

# THE PROGRESS



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OCTOBER 2022

## CELEBRATE CYPRESS



### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **November 8:** Election Day
- **November 11:** Veterans Day  
(City Closed, No Street Sweeping)
- **November 24-25:** Thanksgiving  
(City Closed, No Street Sweeping)

### CELEBRATE CYPRESS MONTH

- **September 30-Oct 1:** Community Festival
- **October 1:** Cypress Run
- **October 18:** State of the City
- **October 20:** Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- **October 26:** Celebrate Women Conference

*Community Message on Voting Districts inside*

City of Cypress Updates

**SUMMER SUCCESS!**



This summer, Cypress was buzzing with activities and events for all ages! From our popular **Concerts on the Green** to our spectacular **Salute to America Celebration**, we welcomed thousands of residents, friendly local vendors, and top-notch entertainers all summer long! Thank you for spending some of your valuable personal time with us. See you at the next event!



## CITRUS SQUARE SENIOR COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



The new Citrus Square Senior Community at the northeast corner of Orange Avenue and Moody Street is moving forward at lightning speed! The new community will feature 48 market rate townhomes and 50 affordable condominium units to residents 62 years and older. The development will feature community amenities such as a pool, recreation room, and bocce ball court. Construction started in spring and should be complete by the end of 2023. The project is a development by Melia Homes. For more information please visit their website at [meliahomes.com/communities/citrus-square/](https://meliahomes.com/communities/citrus-square/).

All registered voters in Cypress will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the upcoming **November 8 election**. Cypress also has two secure ballot drop boxes at the **Cypress Community Center and Veterans Park** for those wishing to drop off their ballots.

If you prefer to vote in person, the **Cypress Community Center** and **Cypress Senior Center** will serve as voting centers leading up to the election.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**October 10:** Vote-by-Mail Ballot Distribution Begins

**October 29 - November 8:** Cypress Community Center Voting Opens

**November 5- November 8:** Cypress Senior Center Voting Opens

Voting Centers will be open between 8 AM-8 PM through November 7

Voting Centers will be open from 7 AM-8 PM on November 8

**Not registered to vote or want to check your registration status?**

Visit: [registertovote.ca.gov](https://registertovote.ca.gov)

**GET OUT AND VOTE CYPRESS!**





A Message from the City of  
Cypress to the Community

# Standing Up for Cypress



Dear Cypress Residents,

The City of Cypress has been sued for an alleged violation of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). First and foremost, the City has received no evidence supporting such a claim and therefore we emphatically disagree that a violation exists. Despite this, attacks in the media and online have fueled misinformation in our community. It's time to set the record straight.

As your representatives, we care deeply about our community and upholding the law. When we received the letter alleging that our current at-large City Council election system dilutes the vote of Asian American voters, we were disheartened and surprised. As we analyzed the letter's demands and the source of the complaint, we quickly found that Cypress is just one of many California cities targeted for such allegations.

While two residents have lent their names to the complaint, Cypress is one of many cities that Shenkman & Hughes PC, a Malibu-based firm, has sent demand letters to over the past ten years to compel them to move from at-large to district elections. In fact, in 2017, the LA Times published an article on this widespread practice featuring Kevin Shenkman titled "Meet the Malibu lawyer who is upending California's Political System, one town at a time."

Cypress may not be the only city sued by this firm, but we stand out as one of few cities to stand up and refuse to abandon our at-large voting system without evidence. Time and again, the complainants have failed to provide us with details or evidence of the alleged violation. Contrary to what is alleged, our review of the claim revealed undeniable trends of Asian American voters successfully making their voices heard in Cypress' at-large elections.

Many cities around us have acquiesced after receiving these routine letters from Shenkman & Hughes PC, not because they agree with the allegations but because they lack the resources to fight back.

Here in Cypress, we are committed to representing the people, and

it's on your behalf that we're willing to take this complaint to court to find out if there is evidence the complainants have that is not being produced voluntarily. We refuse to dilute the voting power of our residents, who currently have the right to elect the entire Cypress City Council, without evidence.

Beyond analyzing our voting trends, we contacted the community after receiving the initial complaint letter—we conducted a survey and hosted a series of public forums throughout the City—both in person and online. The message was loud and clear—residents like the at-large election system and the opportunity to vote for all five council members.

Cypress' demographics are also unique—a demographer found that there are no areas in our City with a high concentration of any protected class as defined by the California Voting Rights Act. This means that even if we wanted to move to district elections, it would be impossible to draw a district that enhances the ability of a protected class to elect the candidate of their choice. On the contrary, creating districts could split the vote of the protected class, in this case, the Asian American vote. This is another central component of our fight. We're being asked to do something impossible given our demographics, and the state of California has not provided guidance on cases like ours.

If a legal proceeding produces evidence of a CVRA violation, we assure you that we will be the first ones eager to find a solution that meets state law as well as the needs of our unique City. Until then, the disenfranchisement of our residents is not an option that we believe is fair or reasonable.

Our city should base its final decision on a bedrock of facts, evidence, and transparency. We will not strip voters of the opportunity to elect the entire City Council without evidence of violation of state law and are ready to stand up for Cypress!

In service,

City of Cypress

# CELEBRATE CYPRESS MONTH

Mark your calendars for a series of community events that will take place throughout the month of October.



FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30  
5-10 PM  
&  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 1  
2-10 PM

Oak Knoll Park • 5700 Orange Ave.

Chili & Salsa Contest • Live entertainment  
Kids area • Business & craft booths  
Friday night headliner: No Duh  
Saturday headliners: TUPUA and Knight Ryder

**FREE** shuttle is back!  
[cypressfestival.com](http://cypressfestival.com)

Cypress  
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## Cypress Run 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Saturday, October 1 | Civic Center Green

Register at [cypressca.org/cypressrun](http://cypressca.org/cypressrun) or call (714) 229-6780 for more info.

Enjoy a performance by 80z Allstars band with yard games and food trucks from 9-11 AM.

Please plan accordingly as there will be streets closed for the safety of our runners.



— 2022 —

# STATE OF THE CITY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18  
5:30-8:00 PM  
CIVIC CENTER GREEN

Join Mayor Morales and the Cypress City Council for the **2022 State of the City**.  
This event is **open to the public**.  
**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**



SCAN CODE  
TO REGISTER >



## 2022 MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20  
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
CYPRESS COMMUNITY CENTER

Tickets are available for \$25 each and include breakfast. You can purchase your tickets by contacting Lisa Sambrano at [lsambrano@sticypress.org](mailto:lsambrano@sticypress.org) or 714-826-0760.



## Celebrate Women

CYPRESS WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 26, 2022

Register at:  
[cypressca.org/womensconference](http://cypressca.org/womensconference)



**KIDS NIGHT OUT**

Kids Night Out offers a fun, safe night out for your children with friends and our recreation staff! For just \$28 we will watch your little one while you take the opportunity to catch a movie, run errands, or have a quiet night in. Don't miss out, registration fills up quickly!

Register at [cypressca.org/kidsnightout](http://cypressca.org/kidsnightout)

Location: Cypress Community Center	COURSE	DATE	FEE
Ages: 5 - 12 years old	8491	October 21	\$28
Time: 6-10 PM	8492	November 18	\$28



*Cypress* **FALL  
ACTIVITY  
GUIDE**



**DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL  
THURSDAY NIGHTS**

**LOCATION**  
Lexington Junior High Gym

**TIME**  
6:30-9:30pm

**COST**  
\$4 per adult

**AGE**  
18+

**DATES**  
Thursday Nights  
Gym closed Thursdays Oct 13, Nov 24 & Dec 29

**Pick-up games are encouraged!!!**



**TEENS NIGHT OUT**

All 7th & 8th graders are invited to our quarterly **Teens Night Out!** This is sure to be a fun, spooky night full of new friends and new memories. Make sure to register to save your spot!

Register at [cypressca.org/teensnightout](http://cypressca.org/teensnightout)

Location: La Palma Community Center	COURSE	DATE	FEE
Time: 6-9 PM	8493	October 14	\$6

**Drop-in Badminton  
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS**

**LOCATION**  
Lexington Junior High Gym

**TIME**  
1:00 - 4:00pm

**COST**  
\$4 per adult and \$3 per child

**DATES**  
Gym closed Sundays Nov 27 & Dec 25

**Pick-up games are encouraged!!!**



**REGISTER**  
for Classes/Programs

Register online at [cypressca.org/register](http://cypressca.org/register)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Holiday Sing & Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 6  
6 PM

Civic Center Green

Food Trucks  
School Performers  
Train Rides  
Visits with Santa  
Games & Crafts  
Letters to Veterans & Santa

For more information: (714) 229-6780



## Holiday Decorating Contest 2022

- All residences and businesses within the City of Cypress are eligible
- For entry and guidelines, visit [cypressca.org/holiday-decorating](http://cypressca.org/holiday-decorating)
- Deadline is Monday, December 12, 5:00 PM



# Coming Up at the Senior Center

9031 Grindlay St.  
M-F | 8 AM-5PM  
(714) 229-2005

## Dining Center Events

Fall is full of holidays and we are excited to spend them together! Mark your calendars, call your friends, and head on over for an afternoon full of food and celebration.

**Time:** 11 AM-1 PM

**Location:** Cypress Senior Center

Call (714) 229-2005 for more information

*\*Ticketed Events*

*Halloween*  
October 31

*Veterans Day Tribute*

November 10

*Thanksgiving\**

November 17



## MEDICARE INFORMATION FAIR

Each year, when **Medicare Open Enrollment** comes around, it is time to double check your Medicare and prescription drug plans for the following year. Stop by this **FREE** event to visit with health plan representatives and medical groups to compare your current plan.

**Date:** Friday, October 28

**Time:** 9-11:30 AM

**Location:** Cypress Senior Center

# Public Safety Updates

## MEET OFFICER YU, OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



With the school year in full swing, teachers and staff are hard at work ensuring that children have a successful academic year. While they focus on academics, School Resource Officer **Angus Yu** works to keep our schools and students safe.

SRO Yu serves Lexington Junior High School, Cypress High School, and Oxford Academy. One of his primary areas of focus is working to decrease students' access and use of tobacco products.

SRO Yu has a gift for interacting with students, and in turn, our schools benefit by having regular law enforcement visits. If you see SRO Yu around, make sure to say hi!



## Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.



[firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org)

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- Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows.
- Discuss your plan with everyone in your home.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance from home where everyone should meet.
- Practice a home fire drill twice a year, at night and during the day.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.

JOIN OUR DEPARTMENT!

We're hiring

# CYPRESS POLICE OFFICERS



CALL US TODAY

(714) 229-6630

[www.cypresspd.org](http://www.cypresspd.org)

Looking to make a positive difference in your community every day? Consider a career in law enforcement!

## SALARY & BENEFITS

**\$84,144 – \$110,062 annual base salary**

The City offers a generous health benefits package, education incentive pay, a retiree health savings plan, tuition reimbursement and opportunities for special assignments including motors, special investigations unit, task force, personnel & training and SWAT.



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## KEEP CYPRESS BEAUTIFUL

Please ensure your property is meeting City standards to protect your property investment and community.

### OVERSIZED VEHICLE PERMITS

All oversized vehicles and attached trailers must have a valid permit to park on any city street between the hours of 2-6 AM. An oversized vehicle is defined as any vehicle or combination of vehicles that exceeds 8 feet in height, 22 feet in length, or 92 inches in width (excluding projecting lights or devices). Permits may be obtained by visiting [cypressca.org/departments/police](http://cypressca.org/departments/police) or by visiting the Cypress Police Department Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 AM-4 PM.

There may be resources available to assist property owners incurring violations. Contact the Cypress Code Enforcement division at (714) 229-6726 if you think you may need assistance.

File complaints at: [www.cypresspd.org](http://www.cypresspd.org)  
[cdd@cypressca.org](mailto:cdd@cypressca.org)

Did you know that OC Animal Care services the City of Cypress? OC Animal Care can assist with redemptions, license renewals, intake, field calls, and adoptions-by-appointment! Visit [ocpetinfo.com](http://ocpetinfo.com) or call (714) 935-6848 for more information.



## OC Animal Care



Download Our  
**CYPRESS CENTRAL APP**



## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 10, 2022    October 24, 2022  
November 14, 2022

Visit [cypressca.org/government](http://cypressca.org/government) for information on how to attend a meeting.



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