RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING RESIDENTS

With a willingness to put others first and contribute to her community, Marian Gault, a longtime resident of the City of Monte Sereno, continues to inspire those who meet her.

Along with her husband Ned, Marian was formerly a dance instructor and an educator.

With a passion for the arts, Marian shared her calligraphy talents with the youth of the Cambrian School District for more than 20 years. Marian’s skills in calligraphy were so accomplished, she became a two-time winner of the annual National Handwriting Day Contest.

Marian Gault celebrated her 100th birthday in 2020. Thank you, Marian, for 100 years of your jovial spirit and your commitment to community. We are proud to have you as a resident of Monte Sereno!
Our adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Budget document provides Monte Sereno City residents with key information about revenue sources and the direction of Monte Sereno City Council in relation to their allocation. The budget was constructed in consultation with each department, with an extensive evaluation of current and projected future economic considerations.

The budget approach Monte Sereno utilized to determine levels of expenditure is an initial evaluation on expected revenue, followed by an outlined expenditure plan, which fits within those revenue expectations. In summary, our budget outlines a forward thinking and sustainable path towards fiscal sustainability.

Monte Sereno Staff is pleased to present you the FY 2020-2021 budget in a new format, powered by Cleargov. The document is presented in a visual format with plenty of data, charts, and graphs for the end user. In addition, photos and narratives make this budget presentation more representative of what Monte Sereno residents have come to expect, regarding transparency and fiscal management.

One can view the budget document online, located at this URL: https://city-monte-sereno-ca-budget-book.cleargov.com/fy-2020_2021-adopted-budget-(draft-7_9_2020)/2021/budget-overview/strategic-plan. Viewers can navigate to different categories, ranging from Introduction to Appendix, by operating the blue arrow and accessing dropdown menus in each category. When viewing charts, readers can hover over graphs with their cursors to view expanded details. Readers can also choose between different charts, viewing the same data (bar, mountain, and pie charts), by clicking the icon in the lower right corner of the charts.

For questions about Monte Sereno’s FY 2020-2021 Adopted Budget, please contact Monte Sereno City Administration at 408-354-7635 or send an email to finance@cityofmontesereno.org.
Disasters can strike at any time and in any place. Be prepared and pack a 'Go bag'. A Go Bag is a small, portable bag or backpack that you grab on your way out the door.

Pack a separate Go Bag for yourself and every member of your household, and keep stored in an accessible location. Pack each persons bag with their specific, essential items.

**Food & Water**
- Water is essential! Water in carton containers has a longer shelf life
- Non-perishable food, such as, granola, energy bars, MREs, etc.
- Water filtration tablets or a portable filtered water bottle

**Clothing & Shelter**
- Complete change of clothing, include a long-sleeved shirt, pants, and sturdy shoes
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Work gloves
- Blanket or sleeping bag

**Personal Needs**
- Travel size toiletry items, feminine products or other needed items
- Extra pair of eyeglasses
- N95 respirator masks
- First-aid kit
- Whistle
- Multipurpose tool with a knife and can opener
- Cash, including small bills and quarters

**Basic Electronics**
- Phone charger and an additional battery pack
- LED flashlight and a headlamp
- Extra batteries
- Emergency NOAA radio

**Medication**
- Pack three days, or more if possible, worth of each of your prescriptions
- If you use an oxygen tank, have a portable version

**Pet Needs**
- Collar with ID tag and leash
- Food, water and bowl
- Pet carrier
- Vaccination records

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For more disaster preparedness information: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
For more information and free disaster preparedness classes: [www.sccfd.org](http://www.sccfd.org)
The Legacy of Billy Jones

On the right is a photo of William “Billy” Jones from the early 1940’s. Billy Jones founded the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad, which was originally located in Monte Sereno on Daves Avenue and Winchester Boulevard, in 1943.

In 1953, Walt Disney himself tried to purchase the Wildcat Railroad for his coming attraction called “Disneyland.” Billy Jones and Walt Disney became friends and Jones consulted with Disney on the installation of the Disneyland Railroad.

On July 13th, 1970 (or just 50 short years ago), the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad was relocated to Oak Meadow Park and Vasona Lake County Park. To this day, kids of all ages enjoy riding the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad. Through the decades, the trains have traveled at least a million miles with at least a million smiles.

Return of the Scenic Highway

The City of Monte Sereno has one of the first five State of California Scenic Highways, located within our City limits. In 1968, a 3.4-mile stretch of Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, also known as Highway 9, was designated as a Scenic Highway to preserve the natural beauty of the area and to protect and preserve historic sites, such as Villa Montalvo Arboretum and Hakone Gardens.

This summer, staff of Monte Sereno installed signs in two locations on Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, commemorating the significance of the Scenic Route. For more information on this subject and other Monte Sereno history, please visit the History Section on our website, located at www.cityofmontesereno.org.
High temperatures, extreme dryness and record-high winds have created conditions in our state where any spark at the wrong time and place can lead to a major wildfire. If severe weather threatens a portion of the electric system, it may be necessary for PG&E to turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. This is known as a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). While you may not have an account with PG&E, you could still be impacted.

**WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT**

**PSPS Event**
In 2020, PG&E is improving our PSPS program by making events smaller in size, shorter in length and smarter for our customers.

**Ongoing Updates**
Regular updates will be provided through social media, local news, radio and at pge.com/pspsupdates.

**Power Restoration**
After the weather has passed and it is safe to do so, our crews will visually inspect for damage to ensure the lines are safe to energize. In 2020, we are seeking to cut restoration times in half so that we restore power within 12 daylight hours after severe weather has passed. However, depending on weather conditions or if any repairs are needed, for planning purposes, we suggest customers prepare for multiple-day outages.

**HOW YOU CAN PREPARE**

**Update Your Contact Information**
With your landlord or Master Meter account holder and ensure they have your most current contact information so they can share notifications with you in advance of an event. Tenants and other non-account holders are also encouraged to learn how to sign up for PSPS ZIP Code Alerts at pge.com/pspszipcodealerts or by calling 1-877-900-0743.

**Build or Restock Your Emergency Supply Kit**
With flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies and cash. For additional information please visit pge.com/psps.

**Plan for Medical Needs**
Like medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power. If you or someone in your household requires the use of a medical or life support device, apply for PG&E’s Medical Baseline program at pge.com/medicalbaseline to receive additional energy at the lowest price and extra notifications in advance of a PSPS event.

**Follow Us on Social Media**
Including Twitter (@PGE4Me), Facebook (@pacificgasandelectric) and Instagram (@pacificgasandelectric) for real-time updates. Information will also be posted on pge.com.

More information about PG&E’s Community Wildfire Safety Program, including tips to help you prepare, is also available at pge.com/wildfiresafety. You can email us at wildfiresafety@pge.com or call us at 1-866-743-6589 with any questions.
This spring, the City Council of Monte Sereno voted to consider the repurposing of the former 950 square foot U.S. Post Office Building, located at Monte Sereno City Hall. The Council envisioned the new use as a Monte Sereno Community Room.

Here are some suggested ideas for uses, as presently envisioned: Meetings, gatherings, book clubs, bunko, Thai-Chi, guest speakers, events for seniors, movie nights, yoga classes, cooling station, community resource center (CRC), emergency operation center (EOC), lounge space and party space.

How would you like to see this space used? Please share your thoughts and ideas by emailing City Manager, Steve Leonardis: steve@cityofmontesereno.org.

The City Council of Monte Sereno hosted its annual goal setting session on May 12th, 2020. The Council adopted five goals, derived from the Monte Sereno General Plan, to develop a work plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021. These five adopted goals were captured by artist Melinda Walker in this rendition of the meeting minutes above.
In Memory of Rosemary Pierce

Late last year, long time Monte Sereno resident and former City Manager, Rosemary Pierce, passed away at the age of 86. Rosemary began her Monte Sereno career in 1980 as a part-time counter clerk and eventually worked her way up to the level of City Manager in 1986.

Rosemary was instrumental in acquiring and converting what was formally the American Red Cross building into our current Monte Sereno City Hall facility. Previously, the entire Monte Sereno City Hall facility was operated from a 950 square foot building; today, the facility is housed in 3,100 square feet.

Rosemary was willing and proud to wear “many hats” for the City of Monte Sereno. Filling in as the City Clerk, Building Inspector, or Planning Director was a regular occurrence. And of course, preparing the annual budget and providing after hours emergency services were all part of the routine.

Rosemary loved the City of Monte Sereno, the residents of Monte Sereno, and her position as City Manager. She was honored to serve Monte Sereno, and Monte Sereno was blessed to have her.