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# Community Invited to August 3rd Remembrance Ceremony and Public Art Memorial Unveiling

**EL PASO, Texas**— In honor of the five-year anniversary of the August 3, 2019, mass shooting that took the lives of 23 friends, neighbors, and loved ones, the City of El Paso is hosting a special Remembrance Ceremony and Public Art Memorial Unveiling at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 3, 2024, at Jim Crouch Park, 7500 W.H. Burges.

The public is invited to attend the remembrance ceremony that will include remarks from Mayor Oscar Leeser, the Consulate General of Mexico in El Paso, a special recognition by Fort Bliss, and an unveiling of the “August 3rd Memorial,” a public art piece dedicated to the victims of the heartbreaking tragedy.

## **ABOUT THE AUGUST 3RD MEMORIAL**

“August 3rd Memorial” is a granite installation by El Paso-based artist Albert “Tino” Ortega.

Located near the intersection of Viscount and Sunmount, the memorial consists of seven pillars laid out in a circle, bearing inscriptions of the victims’ names. The pillars sit atop a mandala, a geometric symbol used in various cultures and religions, meant to evoke harmony and unity, and interconnectivity. Surrounding the installation are Palo Verde and other blooming vegetation. The site includes 23 lights that will shine bright in honor of the victims.

Community members will be able to walk up to and through the circular installation, experiencing a peaceful moment of contemplation while considering the memorial’s themes of loss, power, and creation.

## **COMMUNITY TRIBUTES**

In addition to the Remembrance Ceremony and Public Art Unveiling, the City of El Paso along with the County of El Paso, United Way of El Paso and several other community partners will host several tributes. Highlighted below are some of the upcoming commemorative events:

### **Unite with Light**

July 28 – August 3

The community is encouraged to light porches or windows at 8:30 p.m. with orange lights every day leading up to Aug. 3, 2024, in honor of the Aug. 3 victims. Various landmarks and buildings will be illuminated orange in remembrance:

- Public Art Sculpture on I-10 and Airway
- Public Art near the Abraham Chavez Theater
- El Paso International Airport landscaping, walking path, and terminal

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### **Tribute of August 3rd**

July 29 - August 2

Council Chambers Foyer, City Hall, 300 N. Campbell

A tribute to the victims of August 3rd will be on display in the foyer of the City Council Chambers. The tribute includes pictures of the 23 lives lost on August 3, 2019.

### **August 3rd Remembrance Community Blood Drives**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, August 1

El Paso City Hall, 300 N. Campbell

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, August 2

El Paso Zoo, 4001 E. Paisano Dr.

Vitalant Blood Donation and City of El Paso encouraged the public donate blood in honor of the victims.

### **Star on the Mountain**

8:30 p.m. Saturday, August 3

El Paso Chamber will flash the Star on the Mountain 23 times in honor of the victims.

### **August 3rd Day of Resilience Ceremony**

County of El Paso Healing Garden

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, August 3

Ascarate Park, 6900 Delta

El Paso County and United Way of El Paso will host remembrance activities around the Healing Garden. Starting at 6 p.m. El Paso County officials will unveil a mural dedicated to the victims of the August 3rd mass shooting. Beginning at 8:30 p.m. a reading of the names and light beam ceremony will close the night.

A complete list of August 3 tribute events is posted on the August 3 section at [www.EPStrong.org](http://www.EPStrong.org).

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