

# THE PROGRESS



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 20** — Presidents' Day (City Offices Closed, No Street Sweeping)
- **February 21** — Resident Registration Begins for Spring Classes
- **March 17** — Kids Night Out!
- **April 8** — Spring Egg Hunt

*Meet your 2023 Mayor inside!*

# City of Cypress Updates

## NEW YEAR, NEW LEADERSHIP!



*Mayor Anne Hertz-Mallari*



*Mayor Pro Tem Scott Minikus*

2023 is off to a great start under the leadership of our new City Council. Leading the team are Mayor Anne Hertz-Mallari and Mayor Pro Tem Scott Minikus, both of whom were elected by their colleagues to serve in their respective positions. Along with Council Members David Burke, Frances Marquez, and Bonnie Peat, the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are excited to serve our wonderful community.

Don't miss updates from Mayor Hertz-Mallari on all things happening in Cypress as part of her bi-monthly "Minute with the Mayor". You can view these segments on the City's social media channels and on YouTube!



## FARMERS MARKET

**EVERY SATURDAY from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Rain or Shine)**

**Corner of Katella and Lexington in the Cottonwood Church parking lot.**

The Cypress Farmers Market has plenty of certified local organically grown fruits and veggies to choose from, as well as farm fresh eggs, fresh baked breads and baguettes, fresh hummus, honey, award-winning tamales, and much more!





## SNOWY OWL IN CYPRESS!

The recent Snowy Owl sighting in Cypress sparked excitement and curiosity from community members to owl experts! This rare visit welcomed spectators from near and far to catch a glimpse of the owl as she perched on the roofs of Cypress homes. To celebrate this sighting, Cypress hosted an informational presentation by owl expert Denver Holt in collaboration with Sea and Sage Audubon and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Thank you to everyone who joined us to learn more about our snowy owl visitor. Keep an eye out, you may even spot her in your neighborhood!



Did you know that your Orange County Public Library card offers access to free and low-cost passes for museums, science centers, zoos, theaters and other cultural destinations? You heard that right. To view the participating institutions and to get a library card (if needed) visit: [ocpl.org/discoverandgo](https://ocpl.org/discoverandgo)



## PLANNING UPDATE

The retail portion of The Square at Cypress is almost complete! The new shopping center (located at the northwest corner of Katella Avenue and Winners Circle) will be home to the City's Trader Joe's which is slated to open in early spring of this year. In addition to Trader Joe's, the center will feature Black Dot coffee, two new sit-down restaurants, two fast-casual restaurants, and a fitness studio. The property will also feature a 120 guest-room Homewood Suites by Hilton which is slated for completion in early 2025. Stay tuned for details!



## WINTER CITRUS TREE CARE

As winter continues and temperatures remain low, here are four tips to keep your citrus trees beautiful into spring:

1. Ensure your trees are set up for success - regularly water, check for aphids, and pick ripe fruit.
2. Bring potted citrus trees indoors.
3. Cover outdoor citrus trees when temperatures dip.
4. Check for citrus pests throughout the year.

To learn more about how you can protect your citrus trees during winter and every season visit [californiacitrusthreat.org](https://californiacitrusthreat.org).



**FREE** Teen Job and Volunteer Workshop  
13-18 YEARS OLD

Register today!

Thursday, February 9  
6:00 PM  
La Palma Community Center

**YOU ARE INVITED TO LEARN:**

- Tips on how to be an effective volunteer
- Resume building
- Application process
- Interview skills
- Volunteer and job opportunities

# MARCH MADNESS

Dribble your way into our competitive March Madness basketball tournament! First, compete as an individual by showing off your dribbling, passing, layup, and 3 point shot talents in the solo skills challenge. Finally, test your offense and defense skills in a "King of the Court" style tournament!

**MARCH 10, 2023 @ 6PM LA PALMA CENTRAL PARK AGES: 13-17 YEARS OLD**

**\$6**



## Calling all Youth Artists!

Our Annual Virtual Youth Art Showcase is back! This digital art exhibit features art made by Cypress' youngest artists from preschool to 12th grade.

**ARTWORK ACCEPTED:** February 6 – March 6

**ONLINE SHOWCASE:** March 13

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

- Artists must be in preschool – 12th grade
- Artists must reside or attend a school in Cypress
- Create an original piece of art (all mediums accepted)
- Take a photo of the artwork or scan it into a digital file
- Send artwork title, your name, grade and digital file to [cypressvirtualartshow@cypressca.org](mailto:cypressvirtualartshow@cypressca.org)

For more information call (714) 229-2005



**KIDS NIGHT OUT!**

What's better than a night out? A night out for you and your kids to enjoy! For a price lower than your average babysitter, your child can spend an evening having fun, watching movies and playing games while you take a much-needed night out!

Space is limited! Register today at [cypressca.org/kidsnightout](http://cypressca.org/kidsnightout)

Location: **Cypress Community Center**  
 Ages: **5 – 12 years old**  
 Time: **6:00 – 10:00 PM**

COURSE	DATE	FEE
8515	February 17	\$28
8516	March 17	\$28

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 Don't miss our  
**Spring Egg Hunt**  
**APRIL 8**

**FREE**

**Pre-Registration Required**  
**Oak Knoll Park**  
**5700 Orange Ave.**

**Visit [cypressca.org/springegg hunt](http://cypressca.org/springegg hunt) for details**



**COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM**

Are you between the ages of 14 and 16, looking to gain work experience, strengthen your leadership skills and obtain community service hours in a recreation setting? The application period is open from February 27 – March 31, 2023.

Visit [cypressca.org/CITProgram](http://cypressca.org/CITProgram) for details.

**DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL**  
**THURSDAY NIGHTS: STARTING FEB 16**

**LOCATION:** Lexington Junior High Gym  
**TIME:** 6:30 – 9:30 PM  
**COST:** \$4 per adult

Gym closed Thursday – March 30, May 18  
 Minimum of 6 participants required by 7:30 PM  
**PICK-UP GAMES ARE ENCOURAGED!**

**AGES 18+**

**DROP-IN BADMINTON**  
**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: STARTING JANUARY 8**

**LOCATION:** Lexington Junior High Gym  
**TIME:** 1:00 – 4:00 PM  
**COST:** \$4 per adult and \$3 per child

Gym closed Sunday – Feb 12, April 2, April 9, May 28  
 Minimum of 6 participants required by 2 PM  
**PICK-UP GAMES ARE ENCOURAGED!**

# Coming Up at the Senior Center

9031 Grindlay St.  
M-F | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
(714) 229-2005



## LOVE AND LUCK AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Follow your heart and find luck and friendship at the Cypress Senior Center. Don't miss our next two holiday events! In person reservations are required for both events. Call the Senior Center for more information.

**Time:** **Valentine's Day Luncheon:** February 14, 2023  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon:** March 16, 2023

Visit [cypressca.org/alongtheway](http://cypressca.org/alongtheway)

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: ACCEPTING NEW APPLICANTS!



The Cypress Senior Center offers two transportation programs. Appointment required to apply. Call the Senior Center to schedule your appointment.

**Nutrition Transportation:** If you are 60 years or older, a Cypress resident, and participate in the "Lunch Café" nutrition program, there is free transportation available to and from the Senior Center.

**Taxi Voucher Program:** The Taxi Voucher Program is a curb-to-curb taxi service for qualifying Cypress seniors 60 years or older for medical and medically related appointments, grocery shopping, banking, visiting the Cypress Senior Center or visiting a relative in a hospital. Income qualifications apply.

## SWAN LAKE SENIOR PROM



Dance the night away at the Swan Lake Senior Prom, sponsored by Oxford Academy High School ASB!

**Date:** March 10, 2023

**Location:** Cypress Senior Center

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 PM

**Cost:** FREE

## ALONG THE WAY NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP



Subscribe today to the Cypress Senior Center newsletter, Along the Way! Get the latest senior updates, services, programs, activities, class schedules and more! A mailed subscription is FREE for Cypress residents. Electronic copies are available at no charge.

Visit [cypressca.org/alongtheway](http://cypressca.org/alongtheway)

## CALLING ALL VENDORS!



Our Community Resource Fair is returning on Friday, June 16! If you're a public or private organization looking to showcase resources and programs that contribute to the health, wellness and well-being of our community, consider registering today as a vendor!

Call (714) 229-2005 for more information.

# Public Safety Updates

**AlertOC is a mass notification system** designed to keep Orange County, California residents and businesses informed of emergencies that may require immediate life saving actions.

By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice messages from the County or City in which you live or work may be sent to your home, cell, or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones.

AlertOC can send out messages to email accounts and TTY devices as well. AlertOC is operated by the County of Orange in collaboration with local cities.



SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS AT **AlertOC.org**

*We're hiring*

## CYPRESS POLICE OFFICERS

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

**CALL US  
TODAY**

**(714) 229-6630**

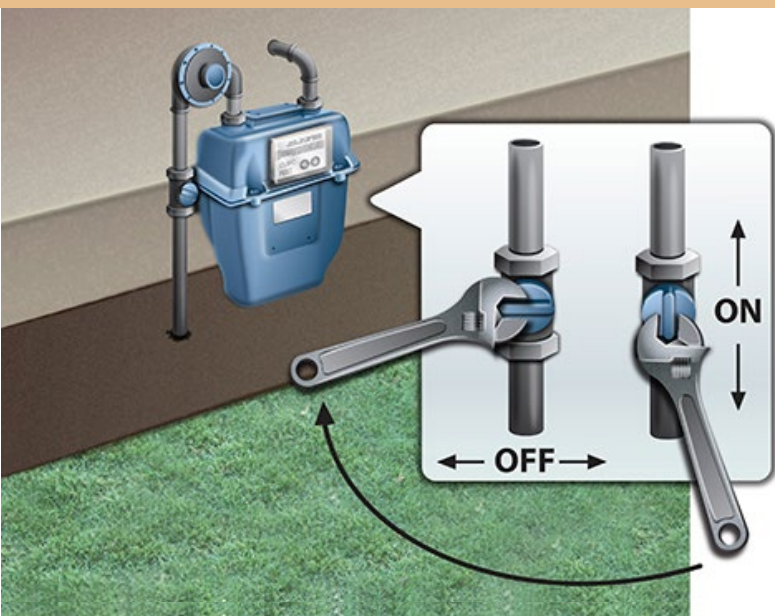
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### SALARY & BENEFITS

**\$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.



## How to Shut Off Utilities

Sometimes in an emergency, you may need to shut off your natural gas. There are three easy steps to follow when doing so, according to Southern California Gas Co.

**Step 1:** Locate your natural gas meter.

**Step 2:** Find the natural gas shut off valve.

**Step 3:** Using a 12-inch or larger adjustable wrench, turn the valve  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn in either direction.

Visit the following link to see these instructions illustrated and described in further detail, [bit.ly/scgvalve](http://bit.ly/scgvalve)



## KEEP CYPRESS BEAUTIFUL

Please only place your trash cans on the street after 6 PM on the evening before pick-up and remove them within 24 hours after pick-up. Please be courteous to your neighbors and place your trash cans in front of your property. Thank you for helping keep Cypress beautiful!

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## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 13, 2023

March 13, 2023

February 27, 2023

March 27, 2023

Please note City Council meeting general, open session will begin at 6 PM.

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



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