

# THE PROGRESS



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Cypress is transitioning to  
By-district Elections  
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## *IMPORTANT DATES*

- February 19: Presidents' Day  
(City Offices Closed, No Street Sweeping)
- March 30: Spring Egg Hunt

## BREAKING GROUND AT ARNOLD CYPRESS PARK



The transformation of Arnold Cypress Park is officially underway! Recently, members of the Cypress City Council, community members, and sports teams came together for a groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of this long-awaited renovation journey for the City's oldest park.

With new softball fields, lighted pickleball courts, a shaded children's play area, lighted basketball and volleyball courts, and over 225 trees, the new Arnold Cypress Park promises to offer something for everyone.

The park's grand opening is anticipated in early 2025. Stay tuned for updates as construction continues!

**Fun Fact:** *Arnold Cypress Park is older than the City of Cypress!*



We've been seizing every chance to connect with our fantastic residents! Whether it's sharing impressions of our City or identifying opportunities for growth, we're excited to hear what "Cypress Says." See what your neighbors have to say about our City!

## MADE IN CYPRESS: YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, USA



Meet Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA, a recognized leader in the outdoor recreation industry! Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA was founded in 1977 and manufactures motorcycles, boats, all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, E-Bikes, and many other products that are sold nationwide. This globally recognized company has its West Coast administrative headquarters located right here in Cypress since 1980. The headquarters consists of its senior executive offices, corporate offices, motorcycle racing and testing, and western parts warehouse. There's more! Yamaha Motor Finance is also located in Cypress. Yamaha Motor Finance provides retail and commercial financing for its diverse line of motor products and was established in Cypress in 2015. We are lucky that Yamaha chose Cypress for its headquarters.

Yamaha also contributes to our local community. In December, Yamaha held its annual Feed the Children® "No Hunger Holidays" event in its parking lot, which distributed food and hygiene products to approximately 800 families. Mark Tracy, Vice President of the Marine Business Unit - Sales & Marketing, volunteered at the event and said, "I must admit, I had a couple tears in my eyes twice yesterday...There were a few cars that came through and you could really see the appreciation and the happiness this brought! That's really what the holidays are all about!" Sincere thanks to Yamaha.

### Complete the Sentence: **Cypress is home because...**

"Because it's just unique, it's so diverse. It's hard to find a group of people who live nicely together like that. In other cities, it's kind of hard to find a close-knit group of people, but at least in my community, it's really easy!"

*Nathan Trung*

# ★ TRANSITION TO ★ BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS

## *Make Your Voice Heard*

On January 10, 2024, the City Council approved a transition from Cypress' existing **at-large** election system to **by-district** elections. The new system of electing Council Members seeks to resolve a lawsuit alleging the City's long-standing at-large system violates the California Voting Rights Act.

### **How will this affect me?**

- Cypress will be divided into five voting districts of approximately equal size.
- Residents will elect one Council Member who will represent their district.
- Beginning in November 2024, districts will be implemented on a staggered election cycle, meaning residents elect the Council Member for their district every four years.

### **Who will draw the maps and decide the boundaries?**

The City has hired the National Demographics Corporation (NDC), which has helped hundreds of local governments implement by-district elections, to work with the community to draw maps the City Council will consider.

Through five public hearings, residents will be able to learn about the criteria for creating districts and have the opportunity to submit maps for consideration. The district boundaries must be approved by the City Council.

### **Attend our Public Hearings**

Residents are encouraged to participate in any or all of **five upcoming public hearings** to help establish districts. The electoral map that the City Council selects at the conclusion of the public hearing process will group neighborhoods and communities for election purposes for the rest of the decade.

During the public hearings, residents are encouraged to share how they think district boundaries should be established to best represent their community. Residents also have the opportunity to submit their own maps for consideration using specialized tools provided by the demographer.

#### **Public Hearings Schedule**

Monday, January 22, 2024

Monday, January 29, 2024

Monday, February 12, 2024

Monday, February 26, 2024

Monday, March 11, 2024

All public hearings will be held at 6 PM in the Council Chambers. If you wish to attend virtually, the participation link will be published with the meeting agenda.

If you can't attend a public hearing, you can email your input to [mapcypress@cypressca.org](mailto:mapcypress@cypressca.org)

**For more information, visit:** [cypressca.org/DistrictElections](https://cypressca.org/DistrictElections)

# Cypress Recreation



## KIDS Night Out

**\$29**

**5-12 YEARS OLD | 6-10 PM**  
CYPRESS COMMUNITY CENTER

Say goodbye to ordinary babysitters and hello to an evening of group activities for your little one at Kids Night Out! With prices lower than average childcare, our Recreation and Community Service team will entertain your kiddos all evening while you unwind and enjoy some well-deserved alone time.

**REGISTER HERE!** 

Course	Date	Theme
9469	February 16	Adventure Explorers
9471	March 15	Safari Rangers

## SPRING Egg Hunt 2024

Saturday, March 30 • 9 AM to 12 PM  
Oak Knoll Park, 9600 Graham Street

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! SCAN TO REGISTER**




**EGG HUNT REGISTRATION DATES**

**CYPRESS RESIDENTS**  
FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 18

**NON-RESIDENTS**  
FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 18



**\$6**

## TEENS Night Out

**7th & 8th GRADERS ONLY | 6-9 PM**  
CYPRESS COMMUNITY CENTER

**FRIDAY MARCH 15**

**REGISTER HERE!** 

Sign your teen up today for our sizzling new addition: Chef It Up Teens Night Out! Hosted in partnership with our Youth Action Committee, teens will unleash their inner chef, compete to create delicious eats, and make new friends!

**COURSE: 9612**

## TEEN JOB AND VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

**FREE!** **13-18 YEARS OLD**



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • 6 PM**  
CYPRESS SENIOR CENTER, 9031 GRINDLAY ST.

Is your teen applying for a job for the first time? Boost their confidence from application to interview with our awesome, **FREE** Job and Volunteer Workshop! Let's turn their first-time job jitters into a success story!

Pre-registration is required  
**SCAN TO REGISTER** 

**COURSE: 9472**



## Cypress SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE

## 2024 CIT PROGRAM



Are you between the ages of 14 and 16 and ready to dive into leadership, gain work experience, and embrace community service? Apply today for our Counselors in Training Program! The application window is open from February 26 to March 29. Let your leadership journey begin!

Visit [cypressca.org/CIT](https://cypressca.org/CIT) for details.



## SHOWCASE YOUR YOUNG ARTIST'S TALENT!

Our Virtual Youth Art Showcase is back and we want to meet your home-grown artists! Artists must be in preschool-12th grade and reside or attend school in Cypress. We're eager to see your masterpieces!

How to Participate:

- Create an original piece of art (all mediums accepted)
- Take a photo of your artwork or scan it into a digital file
- Send you artwork title, your name, grade, and digital file to [cypressvirtualartshow@cypressca.org](mailto:cypressvirtualartshow@cypressca.org)

Artwork accepted: February 5-March 4  
Online Show: March 11



### DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL

THURSDAY NIGHTS: STARTING FEB 15

Lexington Junior High Gym  
6:30 – 9:30 PM  
\$4 per adult  
Gym closed March 28, May 16 and 23

**AGES 18+**



## WE'RE HIRING!

### DROP-IN BADMINTON

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: STARTING FEB 18

Lexington Junior High Gym  
1 – 4 PM  
\$4 per individual  
Gym closed March 31 and May 26

Recreation & Community Services is hiring! Now is your opportunity to apply for a Recreation Leader position in Youth/Teen Programs, Sports, Camp Cypress, and Facility Operations. Year-round and seasonal positions are available.

Apply online at [cypressca.org/jobopportunities](https://cypressca.org/jobopportunities).

# Your Next Adventure Starts at the Senior Center

9031 Grindlay St.  
M-F | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
(714) 229-6670

## PRESENTATIONS ARE BACK



Did you know the Senior Center hosts monthly presentations covering a variety of topics for our senior community? Swing by and soak in some fresh knowledge – because learning is timeless!

To view the current presentation schedule, please visit [cypressca.org/seniorcenter](http://cypressca.org/seniorcenter).

## LET'S HAVE LUNCH



Swing by the Senior Center's Lunch Café every Monday to Thursday for a fun lunch. Check in opens at 10:30 AM on a first-come, first-served basis! The suggested contribution for lunch is \$3, but everyone is welcome, regardless of their ability to pay. If you're under 60 and want to join, lunch is just \$5!

To learn more about our Lunch Café, visit [cypressca.org/seniorcenter](http://cypressca.org/seniorcenter).

## SENIOR GROCERY PROGRAM



The Senior Grocery Program provides free, direct food resources for the Orange County's vulnerable low-income senior population (60+). Distribution is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Check in begins at 8 AM and distribution begins at 10 AM.



## CHECK OUT THE NEW SENIOR CENTER!



The Senior Center's got a fresh new look, and we can't wait for you to see it! Stop by to check out our revamped lobby, kitchen, multi-purpose room, and more! We're thrilled to resume our fantastic programs and activities at full capacity.

Explore the offerings of the Senior Center by visiting [cypressca.org/seniorcenter](http://cypressca.org/seniorcenter).

## NEED A RIDE?



Are you a senior with places to go and people to see, but no way to get there? The City of Cypress offers two FREE transportation programs to help you get where you need to go!

**Nutrition Transportation:** If you are 60 years or older, a Cypress resident, and would like to participate in the Lunch Café but don't have a ride, there is free transportation available to and from the Senior Center.

**Taxi Voucher Program:** Curb to curb taxi service for Cypress seniors over the age of 60 for medical and medically related appointments, grocery shopping, banking, visiting the Cypress Senior Center, or visiting a relative in a hospital.

To learn more and schedule an appointment for one of our transportation programs, please call (714) 229-6670.

# Public Safety Updates

## BOOST COMMUNITY SAFETY: REGISTER YOUR SECURITY CAMERAS



Become a crime-solving hero by registering your security cameras with the Cypress Police Department! The process is easy:

- 1. Register:** Visit [cypresspd.org](http://cypresspd.org) and complete the online submission form.
- 2. Verification:** A member of the Police Department will contact you to verify your information.
- 3. Solve a Crime:** If a crime occurs in the vicinity of your security camera, the Police Department may request a copy of any recorded video to assist in the investigation of a crime. Your recorded footage could be the key to cracking the case!

For more information, please contact the Cypress Police Department at (714) 229-6600.

## BE READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY!



In the unlikely event of an emergency, it is important to have a plan to protect yourself, and your family. ReadyOC makes it easy to know what to do before, during, and after an event.

Craft your emergency plan with these steps:

- Develop an "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contact list
- Identify an emergency meeting place
- Sign up for emergency notifications through AlertOC
- Develop an at-home evacuation plan with multiple routes
- Prepare and regularly freshen your "go" bag and "stay" box of emergency items

For more information on how to create an emergency plan, visit [readyoc.com/make-a-plan](http://readyoc.com/make-a-plan).

## We're hiring CYPRESS POLICE OFFICERS

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



### SALARY & BENEFITS

**Annual Salary:**  
**\$88,352 to \$115,565**  
(Up to \$138,010 w/  
specialty pays)

The City of Cypress is highly supportive of law enforcement, values proactive police work, and seeks officers committed to community engagement. In addition to a competitive annual salary, the City offers many other benefits to Police Officers including:

- A generous health benefits package
- A retiree health savings plan
- Tuition reimbursement
- A signing bonus for experienced officers
- Overtime opportunities
- Specialty pays that can increase an Officer's salary by over 19 percent!

The department's special assignment opportunities include motors, special investigations unit, task forces, school resource officer, and SWAT. If you or someone you know is interested in a career with the Cypress Police Department, please reach out to the Personnel & Training unit at (714) 229-6667.

**CALL US TODAY (714) 229-6630**  
**[cypresspd.org](http://cypresspd.org)**

# KEEP CYPRESS BEAUTIFUL: STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE



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Cypress, CA 90630

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Street sweeping isn't just a chore—it's a community effort to maintain cleanliness and protect our environment! Be a street sweep hero by clearing the way on your scheduled day by moving your cars and keeping the street clear for the sweeper. Parking restrictions on sweeping days are typically noted from 8 AM to 12 PM. Please check local signage for any time disparities.

Please note that street sweeping **will not occur** on the following holidays in 2024:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents' Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day After Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve through New Year's Day

Thank you for helping us keep Cypress beautiful!

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

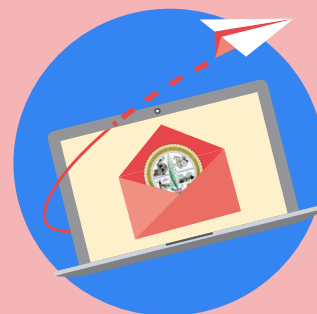


**February 12   February 26   March 11   March 25**

Please note City Council meeting  
general session begins at 6 PM.

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

## EMAIL SIGN-UP



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right in your inbox with our  
bi-weekly newsletter.  
[cypressca.org/emailsignup](http://cypressca.org/emailsignup)