

# THE PROGRESS



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **August 2:** Concert on the Green
- **August 6:** Cypress National Night Out Block Party
- **August 9:** Concert on the Green - Grand Finale!
- **October 5:** Cypress Run
- **October 10:** State of the City
- **October 12:** Cypress Community Festival



AUGUST 6 5-8 PM CIVIC CENTER GREEN

Join us for our first-ever National Night Out Block Party, an evening of safety, fun, and neighbors – all in one night!

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## MADE IN CYPRESS: MEET ALTASCIENCES CLINICAL



Meet Altasciences, an integral part of the Cypress community since 1998. As a leading clinical research organization, they provide comprehensive early-phase drug development services to pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies from their state-of-the-art facility right here on Cerritos Ave. Their critical research helps advance new medications and therapies, contributing significantly to global health advancements.

Originally founded as West Coast Clinical Trials (WCCT), this organization has conducted early-phase clinical trials for over 30 years. Their research covers treatments for a wide range of conditions, including Alzheimer's, diabetes, eye diseases, and autoimmune disorders. Notably, during and after the pandemic, they were instrumental in numerous COVID-19 vaccine and therapy studies.

In 2021, WCCT became part of Altasciences, retaining its 300 local employees and continuing its vital role in early drug development. This merger has enhanced their experience, services, and support for the healthcare industry. Altasciences relies on the local community for Phase 1 clinical trials, providing crucial data that guides pharmaceutical companies in their research.

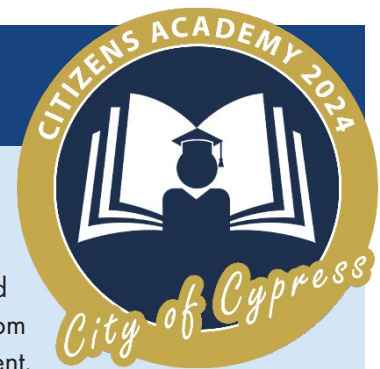
Altasciences demonstrates a deep commitment to Cypress by supporting numerous charities, including CARE, spcaLA, St. Jude's Research Hospital, Hope for Paws, CHOC, Wounded Warrior Project, The Trevor Project, and more.

As a proud member of the Cypress community, Altasciences continues to drive medical progress while supporting local causes and fostering a sense of community.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 CITIZENS ACADEMY



In a journey spanning seven weeks, this group of 19 dedicated residents and business owners went behind the scenes of City government. From Public Works to the Police Department, participants delved deep into the inner workings of every department and met the leaders who keep our City running. They've now graduated as community ambassadors, armed with invaluable knowledge about our City's operations. Thank you to all who participated in this year's program. Stay tuned for news about our next academy!



# CITY TRANSITION TO DISTRICTS FOR CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

## ★ FIND YOUR DISTRICT! ★



Do you know which City Council district you live in? In March 2024, the City transitioned to by-district elections, adopting five-districts and changing City Council elections to settle allegations that Cypress was not complying with the California Voting Rights Act.

Starting with the November 2024 General Election, voters will elect one Council Member to represent the district in which they live.

The Council Member must reside in the same district and will be elected by the voters residing there.

On November 5, 2024, residents in Districts 3 and 4 will vote to elect their Council Member. Residents in Districts 1, 2, and 5 will elect their respective Council Member in 2026.

This sequence ensures that a Council Member will reside in each district during the two-year transition from at-large to by-district elections, while honoring the terms of Council Members elected in 2022.

Visit our easy-to-use interactive map at [cypressca.org/districtelections](https://cypressca.org/districtelections) to find your City Council district.



## ELECTION CYCLE GUIDE

### DISTRICT ELECTION CYCLE

**3 and 4** You will elect a Council Member in **2024**

**1, 2, or 5** You will elect a Council Member in **2026**

## FAQs

### What are by-district elections?

By-district elections distribute the City's population into approximately equal-sized voting districts. Voters in each district elect one Council Member who must also live in that district.

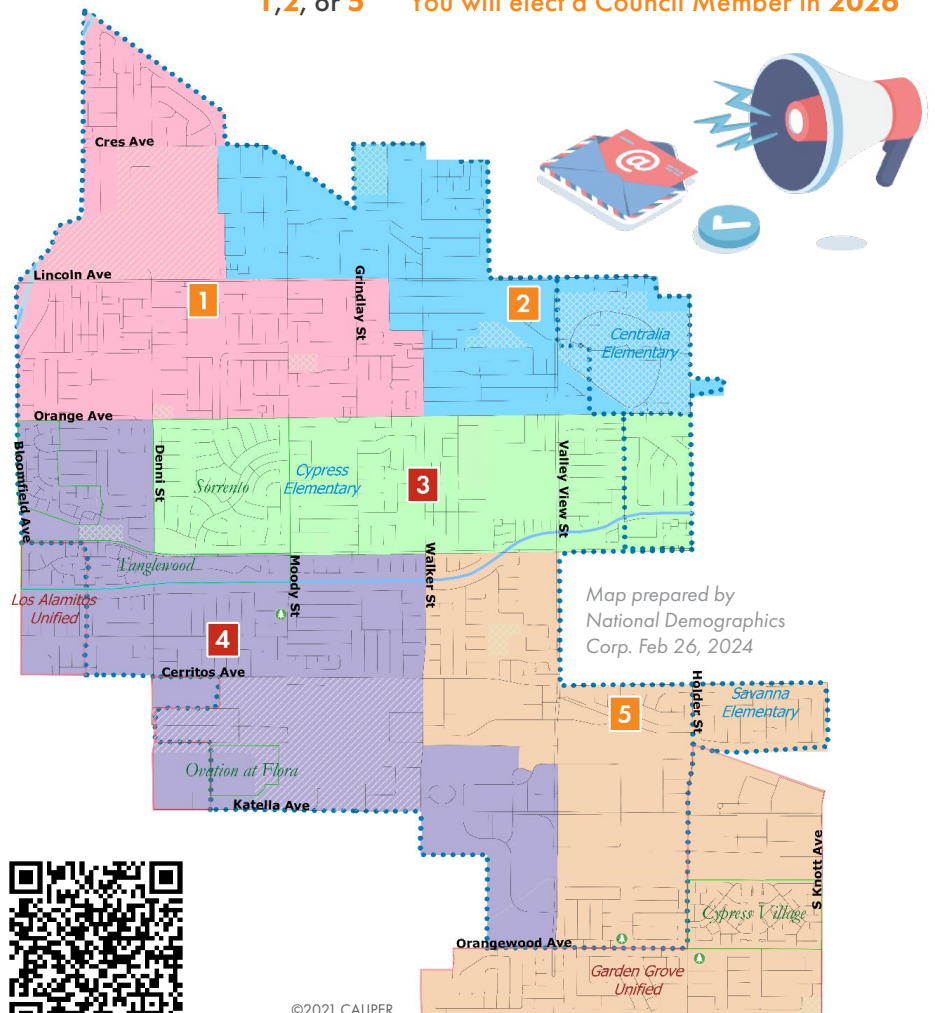
### Do by-district elections change term limits?

No. There is no change to existing term limits.

### What if my district has more than one current Council Member living in it?

If multiple current Council Members live in the same district and seek re-election, they will run against each other.

Districts 1 and 5 currently have two Council Members living in them. In District 1 Anne Mallari was elected in 2020 and David Burke was elected in 2022. In District 5 Frances Marquez was elected in 2020 and Scott Minikus was elected in 2022. The Council Members elected in 2020 will reach the end of their term in 2024 and will not return to the City Council after the November election. They have each served one term and are eligible to run for City Council in 2026.



For more information, visit:  
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# Cypress Recreation



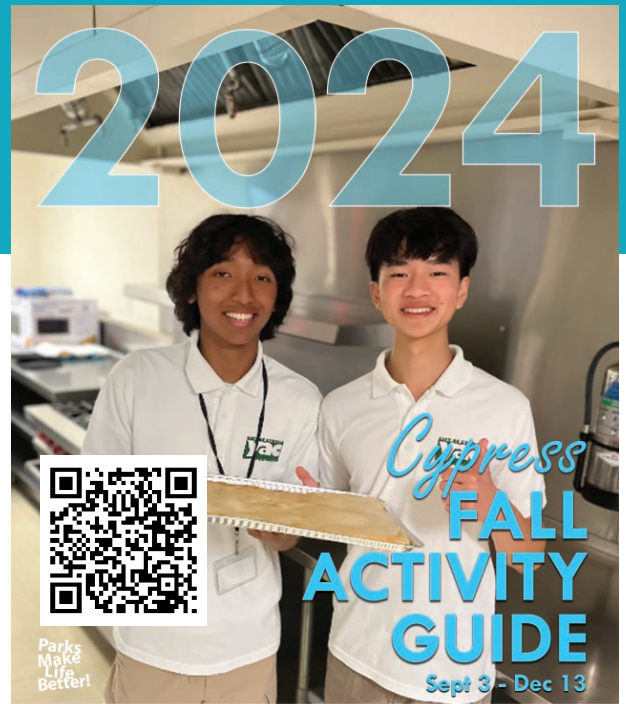
**RUN INTO**

## CELEBRATE CYPRESS MONTH

Kick off our month of community celebrations with friends and family at the annual Cypress Run! Whether you're racing through the streets of our City, walking, or participating in the Community Dash, everyone is welcome to take on the challenge on Saturday, October 5! Each participant will receive a commemorative medal, shirt, and a signature popsicle at the finish line. After the run, join us on the green for a FREE Health & Fun Expo from 7 AM to 9 AM. Let's celebrate Cypress together! Register today at [cypressca.org/cypressrun](http://cypressca.org/cypressrun).

Want to get involved? Volunteer or become a partner today at [cypressca.org/cypressrun](http://cypressca.org/cypressrun) and help us make it an unforgettable event!

For a complete list of Celebrate Cypress Month events, please visit [cypressca.org/celebratetcypress](http://cypressca.org/celebratetcypress).



# National Night Out

**FREE!**

# BLOCK PARTY

School Safety Education with *Officer Donut*

Crime Prevention Tips & Resources from *Cypress PD*

Local Exhibitors

DJ, Activities, Giveaways

Food & More!

**AUGUST 6 5-8 PM**  
**CIVIC CENTER GREEN**

HOSTED BY: CYPRESS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CYPRESS RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Get ready for a night of fun, safety and community spirit! Join us for our new, National Night Out Block Party on Tuesday, August 6 from 5-8 PM at the Civic Center Green. From crime prevention and back-to-school safety information to food and music, we'll have all the essentials for a night of community togetherness! Learn more at [cypressca.org/blockparty](http://cypressca.org/blockparty).

## TEENS Night Out

### HALLOWEEN ESCAPE ROOM

7th and 8th Graders Only

Friday, October 11 | 6-9 PM

**REGISTER TODAY!**



**\$6**

Can you solve the puzzles and escape in time? Don't miss out on this frightful adventure! Visit [cypressca.org/teens](http://cypressca.org/teens) for more details.



**\$30**

**REGISTER HERE!**



## KIDS Night Out

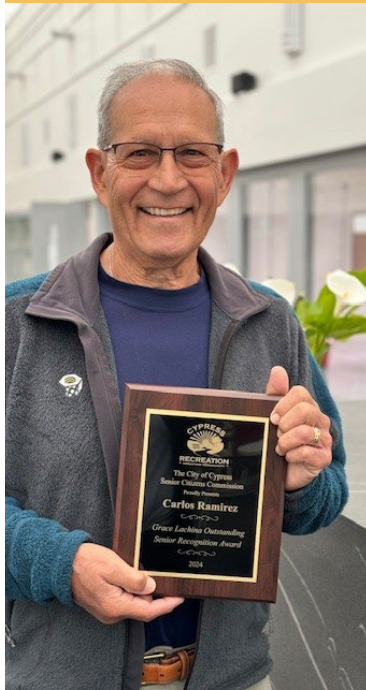
5-12 YEARS OLD | 6-10 PM  
CYPRESS COMMUNITY CENTER

Hey parents! Ready to give your kids a night to remember? Let them have a blast at Kids Night Out! With themed fun, yummy dinner, treats, and a cool movie screening, your little ones will be in for an awesome time. While they're having a blast, you can enjoy some well-deserved "me time." Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Register at [cypressca.org/kidsnightout](http://cypressca.org/kidsnightout).

COURSE	DATE	THEME	MOVIE
10230	Sept. 20	Bugs in Action	Bugs Life
10240	Oct. 18	World of Wonder	Alice in Wonderland
10241	Nov. 15	Nature Adventure	Brother Bear

## JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

## 2024 GRACE LACHINA AWARD WINNER



Meet Carlos Ramirez, a dedicated volunteer at the Cypress Senior Center and recipient of this year's Grace Lachina Outstanding Senior Recognition Award! Carlos' commitment shines through in his roles within the Lunch Café Program, where he serves meals and washes dishes. He also generously contributes to various special programs and events at our Senior Center, from the Community Resource Fair and Medicare Info Fair to luncheons and more.

We are delighted to recognize Carlos for his outstanding service to our community. Congratulations, Carlos!



Are you looking for a rewarding way to give back to the community? The Cypress Senior Center needs volunteers like you! Whether it's serving meals in the Lunch Café, assisting with special events, and more, there are endless opportunities to make a meaningful impact. Become a part of our vibrant volunteer community today!

For more information, please call (714) 229-6670.

## GET CLICKING AT THE COMPUTER LAB



## EXTRA! EXTRA!

Subscribe to receive "Along the Way" for all the latest senior updates, services, programs, activities, class schedules, and more! You can choose to receive the newsletter monthly either by email or mail. Cypress residents enjoy a FREE mailed subscription. Visit [cypressca.org/alongtheway](http://cypressca.org/alongtheway) to subscribe.



Don't have a computer at home? No problem! Visit the Computer Lab at the Senior Center and enjoy free access to computers. Whether you want to surf the web, check your email, or play your favorite games, our computer lab has got you covered. Come and make the most of our digital resources! Call the senior center at (714) 229-6670 or stop by the reception desk for details.



## CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The Cypress Senior Center's Exhibiting Artist Program offers a fantastic opportunity for aspiring artists to showcase their work. Every quarter, we feature a new artist, giving the community a chance to appreciate diverse talents. Interested in being our next featured artist? Apply today! Visit the Cypress Senior Center to pick up an application or call (714) 229-6670 for more information.

# Public Safety Updates



*Cypress is hiring*

## LATERAL POLICE OFFICERS

Whether you are a lateral employee or new to police work, we are always looking for applicants who desire to serve the Cypress community!

### SALARY & BENEFITS

**Annual Salary: \$96,480 to \$126,197**

(Up to \$145,000 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!

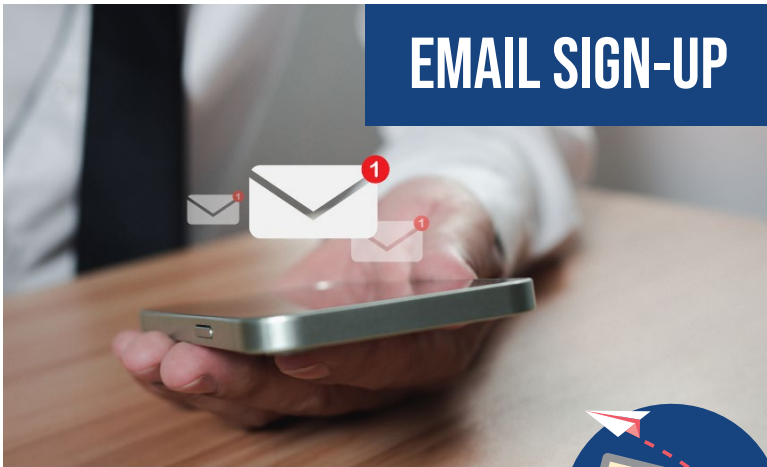
The department's special assignment opportunities include motors, special investigations unit, task forces, school resource officer, and SWAT. If you or someone you know is interested in a career with the Cypress Police Department, please reach out to the Personnel & Training unit.

**CALL US TODAY (714) 229-6630**

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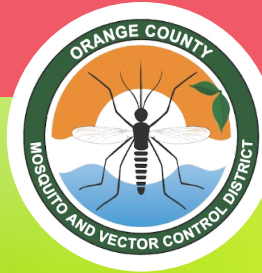
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## OC VECTOR CONTROL

### FIGHT BACK ORANGE COUNTY!



*Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes, also known as “ankle biters,” have made themselves at home in and around homes throughout Southern California and Orange County. These aggressive day-time biters thrive in cities and urban environments because standing water abounds in buckets, tires, toys, trash, pots, saucers, etc.

If you have standing water around your property, it won't be long before the mosquitoes attack! Be sure to check your yards routinely and dump out any standing water! That's the best way to stop their attack!

## FOLLOW US ON *Social Media*

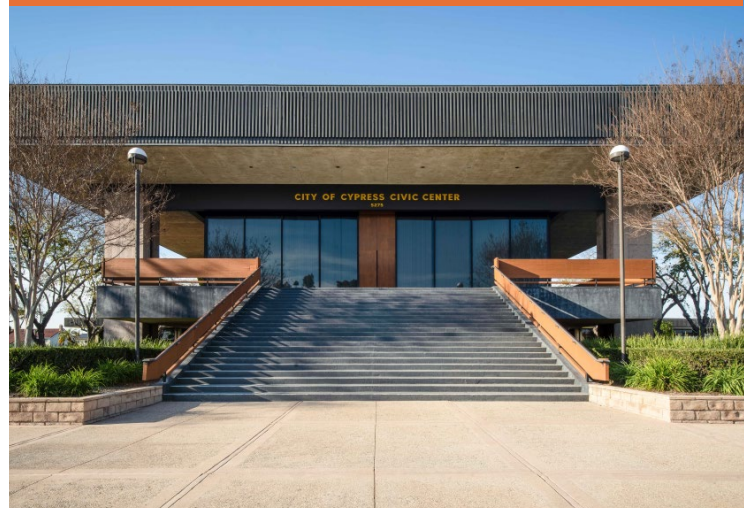


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## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



**August 26**

**September 9**

Please note the 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.