

San Gabriel could be a contender in the Almont League while Alhambra and Keppel will look for marked improvement over last year. The Matadors will return four of five starters on the offensive line and will have two solid running backs in Louie Navarro and Adam Mascorro who both made All League First Team last year. The Moors have a new Head Coach

in Mike Mackintosh while Quarterback Bryan Leonard returns as a third year starter. Halen Tsang and Devin Martinez will lead the running game while Nero Navarro, Marco Vasquez and Christian Mina lead the receivers group. The Aztecs have two All League players returning on offense with Jasper Wong and Hunter To but will look to improve on the defensive side of the ball.

You can find game schedules and scores for your favorite teams at MaxPreps.com. Regular season games continue through November 1.

2024 AHS Sports Hall of Fame Luncheon

Former Moor and MLB Pitcher Noe Ramirez will be the Keynote Speaker at the Moors Hall of Fame Luncheon to be

held on October 20, at Almansor Court. Ramirez excelled for the Moors from 2004 through 2008 before playing at Cal State Fullerton. After his junior year, Ramirez was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the fourth round of the 2011 MLB draft. He made his major league debut for the Red Sox in 2015. He played for the Los Angeles Angels from 2017 through 2021 and last pitched in the major leagues for the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2022.

The 2024 Luncheon will induct the following into the AHS Hall of Fame: Collette Seguire (Basketball & Softball), Scott Mena (Basketball), Arath De La Torre (Football, Basketball & Track), Mike Macias (Baseball & Football), Zion Babb (Football & Track), Anthony Brown (Football), Lou Torres Jr. (Football), Erik

Daniels (Baseball & Football), Louis Gomez (Baseball), Gary Ottoson (Football & Track), Lou Torres Sr. (Coach), and Jack Gardiner (Coach). In addition, Actor Ke Huy Quan, Sports Writer Steve Bisheff, and Author Gerald Petievich will be inducted as Distinguished Alumni.

The luncheon is \$70 per person. This year we will offer two plated entrée options: Grilled Carne Asada or Chicken Chardonnay. A vegetarian option is also available. Entrees include salad, seasonal vegetables, rolls & butter, desert, and coffee or tea. A social hour will begin at 11 am followed by the luncheon and Induction Ceremony beginning at 12 pm. For more information and a registration form, please email us at ahssportshalloffame@gmail.com.

Michelin Guide 2024 Drives Locals to Enjoy World-Class Alhambra Eateries

By Nancy Liu, Editor

Restaurants help put Alhambra on the map for tourists and locals alike. Using eateries to encourage travel started in the 1900s with the Michelin Guide, a prestigious and influential series of guidebooks published by the French tire company Michelin, to encourage more road travel (and consequently tire purchases). Today, even without stars, being included in the Michelin Guide is a sign of quality and excellence, as only the best restaurants make it into the guide. In our community, you don't have to travel far to enjoy some of Michelin's celebrated dining spots.

Alhambra has six restaurants currently in the Michelin Guide, ranging from a dim sum parlor to a Malaysian cafe, and many more that were recognized in previous years. Five of the six are Michelin rated "Bib Gourmands," which the guide cites for "good quality and good value cooking." That means Michelin-quality, but not fine-dining-prices.



Only a short drive, or walk, from anywhere in Alhambra is Sichuan Impression. A downtown staple, Sichuan Impression brings Chengdu's iconic numbing spice to Alhambra. It's recognized as a Bib Gourmand and has maintained its place on the Michelin Guide since 2019.

The restaurant industry is notoriously difficult to survive in, as it's subject to the volatile economy with rising food costs, rents, wages, credit card processing fees,

and ever-changing consumer trends. Virality only lasts so long and even small restaurants that are beloved by the community struggle to stay open. Sichuan Impression celebrating its tenth year in Alhambra is no easy feat.



Kelly Xiao, co-owner, attributes Sichuan Impression's success and Michelin-level quality entirely to her team and their persistence in serving great food that represents their hometown.

Xiao's family ran a restaurant when they first came to the United States, while her co-founder Yang Liu comes from a traditional culinary family, a match made in heaven. They started Sichuan Impression together in Alhambra in 2014. According to Xiao, the timing was good for opening a Sichuan restaurant in the San Gabriel Valley. While the competition has only gotten tougher with time, Sichuan Impression stood out when they opened and has focused on keeping that passion ever since.

Sichuan Impression's menu started out the way every chef learns how to cook: with their favorites. "In the beginning, we put our favorites in the menu, but through running the restaurant we figured that it's not that simple," Xiao explained. "We have to think about where to get the material, how to prepare it, how to stock it, and how the employees would cook it. So we have

to think about the whole line to design the menu, but the concept is to bring the authentic Sichuan flavor to the area. The food taste is the soul of the restaurant."

For the test of Sichuan Impression to be appreciated by Michelin was just more motivation for Xiao to do better.

"Receiving awards is always exciting, but the more honors we receive the more motivation we have to do better," Xiao said. She also credits the supportive community for giving her and Yang more inspiration and motivation through the ups and downs over the years. "It's not easy. During Covid, I received a lot of inspiration from our customers. The people told me, 'we need you, we want your food.' That really inspired me to keep doing it."

Sichuan Impression is far from the only Sichuan restaurant in San Gabriel Valley today; it's not even the only Sichuan restaurant in Alhambra on the Michelin Guide (Chengdu Taste is also recognized as a Bib Gourmand.) Rather than focus on standing out from the competition, Xiao is more focused on preserving Sichuan Impression's original spirit and drive.

"Every restaurant has their characteristics. For ourselves, I really focus on our restaurant. I don't do comparisons with other restaurants, so I'm really dedicated and I want to put my soul into this business. We just keep doing the same thing, keep our quality. I just focus on ourselves. For the past ten years, we're really dedicated to this business. Even now, in this moment, we're still part of the daily management. During Covid, I came to Alhambra [from Irvine] every day. I think the core management remained the same, I have to say that persistence is our key."

It hasn't been an easy journey — far from it — but the appreciation for Sichuan Impression's dishes, including from Michelin, helped Xiao and Liu open one location and then another in Tustin and West Los

Angeles, bringing the same Sichuan taste to new mouths across Los Angeles.

Her advice to aspiring restaurateurs? "Don't do it," she said with a laugh. "It's like a jealous lover. It'll steal all of your time from your family."

For those eyeing a nod from Michelin, in more serious advice, Xiao added, "For myself, I always learn from others. Now, if someone asks me 'am I capable to do the restaurant business,' I'll ask her a question, 'when you're at home, do you like cleaning all the time?' I think if you like it, then you can try."



Running a restaurant isn't just about being good at cooking, as Xiao pointed out, but about serving a community. In starting Sichuan Impression, Xiao and Liu were not only thinking of bringing Sichuan cuisine to Alhambra but also of introducing their hometown to more people around the world. This is still their goal, and hopefully the Michelin Guide recognition will convince more people to make the trip.

If you're new to Sichuan cuisine or are looking for a recommendation, Xiao said the most popular dish at Sichuan Impression is the tea-smoked ribs, but her personal favorite is the big mouth ginger frog.

Your Insurance

Life Insurance at Every Age

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If you're wondering when to get life insurance, there's no better time than today. Let's take a look at how your life insurance needs may differ by age.

Life insurance is a key component of your personal financial plan, which means it should grow with you. You may start off with a small policy in your 20s, but you'll want to expand your coverage throughout your life. Here are a few ideas to consider.

Life insurance in your 20s

When you're a young adult, life insurance probably isn't top of mind, but it's the best time to get coverage. Since you're young and likely healthy, you'll typically qualify for more affordable premiums.

Life insurance in your 30s

By the time you're 30, you may have children and a mortgage, which makes the financial protection offered by life insurance more important than ever. Remember to account for your children's education costs in your life insurance coverage in case you pass away. If you find yourself underinsured, don't wait until you get older to bolster your coverage — rates typically rise with age.

Life insurance in your 40s and 50s

When you reach your 40s and 50s, your career is likely more stable than in previous

stages of life, and your children may be nearing college age.

Life insurance in your 60s and beyond

As you approach retirement, life insurance can help you leave a legacy for your beneficiaries, and it can be a useful tool in estate planning.

Learn more

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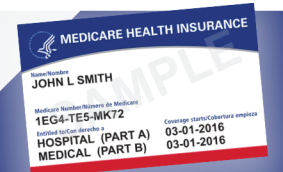
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Tax Tips



Energy Credits

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Homeowners who make improvements like replacing old doors and windows, installing solar panels, or upgrading a hot water heater may qualify for home energy tax credits.

Who can claim the credits?

Taxpayers making improvements to their primary, and in some cases secondary, residence may be eligible for these credits. In some cases, renters may also be able to claim specific costs. Landlords can't use these credits for improvements made to any homes they rent out.

There are two tax credits to help offset costs of making energy efficient improvements.

Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit

Taxpayers can claim the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit only for improvements, additions or renovations to an existing home. It doesn't apply to newly constructed homes. Qualifying costs may include exterior doors, windows, skylights, and insulation materials; central air conditioners, water heaters, furnaces, boilers, and heat pumps; biomass stoves and boilers; and home energy audits.

The amount of the credit taxpayers can take is a percentage of the total improvement expenses in the year of installation. From 2023 through 2032, the percentage is 30% up to a maximum of \$1,200 annually.

Biomass stoves and boilers have a separate annual credit limit of \$2,000 annually with no lifetime limit.

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To claim these credits, taxpayers should file Form 5695, Residential Energy Credits, with their tax return.

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Soroptimsts Install 2024-2025 Board Of Officers

On June 19, 2024, Soroptimists of Alhambra, San Gabriel, San Marino conducted their 2024-2025 Board of Officers Installation and Retirement of the 2023-2024 Board under the leadership of President Barbara Messina.

The new President is Julie Carlson, pictured here with 30+ year Soroptimist member, U. S. Congresswoman Judy Chu. The installation ceremony and luncheon took place at The Derby Restaurant in Arcadia.

The new board consists of: VP Fundraising: Jacqueline Coulette; VP Programs: Jessica Lupian & Alma Urbin; Recording Secretary: Jane Carlson; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Messina; Treasurer, Sophia Tsoi; Assistant Treasurer, Dr. Karen Chao; Two Year Director, Barbara Messina; and One Year Director, Jane Carlson. The new board was installed by Camino Real Governor and 25 year member, Cynthia Jarvis.



11th Annual Alhambra Pumpkin Run & Halloween Festival is Coming to Downtown Alhambra

Get ready, Alhambra! The Downtown Alhambra Business Association and the City of Alhambra are excited to present the 11th Annual Alhambra Pumpkin Run & Halloween Festival on Sunday, October 27, 2024, in the heart of Downtown Alhambra.

This beloved community event features a 10K, 5K, and 1K run, all benefiting the Alhambra Educational Foundation. Proceeds from the run will be donated to support our local schools, making a positive impact on students right here in Alhambra. The day kicks off at 7:45 am with the first run, followed by a Halloween-themed festival immediately after. Be sure to stick around for the trick-or-treating on Main Street at local participating businesses from 1 pm to 3 pm—perfect for the kids!

The starting line for all races will be at the corner of 2nd Street and Main Street,

right in front of Rick's Burgers. The festival, which promises fun for the entire family, will be held on 2nd Street between Main Street and Commonwealth, alongside our weekly Farmers Market.

Highlights of the festival include the 10K and 5K runs that wind through Downtown Alhambra, a 1K & Kiddie Fun Run, live music, and a vibrant Farmers Market. Adults can enjoy the Beer Garden sponsored by Ohana Brewery, while kids can participate in a costume contest and play in the Kids Zone powered by Sky Zone. Don't forget to register by September 30th to take advantage of regular pricing!

For more details, visit alhamrapumpkinrun.com and follow us on Instagram @alhamrapumpkinrun for the latest updates.



Ralph Kiner, Alhambra's Baseball Hall of Famer is memorialized with a statue at Almansor Park just west of the baseball fields.

Alhambra Historical Society to Present "Swinging for the Fences — Alhambra's Baseball Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner" on Sept 26

by Joyce Amaro, Alhambra Historical Society

Join Alhambra Historical Society at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, as they present their fall program "Swinging for the Fences — Alhambra's Baseball Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner." The program will take place at the Alhambra Masonic Center, 9 West Woodward Avenue, Alhambra, CA. The event is free to the general public and all are invited to attend.

Alhambra has had more than its share of great athletes but none have been greater than Ralph McPherran Kiner. Known as the "Maulin' Moor," Kiner played at Alhambra High School (1938-1940) as an All-Southern California baseball star and went on to play professional baseball (1946-1955) before being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1975. His career took him into the broadcast booth where he announced major league baseball games for another 52 years (1961-2013).

The evening's presenter will be Joe

Castillo, Alhambra Historical Society Board Trustee and Treasurer. Mr. Castillo is also the author of five historical books and a historical column for the San Gabriel Valley Examiner.

Light refreshments will be served and parking will be available at the Alhambra Masonic Center and on surrounding city streets.

The Alhambra Historical Society is a 501c3 non-profit organization working towards preserving Alhambra's robust history and educating residents about the historically significant people and places that are unique to Alhambra and surrounding San Gabriel Valley. The Alhambra Historical Society museum is located at 1550 West Alhambra Road, Alhambra and is open from 1 - 4 pm on the first and third Saturday of every month. For more information, visit alhambrahistoricalsociety.org.

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What You're Missing About Their Kitchens and Careers: Five Restaurant Owners Share Their Passion

ALOHA FOOD FACTORY



Cassandra and Aaron Liu

Q: What's the story behind your restaurant opening?

We got into the restaurant business because my fiancé, Aaron, has a passion for home cooking and expresses his love for people with his culinary adventures. I (Cassandra) have a history of working in both fine dining and live entertainment (Chinese lion dance, Polynesian dance, and fire performance). I fell in love with Aloha Food Factory when I discovered it to be the perfect place for me to express my love for people and Polynesian culture by sharing food and dance.

Q: How did food become the focus of your working life?

The original owner, Auntie Betty, spent some time living on the Hawaiian islands where her husband, Uncle Ernie, was stationed. There, she learned to perfect some of the local dishes and even traveled back and forth between the continent and the islands for some time to achieve the best recipe she could for the macadamia nut pancakes and more!

Q: What dish deserves the spotlight but is often overlooked?

We simply cannot settle on one dish. Our wontons are made in-house from scratch by our own Auntie Beck who uses an old family recipe. They are a must-add to any of our soup and noodle dishes.

Aloha Food Factory was originally supposed to be named "Aloha Burgers" by Auntie Betty, so the burgers are sure to never disappoint! The patties are thick and grilled to your liking with many customization options available.

Our current lead cook, Chris, has fashioned his own dish, the katsu chicken sandwich served with zucchini fries. It serves as a "secret item" on our menu and is half off at \$7.00 for a limited time!

FREE SPIRITED



Amber Pennington and
Arleo De Guzman

Q: What's the story behind your restaurant opening?

Amber started in restaurants like most

teens: in a fast food chain. Her school had scheduled a trip to France and while her mom paid the upfront cost, she wanted to make sure Amber understood the value of money. It worked out incredibly well and now Amber has experience all the way from fast food to Michelin level. Arleo's restaurant journey began after college when he was unsure if he wanted to pursue higher education after getting his biochemistry degree. A karaoke bar in West LA took him on staff even though he had no experience and he slowly worked his way all over LA County.

Q: How did food become the focus of your working life?

Our food is a mix of many cultures; Filipino, French, Italian, Mexican and seasonal items of different origin. As one of the few dedicated gluten free restaurants in LA and a vegan friendly spot, we wanted to create food for those with dietary restrictions that may miss certain types of foods. Our primary focus is gluten free: Amber developed a gluten intolerance after being hit by a drunk driver and trying to navigate a lot of restaurant menus with her one intolerance is more difficult than some may expect. We took out most major allergens from our menu (nuts and shellfish, most dairy) to make at least one place that people with those restrictions could peruse a menu with no worry.

Q: What dish deserves the spotlight but is often overlooked?

We feel blessed that nearly every dish and drink has been a guest's new favorite item they've ever tried. For those who have visited us before and had our Hapa popcorn, you can understand why it's a crowd favorite. So much so that it slightly overshadows another delicious seasoning we have, our BBQ popcorn!

In terms of our sober cocktails, all of the drinks in our "Caffeinated" section are a bit overlooked, though that may be from people trying to avoid caffeine during our late hours. If the flavors of those drinks sound interesting but you don't want to stay up too late, they're all available decaffeinated!

AWSOM WINGS PIZZA & BURGERS



Danny, Harout,
and Garo Kazarian

Q: What's the story behind your restaurant opening?

The reason we got into the restaurant business was because we wanted to help out our parents. We saw them struggling when we were kids and me and my brothers always talked about owning a restaurant and creating a menu. My mom was a great home cook and my dad's a

baker, so it was natural for us to go into the restaurant field. After graduating college, we weren't satisfied. We still wanted to do what was in our heart and that was to open up a restaurant. In 2001, we were blessed with an opportunity to do just that. Throughout the whole process of opening the restaurant, our purpose was to help my dad retire and buy a house for my parents. And we were able to do that in the first two years of our operation. It felt great. Our journey was not easy, but together as a family, we overcame a lot of obstacles and were able to grow our company to six locations.

Q: How did food become the focus of your working life?

Since my dad's a baker, it was natural for us to choose pizza. He helped us with our recipe for our signature dough and sauces, while my mom helped us create dishes that we still serve today. We love comfort food and eating things like pizza, burgers, and pasta reminded us of our childhood. Wings were a new thing coming around the West Coast at the time and we love fried chicken so that's how we added the wings to our menu.

Q: What dish deserves the spotlight but is often overlooked?

I think the dishes that are overlooked in our menu are our grilled items. We do a fantastic job making sandwiches but people know us more as a pizza and wing place. We offer great grilled items such as our Philly cheesesteak and grilled pastrami sandwich.

DELHI BELLY



Sagar Ghosh

Q: What's the story behind your restaurant opening?

I got into the restaurant business because I've always been passionate about food and wanted to share that love through creating exceptional dining experiences. The restaurant industry allows me to unleash my creativity, from designing unique dishes to crafting an inviting atmosphere for guests. I was also drawn to the restaurant industry by the challenge and excitement of starting my own business and bringing my vision to life.

Q: How did food become the focus of your working life?

North Indian food is known for its rich flavors, diverse ingredients, and varied cooking techniques. Delhi Belly encompasses the culinary traditions of several states in Northern India, including Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Delhi.

Q: What dish deserves the spotlight but is often overlooked?

On our menu, I believe the saag buratta

is often overlooked. It's a unique offering that doesn't always get the attention it deserves. This dish, which features creamy spinach puree with Indian spices and a huge burrata cheese on top, has a rich, nuanced flavor profile that really represents the essence of North Indian cuisine. I encourage our guests to give it a try because it's not only delicious but also showcases the depth and diversity of our culinary offerings.

VITA CANE



Allison Mayrena

Q: What's the story behind your restaurant opening?

Vita Cane Alhambra was previously owned by the Vita Cane Corporate and operated by Kenny Voong and Vinny Diep. I was offered to purchase this branch through the encouragement and mentorship of Kenny Voong, whom I share family connections with. Prior to acquiring this business, I was actually an early childhood educator. My career and educational background involved teaching and managing preschool programs. Through the support of the Alhambra Downtown Association and the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce, I have built new connections with other businesses and have learned new skills to keep my business thriving. I look forward to contributing to Downtown Alhambra's success through the time and services that I can offer.

Q: How did food become the focus of your working life?

Vita Cane's organic sugarcane sources directly from Vietnam where this vegetation thrives at its best condition. We also offer sugarcane drinks that are blended with natural fruits to provide added flavor options and nutrients. Our newest menu addition this summer is our Vietnamese Coffee. Coffee is dripped to perfection, topped with the choice of Ube, Pandan or Egg foam.

Q: What dish deserves the spotlight but is often overlooked?

CocoJack is the latest sugarcane drink from our Mixology Drinks menu. I believe it gets overlooked because some people have gotten jackfruit confused with durian fruit. Although both fruits share slight similarities in color and appearance, they taste and smell very different. Our CocoJack drink is blended with natural jackfruit, coconut sorbet, and a bit of ice with our sugarcane. Those who have tried it are coming back for more! Our hope is for more people to give this refreshing drink a try for themselves.

Vita Cane was recently recognized by Republic Services for "An Outstanding Job with SB 1383 and Compost Sorting."

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Enjoy delicious, local cuisine!

The Alhambra Restaurant of the Week (ROTW) highlights the unique flavors of our community. Every week, we showcase a diverse culinary offering that represents the best of local dining in the City of Alhambra!

September 2 to September 8



38 Degrees Ale House & Grill is headed by James Boyle, Brian Sugita, and Mike Fata, 38 Degrees Ale House & Grill has proudly served the Los Angeles area with one of the most diverse selections of ales and lagers accompanied by some of the most creative and well-executed food menus of New American cuisine in the area.
Visit them at 100 W Main St, Alhambra



September 9 to September 15



Baccali Cafe & Restaurant is a locally owned and operated restaurant committed to serving delicious food at a reasonable price to the Alhambra community since 2002. The Hong Kong-style cafe features a diverse menu from rotisserie chicken to traditional Hong Kong style dishes to every day American favorites.
Visit them at 245 W Valley Blvd, Alhambra



September 16 to September 22



Thai Purple was founded by Khun Chatree, who comes from a long line of food lovers and great cooks, with over 20 years of experience serving authentic Thai vegetarian food in Bangkok, Thailand. He brought his cherished family recipes from his hometown to the Alhambra community and created Thai Purple in honor of his mother, named after her favorite color.
Visit them at 27 N Garfield Ave, Alhambra



September 23 to September 29



Ai Wei Ju is a family-owned restaurant specializing in jian bing, a Chinese crepe-like street food with various fillings, and a limited menu of other items including noodles and sides. Combine your jian bing with an order of youtiao (Chinese fried dough) and fresh soy milk to get a taste of the most popular Chinese street breakfasts.
Visit them at 31 E Valley Blvd, Alhambra



September 30 to October 6



Bobacraft Cafe serves food and bubble tea with authentic Taiwanese snacks. Bobacraft is especially known for its wheelcakes, a fluffy pancake with a variety of filling options. It's a great spot for a quick pick-me-up and sweet treat or to sit down and get some work done, with ample seating and fast wifi. Bobacraft won't disappoint among the numerous boba and cafe options in Alhambra.
Visit them at 410 W Main St, Alhambra



October 7 to October 13



For The Win was created during the onset of the Covid Lockdowns in March of 2020 at what once was Papilles Bistro, a Michelin Bib Gourmand French restaurant, and recently opened a location in Alhambra by Santos Wy, a self-proclaimed burger aficionado. For the Win is known for its extra-saucy, lacy-edged burgers.
Visit them at 19 E Main St, Alhambra



October 14 to October 20



Vita Cane Sugarcane Juicery & Acai Superfood is owned by Allison Mayrena, a former early childhood educator who was brought into the food service business by a family member. Vita Cane sources its sugarcane directly from Vietnam and offers sugarcane drinks, acai bowls, and Vietnamese coffee.
Visit them at 9 W Main St, Alhambra



October 21 to October 27



Auntie Qiu Kitchen opened its new location in Alhambra in August, bringing the same authentic Shanghai flavors from its Arcadia spot. Auntie Qiu's carefully handcrafted Shanghaiese menu specializes in dim sum and noodles, served in a cozy setting where you can watch the chefs behind the counter make soup dumplings.
Visit them at 16 W Main St Alhambra



October 28 to November 3



Taste of Chaoshan is another new addition to the Alhambra culinary scene, offering authentic Teochew cuisine from Chaoshan. Taste of Chaoshan has unique noodle dishes and some of the best beef balls in the San Gabriel Valley, which are made in-house from scratch. A definite must-try when you're next in the area.
Visit them at 501 W Valley Blvd, Alhambra

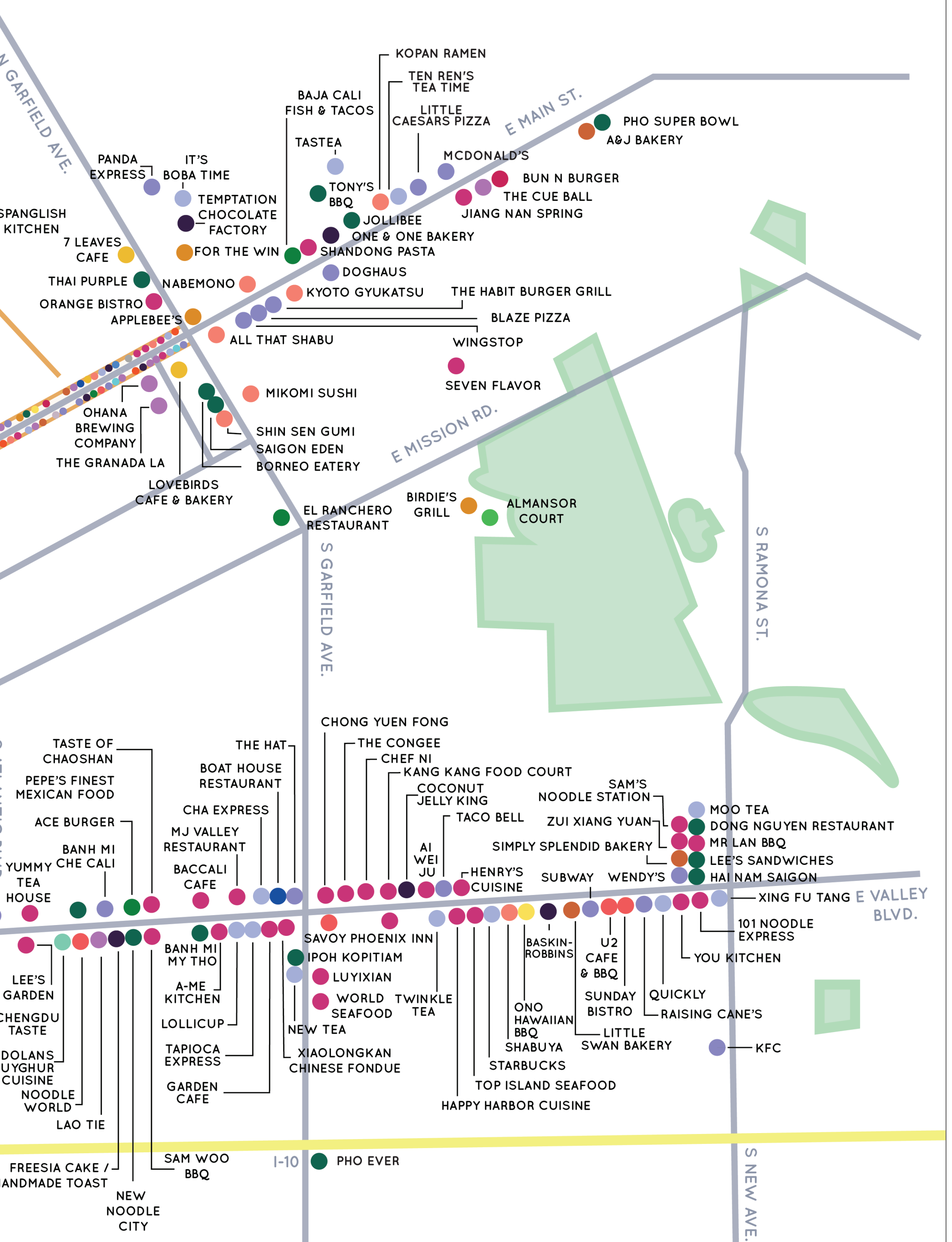


Follow the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce on Facebook and Instagram to learn more about these restaurants or visit alhambraeats.com.





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WA SUSHI & IZAKAYA



N GARFIELD AVE.

SPANGLISH KITCHEN

7 LEAVES CAFE

THAI PURPLE

ORANGE BISTRO

APPLEBEE'S

OHANA BREWING COMPANY

THE GRANADA LA

LOVEBIRDS CAFE & BAKERY

EL RANCHERO RESTAURANT

BIRDIE'S GRILL

ALMANSOR COURT

CHONG YUEN FONG

THE HAT

BOAT HOUSE RESTAURANT

CHA EXPRESS

MJ VALLEY RESTAURANT

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E MISSION RD.

E VALLEY BLVD.

S RAMONA ST.

S NEW AVE.

KOPAN RAMEN

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LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA

MCDONALD'S

BUN N BURGER

THE CUE BALL

JIANG NAN SPRING

THE HABIT BURGER GRILL

BLAZE PIZZA

WINGSTOP

SEVEN FLAVOR

MIKOMI SUSHI

SHIN SEN GUMI

SAIGON EDEN

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Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
 • 21 E Main St
 Birdie's Grill
 • 630 S Almansor St
 For the Win
 • 19 E Main St
 International House Of Pancakes
 • 701 S Fremont Ave
 Public Works Cafe
 • 900 S Fremont Ave
 Shakey's Pizza
 • 2234 W Valley Blvd
 Sidebar Grill
 • 433 W Main St

American-Mexican Fusion

Burgers And More
 • 2133 W Valley Blvd
 The Chicken Koop
 • 101 W Main St C

Asian Fusion

Noodle World
 • 700 Valley Blvd
 Savoy Kitchen
 • 138 E Valley Blvd
 Sunday Bistro
 • 1032 E Valley Blvd
 U2 Cafe & BBQ
 • 1200 E Valley Blvd
 Yang's Kitchen
 • 112 W Main St

Bakery

85 Degrees Bakery Cafe - Alhambra
 • 300 W Main St
 A&J Bakery
 • 1300 E Main St
 Bagel Exchange
 • 137 W Main St
 Little Swan Bakery
 • 1024 E Valley Blvd
 Shredded Carrot
 • 2428 W Valley Blvd
 Simply Splendid Bakery
 • 1273 E Valley Blvd

Bar / Lounge

28 West Sportsbar
 • 28 W Main St
 38 Degrees
 • 100 W Main St
 Free Spirited
 • 3020 W Main St
 Havana House Cigars & Lounge
 • 133 W Main St
 Jay Dee Cafe
 • 1843 W Main St
 Jianghu Bistro
 • 2000 W Main St
 Lao Tie
 • 640 W Valley Blvd
 Limericks Tavern
 • 300 W Main St #110
 Ohana Brewing Company
 • 7 S 1st St
 Rabbit Hole
 • 24 W Main St
 The Cue Ball
 • 934 E Main St
 The Granada L.A.
 • 17 S 1st St
 VINO's Back Alley
 • 10 N 1st St

Cafe

7 Leaves Cafe
 • 151 N Garfield Ave
 Bon Appetee Cafe
 • 7 S 2nd St
 Lovebirds Cafe & Bakery
 • 10 S 1st St
 Panera Bread
 • 2300 W Commonwealth
 Popping Yolk Cafe
 • 119 W Main St
 Sage Bistro
 • 521 W Main St

Cajun / Creole

Boat House Restaurant
 • 25 W Valley Blvd
 Boiling Crab
 • 129 W Main St
 Jumping Lobster*
 • 118 W Main St

Chinese

Min Min Pie House
 • 405 W Main St
 101 Noodle Express
Taiwanese
 • 1408 E Valley Blvd
 A-Me Kitchen
Cantonese
 • 288 Valley Blvd #110
 ACC Chinese Fast Food
 • 38 S Palm Ave
 Ai Wei Ju

• 31 E Valley Blvd
 Auntie Qiu Kitchen*
 • 16 W Main St
 Bacali Cafe
Hong Kong-Style
 • 245 W Valley Blvd
 Bamboo Garden
Szechuan
 • 2632 W Valley Blvd
 Chef Ni
 • 21 E Valley Blvd
 Chengdu Taste
Szechuan
 • 828 W Valley Blvd
 Chong Yuen Fong
 • 7 E Valley Blvd

Dim Sum Dumpling House
 417 W Main St, Alhambra
 Garden Cafe

Hong Kong-Style
 • 228 W Valley Blvd
 Happy Harbor Cuisine
 • 736 E Valley Blvd
 Henry's Cuisine
 • 301 E Valley Blvd

Jiang Nan Spring
Shanghainese
 • 910 E Main St
 Joy Noodle
 • 1900 W Valley Blvd
 Kang Kang Food Court
 • 27 E Valley Blvd
 Kue's Chinese Kitchen and Bar*
 • 201 W Main St
 Lee's Garden

Taiwanese
 • 1428 S Atlantic Blvd
 Lunasia Chinese Cuisine
 • 500 W Main St
 Luyixian

Shanghainese
 • 2 E Valley Blvd #1E
 Meow Rice Noodle
 • 555 W Main St A
 MJ Valley Restaurant
 • 203 W Valley Blvd
 Mr Lan BBQ
 • 1277 E Valley Blvd
 Orange Bistro

Taiwanese
 • 11 W Main St
 Phoenix Inn Chinese Cuisine
 • 208 E Valley Blvd
 Sam Woo BBQ
 • 514 Valley Blvd

Sam's Noodle Station
 • 1281 E Valley Blvd
 Seven Flavor
 • 421 E Bay State St
 Shandong Pasta
 • 345 E Main St
 Shanghai Yau Fat Restaurant

Shanghainese
 • 1721 W Valley Blvd
 Sichuan Impression
 • 235 W Main St Suite B
 Taste of Chaoshan
 • 501 West Valley Blvd
 Tasty Pot
 • 33 W Main St
 The Bay Cafe
 • 39 W Main St

The Congee
 • 19 Valley Blvd
 Top Island Seafood
 • 740 Valley Blvd
 World Seafood Restaurant
 • 1412 S Garfield Ave
 Xiang La Hui

Szechuan
 • 621 W Main St
 Xiao Long Kan Chinese Fondue
 • 46 W Valley Blvd
 You Kitchen
 • 1402 E Valley Blvd
 Yummy Tea House
 • 525 W Valley Blvd

Yung Ho Dou Jiang
Cantonese
 • 1124 W Valley Blvd
 Zhenwei Kitchen
 • 1227 W Valley Blvd
 Zui Xiang Yuan

Szechuan
 • 1269 E Valley Blvd

Coffee / Tea / Boba / Juice
 Boba Craft
 • 410 W Main St
 Cha Express
 • 35 W Valley Blvd
 Chicha San Chen
 • 30 W Main St
 Formosa Aroma
 • 560 W Main St B

Jamba Juice
 • 1131 S Fremont Ave B
 Lollicup Fresh
 • 228 W Valley Blvd
 Moo Tea
 • 1457 E Valley Blvd
 Nrgize Lifestyle Cafe
 • 920 S Fremont Ave

Quickly
 • 1328 E Valley Blvd
 Starbucks Coffee
 • 101 W Main St
 Starbucks Coffee
 • 2120 W Main St
 Starbucks Coffee
 • 1131 S Fremont Ave A

Starbucks Coffee
 • 2400 W Commonwealth Ave
 Sunright Tea Studio
 • 2320 W Commonwealth Ave
 SweetHoney Dessert
 • 410 W Main St
 Tapioca Express
 • 228 W Valley Blvd

Tastea
 • 349 E Main St #104
 Ten Ren's Tea Time
 • 707 E Main St
 Three Fields Coffee*
 • 12 W Main St
 Vita Cane Alhambra
 • 9 W Main St
 Xing Fu Tang
 • 1468 E Valley Blvd

Dessert
 Afters Ice Cream
 • 36 W Main St
 Alhambra Donuts
 • 701 S Atlantic Blvd
 Baskin-Robbins
 • 838 E Valley Blvd
 Coconut Jelly King
 • 29 E Valley Blvd
 Coldstone
 • 101 W Main St Ste B

Fosselman's
 • 1824 W Main St
 Freesia Cake
 • 640 W Valley Blvd Ste B
 Michoacanal/ Papas Tacos
 • 2130 S Fremont Ave
 One and One Bakery
 • 111 E Main St
 Perfectly Sweet
 • 126 W Main St
 Temptation Chocolate Factory
 • 15 E Main St
 Three Uncles Handmade Toast
 • 640 W Valley Blvd Ste B

Diner
 Bun N Burger
 • 1000 E Main St
 Denny's
 • 369 W Main St

Donuts
 King's Donuts Deli
 • 2140 S Fremont Ave
 Sun Donuts
 • 2644 Valley Blvd
 Yum Yum Donuts
 • 9 Fremont Ave

Event Space / Catering
 Almansor Court
 • 700 S Almansor St

Fast Food
 Ace Burger
 • 525 W Valley Blvd
 Awsom Wings Pizza & Burgers (former Alondras)
 • 515 W Main St
 Blaze Pizza
 • 100 E Main St
 Carl's Jr.
 • 2521 W Commonwealth Ave

Chicken Bun Bun
 • 222 W Main St
 Chipotle Mexican Grill
 • 2121 W Main St
 Doghaus
 • 410 E Main St
 Domino's Pizza
 • 703 S Atlantic Blvd
 El Pollo Loco
 • 2528 W Commonwealth Ave

Ernie's Burgers
 • 2970 W Valley Blvd
 In-N-Out Burger
 • 1210 N Atlantic Blvd
 Jack in the Box
 • 2531 W Valley Blvd
 Johnny Rockets
 • 1129 S Fremont Ave
 Jollibee
 • 347 E Main St

Kentucky Fried Chicken
 • 1425 S New Ave
 Little Caesars Pizza
 • 715 E Main St
 McDonald's
 • 909 E Main St
 McDonald's
 • 2310 W Commonwealth Ave
 McDonald's
 • 1520 W Valley Blvd
 Palace Burgers
 • 1703 W Main St
 Panda Express
 • 5 E Main St
 Pharos Burgers
 • 1129 N Garfield Ave
 Popeye's Chicken
 • 1013 W Valley Blvd
 Raising Cane's
 • 1300 E Valley Blvd
 Rick's Drive In & Out
 • 132 W Main St
 Subway
 • 1129 S Fremont Ave A
 Subway
 • 1701 W Main St
 Subway
 • 1020 E Valley Blvd

Taco Bell
 • 2588 W Commonwealth Ave
 Taco Bell
 • 241 E Valley Blvd
 The Habit Burger Grill
 • 100 E Main St
 The Hat
 • 1 Valley Blvd
 Tops Jr.
 • 2407 W Main St
 Waba Grill
 • 2121 W Main St
 Wendy's
 • 245 S Atlantic Blvd
 Wendy's
 • 1201 E Valley Blvd
 Wienerschnitzel
 • 2301 Valley Blvd
 Wingstop
 • 1129 S Fremont Ave
 Wingstop
 • 100 E Main St
 Yoshinoya West/Beef Bowl
 • 1701 W Valley Blvd

Hawaiian
 Aloha Food Factory
 • 2990 W Valley Blvd
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 • 2320 W Commonwealth Ave
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 • 401 W Main St

Indian
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 • 8 W Main St
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Italian
 Angelo's Italian Restaurant
 • 1540 W Valley Blvd
 Charlies Trio Cafe
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 Genovese's Italian Kitchen
 • 2900 W Main St
 Vittoria Pizza
 • 2622 W Valley Blvd

Japanese
 All That Shabu
 • 100 E Main St
 Kogane
 • 1129 S Fremont Ave
 Kopan Ramen
 • 645 E Main St
 Kosuke Ramen
 • 618-B W Main St
 Kyoto Gyukatsu
 • 150 E Main St
 Mikomi Sushi
 • 2 S Garfield Ave
 Nabemono Shabu Shabu
 • 27 E Main St
 Nakazo Ramen Bistro
 • 2120 S Fremont Ave
 New Gold Hibachi Buffet
 • 2223 W Commonwealth Ave
 Pepper Lunch
 • 6 W Main St
 Shabuya
 • 820 E Valley Blvd
 Shin Sen Gumi
 • 45 S Garfield Ave
 Shinkai Sushi Japanese Cuisine
 • 500 W Main St
 Sushi Me
 • 115 W Main St
 Tomomi Sushi
 • 17 W Main St

Wa Sushi & Izakaya
 • 1132 N Garfield Ave

Korean
 BBQ Chicken Alhambra
 • 560 W Main St
 Gen Korean BBQ House
 • 68 W Main St
 Oo-Kook Tofu & BBQ
 • 2201 W Commonwealth Ave
 Road To Seoul
 • 1 W Main St

Mexican
 Baja Cali Fish & Tacos
 • 31 E Main St
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 • 2001 W Valley Blvd
 Chonito's Mexican Restaurant
 • 2505 W Valley Blvd
 El Patio Tepeyac
 • 800 S Palm Ave
 El Rancho Restaurant
 • 511 S Garfield Ave
 El Vaquerito Restaurant
 • 14 Fremont Ave
 Lupitas Mexican Food
 • 2620 W Valley Blvd
 Pepe's Finest Mexican Food
 • 511 W Valley Blvd
 Spanglish Kitchen
 • 526 N Atlantic Blvd
 Super Albert Mexican Food
 • 2600 W Main St
 Tacos Ensenada
 • 1142 W Valley Blvd

Peruvian
 Mancora Peruvian Cuisine
 • 240 W Main St

Southeast Asian
 Ba Le Sandwich Shop
Vietnamese
 • 1426 S Atlantic Blvd
 Banh Mi Che Cali Restaurant
Vietnamese
 • 647 W Valley Blvd
 Banh Mi My Tho
Vietnamese
 • 304 W Valley Blvd
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 • 19 S Garfield Ave
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 • 5 N 4th St
 Dong Nguyen Restaurant
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 • 1433 Valley Blvd
 Hai Nam Saigon
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 • 1425 E Valley Blvd
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 • 1411 S Garfield Ave
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 • 235 W Main St
 Pho Super Bowl Restaurant
Vietnamese
 • 1300 E Main St
 Saigon Eden
Vietnamese
 • 29 S Garfield Ave
 Thai Purple
Thai
 • 27 N Garfield Ave
 Tony's Barbecue
Filipino
 • 345 E Main St #102
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Principal Alberto Chavarria and President Sr. Kathleen Callaway met with Associated Student Body Leaders for a strategy session at the start of the school year.

Ramona Convent Celebrates 135 Years of Excellence in Educating Young Leaders

Ramona Convent, a rigorous college-prep high school for young women, prides itself on presenting an elaborate curriculum. This school year, additional extracurricular programming that includes a Song Leaders Team and a Flag Football Team, will enhance the plethora of additional opportunities for students to get involved in the full life of the school.

Ramona's unwavering commitment to student success is evident in the support and guidance provided by its dedicated faculty and staff. Although the school year has not begun, Ramona's 9th-grade Guidance Counselor has met with new families to create a collaborative plan for a successful high school journey. Throughout the summer, the 12th-grade

Guidance Counselor has also met with families to explain the upcoming college process and held a Boot Camp to help seniors get a head start on their college applications and portfolios.

This year, Ramona is expanding opportunities for highly motivated top 8th-grade students to apply for 4-year renewable merit scholarships valued at \$40,000. Additional grants are also offered to daughters of our U.S. Military and First Responders.

For 135 years, Ramona Convent has graduated over 9,200 empowered, resilient, socially conscious leaders who are well-prepared to meet life's challenges as contributing members of the global community.

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 1701 West Ramona Road | Alhambra, CA 91803 | (626)282-4151

Emmaus Lutheran School and Preschool Begins the New School Year with Exciting Additions

As the new school year kicks off, Emmaus Lutheran School and Preschool in Alhambra is thrilled to announce several new additions that are sure to enhance the educational experience for all students.



Preschool Thriving with Loving and Caring Staff

Our preschool continues to thrive, providing a nurturing environment where young learners are encouraged to explore, grow, and prepare for the future. We are excited to welcome Ms. Mandy Kaiser as our new Preschool teacher. Ms. Kaiser will be leading our P4 classroom, specifically designed for children ages 4-5, helping them build a strong foundation as they prepare to excel in Kindergarten and beyond. Families have long appreciated our small class sizes, which allow for personalized attention, as well as our big, beautiful campus, which boasts large classrooms and a wonderful outdoor play area.

Middle School Welcomes a New Science Teacher and Student Band

Our middle school students are also in for a treat this year with the addition of Mr. Ryan Gross, our new Science teacher. Mr. Gross brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for Science and Technology, and he is eager to inspire our students in these critical areas. In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Gross will be starting a student band, offering students the opportunity to explore their

musical talents and participate in a new and exciting extracurricular activity. At Emmaus, we are proud to offer a well-rounded education where students can engage in sports, music, student government, and much more.



A Warm Welcome to Pastor James Yue

Emmaus Lutheran Church is also blessed to welcome Pastor James Yue as our new Chinese pastor. Pastor James brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to our community. He has previously served as a missionary and we are excited for his call to our church. He is playing a pivotal role in merging his former congregation from El Monte with ours here in Alhambra. Our Chinese congregation is now bustling with new friends and vibrant traditions, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere for all.

Looking Ahead

There is so much that Emmaus Lutheran School and Preschool is looking forward to this year—spiritually, academically, and developmentally. As



a Preschool and Elementary/Middle school offering grades K-8, we are committed to nurturing the whole child, helping each student grow in Christian faith, knowledge, and character.

For more information about Emmaus, please visit our website at EmmausAlhambra.org or call (626) 289-3664. We look forward to another year of growth and learning at Emmaus.

Emmaus Lutheran Preschool

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 3 - 5 year olds
 Half Day & Full Day
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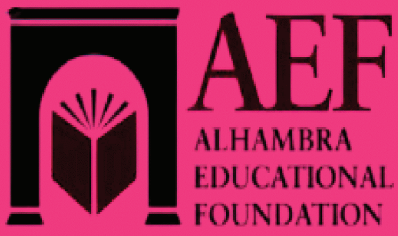
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- Beautiful classrooms
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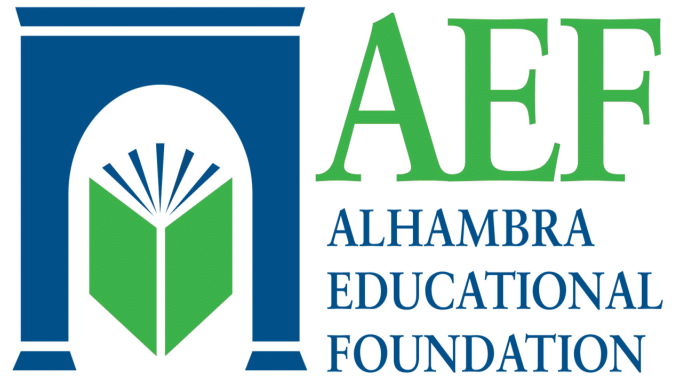
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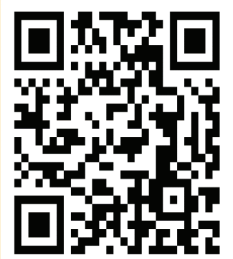
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Celebrating the First Day of School in AUSD

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... special moment on the first day of school and to submit it for showcasing on the various AUSD platforms. For several weeks, the @AlhambraUSD Facebook and Instagram pages were filled with happy faces, proud poses, and cheerful waves.

“As I visited schools on the first day,

I was impressed with a sense of both excitement and calmness at each campus,” explained AUSD Superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo. “I loved seeing our staff welcoming our students and families back to school, and I look forward to a fantastic school year ahead, filled with learning, laughter, and endless possibilities.”



“Nightshade Manor” is open to all members of the public and is a perfect kick-off to the Halloween season. However it will feature special effects makeup and scary themes. It is NOT recommended for children under 12 and parental discretion is advised.

AHS Thespians Annual Haunted House Returns with “Nightshade Manor”

Last year Alhambra High School resurrected its annual Haunted House with smashing success. A review by respected haunt authority, Haunts of LA, called it an, “intense...very impressive haunt. Their talent for horror goes beyond most experienced haunts.” This October AHS returns with plans for their biggest haunted house yet, “Nightshade Manor.”

“Nightshade Manor” will feature two intertwined mazes that will diverge at different points within the haunt, allowing patrons a choice between two possible unique experiences per entry. The creepy mansion theme will hit on classic horror themes, while also adding a few new surprises. With special effects makeup, construction, and performances by AHS



These are just a few of the volunteers and staff members who worked behind the scenes to successfully launch the new AUSD/ATA Community Food Pantry on August 7, 2024.

AUSD and ATA Launch New Community Food Pantry

In partnership with the Alhambra Teachers Association, the District’s Student Support Services division, and MANY community and non-profit organizations, AUSD is excited to announce the launch of a brand new community food pantry. The addition of this food pantry will enable our schools to support their struggling families and ensure students do not go hungry.

During the summer months, an army of volunteers (including students from Alhambra and Mark Keppel High Schools) sorted, filled, and organized shelves. They held a kick-off event on August 7th that included the distribution of food, backpacks, and school supplies to invited families.

Throughout the year, schools will reach out to families who might benefit from the Community Food Pantry. School community coordinators, counselors,

and other staff members will gather bags of food from the central location and then distribute the bags to the identified families at their schools.

“We know healthy children learn better. If students are hungry, they can’t concentrate on what is being taught in class and they can’t focus on studying at home,” explains Lindsey Ma, assistant superintendent of Student Support Services. “Helping to meet the basic needs of our most vulnerable families benefits the individual students, their families, and the entire school community.”

We are grateful to the many volunteers who helped to sort supplies, organize the shelves, and fill bags. The food pantry is always happy to accept monetary and in-kind donations. To make a donation, please call 626-289-1933 to make arrangements.



AUSD Student Support Services Prioritizes Community Outreach; Joins APD at National Night Out

Alhambra Unified School District’s Student Support Services (SSS) division is always busy at the beginning of each school year. One of their traditions is to join the Alhambra Police Department for their annual National Night Out event, which was held Tuesday, August 6th at Almansor Park. SSS is making community outreach and engagement a priority of their division, so watch for more opportunities to connect with members of the team throughout the year, including at Alhambra’s Trunk or Treat event in October.

theater students, this event will showcase the talents of the AHS technical theater and drama programs.

“Nightshade Manor” Haunted House is a one-night-only event and takes place Friday, October 11th from 2:45pm until 8:30pm at the AHS Auditorium (101 South 2nd Street in Alhambra). This haunted house is produced as a joint effort by the AHS Thespian Society and AHS

Theater Boosters. It is directed by AHS Theater Arts teacher Rachel Snow with design and technical direction by Brian Cole.

Tickets are available online at ahstheater.com (\$8 for students and \$10 for adults). Tickets will also be available at the door. To volunteer or donate to the AHS Theater program and Thespians, please send an inquiry to: moorstheaterboosters@gmail.com.

A Year of Service and Growth: Reflections from AUSD's First-Ever Student Board Member

By Justin Wang, AUSD 2023-2024 Student Board Member

As we welcome Keiko Rakin into her new role as the AUSD 2024-2025 student board member, Justin Wang shares his thoughts about his year in this student leadership role and its impact on him and the district.

It's hard to believe it was just one year ago that I took my official Oath of Office as Alhambra Unified School District's student board member. Because I was the first student to serve in this role, I did not have a full understanding of what my role would entail, but I knew I wanted to set a positive example for my peers and to others who would follow me in this important position.

Every month, I looked forward to the Student Advisory Council (SAC) meetings at the district office, where my fellow SAC members and I held many meaningful conversations with district administrators and board members to understand and solve concerns in the district. The inclusive and open environment allowed me and my peers to voice our opinions in a safe and welcoming space.

Throughout my term, I attended many community events hosted by various organizations. Although the food and activities provided were outstanding each time, I was most excited to represent the students of AUSD and establish a presence in discussions that directly affect us. Many other SAC members also attended these events, allowing important community members to recognize that students have a voice too.

For all students, especially those who want to run for student board member or other leadership positions, I highly encourage you not to be afraid to speak your mind and voice your concerns. One thing that I have learned this past year is that if you speak thoughtfully, clearly, and to the right audience, people will listen. Make sure to



Justin Wang, AHS Class of 2024 graduate and AUSD's former student board member, is now a student at UC Berkeley where he continues to seek leadership opportunities and find ways to make a positive impact on his community.

stay respectful and constructive, and many adults will value your comments immensely. You will amaze yourself at what you can do and who you can influence.

I would like to thank board members Mr. Bob Gin, Mrs. Kaysa Moreno, Dr. Marcia Wilson, Mr. Fred Chang, and Mr. Ken Tang, along with Superintendent Dr. Jaramillo Jaramillo (and so many others) who supported my journey, established this student leadership opportunity, and believed in me. It was my absolute honor to serve as the first-ever student board member of AUSD. Congratulations to Keiko Rakin, the new student board member! I worked with her closely during our year together on SAC and I know she will continue to represent students well and achieve many new milestones.

Please Join PTA!

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Alhambra Council
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Visit this site and then search for your preferred PTA!

All PTAs are currently accepting memberships for the 2024-2025 school year. Each member of your household can become a member and give back to these worthwhile organizations.

Stronger Together: The Power of Parent Involvement through AUSD's PTAs

One of the most impactful ways Alhambra Unified School District parents can support their child's education is by joining the Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA). PTA is a community of parents and educators (as well as students at the high school Parent-Teacher-Student-Associations) who work together to enhance the learning environment for all students. By joining PTA, you can build stronger connections with all community partners, help plan events that enrich your child's learning experiences, and become an advocate for schools and education.

Being involved in PTA also sends a powerful message to your child that education is a priority and that you are an engaged partner in the success of their school. Research shows that students with involved parents are more likely to perform well academically, have better social skills, and adapt more easily to changes.

"Our PTAs are part of the First District PTA, which - as its name implies - is the very "first" PTA district established

in California in 1912, so our schools and district have a very long and rich history with PTA," explains AUSD superintendent Dr. Denise Jaramillo. "There are so many enrichment activities and opportunities at each of our schools that would simply not be possible without the selfless dedication of our PTA members. They are incredibly valued partners in all we do."

The last of AUSD's schools are in the process of re-establishing their PTAs, which means AUSD will soon have an active PTA (or PTSA) at each of our 16 elementary and high schools. Please become a member of your child's PTA by visiting <http://JoinTotem.com> and searching for your child's school. (Please Note: Repetto School recently re-established its PTA and is in the process of activating its online membership platform. If you don't see Repetto listed on the membership site yet, please check back soon or contact the school. Granada School is in the final stages of re-establishing its PTA and hopes to complete the process by the end of first trimester.)

AUSD's Board of Education expands as Keiko Rakin Officially Assumes Role as the New Student Board Member

Alhambra High School junior Keiko Rakin took her Oath of Office on August 27th and now officially serves as Alhambra Unified School District's Student Board Member for the 2024-2025 school year. Keiko becomes only the second AUSD student to serve in this important role. She also chairs the district's 12-member Student Advisory Council, along with vice chairperson and Student Board Member Alternate Madison Kang (a senior at Mark Keppel High School). Having a student as part of AUSD's Board of Education helps ensure student voices are heard and considered as part of the district's decision-making process.

Alhambra Unified School District Board of Education

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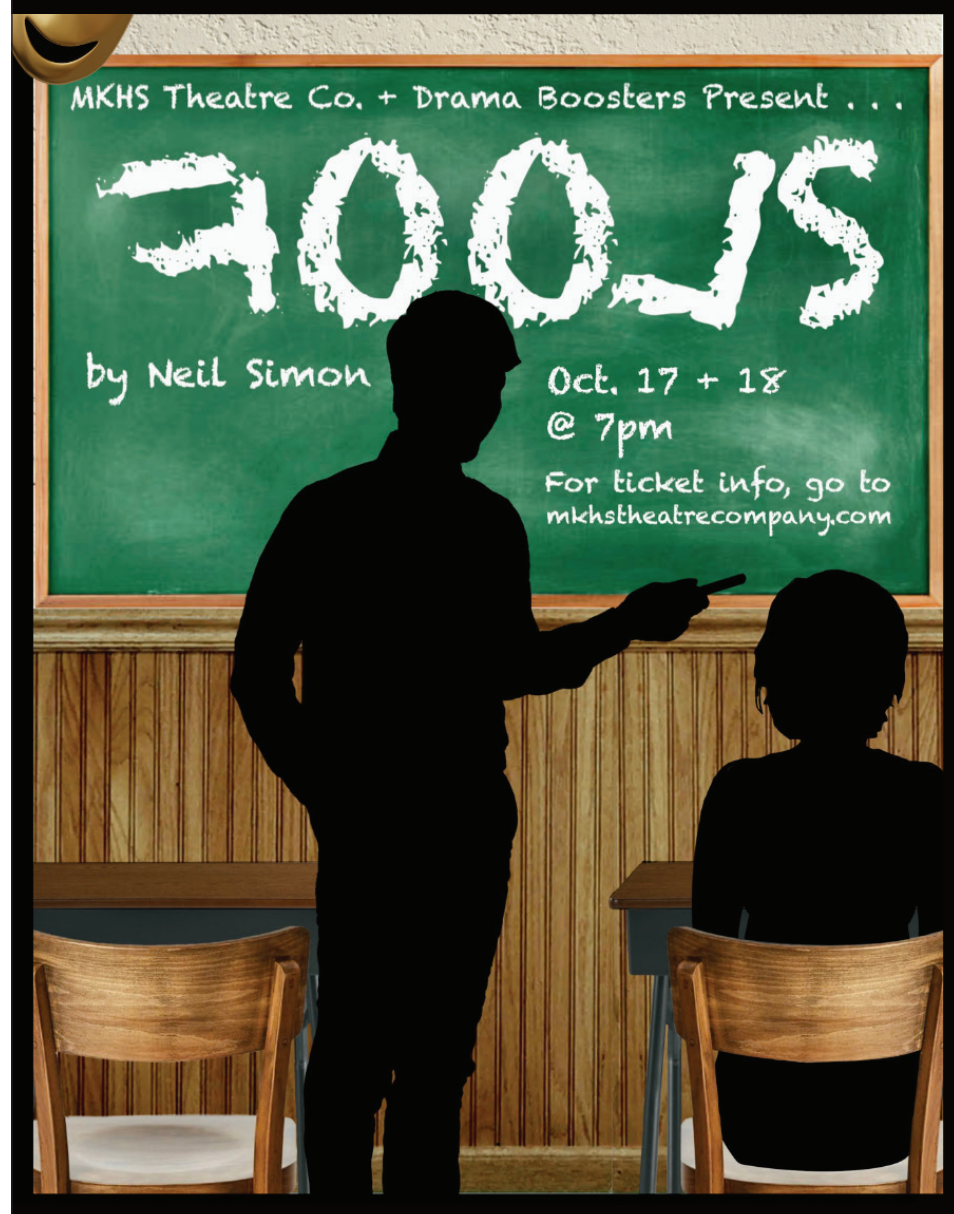
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 Tickets available at:
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AHS Senior Among Students Selected for Summer Leadership Program

Congratulations to Alhambra High School junior Keiko Rakin (pictured far left, front row), who was one of 18 juniors and seniors selected to be part of Assemblymember Mike Fong's Young Leaders Program this summer. For two weeks, student leaders from across Assembly District 49 gathered together to learn about state government and issues affecting their local community. "I am so grateful to be part of Assemblymember Mike Fong's Young Leaders Program. I have learned so much about politics, civic engagement, community organizing, networking, legislation, and the list goes on! I created a project about human rights and an op-ed to spread awareness on the issue," explains Rakin. "I also want to thank my amazing instructor Jennifer Tang and the rest of my peers for creating an unforgettable experience. I hope to continue my work in politics, advocacy and to continue to learn!" Keiko's experience will be invaluable as she takes on new and continuing leadership roles at AHS and the Alhambra Unified School District.



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AUSD's Induction Welcomes our Newest Educators

On August 5, the Alhambra Unified School District and the Alhambra Teachers Association warmly welcomed the newest group of AUSD teachers to our district. Throughout the 2024-25 school year, the district's exceptional Induction Leadership Team – Monica Yew, Diana Han, Ann Wilson, and Monica Hinojos (pictured left to right) – will mentor 21 Year-1 teachers and 22 Year-2 teachers as they work towards clearing their teaching credentials and growing into educational leaders. Congratulations to all our new teachers, and welcome to our team!

This fall, mark your calendars, grab your tickets, and support our talented young performers as they bring the magic of live theatre to life.

High School Drama Departments Gear Up for Fall Productions

The fall season is about to get more dramatic in the Alhambra Unified School District, as our local thespians prepare to showcase their theatrical talents through their highly-anticipated fall productions.

San Gabriel High School will open the season with ALICE BY HEART, a musical retelling of Lewis Carroll's Alice's

Adventures in Wonderland. Set amongst the rubble of the London Blitz of World War II, the story follows Alice and her friend Alfred as they are forced to take shelter in an underground tube station. Alice encourages Alfred to join her as she escapes the harsh realities of war by diving into their cherished book and journey

down the rabbit hole to Wonderland. As they travel through the tale, Alice by Heart explores the poignancy of first love, coming to terms with loss, and finding the courage to move forward. The musical encourages the audience to celebrate the transformational power of the imagination, even in the most difficult of times. SGHS' performances will run September 27-28 and October 2-5. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://sghsdrama.ludus.com/index.php>

Mark Keppel High School will bring the comedic genius of Neil Simon to life with their fall production of FOOLS. Set in a small Ukrainian village, the play follows the story of Leon, an enthusiastic young schoolteacher who arrives to find the entire village is under a 200-year-old curse of chronic stupidity. As Leon tries to break the curse, hilarity ensues. This classic comedy is appropriate for all ages. Catch the production October 17-18.

For tickets and more information, please visit mkhstheatrecompany.com.

Alhambra High School is currently focusing on their upcoming haunted house in October, but immediately after, they will launch their fall production of CLUE. This murder-mystery farce is adapted from the film, Clue, which in turn was based on the popular board game. Audiences will experience a fun and witty whodunit that will leave them laughing as they try to guess the final twist. Ticket information and more details will be shared later at ahstheater.com.

This fall, make sure to support our local high school drama departments by attending some (or all) of these productions. We encourage the community to nurture the creativity and confidence of our young performers while supporting these local live theatre and our arts programs.



This year is the first year AUSD is offering TK classes at all our elementary campuses. The entire group of TK teachers and assistants met together on August 9th for professional development.

Transitional Kindergarten Program Expands to ALL Alhambra Unified Elementary Campuses

The Alhambra Unified School District is proud to announce the expansion of its Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classes to all 13 of our elementary campuses. Two additional TK classes opened as part of our Dual Immersion programs: Spanish at Fremont School and Mandarin at Northrup School.

youngest students early social and learning experiences that lay the foundation for future success in school. TK teachers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their roles. In addition to holding multiple-subject teaching credentials, each is required to have completed at least 24 Early Childhood Education units.

a play-based classroom design and curriculum and AUSD was fortunate to receive a grant to help support these classes. "The grant has allowed us to purchase new furniture, materials, and additional collaborative time for teachers to design their units," explains Deserie Bradvica, AUSD Instructional Specialist in Literacy. The team of teachers will work together

throughout the year, and are also guided by a consultant, Kristi Mraz, who designs learning opportunities for Early Childhood educators across the San Gabriel Valley.

The expansion of our TK program will help ensure these young students will enter kindergarten the following year prepared and ready to learn, grow, and thrive.



Do You Know an AUSD Game Changer?

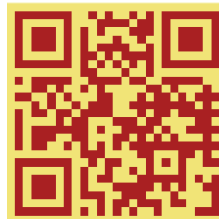


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- Click on "Recognition"
- Click on one of the two badges that you want to choose
- Fill out a short, fast form: your name, who you nominate and what they do, how you know them, and very briefly why you want them to be recognized.
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The two monthly Game Changer winners will each receive a \$100 award from Schools First Federal Credit Union, recognition by the AUSD Board of Education, and be featured on our District website.



Game Changer Recognition Seeks Nominations of Outstanding AUSD Staff Members

AUSD continues the tradition of honoring its employees through the Game Changer recognition program.

Alhambra Unified School District is proud to continue celebrating the exceptional contributions of its staff members through the Game Changers recognition program. Each month, we shine a spotlight on two individuals who go above and beyond to make a positive contribution to the lives of students, colleagues, and the broader community.

We invite the entire AUSD community – parents, staff members, and students – to participate in this program by nominating an employee who has made a meaningful impact to

them. To nominate a deserving employee, visit www.ausd.us/badges, click on "Recognition," select one of two badges and fill out a short, fast form.

Two AUSD Game Changers will be selected each month and recognized by the Board of Education and featured on the District's website. Schools First Federal Credit Union will also award each Game Changer \$100. More importantly, by recognizing our amazing employees as "Game Changers," they recognize that the community appreciates and celebrates their hard work, dedication, and commitment.



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Alhambra Unified Spotlights Employees of the Year at Opening Day Meeting

One of the highlights of the Alhambra Unified School District's annual All-Staff Opening Meeting is the celebration of the Employees of the Year. This year, the district honored three exceptional individuals: Jesus Murillo, custodian at Fremont School; Nelson Santos, Director of Facilities and Transportation; and Page Phillips, drama teacher at Mark Keppel High School. Each of these outstanding employees received a commemorative bell, symbolizing both their remarkable service and the high esteem in which they are held by their colleagues. As part of the celebration, tribute videos created by their peers and supervisors were shown, expressing heartfelt appreciation for their hard work and setting a tone of gratitude and inspiration for the school year ahead.

Ask Dr. Dara, D.D.S.

Are Dental X-rays Safe?

by Dr. Krasnodara Gashparova, DDS (also known as Dr. Dara)

X-rays have been used in dentistry for over a century. Along with a visual mouth examination, they provide your dentist with a more complete view of what's happening under the surface.

Benefits of Dental X-rays

Early detection of problems:

X-rays can reveal cavities between the teeth, leaking restorations, bone loss, periodontal disease, and tumors. This allows for early intervention and treatment, preventing them from becoming more serious and requiring more extensive procedures later.

Treatment planning: X-rays provide a clear picture of your teeth and jawbone structure, which is crucial for dentists to plan treatments like root canals, implant placement, or orthodontic work.

Monitoring dental health: X-rays help dentists check teeth development in children as well as track the progression of existing dental problems and assess the effectiveness of treatments.

Dental X-rays are generally

considered safe. The amount of radiation exposure from a dental X-ray is very low compared to other sources of radiation, such as natural background radiation or medical X-rays of other parts of the body.

Radiation is measured in millisieverts (mSv). For example, regular checkup dental X-rays expose a patient to about 0.005 mSv. This is less than an average daily dose of radiation from background sources we encounter in everyday life. By comparison, you would be exposed to about 0.035 mSv of cosmic radiation if you were to fly within the United States from the east coast to the west coast.

Risks of Dental X-rays:

Radiation exposure: While the amount of radiation from a dental X-ray is very low, it's not zero. However, the benefit of early detection often outweighs this minimal risk.

Pregnant women: Though generally safe, X-rays are typically avoided during pregnancy unless necessary due to

potential risks to the fetus. Because dental X-rays focus on the head, the risk to the fetus is small but if you have to have an X-ray while pregnant, make sure that you wear the lead apron correctly to protect the baby from radiation.

Minimizing Risks:

Digital X-rays: Modern dental offices use digital X-rays, which significantly reduce radiation exposure compared to traditional film X-rays.

Targeted X-rays: Dentists will only take the specific X-rays needed for your situation, minimizing unnecessary radiation exposure.

Protective gear: Lead aprons can offer additional protection. Avoid X-rays during the first trimester of pregnancy.

X-rays are an important tool for dentists to diagnose dental problems, but the concern is that exposure to radiation may damage cells and cause cancer. For a healthy adult, the benefits of dental X-rays far outweigh the small risks. However, there is no one size



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fits all and it is very important for you and your dentist to make an informed decision..

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Alhambra: You Deserve A Break Today

by Gary Frueholz

"You deserve a break today" is one of the most successful and profitable slogans in the history of advertising. The catchphrase captured the notion of mothers being given a day off from cooking in appreciation of their everyday hard work. The genius marketing campaign was developed by McDonald's and Ray Kroc. It would become one of the longest running advertising slogans in American history spanning over four decades.

Alhambra would have its place in McDonald's folklore. Alhambra's original McDonald's at 909 East Main Street was one of the first McDonald's ever constructed. Alhambra City records show that the permits for this McDonald's were pulled in the Spring of 1953 and the Certificate of Occupancy was given on September 1, 1953 (Certificate of Occupancy number 2489).

I recently called McDonald's Corporate Customer Care Center and spoke to Ken Hall. Mr. Hall confirmed that the McDonald's at 909 East Main Street was the fifth McDonald's franchise to be opened. McDonald's records show it was formally opened on October 1, 1953.

A woman named Harriett C. Charlson is listed by McDonald's as the initial franchise owner. And the name H.C. Charlson shows up on all Alhambra permits as the owner of the restaurant. The original McDonald's in San Bernardino was owned by two brothers. Initially, the McDonald brothers issued nine franchises. Alhambra was one of the original nine.

By 1954 the McDonald brothers would enlist the aid of Ray Kroc, a salesman who directed national franchising of malt mixer machines for restaurants. By the late 1950's, McDonald's and Kroc were franchising over 100 new restaurants a year. McDonald's now has over 41,800 restaurants in 118 countries (as of 2023). But Alhambra's East Main Street McDonald's was the fifth franchised restaurant opened.

Alhambra's original McDonald's on East Main Street displayed the two classic

golden arches erected over the building. In front of the restaurant was one additional golden arch with a rendering of a chef highlighted in neon lights who had a hamburger for a face. The friendly chef was nicknamed Speedee. Speedee held a sign that proclaimed "15 cents," presumably for a hamburger.

Speedee had greater significance than just being cute. This mascot of the original McDonald's presented a profound message that good food was served fast. McDonald's kept their menus very simple at first and this facilitated a quick and economical walk up service.

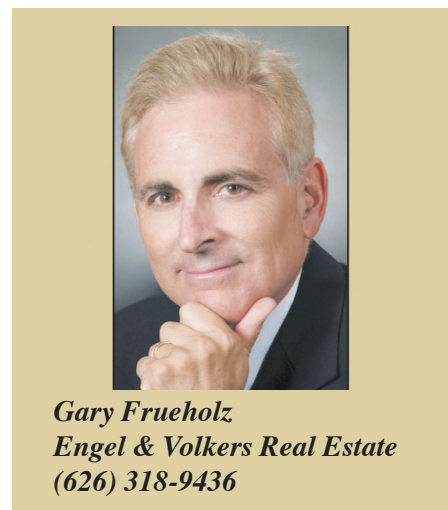
What Henry Ford did for the automotive assembly line, McDonald's did for the developing fast-food industry. Workers specializing in specific cooking roles, taking orders, and conducting quality control became a standard.

Speedee remained the company mascot until 1962, when he was replaced by Ronald McDonald. One reason for the change was that McDonald's wanted to remove any comparison to Alka-Seltzer's mascot, also named Speedy.

The building on East Main Street was simple. There was no interior area for customers. They walked up to the window and gave their order and were quickly served. Young couples in Alhambra could take the family out to dinner and not impose their rambunctious children on other patrons in the restaurant.

I can recall my Little League team here in Alhambra, the Max West Kiwees, celebrating our victories at McDonald's. It was an institution designed for working-class families and their children. As Walt Disney redefined the concept of an amusement park to be a wholesome family experience, so McDonald's transformed the notion of the hamburger stand.

Like most early McDonald's, rows of red and white tile wrapped around the building on East Main Street. The roof had a 1950ish mid-century look of being flat and slightly angled upward approaching



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the front. The roof provided an element of shade as customers stood in line and ordered.


Since Alhambra's original McDonald's was part of the original nine franchises awarded by the McDonald brothers, it was not subject to modernization requirements that McDonald's Corporation placed on its franchises given out by Ray Kroc. However, the original restaurant would be leveled more than once and rebuilt from the ground up.

On June 18, 1953, as the McDonald's was being built, the City of Alhambra issued a rather unusual building permit for the property on East Main Street. This final permit, number 50038, allowed the contractor to attach some additional elements to the restaurant being constructed. The description of the work being added by the permit states "steel arches decorative attached to building."


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Your Insurance

What to Consider for Your Healthcare Plan

By Katherine Yu Simms

Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) for 2024 is from October 15 through December 7. During this time, you can change your Medicare plan coverage, and your changes will take effect on January 1, 2025. Here are some things to consider before open enrollment:

Review your current plan: Look at your costs, health needs, and any changes to your plan for 2024. If you have a Medicare Advantage or Part D plan, you should receive an Annual Notice of Change by September 30. You can also check for notices about plans terminating coverage, which should be sent by October 2.

Compare your options: Compare plans side-by-side, looking at coverage, costs, and quality ratings. When shopping for plans, you can consider things like:

Out-of-pocket costs: This includes premiums, deductibles, copayments, and other payments not covered by Medicare.

Prescription drug coverage: Consider eligibility requirements, medication coverage and costs, and whether the plan offers generic or brand name drugs.

Healthcare needs: Think about any upcoming surgeries or doctor appointments you may have in the coming year.

Travel plans: If you plan to travel outside the country, you may want to consider a supplemental insurance plan.

Transportation: If you don't drive, consider a plan that offers rides to and



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from doctor offices.

Vision/Dental: If you are considering dental work or need reading glasses, consider yearly allowances for these services.

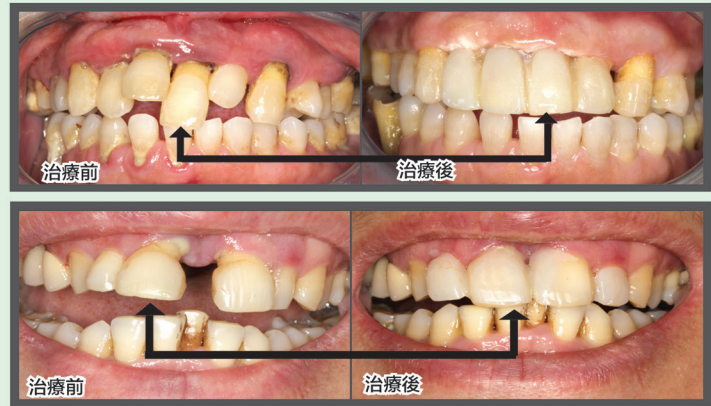
If you need assistance in evaluating your current plan, please reach out to me for a free consultation as I'm here to help you navigate and find the most appropriate plan to fit your needs.

Only some plans are available in your area. Any information provided is limited to plans offered in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE to get information on all your options.

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From the Desk of Rev. Craig Statton

Happy Retirement, Rev. J. Craig Statton!

After 12 years of devoted service at Atherton, Rev. J. Craig Statton will retire as Chief Executive Officer on September 30, 2024. Atherton, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) that serves 350 residents, offers 218 Independent Living Units, 32 Assisted Living Units, 4 Companion Care beds, and a 99-bed Skilled Nursing Facility.

Craig began his journey with Atherton in February 2012, quickly advancing to Chief Operating Officer in January 2014 and subsequently to Chief Executive Officer in August

2014. Prior to joining Atherton, he served as the Senior Pastor of Selma First Baptist Church in Selma, CA, for 18 years, bringing a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to his role.

Under Craig's leadership, Atherton experienced remarkable financial growth and successfully navigated through various transformations and improvements. His dedication to professional development is evident through his numerous credentials, including becoming a Certified Gift Planning Professional, Residential

Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) Administrator, as well as completing a Graduate Certificate in Long Term Care and earning a Nursing Home Administrator's License.

As Craig embarks on his well-deserved retirement, Atherton extends heartfelt gratitude for his years of leadership, service, and unwavering dedication to the community. His legacy will leave a lasting impression, and he will be remembered fondly for his many contributions.

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New Affordable Apartment Homes Available in Alhambra!



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Lantern Terrace will be accepting applications for our studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom affordable rental units. Applications will be accepted through our online portal LanternTerraceApts.com from September 7, 2024 to September 21, 2024. Paper applications will also be available for pick up in person at the leasing office located at 403 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California 91776. Paper applications must be mailed to the address on the application and must be postmarked by the application deadline to be included in the electronic lottery. The lottery will be held after the application period closes to establish the waiting list order. Applicants may request a reasonable accommodation if one is needed to assist in completing an application by calling 949-414-9631 TTY: 711 or by emailing LanternTerrace@Related.com.

Lantern Terrace has 44 units, including studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom affordable rental units available (one three-bedroom unit is designated as a manager's unit). Studios and one-bedrooms are units designated for formerly homeless individuals or Transition Age Youth. All applications for these units must apply through CES or selected service provider. These households will pay approximately 30% of their adjusted income in rent. Rent range for 2 BR: \$808 - \$1,744 and 3BR: \$1,645 - \$2,005. Applicants must be income eligible and meet occupancy guidelines. Households must earn no more than the maximum gross income levels noted below:

30% of Area Median Income (7 Studios, 14 One-Bedroom Units, 1 Two-Bedroom Units and 2 Three-Bedroom Units)

Household Size	1 RES.	2 RES.	3 RES.	4 RES.	5 RES.	6 RES.	7 RES.
Max Annual Income	\$29,130	\$33,270	\$37,440	\$41,610	\$44,940	\$48,270	\$51,600

50% of Area Median Income (4 Two-Bedroom Units and 4 Three-Bedroom Units)

Household Size	2 RES.	3 RES.	4 RES.	5 RES.	6 RES.	7 RES.
Max Annual Income	\$55,450	\$62,400	\$69,350	\$74,900	\$80,450	\$86,000

60% of Area Median Income (6 Two-Bedroom Units and 5 Three-Bedroom Units)

Household Size	2 RES.	3 RES.	4 RES.	5 RES.	6 RES.	7 RES.
Max Annual Income	\$66,540	\$74,880	\$83,220	\$89,880	\$96,540	\$103,200

Application and lottery information can be found at LanternTerraceApts.com or may be requested by email at LanternTerrace@Related.com or by calling our information phone line at 949-414-9631 TTY: 711. Electronic or paper applications must be received 9/21/2024 to be included in the application lottery. For more information on our community and to view available floorplans please visit us at LanternTerraceApts.com. Income limits are subject to change based on changes to the Area Median Income as published by HUD, HCD and the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.



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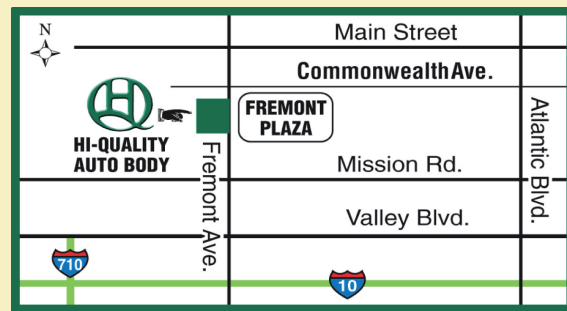
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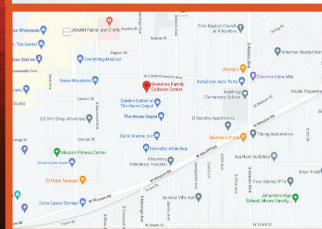
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