



Representative  
**HENRY RIVERA**  
District 7

## DISTRICT 7 SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

**Remembering August 3, 2019**  
TOGETHER WE REMEMBER. TOGETHER WE HEAL.

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TOGETHER WE HEAL.**

The lives of El Pasoans were forever changed by the August 3rd, 2019 tragedy.

As the one-year mark approaches, **El Paso United Family Resiliency Center (FRC)**, the **County of El Paso** and the **City of El Paso** aim to unite El Pasoans in order to honor those we lost and send love to those deeply impacted. As partners, we hope to promote community-wide healing and foster an appreciation for El Paso's rich history and heritage. Together, we can light a path toward long-term resiliency.

We are El Paso strong and together we heal.

#LOVEFORPASA

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**We are coming up on the one year anniversary since the tragedy that struck all our hearts and continue to mourn the loss of 23 of our community members and love and care for everyone affected.**

**A year later, we have seen that El Paso is stronger now than ever.**

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Rivera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" and "R".

## DISTRICT 7 COMMEMORATION EVENT

### **Luminaria Remembrance in Honor of 8.3.19**

Argal Park (corner of James Watt/ Pendale)  
Monday, August 3, 2020

# *Luminaria Remembrance*

## **IN HONOR OF 8.3.2019**

Honor the one-year mark by visiting Argal Park which will be lined with luminarias intended to allow guests to remember and reflect together but safely at a distance. The luminaria pathway will symbolize the community's road toward a resilient future.



**WHEN: MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020**

**WHERE: ARGAL PARK  
(CORNER OF JAMES WATT/ PENDALE)**

**LUMINARIA SET-UP BEGINS AT 6PM  
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 8PM WITH  
INVOCATION BY PAM FARAONE**

\*Face coverings and social distancing are required  
\*Please stay home if you feel sick or have come into contact with a COVID-19 positive patient in the last 14 days

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#LOVEFORELPASO  
#ELPASOSTRONG**



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ROTARY CLUB



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City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7, in conjunction with the Las Palmas Neighborhood Association and East and Zaragoza Rotary Clubs of El Paso will be hosting a Luminaria Remembrance and distributing orange ribbons in honor of August 3, 2019 at Argal Park in District 7.

Luminaria set up will begin at 6pm with the program starting at 8pm- to include an invocation by Pam Faraone.

\*Face coverings and social distancing required **NO EXCEPTIONS**  
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For more information, contact our office at 915.212.0007  
or [district#7@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:district#7@elpasotexas.gov)

## COMMEMORATION EVENTS

**Luminaria Remembrance: Drive-thru**  
Ascarate Park at 6900 Delta Dr, El Paso, TX 79905  
Sunday, August 2 at 8:30PM - 11:00PM  
Monday, August 3 at 8:30PM - 11:00PM





## Luminaria Remembrance; Drive-thru

**Ascarate Park at 6900 Delta Dr, El Paso, TX 79905**

Sunday, August 2 at 8:30PM - 11:00PM

Monday, August 3 at 8:30PM - 11:00PM

Honor the one-year mark by driving through a brightly lit Ascarate Park which will be lined with luminarias intended to allow guests to remember and reflect together but safely at a distance. The luminaria pathway will symbolize the community's road toward a resilient future. The luminaria pathway will also include the sounds and melodies of local musicians spread across the park. Attendees are encouraged to decorate their vehicles as a symbol of their #LOVEFORELPASO

## Remembering at Home



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### Remembering at Home

Decorate and place a luminaria on your front porch or front door on **Monday August 3rd at 8:30PM.**

### Luminaria Pick Up Locations Include:

YMCA Northeast - 5509 Will Ruth (79924)  
YMCA Eastside - 2044 Trawood (79935)  
YMCA Westside - 7145 N Mesa (79912)

*Complimentary luminarias will also be available at the Remembrance Drive-Thru on August 2nd at Ascarate Park.*

[elpasounited.org/luminariapickup](http://elpasounited.org/luminariapickup)

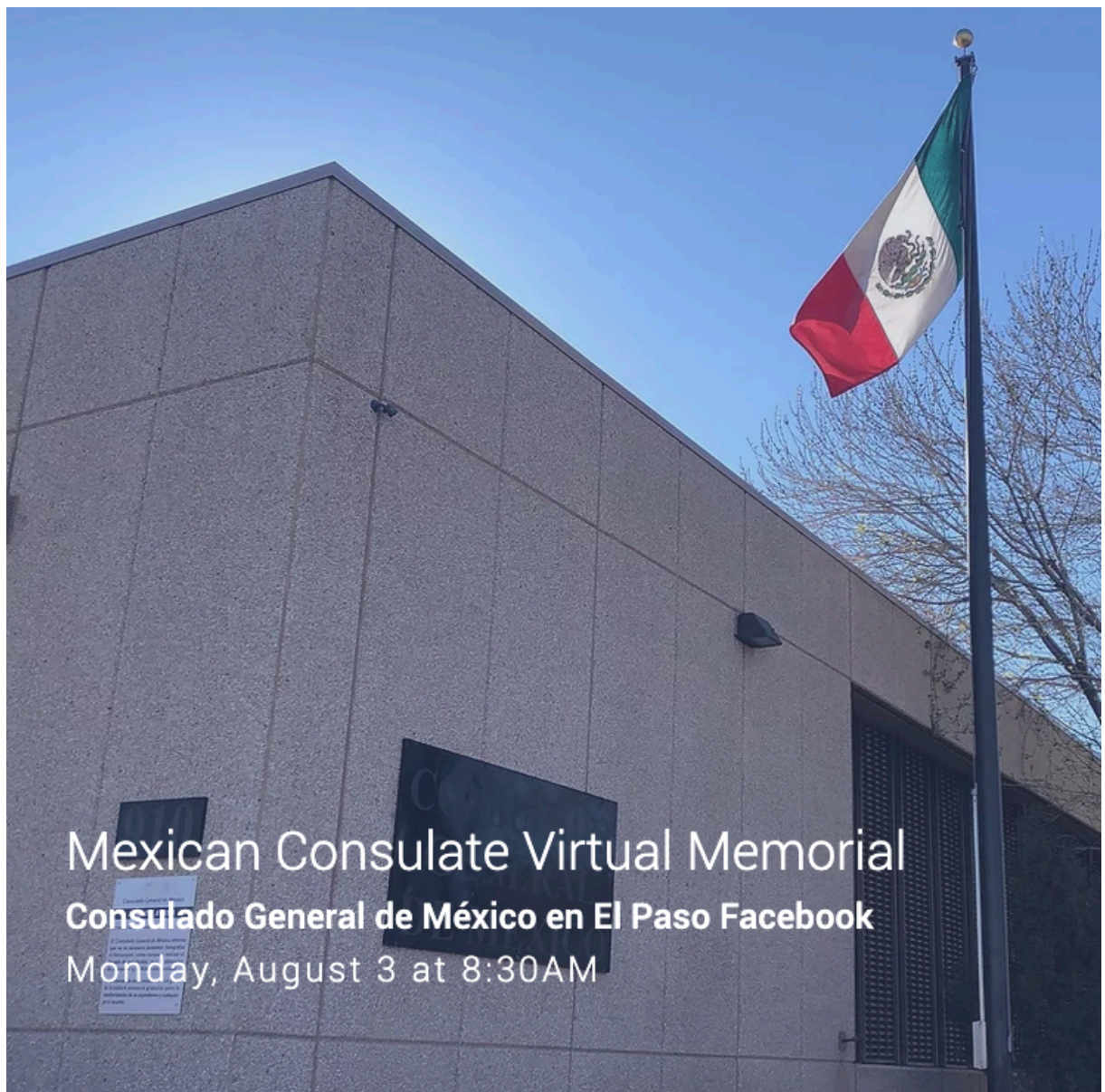
El Pasoans can continue to pay their respects by placing a luminaria, on their porch or front door on the evening of August 3rd. Visitors of the

**luminaria drive-thru on August 2 will receive a luminaria kit at the entrance of the park.**

**Mexican Consulate Virtual Memorial**

Consulado General de México en El Paso Facebook

Monday, August 3 at 8:30AM



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**Take part of the ceremony that the Consulate General of Mexico in El Paso will host in honor of the victims of the unfortunate event of August 3, 2019. During the event, a plaque will be unveiled. The public can watch the ceremony by logging in to the Mexican Consulate Facebook.**

[\*\*Watch LIVE Here\*\*](#)



**Memorial Exhibition**  
El Paso Museum of History  
Thursday, July 30 at 6:00PM



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Visit the El Paso Museum of History for a Memorial Exhibition featuring artifacts from the memorial site and images from the DIGIE archive.

All screens will activate for a digital memorial in remembrance of August 3rd.

Submit your pictures and memories for Digie on <http://www.digie.org/>

## **Orange Ribbons Memorial**

Ponder Park Memorial

Monday, August 3 at 4:00PM – 7:00PM



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Visit us at Ponder Park on August 3rd to place a commemorative Orange Ribbon in remembrance of those deeply impacted by the tragedy. Please be respectful of time and social distancing when visiting the Memorial. We kindly ask for 2 minutes per household. Face coverings are required. Join us virtually by placing an orange ribbon on your front door. Upload your picture and use the #elpasostrong in honor of those impacted.



**Luminaria Walk**  
Cleveland Square Park  
Thursday, July 30, 8:15PM



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**Cleveland Square will illuminate with 23 luminarias in honor of the 23 victims.**

## Act of Kindness Day

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Help us overcome hate and practice good will toward others on the newly and locally proclaimed Act of Kindness Day. As an individual or as part of a group, take time to act out a kind gesture for another person. Big or

**small – any act counts! To spark ideas, we've rounded up our top suggestions to make your own.**

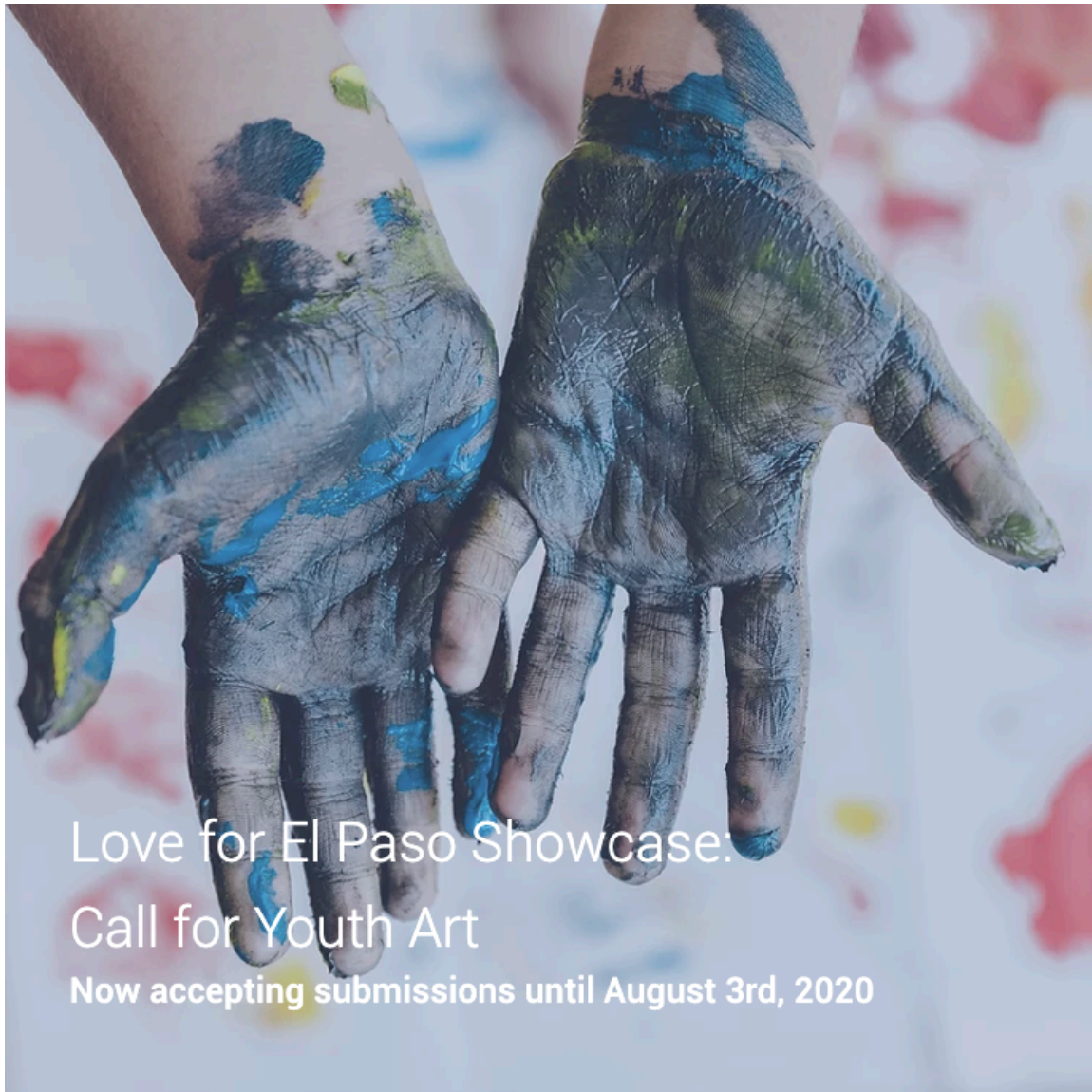
**Encourage other acts of kindness from your friends and family by posting photos on social media, using #loveforelpasso and tagging @elpasounitedfrc.**

**In solidarity with the El Paso community participating in Act of Kindness Day, please wear white.**

**[More information](#)**

## **Love for El Paso Showcase: Call for Youth Art**

**Now accepting submissions until August 3rd, 2020**



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Let us foster a deeper love and understanding of our community in the next generation of El Pasoans. We are encouraging youth ages 3-18 to practice healing through art by creating and submitting artwork that answers the prompt, “What do I love most about the Borderland?” A group of 12 exceptional pieces will be selected to be showcased as part of the El Paso Museum of Art’s Remembrance Exhibit. All entries will be part of the FRC’s virtual art gallery.

[More information](#)



## Healing with Movement: Yoga Hour

Live on the United Way of El Paso County Facebook Page  
Saturday, August 1 at 9:00AM - 10:00AM



Take part in a calming hour-long yoga session focused on providing participants an opportunity to quiet the mind and practice stillness. This virtual event is intended for community members needing non-traditional

support in grappling with the emotions related to the tragic event. Led by Deborah Grado, this restorative yoga will bring mindfulness to our movements and will allow us space to focus on our mental health. This practice is recommended for people of all ages and all abilities.

## **Tour De Tolerance**

Virtual Event

August 1-10, 2020



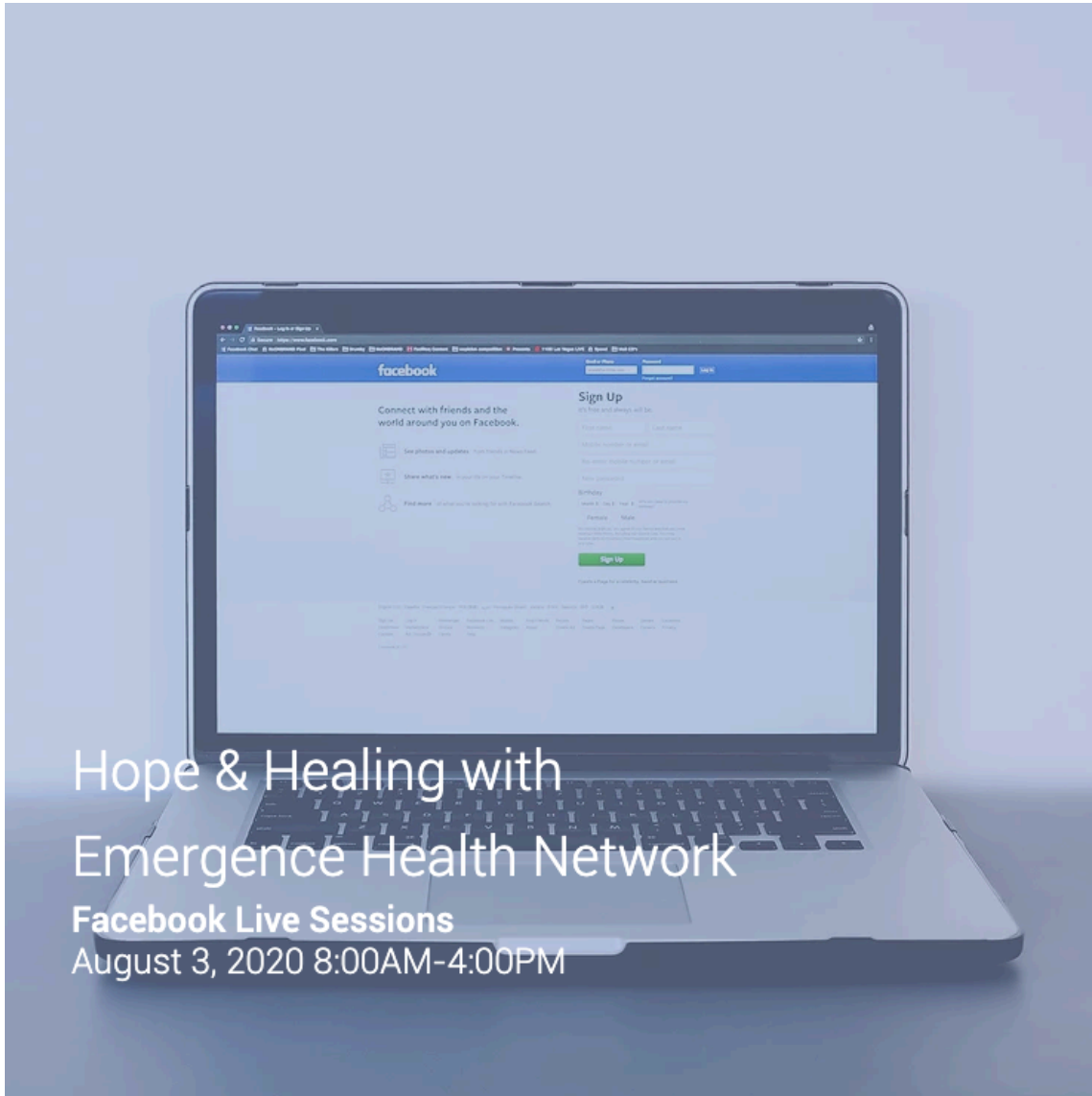
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**El Paso Holocaust Museum's 15th Annual Tour de Tolerance is going virtual! Join our race against hate and injustice during our 10-day challenge, August 1-10. All participants receive a race t-shirt via mail.**

**By being part of Tour de Tolerance, you are part of EPHM's mission to combat hatred and bigotry for a better future. In these difficult times, we can all make a difference and be upstanders! Register as an individual or as a team: [here](#) and follow Tour de Tolerance on Facebook for updates!**



**Hope & Healing with  
Emergence Health Network**  
Facebook Live Sessions  
August 3, 2020 8:00AM-4:00PM



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**The events of August 3rd 2019 changed our community forever. Join  
Emergence Health Network for a day-long series of education & outreach**

**Facebook Live sessions designed to help our community continue the healing process.**

**Our mental health professionals will provide useful tools to help families, victims, and our entire community cope with this tragic anniversary. For immediate help please call EHN Crisis line at (915) 779-1800.**

[Download the Schedule](#)

## **NOTABLE MEMORIALS**

**Sun Metro Transfer Station Renamed in Honor of Arturo Benavides**



Mr. Benavides retired from his job at Sun Metro November 2013 after 20 years of service.

In October 2019, City Council voted unanimously to rename the East Side sun Metro transfer center after Arturo Benavides

**Crime Victims Memorial**



The names of the 23 victims will be added to the Crime Victims Memorial located at Yucca Park.

### **Commemorative Billboard**


Located between Airway and Geronimo facing East

Run Dates: July 27 – August 23



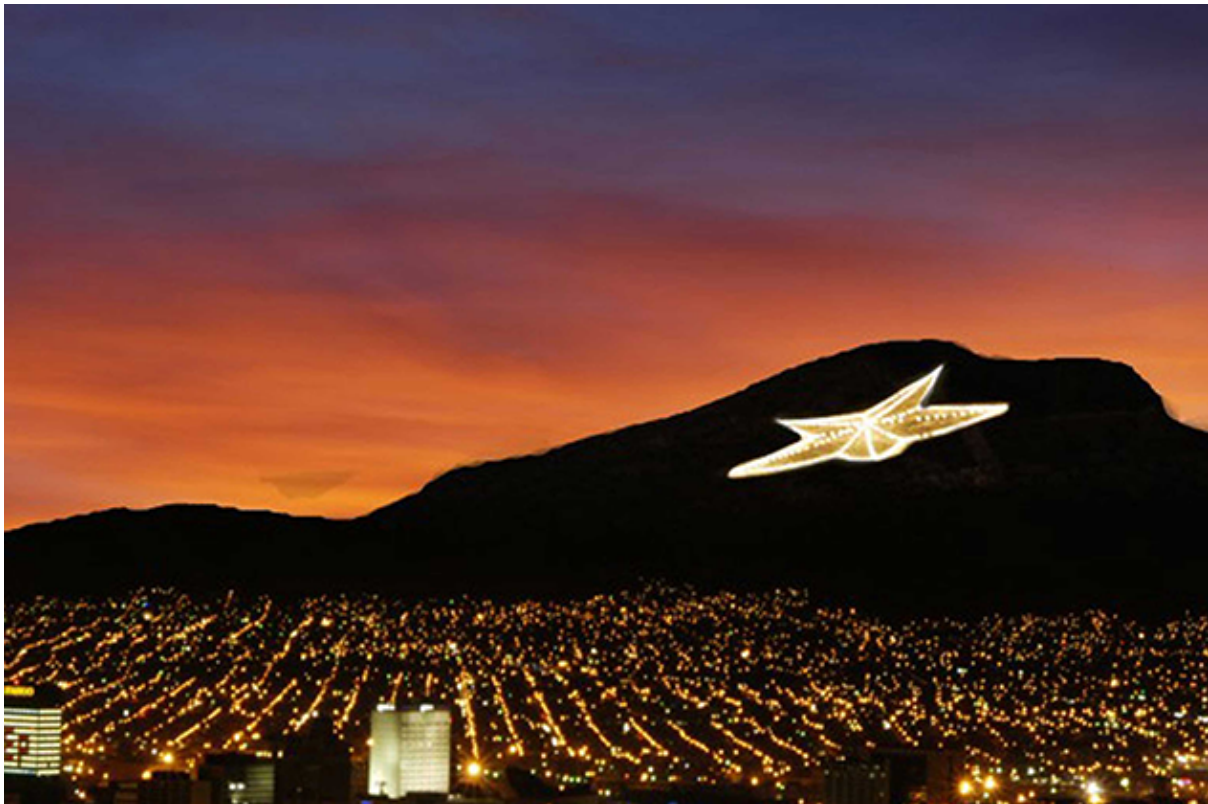
our people  
our community  
**we remember**

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

 #ElPasoStrong



**Star on the Mountain**  
Starting at 9 p.m. on Monday, August 3



The El Paso Chamber will flash the Star on the Mountain 23 times, in ten second intervals, in honor of the 23 victims.

[View all City events](#)

[View all URC Events](#)



### **Newsletter/ Social Media Developer:**

Should you have any questions, comments and/or concerns about this edition of the newsletter, please contact District 7 Chief of Staff Priscilla Contreras at 915.212.1032 or [contreraspi@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:contreraspi@elpasotexas.gov).

