

RUBY RED'S BBQ RESTAURANT IN THE LA HABRA MARKETPLACE
BY MADELINE MORRISON

My family and I checked out Ruby Red's BBQ back in January. We love BBQ, so we were very excited to visit this new (as of 2021) family-owned restaurant located on Imperial Blvd. near Smart and Final. We walked in and the first thing I noticed is the beautiful decor of the restaurant. All of the decorations and finishing touches have been thoughtfully curated to create the perfect rustic-chic environment. The menu written is on the wall, and you order at the counter, but the place still feels (and tastes) like a high-end, sit-to-order BBQ restaurant. In fact, Ruby Red's has been so well-received, they are currently expanding into the empty space next door with plans to open more locations in California later this year. We ordered a medley of meats and sides (my toddler gave two thumbs up for the macaroni and cheese) in order to try as much as we could. During the meal, the friendly cook even came out to check on how everything tasted and asked if we needed anything. My husband I and really enjoyed our meals and we still had more than enough to take home for the next day. As we were leaving, we saw a big group celebrating a birthday outside next to a giant replica of a bull which was fun. I highly recommend you check out this delicious new addition to our community next time that BBQ craving hits. You won't be disappointed.



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NEW CHW BOARD MEMBER

Daniel Billings is one of the newest board members for County Hills West. His wife, Sarah, daughter, Hannah (7), and son, Aaron (4), have lived on Kirkwood for the last three years. He grew up on Parkwood, just down the hill, and he is thrilled to come back to his hometown to raise his kids after spending some time outside of La Habra. He looks forward to working with the board and continuing their incredible efforts to make this a wonderful area of our residents.



CHANGES TO THE LA HABRA CITY COUNCIL



On December 20, 2021, Mayor Rose Espinoza officially completed her one-year term as Mayor of La Habra. The city council then elected council member Jose Medrano as the new Mayor for a term to run until December 2022. Jose and his wife Ally have lived in La Habra for more than 20 years while raising their 3 daughters. His career in law enforcement has so far included roles as a public safety officer and a Pasadena city police officer and Vice Narcotics Detective. He is currently working as Senior Investigator for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, running, mountain biking, and swimming. You can follow him on Facebook and Instagram.



La Habra has a new city council member. On Friday, February 11th, the city council unanimously appointed Daren Nigsarian to the council. His appointment fills the vacant seat left open by the resignation of Tim Shaw, back in December 2021, and will last until that term ends this November. He is a retired LASD deputy. He and his wife Carol have been married for 36 years and have raised 2 boys. Daren has been volunteering and serving La Habra for over 25 years. He has served as a board member of the Boys and Girls club and is a former president of the club. Daren is a former La Habra City School District Personnel Commissioner, and is president of the La Habra Crest Homeowners Association for over 20 years. For the past 11 years, he has served on the La Habra Planning Commission, appointed as chairman 3 times.

LA HABRA RACES TO RESUME!

The La Habra Community Services department has announced that the #La Habra Races are back for 2022. The 5K Run/Walk, 1K Kiddy Run, and 50-Yd. Diaper Dash event will take place on Saturday, March 12th at the La Habra Marketplace shopping Center (1801 W. Imperial Hwy). Registration can be done in person Monday-Friday between 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at the La Habra Community Center; by phone at (562) 383-4200, or online at www.lahabraca.gov.

GARDENING AT HOME TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

Growing your own produce is a great way to improve personal sustainability, improve the environment, and reduce food waste. In recent years, access to healthy food has become more expensive due to factors like higher prices for water, labor, farming, and transport. Food travels an average of 1,500 miles from farm to plate. To preserve freshness en route to markets, farmers harvest fruit and veggies before they're ripe - they haven't had time to reach peak nutrition or flavor. By growing food where you live, you have direct access to food the same day of harvest when it's freshest, most nutritionally dense, and BEST for you.

Transport of food affects quality of life in our communities. The US EPA states that transport of food & products make up 28% of all carbon emissions. Plants in gardens feed off tailpipe emissions from vehicles, the soil sequesters carbon, and gardens help to cool the surroundings.

Gardening reduces food waste by giving you control over the types of produce and quantity you grow. You can share produce with others, preserve produce, and compost any unused produce for soil enrichment of your garden. Get more information at www.smartgardening.com.



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Country Hills West Yard Sale - Saturday, April 9th
If you are interested in participating, please email Nikki Aiello at or call

2022 Dues

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is my check for year **2022** dues in the amount of

☐ \$55.00 ☐ \$75.00 ☐ \$100.00

Please credit it for: [] Full Membership
or [] Landscape Fund

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MINI SPORTS PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Mini Sports is designed to introduce mini athletes ages four-five years old to a variety of sports, including T-ball, basketball, soccer, and track & field. Class meets once a week for eight weeks. The final class of each session will include a potluck BBQ and awards for all athletes. The cost for the program is \$45 per child. Upcoming sessions are:

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- Tuesdays: March 1st-April 19th, 4:00-4:45 p.m.
- Wednesdays: March 2nd-April 20th, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit the Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., or call 562-383-4200. You may also register online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityoflahabra>.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAMS

Did you know that the city of La Habra is partnered with Orange County's America's Job Center of California? According to this program's website (<https://workforce.ocgov.com/oc-workforce-development-board/ready-set-oc>), this program provides "high quality services for young adults beginning with career exploration and guidance, continued support for educational attainment, opportunities for skills training in in-demand industries and occupations, and culminating with a good job along a career pathway or enrollment in post-secondary education."

The program is also looking to hire people who have a desire to train youths and earn a salary of \$15 per hour.

For more information, call (562) 383-4227 or text (657) 210-1295.

