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We are looking for local artists to feature on  
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Submit your artwork to City Hall for a  
chance to be highlighted!

# LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

**Last quarter, we unveiled our updated logo and new tagline, "Open Minds, Open Doors," to commemorate the City's transition to a more proactive and progressive style of municipal government. In this issue, we're highlighting some key initiatives that embody this strategic approach, which integrates fresh ideas to unlock new opportunities from economic development, to neighborhood beautification and public safety.**



Following the 2011 statewide ban on local redevelopment agencies, Cudahy lost about \$2.8 million in yearly revenue that supported economic development efforts—including public improvements, and commercial and residential projects that bring in new businesses and housing, as well as spurs job creation. To put that into perspective, the annual City Budget is about \$6.3 million. In response to that reduction in resources, the City Council responded strategically to ensure that City Hall continued to prioritize growth in the community that could further promote revenue generation and increase quality of life.

On page 24, learn about efforts to preserve and promote opportunity in Cudahy. Economic development is engrained in almost everything we do. The City Council recently passed an ordinance and created a new commission that builds capacity for local economic development. It also adopted a long-range plan to identify new opportunities for several City-owned properties. Even the ongoing General Plan update is strategic about identifying existing investments that the City might build on, like the Eco-Rapid Transit project and L.A. River Revitalization.

In addition to creating plans for addressing resident needs, the City has also been fostering community engagement and leadership. On page 14, learn about the quarterly Cleanup Days and how improving waste management is important locally—not only for enhancing community aesthetics, but also developing pride of place and encouraging environmental sustainability.

Another area where we've intensified civic engagement efforts is public safety. The City's partnership with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department is focused on building social cohesion and developing a community-oriented policing model to combat crime. Already, this strategy has been associated with a significant decrease in crime (page 19). We should also be proud of the high levels of involvement in our new programs, like the monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings and recent Community Academy. Not only are they building trust and understanding between law enforcement and residents, but they're also cultivating a new generation of local leaders.

As we work toward building a more open and collaborative City Hall, we invite you to join us in writing this new chapter of Cudahy history. There are many ways to get involved, from volunteering at community events, to attending a public meeting, or simply staying informed. We hope to see you soon at a Neighborhood Watch, Cudahy 2040 meeting, or the upcoming State of the City address on April 11. To see the latest events, visit [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).

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**ON THE COVER**  
*Painting a Bright Future*  
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## Sentando Las Bases

**El trimestre pasado revelamos nuestro logotipo actualizado y el nuevo lema, "Mentes abiertas, puertas abiertas", para celebrar la transición de la ciudad a un estilo gubernamental más proactivo y progresivo. En esta edición, destacamos algunas iniciativas claves que abarcan este enfoque estratégico que usa nuevas ideas para abrir nuevas oportunidades desde desarrollo económico a la formación de embellecimiento de la vecindad y seguridad pública.**

Después de la prohibición estatal de entidades de reurbanización local, Cudahy perdió aproximadamente \$2.8 millones de ingresos anuales que apoyaban mejoras públicas, desarrollo económico y la creación de trabajos. Para ponerlo en perspectiva, el Presupuesto anual del municipio es de aproximadamente \$6.3 millones. A pesar de perder esa gran fuente de ingresos, el Concejo Municipal reaccionó de manera estratégica para asegurar que el desarrollo económico permaneciera siendo una prioridad.

En la página 24, aprendan sobre los esfuerzos de los Concejales para fomentar oportunidades locales—que incluyen la reciente Ordenanza de Desarrollo Económico, la nueva Comisión para el Desarrollo Económico y el plan a largo plazo para ver varias propiedades de las cuales la ciudad es dueña. Hasta la actualización del Plan General en curso tiene un enfoque estratégico para identificar inversiones actuales en las cuales la ciudad pueda basarse, como el proyecto de Tránsito Eco-rápido y la Revitalización del Río de Los Ángeles.

Además de elaborar planes para abordar las necesidades de la comunidad, la ciudad también cultiva la participación comunitaria y el liderazgo. En la página 14, aprendan como los Días de limpieza de

cada trimestre son importantes localmente—no sólo para mejorar la estética de la comunidad pero también para fomentar orgullo por nuestra tierra y para alentar la sostenibilidad del medio-ambiente.

Otra área donde la participación cívica se promueve bastante es en la seguridad pública. La colaboración de la ciudad junto con el Departamento de Alguaciles del Condado de Los Ángeles se enfoca en formar un enlace social y la creación de un modelo de vigilancia orientado por la comunidad para combatir el crimen. Esta estrategia ya muestra resultados en la disminución significativa de delitos (página 19). También deberíamos enorgullecernos en los altos niveles de participación en nuestros nuevos programas, como las reuniones mensuales de la Vigilancia del vecindario (Neighborhood Watch, en inglés) y la reciente Academia Comunitaria. No sólo desarrollan confianza y entendimiento entre los agentes del orden público y los residentes, pero a la vez cultivan una nueva generación de líderes locales.

Conforme trabajamos para crear un gobierno municipal más abierto y colaborador, los invitamos para que nos acompañen a juntos escribir este nuevo capítulo de la historia de Cudahy. Hay varias maneras de participar, desde ofrecerse como voluntario en eventos comunitarios, a asistir reuniones públicas o simplemente mantenerse informado. Esperamos verlo pronto en una reunión de la Vigilancia del vecindario, reunión de Cudahy 2040 o en el discurso por venir del Estado de la Ciudad el 11 de abril. Para ver los últimos eventos, visite [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).

# LOOKING FOR A JOB? NEED WORK EXPERIENCE?

## GET TRAINED & GET PAID WITH A JOB AT CITY HALL

**COMING SOON THIS SUMMER:** The Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) Program provides entry-level employment opportunities for CalWORKs and other eligible participants. This program is offered by HUB Cities to help job seekers overcome barriers to employment, providing experience and training to help participants access new opportunities in the future. Training assignments pay minimum wage, and participants may work up to 40 hrs/week for an eight-month period.



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## ROUNDUP

### APRIL 9 CLEANUP DAY

**10 a.m.–3 p.m., Various Locations**  
Commemorate Earth Day by participating in the quarterly Cleanup Day. Drop off recyclables at a designated dumpster site, or sign up to volunteer for a beautification project. Learn more about how you can get involved in Cleanup Day on page 14.

### A QUICK LOOK

See more at [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).

### MARCH

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- 21-25 Spring Break Youth Camp
- 24 Food Distribution
- 26 Annual Easter Festival

### APRIL

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- 16 Southeast Cities Monthly Bike Ride
- 18 Cudahy 2040 Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting
- 22 Food Distribution

### MAY

- 21 Southeast Cities Monthly Bike Ride
- 22 L.A. Galaxy Game
- 26 Low-Cost Pet Clinic
- 27 Food Distribution
- 30 Memorial Day (City Offices Closed)

### JUNE

- 3 Dodgers Game

## SPRING CALENDAR

### APRIL 11 STATE OF THE CITY 5 p.m., Turner Hall

Join Mayor Cristian Markovich and the City Council at this special presentation reviewing Cudahy's progress over the last year.

### COUNCIL REORGANIZATION 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers

The City Council rotates mayorship on an annual basis. Join us for a special ceremony as a new mayor and vice mayor are named for 2016.

### MAY 22 L.A. GALAXY GAME 3 p.m., Cudahy Park, \$30

Watch on as the L.A. Galaxy take on the San Jose Earthquakes. Tickets are on the south end of the stadium behind goal net. Game time is 4 p.m. Bus departs from Cudahy Park promptly at 3 p.m., and returns at approximately 7 p.m.

### MAY 26

## LOW-COST PET CLINIC 5:30 p.m.–7 p.m., Cudahy Park

Take your dog and cat to the Annual Pet Clinic for low-cost vaccinations and microchipping.

Don't forget to also make sure your pets are properly licensed. Starting June, the City and L.A. County Department of Animal Care and Control will conduct annual field canvassing to enforce compliance.



### JUNE 3 DODGERS GAME 5:30 p.m., Cudahy Park, \$30

The L.A. Dodgers face the Atlanta Braves. Join your neighbors for a night of baseball, featuring Friday night fireworks! Tickets are Infield Reserved, Third Base Side. Game time is 7:10 p.m. Bus departs promptly from Cudahy Park at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 11:30 p.m.

### Licensing fees are outlined in Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code:

Unaltered Dog: \$60

Altered Dog: \$20

Altered Dog belonging to a senior citizen (60 years of age or older) \$7.50

Unaltered Cat: \$10

Altered Cat: \$5

Penalty fee: Equal to the license fee.

Residents found not in compliance may be subject to fees, including a \$40 field enforcement charge. Secure a new dog and/or cat license by printing the application online at [www.animalcare.lacounty.gov](http://www.animalcare.lacounty.gov) or visiting your local County animal care center.

# ROUNDUP

## ONGOING EVENTS

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Fourth Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.,  
Clara Street Park

Pick up a bag of groceries at the monthly Food Distribution. Bring valid current proof of residency to avoid being turned away. Those attending for the first time will be required to fill out a new Self-Certification Form. Residents unable to attend due to a medical condition may call (323) 773-5143 for assistance.



### SOUTHEAST CITIES MONTHLY BIKE RIDE

Third Saturdays, 9:45 a.m.–1 p.m.,  
meet at City Hall

Get some exercise and learn about bike safety during this fun monthly community bike ride with the L.A. County Bicycle Coalition!

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Monthly, Various Locations

Have a little fun in the name of public safety! Gather your neighbors to learn about crime prevention and meet local law enforcement officers. To host a meeting in your neighborhood, call Deputy Marino Gonzalez at East L.A. Station, (323) 264-4151. Find out when the next meeting is at [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).

## CUDAHY 2040 PLAN

### Hey Cudahy! The City is updating its General Plan for the first time since 1992.

The General Plan is a community blueprint that identifies visions and policies to help guide the city's future development. Make sure your dream for Cudahy is included. Keep an eye out for upcoming workshops.

### COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

TOPIC	MONTH*
Community Survey Findings	April
Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting	April 18
Framework & Vision	April
Proposed Strategies & Actions	May
Draft General Plan	June

\* Specific dates will be announced online and at City Hall as they become available. The General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) also hosts monthly meetings.

## FIELDS REOPENED!

Just in time for spring, fields at the City's parks have reopened. The grass areas were closed during winter for re-seeding. Many thanks to the community for your patience and cooperation—now let's play ball!

### RETRACTION

An error was reported on page 21 of the Winter 2016 issue. Meeting time and location details for the Senior Commission were misprinted. Please note the corrected meeting schedule:

#### City Council

Second and fourth Mondays, 6:30 p.m.  
Turner Hall (temporary)

#### Aging and Senior Commission

Second Mondays, 2 p.m.  
Clara Street Park Turner Hall

#### Public Safety Commission

Second Tuesdays, 6 p.m.  
Council Chambers

#### Planning Commission

Third Mondays, 6 p.m.  
Council Chambers

#### Parks & Recreation Commission

Fourth Tuesdays, 6 p.m.  
Council Chambers

The City is also continuing to accept applications for its newly formed Economic Development Commission.

# SWAP MEET

Saturdays, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.,  
Clara Street Park

Searching for a great deal? Cudahy's weekly swap meet features more than 60 vendors offering a variety of services and products, including name brand clothing, shoes, jewelry, home decor, furniture, bedding, toys, sporting goods, and beauty products. To learn how to become a vendor, visit City Hall or call (323) 773-5143.



# ROUNDUP

## NEWSREEL

# WHAT'S UP WITH THE CUDAHY 2040 PLAN?

The City and consultant MIG are continuing to work with the community in updating the General Plan to lay out a set of goals, policies and programs that will help guide Cudahy's growth and development through 2040. In the past few months, the team has been making presentations to the City Council and commissions, engaging residents in surveys and intercept meetings across the city, and preparing an existing conditions report.

According to Community Development Manager Michael Allen, the new background report—which is available for review online and at City Hall—“serves as an informational tool that gives perspective on where the City is at, how we got here, and how we can get to where we want to go.” From this foundation, the City is reaching out to the public to get feedback on desired business, development and revitalization opportunities.

**Up next, the team will be making a presentation to the City Council and Planning Commission during a special joint meeting on April 18. Check online for upcoming dates. For more information on how to get involved, visit [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).**

## CITY BOND RATINGS GETTING A BOOST

Standard & Poor's (S&P) has upgraded and affirmed positive credit ratings for bonds belonging to the City, acting as the Successor Agency to the former Cudahy Development Commission. The former redevelopment agency issued bonds against property taxes, in order to fund public improvements and economic development.

This positive report reflects a trend of a growing tax base from rising property values in recent years—indicative of a stabilizing economic environment.

To learn more about the bond ratings, check out the full report at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com).

BOND	PREVIOUS S&P RATING	NEW S&P RATING
Series 2003A tax allocation bonds (TABs)	BBB+	A-
Series 2011A TABs	BBB	BBB+
Series 2003C TABs	A-	A-
Series 2011B TABs	A-	A-

### NEW CITY HALL HOURS

Heads up. City Hall is now open four days a week, Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m.–7 p.m., and closed on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The new schedule extends daily hours of operation, making it easier for residents who work to access City Hall services. Consolidating hours also helps with reducing the building's energy use and yields some utilities cost savings. Residents may also reach City Hall by calling (323) 773-5143 during business hours.

#### Hours of Operation

M–Th 6:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
F–Su Closed

### CITY ANNUAL AUDIT RESULTS TO BE PRESENTED APRIL 25

In the past several months, the City has worked with Vazquez & Company, LLP, to conduct its annual financial audit. A presentation on findings will be provided during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on April 25.



### BUS SHELTERS INSTALLED

Four new Metro Rapid bus shelters are giving Atlantic Avenue a boost in appearance and transit service. The sleek new facilities at Florence Avenue and at Santa Ana Street enhance the streetscape, while providing bus riders more seating and greater protection from the elements. The bus stops serve Metro Rapid 762 which runs in Cudahy, taking residents north to Pasadena and south to the Artesia Blue Line Station. For more information on Metro routes and destinations, visit [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net). Cudahy residents may also qualify for reduced-rate monthly passes available to senior, disabled and students. Learn how to apply by calling City Hall at (323) 773-5143.

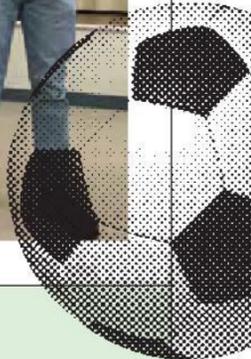


# ROUNDUP

## NEWSREEL

# GOT PARKING?

For the past year, the City has been collaborating with researchers at the UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, to identify sustainable growth strategies. As part of that effort, the team has been looking at issues to deal with development issues—such as managing infrastructure demands, like on-street parking; reducing greenhouse gas emissions; encouraging mobility options like walking, biking and transit; as well as creating funding mechanisms to support sustainable growth initiatives. Over the summer, the City started issuing overnight parking permits to help manage on-street parking. As the yearlong pilot program comes to an end in June, staff and the UCLA team are seeking feedback to help develop recommendations, and decide whether to continue the permit process or eliminate it and allow unrestricted street parking throughout the City. To learn more, contact Rachel Wells at [rbwells@ucla.edu](mailto:rbwells@ucla.edu) or (213) 375-8938.



### COMMUNITY ACADEMY IN PROGRESS

The L.A. County Sheriff's Department (LASD) holds an annual Community Academy at each of its 23 stations to engage the local community and help residents understand public safety operations, policies and procedures. This year, the East L.A. Station also held a special session specifically for Cudahy and Maywood residents. The 10-week program began in February and included a deputy survival class, trip to the communication center, jail tour and ride-along.

Those who missed the opportunity may sign up for the Station's community-wide academy. For more information, contact Deputy Maybet Bugarin at [msbugari@lasd.org](mailto:msbugari@lasd.org) or (323) 981-5024.

### CITY FOCUSES ENERGIES ON STREET SERVICE

A new contract with MCE Corporation outsources landscaping and facilities maintenance activities, which allows the City's public works staff to dedicate more focused attention on street services—including sidewalk maintenance, pothole repairs and other roadway improvements, and graffiti removal.

The effort is part of a larger initiative to enhance the City's physical conditions. For more information on the Cleaner Cudahy campaign, turn to page 14.

Residents are encouraged to submit service requests by calling City Hall at (323) 773-5143. Reach the 24-hour graffiti hotline by dialing ext. 400.



### CITY AND PARTNERS KICK OFF NEW REC PROGRAMS

New partnerships with nonprofit organizations bring exciting and affordable recreational opportunities to the City's parks.

- **Woodcraft Rangers** Recreational and fitness classes for all ages, and afterschool programs. For more info visit [www.woodcraftangers.org](http://www.woodcraftangers.org).
- **Kids in Sports** Fitness programs for youth, including basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and more.

Check out the Recreation Guide on page 35 to see a more detailed listing of what's being offered this spring.

# LET'S TALK TRASH

RECYCLING HELPS THE PLANET BY SAVING ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

Solve the maze and see how you can help.

<p>Recycling just one saves enough energy to run a TV for two hours.</p>		
	<p>Recycling these can make plastic lumber used for picnic tables and park benches.</p>	
		<p>Recycling just one saves enough energy to power a low-energy lightbulb for 20 hours.</p>

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### CLEANER CUDAHY

DO YOUR PART FOR A BETTER CUDAHY.  
Participate in the next Clean-Up Day on April 9.  
For more information, visit [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).

# ROUNDUP

## #CUDAHYCA



DEC. 15 Bike Ride



DEC. 17 Holiday Food Distribution



DEC. 15 Lugo Park receives equipment from Oscar de la Hoya Foundation



DEC. 21 Neighborhood Watch



DEC. 20 Festival Navideño



DEC. 20 Breakfast with Santa



JANUARY El Niño



JANUARY Christmas Tree Pickup



JANUARY Cudahy 2040 Community Intercept



FEBRUARY Reseeding Cudahy Park



MARCH 15 Lugo Park Groundbreaking



MARCH 26 Easter Celebration



## FOLLOW US!

Stay up to date with the latest City news by following us on Twitter @CudahyCa, and the semimonthly City Manager's Report published online at [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).

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# ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR A CLEANER CUDAHY

Tidy sidewalks and clean streets aren't just pleasing to the eyes—proper waste management is good for the environment. Research has also shown that curb appeal is associated with positive neighborhood image and higher quality of life. That's why the City's on a mission to clean up Cudahy.

## MANOS A LA OBRA

Las banquetas y calles limpias no solo son agradables de ver sino que un adecuado tratamiento de los desechos es bueno para el medioambiente. Estudios también muestran que la fachada se asocia con una imagen positiva del vecindario y una calidad superior de vida.

## WILL YOU JOIN US?



## DON'T MISS CLEANUP DAY

### APRIL 9 10 A.M.—3 P.M.

Join the City, Republic Services and Goodwill to celebrate Earth Day. The event is part of the Cleaner Cudahy campaign, which includes quarterly Cleanup Days that bring together resources and volunteers to help beautify neighborhoods and raise awareness about proper recycling and waste disposal. Don't miss this free opportunity to get rid of junk, e-waste and unwanted items.

### Here's how you can get involved:

Contact Raul Mazariegos at (323) 773-5143, ext. 247.

- ▶ Organize a beautification team.\*
- ▶ Request a trash bin location near you.
- Drop off bulky items at one of seven convenient locations.
- 📦 Visit Lugo Park to drop off electronic waste, donations of unwanted items, and sensitive documents for secure shredding.\*

\* First-time volunteers must sign a waiver form. Proof of residency required through show of valid ID or utility bill. Shredding is conducted off-site by Goodwill.



### El 9 de abril es el Día de limpieza.

Acompañe a la ciudad, Republic Services y Goodwill para celebrar el Día de la Tierra el sábado, 9 de abril de 10:00 a.m. a 3:00pm. La ciudad celebra Días de limpieza cada trimestre, al reunir los recursos y voluntarios para ayudar a embellecer los vecindarios y hacer conciencia sobre el reciclaje y eliminación de residuos de manera adecuada. No se pierda de este evento gratuito para deshacerse de basura, desechos electrónicos y artículos indeseados.

### Como participar

Conozca como puede participar. Comuníquese con Raúl Mazariegos al (323) 773-5143, ext. 247.

- Organice un grupo de embellecimiento.\*
- Pida un contenedor de basura cerca de su hogar.
- Visite uno de los siete lugares convenientes para dejar artículos de gran volumen.
- Visite el Parque Lugo para dejar desecho electrónicos, donaciones de artículos indeseados y documentos sensibles para su destrucción de manera segura\*.

\* Voluntarios por primera vez deben firmar un formulario de renuncia. Se debe comprobar el domicilio al mostrar identificación válida o de alguna cuenta de servicios públicos. La destrucción de documentos se llevan a cabo por Goodwill fuera del predio.

### ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Efforts to beautify our neighborhoods shouldn't just be limited to Cleanup Day. Our Community Preservation team shares tips on how to keep Cudahy neat and clean.

- **Observe proper dumping.** Garbage should only be out for collection starting the afternoon before your neighborhood's designated pickup day, and removed by the evening of your pickup day. Illegal dumping may result in a fine of at least \$50.
- **Bulky items should only be left out for pickup on Wednesday morning.** The City offers residents FREE bulky-item pickup every Wednesday morning, or by calling (800) 299-4898. Items should only be left out on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.
- **Learn about proper recycling.** E-waste and hazardous waste must be safely disposed at collection centers or designated drop-off sites.
- **Make high-impact property fixes.** Part of the larger Cleaner Cudahy campaign is enhancing neighborhood appeal by addressing issues such as unsightly chipped paint, overgrown vegetation, visible trash or household items, and tents or tarps.

### TODO EL DÍA, TODOS LOS DÍAS

Los esfuerzos de embellecer nuestros vecindarios no deberían limitarse a solo el Día de limpieza. Nuestro equipo de conservación de la ciudad comparte consejos sobre como mantener a Cudahy arreglada y limpia.

- Observe la manera adecuada de tirar basura. Solo se permite basura afuera para la re-colección empezando a mediodía el día anterior al asignado para recoger su basura y debe retirarla a más tardar la noche del día que la recogán. El tirar basura de manera ilegal puede ser sujeta a una multa de por lo menos \$50.
- Artículos de gran volumen solo deben dejarse afuera para que se recojan el miércoles en la mañana. La ciudad le ofrece a los residentes servicio gratis de recoger artículos voluminosos cada miércoles pos la mañana o al marcar al (800) 299-4898. Los artículos solo se deben sacar el martes en la noche o miércoles en la mañana.
- Llevar a cabo arreglos de alto impacto a la propiedad. Parte de la campaña más amplia de un Cudahy más limpio es de mejorar la apariencia del vecindario al re-emplazar pintura descarapelada, remover basura o artículos caseros visibles ademas de tiendas o lonas.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The first Citywide Cleanup Day was held on Jan. 24, 2015.
- The Jan. 10 Cleanup Day drew one church group and more than 60 student volunteers to help on beautification projects.
- Nearly 14 tons of trash was collected at the last Cleanup Day.
- Remaining Cleanup Days for the year are scheduled for July 9 and Oct. 11.



## WHAT IS AB 341 AND AB 1826, AND WHO DO THEY AFFECT?



California's push for sustainability has resulted in policies that cut greenhouse gases, encourage investment in alternative energy, as well as reducing waste. Two assembly bills (AB) targeting waste management require certain commercial properties—including small businesses and multifamily homes and apartments—to recycle and compost.

**AB 341** requires businesses that generate more than four cubic yards of trash to participate in recycling.

**AB 1826** requires businesses that generate more than eight cubic yards of trash to participate in composting of organic waste, including food, yard trimmings and food-soiled paper.

#### Why do the laws target commercial properties?

California's businesses generate about 70 percent of the state's solid waste, so targeting commercial properties will have the largest impact. Business-owners with questions about recycling or who wish to schedule a free consultation about available programs may call Republic Services at (800) 299-4898.

#### What are the consequences of noncompliance?

Republic Services will be able to fine properties not in compliance with the new laws.

#### How might residents be affected?

While residents are not directly affected by these regulations that target businesses, they may notice changes at local establishments or at home as business-owners and property managers begin to adjust. There are an estimated 5,615 households in Cudahy. About 83% are renters, of which 62% live in multifamily units affected by these new recycling laws. If you have questions about trash collection at your home, talk to your property manager to see how changes will affect you.

## ¿QUÉ ES EL AB 341 Y EL AB 1826, Y A QUIEN LE AFECTA?

California siempre ha estado a la vanguardia en sostenibilidad—al impulsar políticas que reducen los gases de efecto invernadero, impulsar el uso de energía alternativa, al igual que reducir desechos. Dos leyes que se enfocan en el tratamiento de los desechos son la AB 341 y AB 1826, las cuales requieren que ciertas propiedades comerciales—que incluyen algunos negocios pequeños hogares que son para varias familias y apartamentos—reciden y lleven a cabo estrategias de compostaje.

El **AB 341** requiere que negocios que generan más de cuatro yardas cúbicas de basura participen en el reciclaje.

El **AB 1826** requiere que negocios que producen más de ocho yardas cúbicas de basura participen en convertir en abono el desecho orgánico, que incluye alimentación, desechos del jardín y papel mojado por la comida.

#### ¿Por qué se enfocan las leyes en propiedades comerciales?

Los negocios de California producen aproximadamente 70 por ciento de los desechos sólidos del estado así que el enfocarse en las propiedades comerciales tendrá el impacto más grande. Dueños de negocios que tengan preguntas sobre el reciclaje o quienes desean programar un consulta gratis sobre los programas disponibles pueden comunicarse con Republic Services al (800) 299-4898.

#### ¿Cuáles son las consecuencias de incumplimiento?

Republic Services podrá multar a propiedades que no cumplen con las nuevas leyes.

#### ¿Cómo le afecta a los residentes?

Ya que estos reglamentos se enfocan en los negocios, puede que los residentes no se afecten directamente, pero pueda que noten cambios en establecimientos locales o en la casa conforme los dueños de tiendas y administradores de propiedades se adaptan para cumplir los requisitos. Como el 83 por ciento de residentes en Cudahy son inquilinos, del cual más de 60 por ciento viven en unidades multifamiliares que son afectadas por estas nuevas leyes de reciclaje. Si Ud. tiene preguntas acerca de la colección de basura en su casa, hable con el administrador de la propiedad para ver como le afectarán los cambios.

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# On The BEAT

The City reenergizes its partnership with the Sheriff's Department to enhance public safety services and build neighborhood trust

BY WENDY CHUNG AND STEVE VELASQUEZ

Public safety has always been a hot topic in Cudahy. Over the years, gang activity created a hostile environment in the community. Meanwhile frequent changes of law enforcement contracts kept residents from being able to build sustained relationships with local deputies and vice versa.

As part of a larger push for community progress, the City Council has refocused attention on increasing public safety. Between 2012 and the current year, the City upped its investment in law enforcement, increasing the contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department from \$3.3 million to just under \$3.7 million. Staff has also been working with LASD leadership on strategic planning, toward further enhancing performance and level of service. So far, efforts have resulted in higher staffing levels, as well as new programs like Neighborhood Watch and Community Academy. Moving forward, the City looks forward to further developing local trust and engagement.

## VALUE ADDED

Public safety is important, not only contributing to quality of life but also generating economic benefits. A 2013 report by the Public Policy Institute of California found that on average, hiring one additional police officer reduces crime by 1.3 violent crimes and 4.2 property crimes per year, or about \$300,000 in value. Moreover a 2011 study published in *Police Quarterly* found that smaller cities like Cudahy can realize further cost savings by contracting services, rather than running its own police force.

CA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED IN...	
Police departments	50%
Sheriffs	40%
OF CALIFORNIA CITIES COMPARABLE IN SIZE TO CUDAHY...	
34.1%	contract for police services
\$93.48	avg per capita saving by contracting
AVG PER CAPITA PUBLIC SAFETY COST	
Department	\$135.77
Contract	\$229.25
Cudahy	\$157.81

## QUALITY SERVICES

For every dollar that the County collects in property tax, the City receives less than 7 cents back to its general fund—meaning a typical home with an assessed valuation of \$350,000 contributes about \$250 in local revenues, which is just enough to cover the City's average per incident law enforcement cost of \$230. Given the City's very limited resources, partnering with LASD still provides for a high level of public safety service.

Overall, contracting allows the City to realize economies of scale, by spreading cost of personnel and special resources like police helicopters, SWAT teams and sophisticated crime labs. And though some might expect sharing to diminish level of service, research shows that in L.A. County, cities that contract have a better record for solving crimes, at 59.2 for contract cities versus 40.7 percent for department cities.

## CRIME WATCH

Crime has been on an overall downward trend in Cudahy. Take a look at this five-year trend of violent crime in Cudahy.

CATEGORY	YTD 2011	YTD 2016	Change
Crimes per 10,000 population	25.2	16.55	-34.3%
Criminal homicide	0	0	-
Forcible rape	0	0	-
Robbery	2.1	1.24	-41.0%
Aggravated assault	5.88	1.24	-78.9%
Burglary	0	2.48	Not calculable
Motor vehicle theft	9.66	9.52	-1.5%
Larceny-theft	7.56	2.07	-72.6%
Arson	0	0	-

SOURCE: LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DATA RETRIEVED FEBRUARY 2016

## CONTRACT FOR CUDAHY

Like many other small local governments across Los Angeles County, the City contracts with a larger agency to provide public safety services. This model allows agencies to distribute costs and share resources.

In the past, the City often contracted with agencies that provided low rates in order to save money. Between 2004 and 2010, it paid \$2.8 million per year for services from Maywood Police Department (MPD). But in 2009, an investigation from the State Attorney General's Office found severe performance gaps and misconduct in MPD, ranging from discrimination to excessive use of force.

After the MPD was ultimately dissolved due to financial issues, the City Council contracted with LASD in 2010, and renewed in 2014 for a five-year extension. At just under \$3.7 million, the current contract is more costly than in the past, but it also includes a higher level of service to cultivate a safe and stable community in Cudahy, to serve as a foundation for increasing quality of life.

Over the past year, staff has been working closely with Captain Steve Biagini from East Los Angeles Station to identify and meet local needs. One of the highlights of the current contract is added patrol presence. Prior to Biagini's arrival, staffing had been cut to what is described as "five percent below minimum deployment." Typically, calculations of call loads and population size help determine how much staffing a community requires. Especially for a city as dense as Cudahy, the former levels of patrol had put both officers and residents at risk by spreading resources too thin and compromising response times.

While declining to reveal specific staffing information for security purposes, Biagini reports, "I'm confident that we now have a level of deputy deployment that provides sufficient services for residents."

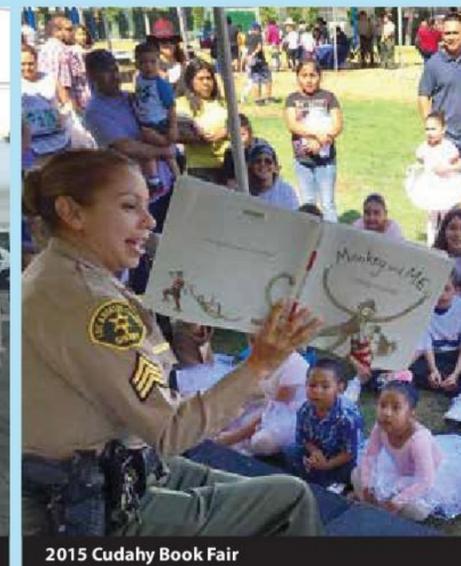
Indeed, response time records in Cudahy fall well within established LASD thresholds. Routine calls which have a 40-minute threshold, are generally responded to within 35 minutes; priority calls subject to a 20-minute threshold are answered in six to seven minutes; and emergency calls, which have a five-minute threshold, are responded to within three to four minutes. Over the past several years, violent crime has been on a downward trend. While some community members have expressed feeling safer than previous years, there is still much work to do. For one, a recent General Plan survey showed that residents still consider graffiti a big problem.



Working on the General Plan



Neighborhood Watch Meeting



2015 Cudahy Book Fair

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In addition to service enhancements, the LASD contract also brings access to invaluable technology and expertise. Even though the agency covers a large area—more than 40 different cities, plus unincorporated areas in the County—it has immense capacity with 18,000 employees and an annual budget of \$2.7 billion. That provides resources that no small municipality could individually fund, such as police helicopters, SWAT teams and sophisticated crime labs.

In 2011, *Police Quarterly* published a study comparing public safety performance between California cities that contracted out versus operated their own law enforcement. A survey found that cities that contracted with the County performed better across the board in solved crimes, while costing about half the amount per capita as police departments for comparably sized cities. Contract cities are therefore able to enjoy a very individualized level of service, without incurring overwhelming operating expenses and pension liability.

## INTRODUCING COMMUNITY POLICING

**Partnering with LASD, the City is bringing a new and more collaborative approach to public safety.**

In the past several decades, "community-based policing" has gained widespread acceptance, and law enforcement agencies including the Sheriff's Department are embracing the idea of the nostalgic "cop on the beat." While traditional policing is reactive and arrests perpetrators when crimes take place, COPS focuses on preempting criminal activity by building a rapport with local residents and cultivating environments where crime is less likely to take place. Strategies include actions as simple as improving lighting in a dark alleyway, to increasing youth engagement.

Last year, the City received a \$100,000 grant from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)—an official initiative of the U.S. Department of Justice—to promote innovative crime prevention, partnerships with local governments, community outreach and civic engagement.

*"We tell them, 'This is your park, this is your city and you need to call us if you see anything wrong.'"*

—SERGEANT CYNTHIA BEARSE

A particularly successful program is Neighborhood Watch. Sergeant Cynthia Bearse and Deputy Marino Gonzalez are responsible for the program in Cudahy, and have been working with the City to hold at least one meeting per month. "Sometimes we'll pick a location where there has been a major incident and knock on doors to find a volunteer to host a meeting," reports Bearse, explaining that the officers then print up flyers and go door-to-door to promote the gathering, which ultimately strengthens relationships among neighbors.

An important part of building bonds has also been communication. Both Bearse and Gonzalez are bilingual, and can conduct meetings in both English and Spanish, depending on the audience. At these meetings, they emphasize the importance of reporting criminal activity in their neighborhoods and assure residents that no information about immigration status is ever requested. "We tell them, 'This is your park, this is your city and you need to call us if you see anything wrong,'" says Bearse, who advises citizens they are welcome to call many times a day if necessary.

Beyond Neighborhood Watch, the deputies also attend a wide variety of community events and all City Council meetings. The LASD has also instituted an Explorer program for young people to volunteer with local officers and operates a 10-week Community Academy for residents to learn more about public safety operations in Cudahy. For more information on the next session, contact Deputy Gonzalez at (323) 264-4151.

## BUILDING BRIDGES

"Our biggest challenge in Cudahy is getting more cooperation from residents," says Biagini, who is retiring in May. While a history of police distrust poses a challenge, the new community programs have been instrumental in building positive ties. A conscious effort was also made to ensure that deputies assigned to Cudahy are Spanish-speaking, so as to address local language needs. "We want to build a relationship so they feel comfortable with us and we feel comfortable with them," says Bearse.

"We want residents to call when they see a crime and want them to participate in community activities," says Biagini. "We've made good strides in that area and it's paying dividends. Our job is not just patrolling the City but acting on information we receive from residents to make the community safer."

## GET INVOLVED

### Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program promotes active resident participation and cooperation with local police to reduce local crime. Gather your neighbors to learn about trends and prevention tips, and meet the Community Deputy Sheriff. If you're interested in hosting a meeting in your neighborhood, call Deputy Marino Gonzalez at East Los Angeles Sheriff Station, (323) 264-4151.

### Community Academy

This 10-week program helps residents understand the various operations of the Sheriff's Department. Class topics include a deputy survival class, trip to the Sheriff's communication center, jail tour and a ride-along. For questions about upcoming program dates, contact Deputy Maybet Bugarin at (323) 981-5024 or msbugari@lasd.org.

### Deputy Explorer Program

Young adults between 14-20 years old with an interest in the law enforcement profession can join the Explorer Program to learn what it takes to enter the field. The program includes training to assist participants in making an informed career decision, while also helping to develop responsibility, compassion, independence and self-confidence. For more information, contact East L.A. Sheriff Station, (323) 264-4151.

### Vital Intervention Directional Alternative (VIDA)

This 16-week academy-style program provides mentoring and opportunities for at-risk youth, ages 11 to 17, with the goal of steering them toward a crime-free positive life path. The program works with parents and provides participants with individualized attention in recognizing unique needs and circumstances toward building them into responsible, productive, happy and confident adults. Sessions start in August and February and costs \$75—which may be waived. For more information, contact East L.A. Sheriff Station, (323) 264-4151.

Since the two officers are bilingual, the meeting is usually conducted in both English and Spanish, but if everybody in the room wants to speak Spanish, they will conduct the meeting entirely in Spanish.

## VIGILANCIA

### Trabajando Juntos Para Una Comunidad Más Segura

La seguridad pública siempre ha sido un tema candente en Cudahy. A lo largo de los años, la actividad pandillera creó un ambiente hostil en la comunidad. Mientras tanto cambios frecuentes en los contratos de agencias del orden público impidieron que los residentes pudieran establecer relaciones duraderas con los agentes de policía local y viceversa.

Como parte de un esfuerzo más grande en el avance comunitario, líderes municipales volvieron a centrar la atención en aumentar la seguridad pública. Igual que muchos otros pequeños gobiernos locales en el condado de Los Ángeles, la ciudad tiene un contrato con una agencia más grande para proveer servicios de seguridad pública. Este modelo permite que las agencias distribuyan los costos y compartan recursos.

En el pasado, la ciudad a menudo tuvo contratos con agencias que proporcionaban tarifas bajas para ahorrar dinero. Entre el 2004 y el 2010, pagó \$2,8 millones cada año por servicios del Departamento de Policía de Maywood (MPD, por sus siglas en inglés). Pero en el 2009, una investigación por la Procuraduría General del Estado, encontró graves carencias de desempeño y falta de ética laboral en el MPD que abarcan desde discriminación a uso excesivo de la fuerza.

Después de que el MPD finalmente se disolvió debido a cuestiones financieras, el Concejo Municipal llevó a cabo un contrato con el LASD, el cual se renovó en el 2014 a una prórroga de cinco años. A \$3,8 millones, el nuevo contrato es más costoso que en el pasado, pero también incluye un servicio de nivel superior que cultivará una comunidad segura y estable en Cudahy y proporcionará un fundamento para mejorar la calidad de vida local.



Durante el último año, el personal ha trabajado estrechamente con el Capitán Steve Biagini de la Delegación del Este de Los Ángeles para restablecer los niveles del personal—los cuales antes de renovar el contrato se habían recortado a un nivel inferior prescrito por las normas para mantener a los residentes y agentes de policía seguros.

Mientras que la vigilancia policial tradicional es de índole reactiva y arresta a perpetradores cuando se comete un delito, COPS se enfoca en prevenir actividades delictivas a través de entablar buenas relaciones con los residentes locales y cultivar un clima en el que es menos probable que se cometan delitos. Las estrategias incluyen acciones tan simples como el proveer comunicación bilingüe y aumentar participación de los jóvenes tanto como mejorar la iluminación en algún callejón oscuro.

El año pasado, la ciudad recibió una subvención de \$10.000 de los Servicios Policiales Orientados a la Comunidad (COPS, por sus siglas en inglés)—una iniciativa oficial del Departamento de Justicia de EE. UU.—para promover estrategias innovadoras en la prevención de delitos, colaboración con gobiernos locales, alcance comunitario y participación cívica.

Un exitoso programa en particular es el de la Vigilancia del Vecindario. La Sargenta Cynthia Bearse y el agente auxiliar Marino González son responsables del programa en Cudahy y trabajan con la ciudad para llevar a cabo por lo menos una reunión al mes. "Algunas veces escogemos un lugar donde ocurrió un incidente grave y tocamos puertas para encontrar a un voluntario para ser la sede de una reunión", reporta Bearse, y explicó que los agentes luego imprimen volantes y van de puerta a puerta para promover la reunión, la cual finalmente fortalece las relaciones entre los vecinos.

Además de las mejoras de servicios, el contrato del LASD también trae tecnología y experiencia inestimable. Aunque la agencia cubre una gran área—más de 40 ciudades distintas, y además áreas no incorporadas del condado—tiene una capacidad inmensa que cuenta con 18.000 empleados y un presupuesto anual de \$2,7 billones. Eso provee recursos que ninguna pequeña municipalidad podría financiar individualmente, tal como helicópteros de policía, equipos del SWAT y laboratorios forenses sofisticados.

"El reto más grande en Cudahy es tener más colaboración de los residentes", dijo Biagini, quien anima a los residentes para que participen. Aparte de la Vigilancia de la vecindad, LASD también coordina un programa de Exploradores para que los jóvenes participen como voluntarios con la agencia, tanto como la Academia comunitaria de 10 semanas para que los residentes conozcan más de las operaciones de la policía en Cudahy. Para mayor información, comuníquese con el agente auxiliar González al (323) 264-4151.



# LAND OF OPPORTUNITIES

**CUDAHY IS RICH WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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**AFTER LOSING A \$2.8-MILLION STREAM OF ANNUAL REVENUE FROM THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE CITY HAS BEEN ACTIVELY PURSUING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE A PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR CUDAHY**

BY WENDY CHUNG AND ROGER GRODY

Economic development is an important goal for many communities. The recent economic recession not only tightened many government budgets, but in California, also prompted the State to eliminate economic redevelopment agencies. This environment has pushed many cities to be more creative in allocating and leveraging available resources to generate new revenues.

Thinking outside the box has been especially important in Cudahy, where the elimination of the redevelopment agency resulted in an annual loss of \$2.8 million—equivalent to about 40 percent of the City's budget. Meanwhile, a weaker tax base stemming from lower levels of commercial uses and property values also provides less funding for public services. And even then, available resources must be split with other entities like the County and local schools—for every dollar the County collects in property tax, the City receives less than 7 cents.

An innovative economic development strategy is therefore crucial for attracting investment to expand business and job opportunities, increase access to goods and services, enhance local housing stock, and generate new revenue streams.

With the General Plan update underway, the City is discussing Cudahy's future while developing options for increasing local prosperity. Here are a few key strategies being explored, ranging from increasing business attraction efforts and identifying opportunity sites, to a new law that might help spur new business and development activity.

## **AN ORDINANCE TO COPE WITH LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT**

Prior to 2012, the Cudahy Community Development Commission (CDC) was the City's main economic development engine. Enabled by a 1948 State law, one of its special powers was tax increment financing (TIF), which essentially allowed the CDC to retain a portion of property tax revenue to fund economic development activities.

Under the former redevelopment law, a public agency could identify a distressed project area. Upon designation, the local tax base would “freeze” for a certain amount of time, and any increase in assessed valuation that hypothetically resulted from focused improvement efforts, could further fund more improvements. Monies were often leveraged through bonds to help finance infrastructure enhancements, affordable housing, and major commercial and residential projects.

Though redevelopment agencies left a positive impact in many disadvantaged neighborhoods, some local agencies were alleged to misuse their power to hoard tax revenues, effectively draining resources from local schools and other public services, and leaving the State on the hook for backfilling funding gaps. In 2011, to address State budgetary issues, Governor Jerry Brown signed a law eliminating community redevelopment, affecting more than 400 agencies including the CDC.

In response to the loss of the CDC, the Cudahy Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was formed to continue investing in the city. In 2014, a State report found that the EDC was not qualified to receive the former CDC’s assets, and ultimately handed control of remnant funds and properties to the City as the successor agency. The City has since adopted a Long Range Property Management Plan to identify potential for future development.

Meanwhile, in response to the loss of redevelopment, the City adopted an Economic Development Ordinance and Plan in order to identify new opportunities, set aside funds, and develop leadership in the form of a new Economic Development Commission tasked to help guide revitalization activities. Recruitment is now underway for the Commission, and the Economic Development Plan is available online. For more information, contact Community Development Manager Michael Allen at (323) 773-5143.

## CUDAHY 2040: THE GENERAL PLAN

Per State law, every city is required to maintain a General Plan that establishes a community vision and framework for growth and development. The City is currently working on its first update since 1992, a major theme of which is enhancing economic development opportunity.

So far, consultant MIG has put together an existing conditions report that compiles completed studies and recent planning efforts into one comprehensive document. In terms of economic development, MIG has identified barriers to desired development, as well as potential opportunity sites.

Specifically, important issues for the City to address in order to be competitive in spurring new private investment include inadequate infrastructure, incompatible land use patterns and small lot sizes. As part of the General Plan, the City will be updating the zoning code, as well as implementing new incentivizing tools and design guidelines to promote quality development.

Looking ahead, some key opportunity sites include a more cohesive civic center connecting the library, Cudahy Park and City Hall; the former casino property; and new housing along the Los Angeles River that’s currently being revitalized. “These types of projects would require some negotiations with the County and other districts, as well as private investors, but that kind of interaction fosters alignment of interests and coordination of investment,” said City Attorney Dave Gondek. And while likely requiring additional effort and collaboration, such opportunities could open new doors to new housing, goods and services, as well as job opportunities.

Yet another transformative project potentially on the horizon is the ongoing Eco-Rapid Project that could bring the Metro Orange Line into the community at the southern edge of town, using the

inactive Southern Union Pacific right-of-way. The introduction of light rail could promote a more compact transit-oriented community that provides residents convenient access to goods and services, and better connects the city to the larger region.

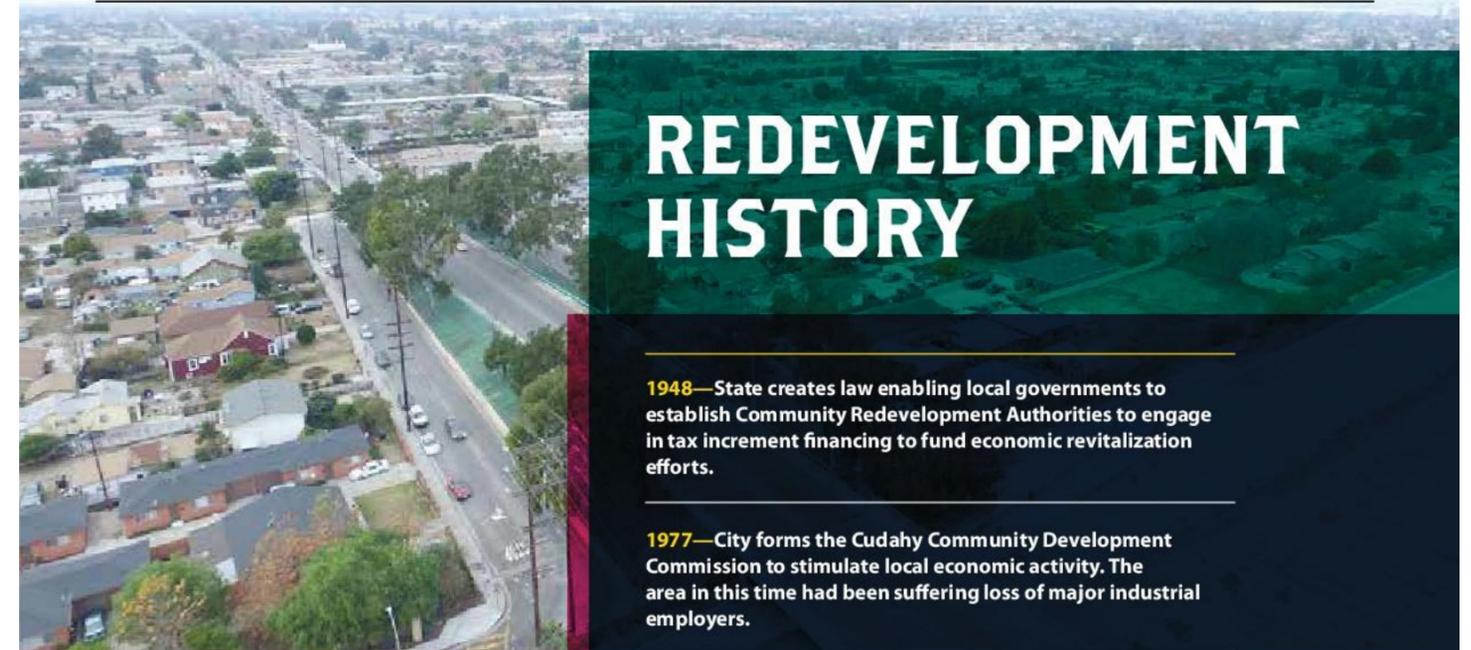
To see the Existing Conditions Report for the Cudahy 2040 Plan, and to keep up to date with the latest meetings, visit [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).

## REDEVELOPMENT 2.0: COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION & INVESTMENT ACT

For communities that struggled with the loss of redevelopment funding, an exciting announcement from the State last year involved the new Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (CRIA) Law. The legislation marks the return of tax increment financing, but targeted only to geographic areas with the greatest demonstrated need to rein in potential misuse.

In order to establish a new CRIA entity, cities must demonstrate that 80 percent of local Census blocks have an annual household income that lags behind the statewide median. In addition, the project area must meet three of the four following conditions: 1) unemployment rate at least 3 percent above the statewide median, 2) crime rate at least 5 percent higher than the statewide median, 3) deteriorated/inadequate infrastructure, and 4) deteriorated commercial or residential structures.

Based on preliminary analysis, while the City as a whole meets income and deterioration requirements for infrastructure and building stock, recent improvements in unemployment and crime rates have placed Cudahy under the new law’s required threshold. “Had this been two years ago, the City would have qualified because of higher unemployment and crime rates,” said



# REDEVELOPMENT HISTORY

**1948**—State creates law enabling local governments to establish Community Redevelopment Authorities to engage in tax increment financing to fund economic revitalization efforts.

**1977**—City forms the Cudahy Community Development Commission to stimulate local economic activity. The area in this time had been suffering loss of major industrial employers.

**2012**—State law abolishes redevelopment, shuttering more than 400 CRAs, including the CDC. The City forms the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to oversee the former agency’s funds.

**2014**—A review of the CDC’s assets transferred to the EDC found that properties and other assets must be returned to the City as successor agency of the former CDC.

Community Development Manager Michael Allen. “But both have gone down significantly—which is a sign of momentum that redevelopment could help further build up. So we’re in the process of strategizing to see how we might qualify.”

While the City as a whole is not currently eligible, Gondek notes that there may still be opportunity to form a project area that is focused on certain Census blocks—a relatively common practice during the time of CRAs. Furthermore, since the CRIA is still new, it is also possible that the law will adjust to community needs as cities start trying to form new agencies. But just how flexible CRIA law might be remains to be seen.

In addition to bringing back tax increment financing, the new legislation requires that 25 percent of all revenue collected by a CRIA be deposited into a low- and moderate-income housing fund—which is a five percent increase from the old law. This emphasis on affordable housing is important as the State faces a housing crisis. It also aligns with one of the General Plan’s key objectives to provide residents with sufficient affordable housing

## WHY DID THE STATE ELIMINATE REDEVELOPMENT? WHAT IS CRIA?

Typically, property tax revenues are shared among various taxing districts including the City, County and local school districts. Redevelopment allowed local governments to divert property tax receipts for economic development, which often left the State on the hook for backfilling funding gaps in other public agencies. The 2012 dissolution of CRAs was in large part an effort to address the impact that TIF was having on the State’s budget.

As of last year, new legislation enables local governments to establish CRIAs, which while has been called “watered down redevelopment,” enables eligible communities to engage in tax increment financing to fight blight and spur economic activity.

opportunities, in both the rental and ownership markets.

Gondek also notes that revenues may also be used to assist in the assembly of land for new commercial development. In Cudahy, where lot sizes are typically small and ownership patterns are fragmented, land assembly is important in order to create sites that are economically feasible for new residential and commercial projects.

In particular, there is great opportunity for the City to capitalize on the efforts underway to revitalize the Los Angeles River. “Redevelopment funds can be used for land assembly and to reorient properties to take advantage of recreational vistas as the river is restored and reopened.” He further suggests the higher density along the waterfront, likely to be recommended in the General Plan Amendment, which could consist of housing opportunities ranging from

affordable to market-rate, in order to help create a more balanced and economically diverse community.

While much of conversation around the river project has centered on Downtown L.A., the L.A. River Revitalization Corporation leading the effort insists that all local jurisdictions along the waterway’s 51-mile length are being addressed. “We are in the preliminary stages of creating a holistic plan inclusive of all 15 cities along the river,” said Director of Communications Eli Kaufman. “We have a commitment to public engagement, neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block.”

As the City continues to study and understand the eligibility and limitations of the new CRIA law, its potential to supplement existing economic development efforts would be a welcome prospect.

## PROSPEROUS FUTURE

Taken together, Cudahy is rich with economic development opportunities. As the Cudahy 2040 Plan establishes a vision and framework for future growth, a new Economic Development Commission could help guide implementation and coordination of resources.

Meanwhile the City’s ongoing efforts to generate new revenues—whether by increasing the tax base via new development, or exploring a new CRIA entity—will further propel the community toward a more prosperous future.

“With these elements coming together, you could see a real transformation of the community,” says Gondek.

## MEET TIF: A FUNDING MECHANISM

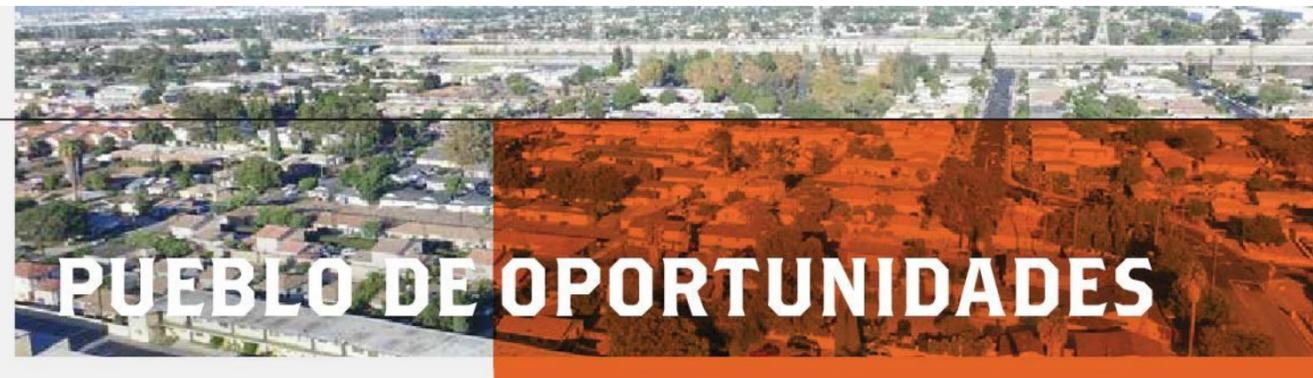
In 2012, the dissolution of the former Cudahy Community Development Commission (CDC) meant that the City lost a major economic development tool—tax increment financing (TIF). As of last year, a new State law—the Community Revitalization & Investment Act (CRIA)—is bringing back TIF to eligible communities. As the City looks into its own eligibility, learn how TIF works.

### What is the Cudahy Redevelopment Agency?

The former CDC was established in 1977 and eliminated in 2012. It was enabled by State redevelopment law, which provided local governments with tools for addressing urban blight—including the ability to assemble smaller parcels into larger development opportunity sites, as well as the authority to engage in tax increment financing.

### How does tax increment financing work?

Typically for every \$1 collected in property tax, less than 7 cents returns to the local general fund. Tax increment financing (TIF) was therefore an important redevelopment tool that allowed cities to retain property tax to fund economic development, and capture any increased property value for further local reinvestment. Cities often then leveraged anticipated property tax increments to issue bonds for public improvements and economic development activities.



El desarrollo económico es una meta importante para Cudahy, donde la pérdida de la previa Comisión para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad (CDC, por sus siglas en inglés) resultó en una pérdida anual de \$2,8 millones—equivalente a aproximadamente a 40 por ciento del presupuesto de la ciudad. Además, el financiamiento de los servicios públicos está limitado debido a que la ciudad comparte ingresos por impuestos con otras entidades tales como el Condado y las escuelas locales. Por cada dólar que se colecta de impuestos sobre bienes inmuebles, la ciudad solo recibe menos de nueve centavos.

Así que una estrategia innovadora puede ayudar a atraer inversiones para ampliar oportunidades para los negocios y trabajos, aumentar el acceso a bienes y servicios, mejorar las existentes viviendas locales y generar nuevas fuentes de ingresos. A continuación verán unas estrategias claves que la ciudad esta en proceso de analizar:

### 1. UNA NUEVA ORDENANZA DE DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO

Cuando las agencias de reurbanización fueron eliminadas en el estado de California en el 2012, Cudahy perdió su capacidad de desarrollo económico—que incluye la habilidad de participar en el financiamiento con el incremento de impuestos (TIF, por sus siglas en inglés), la cual anteriormente permitió a entidades locales retener algo de los ingresos de impuestos sobre los bienes inmuebles para el desarrollo económico.

Para conservar y fomentar la prosperidad aun más en Cudahy, el Concejo Municipal recién adoptó la Ordenanza del Desarrollo Económico, la cual confirma el desarrollo económico como una prioridad importante y establece nuevos recursos y una comisión para alentar nuevo crecimiento. También adoptó un Plan Inmobiliario a Largo Plazo para identificar oportunidades para varios terrenos de los cuales la ciudad es dueña.

### 2. PLAN DE CUDAHY 2040

Conforme la ciudad actualiza su Plan General por primera vez desde el 1992, un tema que se destaca es el del desarrollo económico.

Hasta ahora, el consultor MIG realizó un informe de la condiciones existentes para identificar barreras potenciales en cuanto a la construcción deseada tanto como con lugares de oportunidad —tales como un centro cívico más cohesivo que conecte a la biblioteca, el Parque de Cudahy y el Ayuntamiento; la propiedad que anteriormente era un casino; el Proyecto Eco-Rápido en curso que podría traer nuevas opciones de tránsito a la comunidad; al igual que opciones de viviendas que puedan que construyan en el esfuerzo actual de Renovación del Río de Los Ángeles.

Y mientras lo más probable es que requiera esfuerzo y colaboración adicional, tales oportunidades podrían abrir nuevas puertas a nuevas viviendas, bienes y servicios así como oportunidades de trabajo.

Aprenda más sobre el Plan de Cudahy 2040 en [www.cityofcudahy.com](http://www.cityofcudahy.com).

### 3. REURBANIZACIÓN 2.0: LEY DE REVITALIZACIÓN E INVERSIÓN COMUNITARIA

El año pasado, el estado anunció la nueva Ley de la Autoridad de Revitalización e Inversión Comunitaria, la cual marca el regreso del financiamiento con el incremento tributario pero enfocándose en áreas demostradas de mayor necesidad.

Basándose en requisitos existentes, la ciudad en su conjunto no reúne los requisitos para establecer una área abarcadora para el proyecto. Reducciones recientes en delitos y desempleo—que a la vez es una señal de avance—han descartado la elegibilidad inicial. Sin embargo, el personal sigue analizando áreas para ver si ciertas de ellas puedan cumplir los requisitos.

Conforme la ciudad sigue con la exploración y entendimiento de la nueva ley, el potencial de complementar esfuerzos actuales en el desarrollo económico sería una oportunidad favorable—no solo al reintroducir el financiamiento con incremento tributario pero también al dedicarle ingresos para viviendas accesibles y ayuda a los negocios.

### CONCLUSIÓN

En su conjunto, Cudahy tiene una abundancia de oportunidades en el desarrollo económico. Acorde al Plan 2040 de Cudahy para establecer una visión y esquema para el crecimiento en el futuro, una nueva Comisión para el Desarrollo Económico podría ayudar a guiar la implementación y coordinación de los recursos. Para conocer más, comuníquese con el municipio al (323) 773-5143.

DREAMS FOR CUDAHY

# THE GREAT WALL OF CUDAHY PAINTS A BOLD FUTURE FOR THE CITY

BY WENDY CHUNG AND STEVE VELASQUEZ

At its best, public art is not only visually captivating, but also carries deeper meaning. Exceptional works, whether in the form of grandiose sculptures or expressive murals, can celebrate community spirit, create local sense of place, as well as inspire visions for the future.

Since September, a vibrant new artwork has transformed a formerly lifeless wall on River Road into a dazzling eye-catching conversation piece that's opening discussion of new possibilities for both Cudahy and the Los Angeles River.

"The Great Wall of Cudahy," as some have dubbed it, is a massive painting running along the west side of the Los Angeles River. Spanning approximately four football fields in length, the colorful wall is hard to miss from City Hall and Cudahy Park. In both its design and collaborative execution, the new mural reflects larger themes in the community—rising local talent, progress and participation.

For Ponce, this collaboration with L.A. Works was a special opportunity to contribute to the community where he grew up.



## BY THE NUMBERS

### PAINTING BRIGHTER COMMUNITY FUTURES

Gallons of paint used for the Great Wall mural

**300**

**1000**  
VOLUNTEERS

**3**  
HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

**7**  
PAINT COLORS

**4**  
L.A. WORKS MURALS DESIGNED BY SAUL PONCE

**195** Approximate number of murals coordinated by L.A. Works in 2015

## “IT WAS SO DIVERSE AND REALLY COOL TO SEE EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER.”

The mural was completed on Sept. 12, during nonprofit L.A. Works' Day of Service. According to Keisa Davis, L.A. Works Director of Corporate & Community Engagement, her team coordinates more than a hundred events every year, gathering volunteers in different communities to help with cleanups and beautification.

The recent one in Southeast Los Angeles encompassing Cudahy and neighboring cities, brought together a thousand volunteers on a Saturday morning to the Lower L.A. River. The purpose of the beautification, said Davis, was to make it more pleasant and community-oriented so that the adjoining park would be inviting for dog walkers and joggers.

Participants helped pick up trash from the riverbed and plant drought-resistant landscaping. About 75 people also assisted in painting Cudahy's river wall. Altogether, it took about three hours to finish the mural, which was designed by local artist Saul Ponce.

“We try to work with local artists, since they have roots in the community and understand its history,” said Davis. Indeed, the 28-year-old Ponce, who grew up in next-door Huntington Park and graduated from nearby Bell High School, shares that the L.A. River was very much a part of his youth. He recalls riding his bike along its banks to Long Beach, but remembers having to dodge gang activity, especially in the area around Cudahy.

“But it's definitely been moving forward,” Ponce observes of recent progress, citing reduced crime, better schools and a greater sense of community pride. For him, this collaboration with L.A. Works was a special opportunity to contribute to the community where he grew up. “I like their vision, and am glad to be a part of what they're doing,” he said.

Professionally, Ponce is a sign-maker who operates a commercial sign studio out of his home. As he focuses on growing his business, he continues to pursue his passion for art and painting. Ponce has completed several murals and his artwork has been exhibited in local galleries—which was how L.A. Works staff came to learn of his talent.

When the organization first approached him, Ponce was hesitant. “It was a challenging task,” he said, noting that he had in the past turned down such large jobs. “But there's a first for everything, and it has definitely brought a lot of good energy.”

For the Great Wall, Ponce's approach was both functional and aspirational. He took direct inspiration from the adjacent river, depicting undulating waves beneath a vibrant orange-and-gold sky. The relatively simple water-inspired design was chosen to accommodate the skills of more amateur painters, and the wave-like pattern is also practical for graffiti considerations. “With an abstract design, tagging is not as legible,” Ponce explained.

On the day of the event, the artist arrived at dawn to outline the wall. Volunteers arrived at around 9 a.m. to paint the mural. “I wanted something bright, and colors like red and orange tend to catch people's attention,” Ponce explains.

While visually striking, many see the artworks as symbolic for the community and the river—both currently in progress on extensive planning and revitalization efforts. As the City engages residents on updating the General Plan, the LA River Revitalization Corporation is leading an ambitious effort to transform the 51-mile concrete-embanked, debris-ridden river into one of America's most ambitious urban conservation and recreation projects.

Currently, renowned architect Frank Gehry is heading a team in reimagining the waterway into a unique greenspace that would reintroduce nature along some segments. While most of the revitalization activity thus far has focused on the upper portion of the river—the City of Los Angeles has moved to fund projects—late last year, Governor Brown signed AB530, authored by Assemblyman Anthony Rendon, to create a comprehensive restoration plan for the Lower Los Angeles River. Meanwhile, Cudahy officials have also been in talks with the LA River Revitalization Corporation to share community visions.

Learning of the ambitious proposals for the river, Ponce says, “I think it's great and I'm proud my mural is a small part of it.” He expresses hope that the project will not be so focused on downtown L.A. as to overlook Cudahy and its neighboring Gateway Cities. Davis says that her organization sees potential for the river to inspire public involvement and connect the many communities it touches, from Burbank to Long Beach.

And if the L.A. Works Day of Service was any indication, things are definitely looking up for the community. As volunteers finished their work that late September afternoon, almost everyone wore smiles of pride and accomplishment. “We had everybody from toddlers to seniors,” said Ponce. “It was so diverse and really cool to see everyone working together.”

So far, the collaborative art project has been so well received that the City is even considering extending it along the length of River Road—in which case, staff would organize another event for the public to participate.



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## THE CUDAHY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND WOODCRAFT RANGERS

partner up to bring programs, activities and classes that connect and engage community members of all ages. Check out what's coming to our parks this spring! For more information on recreation programming, call City Hall at (323) 282-5625.



CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

RECREATION GUIDE

# CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

Get active and try something fun with one of our instructor-led classes. For more information on how to enroll, visit [www.woodcrafrangers.org](http://www.woodcrafrangers.org), or call Yuri Ruvalcaba at (213) 272-8453.

## BALLET

Multiple Locations, \$50/7 weeks

Learn ballet fundamentals, including basic technique and terminology, while practicing creative body movement. Young dancers develop proper technique and alignment, as well as confidence and self-esteem.

DATES	LOCATION	DAYS	TIMES	LEVEL	AGES
5/24-7/5	CLARA PARK	T	5-6 P.M.	PRE.	3-6
5/24-7/5	CLARA PARK	T	6:30-7:30 P.M.	BEG.	7-11
5/28-7/9	CUDAHY PARK	S	11:30-12:30 P.M.	PRE.	3-6
5/28-7/9	CUDAHY PARK	S	10-11 P.M.	BEG.	7-11

## GUITAR (ACOUSTIC)

Lugo Park, \$60/7 weeks

Learn the fundamentals of guitar, such as posture, finger techniques, arrangements and reading music. Guitars are included for beginner level, but not for intermediate.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	LEVEL	AGES
5/24-7/7	ENROLLING NOW!	T/TH	7-8:30 P.M.	BEG.	7-18

## DRUMS

Lugo Park, \$60/7 weeks

Learn the fundamentals of drums, arrangements and reading music.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	LEVEL	AGES
5/23-7/6	ENROLLING NOW!	M,/W	6:30-8:00 P.M.	BEG.	7-18

## HIP HOP DANCE

Lugo Park, \$50/7 weeks

Learn the fundamentals of hip-hop dance through routines that develop proper body movement, rhythm, coordination, motor skills, self-esteem and confidence. Practice culminates in a showcase.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	AGES
5/24-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	T/TH	6:30-7:30 P.M.	5-11

## ZUMBA

Clara Park, \$50/7 weeks

Dance to great music while getting physically active! Get your heart pumping and burn calories in this fun workout.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	AGES
5/23-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	M/T/W/TH/F	7-8 P.M.	ALL

# SPORTS

Get your heart rate up in one of our youth sports programs. For more information on how to enroll, visit [www.woodcrafrangers.org](http://www.woodcrafrangers.org), or call Yuri Ruvalcaba at (213) 272-8453.

## BASKETBALL

Clara Park, \$55/7 weeks

Learn basketball fundamentals through intentional skill-building activities that inspire leadership, promote healthy lifestyles and encourage teamwork. Young players learn the science behind their body's ability to be active and play the sport, as well as develop self-esteem and confidence. Teams compete in tournaments and games.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	LEVEL	AGES
5/23-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	M/W/F	5:30-7 P.M.	BEG.	5-11

## BOXING

Lugo Park, \$50/7 weeks\*

Let off some steam and train your way to better strength in our boxing program.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	AGES
5/23-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	M/T/W/TH/F	4:30-6:30 P.M.	8-17
5/23-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	M/T/W/TH/F	6:30-8:30 P.M.	15+

\* If adults want access to the Fitness Center during class hours, additional \$17 (includes City ID)



## CUDAHY HEADS OUT

Join us for fun outings and field trips! All excursions depart from and return to Cudahy Park, 5220 Santa Ana St. Space is limited. Register by calling City Hall at (323) 282-5625.

## L.A. GALAXY GAME

Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m. \$30

L.A. Galaxy takes on the San Jose Earthquakes. Tickets are on the south end of the stadium behind goal net. Game time is 4 p.m. Bus leaves promptly at 3 p.m. and returns at approximately 7 p.m.

## DODGERS FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS

Friday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.

The Dodgers face the Atlanta Braves, featuring a spectacular fireworks show! Tickets are Infield Reserved, third base side. Game time is 7:10 p.m. Bus leaves promptly at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately 11:30 p.m.

## KNOTT'S BERRY FARM

Sat., June 18, 9 a.m.,

\$35/adult 12+ yrs. and \$33/child 3 to 11 yrs. Join us for a thrilling trip to the theme park! Bus leaves promptly at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 11 p.m.

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SPORTS/YOUTH PROGRAMS

## FUNDAMENTAL T-BALL

Cudahy Park, \$65/7 weeks

Learn baseball fundamentals through intentional skill-building activities that inspire leadership, promote healthy lifestyles and encourage teamwork. Young players learn the science behind their body's ability to be active and play the sport, as well as develop self-esteem and confidence.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	AGES
5/24-7/7	ENROLLING NOW!	T/TH	6-7 P.M.	3-5

## KARATE

Lugo Park, \$50/7 weeks

Develop physical fitness, self-defense and safety skills while building confidence, focus and respect for oneself and others.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	AGES
5/23-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	M/W	5-6:30 P.M.	8-14

## SOCCER

Multiple Locations, \$55/7 weeks

Get acquainted with soccer fundamentals through intentional skill-building activities that inspire leadership, promote healthy lifestyles and encourage teamwork. Young players learn the science behind their body's ability to be active and play the sport, as well as develop self-esteem and confidence. Teams compete in tournaments and games.

DATES	LOCATION	DAYS	TIMES	LEVEL	AGES
5/23-7/8	CLARA PARK	M/W/F	5:30-7 P.M.	BEG.	5-11
5/23-7/8	CLARA PARK	M/W/F	7-8:30 P.M.	INT.	12-17
5/23-7/8	CUDAHY PARK	M/W/F	5:30-7 P.M.	BEG.	5-11
5/23-7/8	CUDAHY PARK	M/W/F	7-8:30 P.M.	ADV.	12-17

## VOLLEYBALL

Cudahy Park, \$50/6 weeks

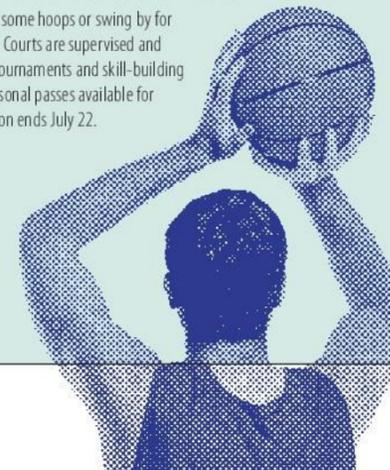
Learn the fundamentals of volleyball and build skills to prepare for Saturday tournaments!

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	AGES
6/1-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	W/TH/F	6-7:30 P.M.	10-14
6/1-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	W/TH/F	7:30-9 P.M.	14-18

## OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Mondays thru Fridays, 3-8 p.m., Clara Park, \$50/7 weeks or \$150/23 weeks

Gather your friends to shoot some hoops or swing by for a pickup game at Clara Park. Courts are supervised and open to players of all ages. Tournaments and skill-building drills may be facilitated. Seasonal passes available for spring and fall. Current session ends July 22.



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

Keep kids active in our fun programs and classes! For more information on how to enroll, visit [www.woodcrafrangers.org](http://www.woodcrafrangers.org), or call Yuri Ruvalcaba at (213) 272-8453.

## ROBOTICS

Lugo Park, \$60/7 weeks

This hands-on robotics program inspires innovation by engaging students in computer programs that apply math, science, engineering and technology skills. Participations assemble, program and troubleshoot robots using Lego Mindstorm software, while developing problem-solving skills, leadership, communication and self-confidence.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	AGES
5/24-7/7	ENROLLING NOW!	T/TH	5-7 P.M.	7-12

## SILK SCREENING

Lugo Park, \$60/7 weeks

Flex your creative muscle and learn a new skill by making your own designs and silk screening on different materials.

DATES	REGISTER BY	DAYS	TIMES	AGES
5/27-7/8	ENROLLING NOW!	F	6:30-8 P.M.	11+

# SUMMER @ LUGO PARK

June 20-Aug. 12, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 5-17, \$60/week

Have fun this summer break with sports, arts, STEM, leadership activities and more!

## FREE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Mondays thru Fridays, 3-7 p.m., Lugo Park Teen Center

Students ages 17 and under can stay active playing sports and learning fun new skills in our afterschool program. Join in on a variety of recreational opportunities, including volleyball, soccer, field sports and much more. Programming varies.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

RECREATION GUIDE

# SENIOR PROGRAMS

Hey seniors, grab your buddies and head to Clara Street Park's Turner Hall for fun activities five days a week!

## SENIOR CENTER

**Mondays thru Fridays, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Join the party at the Senior Center! The Oldtimers Foundation provides exciting activities for community members ages 60 and up, including live karaoke and dancing, educational classes, special events, health screenings, exercise programs and volunteer opportunities. Lunch is available for a suggested \$2.25 donation for anyone over 60 years old, and \$4.50 for anyone under. For more information, call (323) 773-5143, ext. 256.



## CLUB DE ORO

**Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Join Club de Oro for exciting events and activities such as bingo, exercise classes, excursions and educational classes. Find out about upcoming events by calling (800) 441-1733.

## UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Join us for special events at the Senior Center. Monthly birthday celebrations take place on the last Friday of the month.

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|---------|---------------|
| MAY 6   | CINCO DE MAYO |
| MAY 13  | MOTHERS DAY   |
| JUNE 17 | FATHERS DAY   |

## BECOME A DIAL-A-RIDE MEMBER!

**Need a way to get around town?**

Dial-A-Ride (DAR) is a low-cost shuttle service for Cudahy residents 60 years and older, or who have a qualifying disability. Members are allowed up to 26 trips per month, at a cost of 50 cents per trip. Book a reservation to anywhere within the city borders, or up to one mile beyond. Users must apply for membership at City Hall. Proof of eligibility is required through a current utility bill showing residency, and proof of age. Applicants with a disability should submit a physician's statement. For more information, call (323) 282-5625.



# FLASHBACK

FROM THE ARCHIVES

1988



EGGSTREAM SPORT

Catch! Does anyone remember this egg throw contest from Easter 1988? Check out the City's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofcudahy](http://www.facebook.com/cityofcudahy) to see pictures from the latest Easter Festival!

—WENDY CHUNG



## CLEANUP DAY

APRIL 9, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

- Drop off bulky items at one of seven convenient locations.
- Drop off at Lugo Park for donation, e-waste, recycling, and shredding.\*

Proof of residency required by ID or utility bill

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY & SPRING CLEANING

Get rid of junk the proper way. Republic Services and Goodwill are providing free dropoff for:

- Bulky items
- Donations of clothing, toys, appliances etc.
- E-waste recycling
- Secure document shredding\*

\*Documents are taken offsite for shredding. Hazardous waste such as needles, oil etc. will not be accepted.

## 2016 CLEANUP DAYS

APRIL 9 / JULY 9 / OCTOBER 11

To request a trash bin location, organize a beautification team, or get involved, call Raul Mazariegos at (323) 773-5143, ext. 247