The community was invited to be colorful and creative alongside The Shops at Montebello and The City of Montebello to add color to the parking lot and leave messages of hope and positivity during the Montebello #ChalkWalk. The #ChalkWalk was a fundraiser for Montebello-Commerce YMCA to support their community programs that continue to make an impact.

The event was held May 22 and 23 with the registration fee going to help the Montebello-Commerce YMCA. With a donation of $30, the chalk artists were assigned a parking space to design, a specific date/time, a bucket of chalk and a roll of painter’s tape. Chalk artists included residents, business owners, community leaders and all five members of the Montebello City Council.

“Thank you once again to our wonderful community, to our enthusiastic volunteers, and to all the chalk artists for supporting the Chalk Walk for a Cause at The Shops at Montebello on May 22nd & 23rd, with proceeds helping the YMCA’s COVID-19 emergency relief efforts including our ‘Grab & Go’ meals,” said Paul S. Parzik, Executive Director of Montebello-Commerce YMCA. “It was wonderful to see folks from many of our partners including City of Montebello Recreation & Community Services and our City Council members, Beverly Hospital, Montebello Reporter, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF), and Tobacco Free Partnership, Montebello, as well as Y Board members and staff volunteering their time too!! Positivism is contagious too. Be the change you wish to see.”

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BEVERLY HOSPITAL RECOGNIZES NATIONAL NURSES AND HOSPITAL WEEK

Every year during National Nurses Week, May 6th - May 12th, and National Hospital Week, May 10th – 16th, hospitals throughout the country thank nurses and health care workers for their commitment and dedication to their patients and the communities they serve. This year especially, Beverly Hospital thanked and celebrated our health care heroes for their courage and selflessness especially during this battle against COVID-19.

From nurses and doctors to environmental and nutritional services staff, all of the team members have been essential in this fight. Beverly Hospital could not successfully serve their patients in their time of need without these dedicated professionals. Lives are being saved because of the commitment and compassion they bring in to work every day. This pandemic has presented many new challenges in the health care setting. However, hospital team members continue to find ways to overcome these barriers and provide patients with the best overall care possible.

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CHALK-FOR-A-CAUSE TO BENEFIT MONTEBELLO COMMERCE YMCA

The Montebello Unified School District would like to wish you, our Class of 2020, our sincerest CONGRATULATIONS! Your academic accomplishments and achievements are worthy of recognition. As we all deal with global change during this difficult time, we want to acknowledge your intellect, resilience, and flexibility adjusting to a new world that no one expected. We also thank and acknowledge all those who guided you on your path to success and helped you achieve your goals. We want you to know that we are proud of you and wish you the best on all your future endeavors.
**City of Montebello Community Update**

## COVID-19 FAQ 3.0

In an effort to keep the community updated on changes enacted by the “Safer at Home” Order the City has provided some answers to your most popular questions. These items are subject to change at any time. Please check our social media pages and website for the most up-to-date information.

### PUBLIC TRANSIT

**Effective May 18, 2020** Montebello Bus Lines has resumed services with additional safety measures and a new schedule that will take extraordinary precautions to ensure our bus fleet will perform at a level of transportation our loyal riders have become accustomed to in our near 80 year history. Buses will operate on a “COVID-19 Reduced Bus Schedule” for lines 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 until further notice. Routes and schedules are subject to change with minimum notice. For more information on the new schedule, visit www.ridembl.com, or contact MBL’s customer service desk at (323) 558-1625.

### CLOSURES

The following facilities will be closed until further notice:
- City Hall
- Recreation & Community Services Department
- Park playgrounds and equipment, basketball, baseball, handball, volleyball, & tennis courts, the skate park, picnic shelters, BBQ grills, & public restrooms
- Holifield Park Community Center
- Reggie Rodriguez Park Community Center
- Cathy Hersel Gym & Youth Center
- Senior Center
- Police Department Lobby

*Guidelines continued on our website: www.cityofmontebello.com*

### REOPENING (with limitations)

City Parks (May 9)
- Must practice social distancing
- Must remain active
- No group congregation
- Playgrounds closed

Montebello Golf Course (May 18)
- Must practice social distancing
- No cash payments
- Putting greens closed

### STREET SWEEPING

**Street Sweeping Violations to be Enforced Beginning June 1**

Beginning June 1st at 6:00AM all street sweeping violations will be enforced.

As a general reminder all other parking violations in the City have been and will continue to be enforced, including but not limited to parking by permit only.

Please help keep our streets safe and clean by following the dates and times for street sweeping.

### EVENTS & SERVICES

Due to current “STAY AT HOME” Orders, Montebello will be cancelling the following 2020 Summer Programs:
- Senior programs, aquatic programs, sports, summer camps, recreational classes, and concerts & movies at the park. Programming may resume based on Los Angeles County Public Health updates in the coming weeks.
- “Grab ‘n’ Go” Summer Meals for Kids
- This summer the City will continue to offer free, healthy snacks and lunches for children ages 1 - 18 at select parks. This program is in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture and will be a grab ‘n’ go service. Check our website for details!

### EARLY BIRD MARKET

**Early Bird Market** Hours will be available to seniors, those who are disabled, or pregnant women at the following Montebello locations:
- VONS | 6-7 A.M.
- Smart & Final | TUE/THUR, 6-8 A.M.
- Super A Foods | 7-8 A.M.
- Albertsons | 6-7 A.M.
- Superior Grocers | 7-8 A.M.
- CVS | TUE/THUR, 7-8 A.M.

Please visit our website for eligibility: www.cityofmontebello.com

### STAY INFORMED

Community Hotline! Available Monday-Sunday from 8 AM - 5 PM.
Call: (323) 887-4540  |  Email: covid19info@cityofmontebello.com

UP TO DATE CITY INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING LINKS

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NEW

My Montebello App
Now available in the Apple Store or Google Play!
Pride58 is a campaign that Assemblymember Cristina Garcia launched to highlight the positive contributions happening every day in the 58th Assembly District. Assemblymember Cristina Garcia honors a deserving individual, organization, or business each Sunday throughout the year with the “Pride58” Award, which recognizes service and dedication to the betterment of the community.

Betty's leadership experience in Soroptimist has allowed her to not only broaden her circle of connections with other community leaders but has also given her the opportunity to educated people about the mission and values of Soroptimist. What's important to her is that Soroptimist believes in helping women and girls have high educational aspirations as well as financial support for single moms.

Betty Peralta has been happily married for 38 years to husband Ernie Peralta. They have three adult children, Jamie, Alex and Liz. Betty loves to read, photography, gardening, and especially meeting new people.

"A special thank you to Assemblymember Cristina Garcia and those who believed in the work that I am doing and nominated me for this award," said Betty Peralta.

"Betty Peralta is a longtime resident of Montebello where she currently serves as President of the Montebello Soroptimist and has been a devoted member for nine years... She is an Ambassador for the Montebello Chamber of Commerce and participates in many additional organizations... Her kind heart and dedication to being of service to the community has truly had an inspiring effect on those around her," said Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.
LOCAL ATTORNEY HELPS FAMILY IN NEED DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

By Anne Donofrio-Holter
Contributing Writer

With so many struggling during this challenging time, when Montebello attorney George Pacheco learned of a family that needed assistance, he wanted to help.

“We learned of the family’s circumstances when a social worker from my daughter’s school referred the family to the Montebello Rotary Club,” said Pacheco. “However, the Club had no funds to help out, so my wife Liz and I decided to step in.”

According to Pacheco, although struggling, the family had been able to make ends meet until the Covid-19 virus hit.

“The mom lost her job and suddenly the family found themselves in a financial crisis,” said Pacheco. “There are three teenaged children in the family. The middle daughter works, but only part time with limited income.”

Pacheco and his wife accompanied the family to Costco where they were able to stock up on paper goods and toiletries.

Pacheco insisted they also get food and other essentials.

“It was our privilege to help this family during these trying times,” added Pacheco. “It’s our way of giving back to a community that has been good to us.”

The family expressed their deep appreciation to the Pacheco’s for their act of kindness and generosity.

The family also received gas money donated by local businessman Robert Tapia.
Ask An Attorney

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Mark 9:23 “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

By Gia L. Pacheco, Esq.
The Law Offices of George B. Pacheco & Associates

A responsible lawyer is one that stays abreast of new and changing laws, but a lawyer with a good sense of humor does her due diligence in discovering laws that manage to hang on the fringes of law books, way past their original prime. As such, in an effort to lighten things up after months of heavy news, I thought it would be fun to use the first issue of summer to review a compendium of fun fact laws that exist in California. During my research for this piece, I even discovered several laws I had no idea existed. You will find that some of these laws antiquated given the timeframe during which they were enacted, but their aim was and continues to be to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Californians. Though some appear silly at the outset, they all have a purpose and contextual place in our state constitution. I will let you be the judge.

Temple Width of Glasses While Driving
According to California Vehicle Code Section 23120, “No person shall operate a motor vehicle while wearing glasses having a temple width of one-half inch or more if any part of such temple extends below the horizontal center of the lens so as to interfere with lateral vision.” As much as I love the latest trends for designer fashion sunglasses, I am fairly confident that most of our favorites (Prada, Michael Kors, to name a few) are non-compliant with the law. As such, you might want to bust your ruler the next time you are shopping for those new summer shades.

Do Not Mess with Reptiles in Fresno
In Fresno, Section 8.410 makes it against the law to “hunt, pursue, annoy, throw stones or missiles at, or molest or disturb in any way, any animal, bird or reptile within the confines of any park.” (Orig. Ord. 1076).

Be Careful Playing Frisbee at the Beach
Per Los Angeles Code Section 17.12.430, you can “cast, toss, throw, kick, roll, hit, propel, or catch” a ball, frisbee or any other lightweight object over any beach as long as you do not endanger any other person, or a lifeguard prohibits such activity.

Ditch the Stilettos in Carmel
In Carmel, Section 8.4.020 of their city code prohibits heels higher than one square inch upon the public streets and sidewalks of the City, without first obtaining a permit. The stated purpose on the city website is to prevent lawsuits from wearers of high-heeled shoes tripping over irregular pavement distorted by tree roots. Permits are available without charge at City Hall. (Section 8.4.010).

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Do Not Eat Frogs Who Have Died in a Jumping Contest
As tempting as it is to indulge in some escargot, please refrain from eating Frogs who have died or has been killed in a jumping contest. According to Fish and Game Section 6883.

Any person may possess any number of live frogs to use in frog-jumping contests, but if such a frog dies or is killed, it must be destroyed as soon as possible, and may not be eaten or otherwise used for any purpose.

Do Not Ride Your Bike into a Swimming Pool
The City of Baldwin Park makes it illegal to ride a bicycle into a swimming pool. Daredevils, you have been warned!

Last, Zootsuits are still illegal in Los Angeles. I wonder if this will count against you for Halloween?

On behalf of my law firm, I would like to extend a very Happy Father’s Day!

Disclaimer: This article is offered only for general informational and educational purposes. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this article, it is not intended to provide legal advice as individual situations will differ. You should not act or rely on any information contained in this article without first seeking the advice of an attorney. The statements are the expression of author, not The Montebello Reporter, and have not been evaluated by The Montebello Reporter for accuracy.
The City of Montebello’s “Paving the Way” Plan plan began earlier this year as a series of street improvement projects, scheduled to progress over the next 2020 - 2021 fiscal year. Work will affect primarily local (neighborhood) street segments. Due to COVID-19, project deadlines may be extended with limited notice. The Public Works department is working swiftly to complete projects in a safe and timely manner. New improvements include ADA ramps, repairs of sidewalks, repairs of curbs, & gutters, and resurfacing of streets and local drainage areas.

**Impacted Streets Include:**
- Barr Avenue
- Charleston Way
- Dewar Avenue
- Findlay Avenue
- Los Angeles Avenue
- Masser Place
- N Hendricks Street
- N Leonard Street
- N Park Avenue
- S Taylor
- Via San Delarro
- Via Vista Drive
- W Via Corona
- W Victoria Avenue
- W Bradshawne Street
- N Keenan Street
- Dewar Avenue
- Cleveland Avenue
- W Madison Avenue
- W Via Lucia
- Harding Avenue
- Harding Street
- W Harding Avenue
- Agajanian Way
- Andrus Place
- Casa Grande Avenue
- De Palma Way
- E Beverly Terrace
- E Cleveland Avenue
- E Freemont Square
- Peacock Lane
- Fran Place
- Katherine Drive
- Marek Drive
- N 7th Street
- Occutt Drive
- San Angelo Avenue
- Scott Avenue
- Valera Drive
- W Avenue De La Merced
- W Hart Place
- W Cleveland Avenue
- W Oakmont Drive
- Via La Cienega
- Rancho Drive
- Albee Street
- Birch Street
- Calabasas Way
- Colegrove Avenue
- Date Street
- Elm Street
- Frankel Avenue
- Jacmar Drive
- Oakwood Street
- S 3rd Street
- S 4th Street
- S Cedar Street
- S Spruce Street
- S Taylor Avenue
- Maiden Lane
- Wilber Place
- Southside Drive
- Fairfield Street
- Malone Drive
- Coffman Avenue

**Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve Montebello!**

For more information on what streets will be impacted, construction updates and general information about the project, please contact the Public Works Department at (323) 887-4640 or access the Paving the Way project information link on the City’s website at: CITYOFMONTEBELLO.COM

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Filling out the 2020 Census will impact Montebello’s way of life for the next 10 years...

- **Healthcare**
- **Education**
- **Employment**

& so much more!

Visit www.2020Census.gov to make your impact.
LONG TIME MONTEBELLO RESIDENT CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY QUARANTINE STYLE

Elizabeth “Liz” Barron celebrated her 80th birthday Quarantine Style on April 29 with a drive-by parade that included about 20 vehicles filled with family and friends, a Montebello Fire Truck, several Montebello Police Units and even a representative from the neighboring city of Pico Rivera.

Liz and her husband, Ernest, have been Montebello residents since 1967 and are retired from their careers as a coffee packer and upholsterer. All five of their now grown children graduated from Montebello High School. But that isn’t their only tie to the City. Sons, Danny, Ernie, and son-in-law, Brian Bart, were career officers of Montebello Police Department and over the years many of their fellow officers were fed a working holiday dinner at their modest home in South Montebello. Little brother, Paul Barron, is a Sergeant with the LAUSD Police Department.

Daughter, Sylvia said, “We tried to surprise Mom with the drive-by, but she caught us taking her balloons outside. As kids we could never get away with anything and that’s still true today.”
Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2020

"You are the shining stars who will help build a bright future."

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As the school year comes to an end, the class of 2020 will soon become graduates and enter adulthood. With advanced placement exams completed and courses coming to an end, seniors turn in their final assignments for a cap and gown. All local Montebello High School, have been going out of their way to express how proud they are of their senior class. From having lawn signs personally delivered to getting banners hung around our community, us seniors appreciate how much effort our schools are going through only to make our last moments of high school memorable. Although our at-home school sessions took a bit of time to adjust to, students made the most of it. We appreciate having supportive teachers that are willing to be there for us, especially during this time of need. Even though everyone understands the importance of this quarantine, we do miss seeing our friends at school every day and sharing conversations with our favorite teachers. We wish we could have spent our last moments of high school laughing in our classrooms but are trying to make the most of what we have. At Schurr High School, the AVID program encouraged everyone to think of creative ways to share where they committed to in the fall. Something as small as this helps keep us motivated and reminds us that we are all going through this situation together.

If you know a high school or college senior, take time out of your day to remind them that everything they did in their educational career, such as extracurriculars and high-level classes, are an accomplishment that they should be proud of, regardless of the situation we are currently going through. As part of the class of 2020, I would like to say thank you to my family and friends that have supported me through high school. Thank you for encouraging me to join colorguard and to write for this newspaper. These are some of the best decisions I have made throughout my high school experience.
“Graduates, I am very proud of each of you! I know the journey hasn’t always been easy and while the current pandemic has required real sacrifices and heartbreak, it does not minimize your accomplishments. It still merits all our recognition and applause. With dedication and perseverance, you can achieve the things you want in life. Even when life is unpredictable, I know you all will continue to be resilient and thrive. Always remember your graduation is more than just a piece of paper with a seal on it, it is a reflection of your hard work, dedication, and sacrifices.”

- Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia

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With shopping centers opening up, The Shops At Montebello did its due diligence to ensure cleanliness/safety for their Saturday (5/28) reopening.

The list of top points that they implemented, while continuing its curbside pickup program, include:

- Requiring face coverings upon entry for everyone over 2 years old.
- Housekeeping staff continuously touring the center to sanitize all major touchpoints.
- Increased frequency of outside air cycling in the Center’s HVAC units (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems).
- Reduced number of guests in the elevator and on escalators to maintain 6ft distance.
- Golden hour for high-risk groups (11am-12pm, M-F).
- Shorter operating hours.
- Sanitization stations throughout the mall.
- Individual Retailers to reduce store occupancy to 50%.
- All staff members to wear masks.

For more information text 323-409-0223 or visit shopsatmontebello.com/safer-shopping/.
SUMMER COVID SAFE BBQ TIPS FROM DR. LEBOW @ RELIANT URGENT CARE

In the age of COVID-19 there are now vital new health rules necessary to host a successful Summer BBQ. Dr. Max Lebow, Medical Director of Reliant Urgent Care (Los Angeles, CA) www.relianturgentcare.com has created 16 top safety rules for a “COVID-19 SAFE BBQ”.

Urgent medical care for general kitchen accidents have increased by over 23% at the five Reliant Urgent Care locations since stay-at-home orders were issued, Dr. Lebow has developed 16 top safety rules to help combine safe social distancing and BBQ cooking safety during this summer’s celebrations.

1. The rules for social distancing still apply, wear a mask, keep a distance, wash hands.
2. Face masks should be worn by all attendees. Children under the age of two should most likely not attend as it is difficult and can be dangerous to enforce masks in this age group.
3. Only very small groups of people within your quarantine household should attend.
4. Ask all of your guests if they are feeling well. If not, for the safety of everybody suggest they seek medical attention and do not attend the BBQ.
5. Use marker pens to write your name on your drink cup and plate to avoid mix ups, as well as to prevent virus spread.
6. Do not play games that require contact such as using a beach or volley ball without gloves.
7. Make sure you have plenty of hand sanitizer and or places to wash hands.
8. No sharing bowls of chips and dips, prepare individual servings for each guest.
9. Food containers, knives forks and spoons should be in disposable containers or if not disposable washed in very hot water.
10. Use chalk to mark grids on the ground to easily remind and show the recommended social distancing of 6 ft.
11. Food hygiene is always very important, wash your hands before during and after preparing food.
12. Do not cross contaminate cooked prepared food with raw meat or fish, keep in separate containers.
13. Kitchen knives and sharp cooking implements are a frequent source of serious injury, make sure they are in a safe place away from children.
14. BBQ’s can be the source of severe burns, make sure your BBQ is well maintained and that children are kept away from it.
15. Do not leave food in the sun or a very warm place such as mayonnaise, potato salad, dairy and even rice as these can quickly build bacteria and could get you very sick. Keep food cool.
16. Don’t drink and drive.
My name is Isaac Ngan and I am your April Junior Citizen of the Month. I am a Senior at Schurr High School. I work at Chick-Fil-A as a Back of House employee.

Isaac has achieved some fine accomplishments during his years at Schurr. He became a life member in the California Scholarship Federation club, (CSF), while maintaining perfect attendance.

He was presented with a Track & Field Coach award. Also was presented a Nerds Award from Chick-Fil-A for his high grades. Then, too, an Outstanding Service Award from his Church, GCC, Grace Community Church.

He placed third in our 2019 Yearbook Theme in SCJEA. As well as placing seventh in sports writing at ELA-JEA, this year, 2020; and being in Avid for 6 years.

I am grateful for all who have helped me through school to this point. He looks forward to selecting a college and a major. His thanks go to the Montebello-Whittier Masonic Lodge #323 and to the Montebello Masonic High Twelve Club #422 for this honor and for the nice plaque to hang on his wall at home.

My name is Johana Rochin and I am honored to be your Montebello-Whittier Masonic Lodge’s May Junior Citizen of the Month.

I was born in Mazatlán Sinaloa, Mexico and have lived in Los Angeles, CA for almost my entire life. Growing up was a roller coaster of ups and downs in which I faced a lot of difficulty getting along in life. Being an immigrant student and only child was an educational barrier in itself.

My first language was Spanish. Learning a totally different dialect seemed like the biggest struggle I would never overcome. I couldn’t depend on my mother to help me with homework or projects due to her lack of English and the subjects, math and science. I frequently found myself navigating school on my own. With the correct resources and the help of wonderful teachers and tutors, I was able to make every difficulty I encountered an opportunity and an advantage.

Throughout my years here, I have been involved in the Associated Student Body (ASB), the Academic Mentor Program, AVID, the Dance Company Team, Key Club, Chicano Club, Calculus Club, and AMP club.

I have dedicated my time and effort to becoming a well-rounded individual by taking AP and Honors classes. I have joined clubs and programs, volunteering in community service events, and committing to the Montebello Dance team. I have worked hard every day. I never lost sight of friends, family, and how much fun high school could be. I am proud of being an Oiler and will never forget the everlasting friendships and memories I have created at Montebello High School.

Today, I anxiously look forward to being a part of creating the world around us, from tall skyscrapers and complex stadiums to bridges, railways and tunnels. As a Civil Engineer with a Master’s degree from Cal Poly Pomona, I will be able to offer my own knowledge and enthusiasm in helping society become a more advanced, adaptable, and safe place to live in. I was humbled to my roots when I moved to this country, and set stronger roots nurtured from perseverance. I realized my own worth, because despite being a Mexican immigrant student, I know I have accomplished great things and will continue to do so in the future.

I thank the Montebello-Whittier Masonic Lodge #323 and Montebello Masonic High Twelve Club #422 for this honor.

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- Meditation / Prayer
- Exercising (i.e., taking your dog on a walk, yoga, running) / Have a balanced diet
- Journaling/Reading
- Spa day at home (i.e. use essential oils oil like lavender, eucalyptus, lemongrass, do a facial)
- Video chat with your loved ones (i.e. play online games, workout videos)
- Pick up a new hobby (i.e., sewing, painting, baking, learn an instrument)
- Take a break from listening to the news about COVID-19

Even with these outlets of release, the loss that we experience can-not be ignored and we experience moments of grief. Many have lost loved ones due to the virus, had weddings and engagements delayed, and had big milestones like graduations cancelled. In times of loss and grief, it is important to let yourself go through all the emotions but also realize that you do not have to face it alone. Seeking out help from community and professionals are ways to take a step towards coping with the loss that you face. This can be done by:

- Talking with trusted family and friends
- Online counseling
- Host your own graduation ceremony at home with loved ones
- Invite friends and family to witness your wedding ceremony through video chat
- Take a break from listening to the news about COVID-19

If you are feeling overwhelmed with depression or anxiety, you can call 911 or visit:

- The Disaster Distress Helpline, call 1-800-985-5990, or text TalkWithUs to 66746
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Beverly Hospital in celebrating and thanking two Beverly Hospital employees who reached their 45 year employment milestone.

Susan Solyom has been with Beverly Hospital for 45 years and is currently serving as a Surgery Scheduler. With her many years here at Beverly, she is knowledgeable in her role and other areas, much so that her colleagues refer to her as “Surgery Sue”. Her expertise is respected as she is considered a go-to person when there are questions or help is needed. Team members would describe her as an excellent communicator and troubleshooter. Patients need to receive timely quality surgeries and she makes that happen by maintaining great connections with doctors and ensuring the necessary accommodations are made. Susan goes above and beyond for Beverly Hospital and does it all with an energetic attitude and smile. We are grateful to have someone as positive and proactive as she is in the Beverly Hospital family.

Belen Hernandez is currently a Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) RN who has been with Beverly Hospital for 45 years. Other members in her team would describe her as an honest, devoted, and reliable nurse who goes above and beyond to assist others. Belen brings a positive and caring attitude to others, especially when interacting with patients. Language is crucial when it comes to post anesthesia patients. As a bilingual nurse, she is always there to help guide our Spanish-speaking patients and ensures that they feel comfortable. Her colleagues appreciate the experience, teamwork, and leadership she brings. Beverly Hospital is proud of and thankful to have an astounding member on our staff who exemplifies our mission to provide compassionate and quality healthcare.

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On Saturday, May 23, the German Dreams Car Club from East Los Angeles showed their support for Beverly Hospital’s brave doctors and nurses. Montebello Mayor Salvador Melendez and the German Dreams Car Club initiated the drive-by salute to honor healthcare professionals caring for our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The drive-by salute began at the Montebello Senior Center parking lot and traveled down Beverly Blvd. to the hospital’s Joseph and Helen Koo Emergency Care Center where Beverly Hospital staff was waiting to thank them for their support.

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Providing needed comfort provisions for our Nurses, Doctors, & Staff at Beverly Hospital and Montebello’s First Responders.
By Seema Verma
Administrator, U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

If you have Medicare and want to be tested for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Trump Administration has good news.

Medicare covers tests with no out-of-pocket costs. You can get tested in your home, doctor’s office, a local pharmacy or hospital, a nursing home, or a drive-through site. Medicare does not require a doctor’s order for you to get tested.

Testing is particularly important for older people and nursing home residents, who are often among the most vulnerable to COVID-19. Widespread access to testing is a critical precursor to a safe, gradual reopening of America.

When a vaccine for COVID-19 is developed, Medicare will cover that, too.

For Medicare beneficiaries who are homebound and can’t travel, Medicare will pay for a trained laboratory technician to come to your home or residential nursing home to collect a test sample. (This doesn’t apply to people in a skilled nursing facility on a short-term stay under Medicare Part A, as the costs for this test, including sample collection, are already covered as part of the stay.)

If you receive Medicare home health services, your home health nurse can collect a sample during a visit. Nurses working for rural health clinics and federally qualified health clinics also can collect samples in beneficiaries’ homes under certain conditions.

Or you can go to a “parking lot” test site set up by a pharmacy, hospital, or other entity in your community.

We’re doing similar things in the Medicaid program, giving states flexibility to cover parking-lot tests as well as tests in beneficiaries’ homes and other community settings.

We also implemented the Families First Medicaid eligibility option, which allows states to cover tests for uninsured people with no cost-sharing. Individuals should contact their state Medicaid agency to apply for this coverage.

Both Medicare and Medicaid cover serology or antibody tests for COVID-19. These tests can help identify who has been exposed to the virus.

Medicare generally covers the entire cost of COVID-19 testing for beneficiaries with Original Medicare. If you’re enrolled in a Medicare Advantage health plan, your plan generally can’t charge you cost-sharing (including deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance) for COVID-19 tests and the administration of such tests.

In addition, Medicare Advantage plans may not impose prior authorization or other utilization management requirements on the COVID-19 test or specified COVID-19 testing-related services for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We have also required that private health issuers and employer group health plans cover COVID-19 testing, and certain related items and services, with no cost-sharing during the pandemic. This includes items and services that result in an order for, or administration of, a COVID-19 diagnostic test in a variety of medical settings, including urgent care visits, emergency room visits, and in-person or telehealth visits to the doctor’s office.

From day one, Medicare has worked to ensure that cost is no barrier to being tested for COVID-19, and to make testing as widely and easily available as possible. As a result, we’ve seen a surge in testing among Medicare beneficiaries. Robust and widespread testing is of paramount importance as we begin easing back into normal life.

You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
On Friday, May 15, Reliant Urgent Care www.relianturgentcare.com at 2300 W. Beverly Blvd. in Montebello hosted a lunch provided by local Church’s Chicken and Subway restaurants with dessert from Hershey’s Chocolate bars to thank the heroes of the Montebello Fire Department and Police Department who came to Reliant Urgent Care for lunch. During lunch our heroes were serenaded by local Mariachi musicians, Mariachi Imperial de Mexico who sang a special Heroes song.

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