Annual July 4 Fireworks Extravaganza to be presented at Almansor Park

The annual Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza will be presented at 9 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at Almansor Park, 100 S. Almansor St. The skies will light up with explosions and flashes of colors and excitement. Beginning at 2 p.m., there will be food vendors, family activities, carnival games, and entertainment.

Meet Special Olympics delegates at Party in the Park community celebration

On Wednesday, July 22, the Alhambra community is invited to meet and mingle with 160 Special Olympics delegates coming from Germany and also to enjoy German music and browse at a Party in the Park Community Celebration. The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Almansor Park, 100 N. Almansor St. In turn, the German delegates will have a chance to experience various combinations of hamburgers.

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tacos, and other American delicacies available from the various onsite food trucks, including The Berlin Truck, German Sliders, Hang 10 Tacos, and Paradise Cookies, and test their knowledge of the English language and participate in American cultural activities. Likewise, the Alhambra community will have an opportunity to practice their German. Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

The Alhambra Park Bandshell will groove with fun entertainment from the 80s cover band Past Action Heroes along with performances by Jaycee Dance and Pop Rock Academy. Other areas of the park will be set up with American-style games and other activities. The cultural community celebration promises to be great fun and an opportunity to engage in multiculturalism.

Alhambra will serve as host to the German delegation, along with the City of Monterey Park, from July 21 to 24. The delegation will reside at Cal State LA during its pre-Games stay and will use the campus for practicing and training. On July 21, the Host Town Committee will host a private welcome reception. The following day, the delegates will be provided a private tour of JPL, the famous NASA facility that has launched all the Mars missions during the past two decades. Bus transportation has been arranged by the Alhambra Unified School District, and Subway will provide donated box lunches. Volunteers from the PCC German Club will attend the field trip to assist with translation. This will be followed by a private Ice Cream Social back at Cal State LA, provided by Alhambra’s famous Fonderman’s Ice Cream. The Party in the Park Community Celebration will follow and is open to the public.

On July 23, the Monterey Park Host Town Committee will take over with hosting and entertainment activities.

On July 24, a Farewell Pop Rally (open to the public – depending on the ability to park) will be held at the Cal State LA gym at 11 a.m. The Mark Koppel High Marching Band and San Gabriel High School Cheer and Dance team will perform. Thereafter, the German delegation will be directed to the Athletes Village at USC and UCLA to get ready for the opening ceremonies of the World Games.

Viel Vergnögen and best wishes to Alhambra’s new German friends as they participate in these historic Games.